

# Weighted Finite State Transducers

CSE 447 / 517

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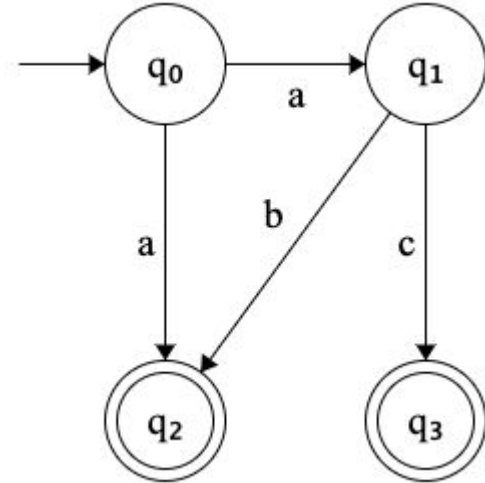
# Agenda

- Finite State Automata
- Weighted Finite-State Transducer
- Quiz 5 Solutions
- Q & A

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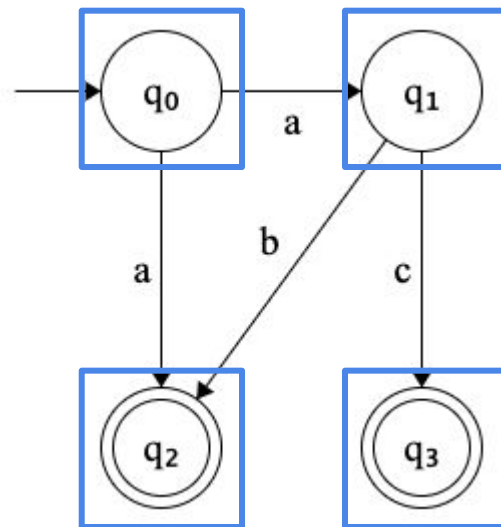
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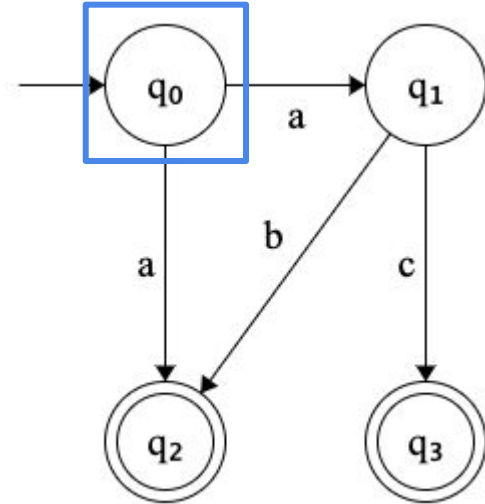


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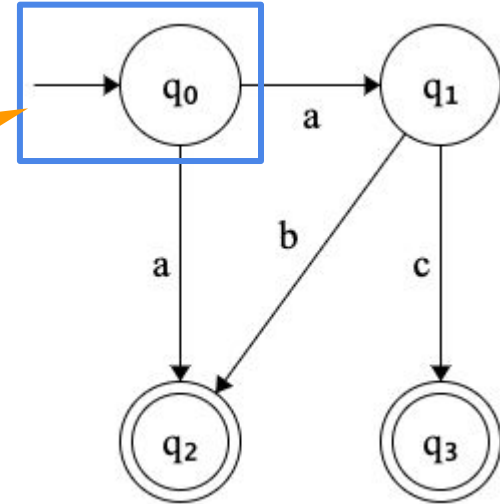
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Start state is denoted by this incoming edge.

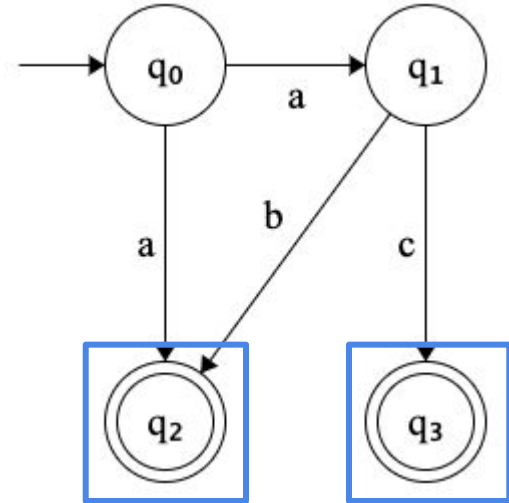


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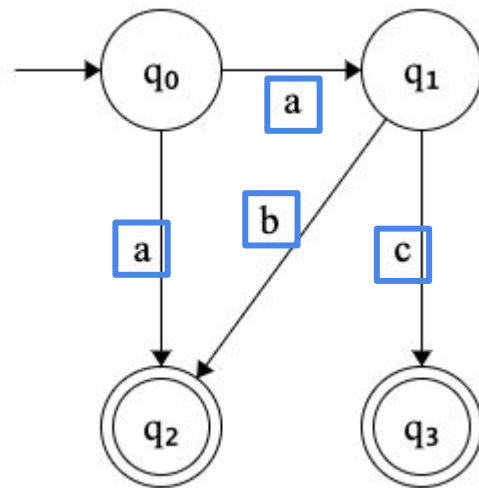


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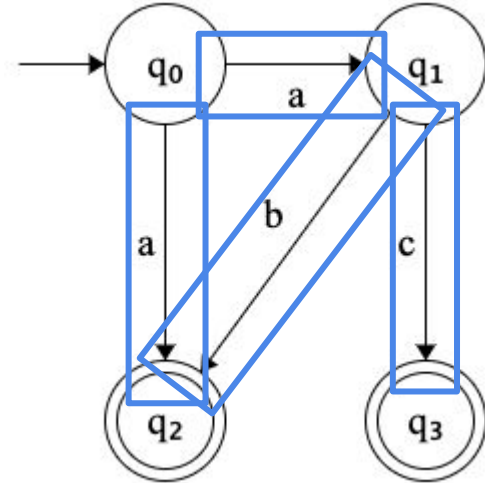
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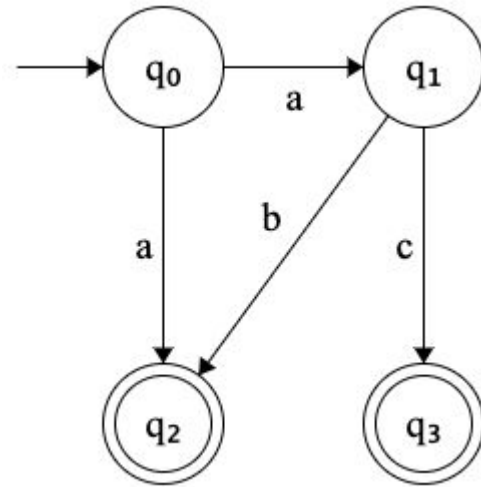
$(q_0, a) \rightarrow \{q_1, q_2\}, (q_0, b) \rightarrow \emptyset, \dots$

