

Domain-Specific Languages

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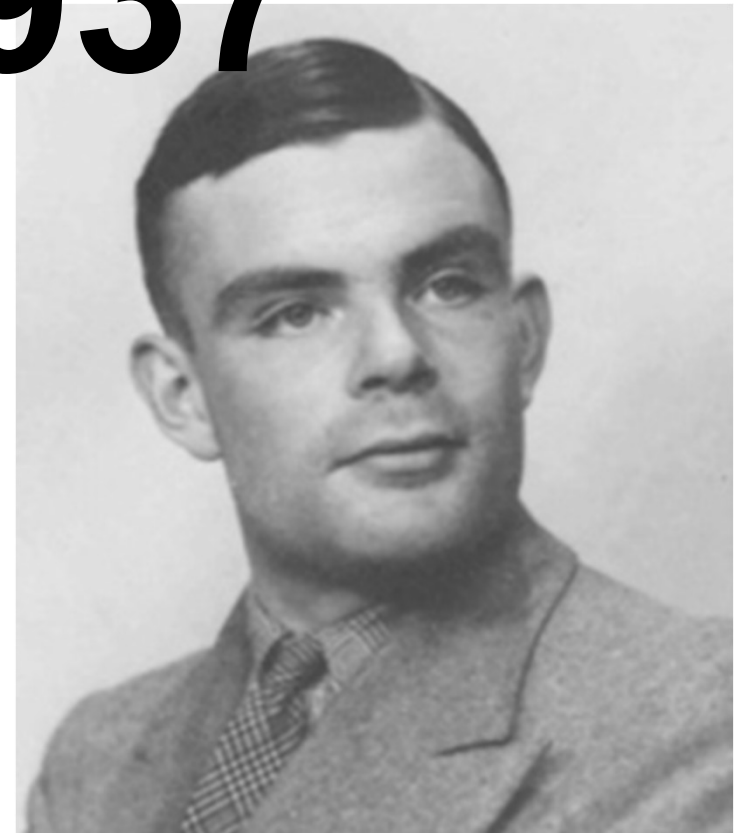
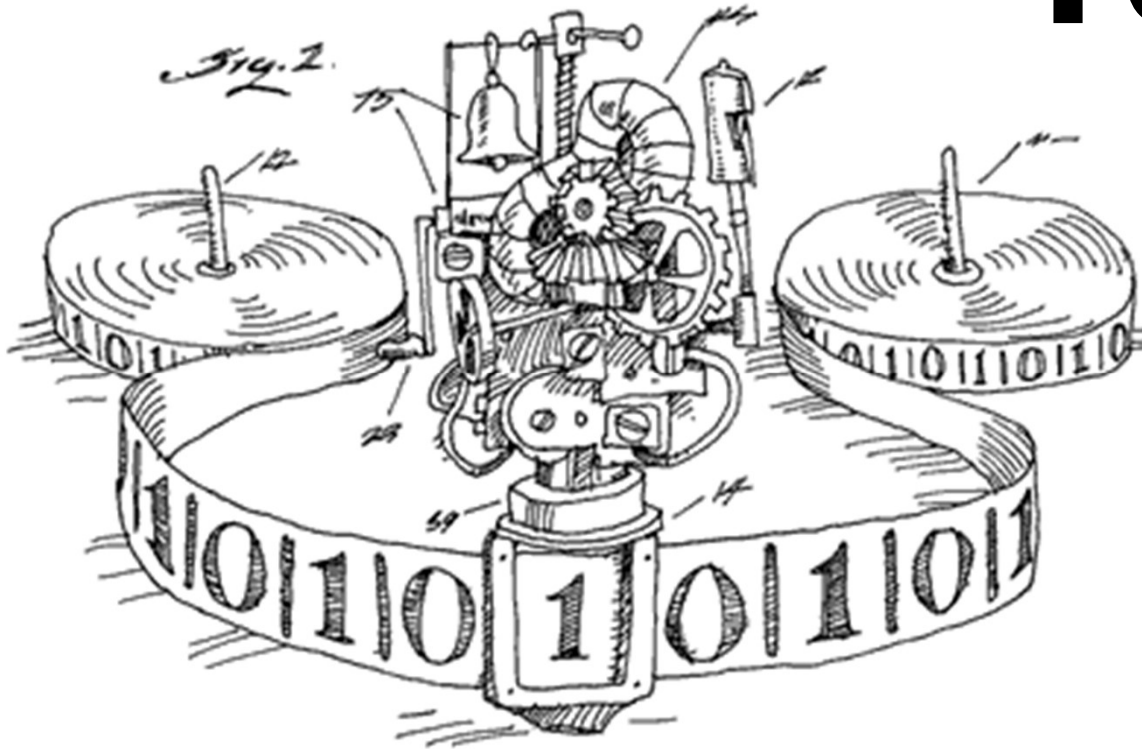
What are DSLs

Where are DSLs

Why DSLs (will) matter

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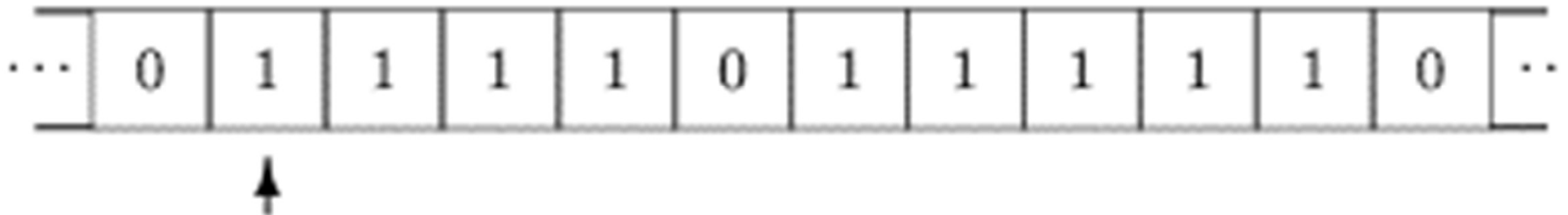


Turing Machine

- Infinite tape divided into Cells (0 or 1)
- Read-Write Head
- Transition rules

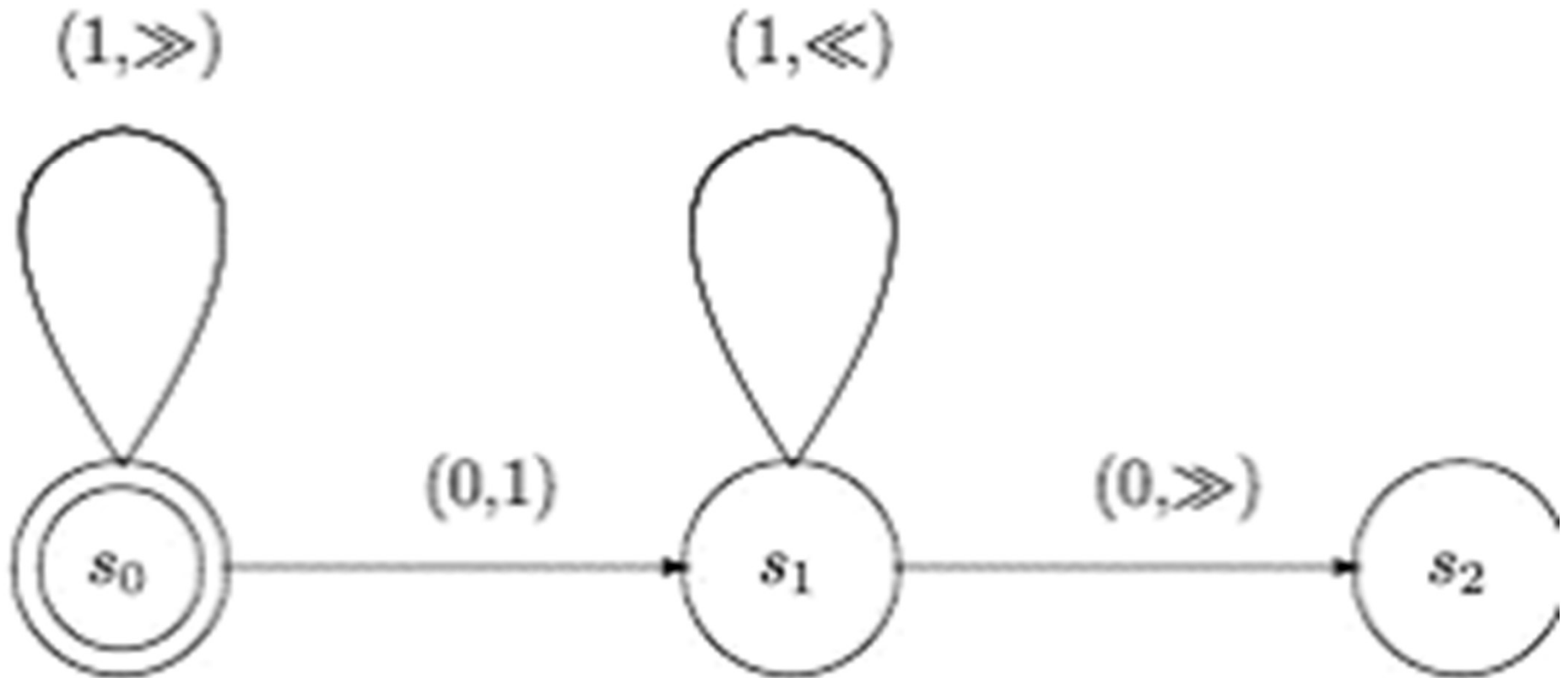
Write a symbol
or move to left (>>) or right
(<<)

$\langle State_{\text{current}}, Symbol, State_{\text{next}}, Action \rangle$



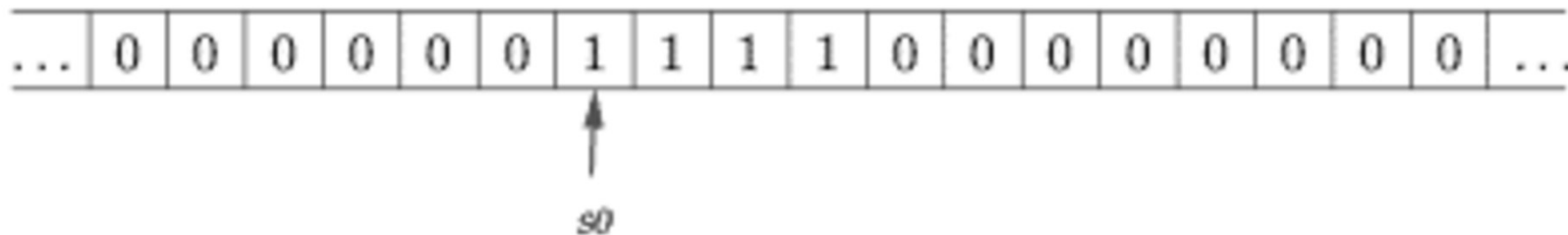
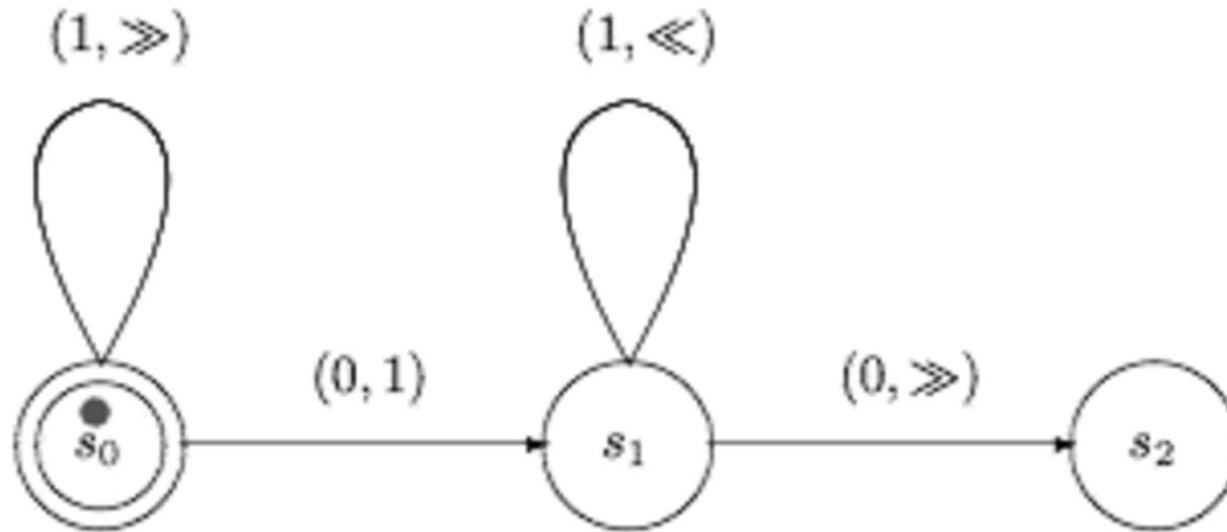
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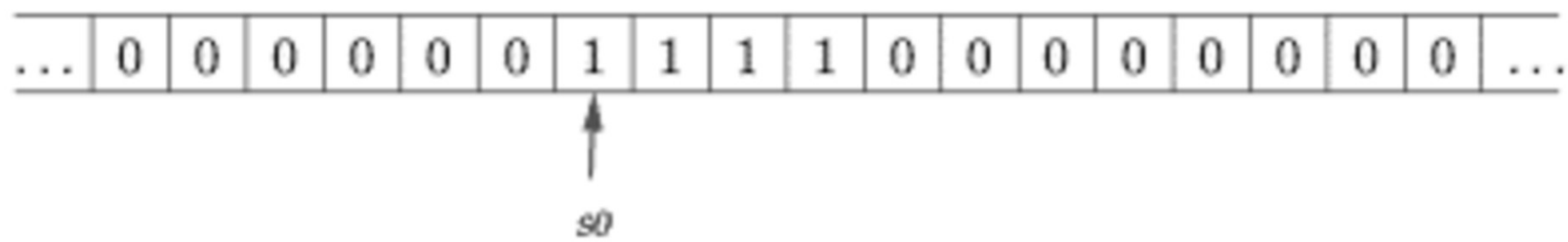
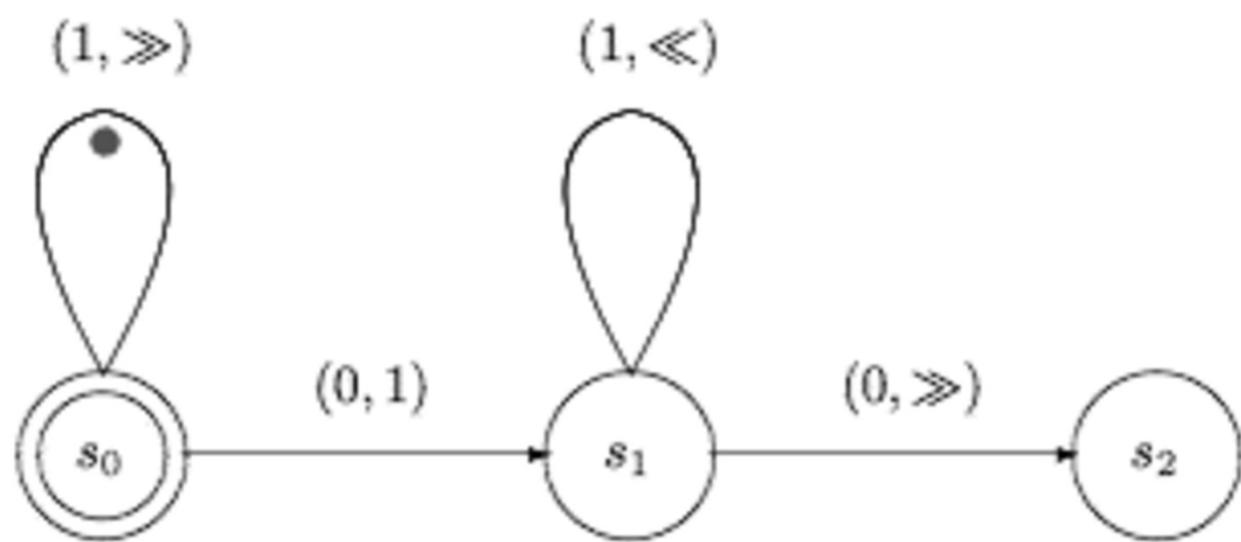
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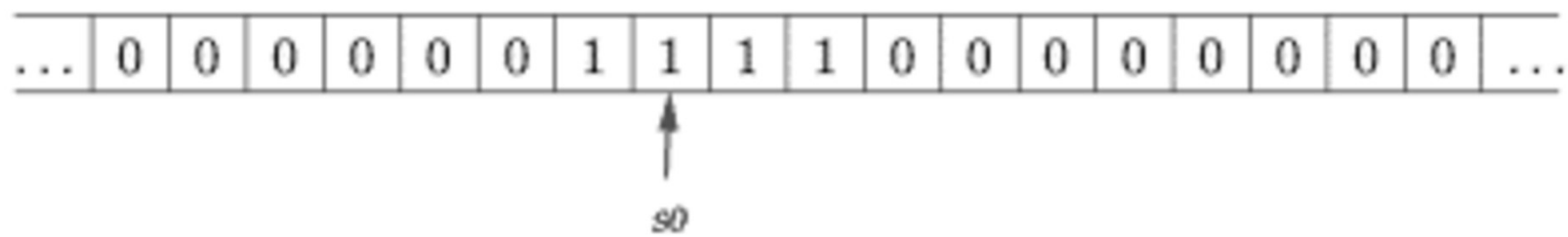
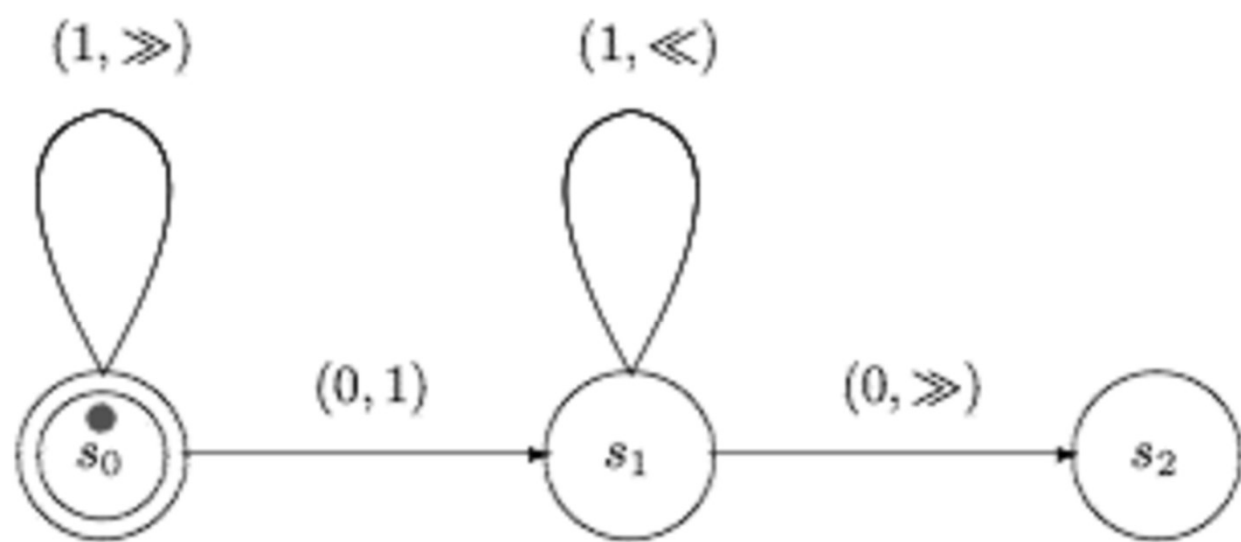


