

## Session 9

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- Search algorithms illustrate how all branches of a non-deterministic path can be explore deterministically
  - $M$ : NFA is an specification
  - $M_1$ : DFA is the implementation!
  - Given an specification it is always possible to find an implementation (an algorithm) automatically!
- For all NFA there is an algorithm to find its equivalent DFA

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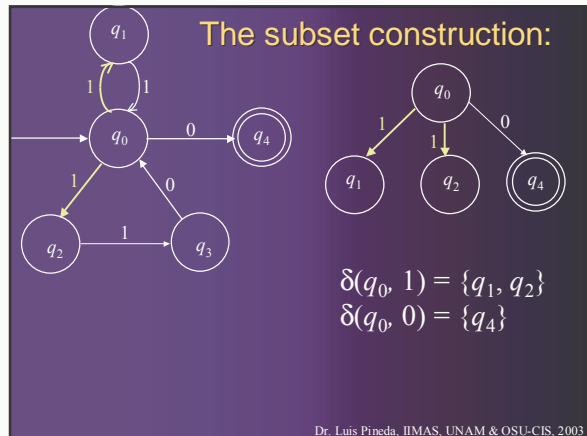
- Proof (constructive): Find a DFA  $M_1$  from the definition of an NFA  $M$ :
- $M_1$  is defined as follows:
  - The set of states of  $M_1$ :  $Q_1 = 2^Q$ ,
  - The initial state of  $M_1$ :  $q_1 = \{q_0\}$
  - The transition function of  $M_1$ :  
For  $q \in Q_1$  and  $a \in \Sigma$

$$\delta_1(q, a) = \bigcup_{r \in q} \delta(r, a)$$

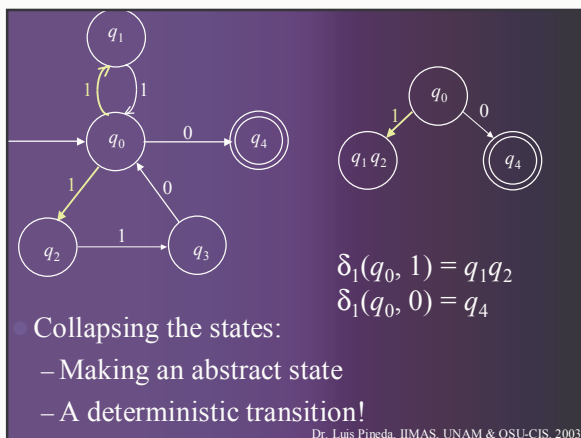
- The set of accepting states of  $M_1$ :  
 $A_1 = \{q \in Q_1 \mid q \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$

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### The subset construction:

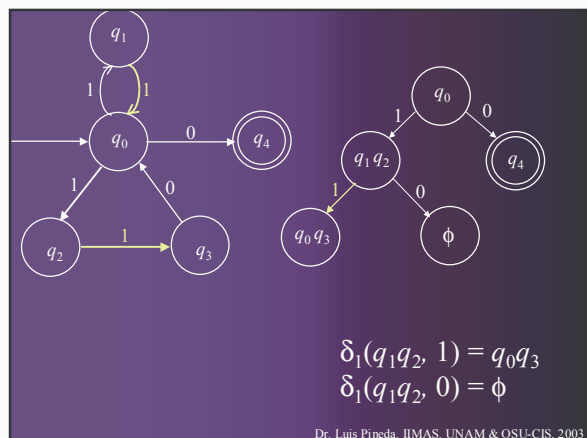


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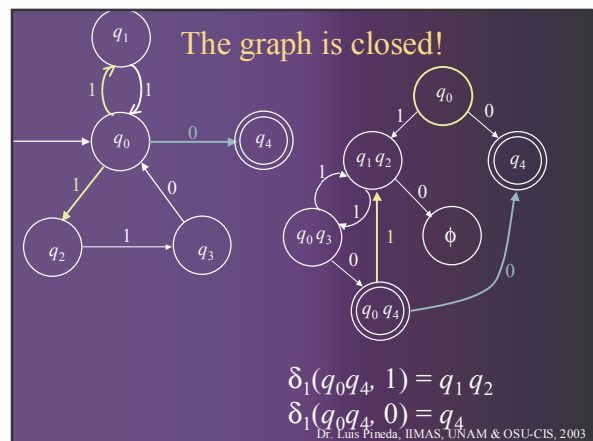
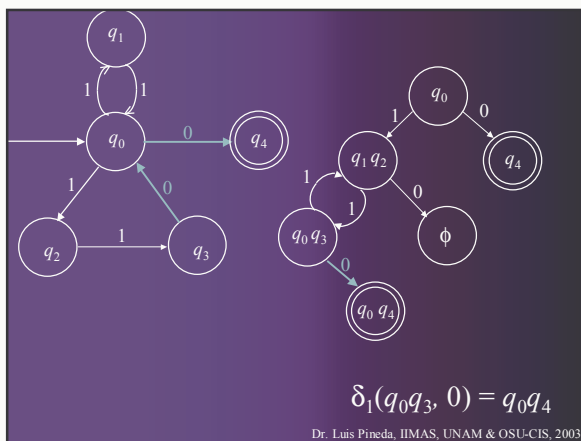
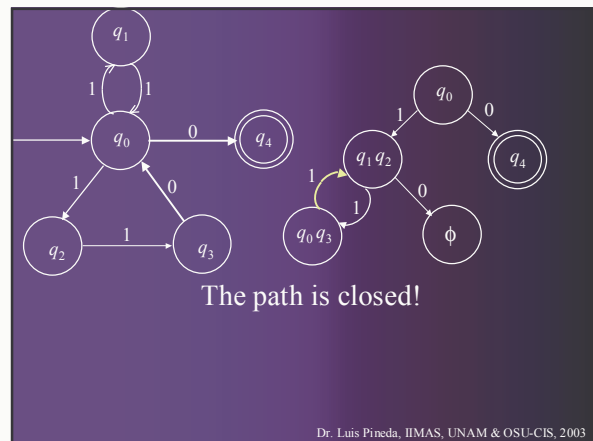
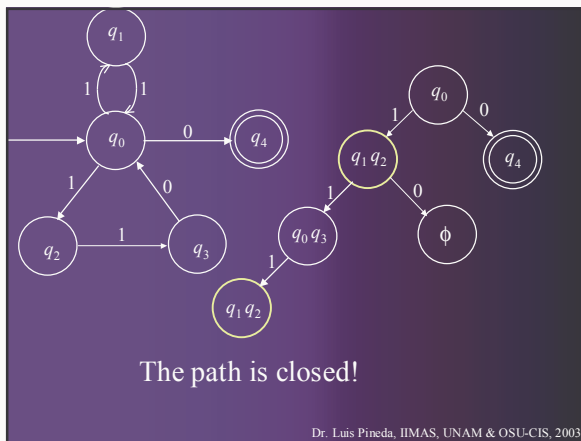
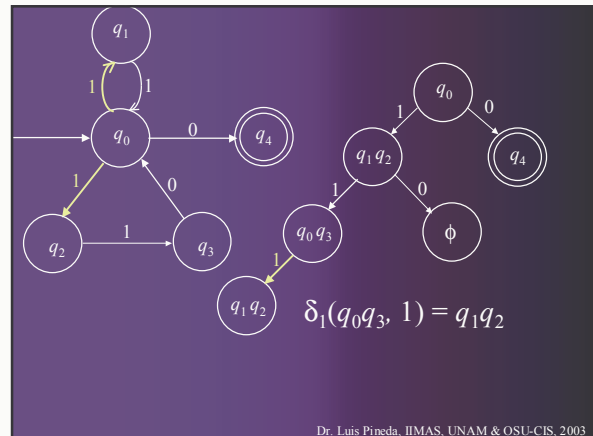
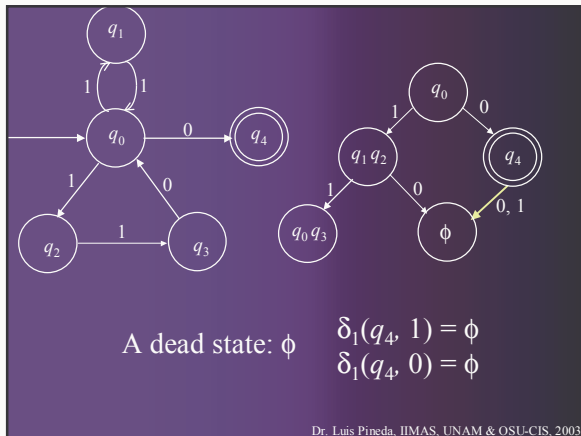