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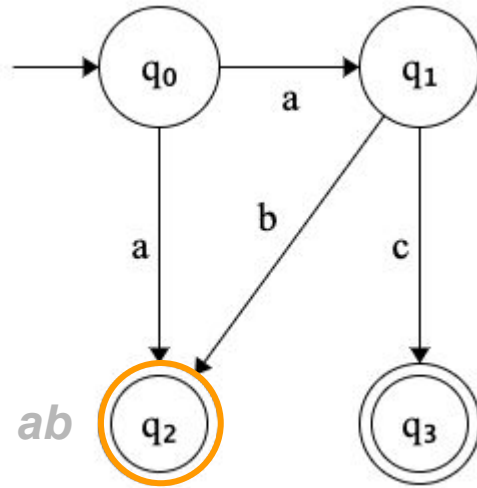


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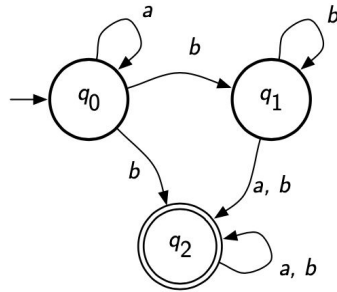
As long as we could have (1) landed a final state (2) after we consume our entire input, then the FSA accept the string!



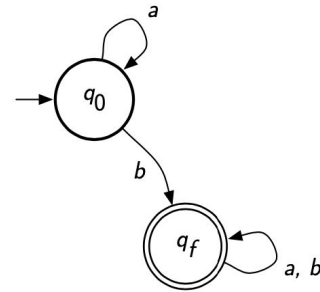
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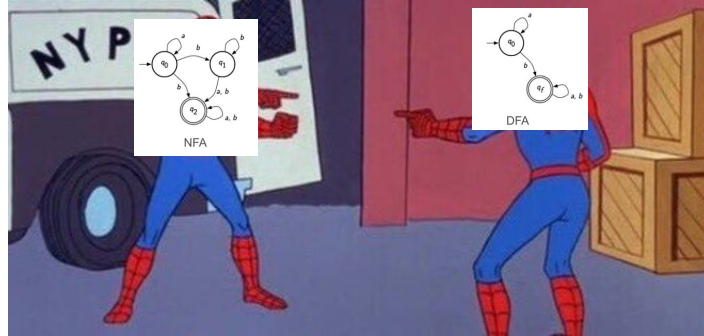


DFA

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- Any NFA can be mechanically transformed into a DFA one with the same language, but the number of states may explode.

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Weighted FSA:

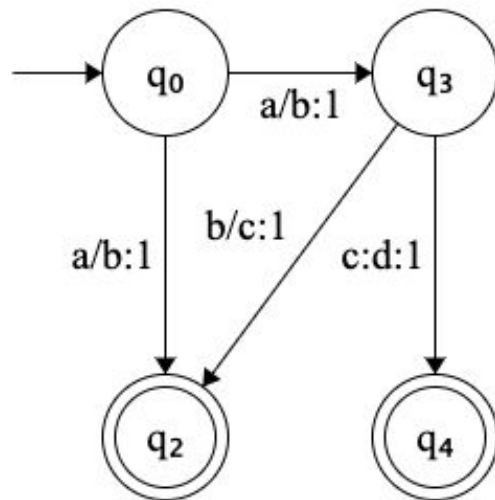
- Associate each transition (edge) with a weight
- Associate the start state with a weight
- Associate each final state with a weight
- To score a path:

$$\lambda(q_0) + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \delta(q_{i-1}, x_i, q_i) \right) + \rho(q_n)$$

