

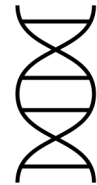
CS 10:

Problem solving via Object Oriented Programming

Pattern Matching


Main goals

- Implement **finite automatas** for **pattern matching**

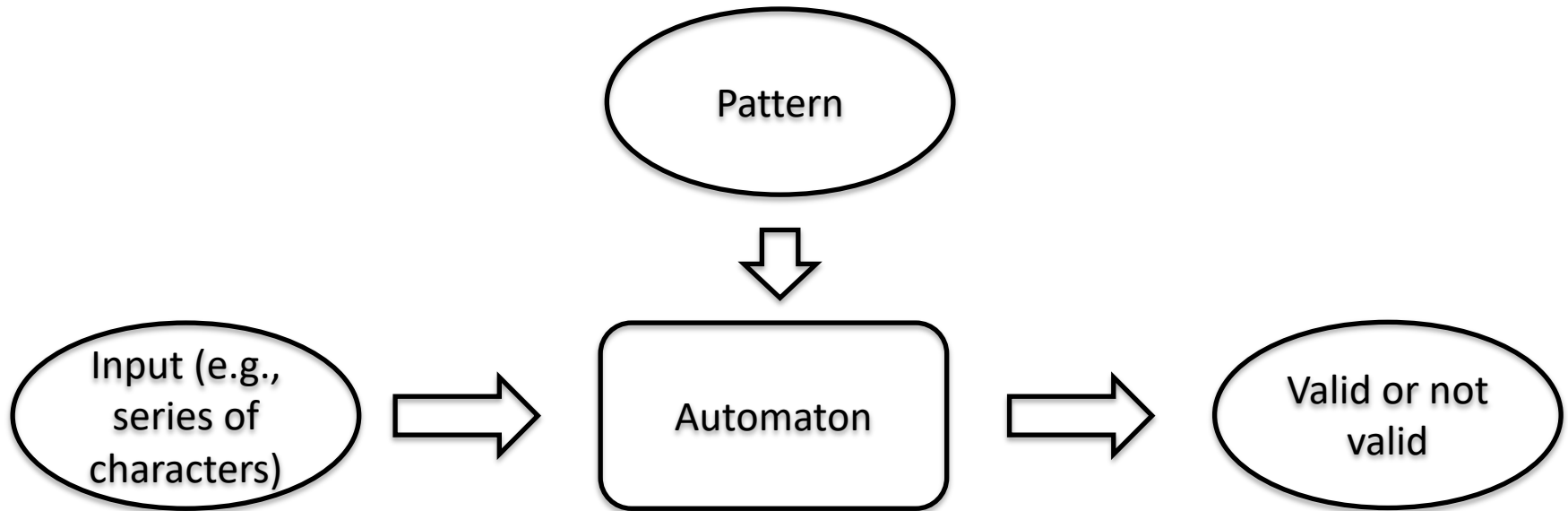


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Agenda

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1. Pattern matching to validate input
 - Regular expressions
 - Deterministic/Non-Deterministic Finite Automata (DFA/NFA)
 2. Finite State Machines (FSM) to model complex systems

Pattern matching goal: ensure input passes a validation check



Sometimes it is useful to be able to detect or require patterns

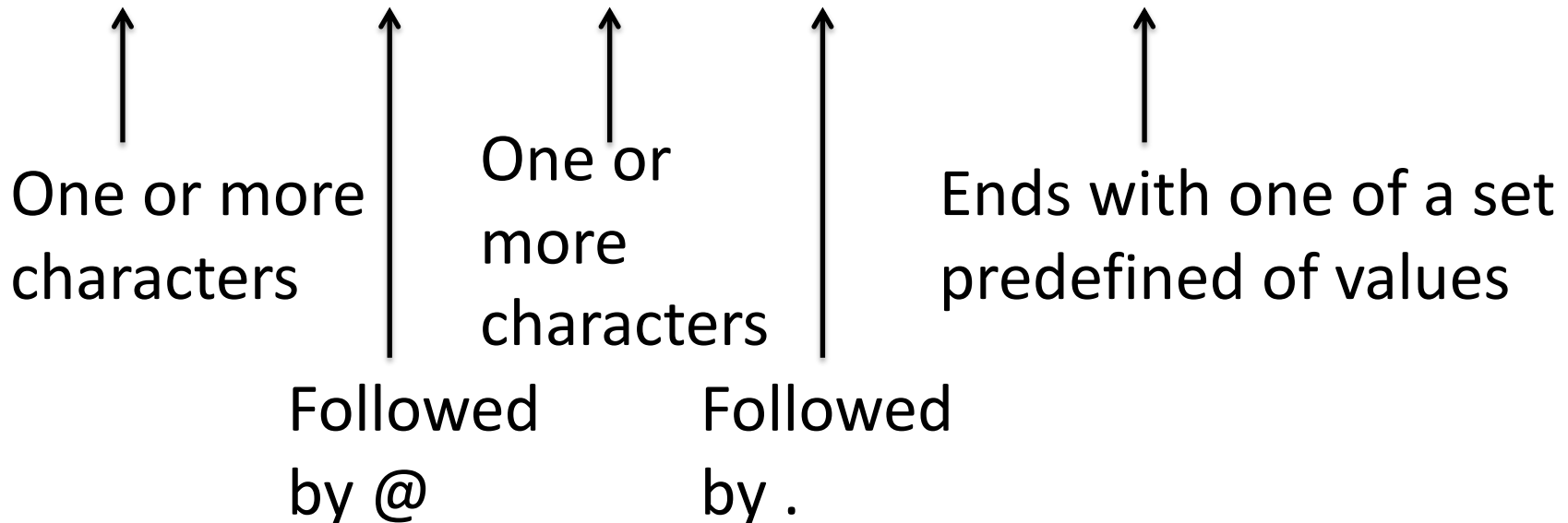
Email addresses follow a pattern:

[mailbox@domain.TLD](#)

example: [aql@dartmouth.edu](#)

We can specify a pattern or rules for email addresses:

`<characters> @ <characters>.<com | edu | org | ...>`



Regular expressions (regex) are a common way of looking for patterns in Strings

Regular expressions (regex)

- Most programming languages have support for regex
- Can be really complex and messy, but there are basic patterns

Operation	Meaning	Example
Character	Match a character	"a" matches "a"
Concatenation: $R_1 R_2$	One after the other	"cat" matches "c" then "a" then "t"
Alternative: $R_1 R_2$	One or the other	$a e i o u$ matches any vowel
Grouping: (R)	Establishes order; allows reference/extraction	$c(a o)t$ matches "cat" or "cot"
Character classes $[c_1-c_2]$ and $[\^c_1-c_2]$	Alternative characters and excluded characters	$[a-c]$ matches "a" or "b" or "c", while $[\^a-c]$ matches any but abc
Repetition: R^*	Matches 0 or more times	"ca*t" matches "ct", "cat", "caat"
Non-zero repetition: R^+	Matches 1 or more times	"ca+t" matches "cat" or "caat" or "caaat", but not "ct"

We can use regex to see if an email address is valid

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As a simple RegEx: `[a-z.]+@[a-z.]* [a-z]+. (com | edu | org ...)`

Check:

[aql@dartmouth.edu](#) -- valid

Blob.x -- invalid

This simple regex has some issues dealing with real email addresses

Turns out a robust email address validator is quite complicated

```
(?:[a-z0-9!#$%&'*+/=/?^_`{|}~-]+(?:\. [a-z0-9!#$%&'*+/=/?^_`{|}~-]+)*|"(?:[\x01-\x08\x0b\x0c\x0e-\x1f\x21\x23-\x5b\x5d-\x7f]|\\[\x01-\x09\x0b\x0c\x0e-\x7f])*")@(?:(?:[a-z0-9](?:[a-z0-9-]*[a-z0-9])?\.)+[a-z0-9](?:[a-z0-9-]*[a-z0-9])?|\b(?:[0-9-]+[0-9])?|\b(?:[0-9]+[0-9])?|\b(?:[0-9]+[0-9])?|[a-z0-9-]*[a-z0-9]:(?:[\x01-\x08\x0b\x0c\x0e-\x1f\x21-\x5a\x53-\x7f]|\\[\x01-\x09\x0b\x0c\x0e-\x7f]))+)
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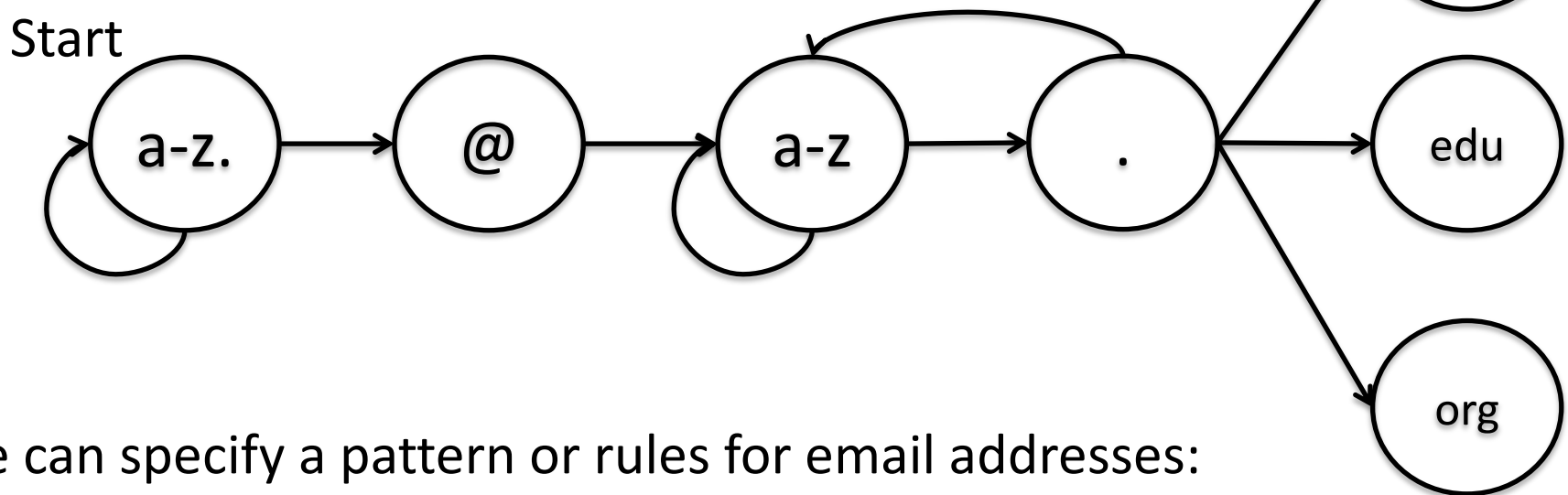
- **Hard to understand what this does**
- **We can use a graph to make things easier to understand**

A Graph can implement a regex

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A Graph can represent the pattern for email addresses


Sample addresses can be easily verified if in correct form

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Key points

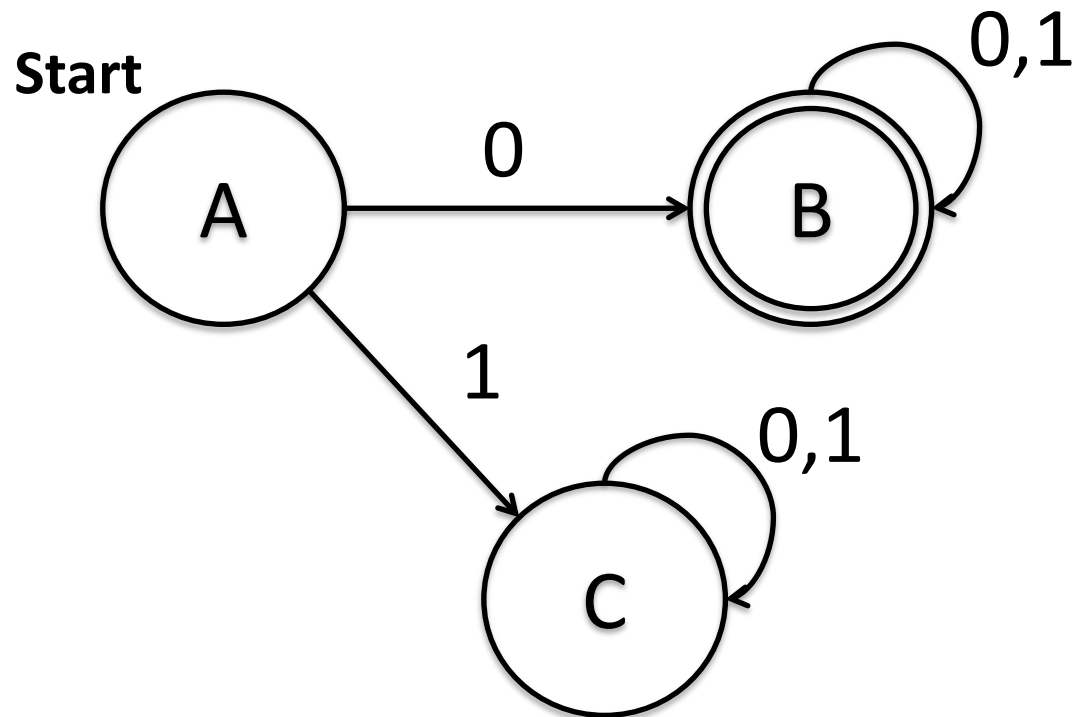
1. We can define a set of rules that must be followed
2. We may be able to represent those rules with a Graph

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Finite Automata validating input



- Accepts any input starting with 0

Finite Automata (FA) are formally defined as 5-tuple of States, Transitions, and inputs

Finite Automata as 5-tuple $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

FA = $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

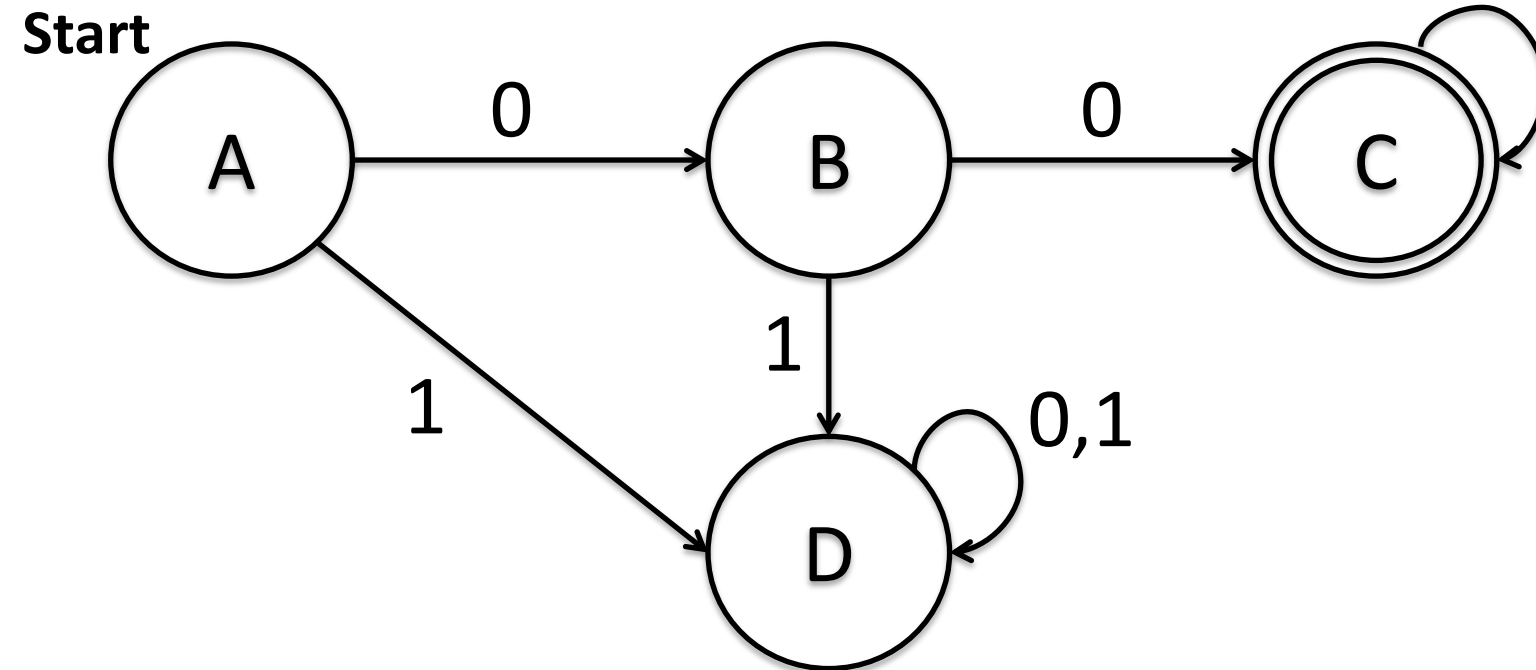
- Q – finite set of States (vertices in graph)
- Σ – complete set of possible input symbols (called the *alphabet*)
- δ – transition function where $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$ (given current State Q and input symbol Σ , transition to next State Q according to δ)
- q_0 – initial State; $q_0 \in Q$ (means q_0 is *an element of* Q)
- F is a set of valid end States; $F \subseteq Q$ (means F is *a subset of* Q)

We say FA “accepts” (validates) input $A=a_1a_2a_3\dots a_n$ if sequence of States $R=r_0r_1r_2\dots r_n$ exists in Q such that:

- $r_0=q_0$ //initial State is Start
- $r_{i+1} = \delta(r_i, a_{i+1})$, for $i=0,1, \dots, n-1$ //input leads to next State
- $r_n \in F$ //last State is an element of the valid end States

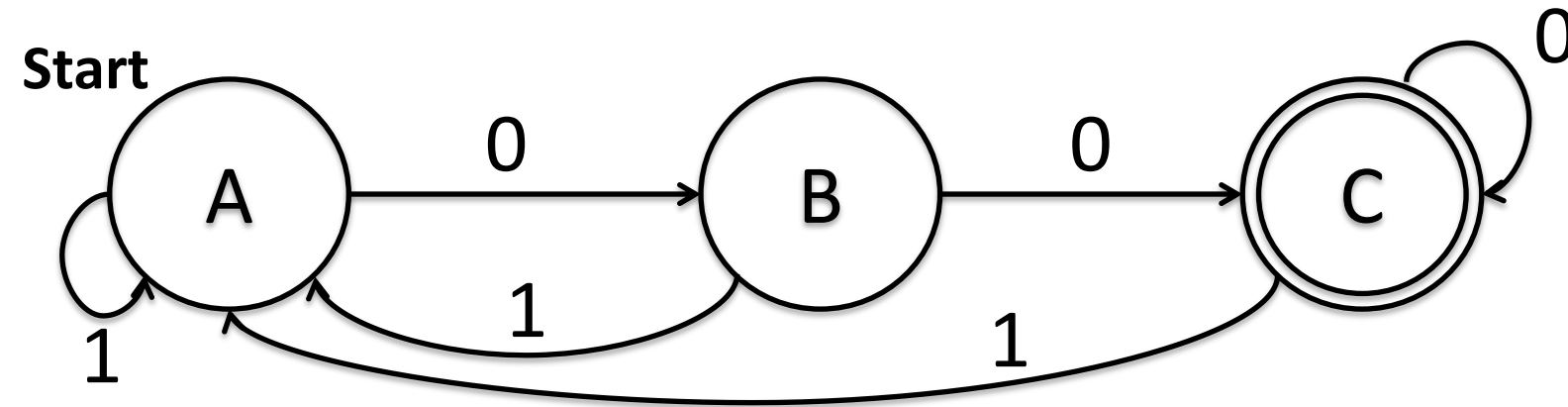
We can build FAs to validate or reject input

Accept any string that starts with 00



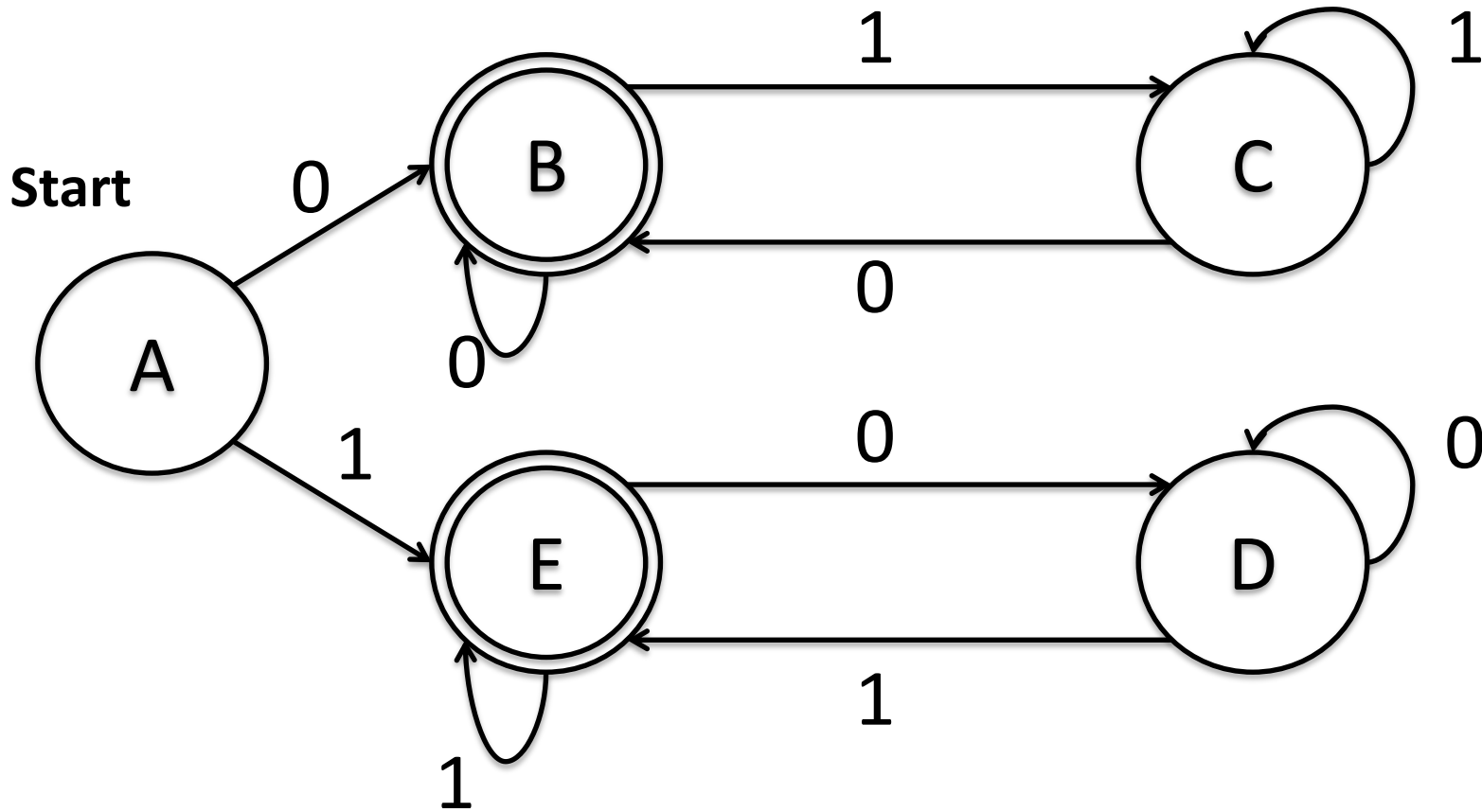
FAs can demonstrate “recent memory”

Accept any string that ends with 00

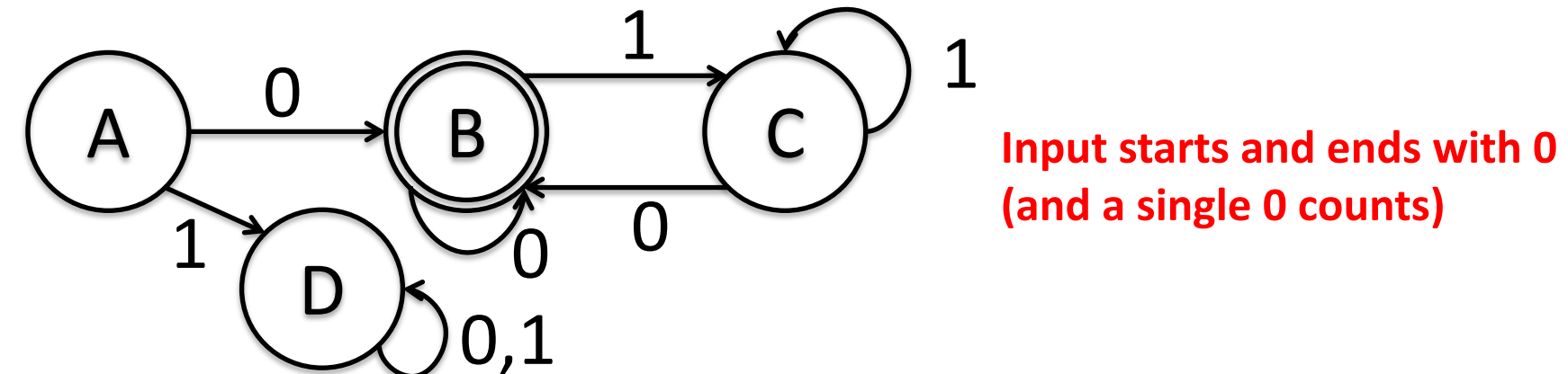
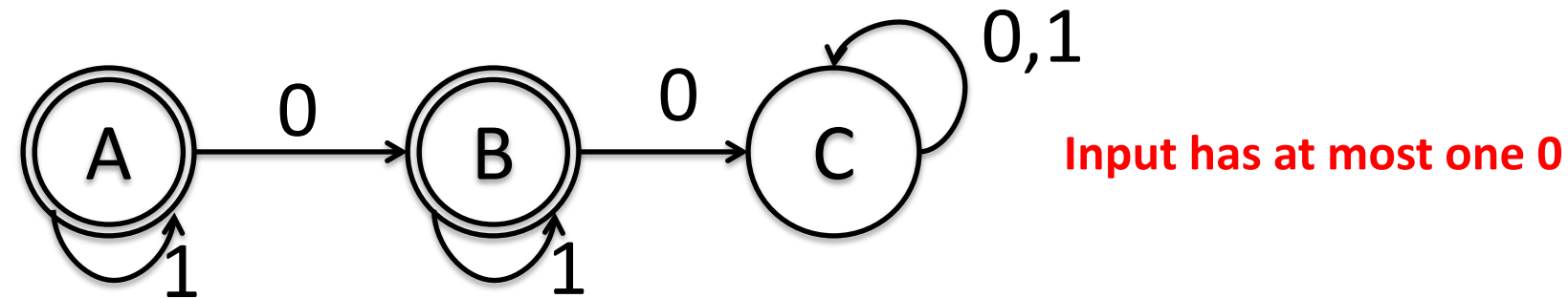
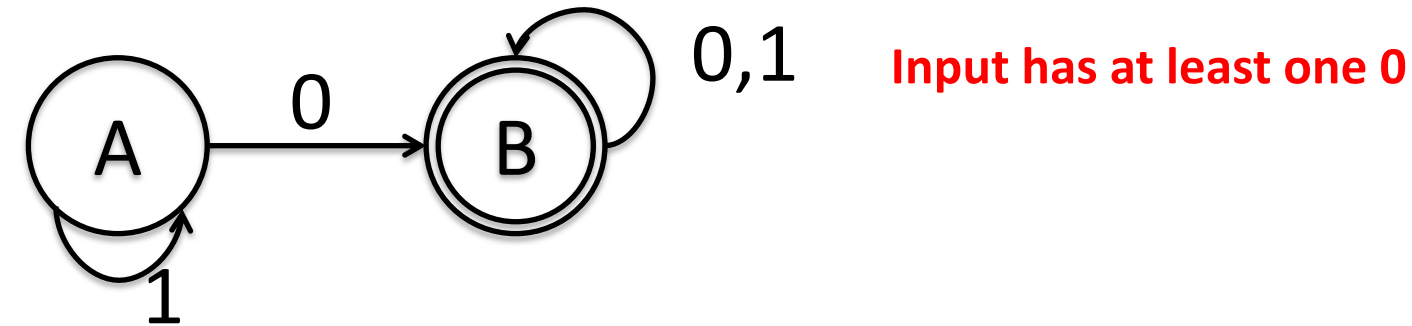


Can split FA into pieces to demonstrate “permanent memory”

Match first and last symbols

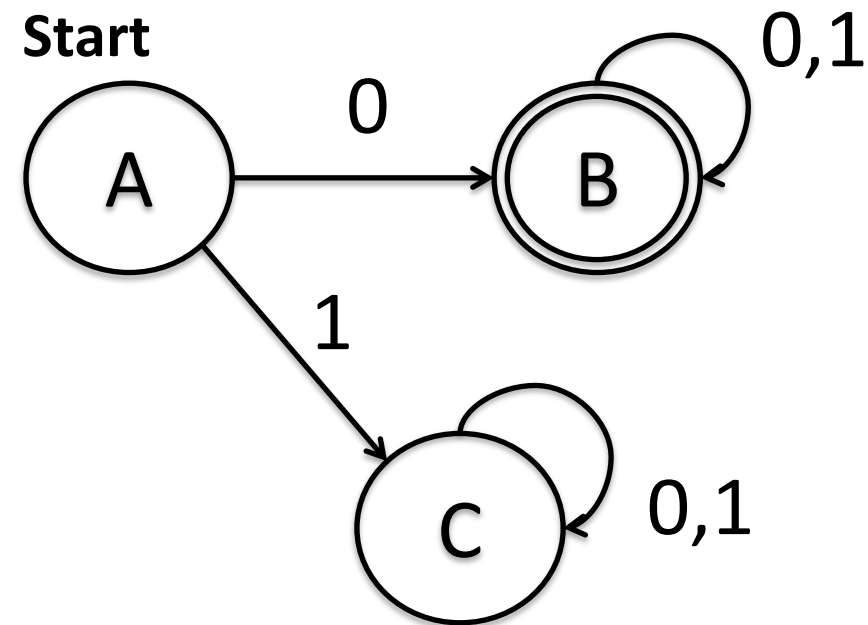


What do these FAs do?



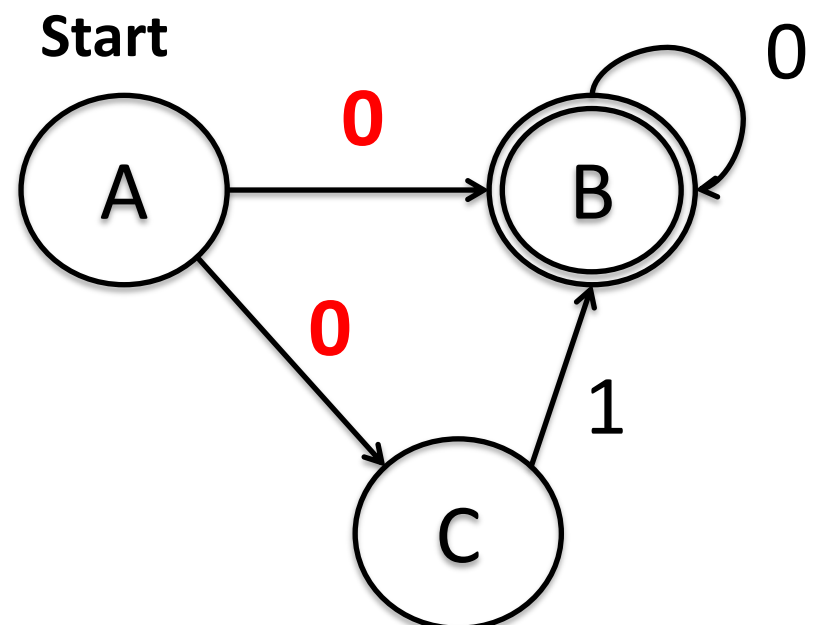
Finite Automata come in two flavors, Deterministic and Nondeterministic

Deterministic Finite Automaton (DFA)



- Exactly one transition for each possible input
- No ambiguity

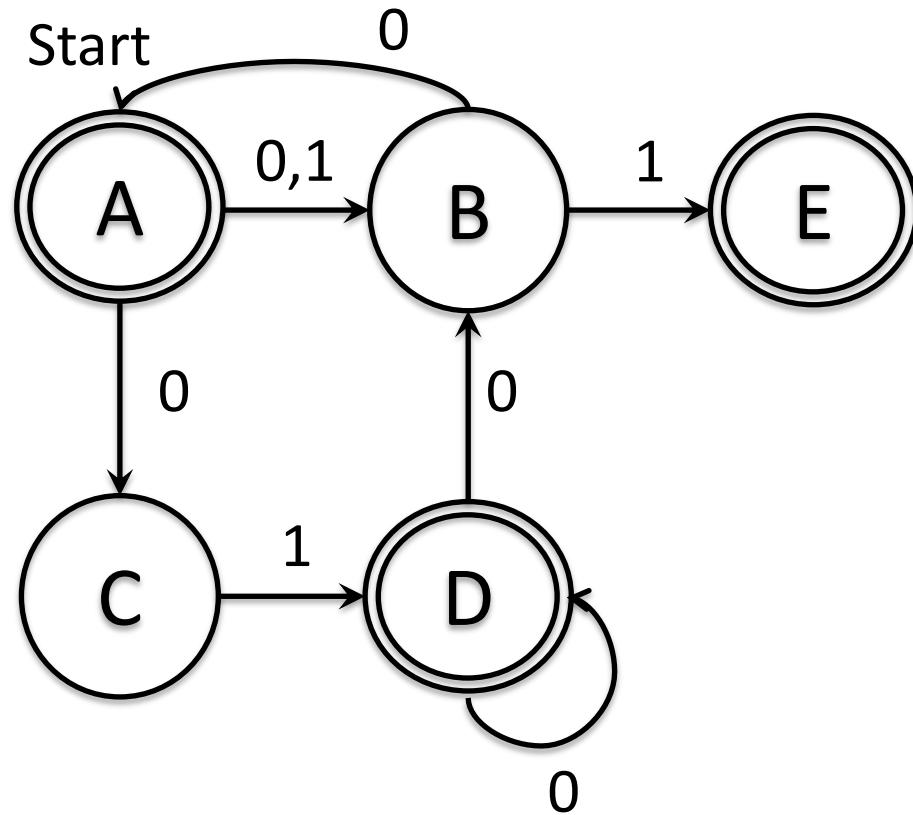
Nondeterministic Finite Automaton (NFA)



- May have 0, 1, or more choices for each transition
- Unspecified inputs are invalid
- True if end in any valid State

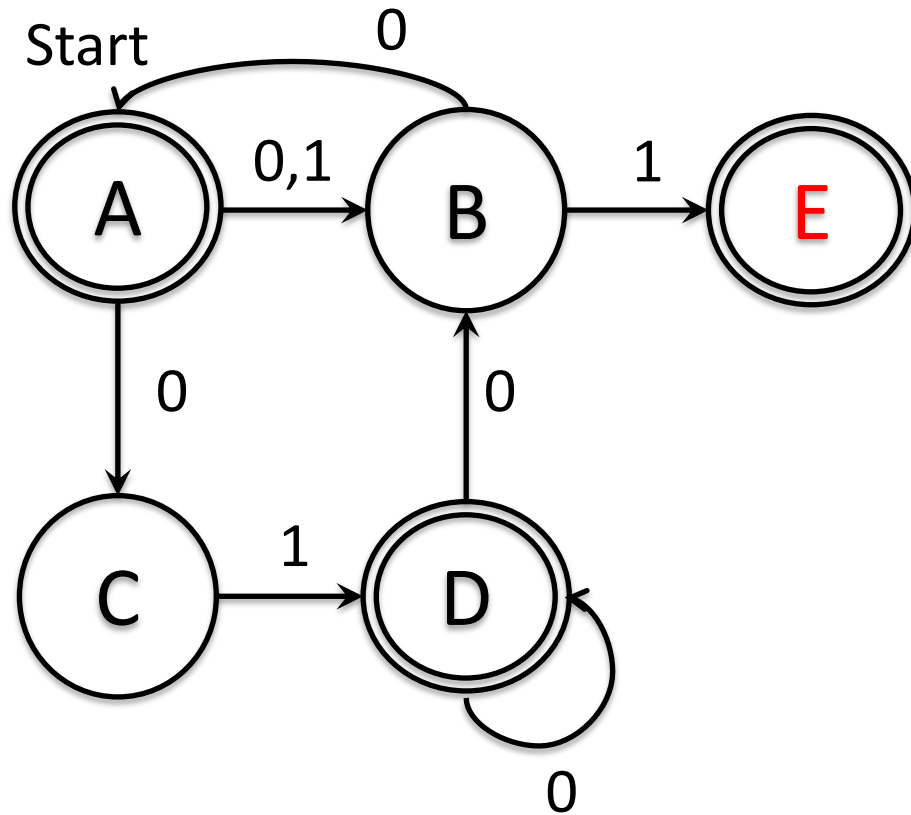
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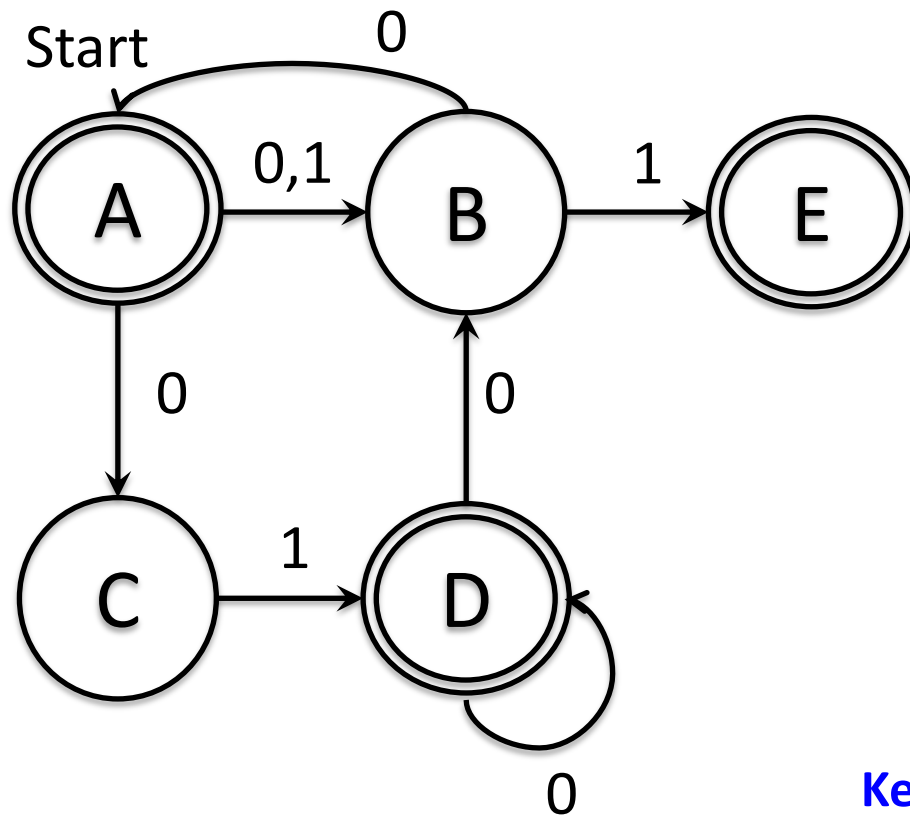
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Key	Input	Paths
A	0	{B,C}
A	1	{B}
B	0	{A}
B	1	{E}
C	0	{}
C	1	{D}
D	0	{B,D}
D	1	{}
E	0	{}
E	1	{}

In that case, must keep track of all possible States

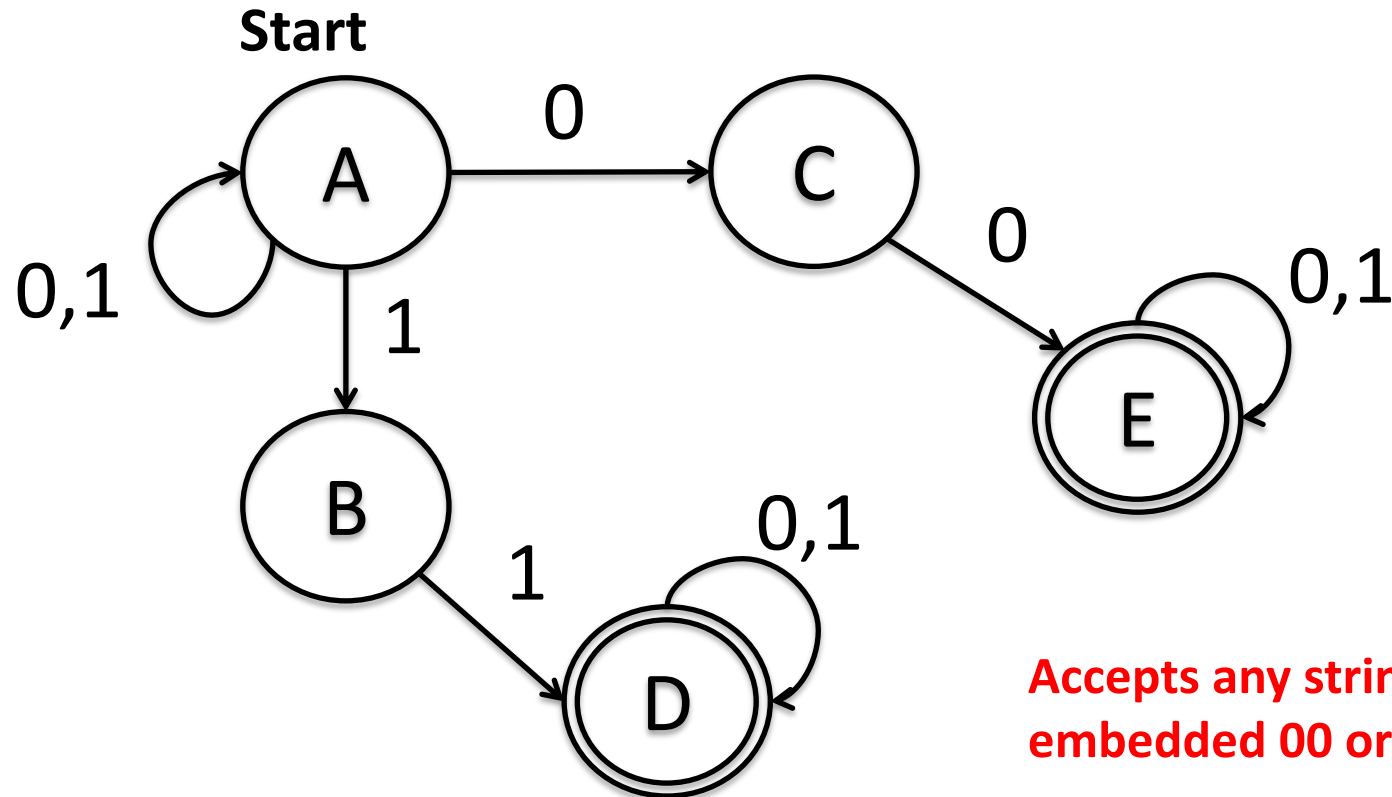
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Input	Possible States	
Start	{A}	
0	{B,C}	
1	{E,D}	
0	{B,D}	
1	{E}	No valid States, return false
0	{}	

Key point: kept track of all possible States as input processed
If any ending state is valid, then accept input

One more practice before looking at code, what does this NFA do?



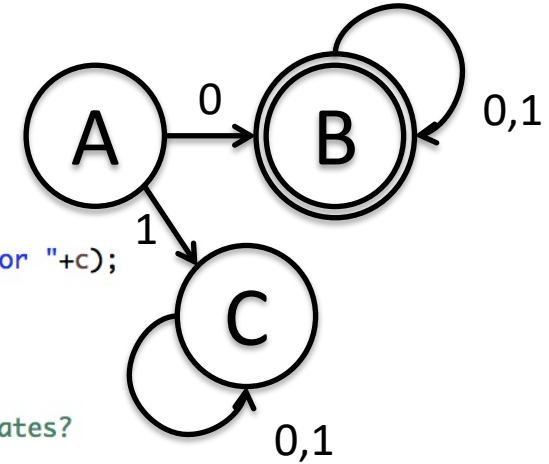
Accepts any string with embedded 00 or 11

DFA.java creates Deterministic Finite Automata

