

Figure 4.1 Structuring information about the family.

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family(
  person( tom, fox, date(7,may,1960), works(bbc,15200) ),
  person( ann, fox, date(9,may,1961), unemployed),
  [ person( pat, fox, date(5,may,1983), unemployed),
    person( jim, fox, date(5,may,1983), unemployed) ] ).
  
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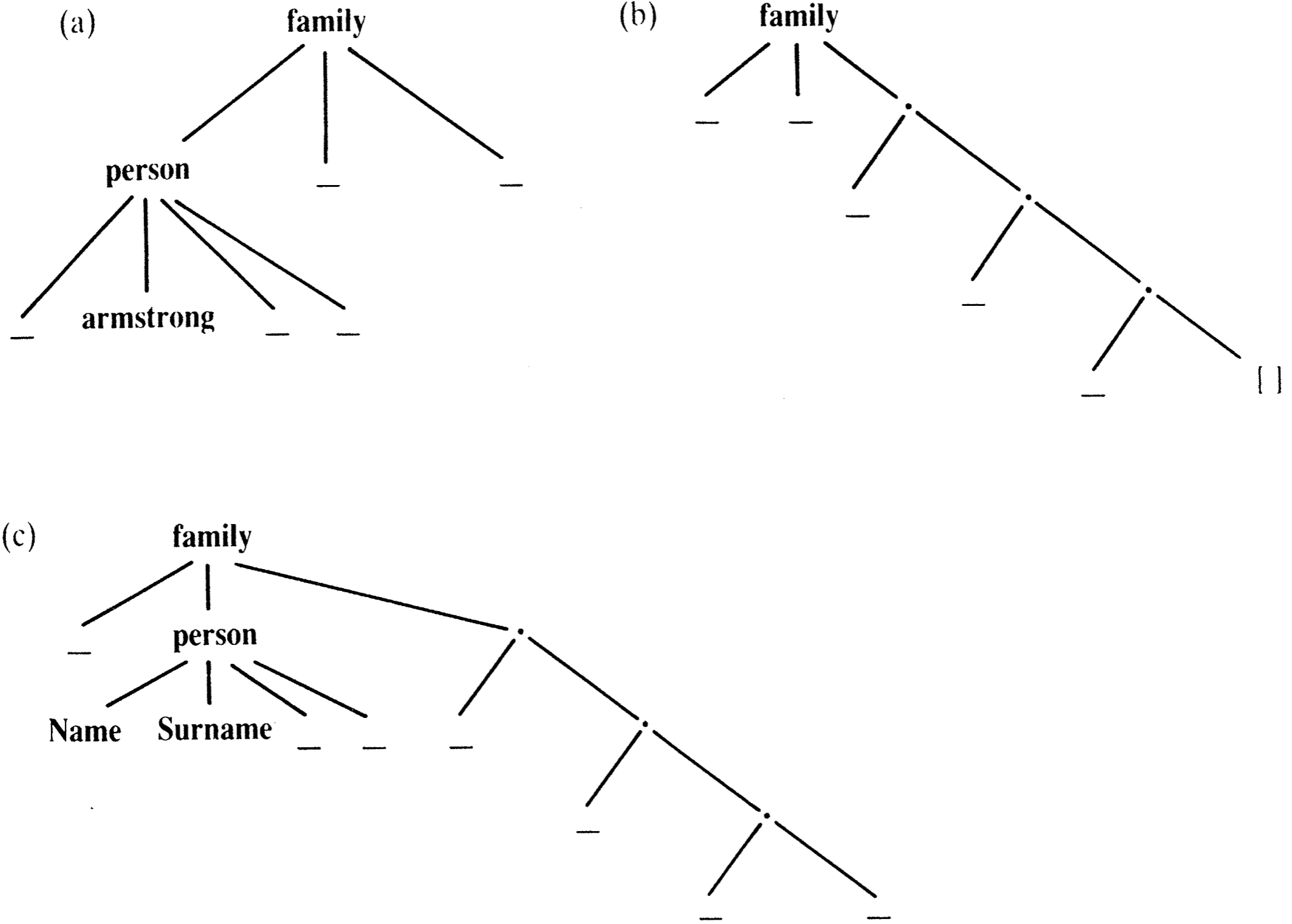