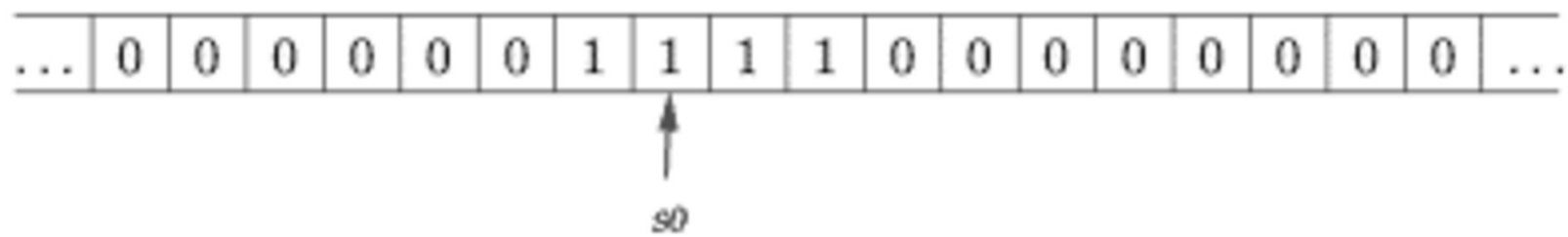
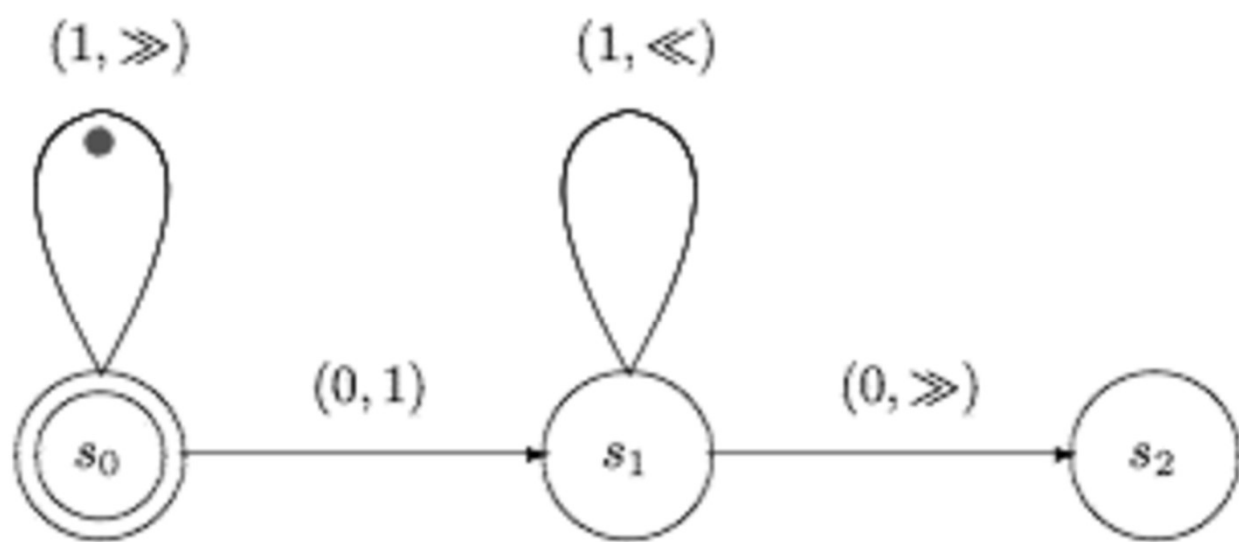
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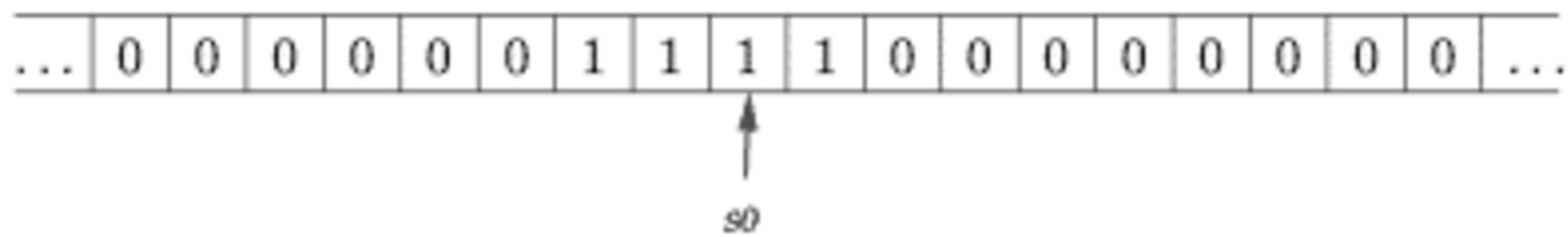
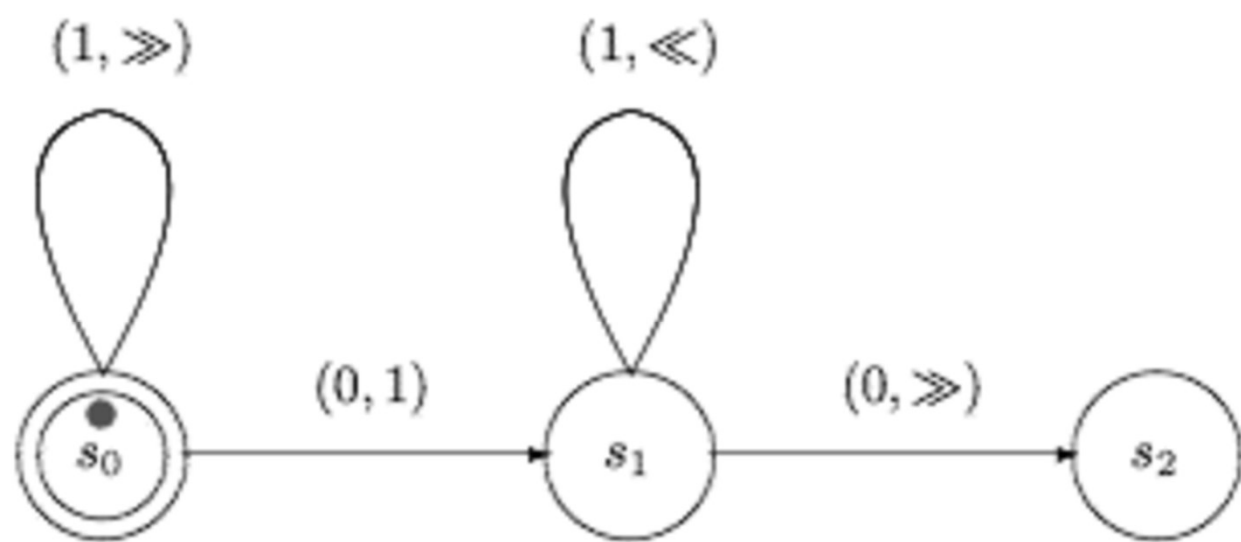
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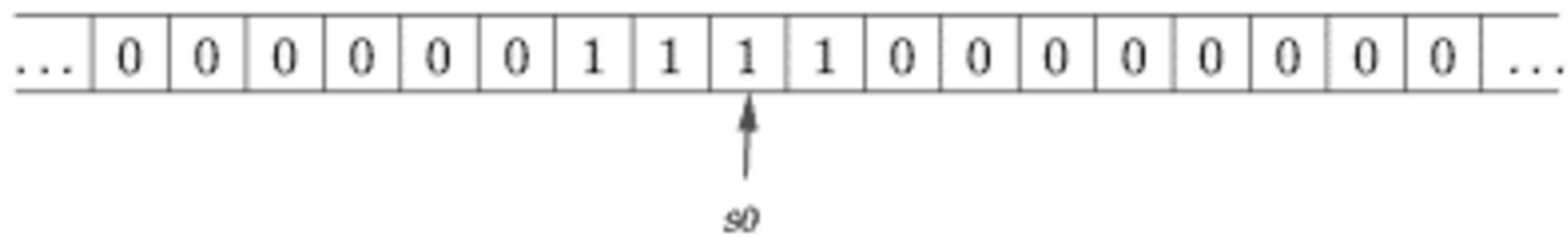
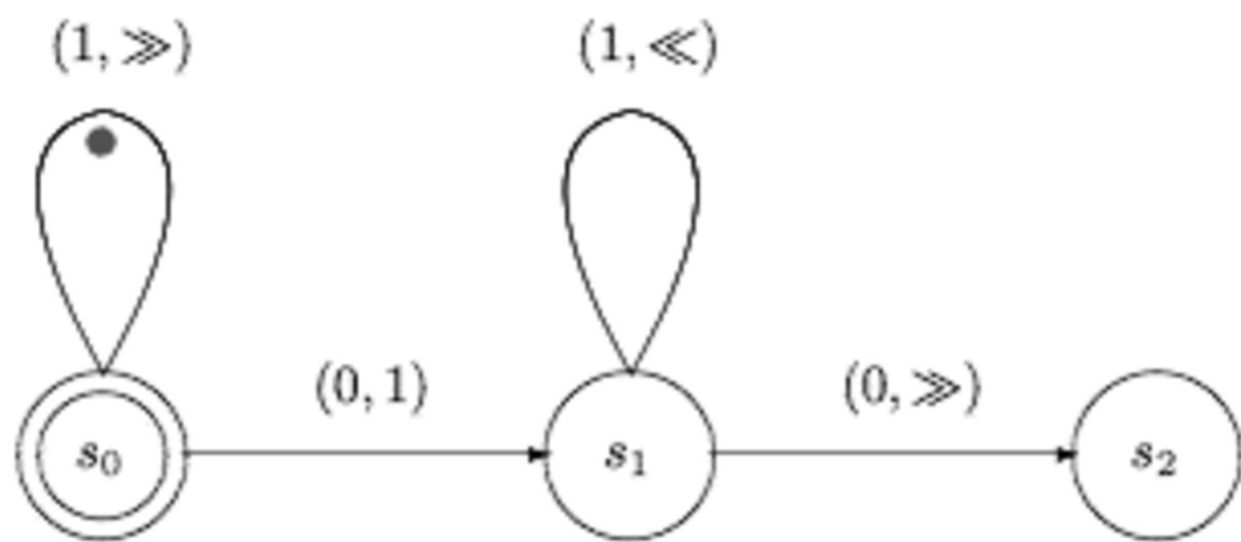


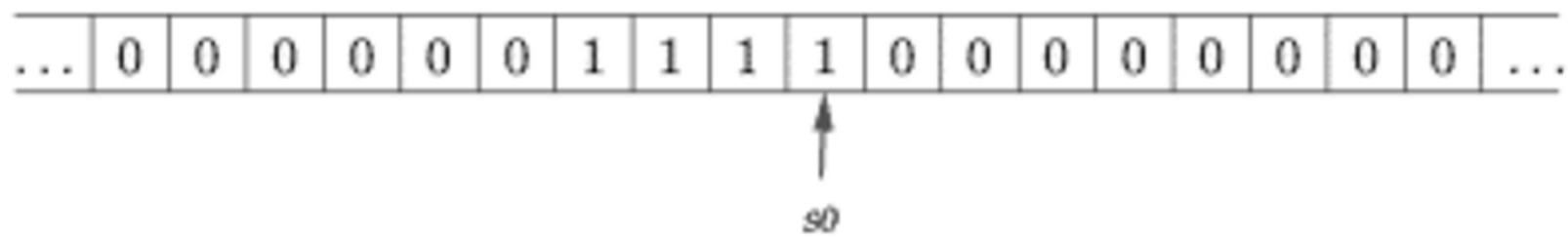
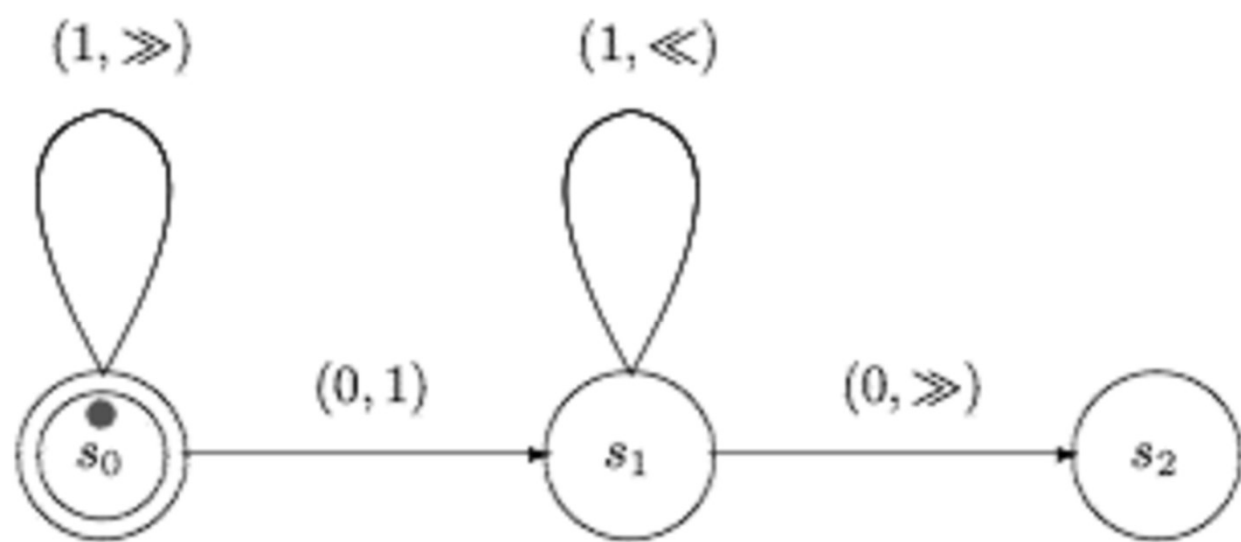


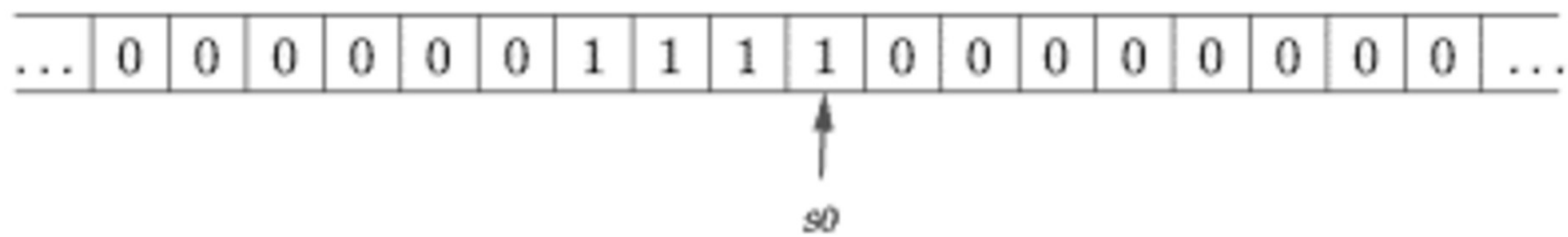
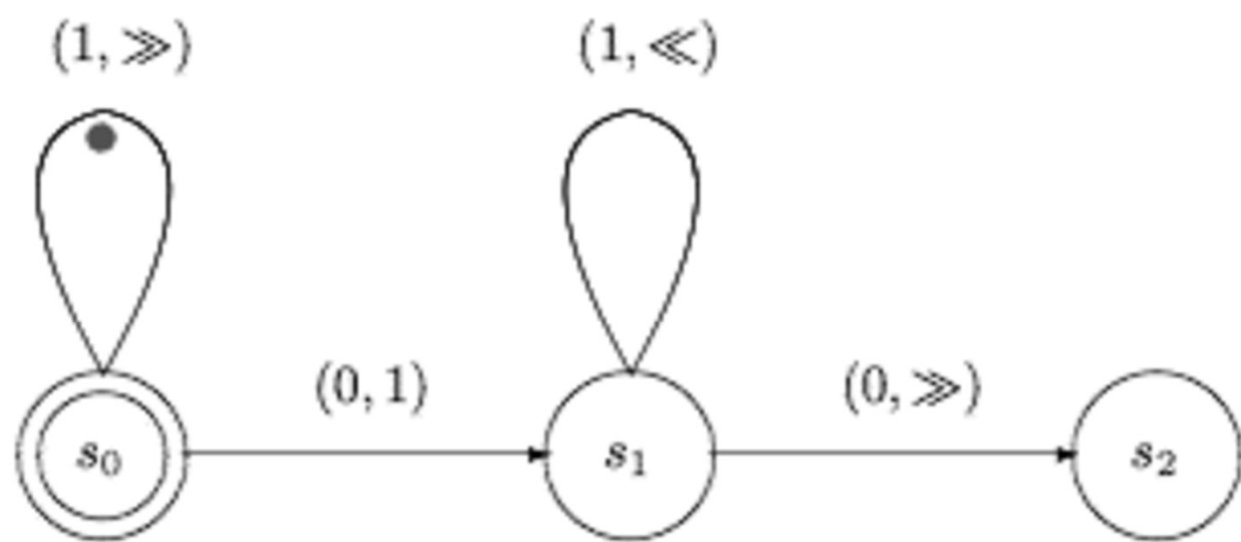