- Collapsing the states:
  - Making an abstract state
  - A deterministic transition!

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## The states of the subset construction

- The states (and names) of  $M_1$  are defined out of the states (and their names) of  $M$ :
- $M_1$  is defined as follows:
  - The set of states of  $M_1$ :  $Q_1 = 2^Q$ ,
  - The initial state of  $M_1$ :  $q_1 = \{q_0\}$
- If  $M$  has 5 states:
  - Then,  $M_1$  has  $2^5 = 32$  possible states!
  - Fortunately we only needed 6!

	0	1
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_4\}$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$
$q_1$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_0\}$
$q_2$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_3\}$
$q_3$	$\{q_0\}$	$\emptyset$
$*q_4$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$

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## The power set $2^Q$

No. the sets of  $n$  objects taken  $r$  at the time

$$C_r^n = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

$M$  has 5 states so, we have:

- The empty state:  $\emptyset$
- 5 states made of 1 state:  $\{q_0\}, \{q_1\}, \{q_2\}, \{q_3\}, \{q_4\}$
- 10 states made of 2 states:  $\{q_0 q_1\}, \{q_0 q_2\}, \{q_0 q_3\}, \dots$
- 10 states made of 3 states:  $\{q_0 q_1 q_2\}, \{q_0 q_2 q_3\}, \{q_0 q_3 q_4\}, \dots$
- 5 states made of 4 states:  $\{q_0 q_1 q_2 q_3\}, \{q_0 q_1 q_2 q_4\}, \dots$
- 1 state made of 5 states:  $\{q_0 q_1 q_2 q_3 q_4\}$

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## A binary code for the names of states in $M_1$

- The state composed of  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ :

States of $M$	$q_0$	$q_1$	$q_2$	$q_3$	$q_4$
Name of state in $M_1$	0	1	0	1	0

- There  $2^{|Q|}$  possible states in  $M_1$  (32 in this case)
- Each binary numeral from 0 to 31 corresponds to the name of one of these states

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## The possible entries in $\delta_1$ :

$q_0 q_1 q_2 q_3 q_4$	0	1
00000		
00001		
00010		
00011		
00100		
00101		
00110		
00111		

$q_0 q_1 q_2 q_3 q_4$	0	1
01000		
01001		
01010		
01011		
01100		
01101		
01110		
01111		

ie. 01011 is the state  $0q_1 0q_3 q_4 = q_1 q_3 q_4$

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## The possible entries in $\delta_1$ :

$q_0 q_1 q_2 q_3 q_4$	0	1
10000		
10001		
10010		
10011		
10100		
10101		
10111		
10111		

$q_0 q_1 q_2 q_3 q_4$	0	1
11000		
11001		
11010		
11011		
11100		
11101		
11110		
11111		

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## NFA are FA: the subset construction