Figure 4.2 Specifying objects by their structural properties: (a) any Armstrong family; (b) any family with exactly three children; (c) any family with at least three children. Structure (c) makes provision for retrieving the wife's name through the instantiation of the variables **Name** and **Surname**.

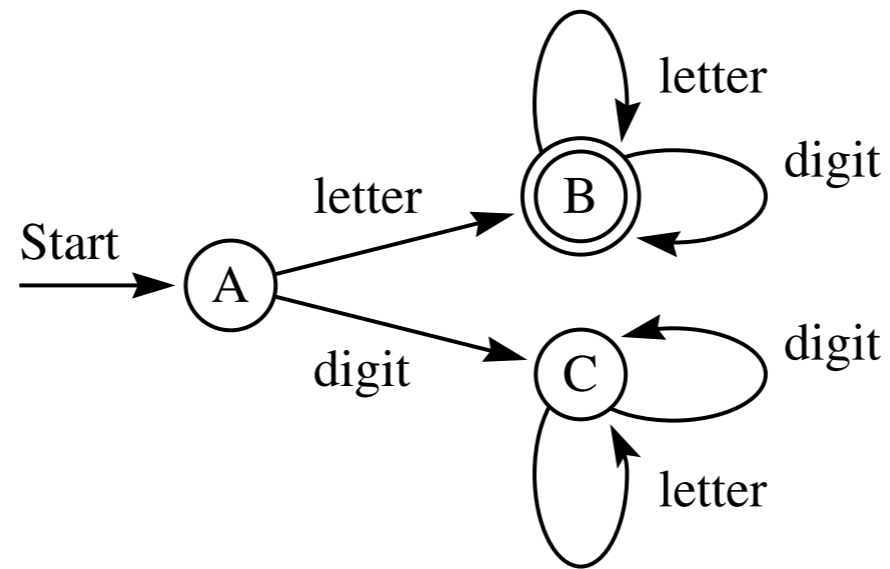


Figure 7.10

A finite state machine (FSM) to parse an identifier.

Example 7.4 To parse the string `cab3`, you would make the following transitions:

Current state: A	Input: <code>cab3</code>	Scan <code>c</code> and go to B.
Current state: B	Input: <code>ab3</code>	Scan <code>a</code> and go to B.
Current state: B	Input: <code>b3</code>	Scan <code>b</code> and go to B.
Current state: B	Input: <code>3</code>	Scan <code>3</code> and go to B.
Current state: B	Input:	Check for final state.

Because there is no more input and the last state is B, a final state, `cab3` is a valid identifier. ■

