

Recall Definitions

- DFA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$
- Language accepted by DFA:

$$L(M) = \{ w \mid \delta(q_0, w) \in F \}$$

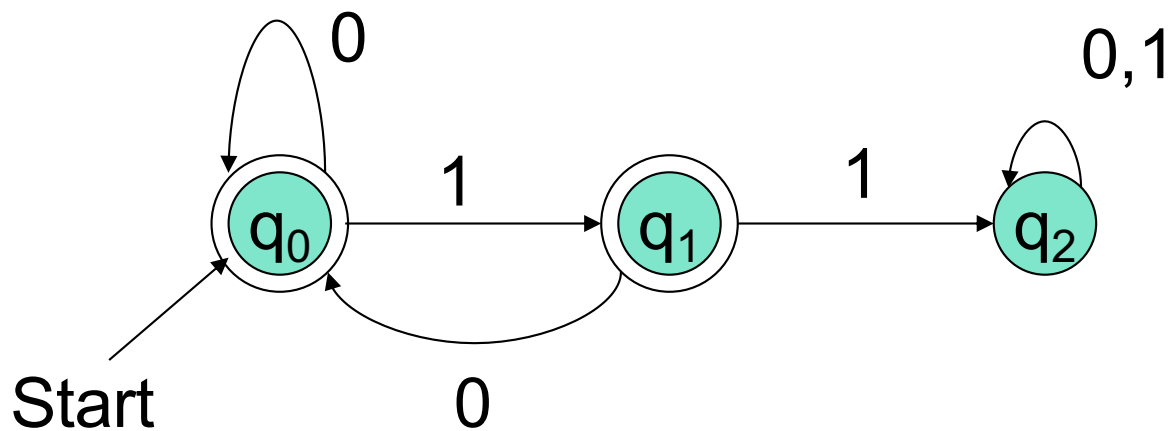
In terms of transition graph, there is a path labeled w from start state to a final state.

Given a language L and a DFA M , to show that our DFA design is correct we need to prove that $L = L(M)$

Example – Proving Property of language accepted by DFA

- The language of this example DFA is:
 $\{w \mid w \text{ is in } \{0,1\}^* \text{ and } w \text{ does not have two consecutive } 1\text{'s}\}$

These conditions about w are true.



Proofs of Set Equivalence

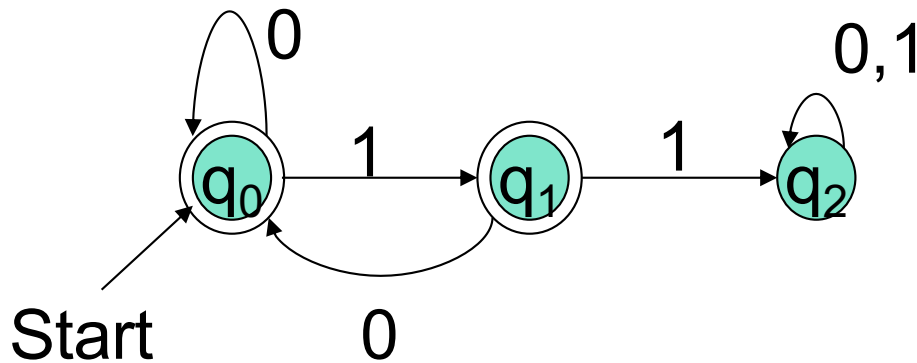
- Often, we need to prove that two descriptions of sets are in fact the same set.
- Here, one set is “the language of this DFA,” and the other is “the set of strings of 0’s and 1’s with no consecutive 1’s.”

Proofs

- In general, to prove $S = T$, we need to prove two parts: $S \subseteq T$ and $T \subseteq S$. That is:
 1. If w is in S , then w is in T .
 2. If w is in T , then w is in S .
- Here, S = the language of our running DFA, and T = “no consecutive 1’s.”

Part 1: $S \subseteq T$

- **To prove:** if w is accepted by then w has no consecutive 1's.
- Proof is an induction on length of w .
- *Important trick:* Expand the inductive hypothesis to be more detailed than the statement you are trying to prove.



