

Homework 1

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Problem 1: Designing DFAs and NFAs. For each of the following, draw a state diagram for a DFA or NFA (as required) that recognizes the specified language. In all cases the alphabet is $\{0, 1\}$.

- Sipser exercise 1.6, part c. $L_1 = \{w | w \text{ contains the substring } 0101\}$. Provide a DFA recognizing L_1 . Notice that you are required to write DFA, not NFA here.
- Sipser exercise 1.6, part j. $L_2 = \{w | w \text{ contains at least two } 0\text{s and at most one } 1\}$. Provide a DFA recognizing L_2 . Notice that you are required to write DFA, not NFA here.
- Sipser exercise 1.7, part c. $L_3 = \{w | w \text{ contains an even number of } 0\text{s, or exactly two } 1\text{s}\}$. Provide an NFA with at most six states that recognizes L_3 . Notice that you can use NFA here.

Problem 2: Proving an FA recognizes a language. For one of the automata you designed in problem 1, prove that the machine recognizes *exactly* the specified language. To do this, you will need to prove that your automaton (1) accepts all strings in the language and (2) does not accept any string not in the language.

Problem 3: Given two languages A, B that are regular, show that the following languages are regular

- $A \dagger B = \{a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2 a_3 b_3 \cdots a_n b_n \mid n \geq 1, a_1 a_2 a_3 \cdots a_n \in A, \text{ and } b_1 b_2 b_3 \cdots b_n \in B\}$
- $A \# B = \{a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2 a_3 b_3 \cdots a_n b_n \mid n \geq 1, a_1 a_2 a_3 \cdots a_n \in A, \text{ or } b_1 b_2 b_3 \cdots b_n \in B\}$
- $A \ddagger B = \{a_1 a_2 b_1 a_3 a_4 b_2 a_5 a_6 b_3 \cdots a_{2n-1} a_{2n} b_n \mid n \geq 1, a_1 a_2 a_3 \cdots a_{2n-1} a_{2n} \in A, \text{ and } b_1 b_2 b_3 \cdots b_n \in B\}$

Problem 4: Assume that the alphabet is $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$. Let $N(w, a)$ denote the number of times that character a appeared in string w . Write regular expressions for each of the following languages

- $L_1 = \{w \mid N(w, a) \text{ is odd}\}$.
- $L_2 = \{w \mid N(w, b) \text{ is even}\}$,
- $L_3 = \{w \mid N(w, a) \text{ is odd, and } N(w, b) \text{ is even}\}$,

Problem 5: Describe the following language by nature language

- 10^*1
- $(0|1)^*011(0|1)^*$

Problem 6: Prove that the following languages are non-regular:

- $L_1 = \{0^i 1^j 0^k : j = \max\{i, k\}\}$
- $L_2 = \{w | w = x\bar{x}, x \in \{0, 1\}^*, \bar{x} \text{ is the complement of } x\}$
- Palindrome $L_p = \{w \mid w \text{ is a palindrome}\}$. Assume that the alphabet is $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. A palindrome is a binary string which is equivalent to its reversal. For example, 1, 0110 and 010111010 are palindromes, but 011 is not.