A non-deterministic finite automaton (NDFA/NFA) is a 5-tuple (Q, Σ , δ , q0, F)

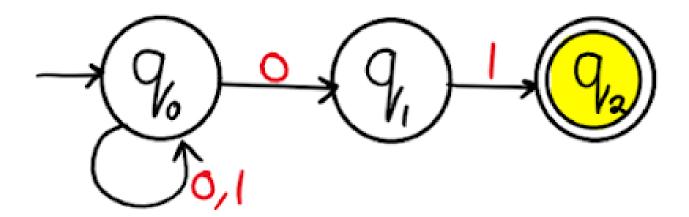
where,

- 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° .
- q0 = is the initial state, $q0 \in Q$.
- $F = is \ a \ set \ of \ final \ states, \ F \subseteq Q.$

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Example of NFA,

Consider the NFA that accepts all string ending with 01.



Transition diagram

State	Input	
	0	1
→ q0	{q0, q1}	{q0}
q1	-	-
Q 2		-

Transition table

In this NFA,

$$M = \{Q, \Sigma, \delta, q0, F\}$$

where,

- $Q = \{q0, q1, q2\}.$
- $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}.$
- δ = As shown above.
- q0 = Initial state.
- $F = \{q2\}$

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