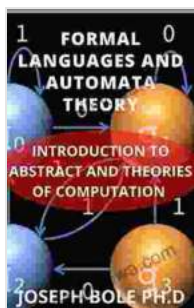# Formal Languages and Automata Theory: Unveiling the Foundations of Computation

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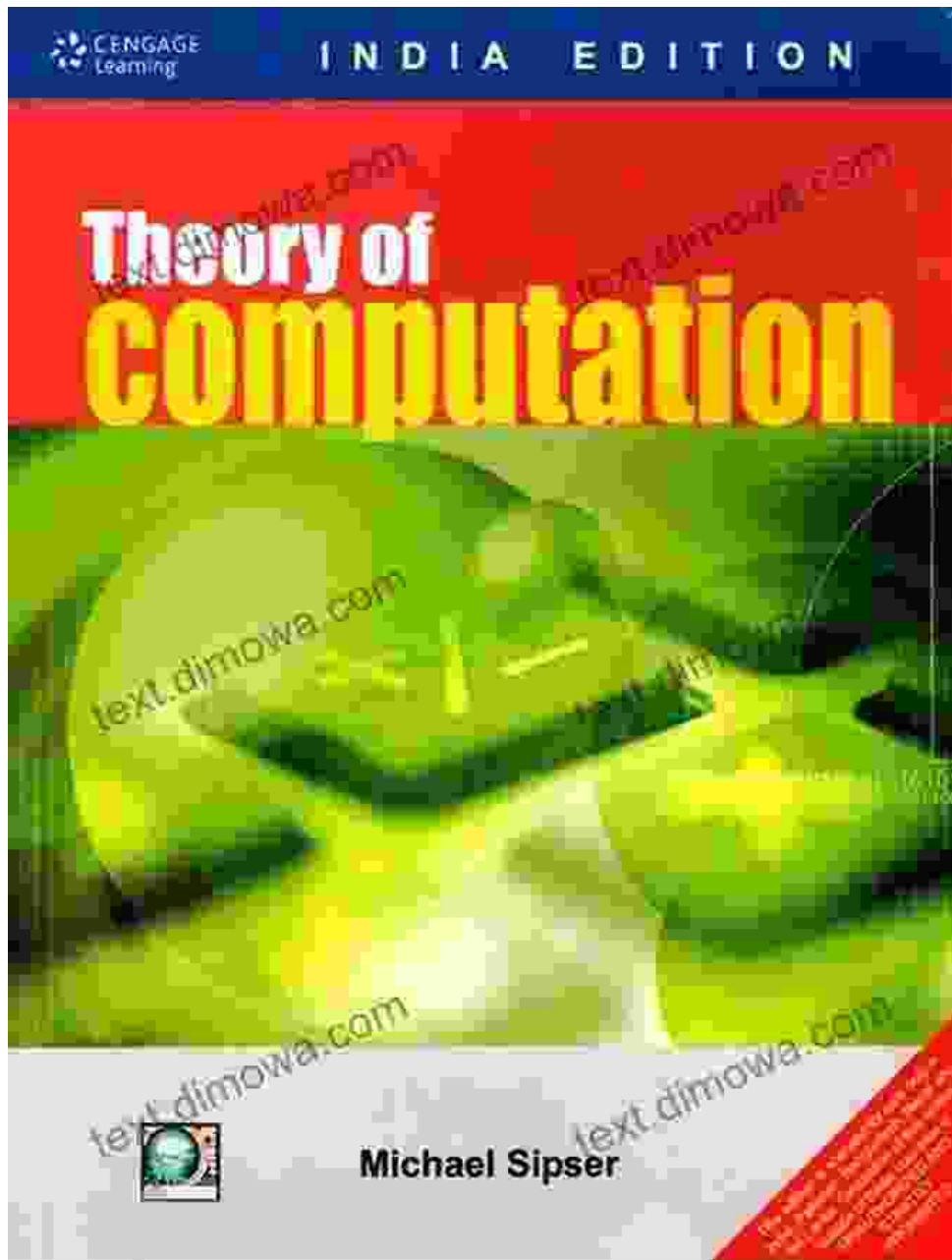
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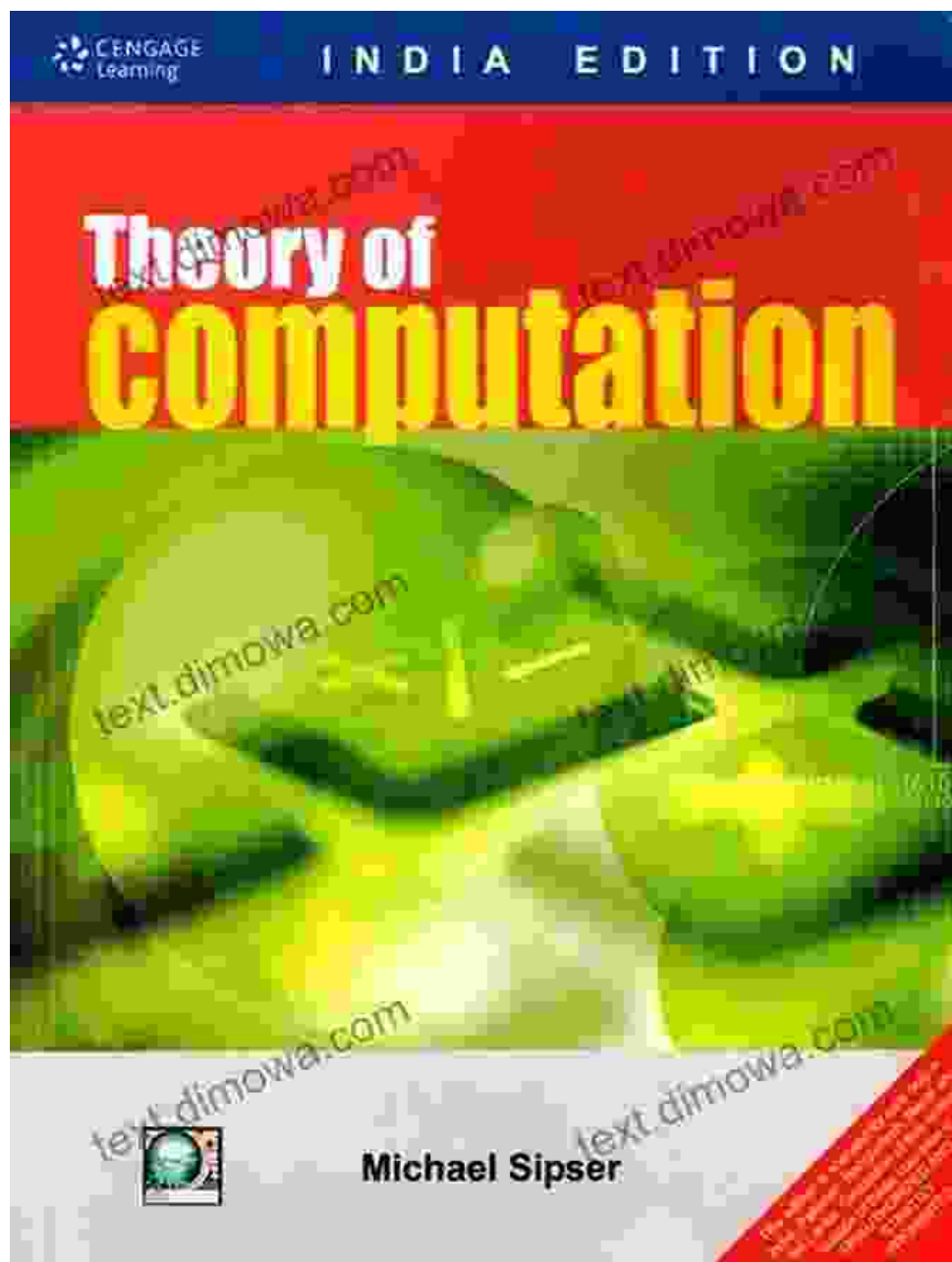## Chapter 2: Finite Automata: The Simplest Abstract Computing Machines

