

1. For each of the following languages over the alphabet $\{0, 1\}$, give a regular expression that describes that language, and briefly argue why your expression is correct.

1. All strings except 010 .

Solution: The string with length zero is ϵ

The strings with length one are $0, 1$

The strings with length two are $00, 01, 10, 11$

The strings with length three except 010 are $000, 001, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111$

The regular expression $(1 + 0)(1 + 0)(1 + 0)(1 + 0)(1 + 0)^*$ refers to the strings with length at least four

Thus the regular expression that describes all strings except 010 is

$\epsilon + 0 + 1 + 00 + 01 + 10 + 11 + 000 + 001 + 011 + 100 + 101 + 110 + 111 + (1 + 0)(1 + 0)(1 + 0)(1 + 0)(1 + 0)^*$ ■

2. All strings that end in 10 and contain 101 as a substring.

Solution: There are two possible situations:

(a) 101 is in the middle of the string $(0 + 1)^*101(0 + 1)^*10$

(b) 101 is at the end so that it belongs last four digits 1010 . There exists a 0 following the substring 101 since the string should end in 10 . $(0 + 1)^*1010$

Thus the regular expression that describes all strings that end in 10 and contain 101 is $(0 + 1)^*101(0 + 1)^*10 + (0 + 1)^*1010$ ■

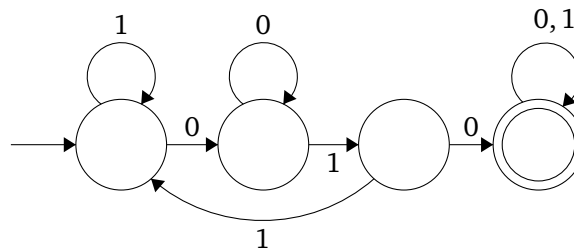
3. All strings in which every nonempty maximal substring of 1 s is of length divisible by 3. For instance 0110 and 101110 are not in the language while 11101111110 is.

Solution: Since every nonempty maximal substring of 1 is of length divisible by 3, we could use $(111)^*$ to represent every occurrence of 1 s.

Thus the regular expression is $(0 + 111)^*$ ■

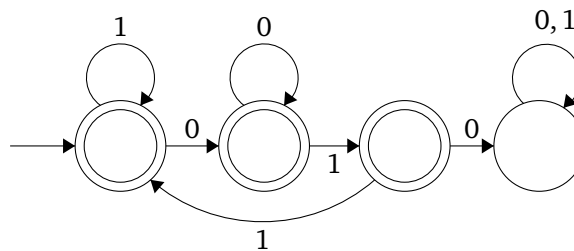
4. All strings that do not contain the substring 010 .

Solution: Let L be the language represents all strings that contain the substring 010 . We could draw a DFA that accepts the language L .



L^c is the complement of the language L and L^c represents all strings that do not contain the substring 010

We could draw a DFA that accepts the language L^c (simply change the non-accepting states to accepting states and vice versa)

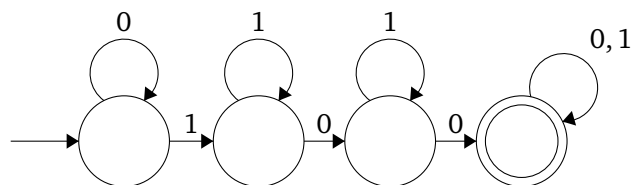


Then we transform the DFA to the regular expression:

$$(1 + 0^*11)^* + (1 + 0^*11)^*00^* + (1 + 0^*11)^*00^*1 = (1 + 0^*11)^*(\epsilon + 00^* + 00^*1) \quad \blacksquare$$

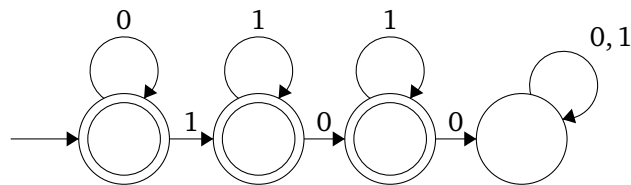
5. All strings that do not contain the *subsequence* 100.

Solution: Let L be the language represents all strings that contain the subsequence 100. We could draw a DFA that accepts the language L .



L^c is the complement of the language L and L^c represents all strings that do not contain the subsequence 100

We could draw a DFA that accepts the language L^c (simply change the non-accepting states to accepting states and vice versa)



Then we transform the DFA to the regular expression:

$$0^* + 0^*11^* + 0^*11^*01^* = 0^*(\epsilon + 11^* + 11^*01^*) = 0^*(1^*(\epsilon + 0))1^* \quad \blacksquare$$