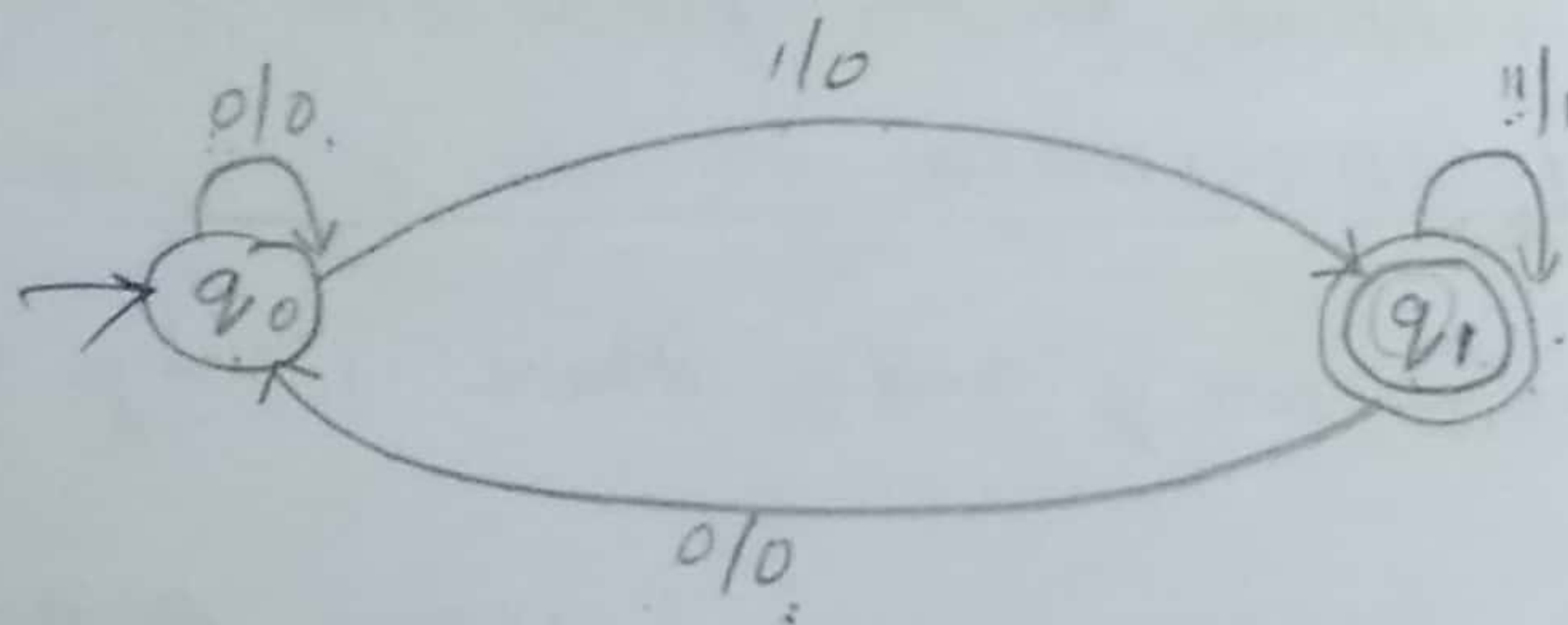


## Transition Systems :-

A transition graph on a transition system is a finite directed labelled graph in which each vertex (or node) represents a state and the directed edges indicates the transition of a state and the edges are labelled with input / output.

A typical transition system is shown in fig.



In the figure, the initial state is represented by a circle with an arrow pointing towards it, the final state by two concentric circles, and the other states are represented by just a circle. The edges are labelled by input / output (e.g. by 1/0 or 1/1). For eg:- if the



System is in state  $q_0$  and the input 1 is applied; the system moves to state  $q_1$ , as there is a directed edge from  $q_0$  to  $q_1$ , with label 1/0. It outputs 0.