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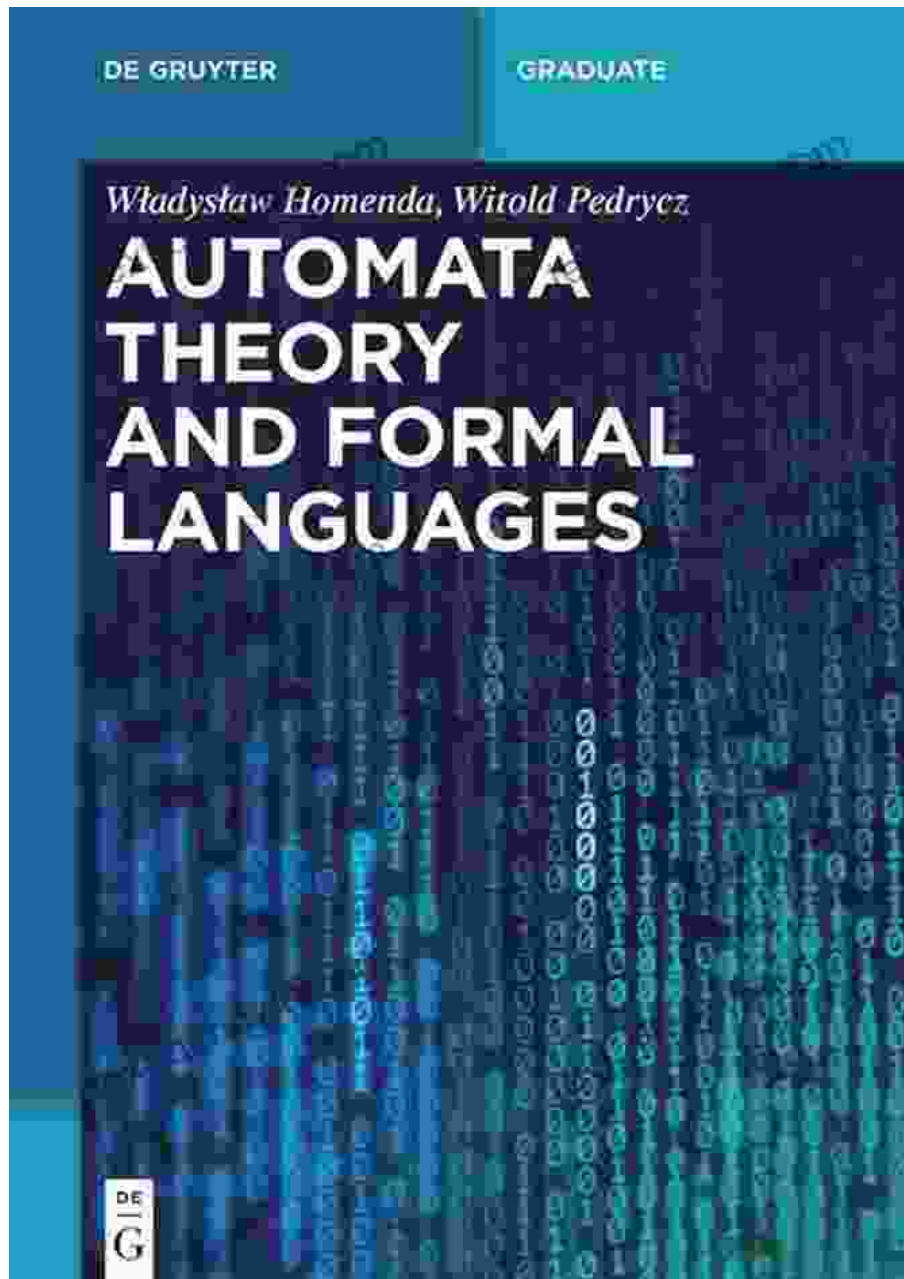


A diagram illustrating the structure and operation of a finite automaton.

