

## Practice Midterm

*Will not be graded.*

### Problems

1. Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  and for all  $n \geq 0$ , define  $L_n = (\{0, 1\}^* 0 \{0, 1\}^n 0) \cup (\{0, 1\}^* 1 \{0, 1\}^n 1)$ .

Show how to construct a DFA that accepts  $L_n$ .

we will have to have  $n^3$  terms in the regular expression,  
taking a particular remainder value  
for  $x, y$  and  $z$

2. Let  $\Sigma = \{1, 0\}$  and for all  $n \geq 0$ , define  $L_n = \{1^x 0 1^y 0 1^z \mid x + y \equiv z \pmod{n}\}$ .

Show how to construct a regular expression that accepts  $L_n$ .

3. Recall the language  $L_k$  from the homework, which was defined to be the set of all binary strings with length at least  $k$  that have a 1 in the  $k$ th-to-last position.

(a) Draw a state diagram for a 4-state NFA with  $L_3$  as its language.

(b) Use the subset construction to create a DFA with the same language.

(c) Is the DFA you provided the minimal DFA for  $L_3$ ? Explain. yes

4. Let  $L$  be the language of balanced parentheses with alphabet  $\Sigma = \{ (, ) \}$ . For example,  $((())) \in L$  but  $((()))( ) \notin L$ .

Prove that  $L$  is not regular.

5. For each of the following languages, say whether  $L_i$  is decidable and whether  $L_i$  is recognizable, and give a short proof of your claim. (If you prove decidability, the proof of recognizability is not required.)

(a)  $L_1 = \{M \mid \text{the Turing machine } M \text{ has 154 states}\}$  decidable, check the representation of the turing machine

(b)  $L_2 = \{(M, w) \mid \text{the DFA } M \text{ rejects input } w\}$  recursive, DFA will always halt, simply run DFA on the input

(c)  $L_3 = \{M \mid \text{TM } M \text{ accepts some string of length greater than 154}\}$  re, try out all strings of length  $\geq 154$  by dovetailing and accept if any of those gets accepted

(d)  $L_4 = \{M \mid M \text{ is a TM and } L(M) \text{ is not regular}\}$

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6. Suppose for two languages  $A$  and  $B$ , that  $\bar{A} \leq_M \bar{B}$  (i.e. the complement of  $A$  is mapping reducible to the complement of  $B$ ). Which of the following are necessarily true?
- (a) If  $B$  is empty, then  $A$  is empty. **truthy**
  - (b) If  $B$  is regular, then  $A$  is regular. **falsy**
  - (c) If  $A$  is decidable, then  $B$  is decidable. **falsy**
  - (d) If  $A$  is undecidable, then  $B$  is undecidable. **truthy**
  - (e) If  $B$  is recognizable, then  $A$  is recognizable. **truthy**