- The set of states of  $M_1$ :  $Q_1 = 2^Q$ ,
- The initial state of  $M_1$ :  $q_1 = \{q_0\}$ 
  - $q_1 = \{q_0\} = 10000$
- The set of accepting states of  $M_1$ :
  - $A_1 = \{q \in Q_1 \mid q \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$
  - $A = \{q_4\}$
  - All states whose name has the pattern XXXX1 have a  $q_4$ , and are accepting states

The NFA  $M$ :

	0	1
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_4\}$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$
$q_1$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_0\}$
$q_2$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_3\}$
$q_3$	$\{q_0\}$	$\emptyset$
$*q_4$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$

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## NFA are FA: the subset construction

- The transition function of  $M_1$ :

$$\text{For } q \in Q_1 \text{ and } a \in \Sigma \quad \delta_1(q, a) = \bigcup_{r \in q} \delta(r, a)$$

	0	1
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_4\}$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$
$q_1$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_0\}$
$q_2$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_3\}$
$q_3$	$\{q_0\}$	$\emptyset$
$*q_4$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$

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## Definition of $\delta_1$

$q_0q_1q_2q_3q_4$	0	1
00000		
$\rightarrow 10000$		

	0	1
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_4\}$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$
$q_1$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_0\}$
$q_2$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_3\}$
$q_3$	$\{q_0\}$	$\emptyset$
$*q_4$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$

$$00000 = \emptyset, q_0 = 10000, q_1 = 01000 \text{ and } q_4 = 00001$$

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## Definition of $\delta_1$

$q_0q_1q_2q_3q_4$	0	1
00000		
$\rightarrow 10000$	00001	01100

	0	1
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_4\}$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$
$q_1$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_0\}$
$q_2$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_3\}$
$q_3$	$\{q_0\}$	$\emptyset$
$*q_4$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$

$$\delta_1(10000, 0) = \delta(q_0, 0) = \{q_4\}$$

$$\delta_1(10000, 1) = \delta(q_0, 1) = \{q_1, q_2\}$$

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## Definition of $\delta_1$

$q_0q_1q_2q_3q_4$	0	1
00000		
$\rightarrow 10000$	00001	01100
$*00001$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$

	0	1
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_4\}$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$
$q_1$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_0\}$
$q_2$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_3\}$
$q_3$	$\{q_0\}$	$\emptyset$
$*q_4$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$

$$\delta_1(00001, 0) = \delta(q_4, 0) = \emptyset$$

$$\delta_1(00001, 1) = \delta(q_1, 1) = \emptyset$$

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## Definition of $\delta_1$

$q_0q_1q_2q_3q_4$	0	1
00000	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$\rightarrow 10000$	00001	01100
$*00001$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$

	0	1
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_4\}$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$
$q_1$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_0\}$
$q_2$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_3\}$
$q_3$	$\{q_0\}$	$\emptyset$
$*q_4$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$

$$\delta_1(00000, 0) = \emptyset$$

$$\delta_1(00000, 1) = \emptyset$$

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## Definition of $\delta_1$

$q_0q_1q_2q_3q_4$	0	1
00000	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$\rightarrow 10000$	00001	01100
$*00001$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
01100	$\emptyset$	10010

	0	1
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_4\}$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$
$q_1$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_0\}$
$q_2$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_3\}$
$q_3$	$\{q_0\}$	$\emptyset$
$*q_4$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$

$$\delta_1(01100, 0) = \delta(q_1, 0) \cup \delta(q_2, 0) = \emptyset$$

$$\delta_1(01100, 1) = \delta(q_1, 1) \cup \delta(q_2, 1) = \{q_0\} \cup \{q_3\} = \{q_0, q_3\}$$

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### Definition of $\delta_1$

$q_0q_1q_2q_3q_4$	0	1
00000	$\phi$	$\phi$
$\rightarrow 10000$	00001	01100
*00001	$\phi$	$\phi$
01100	$\phi$	10010
10010	10001	01100