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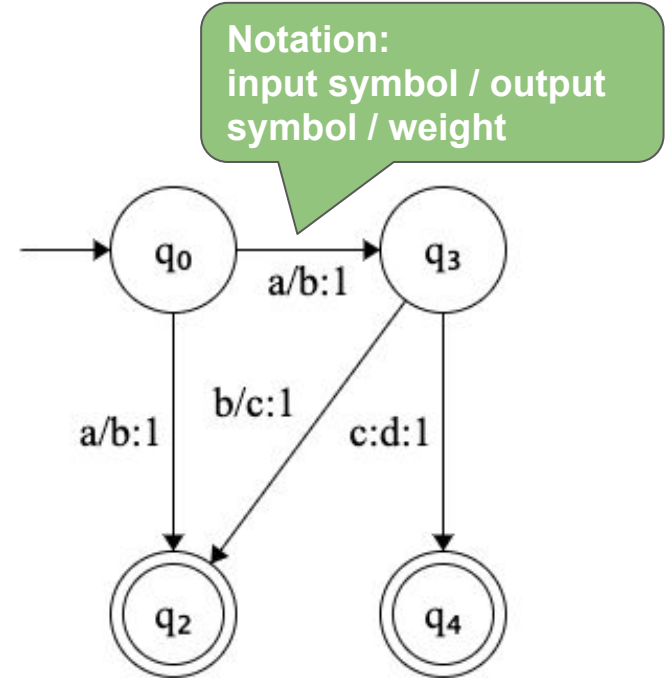
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These are from the  
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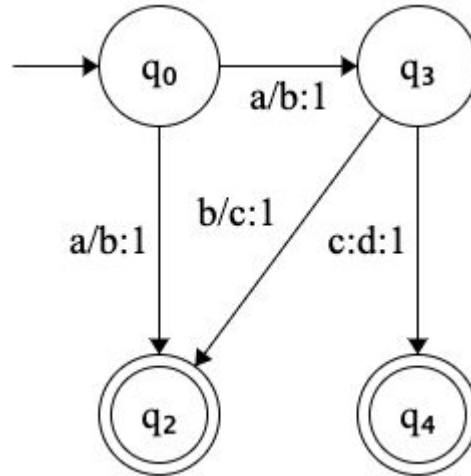
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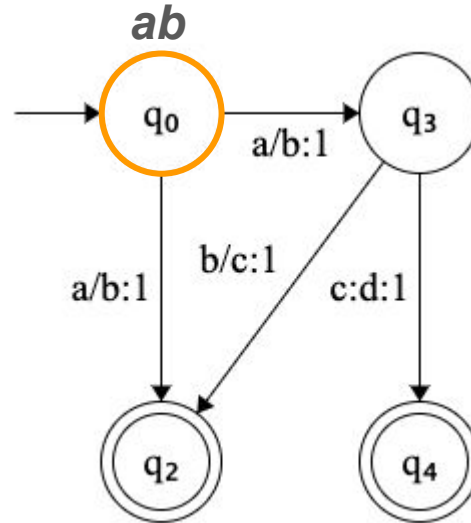
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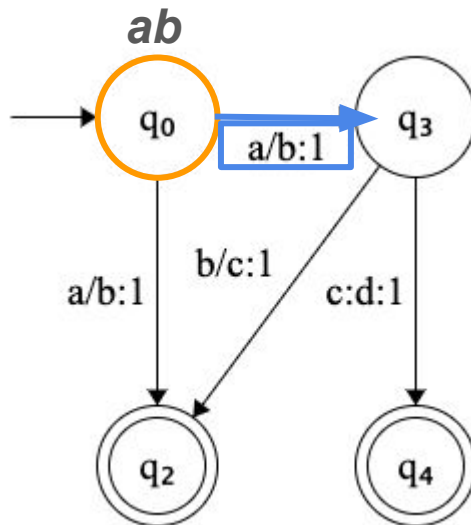
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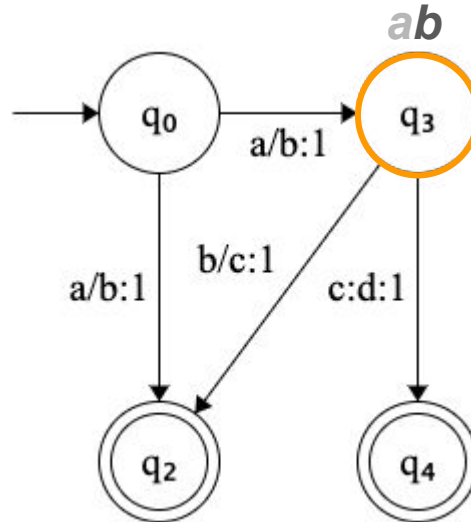
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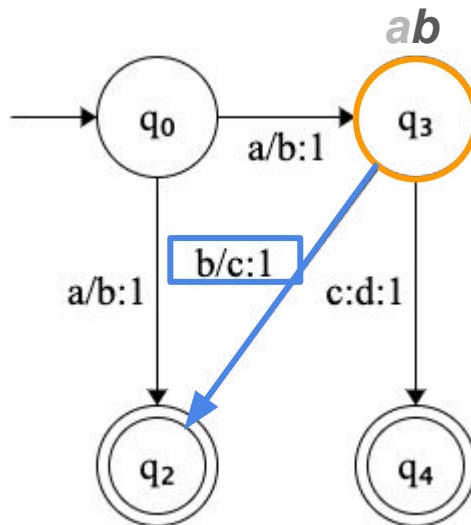
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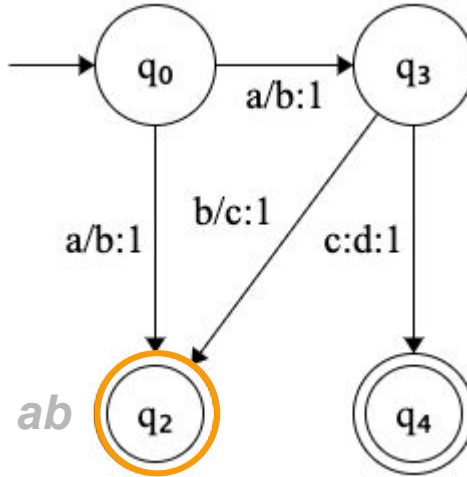
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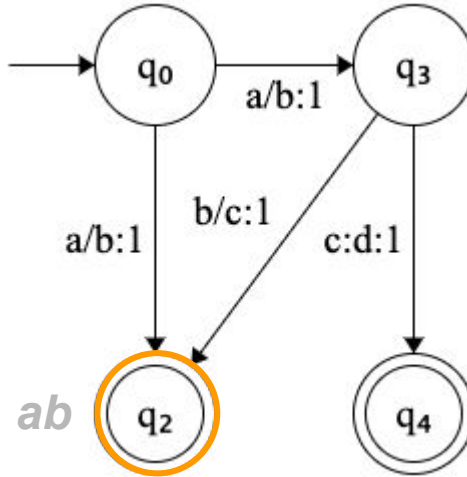
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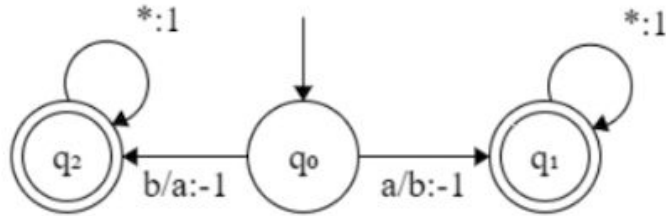


At this point, we consumed all of the input symbols and landed on a final state!

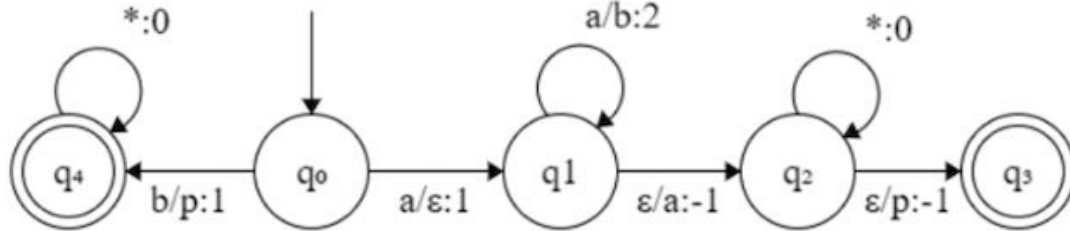
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Fill in the output given the input after applying each WFST.