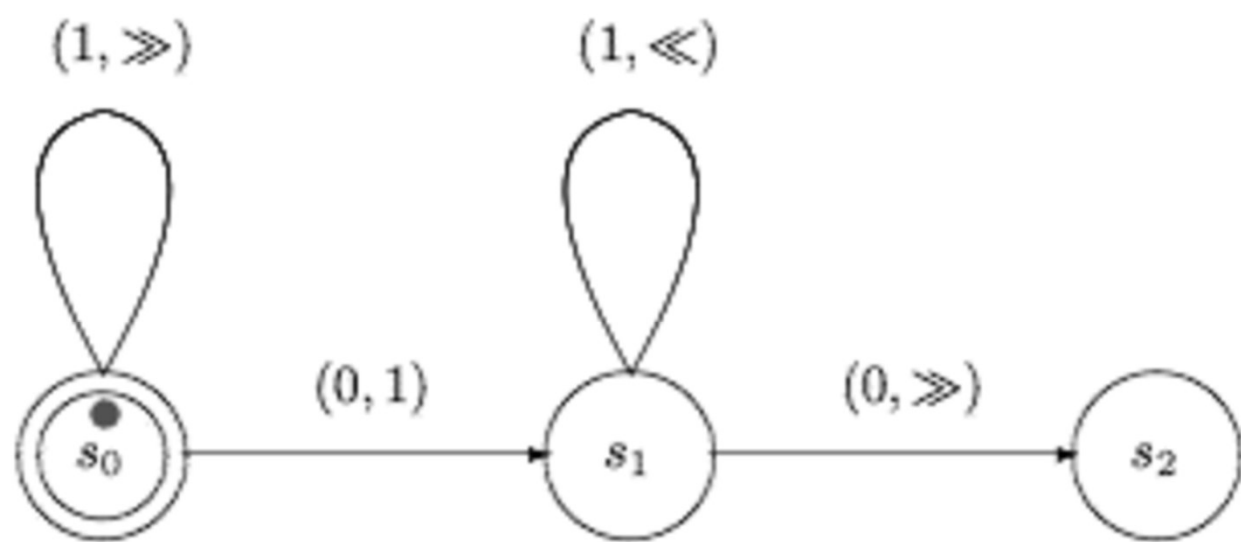


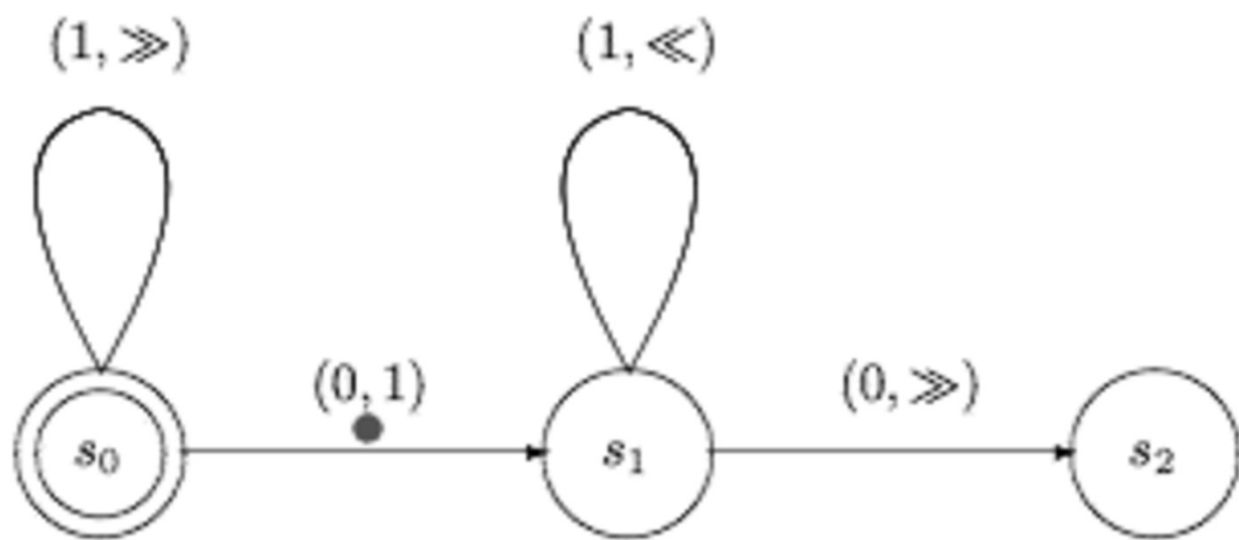


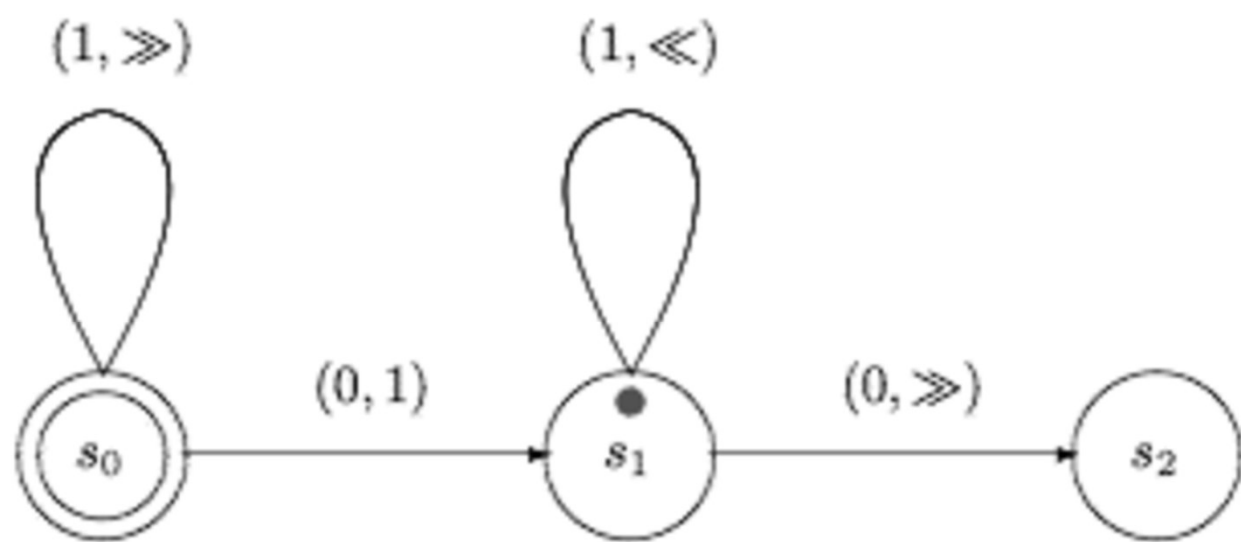


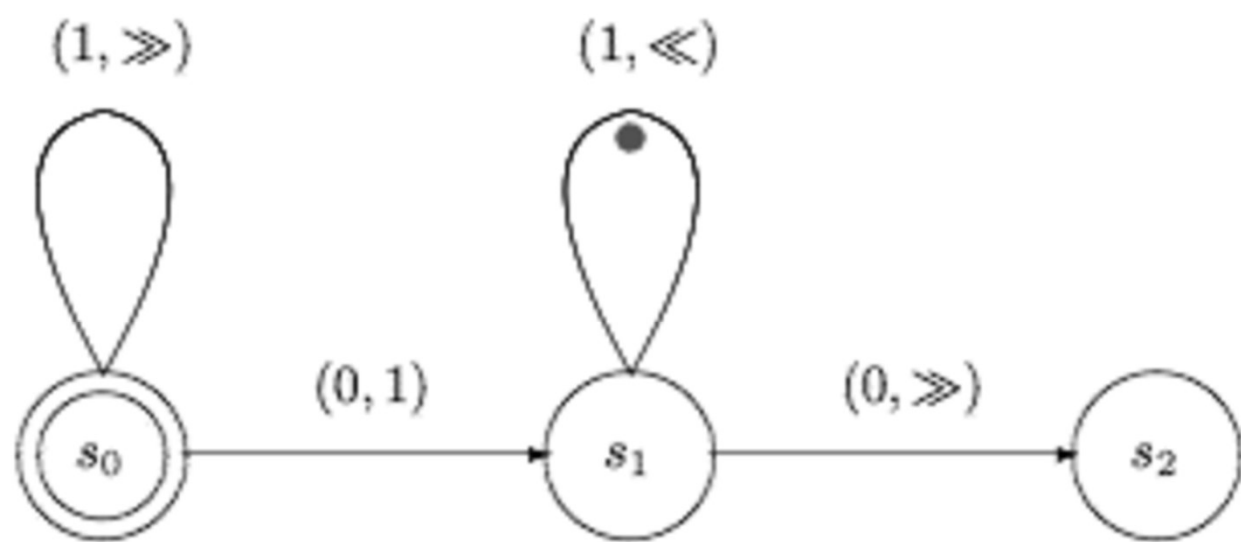


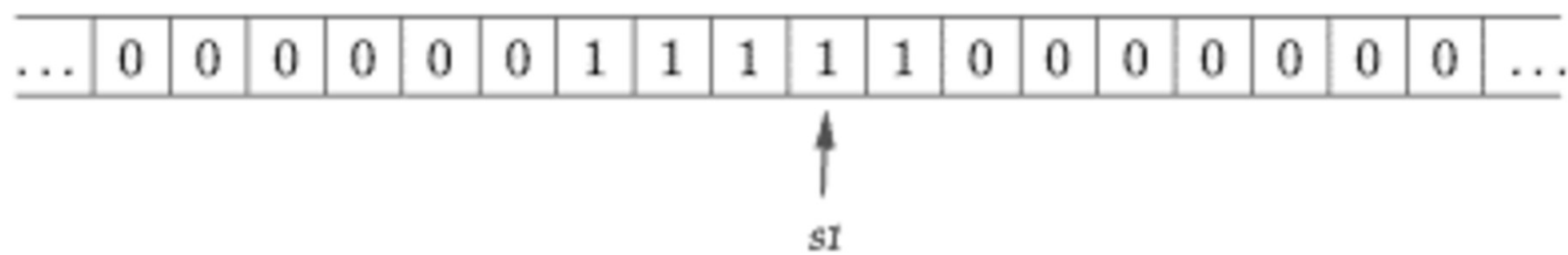
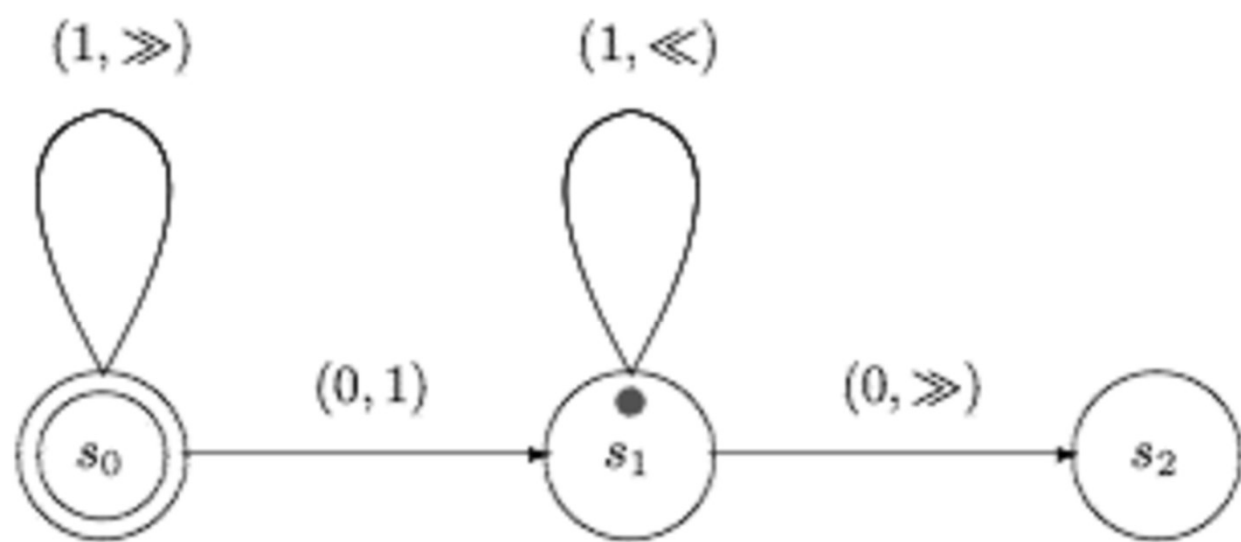


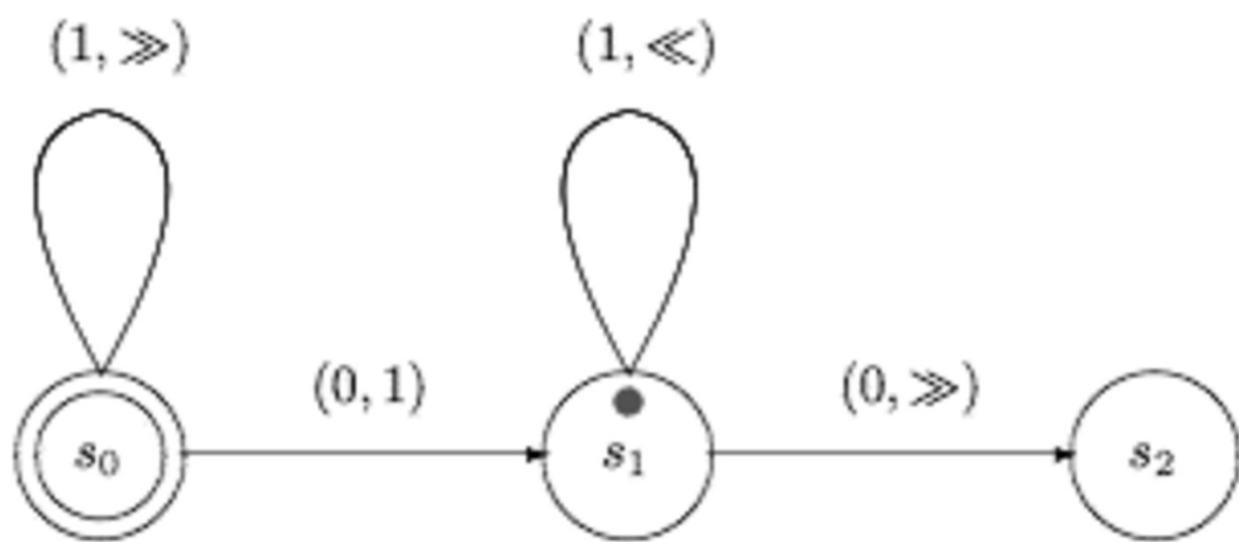


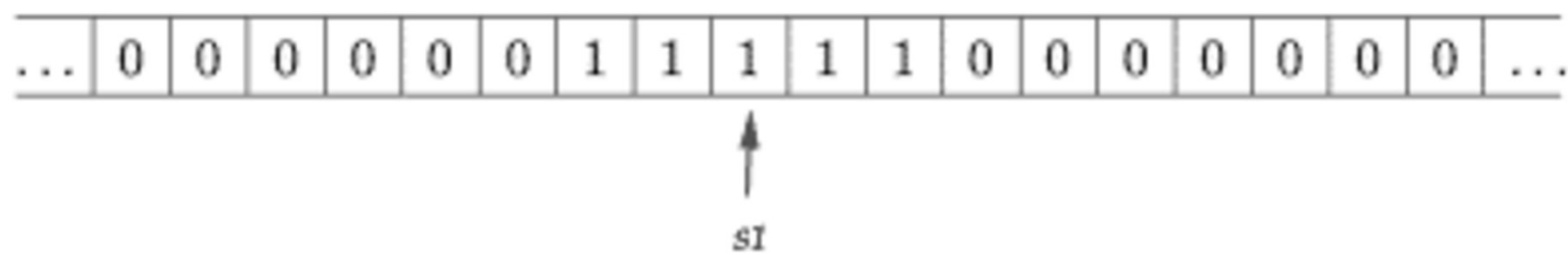
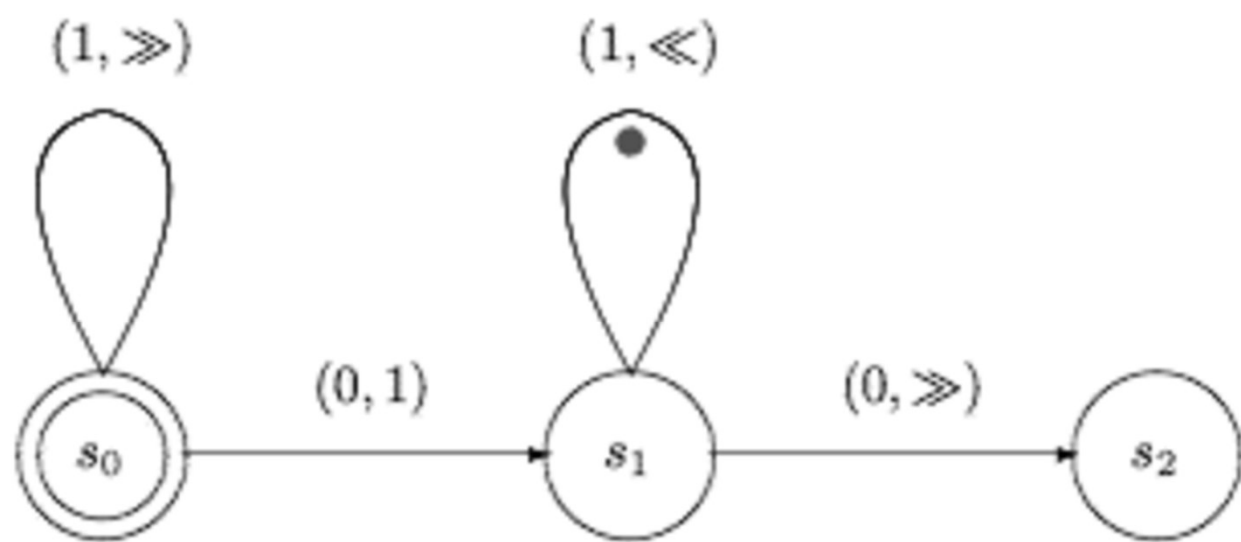


