

Subsequences of Automatic Sequences

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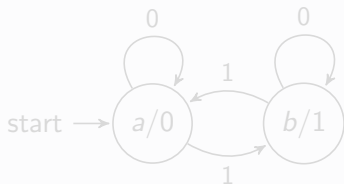
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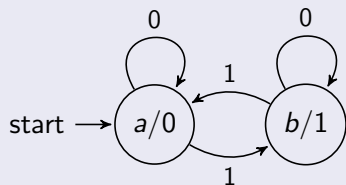
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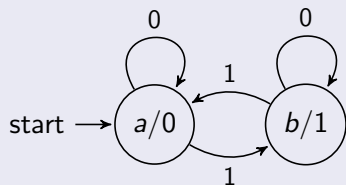
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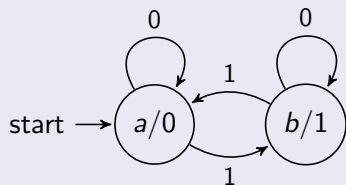
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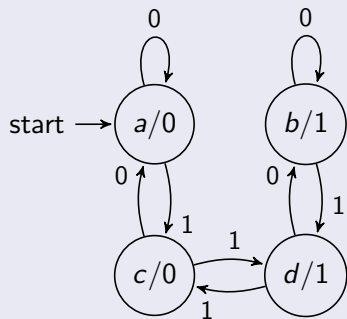
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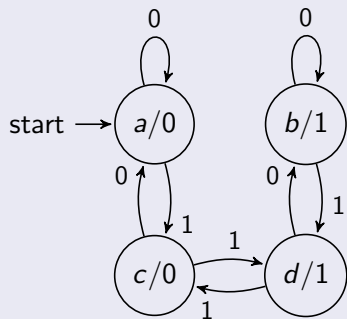


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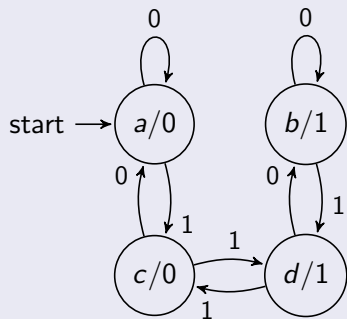


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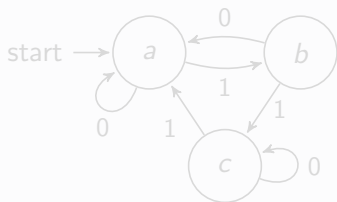