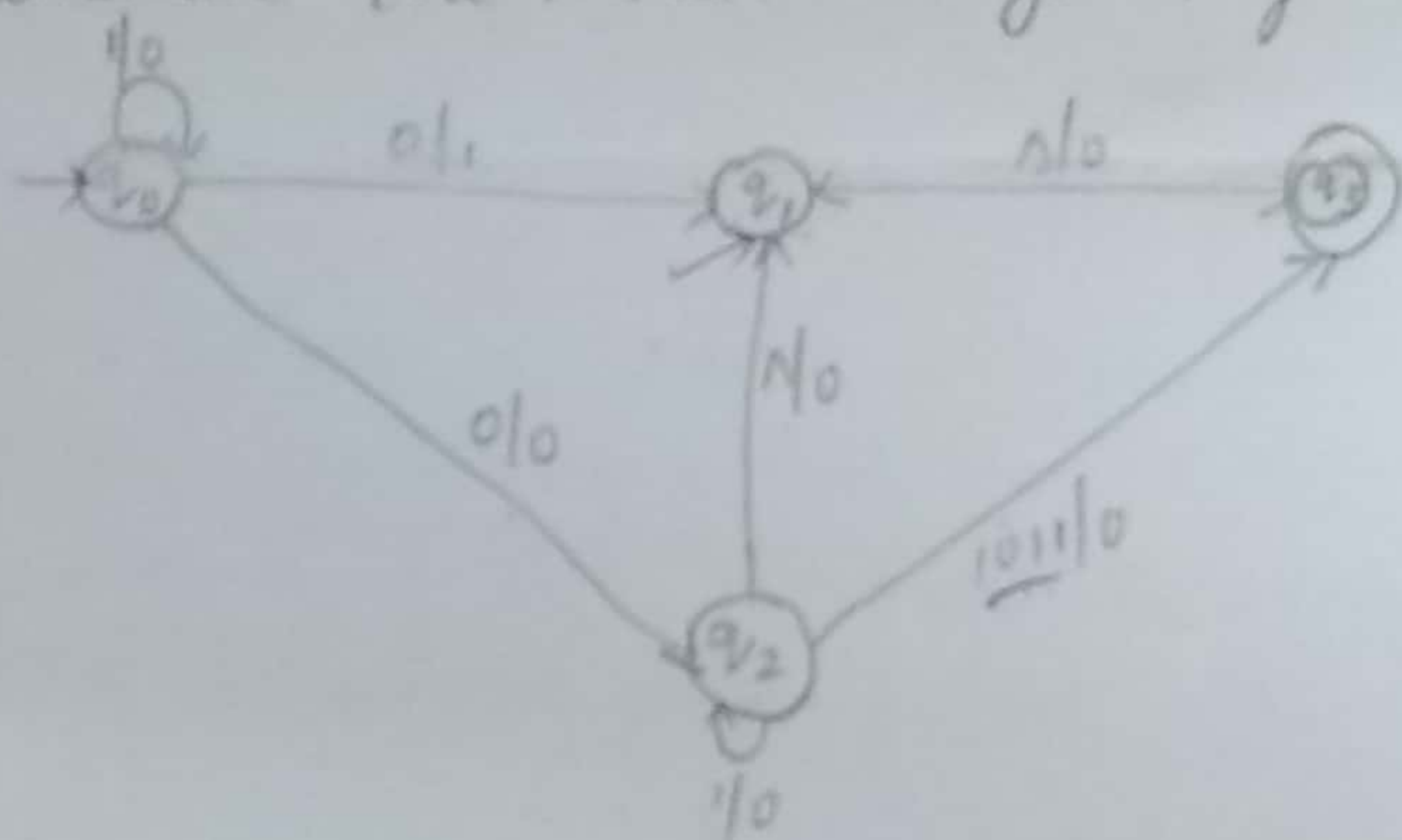
Def - Analytical def. of a transition system:-

A transition system is a 5-tuple  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, Q_0, F)$  where,

- a)  $Q, \Sigma$  and  $F$  are the finite non empty set of states, the input alphabet, and the set of final states, respectively, as in the case of finite automata.
- b)  $Q_0 \subseteq Q$ , and  $Q_0$  is non empty.
- c)  $\delta$  is a finite subset of  $Q \times \Sigma \times Q$ .