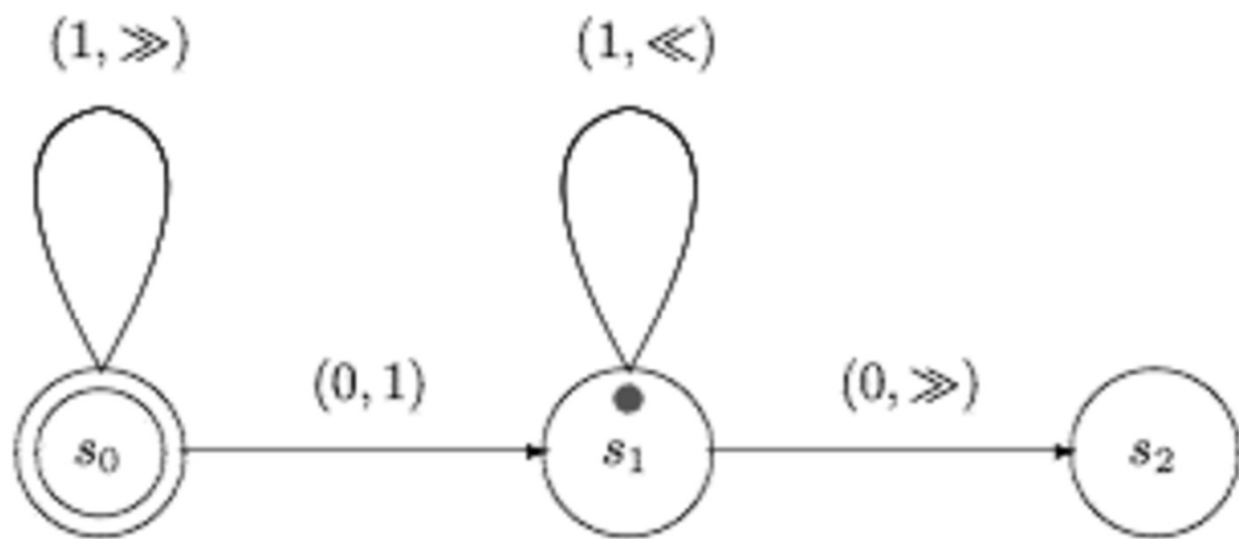


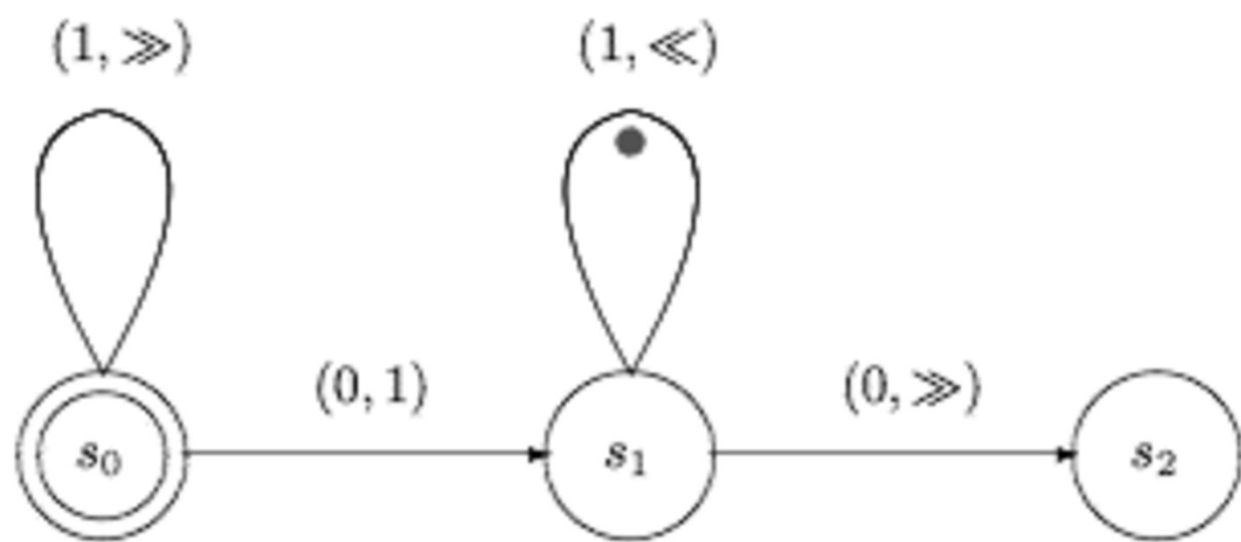


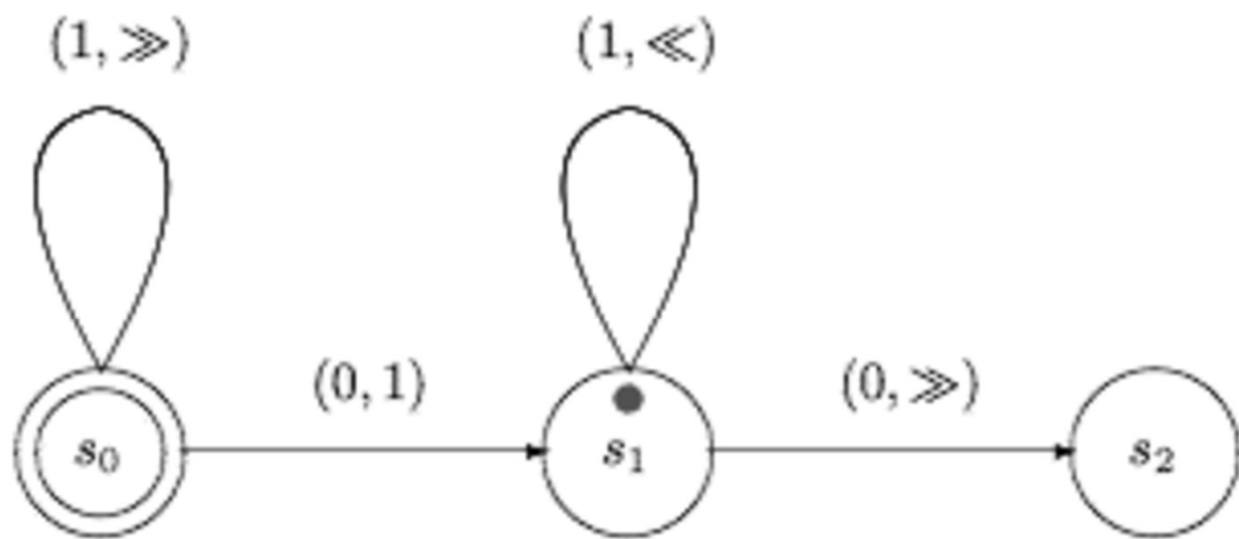


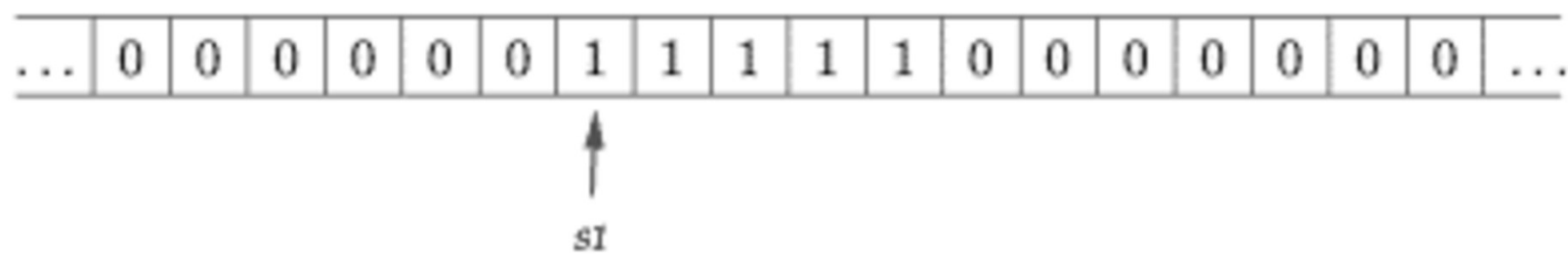
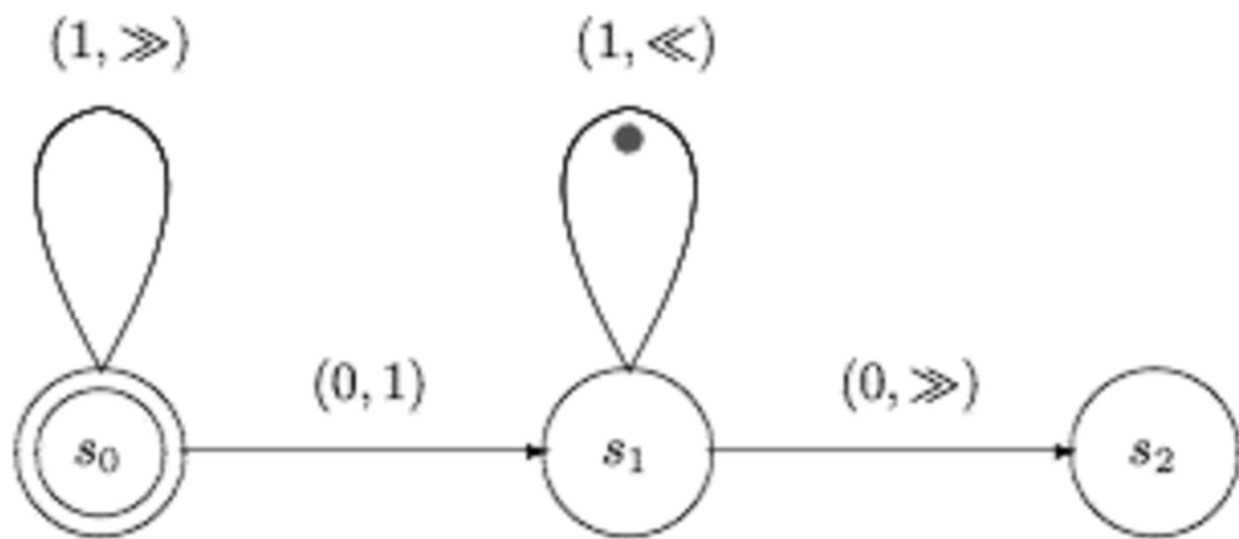


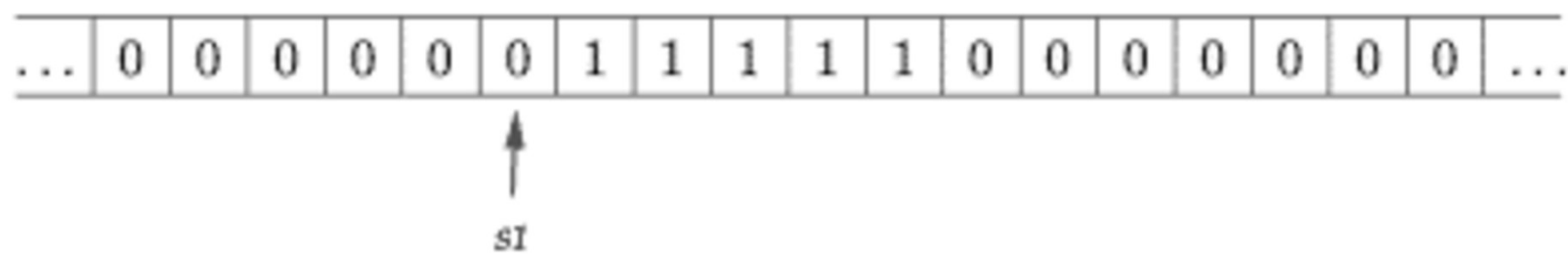
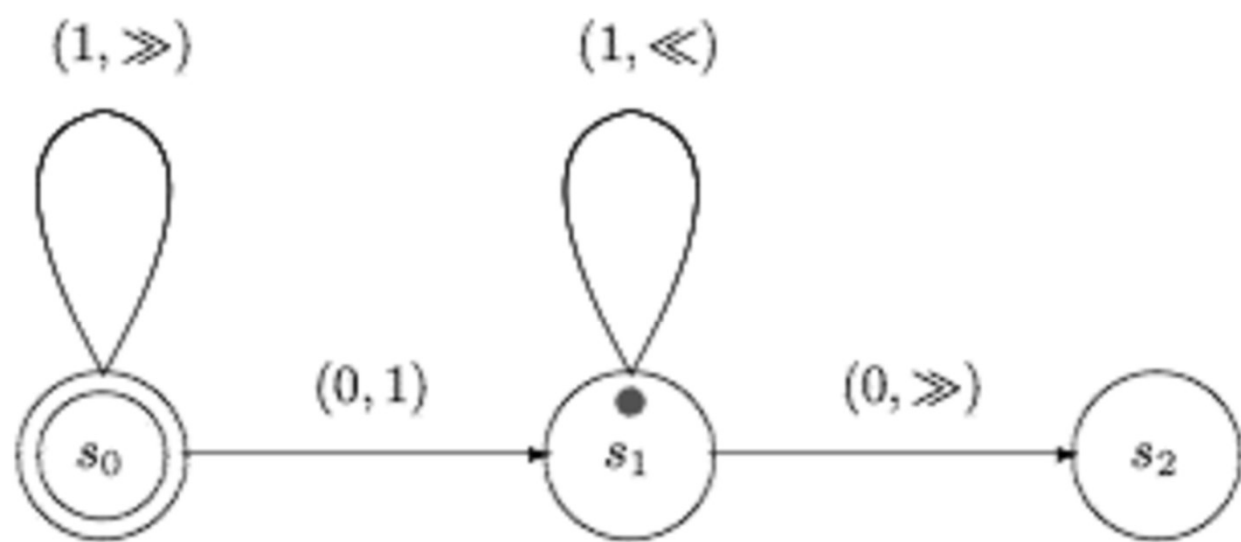


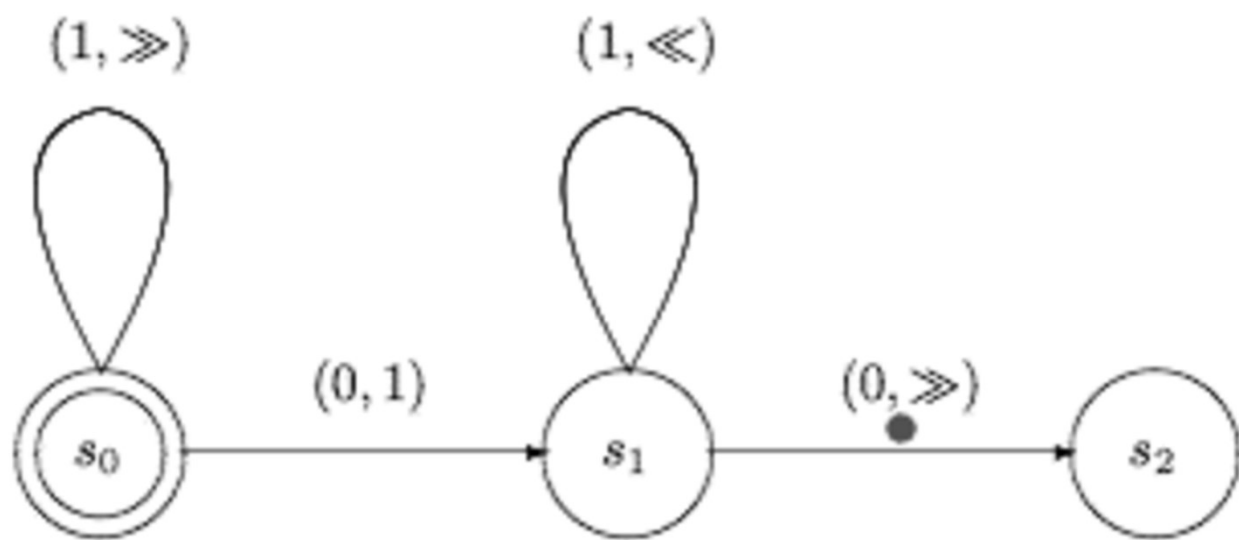


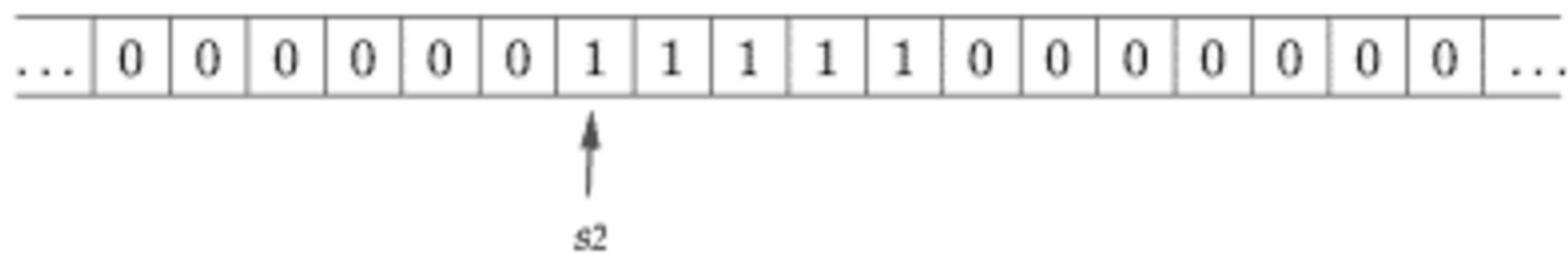
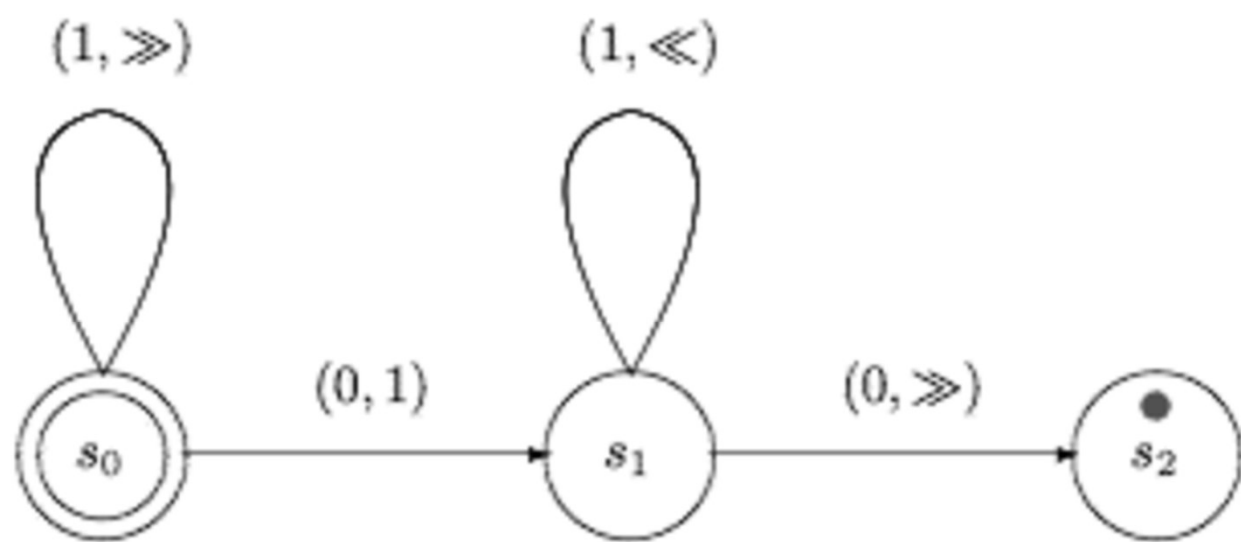