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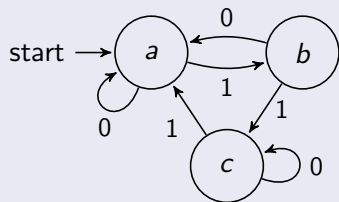
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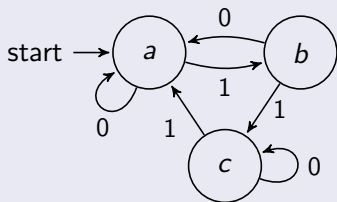
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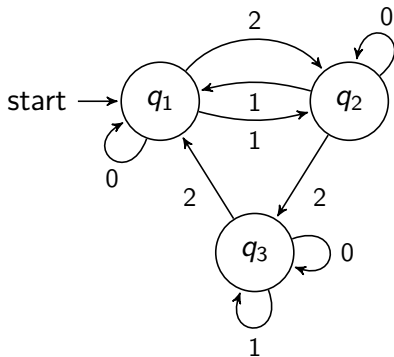
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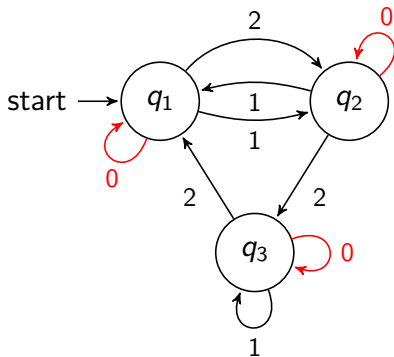
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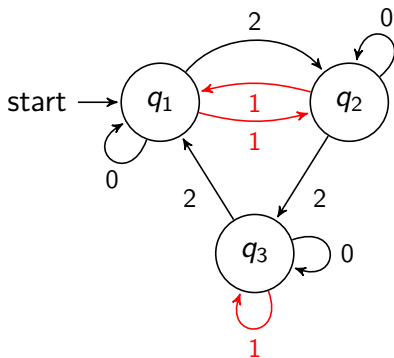
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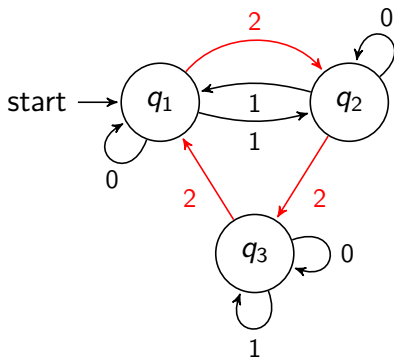
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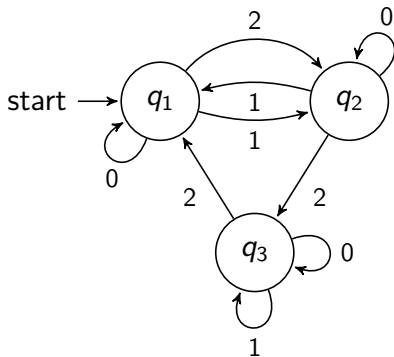
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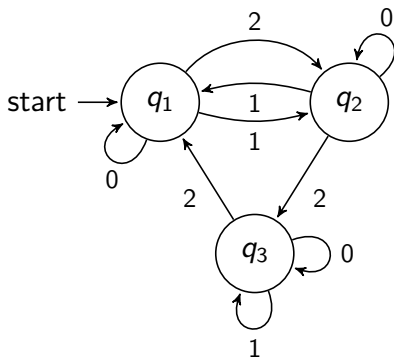