**G**



**F**





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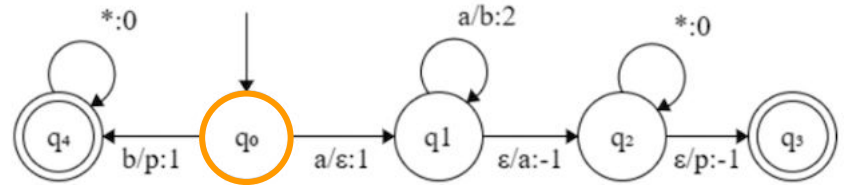
abc

**Output**

$\epsilon$

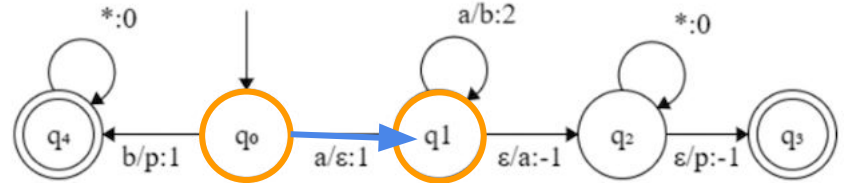
**State**

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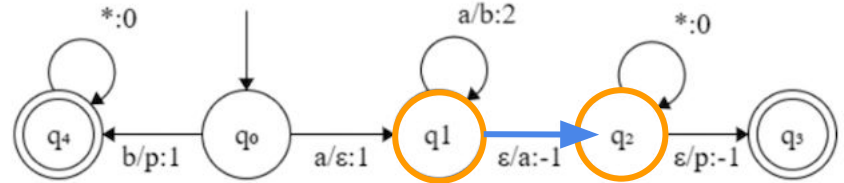
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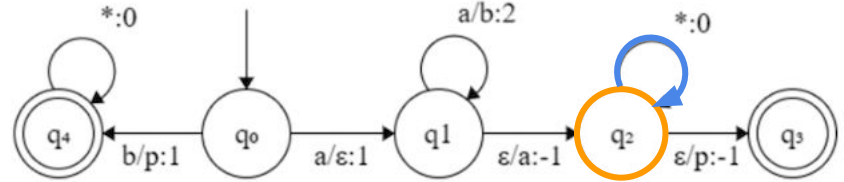
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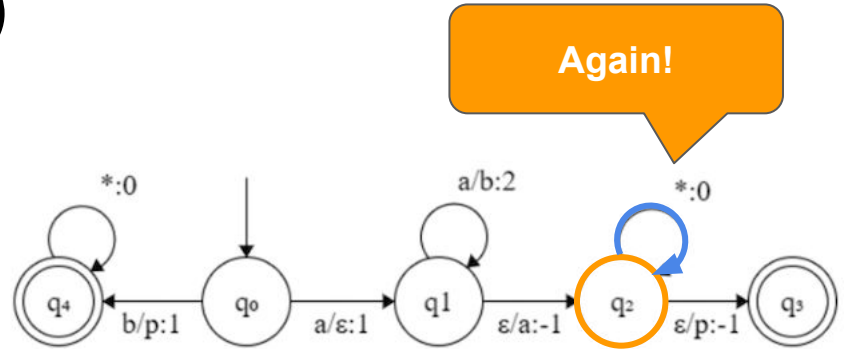
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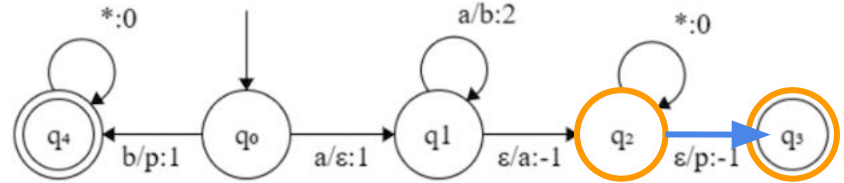
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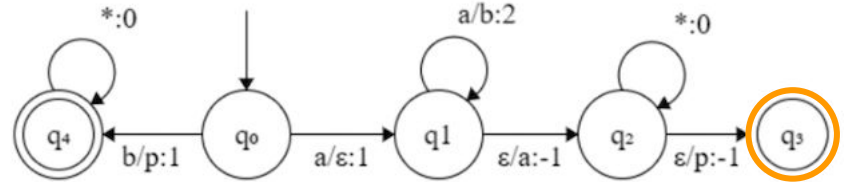
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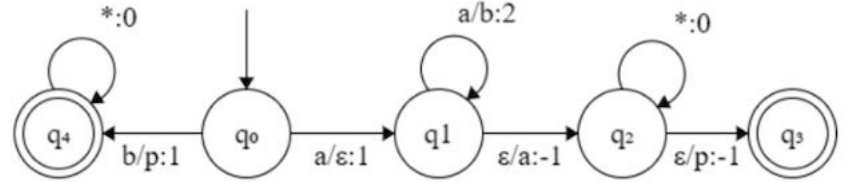
We consumed all the inputs and landed on a final state! Done!

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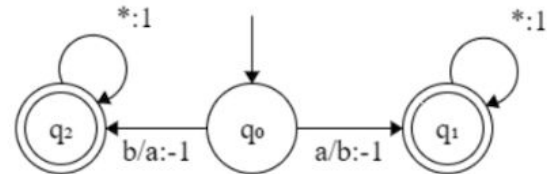
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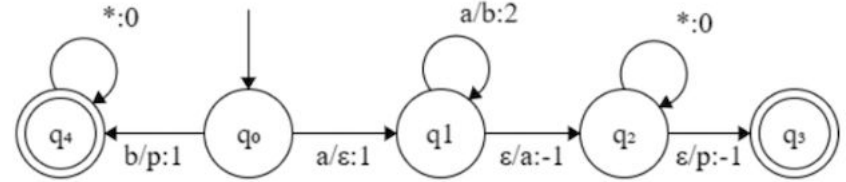
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This means we pass "abbc" through F first, then pass its output through G (note the ordering).