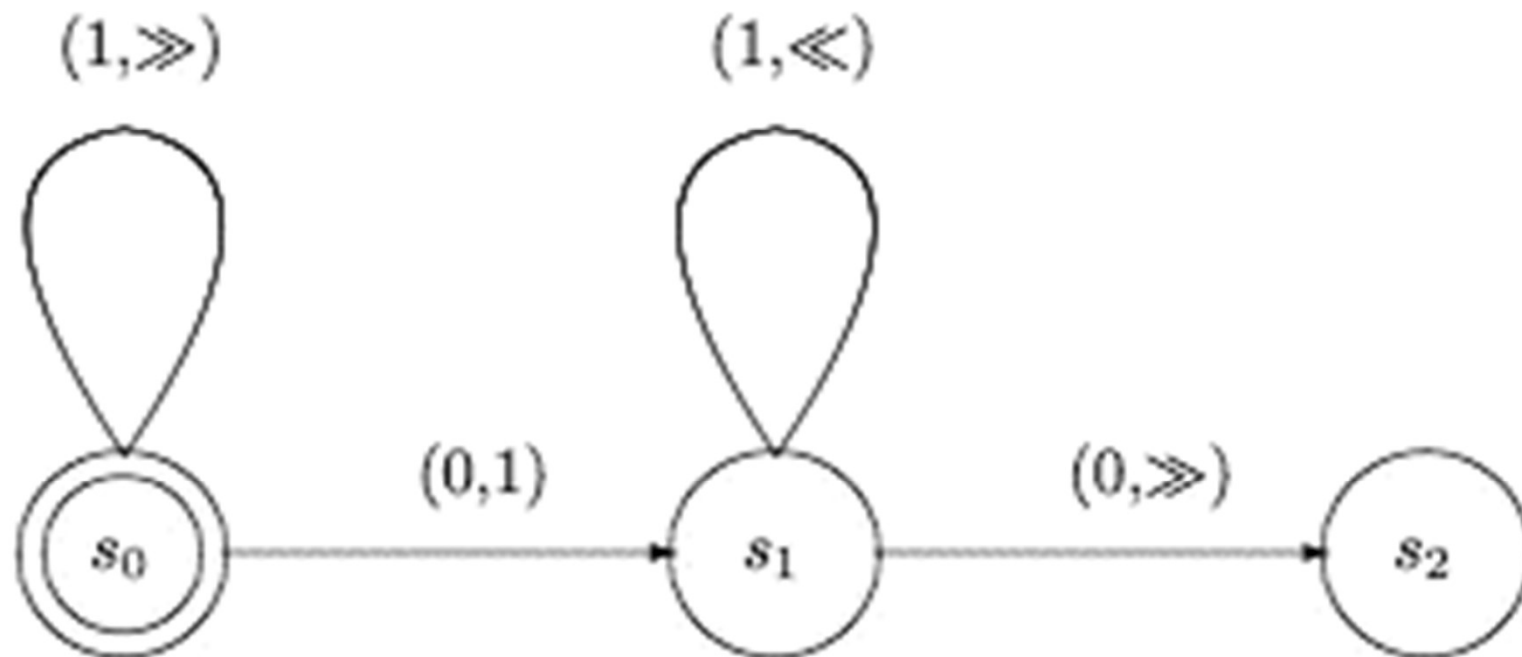


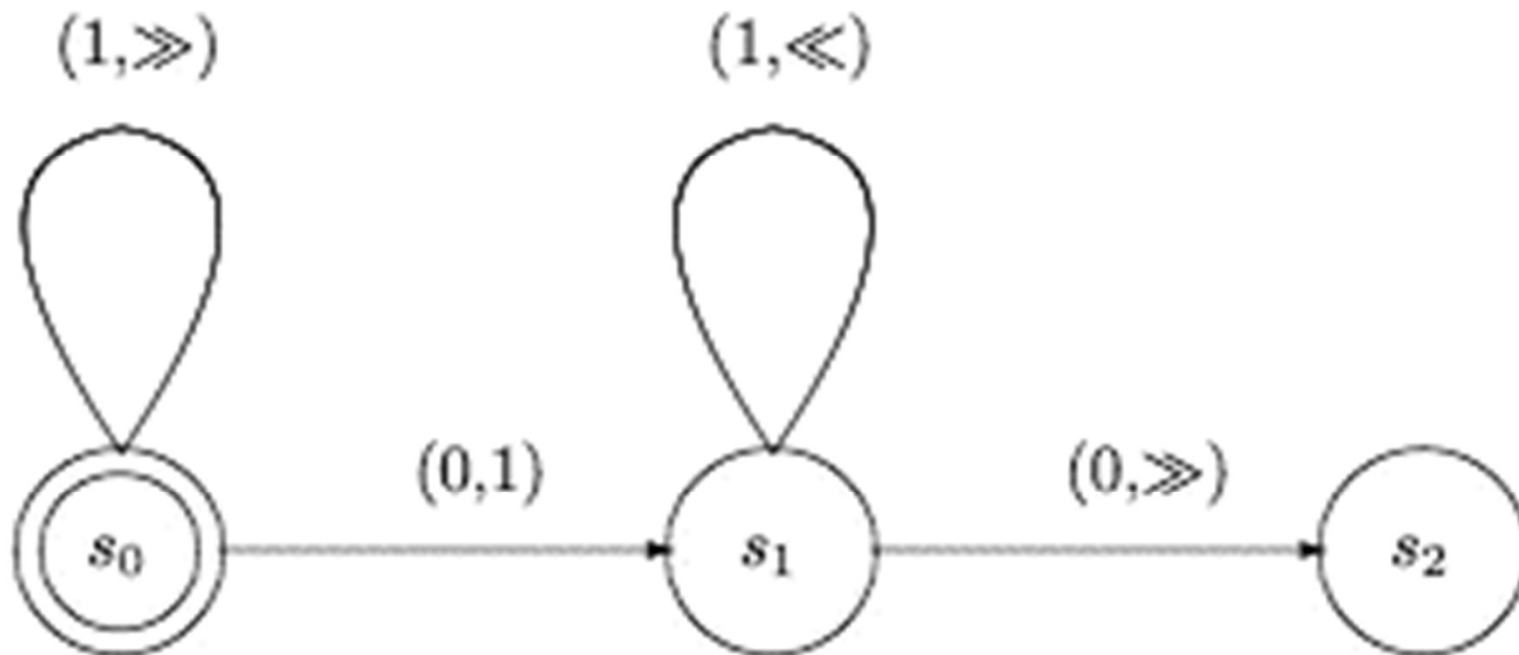






Question: what does it compute?



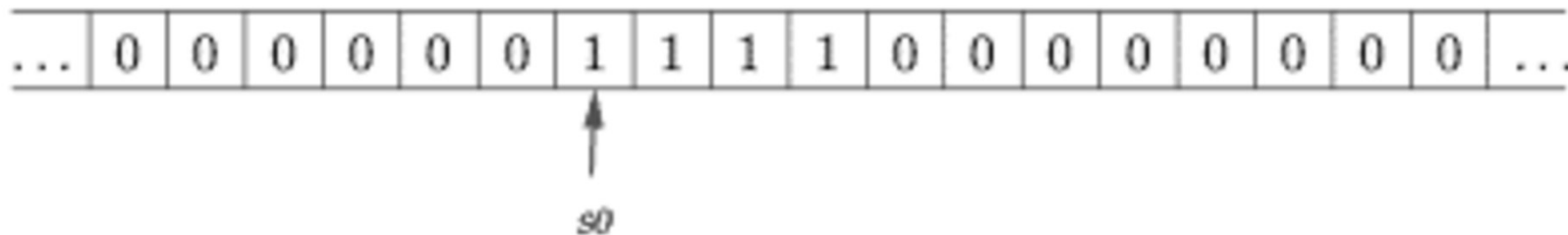
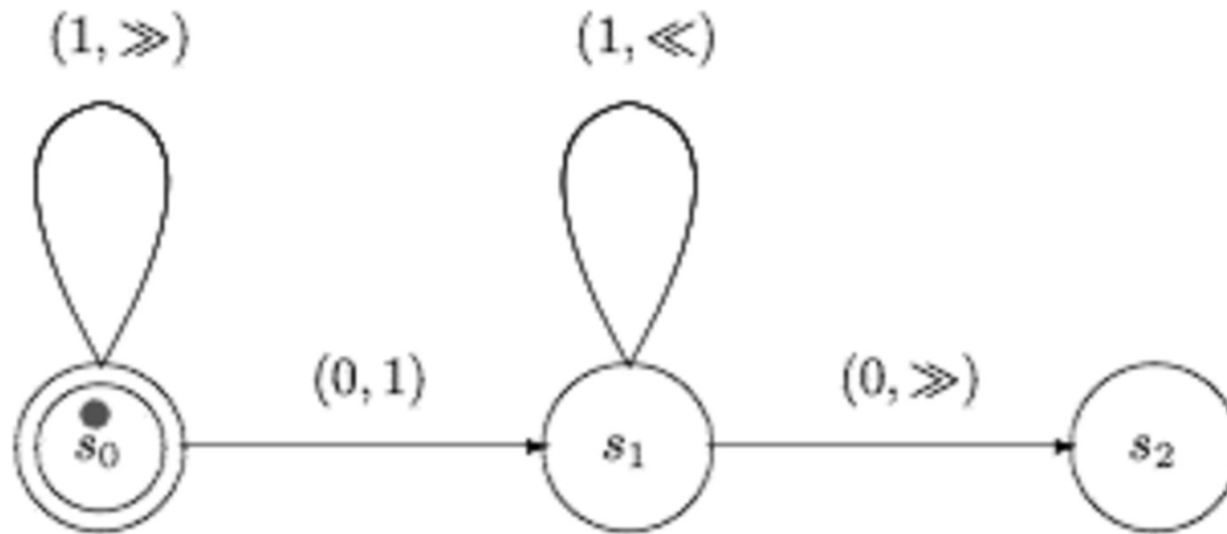


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function succ (n) {  
    return n + 1;  
}
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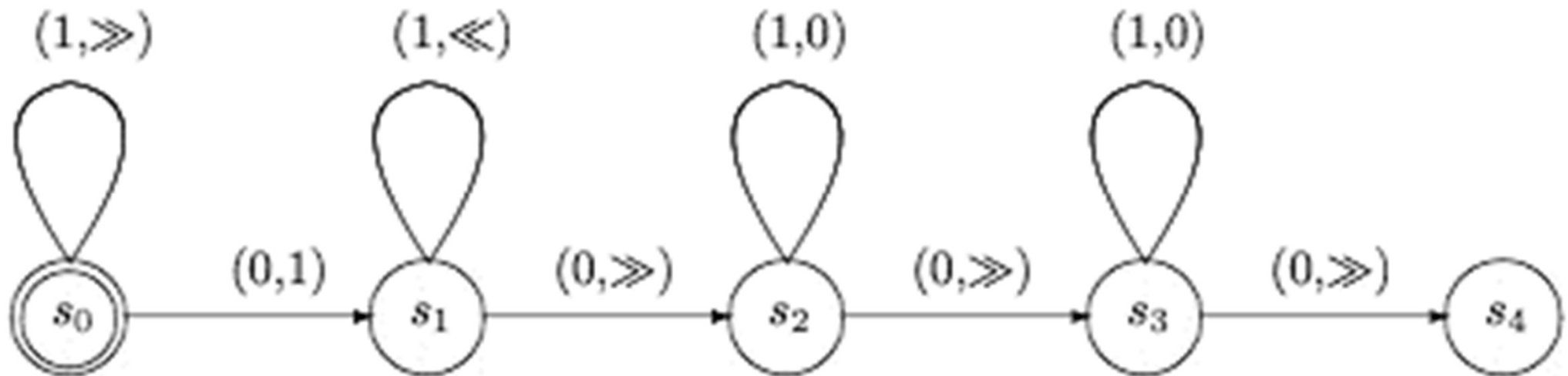
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(lambda (x) (+ x 1))
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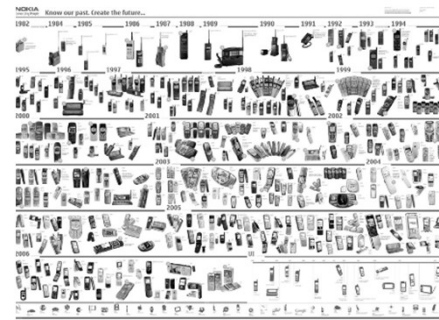
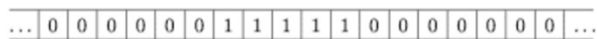
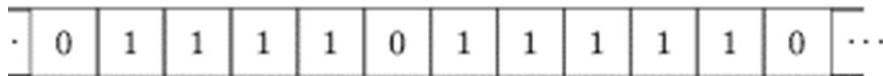
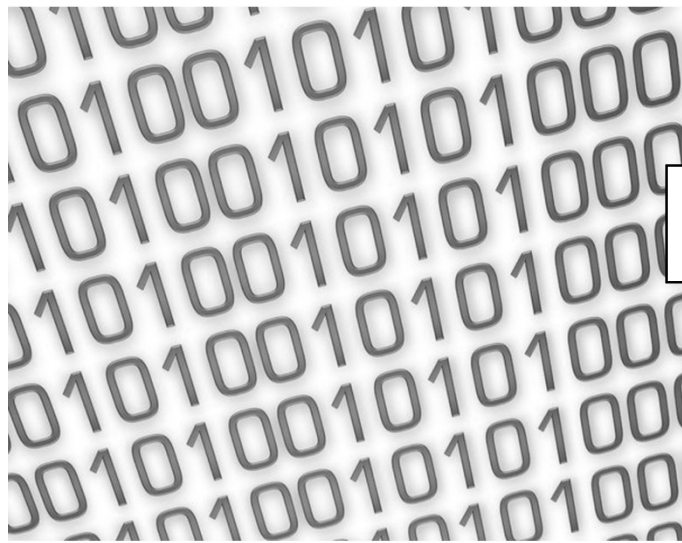
Addition of $n+m$



<http://graphics.stanford.edu/~seander/bithacks.html>

Maybe you prefer to use bit operations?

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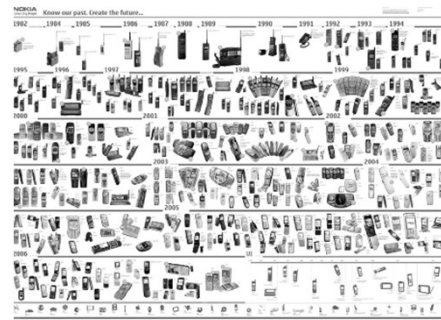
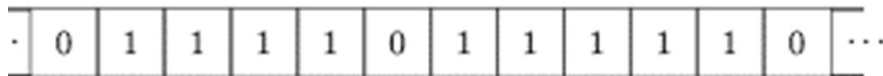
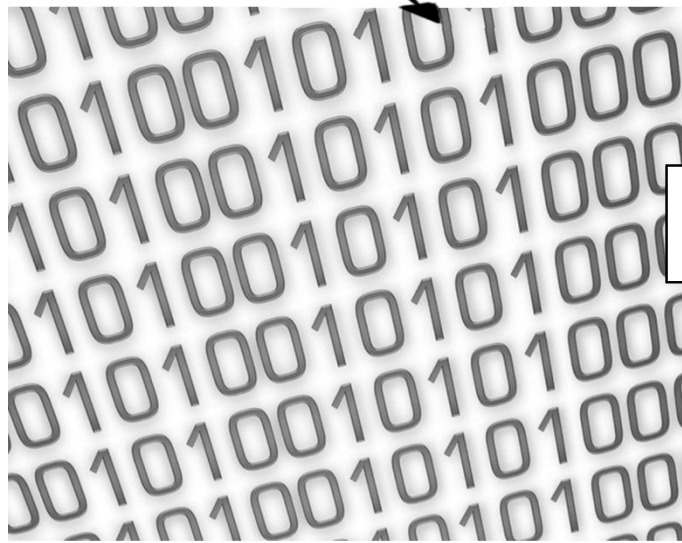
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Programming the Turing Machine

Why aren't we using tapes, states and transitions after all ?