Examp -

Consider the transition system given in fig.



Transition system for ex

Determine the initial states, final states and the acceptability of 101011, 111010.

Solution:- The initial states are  $q_0$  and  $q_1$ , there is only one final state  $q_3$ .

The path-value of  $q_0 q_0 q_2 q_3$  is 101011. As  $q_3$  is the final state, 101011 is accepted by the transition system. But, 111010 is not accepted by the transition system as there is no path value 111010.



Example:-

Consider the finite state machine whose transition function  $\delta$  is given in table in the form of a transition table. Here  $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3\}$ ,  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $F = \{q_0\}$ . Give the entries sequence of states for the input string

110101

11111  
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000000

States	Transition Function Table	
	0	1
$q_0$	$q_2$	$q_1$
$q_1$	$q_3$	$q_0$
$q_2$	$q_0$	$q_3$
$q_3$	$q_1$	$q_2$

Solution -

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta(q_0, \downarrow 110101) &= \delta(q_1, \downarrow 10101) \\
 &= \delta(q_0, \downarrow 0101) \\
 &= \delta(q_2, \downarrow 101) \\
 &= \delta(q_3, \downarrow 01) \\
 &= \delta(q_1, \downarrow 1) \\
 &= \delta(q_0, \wedge) \\
 &= q_0
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $q_0 \xrightarrow{1} q_1 \xrightarrow{1} q_0 \xrightarrow{0} q_2 \xrightarrow{1} q_3 \xrightarrow{0} q_1 \xrightarrow{1} q_0$

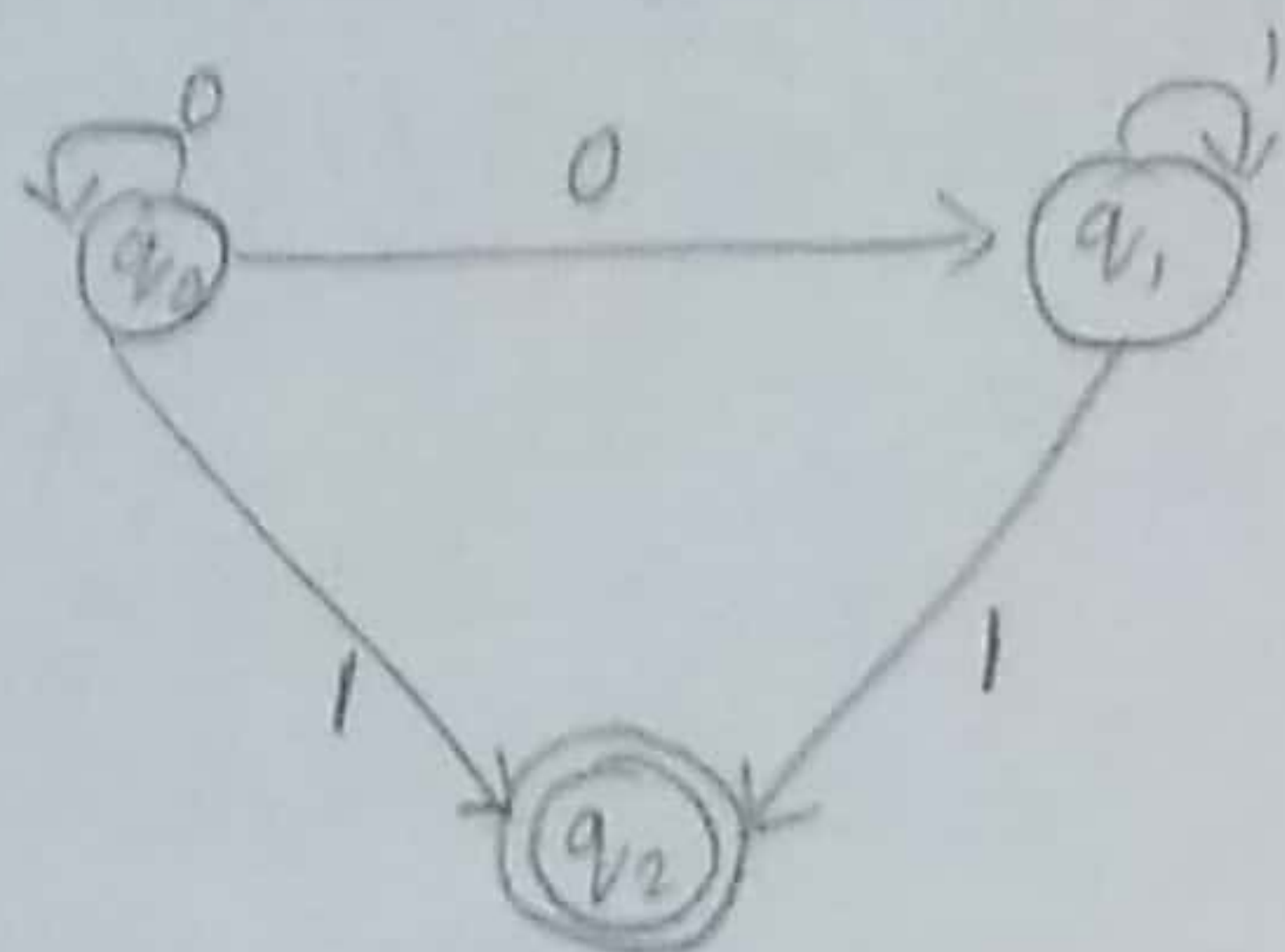
The symbol  $\downarrow$  indicates the current input symbol being processed by the machine.