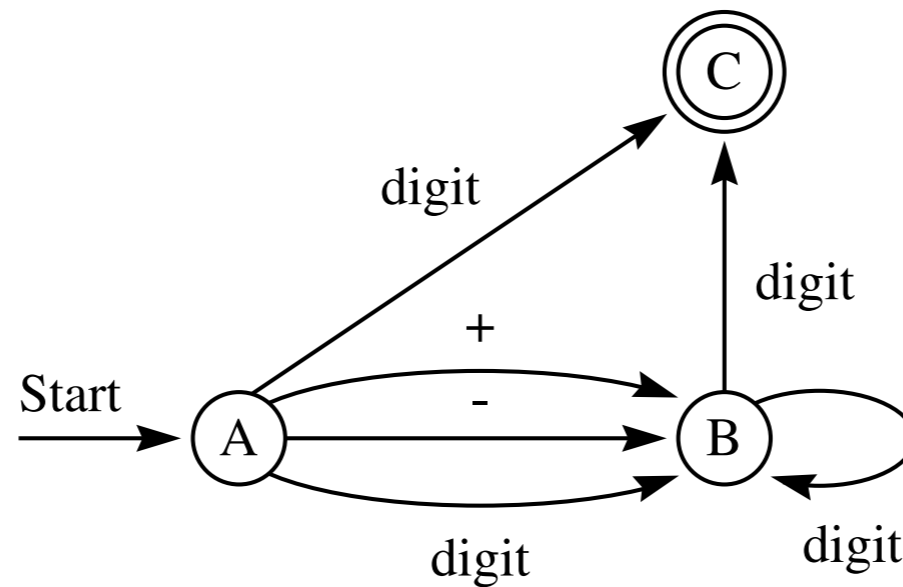


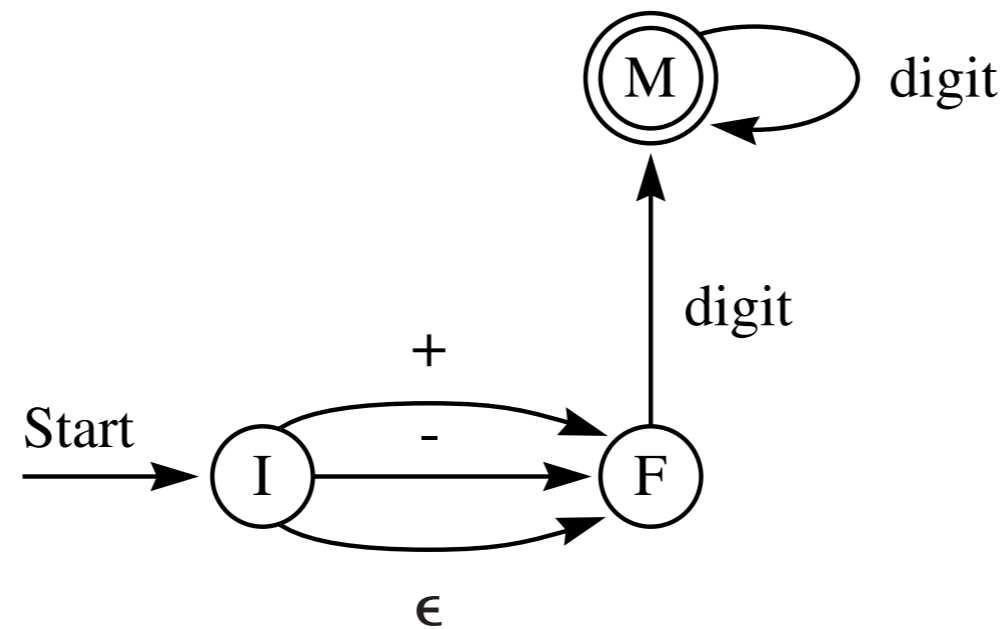
Figure 7.14

A nondeterministic FSM to parse a signed integer.

Example 7.5 You must make the following decisions to parse +203 with this nondeterministic FSM:

Current state: A	Input: +203	Scan + and go to B.
Current state: B	Input: 203	Scan 2 and go to B.
Current state: B	Input: 03	Scan 0 and go to B.
Current state: B	Input: 3	Scan 3 and go to C.
Current state: C	Input:	Check for final state.

Because there is no more input and you are in the final state C, you have proven that the input string +203 is a valid signed integer. ■



[Figure 7.17](#)

An FSM with an empty transition to parse a signed integer.

Example 7.6 To parse 32 requires the following decisions:

Current state: I	Input: 32	Scan ϵ and go to F.
Current state: F	Input: 32	Scan 3 and go to M.
Current state: M	Input: 2	Scan 2 and go to M.
Current state: M	Input:	Check for final state.