	0	1
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_4\}$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$
$q_1$	$\phi$	$\{q_0\}$
$q_2$	$\phi$	$\{q_3\}$
$q_3$	$\{q_0\}$	$\phi$
* $q_4$	$\phi$	$\phi$

$$\delta_1(10010, 0) = \delta(q_0, 0) \cup \delta(q_3, 0) = \{q_4\} \cup \{q_0\} = \{q_4, q_0\}$$

$$\delta_1(10010, 1) = \delta(q_0, 1) \cup \delta(q_3, 1) = \{q_1, q_2\}$$

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### Definition of $\delta_1$

$q_0q_1q_2q_3q_4$	0	1
00000	$\phi$	$\phi$
$\rightarrow 10000$	00001	01100
*00001	$\phi$	$\phi$
01100	$\phi$	10010
10010	10001	01100
*10001	00001	01100

	0	1
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_4\}$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$
$q_1$	$\phi$	$\{q_0\}$
$q_2$	$\phi$	$\{q_3\}$
$q_3$	$\{q_0\}$	$\phi$
* $q_4$	$\phi$	$\phi$

$$\delta_1(10001, 0) = \delta(q_0, 0) \cup \delta(q_4, 0) = \{q_4\}$$

$$\delta_1(10001, 1) = \delta(q_0, 1) \cup \delta(q_4, 1) = \{q_1, q_2\}$$

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### Definition of $\delta_1$

$q_0q_1q_2q_3q_4$	0	1
00000	$\phi$	$\phi$
$\rightarrow 10000$	00001	01100
*00001	$\phi$	$\phi$
01100	$\phi$	10010
10010	10001	01100
*10001	00001	01100

	0	1
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_4\}$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$
$q_1$	$\phi$	$\{q_0\}$
$q_2$	$\phi$	$\{q_3\}$
$q_3$	$\{q_0\}$	$\phi$
* $q_4$	$\phi$	$\phi$

We get closure: There are no more possible transitions!

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### The resulting DFA

$q_0q_1q_2q_3q_4$	Names FA	0	1
00000	$s$	$\phi$	$\phi$
$\rightarrow 10000$	$\rightarrow q_0$	00001	01100
*00001	* $p$	$\phi$	$\phi$
01100	$r$	$\phi$	10010
10010	$t$	10001	01100
*10001	* $u$	00001	01100

Renaming the states

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### Renaming the states!

$q_0q_1q_2q_3q_4$	Names FA	0	1
00000	$s$	$s = \phi$	$s = \phi$
$\rightarrow 10000$	$\rightarrow q_0$	$p = 00001$	$r = 01100$
*00001	* $p$	$s = \phi$	$s = \phi$
01100	$r$	$s = \phi$	$t = 10010$
10010	$t$	$u = 10001$	$r = 01100$
*10001	* $u$	$p = 00001$	$r = 01100$

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### Renaming the states!

$q_0q_1q_2q_3q_4$	Names FA	0	1
00000	$s$	$s$	$s$
$\rightarrow 10000$	$\rightarrow q_0$	$p$	$r$
*00001	* $p$	$s$	$s$
01100	$r$	$s$	$t$
10010	$t$	$u$	$r$
*10001	* $u$	$p$	$r$

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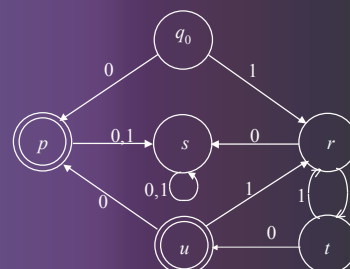
## Renaming the states!