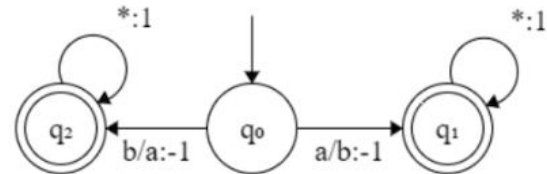
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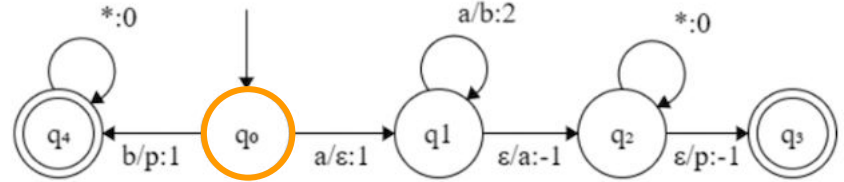
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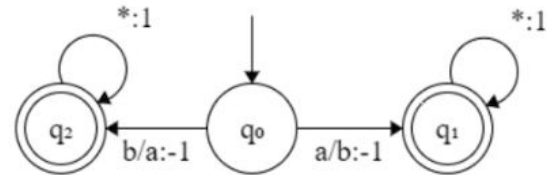
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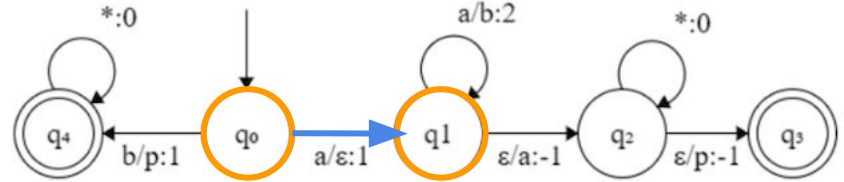
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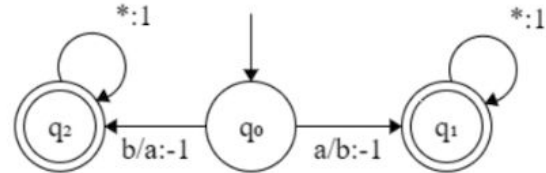
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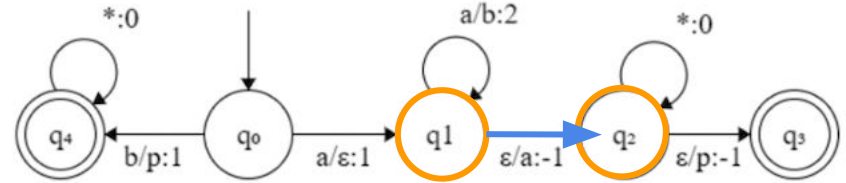
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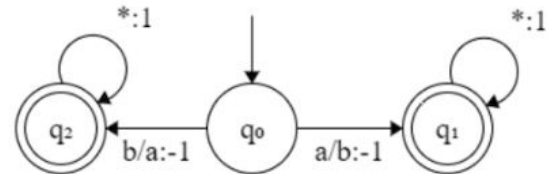
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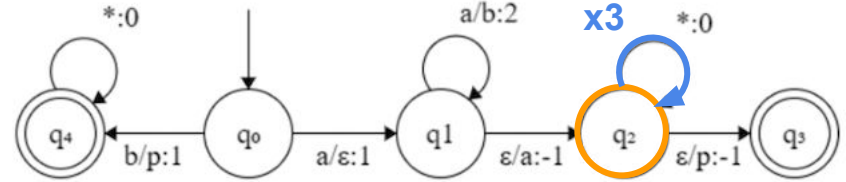
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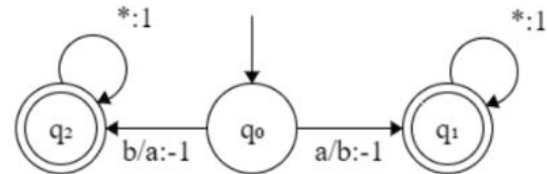
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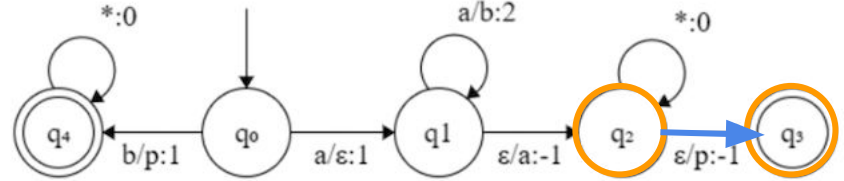
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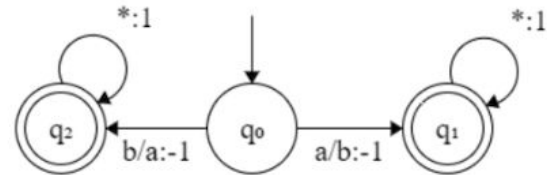
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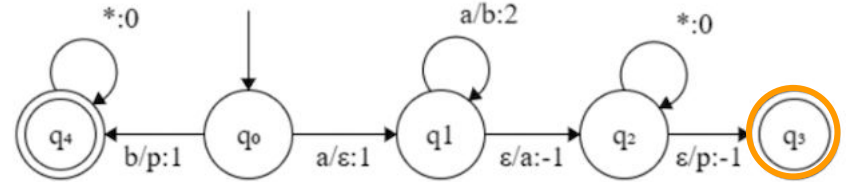


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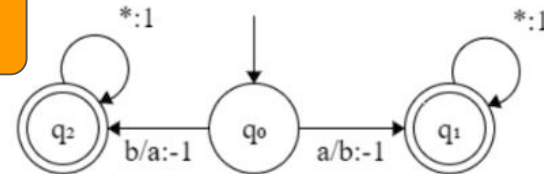
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Now treat this as the input to G.



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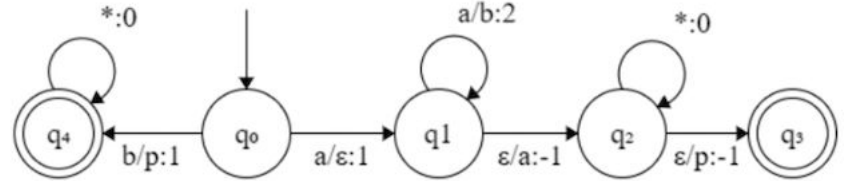
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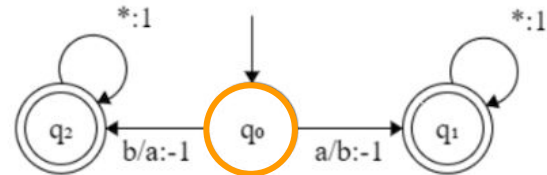
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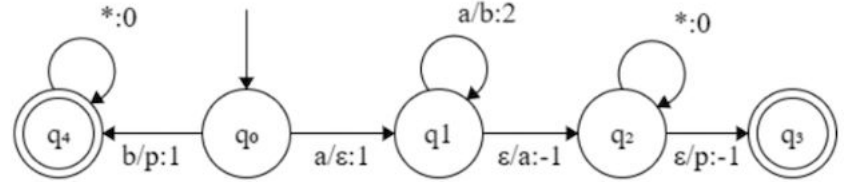