The transition from I to F on ϵ does not consume an input character. When you are in state I, you can do one of three things: (a) scan + and go to F, (b) scan – and go to F, or (c) scan nothing (that is, the empty string) and go to F. ■

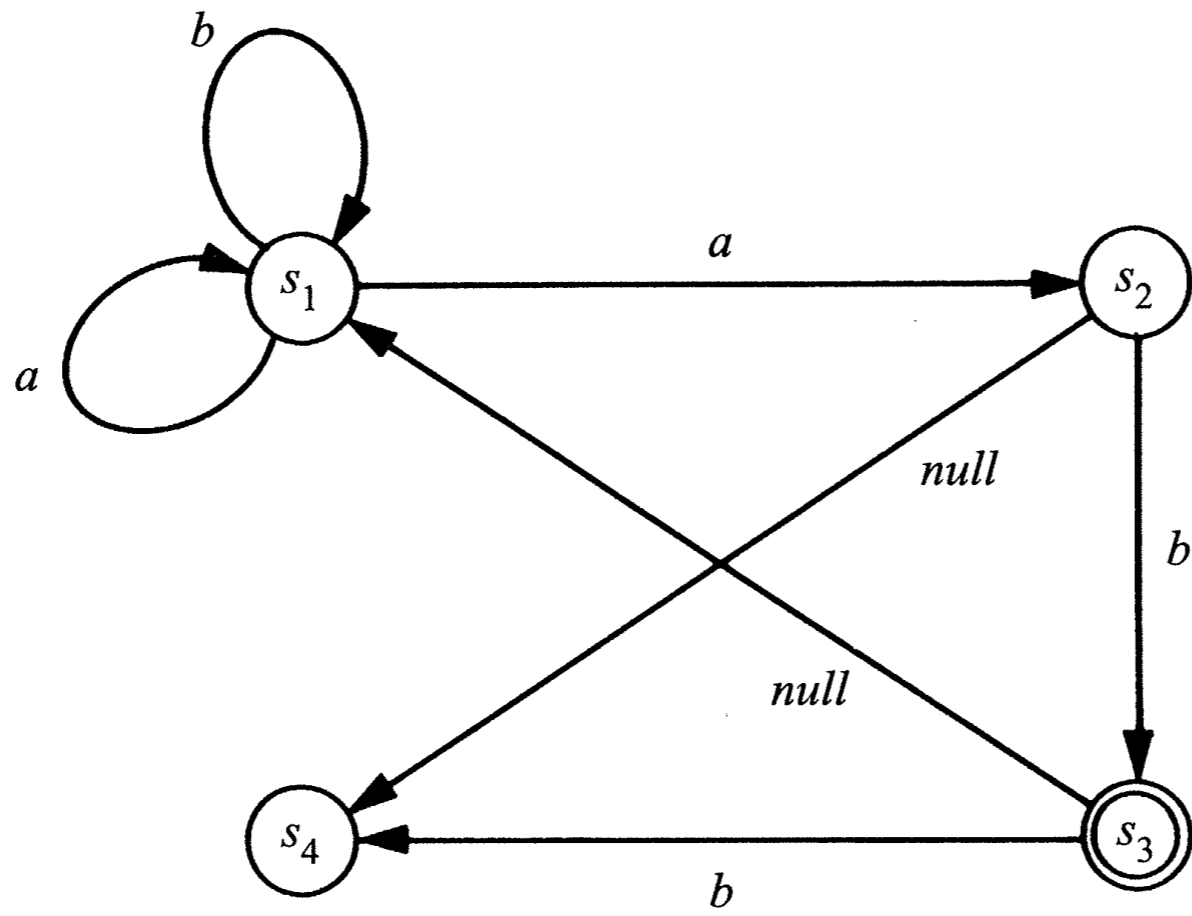


Figure 4.3 An example of a non-deterministic finite automaton.