The Inductive Hypothesis

1. If $\delta(q_0, w) = q_0$, then w has no consecutive 1's and does not end in 1.
 2. If $\delta(q_0, w) = q_1$, then w has no consecutive 1's and ends in a single 1.
- **Basis:** $|w| = 0$; i.e., $w = \epsilon$.
 - (1) holds since ϵ has no 1's at all.
 - (2) holds *vacuously*, since $\delta(q_0, \epsilon)$ is not q_1 .

“length of”

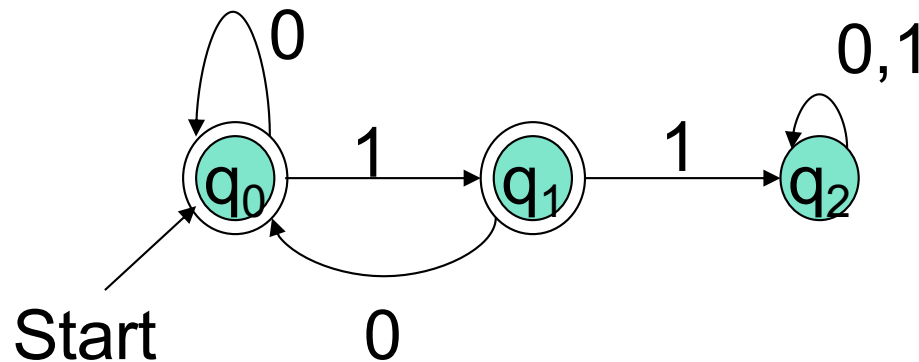


Important concept:

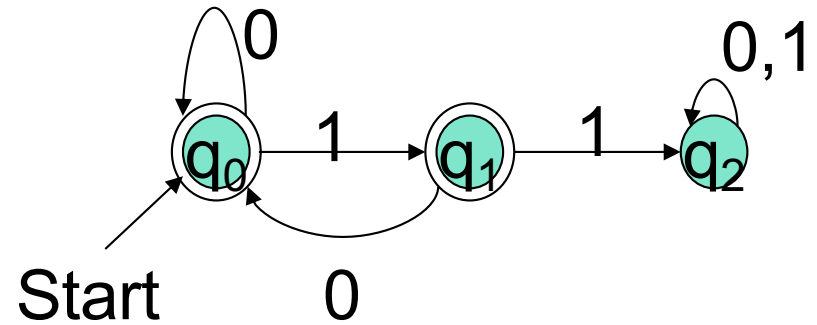
If the “if” part of “if..then” is false,
the statement is true.

Inductive Step

- Assume (1) and (2) are true for strings shorter than w , where $|w|$ is at least 1.
- Because w is not empty, we can write $w = xa$, where a is the last symbol of w , and x is the string that precedes.
- IH is true for x .

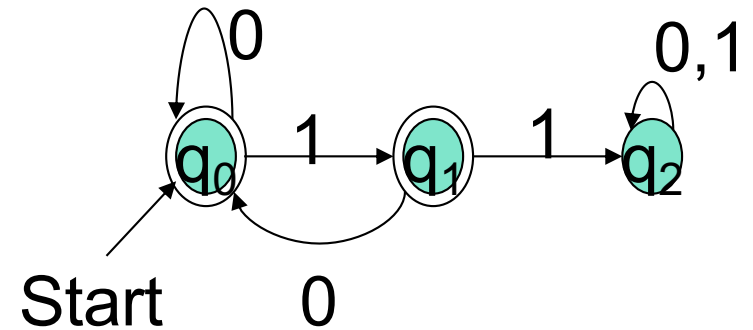


Inductive Step – (2)



- Need to prove (1) and (2) for $w = xa$.
- (1) for w is: If $\delta(q_0, w) = q_0$, then w has no consecutive 1's and does not end in 1.
- Since $\delta(q_0, w) = q_0$, $\delta(q_0, x)$ must be q_0 or q_1 , and a must be 0 (look at the DFA).
- By the IH, x has no 11's.
- Thus, w has no 11's and does not end in 1.

Inductive Step – (3)



- Now, prove (2) for $w = xa$: If $\delta(q_0, w) = q_1$, then w has no 11's and ends in 1.
- Since $\delta(q_0, w) = q_1$, $\delta(q_0, x)$ must be q_0 , and a must be 1 (look at the DFA).
- By the IH, x has no 11's and does not end in 1.
- Thus, w has no 11's and ends in 1.