```
17 public class DFA {
18     String start; //assume only one starting position
19     Set<String> ends; //possibly multiple end states, hence the set ins
20     Map<String, Map<Character,String>> transitions; // state -> (charac
21
22     /**
23      * Constructs the DFA from the arrays, as specified in the overall
24      */
25     DFA(String[] ss, String[] ts) {
26         ends = new TreeSet<String>();
27         transitions = new TreeMap<String, Map<Character,String>>();
28
29         // Parse states
30         for (String v : ss) {
31             String[] pieces = v.split(","); //pieces[0] = state name, ;
32             //look for start and end markers
33             if (pieces.length>1) {
34                 if (pieces[1].equals("S")) {
35                     start = pieces[0];
36                 }
37                 else if (pieces[1].equals("E")) {
38                     ends.add(pieces[0]);
39                 }
40             }
41         }
42
43         // Parse transitions
44         for (String e : ts) {
45             String[] pieces = e.split(","); //pieces[0] = starting from
46             String from = pieces[0];
47             String to = pieces[1];
48             if (!transitions.containsKey(from)) {
49                 transitions.put(from, new TreeMap<Character,String>());
50             }
51             for (int i=2; i<pieces.length; i++) { //could be multiple i
52                 transitions.get(from).put(pieces[i].charAt(0), to);
53             }
54         }
55
56         System.out.println("start:"+start);
57         System.out.println("end:"+ends);
58         System.out.println("transitions:"+transitions);
59     }
}
```

DFA.java creates Deterministic Finite Automata

