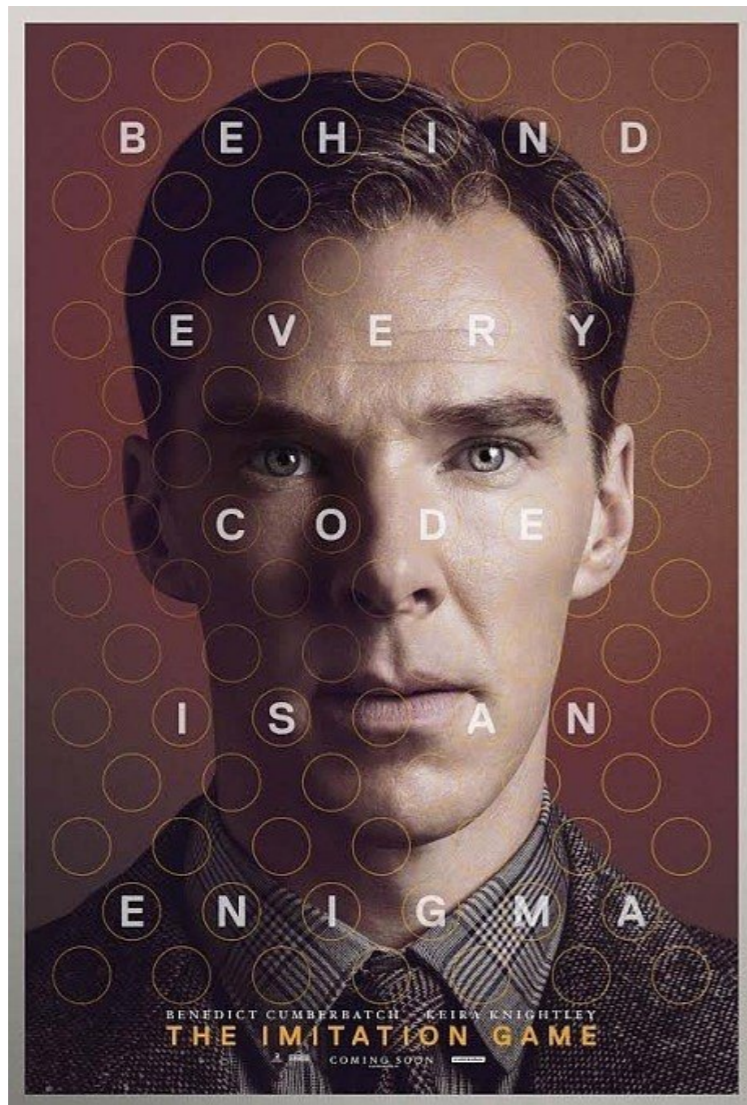


Automata & languages

A primer on the Theory of Computation



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Last week was all about

Deterministic **F**inite **A**utomaton

We saw three main concepts

Regular Language

Formal definition

Closure

Regular Language



A language L is *regular*
if some finite automaton
recognizes it

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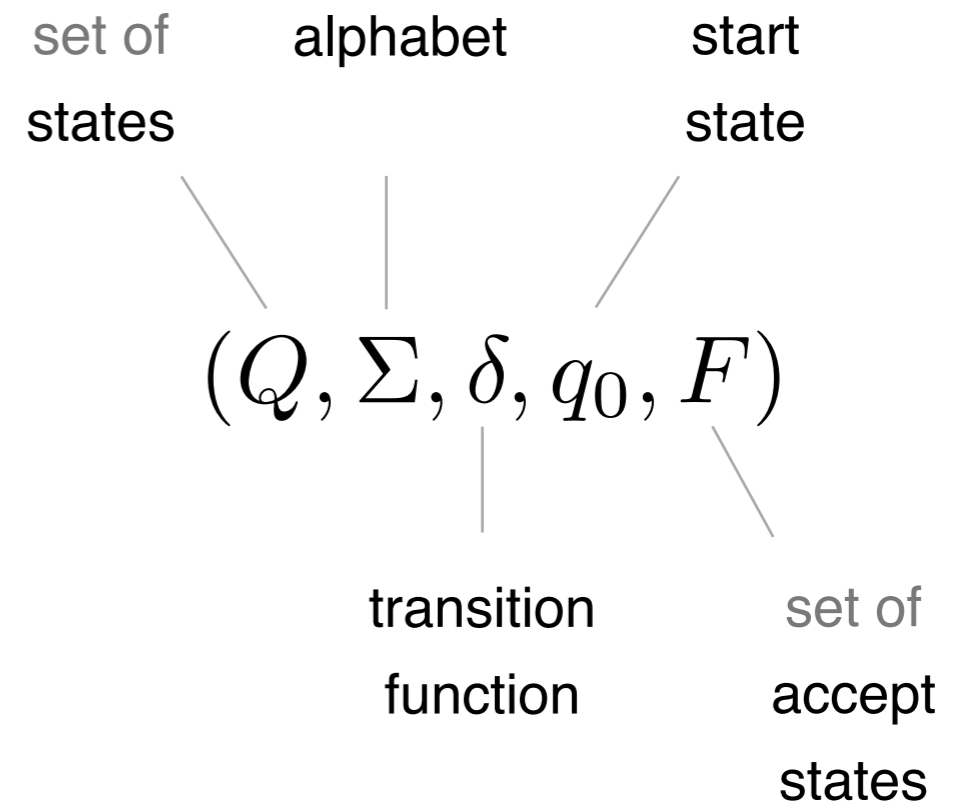
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A finite automaton is a 5-tuple

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



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If L_1 and L_2 are regular,
then so are:

$$L_1 \cup L_2 \quad L_1 \cap L_2 \quad \overline{L_1}$$

$$L_1 \oplus L_2 \quad L_1 - L_2$$

Finite Automata

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Closure

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Equivalence

- DFA
- NFA
- Regular Expression