Part 2: $T \subseteq S$

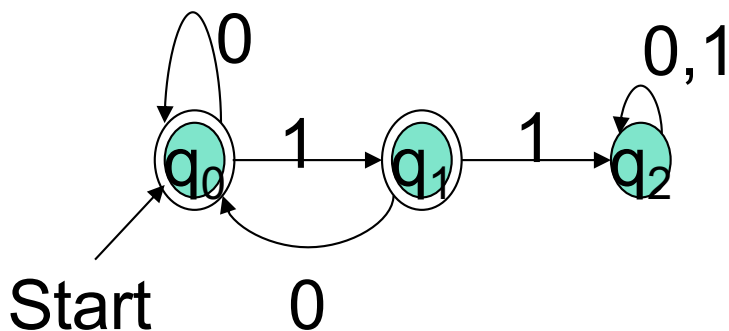
- Now, we must prove: if w has no 11's,
then w is accepted by DFA M

Y

X

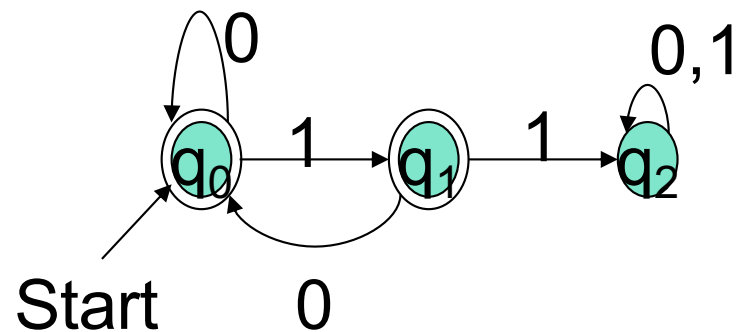
- Contrapositive*: If w is **not** accepted by M then
string w has 11

Key idea: contrapositive
of “if X then Y ” is the
equivalent statement
“if **not** Y then **not** X .”



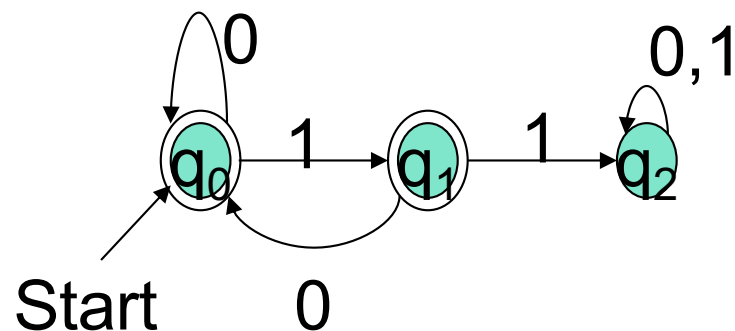
Using the Contrapositive

- Because there is a unique transition from every state on every input symbol, each w gets the DFA to exactly one state.
- The only way w is not accepted is if it gets to C .



Using the Contrapositive – (2)

- The only way to get to C [formally: $\delta(A,w) = C$] is if $w = x1y$, x gets to B, and y is the tail of w that follows what gets to C for the first time.
- If $\delta(A,x) = B$ then surely $x = z1$ for some z .
- Thus, $w = z11y$ and has 11.