```
65= public boolean match(String s) {
66     String curr = start; // where we are now
67     for (int i=0; i<s.length(); i++) {
68         char c = s.charAt(i);
69         if (!transitions.get(curr).containsKey(c)) {
70             System.out.println("This isn't a DFA! No transition from "+curr+" for "+c);
71             return false;
72         }
73         curr = transitions.get(curr).get(c); // take a step according to c
74     }
75     return ends.contains(curr); // did we end up in one of the desired final states?
76 }
77
78= /**
79  * Helper method to test matching against a bunch of strings, printing the results
80  */
81= public void test(String[] inputs) {
82     for (String s : inputs)
83         System.out.println(s + ":" + match(s));
84 }
85
86= public static void main(String[] args) {
87     String[] ss1 = { "A,S", "B,E", "C" };
88     String[] ts1 = { "A,B,0", "A,C,1", "B,B,0,1", "C,C,0,1" };
89     DFA dfa1 = new DFA(ss1, ts1);
90
91     String[] testsT1 = { "0", "00", "00000", "0010101" };
92     dfa1.test(testsT1);
93     String[] testsF1 = { "", "1", "1100110" };
94     dfa1.test(testsF1);
95 }
96 }
```



Transitions Map

A	0	B
	1	C
B	0	B
	1	B
C	0	C
	1	C

NFA.java creates Non-Deterministic Finite Automata

```
10 public class NFA {
17     String start;
18     Set<String> ends;
19     Map<String, Map<Character, List<String>>> transitions; // state -> (character -> [next states])
20     // note the difference from DFA: can have multiple different transitions from state for character
21
22     /**
23      * Constructs the DFA from the arrays, as specified in the overall header
24      */
25     NFA(String[] ss, String[] ts) {
26         ends = new TreeSet<String>();
27         transitions = new TreeMap<String, Map<Character, List<String>>>();
28
29         // States
30         for (String v : ss) {
31             String[] pieces = v.split(",");
32             if (pieces.length>1) {
33                 if (pieces[1].equals("S")) start = pieces[0];
34                 else if (pieces[1].equals("E")) ends.add(pieces[0]);
35             }
36         }
37
38         // Transitions
39         for (String e : ts) {
40             String[] pieces = e.split(",");
41             String from = pieces[0], to = pieces[1];
42             if (!transitions.containsKey(from)) transitions.put(from, new TreeMap<Character, List<String>>());
43             for (int i=2; i<pieces.length; i++) {
44                 char c = pieces[i].charAt(0);
45                 // difference from DFA: list of next states
46                 if (!transitions.get(from).containsKey(c)) transitions.get(from).put(c, new ArrayList<String>());
47                 transitions.get(from).get(c).add(to);
48             }
49         }
50
51         System.out.println("start:"+start);
52         System.out.println("end:"+ends);
53         System.out.println("transitions:"+transitions);
54     }
}
```

NFA.java creates Non-Deterministic Finite Automata