## Non Deterministic finite state machines:-

NDFA  
NFA

We explain the concept of non deterministic finite automaton using a transition dig diagram



Transition system representing non deterministic automaton

If the automaton is in a state  $\{q_0\}$  and the input symbol is 0, what will be the next state? From the fig. It is clear that the next state will be either  $\{q_0\}$  or  $\{q_2\}$ , thus some moves of the machines cannot be determined uniquely by the input symbol and the present state. Such machines are called non deterministic automata.

Formal definition:-

A non deterministic finite automaton

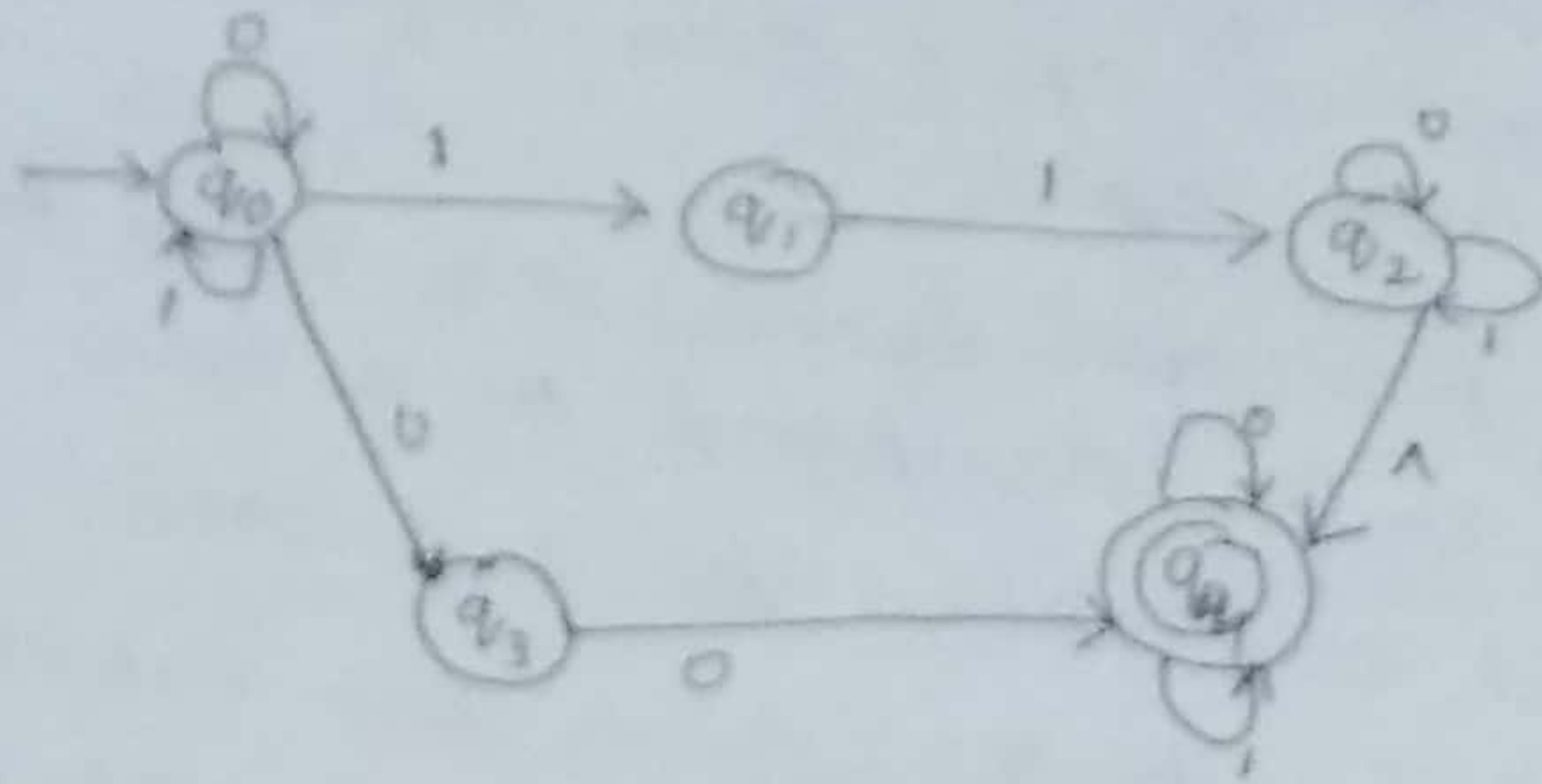
(NDFA) is a 5-tuple  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ , where.

- i)  $Q$  is a finite non empty set of states.
- ii)  $\Sigma$  is a finite non empty set of inputs.
- iii)  $\delta$  is the transition function mapping from  $Q \times \Sigma$  into  $2^Q$  which is the power set of  $Q$ , the set of all subsets of  $Q$ .
- iv)  $q_0 \in Q$  is the initial state.
- v)  $F \subseteq Q$  is the set of final states.

We note that the difference between the deterministic and non deterministic automata is only in  $\delta$ . For deterministic automaton (DFA), the outcome is a state, i.e., an element of  $Q$ , for non-deterministic automaton in outcome is a subset of  $Q$ .



Consider for ex, the non deterministic automaton,  $A$  whose transition diagram is given in fig