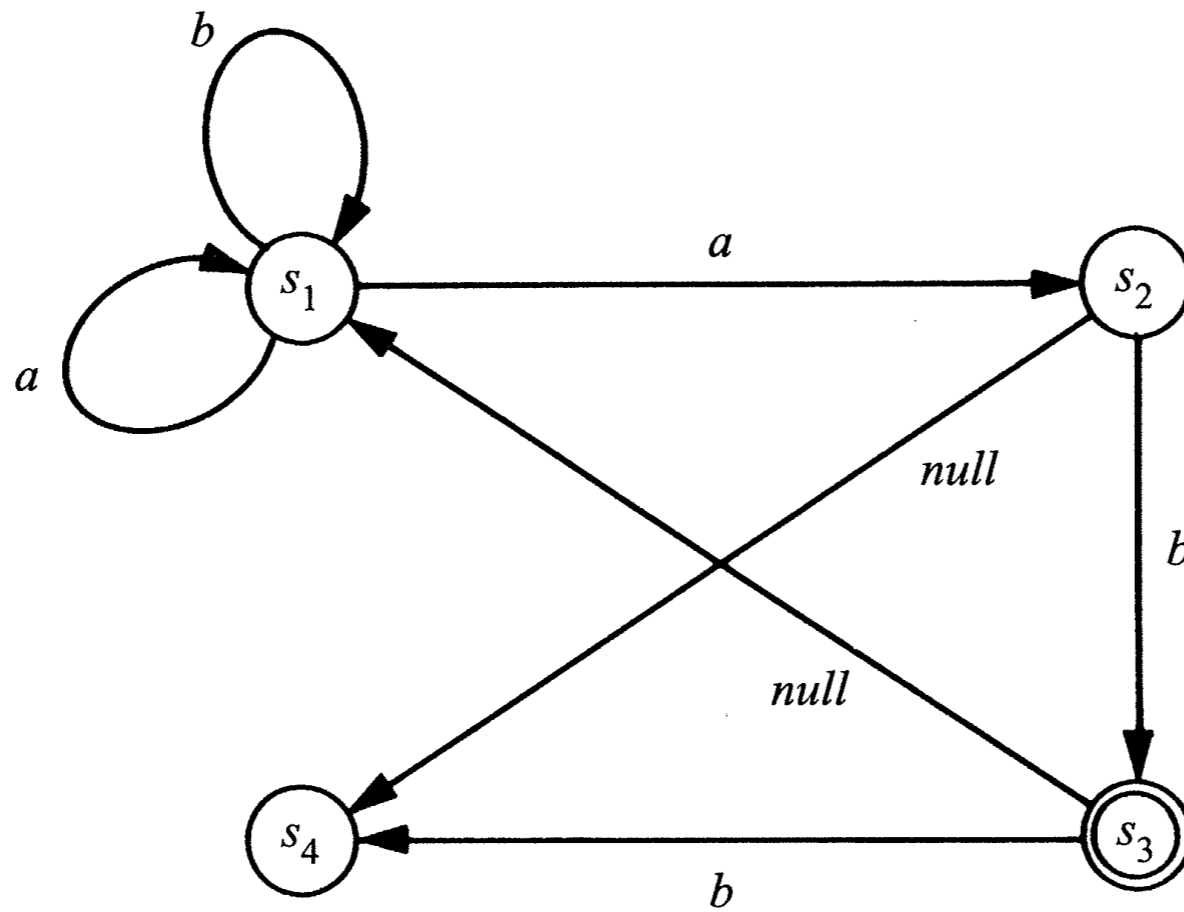


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final(s3).

trans(s1, a, s1).

trans(s1, a, s2).

trans(s1, b, s1).

trans(s2, b, s3).

trans(s3, b, s4).

silent(s2, s4).

silent(s3, s1).