```
60 public boolean match(String s) {
61     // difference from DFA: multiple current states
62     Set<String> currStates = new TreeSet<String>();
63     currStates.add(start);
64     for (int i=0; i<s.length(); i++) {
65         char c = s.charAt(i);
66         Set<String> nextStates = new TreeSet<String>();
67         // transition from each current state to each of its next s
68         for (String state : currStates)
69             if (transitions.get(state).containsKey(c))
70                 nextStates.addAll(transitions.get(state).get(c));
71         if (nextStates.isEmpty()) return false; // no way forward f
72         currStates = nextStates;
73     }
74     // end up in multiple states -- accept if any is an end state
75     for (String state : currStates) {
76         if (ends.contains(state)) return true;
77     }
78     return false;
79 }
^^
```

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Finite State Machines (FSM) work like FAs, but track the State of a complex system

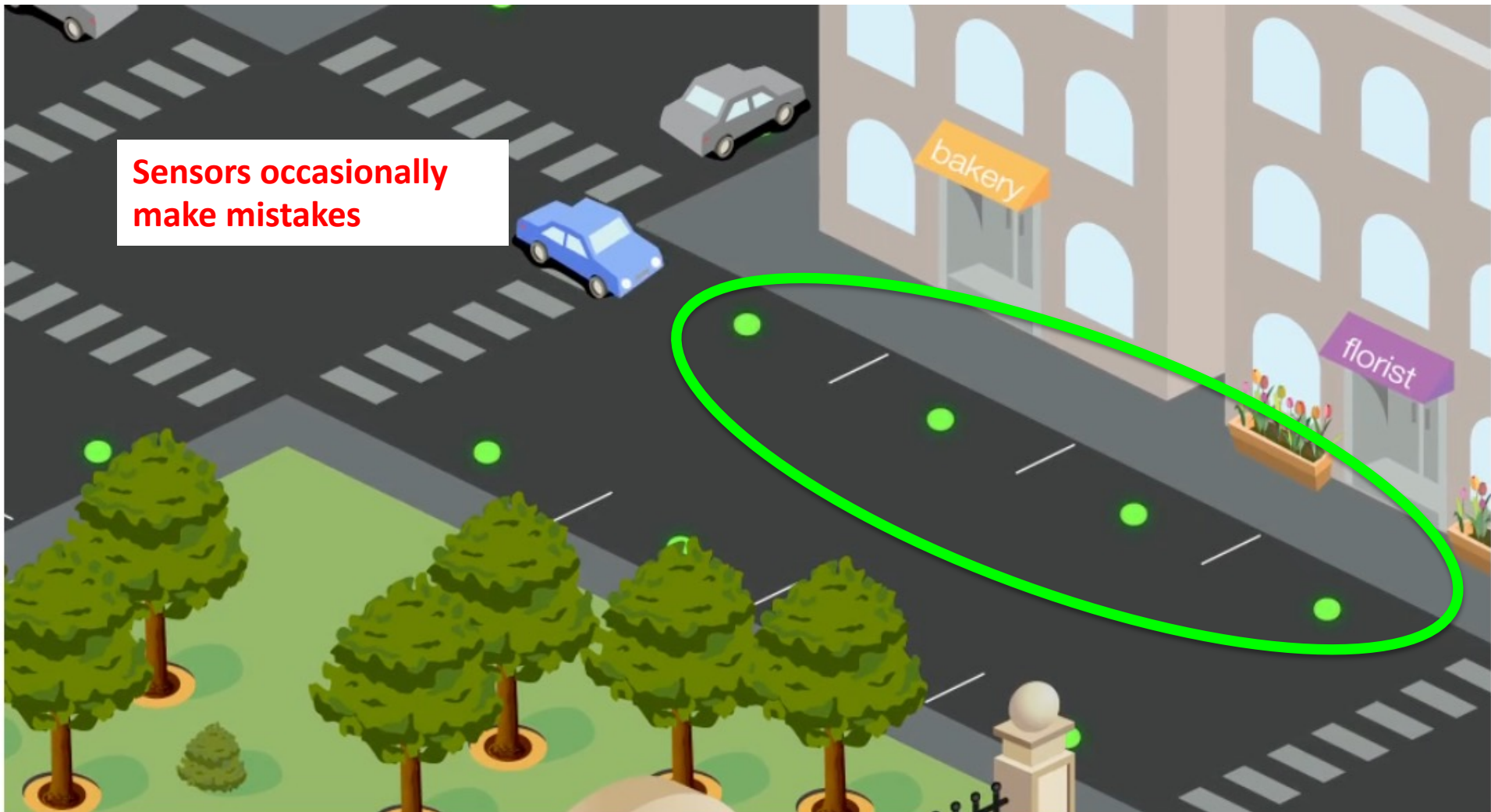
Finite State Machine (FSM)

1. Enumerate all States possible for the system
2. Enumerate all possible Events that can occur
3. Map Transition from each State to another State (possibly the same State) given any Event
4. Start at known State
5. Transition to new State as Events occur
6. You now track the current state of the system

Sensors detect arrival and departure of cars in parking spaces

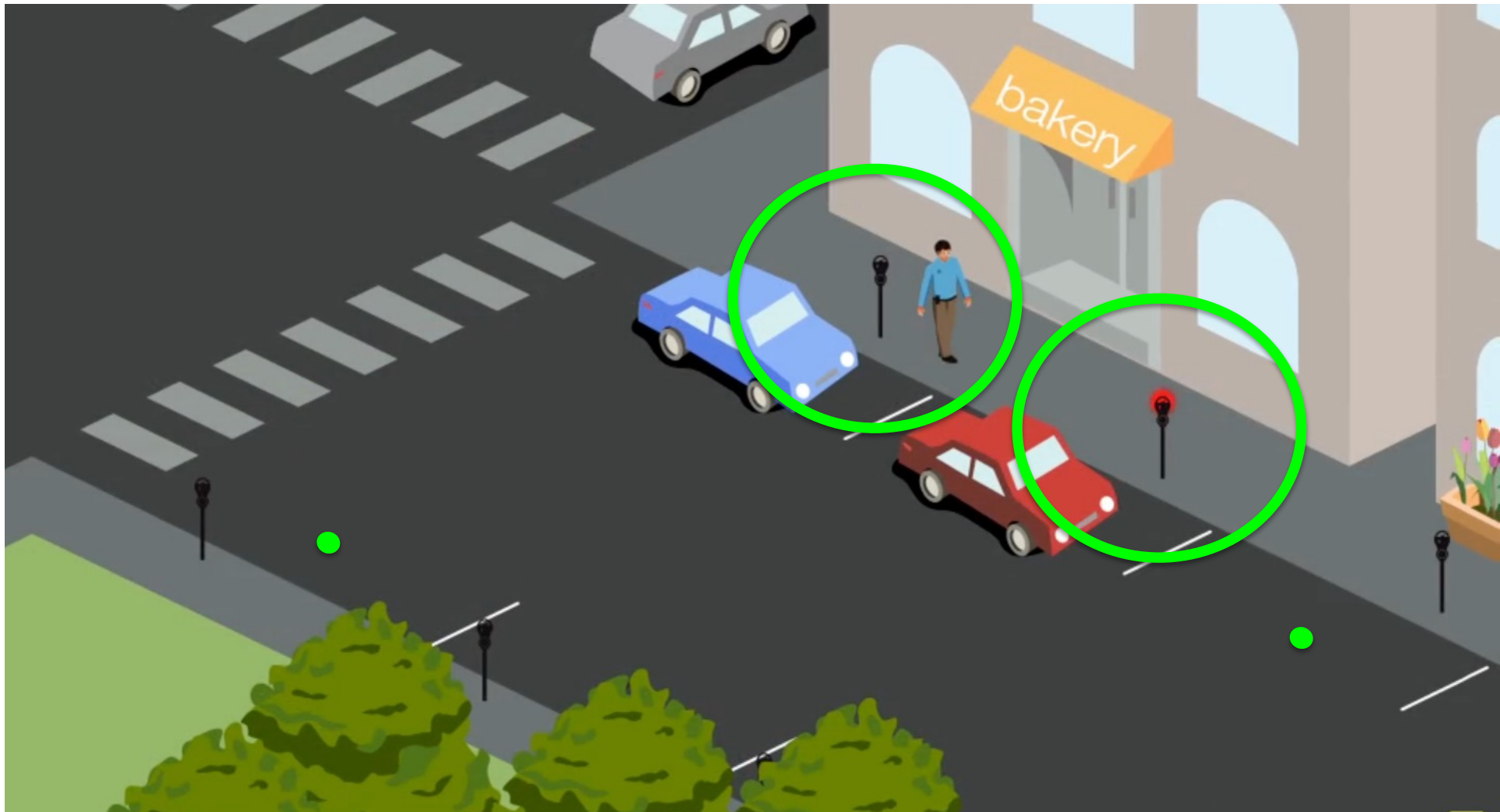
One sensor in each parking space (11,000 total sensors in San Fran)

Sensors occasionally make mistakes



Parking meters detect payments and payment expirations

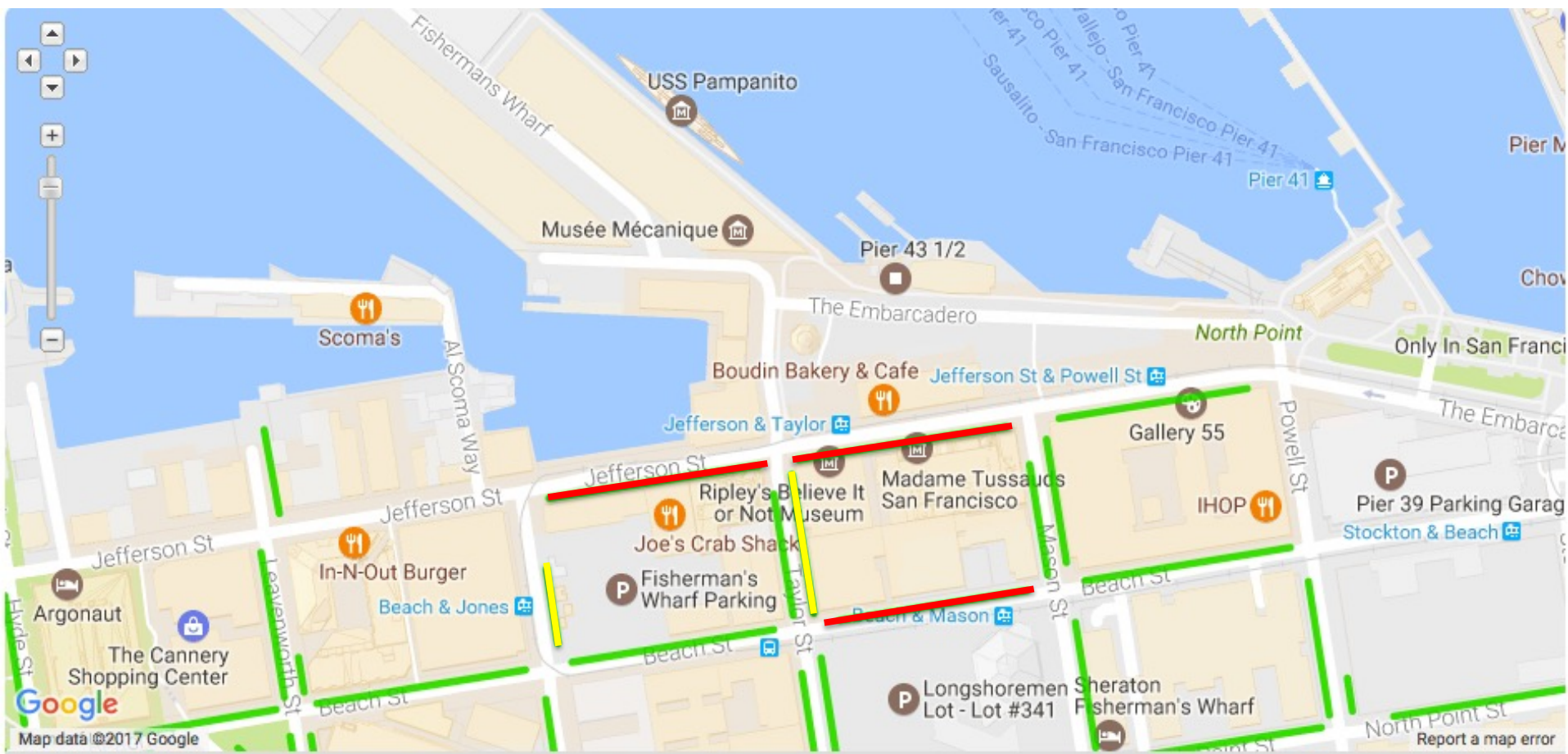
One parking meter per parking space



Aggregate sensor data to show drivers where they can find parking in real time

Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, CA

Green < 75% occupied, yellow = 75-90% occupied, red > 90% occupied



The parking space could be modeled with a complicated if-then structure

Simplified automobile parking

		Occupancy	
		Vacant	Occupied
Payment status	Not Paid	Vacant Not paid	Occupied Not paid
	Paid	Vacant Paid	Occupied Paid

```
void handleEvent(Event e) {  
    if (event=="Payment") {  
        if (occupancy=="Occupied" && payment=="Not Paid") {  
            //set time on meter  
        }  
        elseif (occupancy=="Occupied" && payment=="Paid") {  
            //increment time on meter  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Handle every event, from every state

Error prone and inflexible

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Combination of occupancy and payments leads to four States for each space