Transition system for a non-deterministic automaton

The sequence of states for the input string 0100 is given in fig. Hence

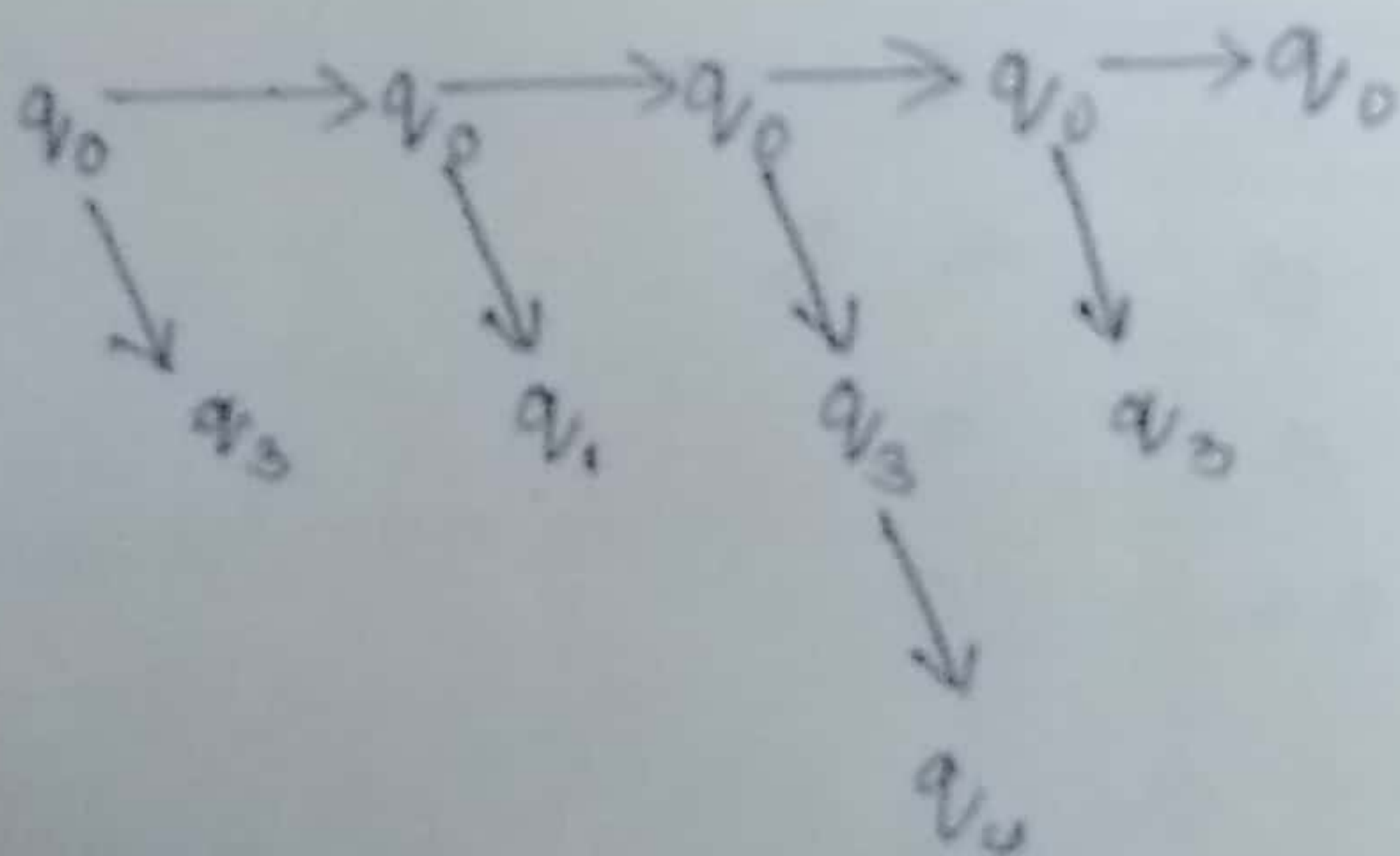
$$\delta(q_0, 0100) = \{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$$

Since  $q_4$  is an accepting state, the input string 0100 will be accepted by the non-deterministic automaton.

Def :-

A string  $w \in \Sigma^*$  is accepted by NFA  $M$  if  $\delta(q_0, w)$  contains some final state.

NOTE - As  $M$  is non deterministic,  $\delta(q_0, w)$  may have more than one state, so  $w$  is accepted by  $M$  if a final state is one among the possible states  $M$  can reach on application of  $w$ .



States reached while processing 0100.