	0	1
$s$	$s$	$s$
$\rightarrow q_0$	$p$	$r$
$*p$	$s$	$s$
$r$	$s$	$t$
$t$	$u$	$r$
$*u$	$p$	$r$

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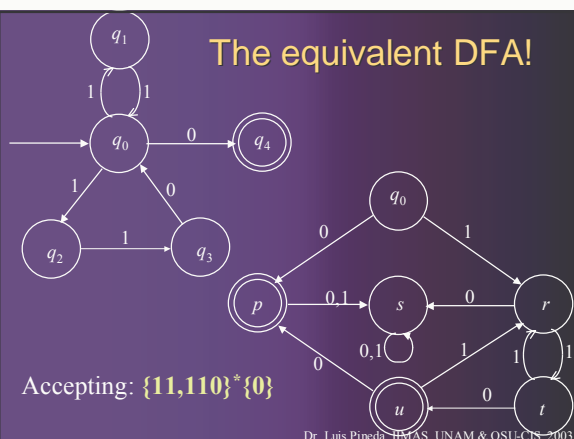
## The equivalent DFA!

	0	1
$s$	$s$	$s$
$\rightarrow q_0$	$p$	$r$
$*p$	$s$	$s$
$r$	$s$	$t$
$t$	$u$	$r$
$*u$	$p$	$r$



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## The equivalent DFA!



Accepting:  $\{11,110\}^* \{0\}$

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## NFA are FA

- $M_1$  accepts the same language as  $M$  follows from the fact that for any  $x \in \Sigma^*$

$$\delta_1^*(q_1, x) = \delta^*(q_0, x)$$

- This is proved by induction!

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  - The transition function of  $M_1$ :

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- The set of accepting states of  $M_1$ :  
 $A_1 = \{q \in Q_1 \mid q \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$

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$$\delta_1^*(q_1, x) = \delta^*(q_0, x)$$

- The base case: If  $x = \Lambda$

$$\delta_1^*(q_1, x) = \delta_1^*(q_1, \Lambda)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= q_1 && \text{(by definition of } \delta_1^*) \\ &= \{q_0\} && \text{(by definition of } q_1) \\ &= \delta^*(q_0, \Lambda) && \text{(by def. of } \delta^*) \\ &= \delta^*(q_0, x) \end{aligned}$$

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- The induction hypothesis:

$$\delta_1^*(q_1, x) = \delta^*(q_0, x)$$

- We wish to prove that for any  $a \in \Sigma$ ,

$$\delta_1^*(q_1, xa) = \delta^*(q_0, xa)$$

- $\delta_1^*(q_1, xa) = \delta_1(\delta_1^*(q_1, x), a)$  (by definition of  $\delta_1^*$ )

$$= \delta_1(\delta^*(q_0, x), a) \quad (\text{by the induction hypothesis})$$

$$= \bigcup_{r \in \delta^*(q_0, x)} \delta(r, a) \quad (\text{by def. of } \delta_1: \text{the subset construction})$$

$$= \delta^*(q_0, xa) \quad (\text{by def. of } \delta^*)$$

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## $M$ and $M_1$ recognize the same language

- A string  $x$  is accepted by  $M_1$  if  $\delta_1^*(q_1, x) \in A_1$

- this is true if and only if  $\delta^*(q_0, x) \in A$

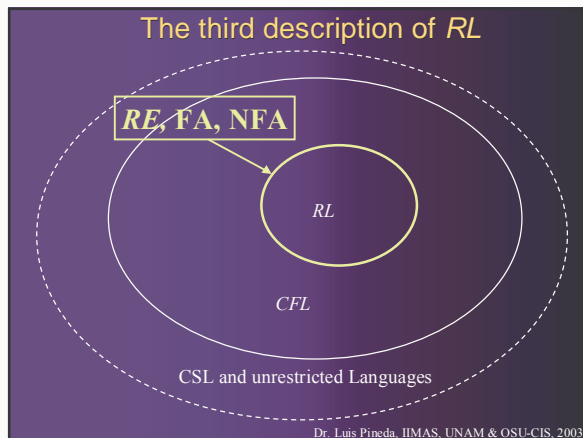
- By definition of  $A$  this is true if and only if

$$\delta^*(q_0, x) \cap A \neq \Phi$$

- So,  $x$  is accepted by  $M_1$  if and only if  $x$  is accepted by  $M$

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## The third description of $RL$



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