Simplified automobile parking

Four possible States

Four Events:
Arrival/Departure
Payment/Expiration

Start at vacant and not paid

Occupied Status

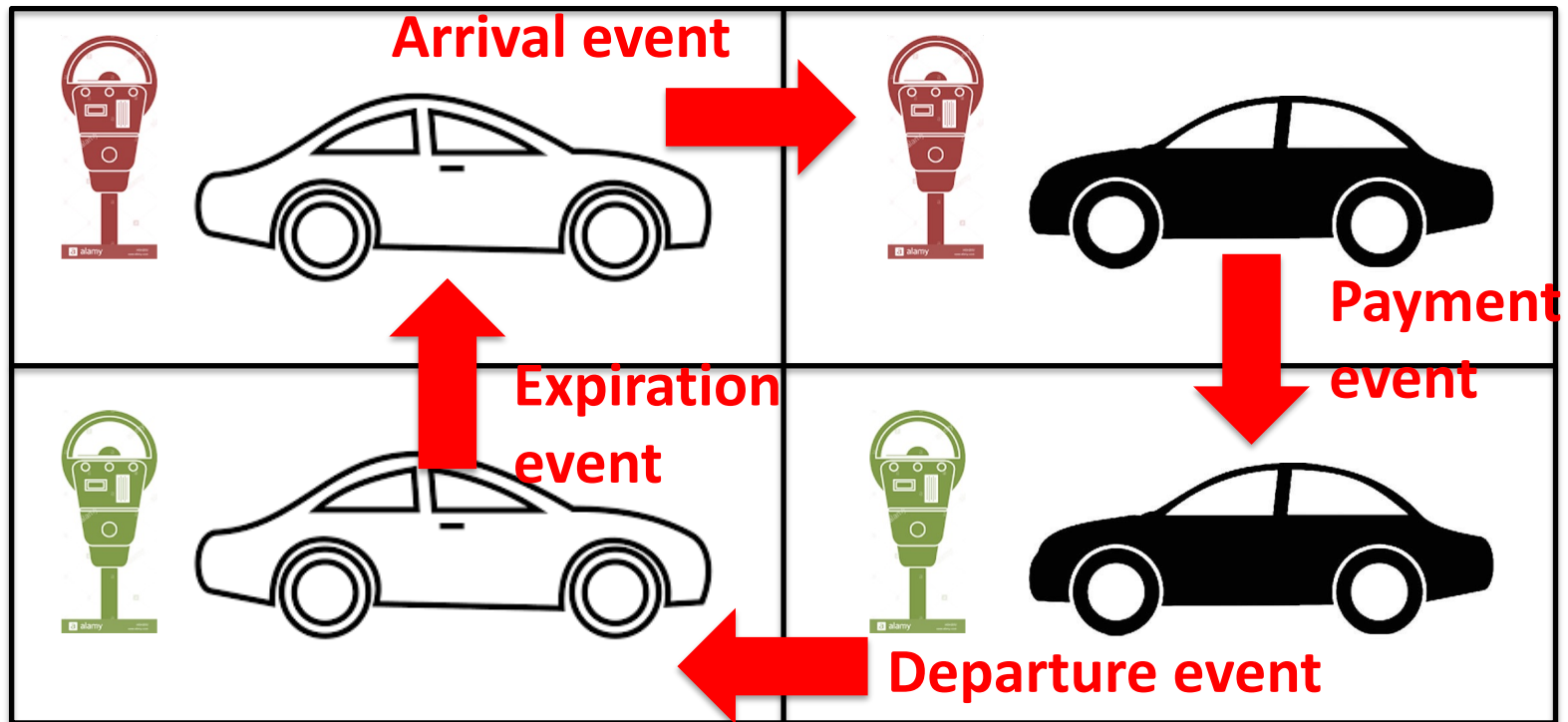
Vacant

Occupied

Not Paid

Paid Status

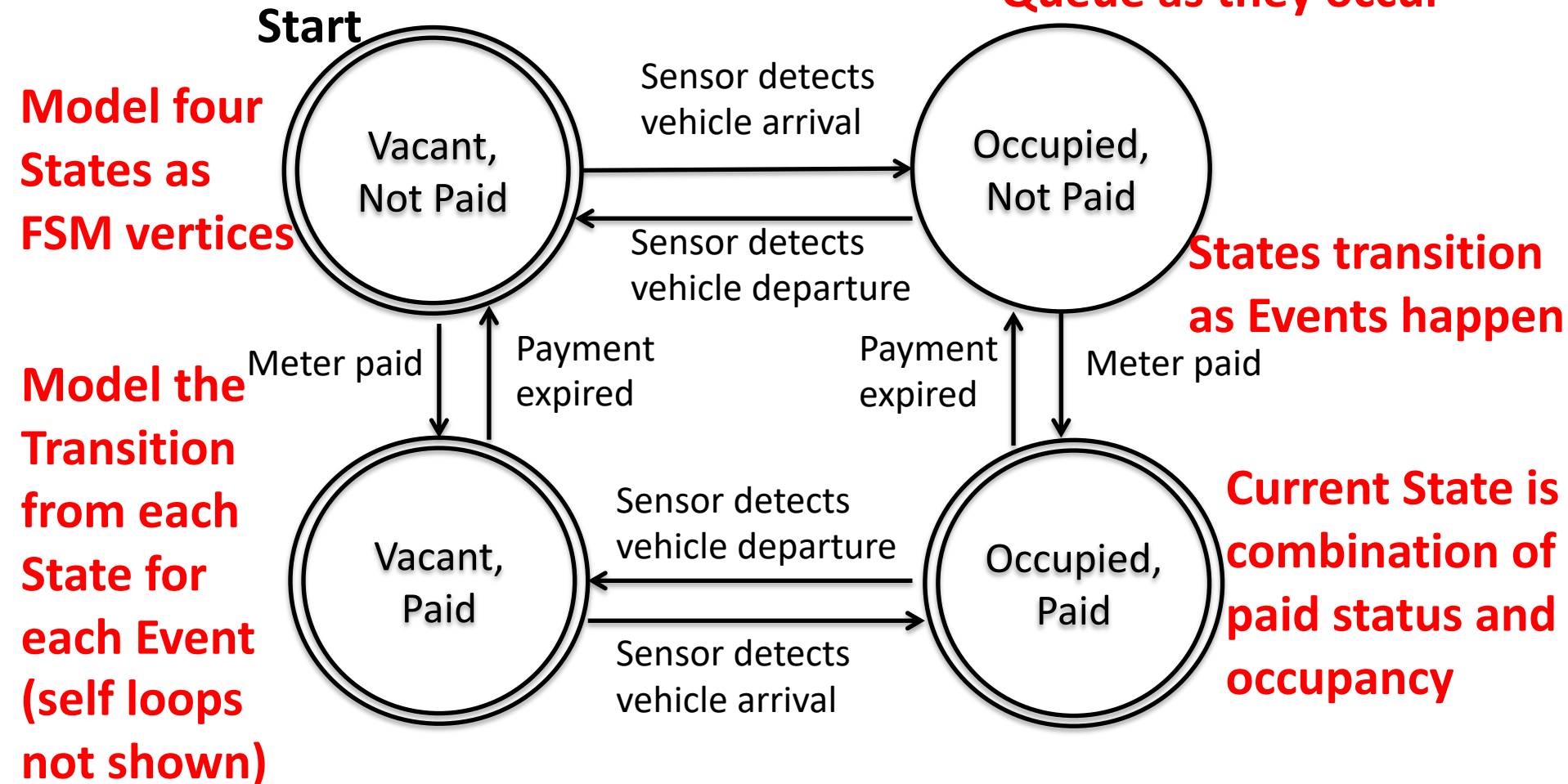
Paid



Events cause the system to transition between States

The parking space could be modeled more simply with a Finite Automata

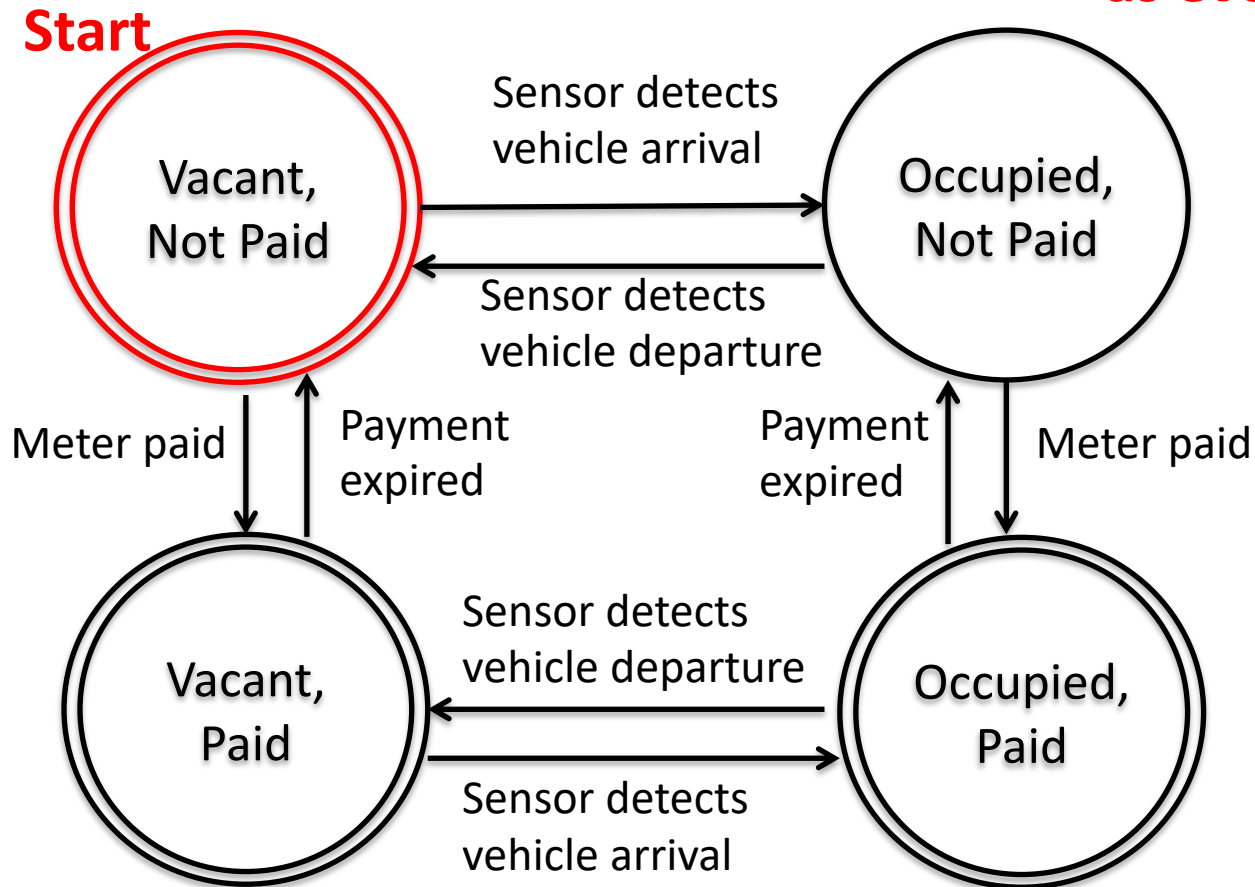
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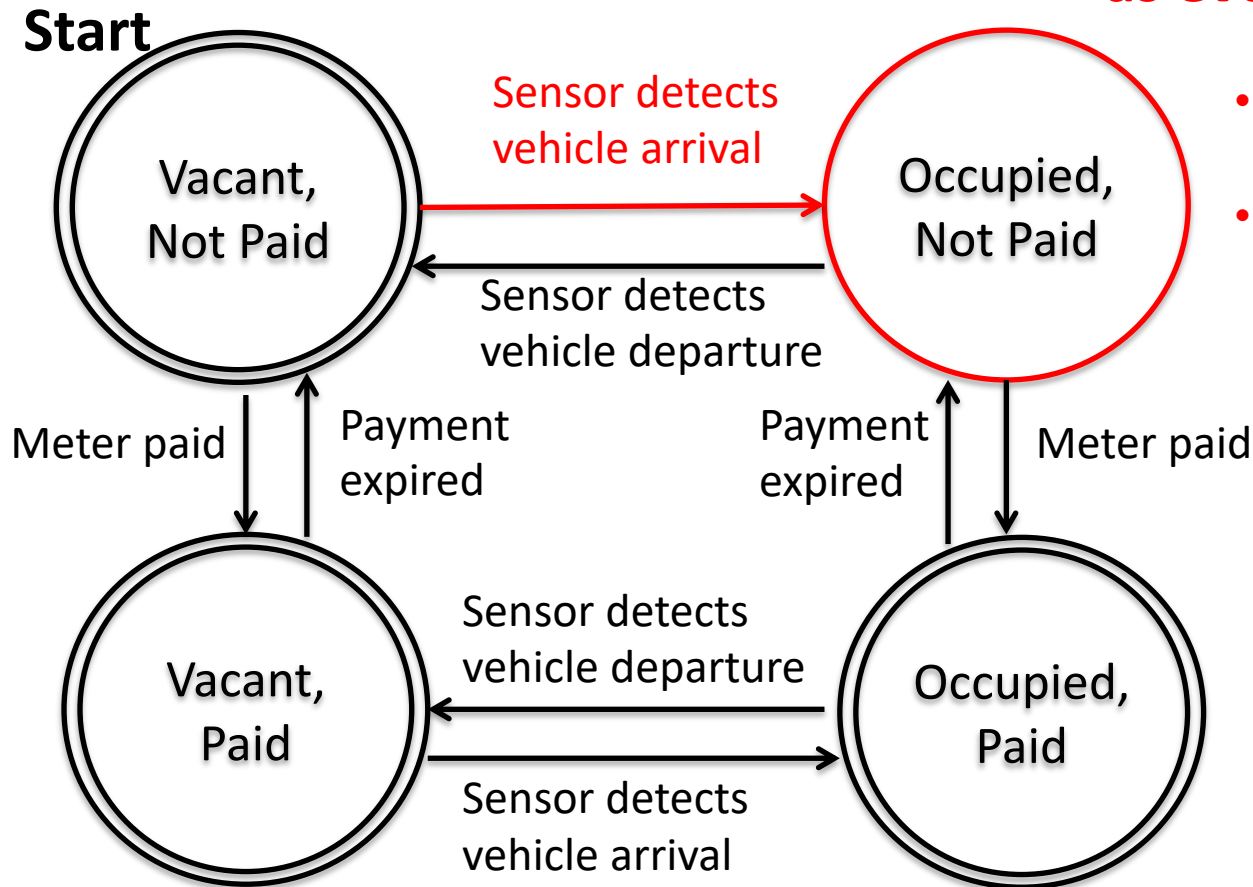
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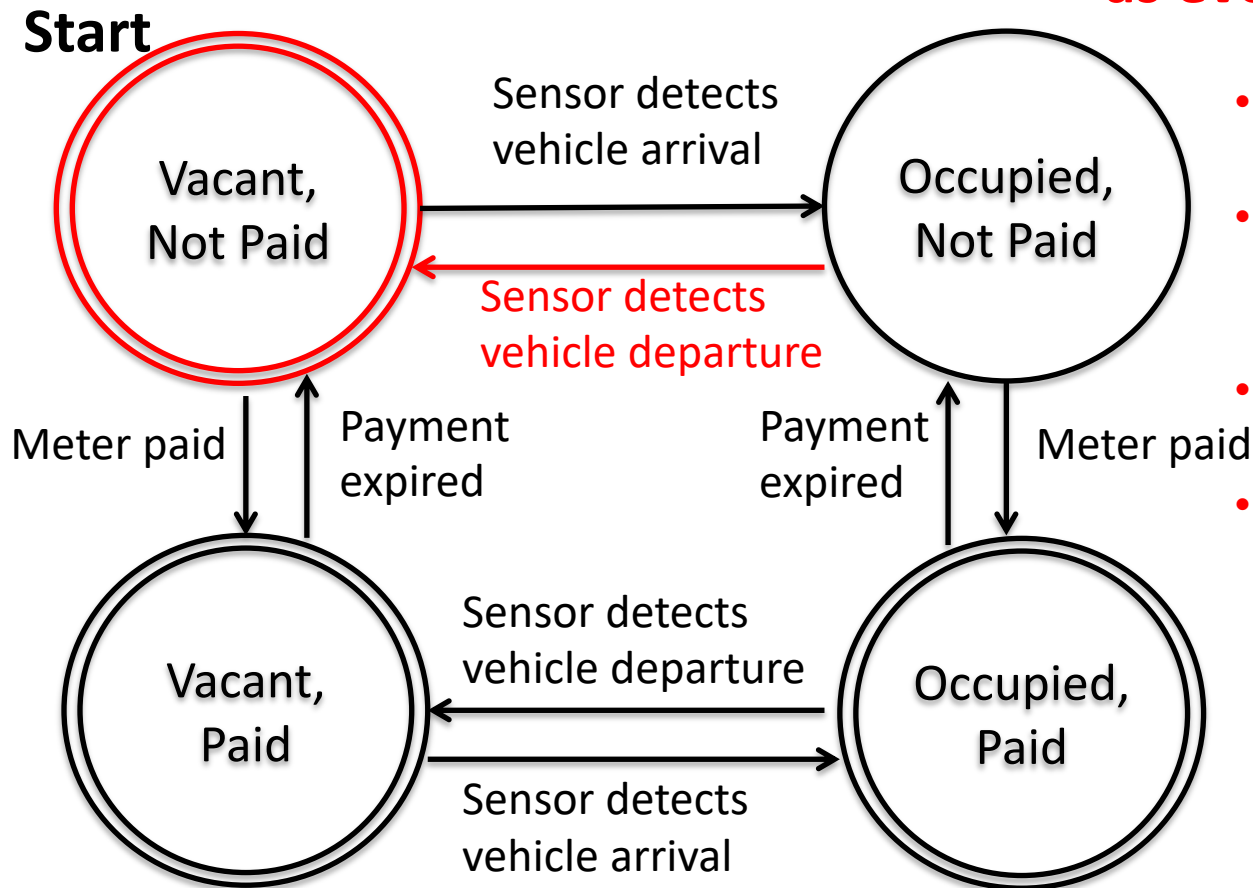


- Sensor detects arrival
- Transition to Occupied Not Paid

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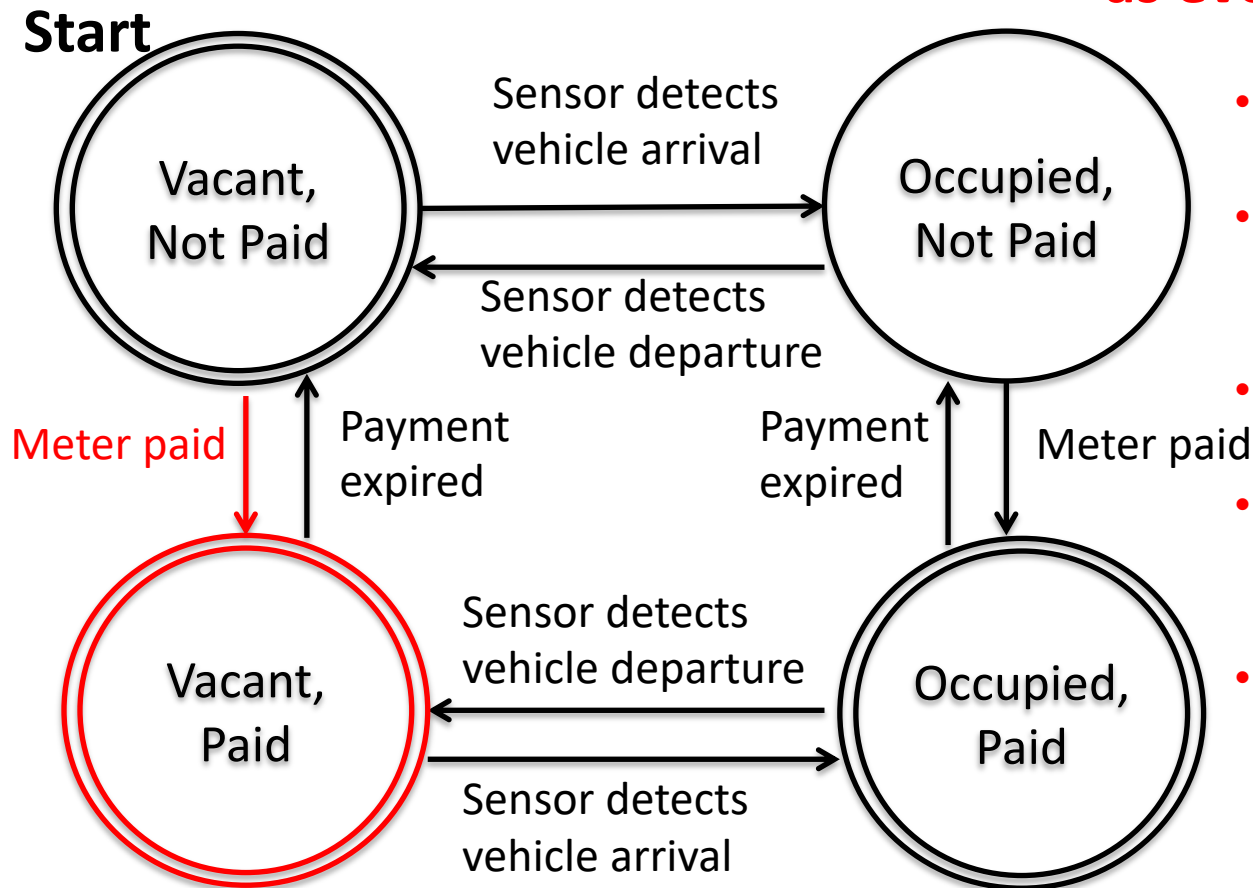