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Suppose that an automatic sequence $\mathbf{u} = (u_n)_{n \geq 0}$ is generated by an invertible automaton.

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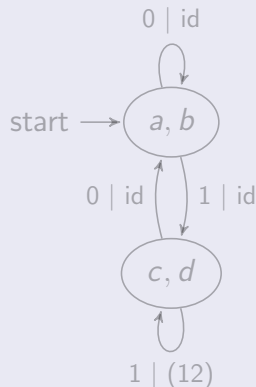
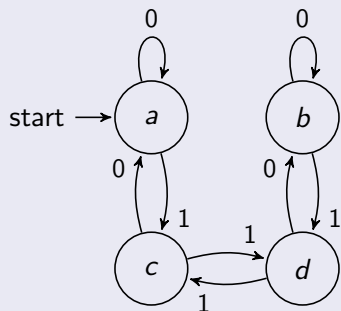
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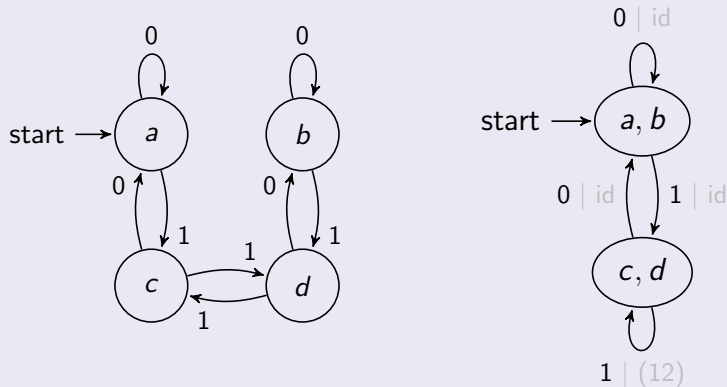
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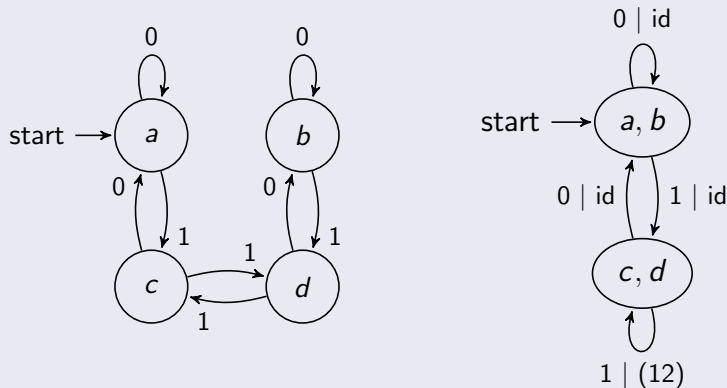
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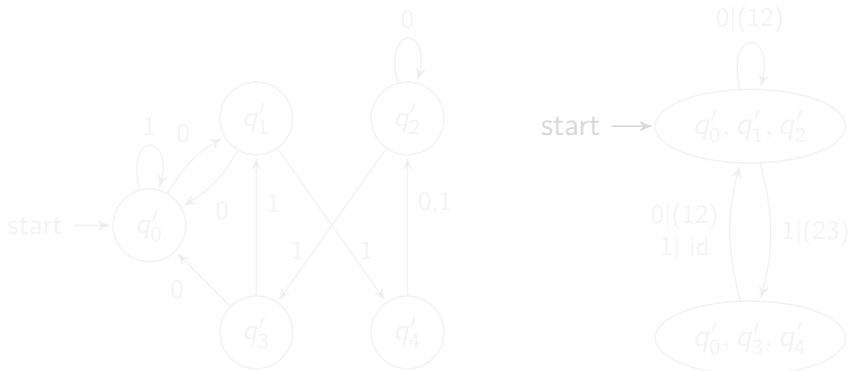
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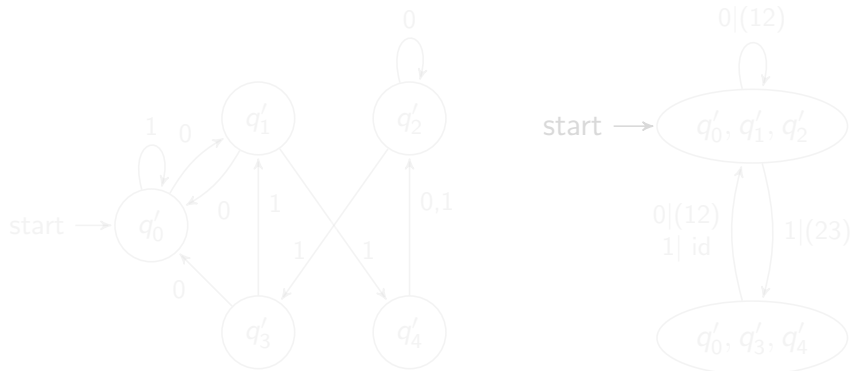
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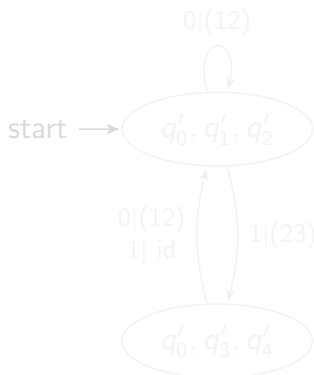
