

2.2.1

Some examples of regular expressions

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Bit strings with odd number of 0s and 1s

The regular expression is

$$(00 + 11)^*(01 + 10) \\ \left(00 + 11 + (01 + 10)(00 + 11)^*(01 + 10)\right)^*$$

(Solved using techniques to be presented in the following lectures...)

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