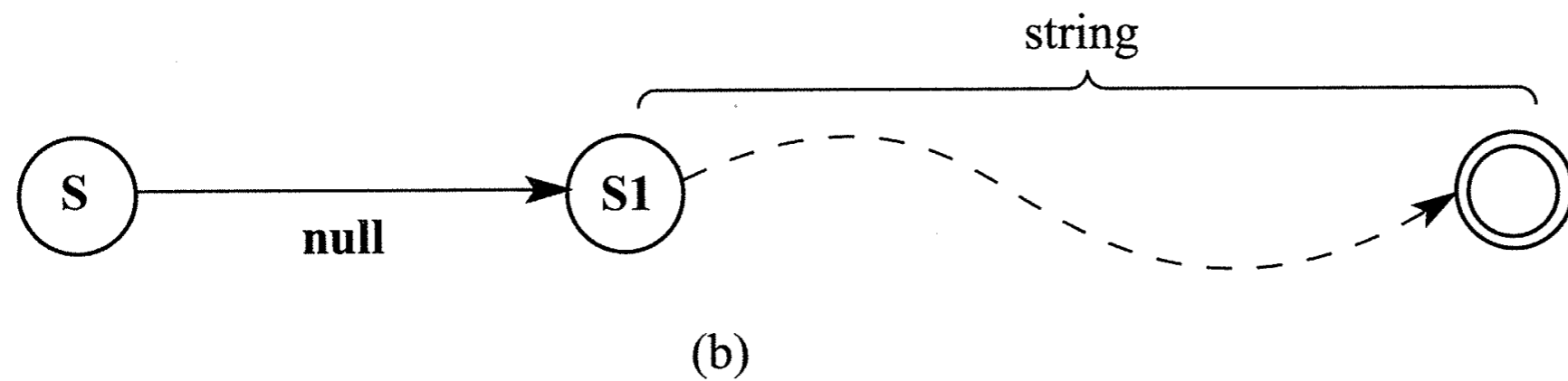
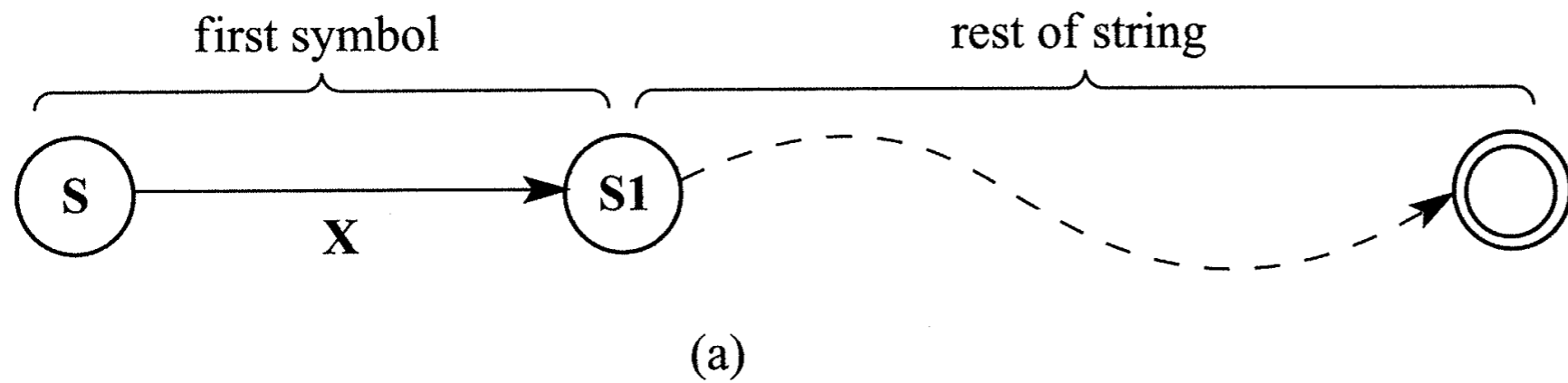


Figure 4.4 Accepting a string: (a) by reading its first symbol X ; (b) by making a silent move.