

A non-deterministic finite automaton (NFA/NFA) is a 5-tuple $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

where,

- Q = is a finite set of states.
- Σ = is a finite set of input symbols.
- δ = is a transition function mapping from $Q \times \Sigma$ to 2^Q .
- q_0 = is the initial state, $q_0 \in Q$.
- F = is a set of final states, $F \subseteq Q$.

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Example of NFA,

Consider the NFA that accepts all string ending with 01.



Transition diagram



Transition table

In this NFA,

$M = \{Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F\}$

where,

- $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$.
- $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$.
- $\delta =$ As shown above.
- $q_0 =$ Initial state.
- $F = \{q_2\}$

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