Complex Systems

Distributed systems

Thousands of engineers/expertise

Web dev.

Large-scale systems

Critical Systems



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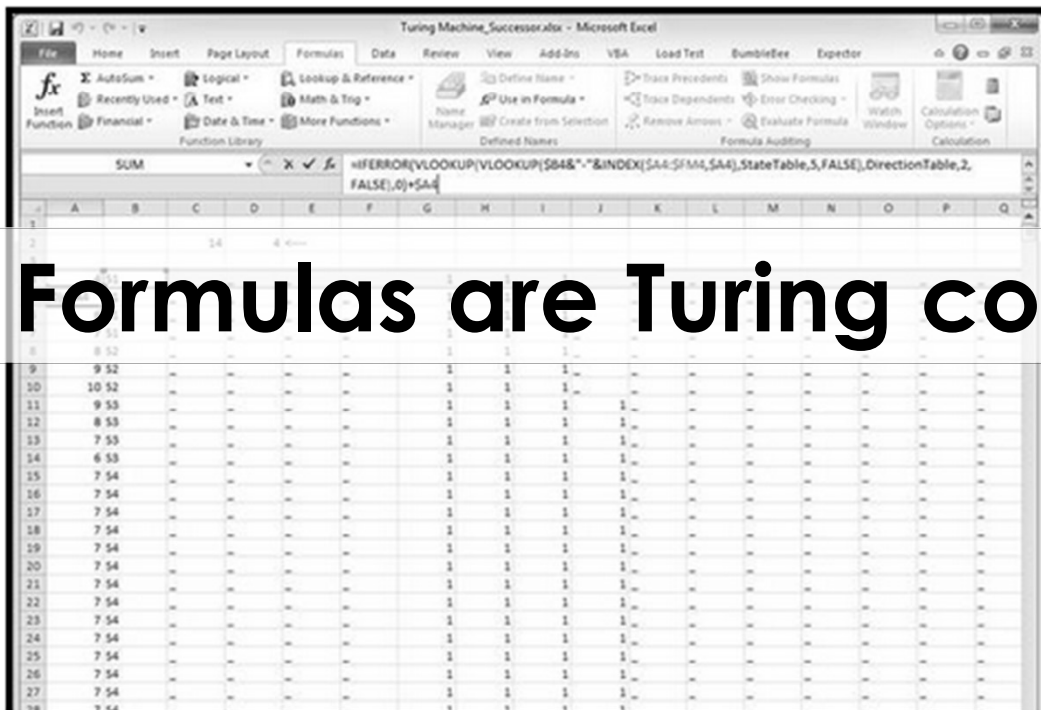
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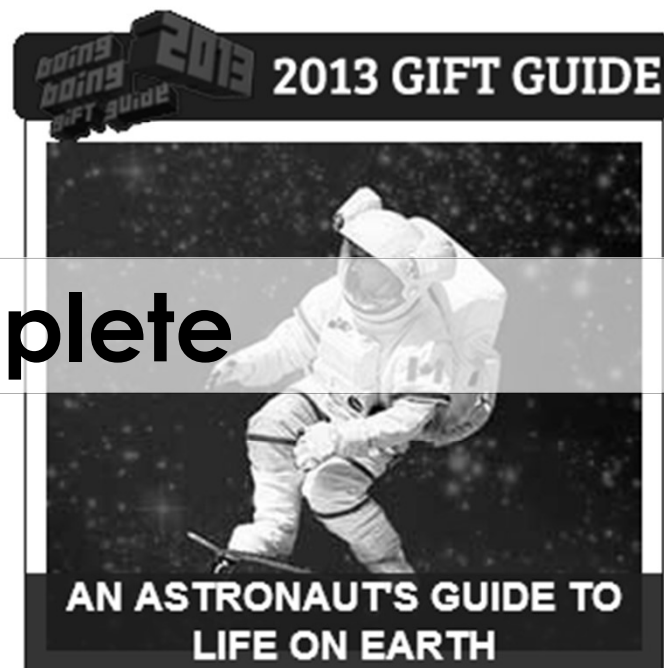
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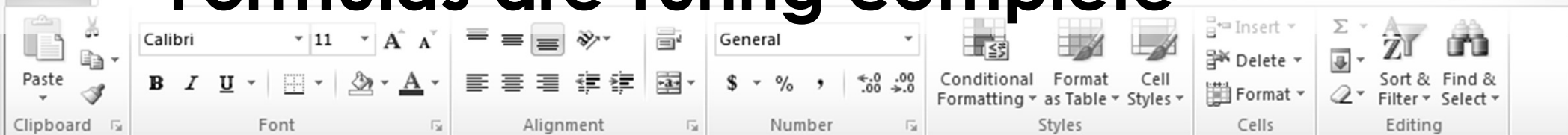
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Formulas are Turing complete



Formulas are Turing complete



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Youtube video <https://t.co/RTfJAXYaX>

<http://fr.slideshare.net/Felienne/spreadsheets-are-code-online>

Esoteric programming languages

- Designed to test the boundaries of computer programming language design, as a proof of concept, as software art, or as a joke.
 - extreme paradigms and design decisions
 - Eg <https://esolangs.org/wiki/Brainfuck>
- Usually, an esolang's creators do not intend the language to be used for mainstream programming.

(brainfuck)

What does it compute?

```
+++++[>++++>++++>+<<<-]>+>+.+++++
..+++>+<<+++++.>+.----->+.
```

Questions to the audience

- Why assembly language is not the mainstream language?
- Why spreadsheets are not used for building Google?
- Why esoteric languages are not used for mainstream programming?

The answer to such « though-provoking » questions seems obvious at first glance

- Help to define the good properties of software languages we expect
- Help to understand why there is still innovation in language design

Programming the Turing Machine

**Why aren't we using tapes, states
and transitions after all ?**

Software Languages

Hard to write and understand.

No abstractions.

Hard to debug and test.

Poor language constructs. Poor
tooling support.

Performance.

Usability, productivity,

reusability, safety,

expressiveness, learnability.

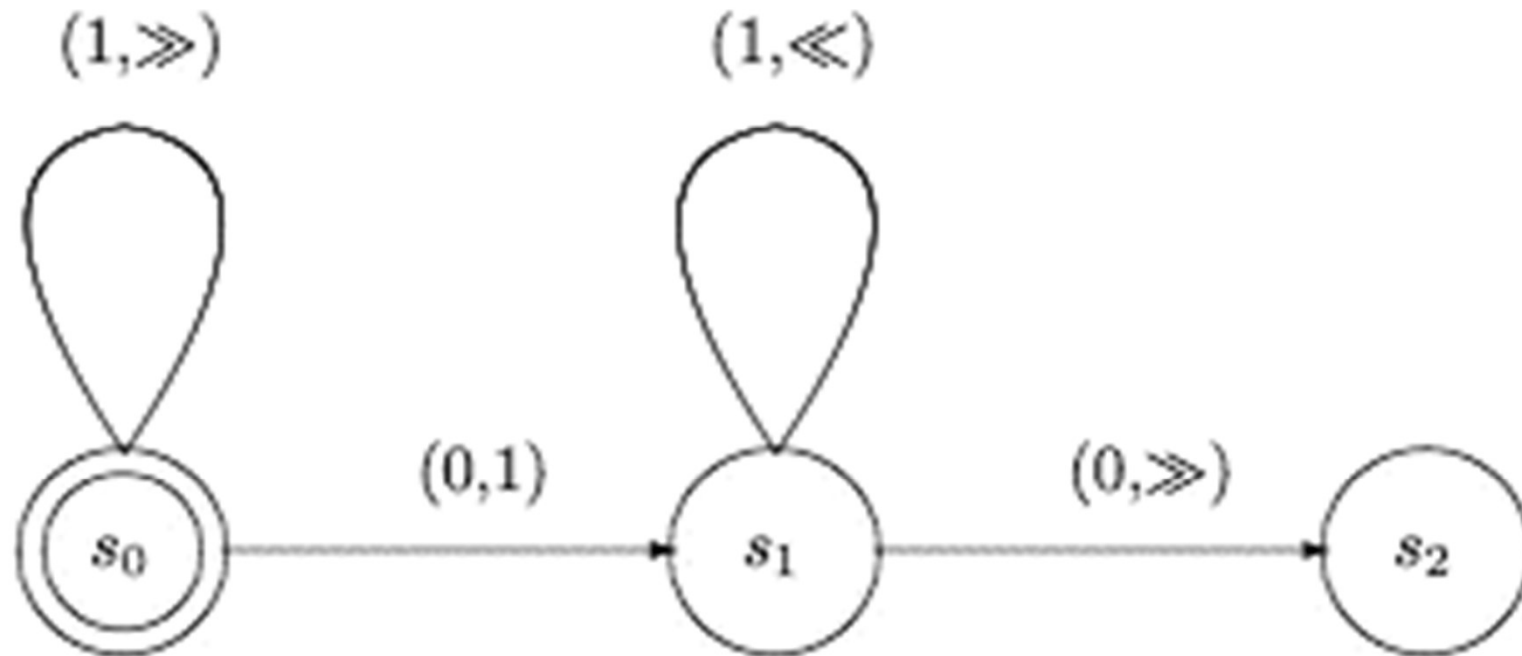
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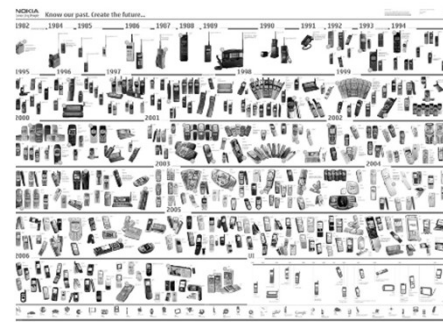
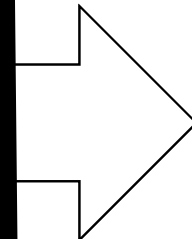
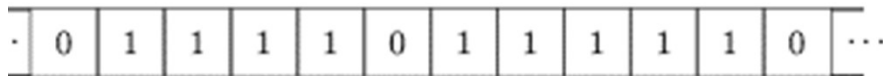
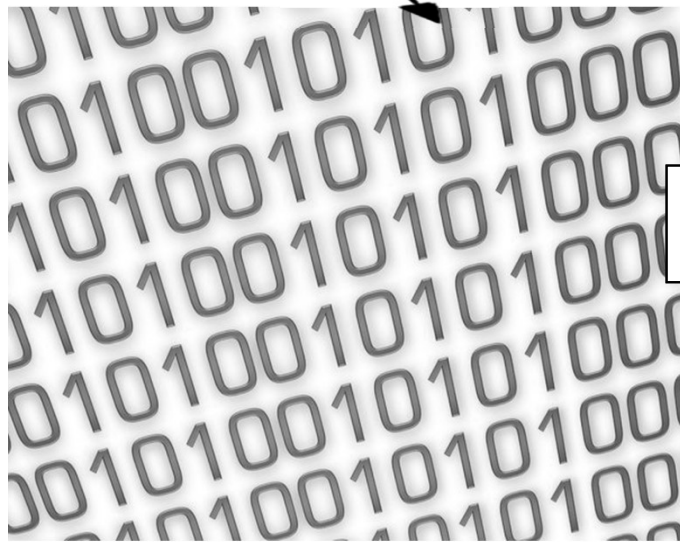
**Performance, usability,
productivity, reusability, safety,
expressiveness, learnability.**

Qualities and challenges

- Cognitive dimensions (see references after)
- Abstractions
 - Eg Kramer “Abstraction and Modelling - A Complementary Partnership” MODELS’08
- Separation of concerns/modularity
 - Eg Tarr et al., ICSE’99
- Scalability
 - Growing a language (like Scala)
- Performance
- ...

Languages

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We need languages

1. At a high level of abstraction

1. Still general-purpose

2. Generation of other artefacts written in other languages

3. Transformation, refinement

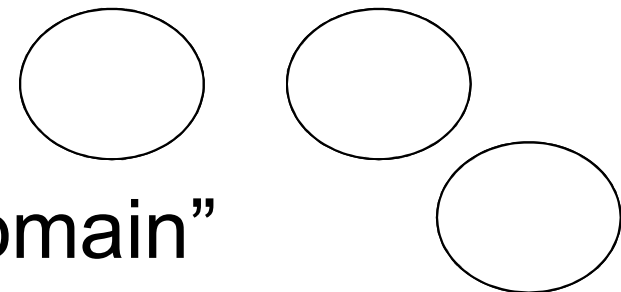
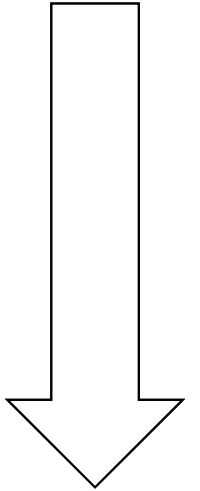
2. Multiplicity of languages

1. Divide and conquer

2. Specific to a problem or “domain”

3. Induce a way to “compose” languages

(Combemale et al. “On the Globalization of Domain-Specific Languages”)



How Language Shapes Thought

The languages we speak affect our perceptions of the world

By Lera Boroditsky

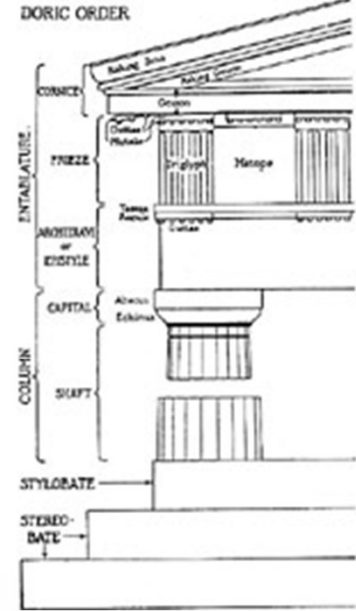
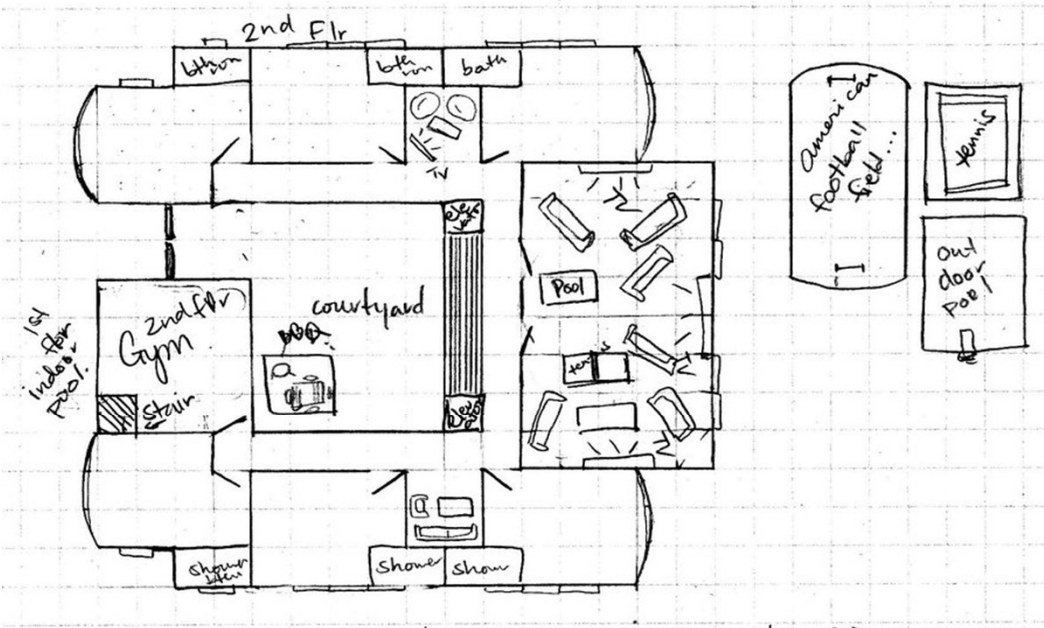
“Even variations in grammar can profoundly affect how we see the world.”

She’s talking about real languages; **what about synthetic, programming languages?**

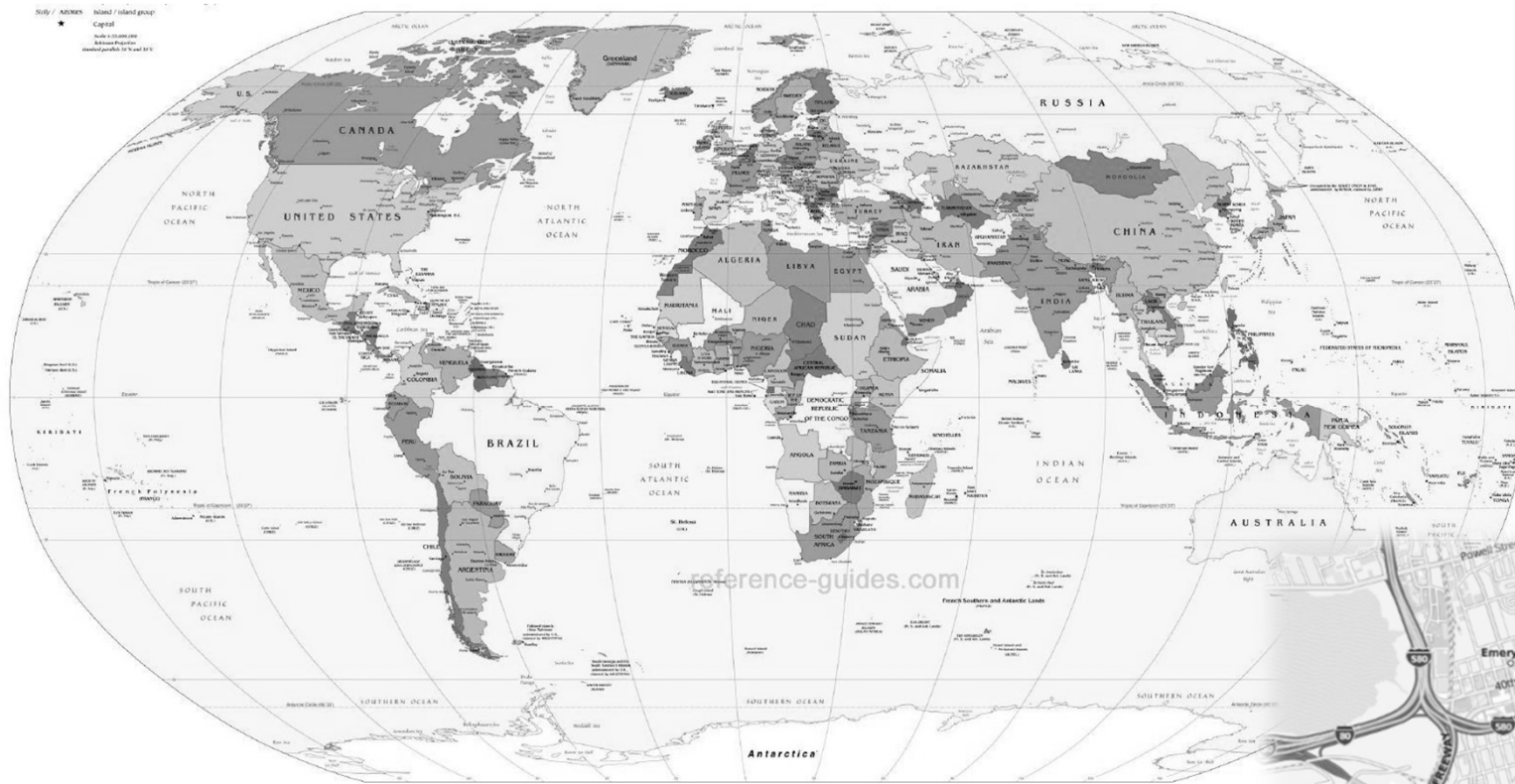
What is a language?