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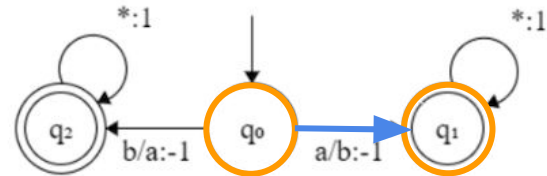


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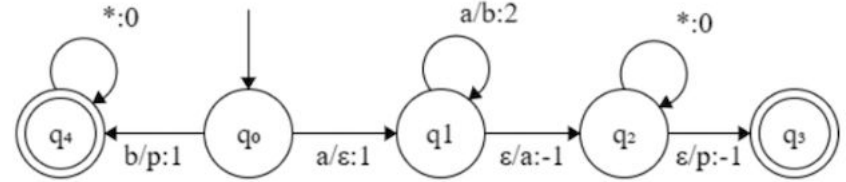
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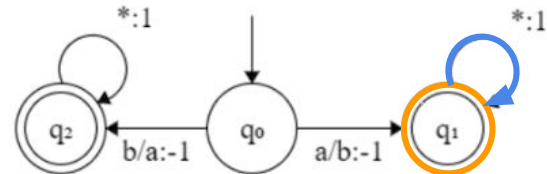
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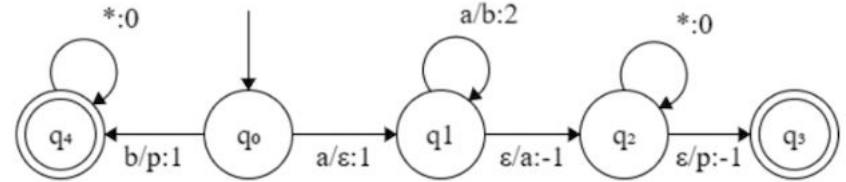
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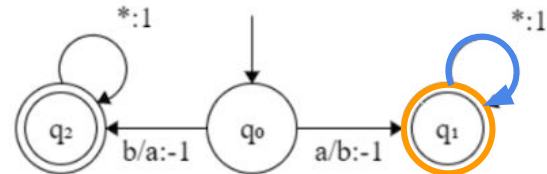
# Quiz 5 - Problem 1 - $G \circ F(\text{abbc})$

Input	Output	State
abbc	$\epsilon$	$q_0$
bbcp	b	$q_1$
bcp	bb	$q_1$



**F**

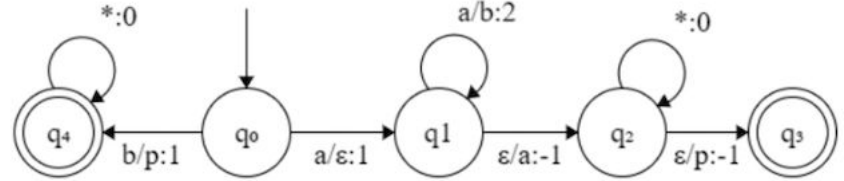
**3 steps later**



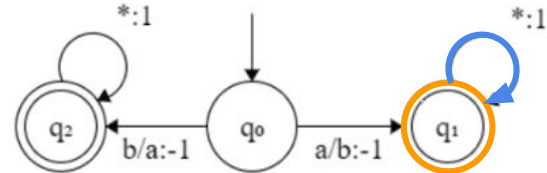
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# Quiz 5 - Problem 1 - $G \circ F(abbc)$

Input	Output	State
abbc	$\epsilon$	$q_0$
bbcp	b	$q_1$
bcp	bb	$q_1$
...	...	...
$\epsilon$	bbbc	$q_1$



**F**



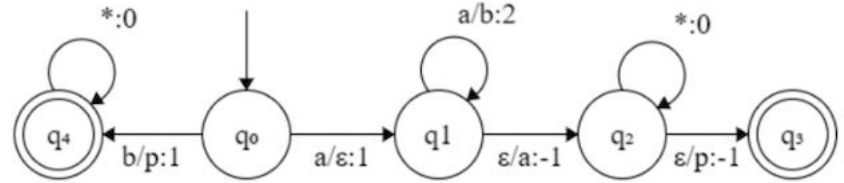
**G**

# Quiz 5 - Problem 1 - $G \circ F(abbc)$

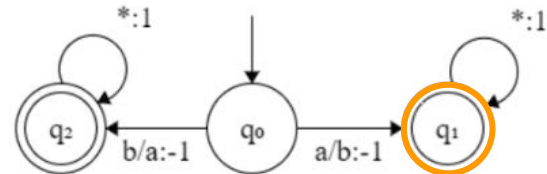
Input	Output	State
abbc	$\epsilon$	$q_0$
bbcp	b	$q_1$
bcp	bb	$q_1$
...	...	...
$\epsilon$	bbbc	$q_1$

bbbc

This is the output of  $G \circ F(abbc)$ .



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# Quiz 5 - Problem 1 - $F \circ G(abbc)$

**Input**

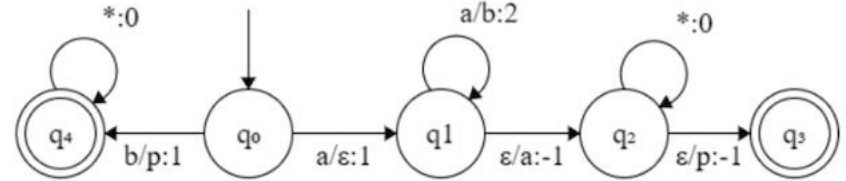
abbc

**Output**

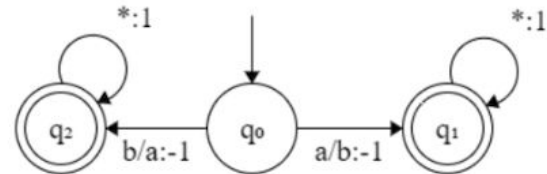
$\epsilon$

**State**

$q_0$



**F**

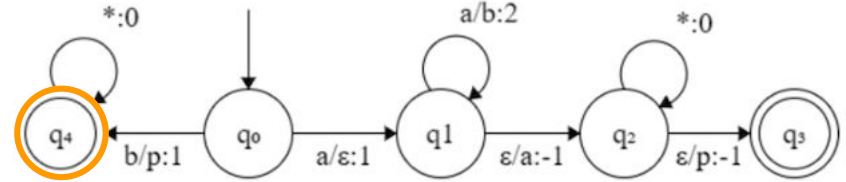


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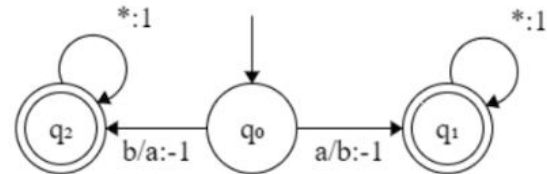
# Quiz 5 - Problem 1 - $F \circ G(abbc)$

Input	Output	State
abbc	$\epsilon$	$q_0$
...	...	...
$\epsilon$	pbbc	$q_4$

You get the gist of it!