- Sensor detects arrival
- Transition to Occupied Not Paid
- Sensor detects departure
- Transition to Vacant Not Paid

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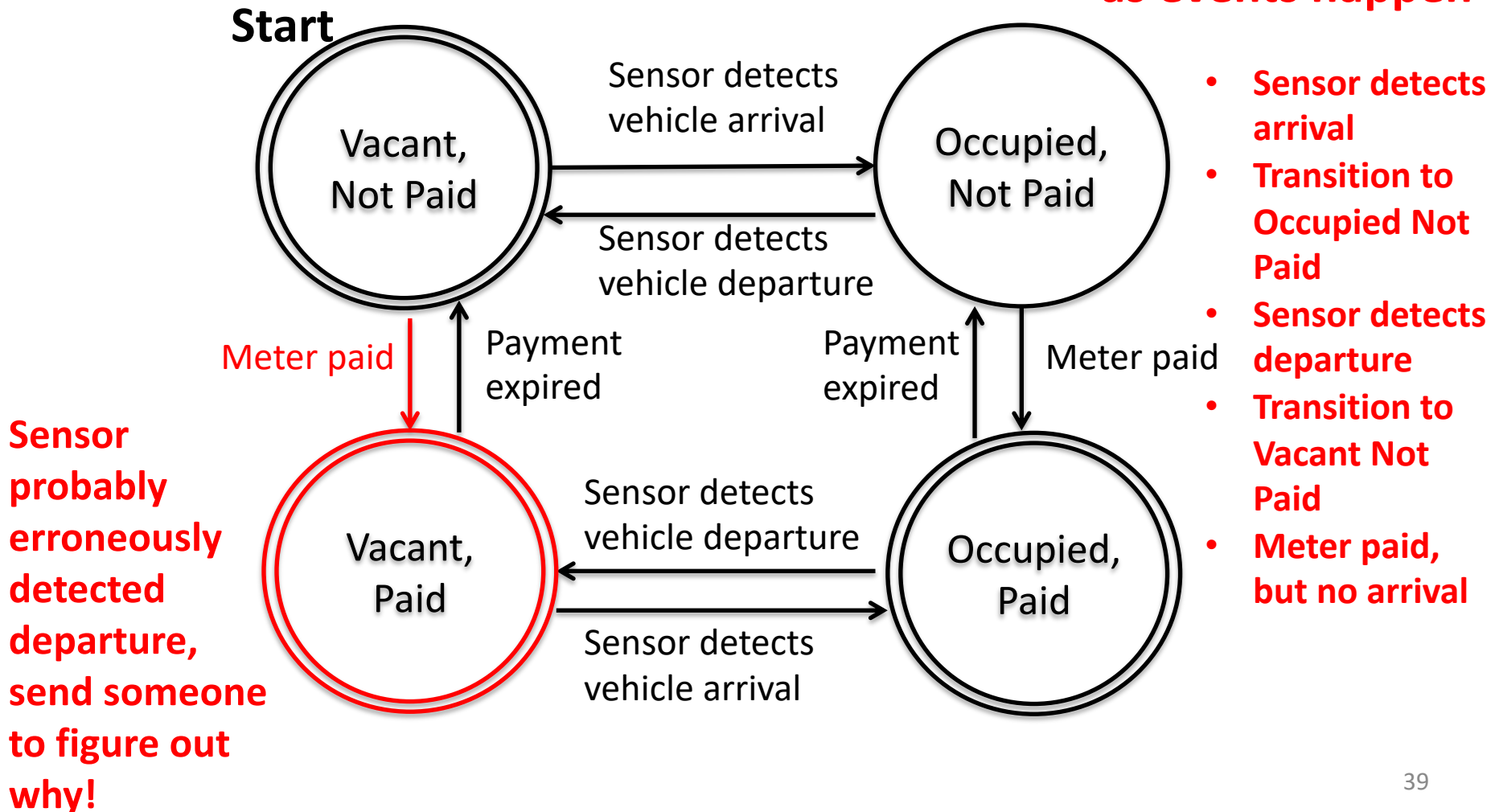


- Sensor detects arrival
- Transition to Occupied Not Paid
- Sensor detects departure
- Transition to Vacant Not Paid
- Meter paid, but no arrival

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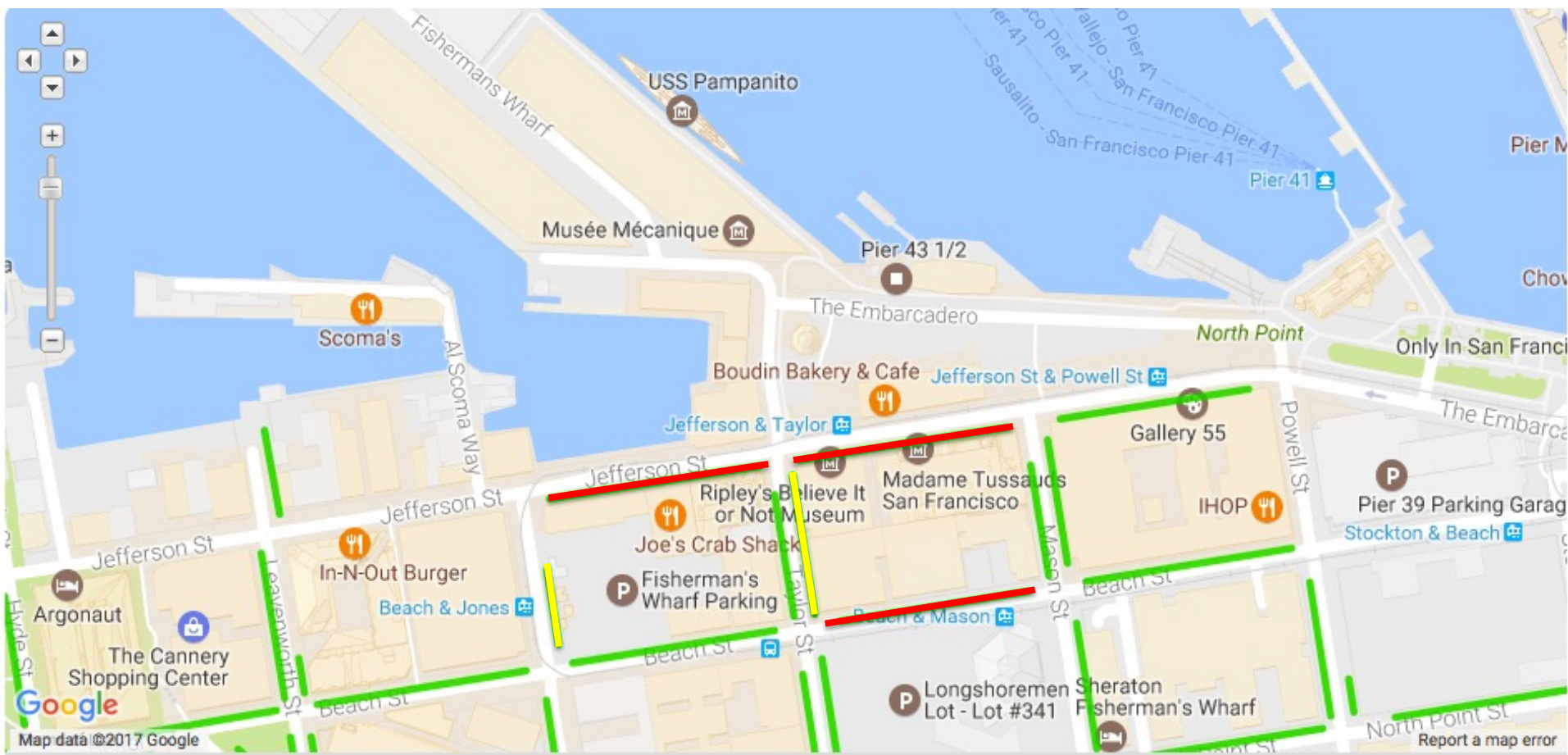
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Tracking the State of each space allows San Francisco to monitor city-wide parking

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Summary

- Finite automata for pattern matching
 - Finite automata can be represented as graph with start and end vertices, edges are input
 - They can be deterministic or non deterministic
- Finite automata can be extended for finite state machines to model complex systems

Next

- Pattern matching based on finite automata, which can be intuitively represented as graph

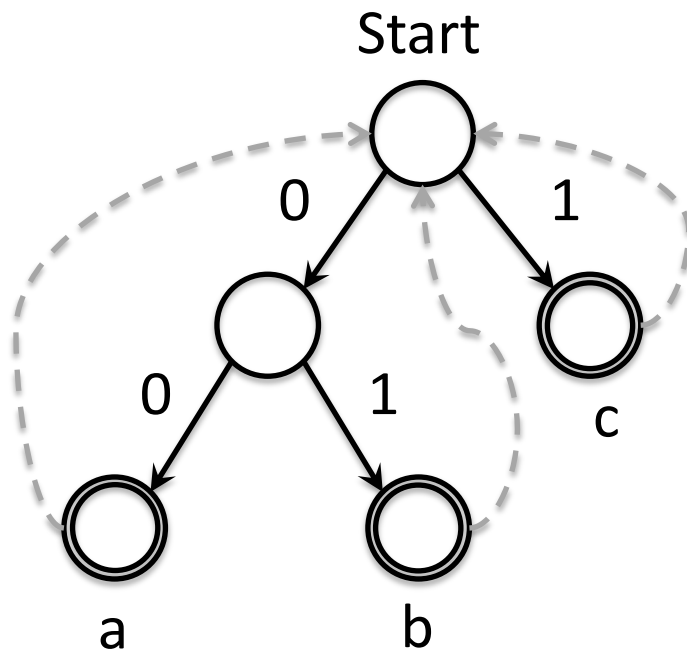
Additional Resources

Pattern matching

ADDITIONAL EXAMPLE

With a slight modification, Finite Automata can validate input like Huffman

Finite Automata validating input



Input	Result
00	a
01	b
1	c
0	Invalid
001100	acca

Leaves represent valid end states

Here can loop back to root from leaf (this is not common)

Invalid if input ends and not at end state

This is an extension of Huffman, go back to root after finding leaf

Pattern matching

ANNOTATED SLIDES

Pattern matching goal: ensure input passes a validation check

Pattern matching process:

- Given some input (e.g., a series of characters)
- Also given a pattern that describes what constitutes valid input
- Then check to see if a particular input “passes” validation check (or in other words, input matches the pattern)

Finite automata examples

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Finite Automata validating input

Begin at

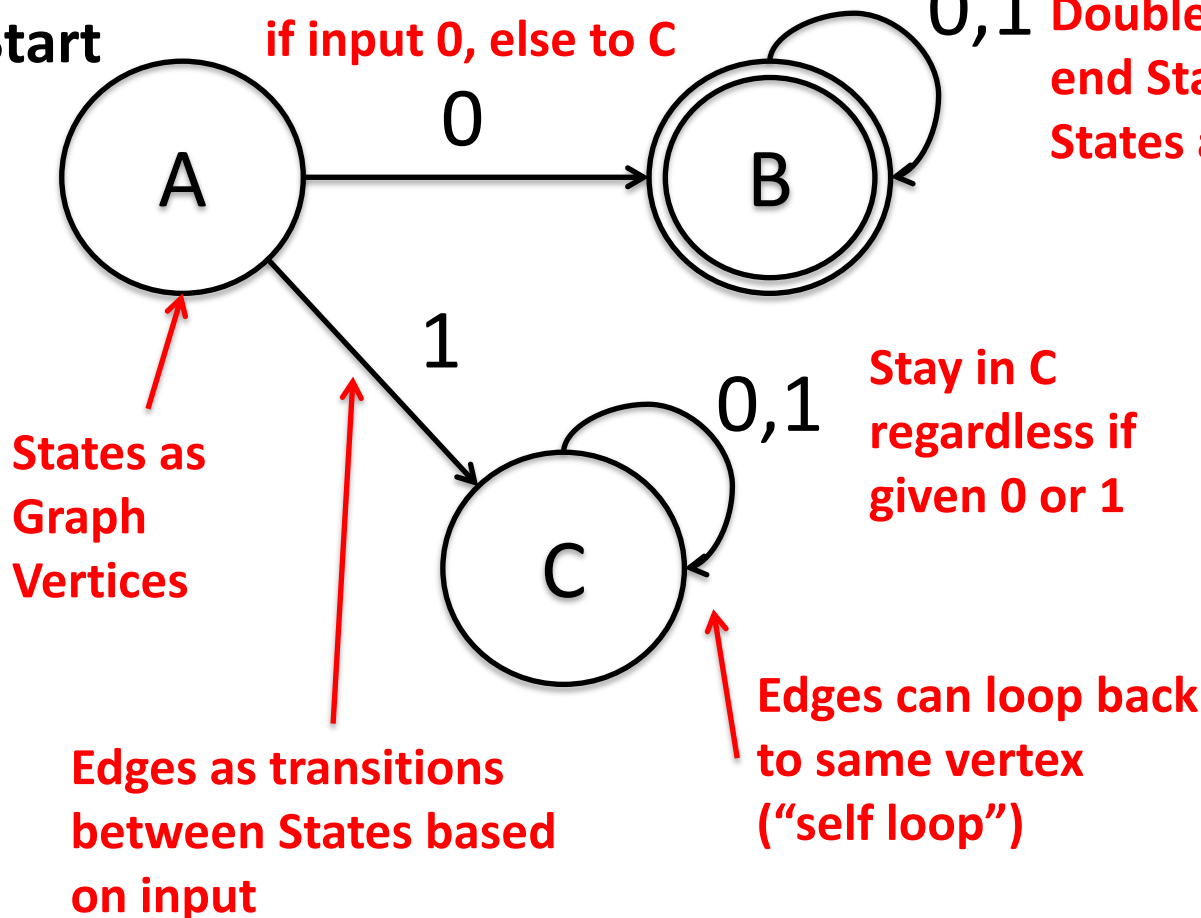
Start

Start

Set of input symbols called alphabet

Transition from A to B if input 0, else to C

Double circle indicates valid end States, non-double circle States are invalid end States