- « A system of signs, symbols, gestures, or rules used in **communicating** »
- « The **special** vocabulary and usages of a scientific, professional, or other group »
- « A system of symbols and rules used for communication with or between computers. »

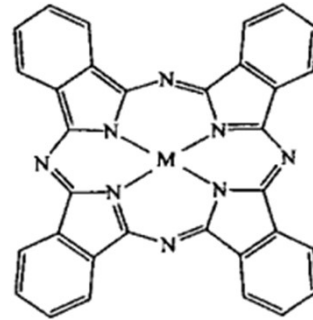
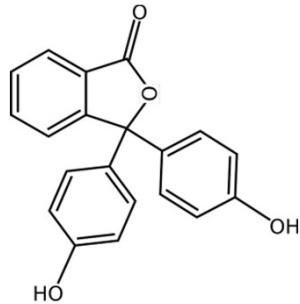
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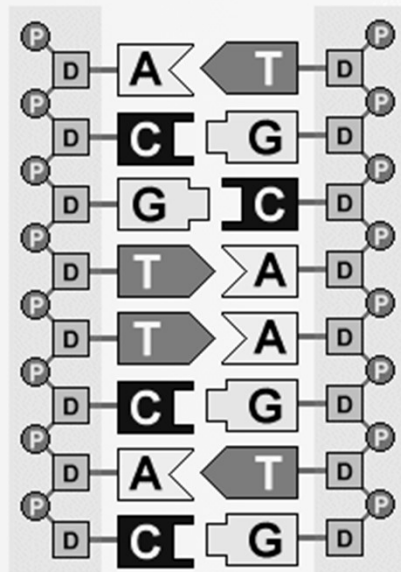
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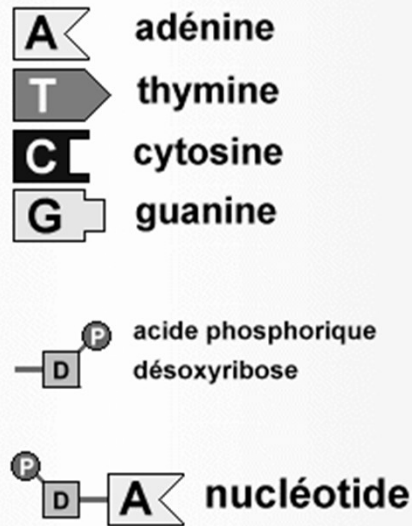
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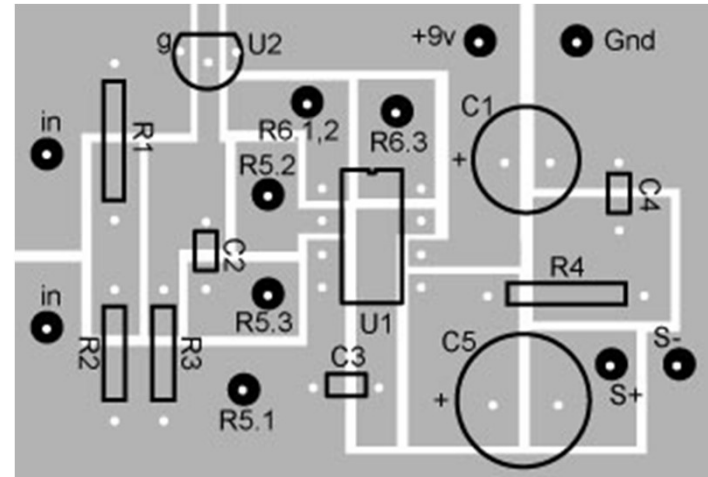
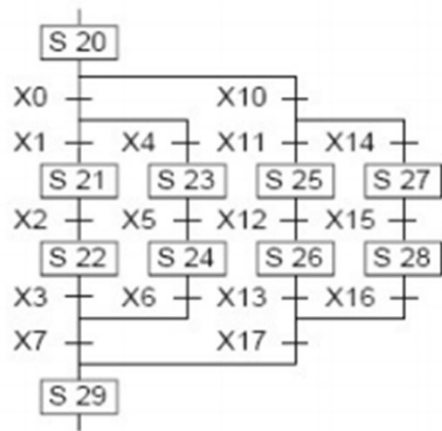
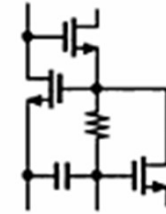
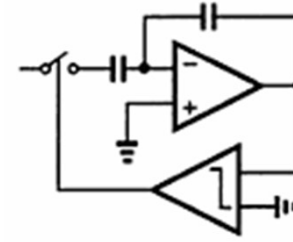
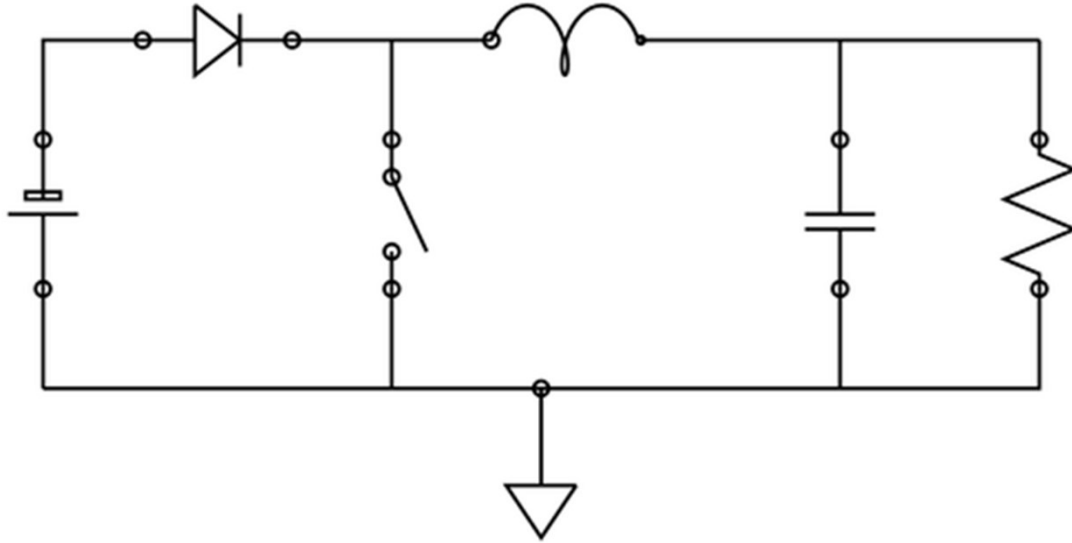
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Electronics



In Software Engineering

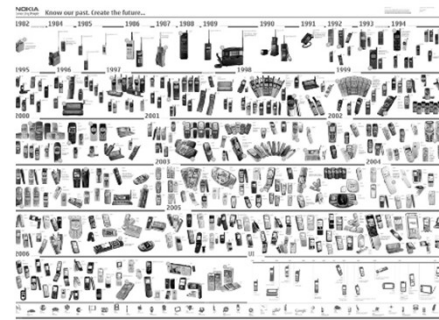
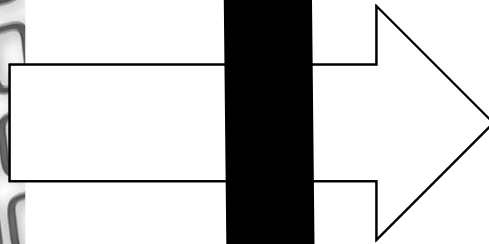
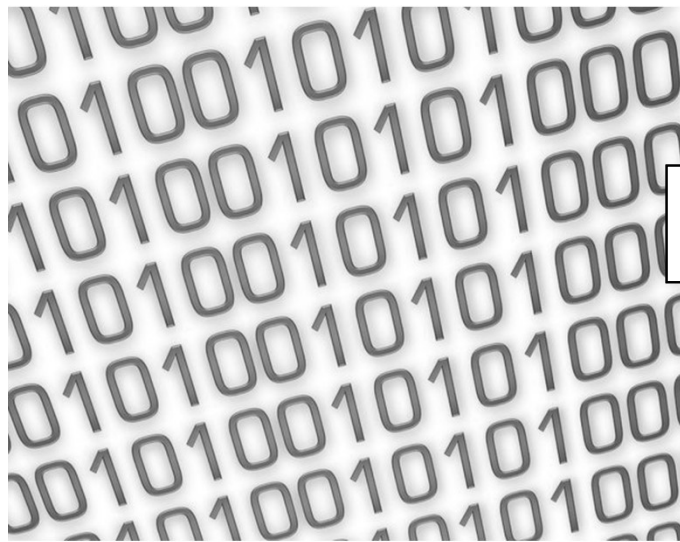
« Languages are the primary way in which system developers communicate, design and implement software systems »

General Purpose Languages

Assembly ?

COBOL ? LISP ? C ? C++ ?

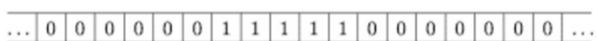
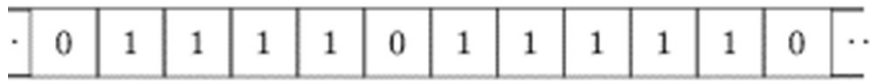
Java ? PHP ? C# ? Ruby ?



ANDROID

Google

twitter 



Limits of General Purpose Languages (1)

- **Abstractions and notations** used are not natural/suitable for the stakeholders

designer

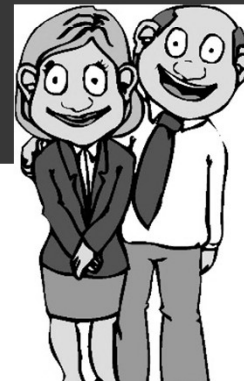
User Interface Designer with a passion for designing beautiful and functional user experiences. Minimalist who believes that less is more.



```
if (newGame) resources.free();  
s = FILENAME + 3;  
setLocation(); load(s);  
loadDialog.process();
```

```
try { setGamerColor(RED); }  
catch(Exception e) { reset(); }  
while (notReady) { objects.make();  
if (resourceNotFound) break; }
```

```
byte result; // сменить на int!  
music();  
System.out.print("");
```



Limits of General Purpose Languages (2)

- Not targeted to a **particular** kind of problem, but to any kinds of software problem.



Domain Specific Languages

- Targeted to a **particular** kind of problem, with dedicated notations (textual or graphical), support (editor, checkers, etc.)
- Promises: more « efficient » languages for resolving a set of specific problems in a domain



Domain Specific Languages (DSLs)

- Long history: used for almost as long as computing has been done.
- You're using DSLs in a daily basis
- You've learnt many DSLs in your curriculum
- Examples to come!

HTML

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="iso-8859-1"?>
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN" "DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<html xml:lang="en" lang="en" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
  <head>
    <title>Hello World</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <p>My first Web page.</p>
  </body>
</html>
```

Domain: web (markup)

CSS

```
.CodeMirror {  
  line-height: 1;  
  position: relative;  
  overflow: hidden;  
}  
  
.CodeMirror-scroll {  
  /* 30px is the magic margin used to hide the element's real scrollbars */  
  /* See overflow: hidden in .CodeMirror, and the paddings in .CodeMirror-sizer */  
  margin-bottom: -30px; margin-right: -30px;  
  padding-bottom: 30px; padding-right: 30px;  
  height: 100%;  
  outline: none; /* Prevent dragging from highlighting the element */  
  position: relative;  
}  
  
.CodeMirror-sizer {  
  position: relative;  
}
```

Domain: web (styling)

SQL

```
SELECT Book.title AS Title,  
       COUNT(*) AS Authors  
FROM   Book  
JOIN   Book_author  
       ON Book.isbn = Book_author.isbn  
GROUP BY Book.title;  
  
INSERT INTO example  
(field1, field2, field3)  
VALUES  
( 'test', 'N', NULL);
```

Domain: database (query)

Makefile

```
PACKAGE      = package
VERSION      = `date "+%Y.%m%d%"`
RELEASE_DIR  = ..
RELEASE_FILE = $(PACKAGE)-$(VERSION)

# Notice that the variable LOGNAME comes from the environment in
# POSIX shells.
#
# target: all - Default target. Does nothing.
all:
    echo "Hello $(LOGNAME), nothing to do by default"
    # sometimes: echo "Hello ${LOGNAME}, nothing to do by default"
    echo "Try 'make help'"

# target: help - Display callable targets.
help:
    egrep "^# target:" [Mm]akefile

# target: list - List source files
list:
    # Won't work. Each command is in separate shell
    cd src
    ls

    # Correct, continuation of the same shell
    cd src; \
    ls
```

Domain: software building

Lighthttpd configuration file

```
server.document-root = "/var/www/servers/www.example.org/pages/"

server.port = 80

server.username = "www"
server.groupname = "www"

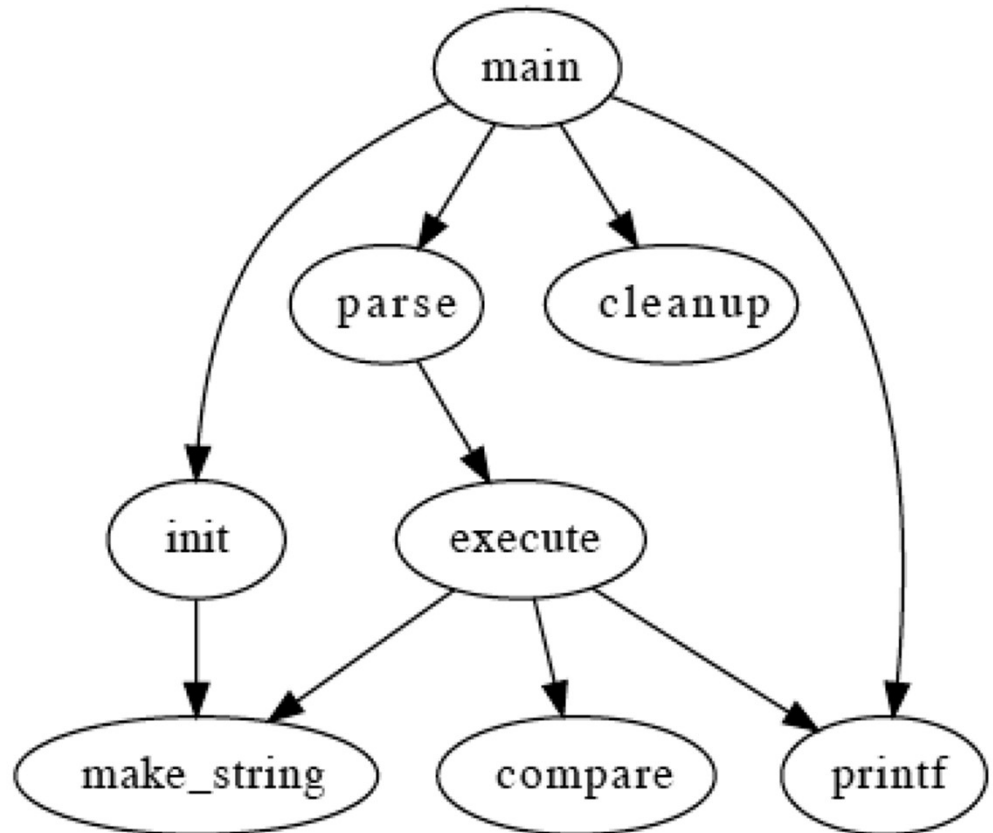
mimeassign = (
  ".html" => "text/html",
  ".txt" => "text/plain",
  ".jpg" => "image/jpeg",
  ".png" => "image/png"
)

static-file.exclude-extensions = ( ".fcgi", ".php", ".rb", "~", ".inc" )
index-file.names = ( "index.html" )
```

Domain: web server (configuration)

Graphviz

```
digraph G {  
main -> parse -> execute;  
main -> init;  
main -> cleanup;  
execute -> make_string;  
execute -> printf;  
init -> make_string;  
main -> printf;  
execute -> compare;  
}
```



Domain: graph (drawing)

PGN (Portable Game Notation)

```
[Event "F/S Return Match"]  
[Site "Belgrade, Serbia Yugoslavia|JUG"]  
[Date "1992.11.04"]  
[Round "29"]  
[White "Fischer, Robert J."]  
[Black "Spasky, Boris V."]  
[Result "1/2-1/2"]
```