**F**



**G**

# Quiz 5 - Problem 2 - Setup

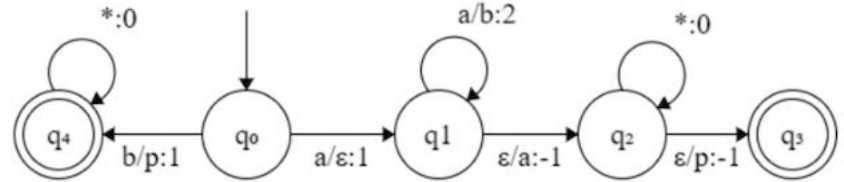
Given the two WFST, what is the score of the path of applying  $F(abc)$ ?

What about  $G(aabc)$ ?

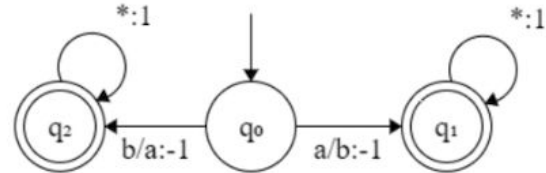
Also given for both WFSTs:

$$\lambda(q_0) = 1$$

$$\rho(q_n) = n$$



**F**



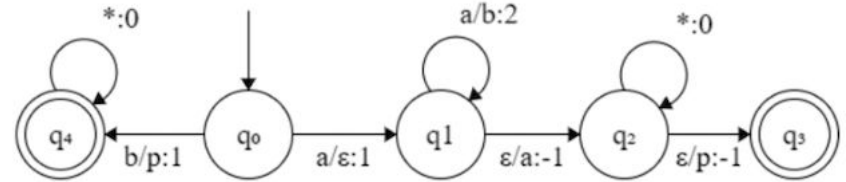
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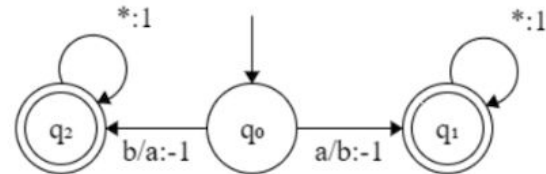
Also given for both WFSTs:

$$\lambda(q_0) = 1$$

$$\rho(q_n) = n$$

What is the cost of starting at  $q_0$ ?

**F**

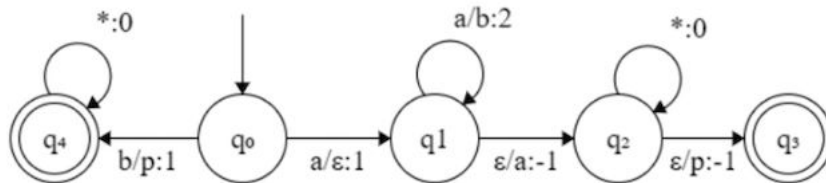


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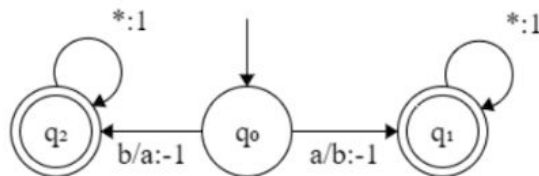
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$$\rho(q_n) = n$$

What is the cost of ending at  $q_n$ ?

F



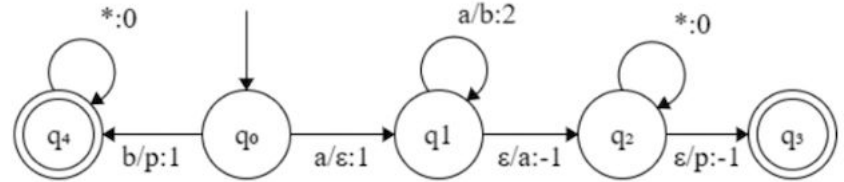
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# Quiz 5 - Problem 2 - F(abc)

Input

Output

State



**F**

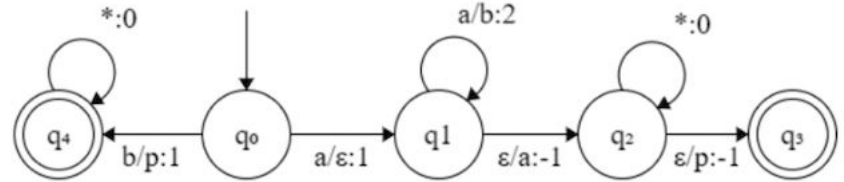
**Cost:**

# Quiz 5 - Problem 2 - F(abc)

Input

Output

State



**F**

We did this one already --  
except this time we also keep  
track of the cost.