Operation:

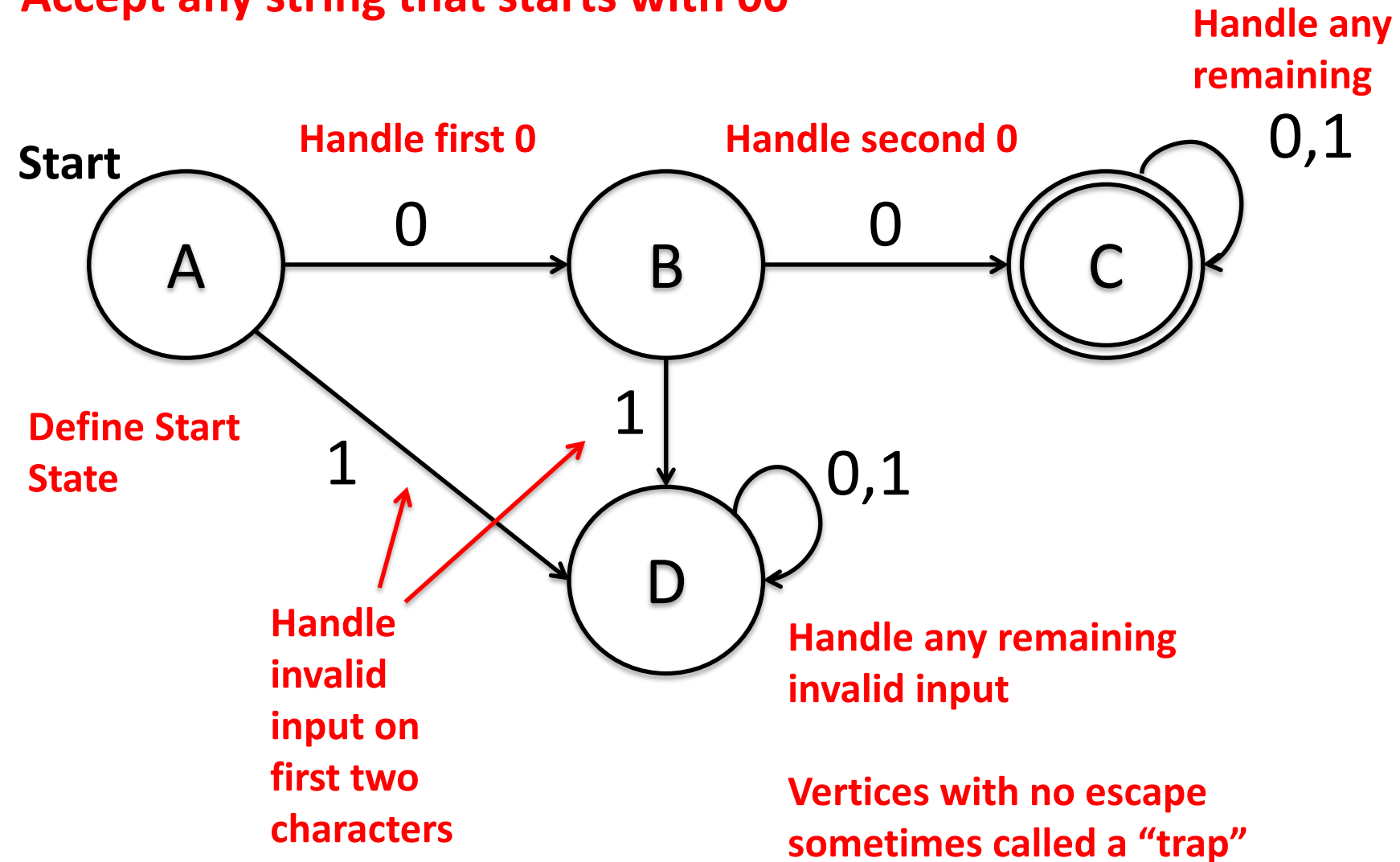
- Begin at *Start* State
- Read character of input
- Follow graph according to input
- Continue until no more input characters
- If at valid end State, input valid, else invalid

What does this do?

- Accepts any input starting with 0

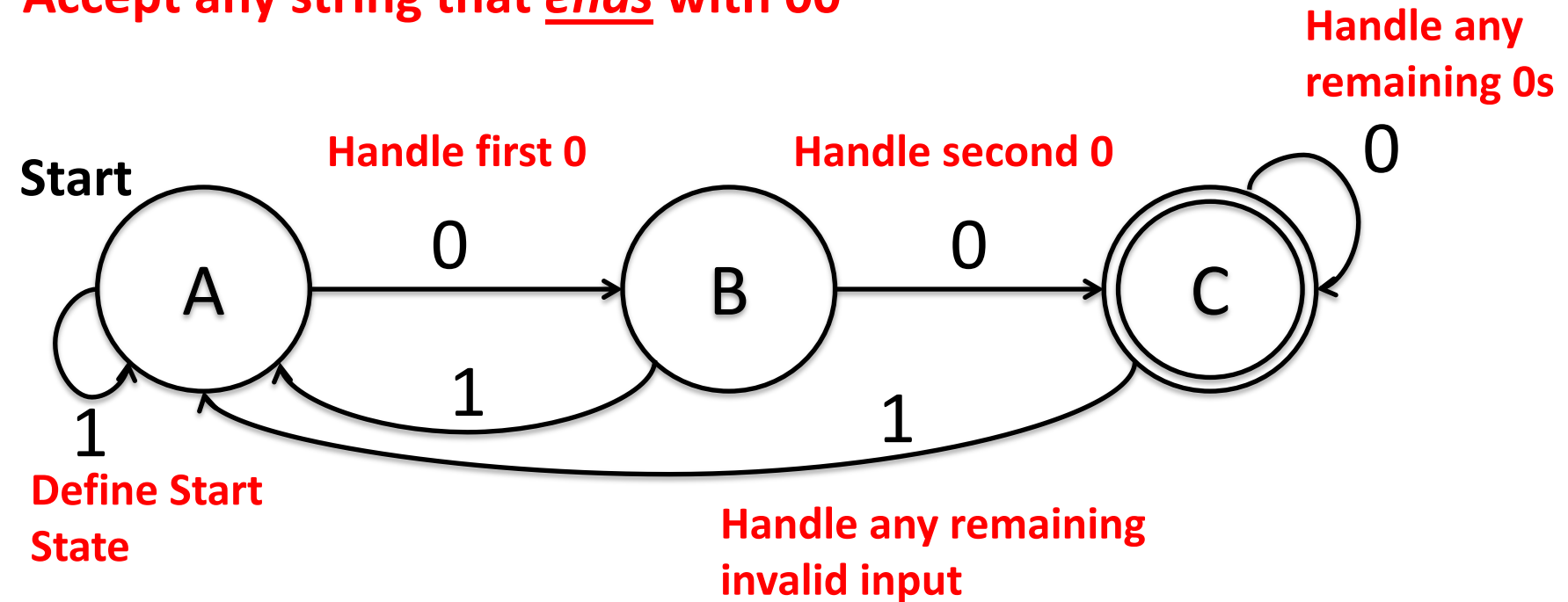
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Stay here if
input is 1

Not a valid
end State

DFA.java

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DFA.java creates Deterministic Finite Automata

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- Store *start* node (there will be only one)
- Store valid end states in Set (could be multiple valid end States)

- Track Transitions with Map of Maps

- Key for outer Map is State
- Value for outer Map another Map
- Inner Map has Character as Key, next State as Value
- So, given a State and a Character, can look up next State

- Parse States in String[] ss = {"A,S","B,E","C"}
- States will be in form:
 - <Char>, S indicates starting State (e.g., "A,S" means A is the Start)
 - <Char>, E indicates ending State (e.g., "B,E" means B is an end State)
 - <Char> indicates non-starting or ending state (e.g., "C")

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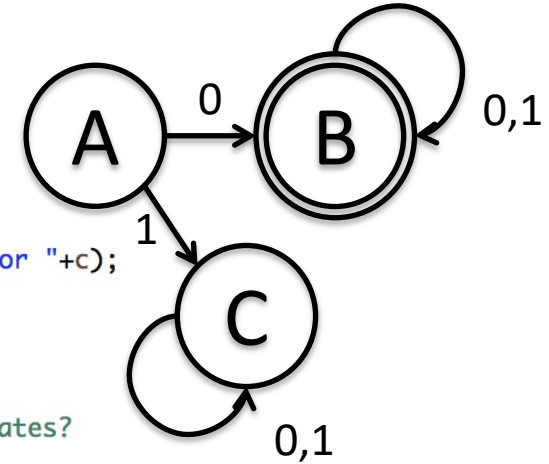
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- Add Transitions to Map called transitions

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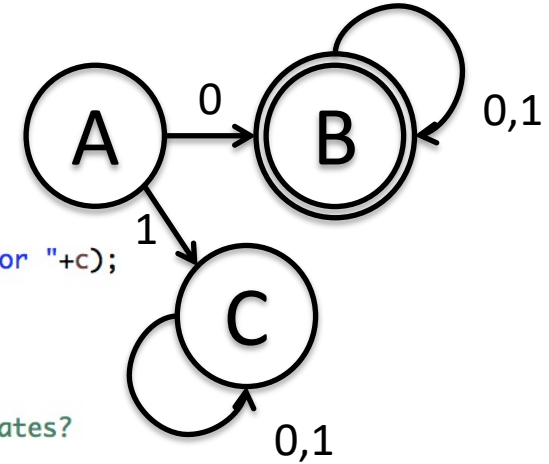


- **Create 3 States:**
 - A (start), B (end), C
- **Create transitions between States based on input**

Transitions Map

A	0	B
	1	C
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- Match test string *s*
- Start at start (A)
- Follow transitions

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All true

All false

NFA.java

ANNOTATED SLIDES

NFA.java creates Non-Deterministic Finite Automata

```
10 public class NFA {
17     String start;
18     Set<String> ends;
19     Map<String, Map<Character, List<String>>> transitions; // state -> (character -> [next states])
20     // note the difference from DFA: can have multiple different transitions from state for character
21
22     /**
23      * Constructs the DFA from the arrays, as specified in the overall header
24      */
25     NFA(String[] ss, String[] ts) {
26         ends = new TreeSet<String>();
27         transitions = new TreeMap<String, Map<Character, List<String>>>();
28
29         // States
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42             if (!transitions.containsKey(from)) transitions.put(from, new TreeMap<Character, List<String>>());
43             for (int i=2; i<pieces.length; i++) {
44                 char c = pieces[i].charAt(0);
45                 // difference from DFA: list of next states
46                 if (!transitions.get(from).containsKey(c)) transitions.get(from).put(c, new ArrayList<String>());
47                 transitions.get(from).get(c).add(to);
48             }
49         }
50
51         System.out.println("start:"+start);
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- Like DFA, but transitions are a Map of Map of Lists
- State -> Character -> Next possible states for this Character (could be more than one)

- Add List of next States in constructor

NFA.java creates Non-Deterministic Finite Automata

Set *currStates* tracks all possible States given input so far Initially set to start

```
60 public boolean match(String s) {
61     // difference from DFA; multiple current states
62     Set<String> currStates = new TreeSet<String>();
63     currStates.add(start);
64     for (int i=0; i<s.length(); i++) {
65         char c = s.charAt(i);
66         Set<String> nextStates = new TreeSet<String>();
67         // transition from each current state to each of its next s
68         for (String state : currStates)
69             if (transitions.get(state).containsKey(c))
70                 nextStates.addAll(transitions.get(state).get(c));
71         if (nextStates.isEmpty()) return false; // no way forward f
72         currStates = nextStates;
73     }
74     // end up in multiple states -- accept if any is an end state
75     for (String state : currStates) {
76         if (ends.contains(state)) return true;
77     }
78     return false;
79 }
80 }
```

Keep a Set of all possible States that could be reached from all *currStates* given input

addAll adds all items in List to nextStates Set

- **Given input and all possible current States, track all possible next states**
- **Return false if no valid next states**
- **Update *currStates* to *nextStates***

After processing all input, see if any State in *currState* is a valid end state

If yes, then return true, else false

PS-5 is similar to this!