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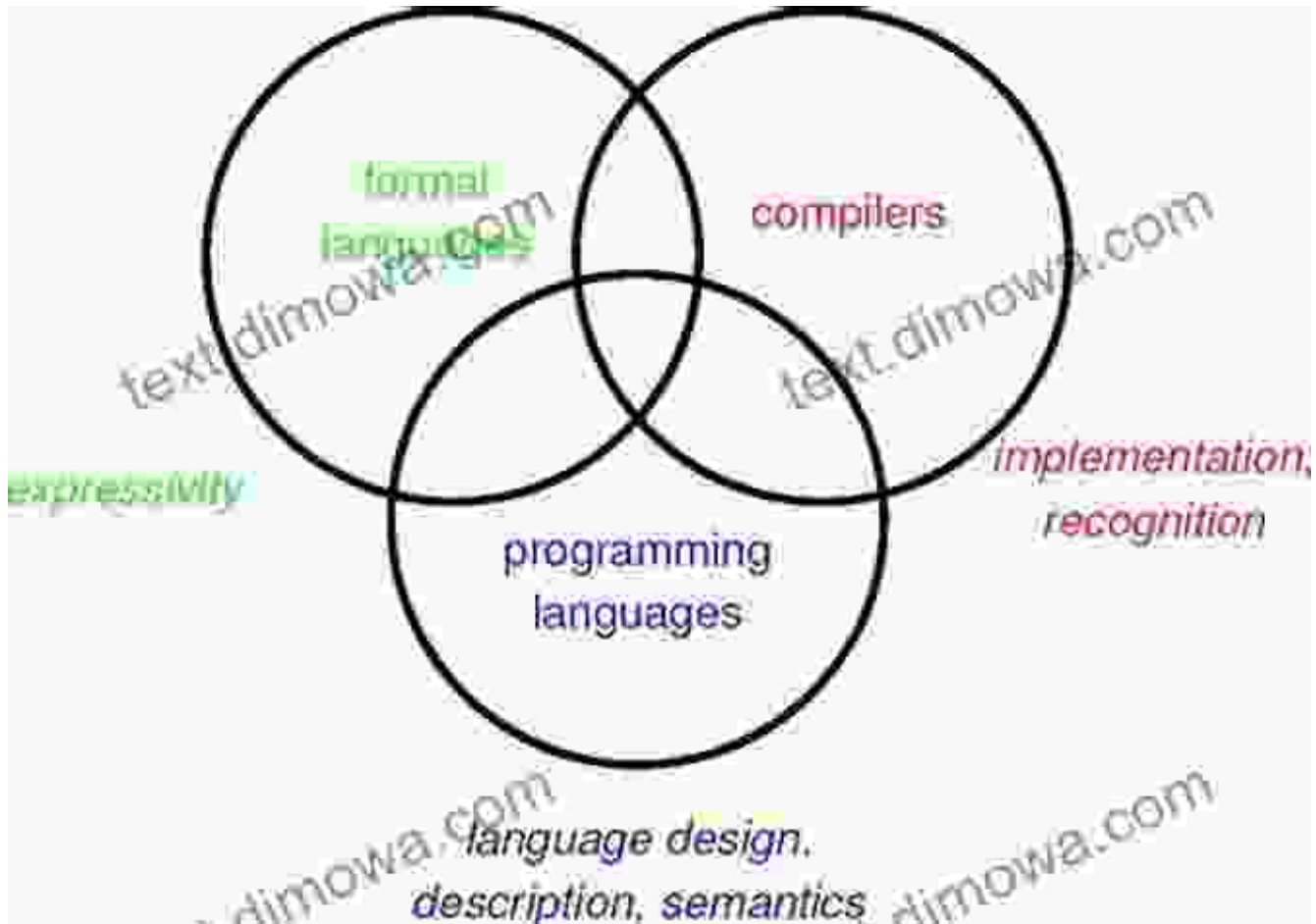
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A depiction of the tape used by a Turing machine, representing its infinite memory.

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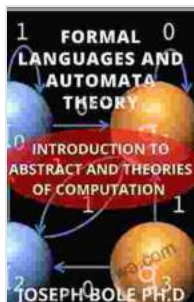
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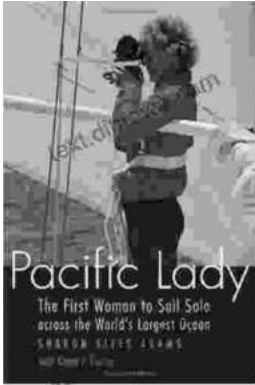Free Download your copy of Formal Languages and Automata Theory now!

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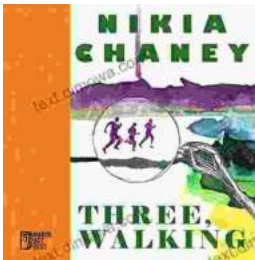
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