**Cost: 0**

# Quiz 5 - Problem 2 - F(abc)

Input

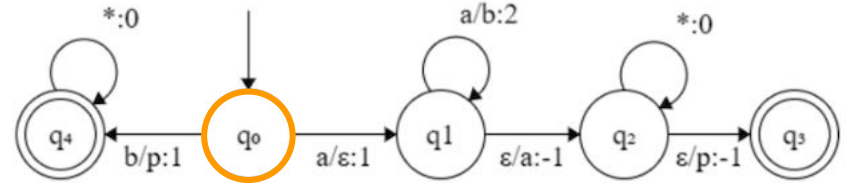
abc

Output

$\epsilon$

State

$q_0$



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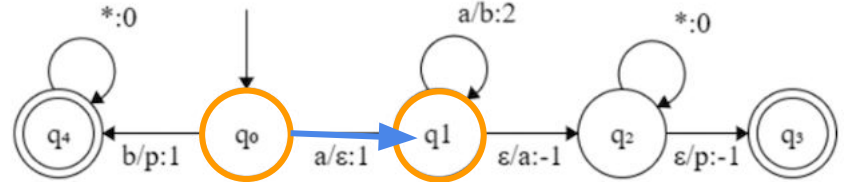
Cost:  $0+1=1$

We add 1 to cost because

$$\lambda(q_0) = 1$$

# Quiz 5 - Problem 2 - F(abc)

Input	Output	State
abc	$\epsilon$	$q_0$
bc	$\epsilon$	$q_1$

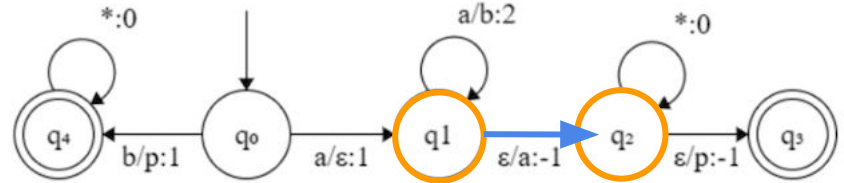


F

Cost:  $1+1=2$

# Quiz 5 - Problem 2 - F(abc)

Input	Output	State
abc	$\epsilon$	$q_0$
bc	$\epsilon$	$q_1$
bc	a	$q_2$

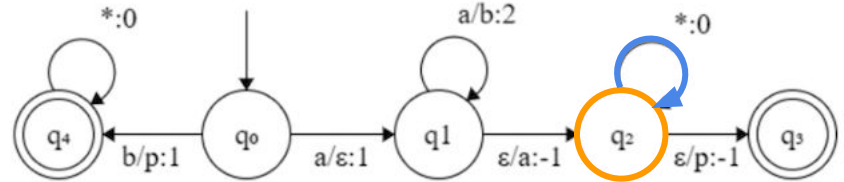


F

$$\text{Cost: } 2 + (-1) = 1$$

# Quiz 5 - Problem 2 - F(abc)

Input	Output	State
abc	$\epsilon$	$q_0$
bc	$\epsilon$	$q_1$
bc	a	$q_2$
c	ab	$q_2$



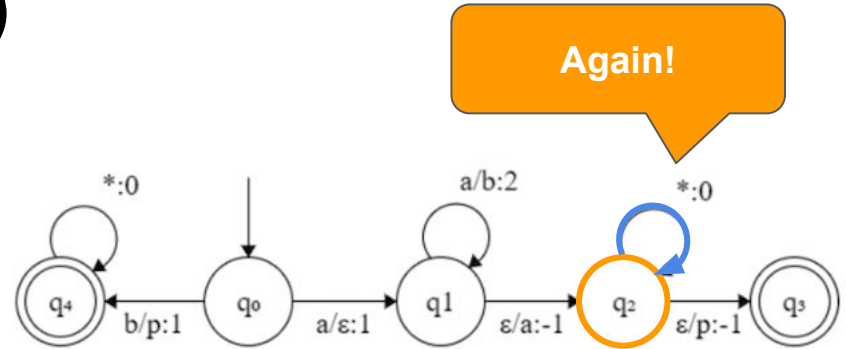
F

Cost: 1+0=1



# Quiz 5 - Problem 2 - F(abc)

Input	Output	State
abc	$\epsilon$	$q_0$
bc	$\epsilon$	$q_1$
bc	a	$q_2$
c	ab	$q_2$
$\epsilon$	abc	$q_2$

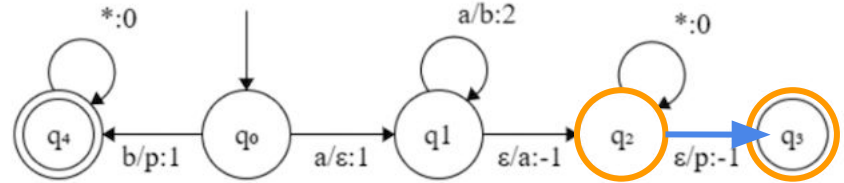


F

Cost: 1+0=1

# Quiz 5 - Problem 2 - F(abc)

Input	Output	State
abc	$\epsilon$	$q_0$
bc	$\epsilon$	$q_1$
bc	a	$q_2$
c	ab	$q_2$
$\epsilon$	abc	$q_2$
$\epsilon$	abcp	$q_3$

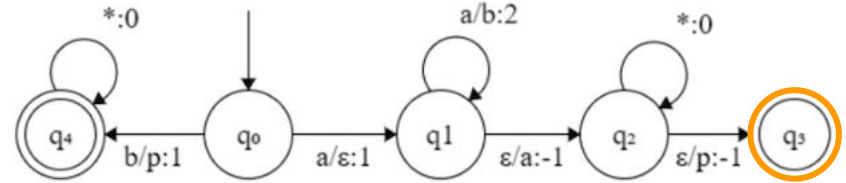


F

Cost:  $1+(-1)=0$

# Quiz 5 - Problem 2 - F(abc)

Input	Output	State
abc	$\epsilon$	$q_0$
bc	$\epsilon$	$q_1$
bc	a	$q_2$
c	ab	$q_2$
$\epsilon$	abc	$q_2$
$\epsilon$	abcp	$q_3$



F

Cost:  $0+3=3$

We add 3 to cost because

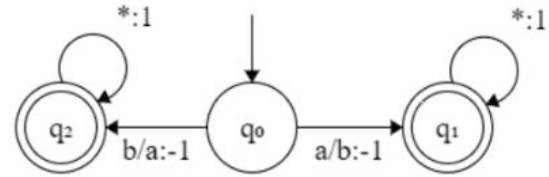
$$\rho(q_3) = 3$$

# Quiz 5 - Problem 2 - G(aabc)

**Input**

**Output**

**State**

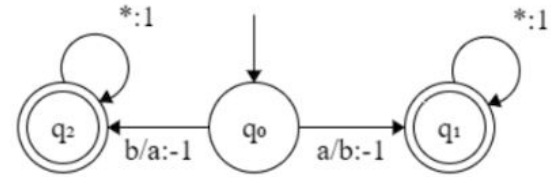


**G**

**Cost: 0**

# Quiz 5 - Problem 2 - G(aabc)

Input	Output	State
	...	
$\epsilon$	babc	$q_1$



**G**

**Cost: 4**

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