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Q. What do you understand by DFA (Deterministic Finite Automata) and how is it represented ?

Ans. A DFA means Deterministic finite automata or a finite state automata or a deterministic finite state machine (DFSM) or deterministic finite acceptor (DFA).

It is a 5 tuple machine,

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

1.  $Q$  is a finite non empty set of states.
2.  $\Sigma$  is a finite non empty set of input symbols.
3.  $\delta$  is a transition function,  $Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$
4.  $q_0$  is an initial state belong to  $Q$ .
5.  $F$  is the set of final states belong to  $Q$ .

Lets take an example to understand DFA,

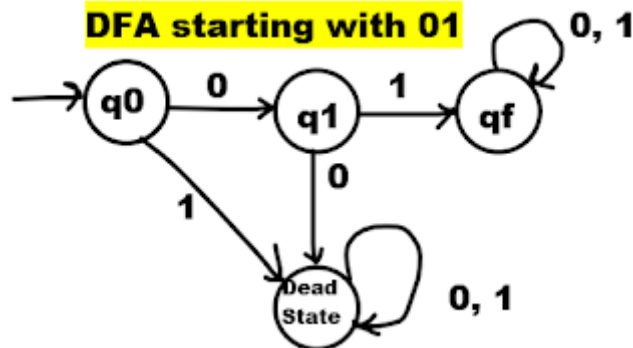
Construct a DFA for the language accepting strings starting with '01' over input alphabets  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ .

Sol. Examples of strings accepted,

- 01
- 0101
- 01000000
- 01111111, etc

Here 01 consist 2 characters, so length is 2.

So minimum number of states required =  $2+1 = 3$ .



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