```
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 {This opening is called the Ruy Lopez.} 3... a6  
4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 d6 8. c3 O-O 9. h3 Nb8 10. d4 Nbd7  
11. c4 c6 12. cxb5 axb5 13. Nc3 Bb7 14. Bg5 b4 15. Nb1 h6 16. Bh4 c5 17. dxe5  
Nxe4 18. Bxe7 Qxe7 19. exd6 Qf6 20. Nbd2 Nxd6 21. Nc4 Nxc4 22. Bxc4 Nb6  
23. Ne5 Rae8 24. Bxf7+ Rxf7 25. Nxf7 Rxe1+ 26. Qxe1 Kxf7 27. Qe3 Qg5 28. Qxg5  
hxg5 29. b3 Ke6 30. a3 Kd6 31. axb4 cxb4 32. Ra5 Nd5 33. f3 Bc8 34. Kf2 Bf5  
35. Ra7 g6 36. Ra6+ Kc5 37. Ke1 Nf4 38. g3 Nxh3 39. Kd2 Kb5 40. Rd6 Kc5 41. Ra6  
Nf2 42. g4 Bd3 43. Re6 1/2-1/2
```



Domain: chess (games)

Regular expression

```
<TAG\b[^>]*>(.*?)</TAG>
```

Domain: strings (pattern matching)

Question to the audience

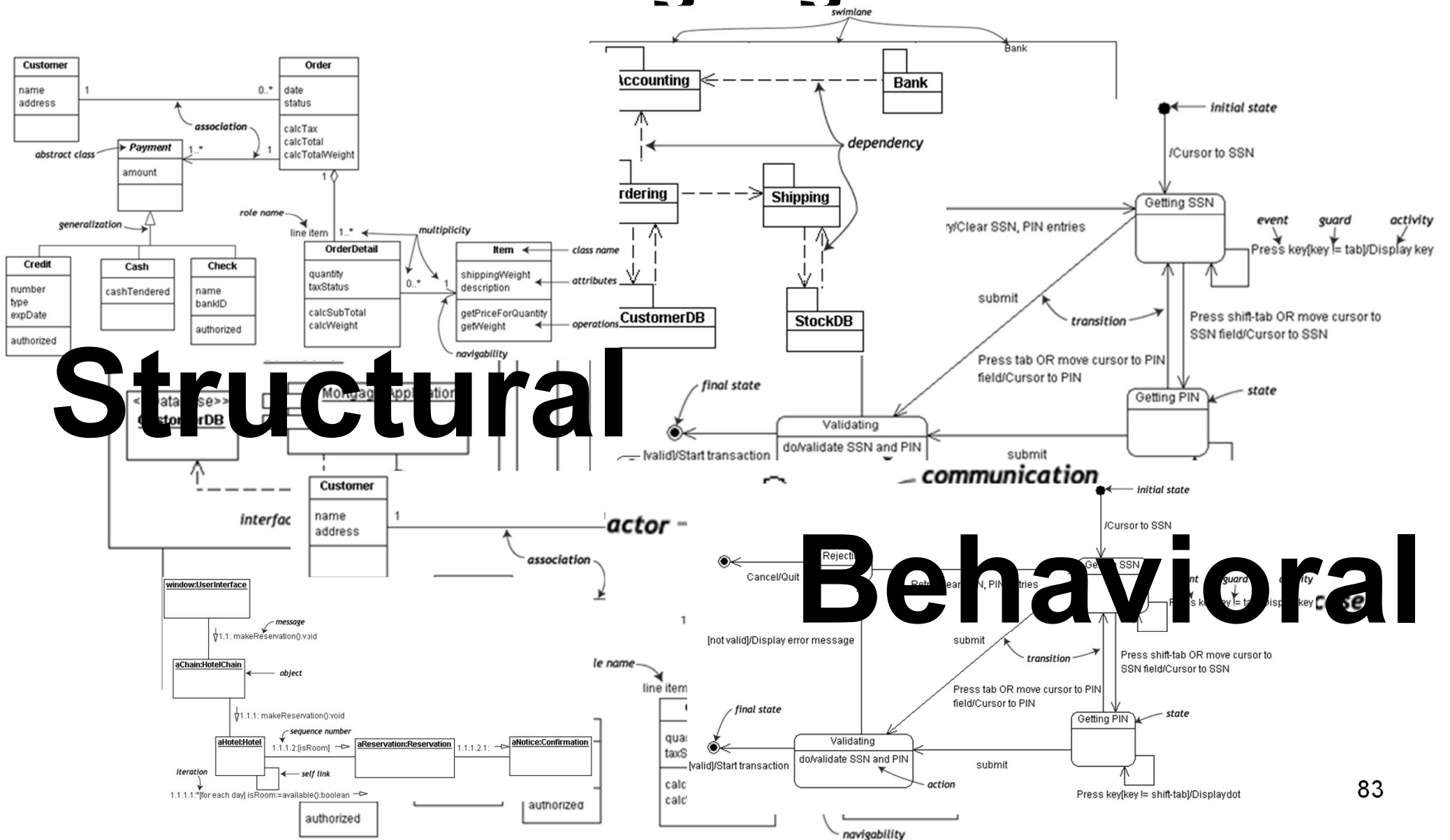
Give three examples of domain-specific languages (DSLs)

OCL

```
self.questions->size  
self.employer->size  
self.employee->select (v | v.wages>10000 )->size  
Student.allInstances  
  ->forall( p1, p2 |  
    p1 <> p2 implies p1.name <> p2.name )
```

Domain: model management

UML can be seen as a collection of domain-specific modeling languages



Abstraction Gap

Assembler

C, Java

DSLs

Problem Space

Solution Space



« Another lesson we should have learned from the recent past is that the development of 'richer' or 'more powerful' programming languages was a mistake in the sense that these baroque monstrosities, these conglomerations of idiosyncrasies, are really unmanageable, both mechanically and mentally.

aka **General-Purpose Languages**

I see a great future for very systematic and very modest programming languages »

aka **Domain-Specific Languages**

1972

ACM Turing Lecture, « The Humble Programmer »
Edsger W. Dijkstra

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**« Domain-specific
languages are far more
prevalent than
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What is a domain-specific language ?

- « Language **specially** designed to perform a task in a **certain domain** »
- « A formal processable language targeting at a **specific viewpoint or aspect** of a software system. Its **semantics and notation** is designed in order to support working with that viewpoint as good as possible »
- « A computer language that's targeted to a particular kind of problem, rather than a general purpose language that's aimed at any kind of software problem. »

GPL (General Purpose Language)

A GPL provides notations that are used to describe a computation in a human-readable form that can be translated into a machine-readable representation.

A GPL is a formal notation that can be used to describe problem solutions in a precise manner.

A GPL is a notation that can be used to write programs.

A GPL is a notation for expressing computation.

A GPL is a standardized communication technique for expressing instructions to a computer. It is a set of syntactic and semantic rules used to define computer programs.

Promises of domain-specific languages

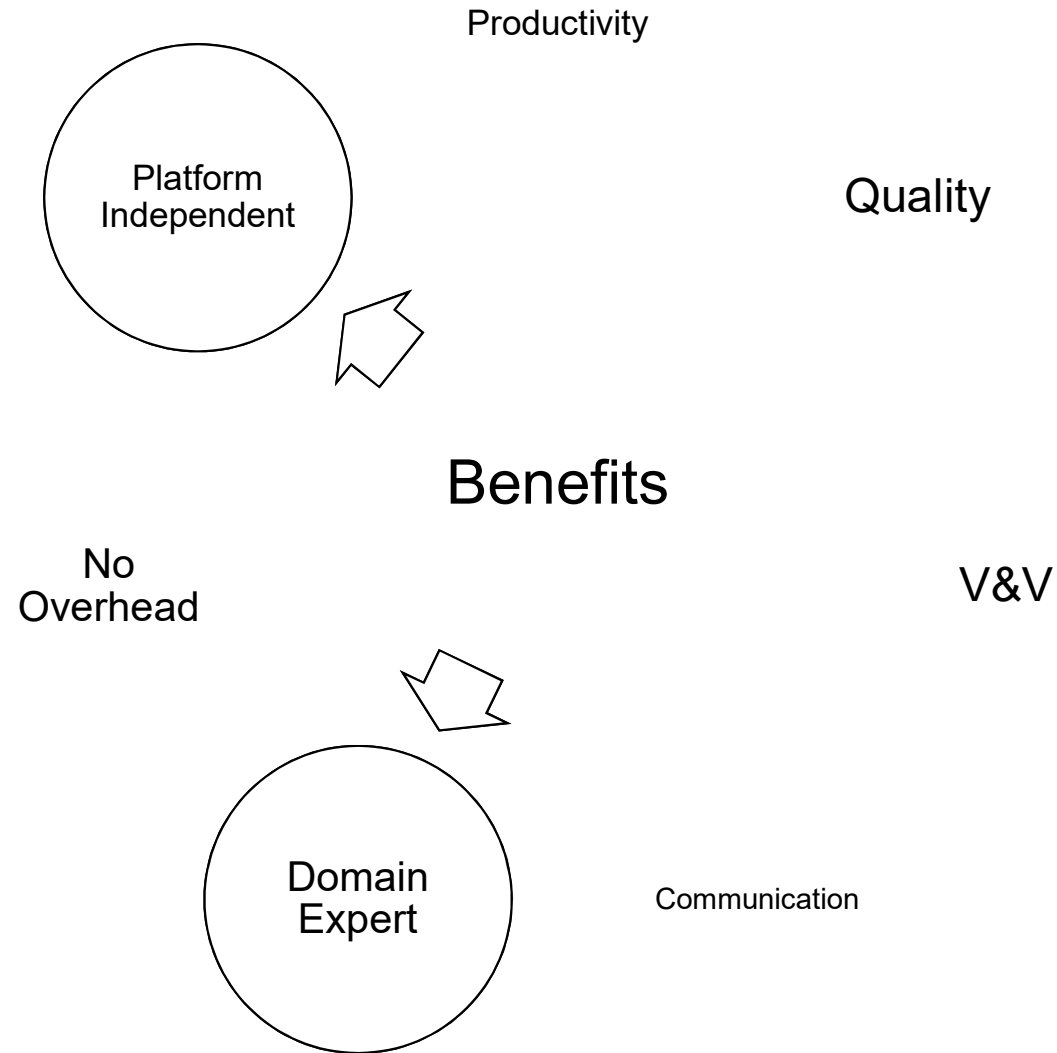
Higher
abstractions

Avoid
redundancy

Separation
of concerns

Use domain
concepts

Promises of domain-specific languages



General PLs vs Domain DSL

The boundary isn't as clear as it could be. Domain-specificity is not black-and-white, but instead gradual: a language is more or less domain specific



	GPLs	DSLs
Domain	large and complex	smaller and well-defined
Language size	large	small
Turing completeness	always	often not
User-defined abstractions	sophisticated	limited
Execution	via intermediate GPL	native
Lifespan	years to decades	months to years (driven by context)
Designed by	guru or committee	a few engineers and domain experts
User community	large, anonymous and widespread	small, accessible and local
Evolution	slow, often standardized	fast-paced
Deprecation/incompatible changes	almost impossible	feasible

Specializing syntax and environment pays off?

- Promises of DSL« improvement » in terms of
 - usability, learnability, expressiveness, reusability, etc.
- Empirical study on the role of syntax
 - C-style syntax induces problems in terms of usability for novices; language more or less intuitive for (non-)programmers (Stefik et al. 2014)
 - Syntax issues with Java for students (Denny et al. 2011)
 - PL usability: method namings/placement, use of identifiers, API design (Ellis et al., Stylos et al., Clarke, Montperrus et al., etc.)
- More specialized/sophisticated tools/IDE can be derived from a DSL
 - editors, compilers, debuggers

External DSLs vs Internal DSLs

- An **external** DSL is a completely separate language and has its own custom syntax/tooling support (e.g., editor)
- An internal DSL is more or less a set of APIs written on top of a host language (e.g., Java).
 - Fluent interfaces

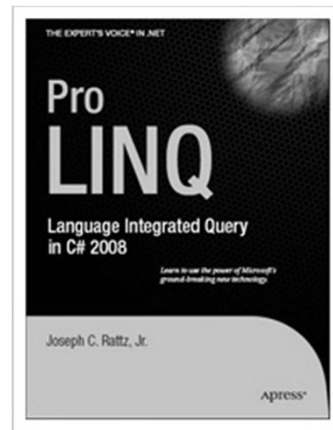
External vs Internal DSL (SQL example)

```
-- Select all books by authors born after 1920,  
-- named "Paulo" from a catalogue:  
SELECT *  
  FROM t_author a  
  JOIN t_book b ON a.id = b.author_id  
 WHERE a.year_of_birth > 1920  
       AND a.first_name = 'Paulo'  
 ORDER BY b.title
```

```
Result<Record> result =  
create.select()  
  .from(T_AUTHOR.as("a"))  
  .join(T_BOOK.as("b")).on(a.ID.equal(b.AUTHOR_ID))  
  .where(a.YEAR_OF_BIRTH.greaterThan(1920)  
  .and(a.FIRST_NAME.equal("Paulo")))  
  .orderBy(b.TITLE)  
  .fetch();
```

Internal DSL (LINQ/C# example)

```
// DataContext takes a connection string
DataContext db = new DataContext("c:\\northwind\\northwnd.mdf");
// Get a typed table to run queries
Table<Customer> Customers = db.GetTable<Customer>();
// Query for customers from London
var q =
    from c in Customers
    where c.City == "London"
    select c;
foreach (var cust in q)
    Console.WriteLine("id = {0}, City = {1}", cust.CustomerID, cust.City);
```



Internal DSL

- « Using a host language (e.g., Java) to give the host language the feel of a particular language. »
- **Fluent Interfaces**
 - « The more the use of the API has that language like flow, the more fluent it is »

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```

SQL in... Java

DSL in GPL

```
Connection con = null;

// create sql insert query
String query = "insert into user values(" + student.getId() + ", '"
    + student.getFirstName() + "', '" + student.getLastName()
    + "', '" + student.getEmail() + "', '" + student.getPhone()
    + "')";
try {
    // get connection to db
    con = new CreateConnection().getConnection("checkjdbc", "root",
        "root");

    // get a statement to execute query
    stmt = con.createStatement();

    // executed insert query
    stmt.execute(query);
    System.out.println("Data inserted in table !");
```

Regular expression In...

Java

DSL in GPL

```
public class RegexTestStrings {
    public static final String EXAMPLE_TEST = "This is my small example "
        + "string which I'm going to " + "use for pattern matching.";

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println(EXAMPLE_TEST.matches("\\w.*"));
        String[] splitString = (EXAMPLE_TEST.split("\\s+"));
        System.out.println(splitString.length); // Should be 14
        for (String string : splitString) {
            System.out.println(string);
        }
        // Replace all whitespace with tabs
        System.out.println(EXAMPLE_TEST.replaceAll("\\s+", "\t"));
    }
}
```


Internal DSLs vs External DSL

- Both internal and external DSLs have strengths and weaknesses
 - learning curve,
 - cost of building,
 - programmer familiarity,
 - communication with domain experts,
 - mixing in the host language,
 - strong expressiveness boundary
- Focus of the course
 - **external DSL** a completely separate language with its own custom syntax and tooling support (e.g., editor)

Question to the audience

**Find a DSL that is both
internal and external**

HTML

- External DSL: `<html>....`
- Internal DSLs
 - PHP
 - Scala (XML support included in the language)

```
object XMLTest1 extends Application {  
  val page =  
    <html>  
      <head>  
        <title>Hello XHTML world</title>  
      </head>  
      <body>  
        <h1>Hello world</h1>  
        <p><a href="scala-lang.org">Scala</a> talks XHTML</p>  
      </body>  
    </html>;  
  println(page.toString())  
}
```

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    </html>;
  println(page.toString())
}

```

Scala

```

1 // Import the Glitter DSL
2 import glitter._
3
4 object Templates {
5
6   // Define a reusable layout
7   def layout(body: Xml) =
8     html5dtd | 'html (
9       'head :: 'title :: "Glitter is amazing!"
10      | 'body :: body
11    )
12
13   // Define a template taking one String argument and using the layout defined above
14   def show(name: String) =
15     layout (
16       'h1 :: "Show user"
17       | 'p :: ("Hello " | 'strong(name) | "!")
18     )
19
20   // Define a template taking a List of Strings, using the layout defined above
21   def index(users: List[String]) =
22     layout (
23       'h1 :: "User list"
24       | 'ul % 'class~"user-list" :: (for (user <- users) yield ('li :: user))
25     )
26 }

```

<https://github.com/julienrf/glitter>

TCS Wyvern (Omar et al., OOPLSA'14)

```

1 let webpage : HTML = HTMLElement(Dict.empty(), [BodyElement(Dict.empty(),
2   [H1Element(Dict.empty(), [TextNode("Results for " + keyword)]),
3   ULElement((Dict.add Dict.empty() ("id", "results")), to_list_items(query(db,
4     SelectStmt(["title", "snippet"], "products",
5     [WhereClause(InPredicate(StringLit(keyword), "title"))])))]))

```

```

1 let webpage : HTML = <html><body><h1>Results for {keyword}</h1>
2   <ul id="results">{to_list_items(query(db,
3     SELECT title, snippet FROM products WHERE {keyword} in title))}
4   </ul></body></html>

```

```

1 let webpage : HTML = parse_html("<html><body><h1>Results for "+keyword+"</h1>
2   <ul id=\"results\">" + to_string(to_list_items(query(db, parse_sql(
3     "SELECT title, snippet FROM products WHERE '"+keyword+"' in title")))) +
4   "</ul></body></html>")

```

SQL

Plain SQL
(external DSL)

shape
#1

```
1 |-- SQL
2 SELECT * FROM journal
3   WHERE published_year = 2013
4     AND publisher = 'IEEE'
5 ORDER BY title
```

Java
(internal DSL)

shape
#2

```
// JOOQ fluent API
ResultQuery q = create.selectFrom(JOURNAL)
    .where(PUBLISHED_YEAR.equal(2013))
    .and(PUBLISHER.equal("IEEE"))
    .orderBy(TITLE);
```

Scala
(internal DSL)

shape
#3

```
journals
  .filter(journal => journal.published_year === 2013
    && journal.publisher === "IEEE")
  .sortBy(_.title)
```

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