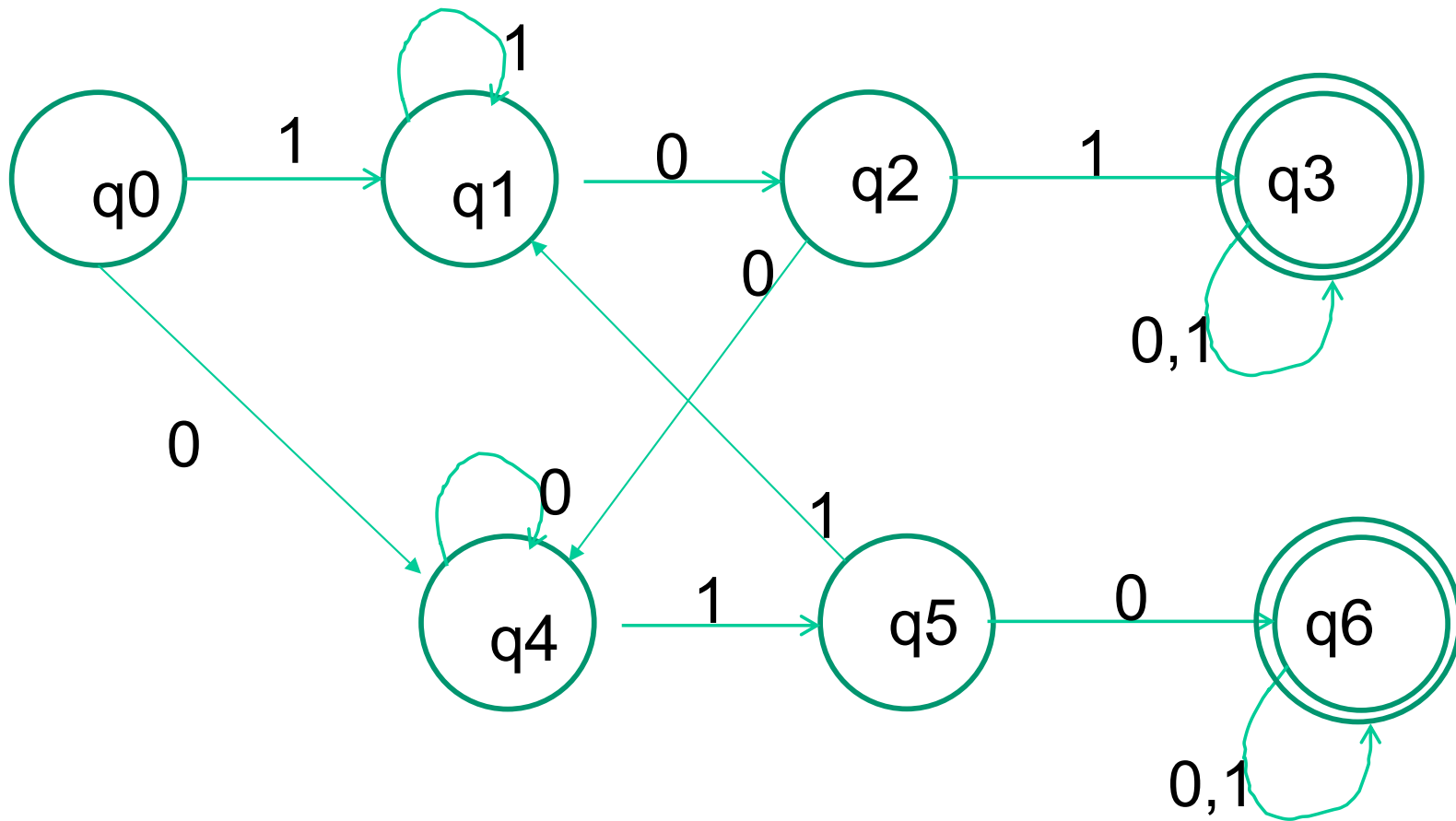
Questions ?

Next: Using JFLAP to build and test your automata

- JFLAP is a simulation tool
 - Specify your automaton
 - Test behavior of automaton on test input
 - Visualization of automaton
- Why use JFLAP
 - To test/debug your design
 - This means you need to come up with interesting test cases (including edge cases)
- JFLAP is not really a substitute for proving your automaton is correct !!

Example: DFA in JFLAP

- Provide a DFA in JFLAP for $L = \{ w \mid w \text{ is a string in } \{0,1\}^* \text{ and } w \text{ contains (a) the substring } 101 \text{ or (b) substring } 010 \}$



JFLAP Exercise: Work in breakout groups and submit individually

- Ques 1: (Required) Provide a DFA for $L = \{ w \mid w \text{ is a string in } \{0,1\}^* \text{ and } w \text{ contains (a) the substring } 101 \text{ or (b) substring } 100 \text{ or (c) substring } 001. \}$
- Ques 2: (work and submit as optional question). Provide a DFA in JFLAP for $L = \{ w \mid w \text{ is a string in } \{0,1\}^* \text{ and } w \text{ contains the substring } 101 \text{ with at most 1-bit of mis-match. } \}$