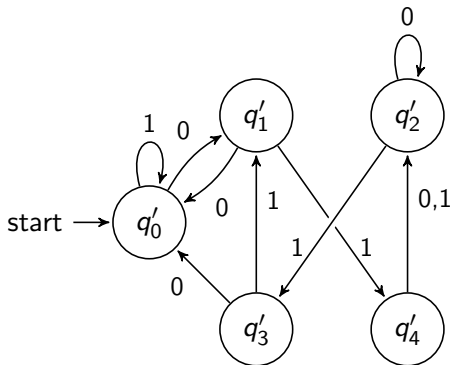
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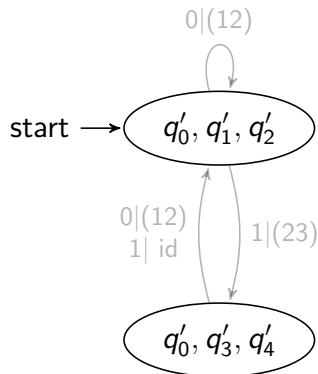
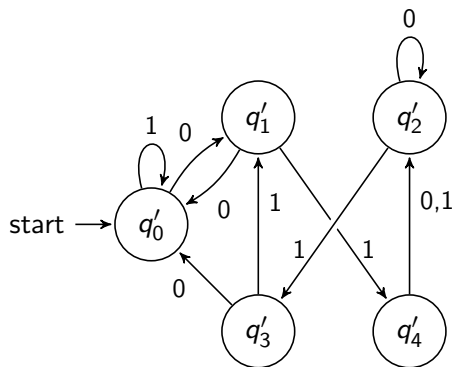
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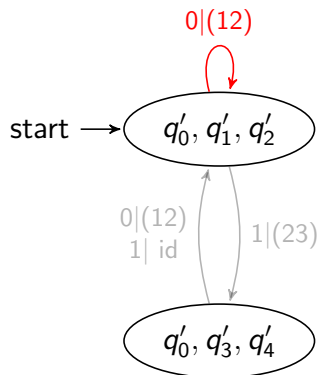
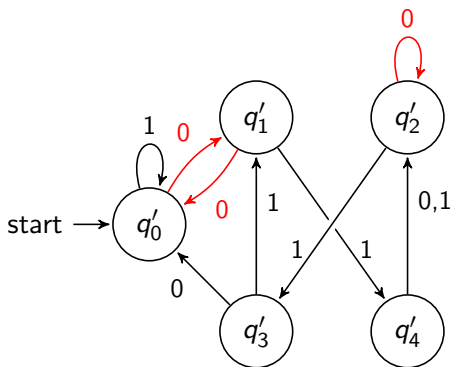
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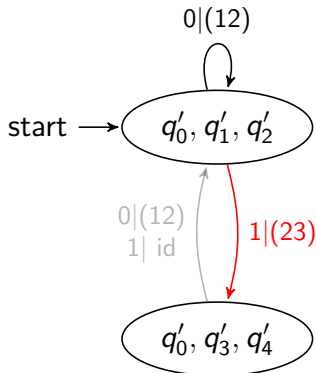
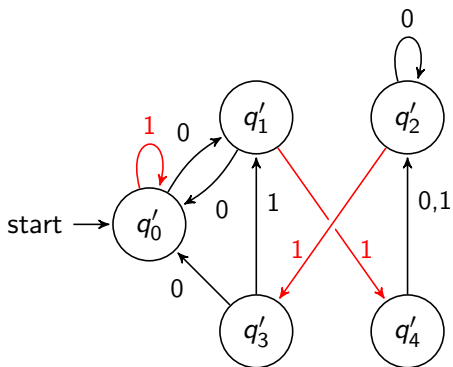
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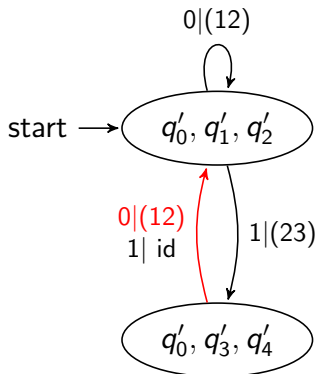
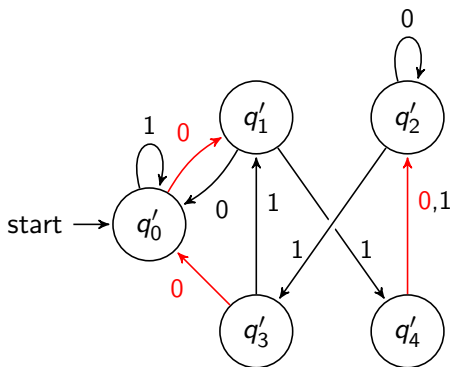
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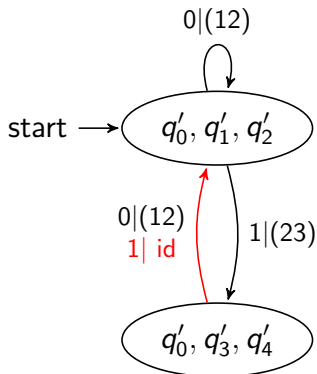
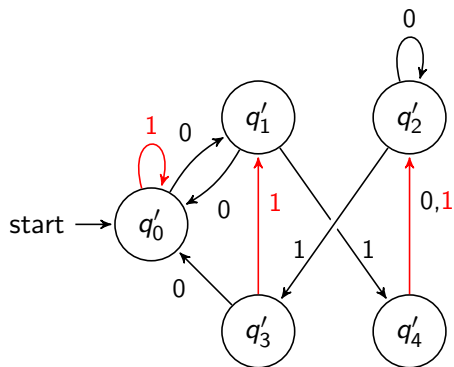
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