

## Exercises for seminar

- 1) Describe in English the languages expressed by the following regular expressions:
  - (a)  $(0^*1^*)^*0$
  - (b)  $(01^*)^*0$
  - (c)  $(00 + 11 + (01 + 10)(00 + 11)^*(01 + 10))^*$
  - (d)  $0^* + (0^*1 + 0^*11)(0^+1 + 0^+11)^*0^*$ .
- 2) Simplify the following regular expressions:
  - (a)  $(00)^*0 + (00)^*$
  - (b)  $(0 + 1)(\varepsilon + 00)^+ + (0 + 1)$
  - (c)  $(0 + \varepsilon)0^*1$ .
- 3) Construct regular expressions for the following languages over alphabet  $\{0,1\}$ :
  - (a) The set of all strings whose fifth symbol from right is 0.
  - (b) The set of all strings having either 000 or 111 as a substring.
  - (c) The set of all strings having neither 000 nor 111 as a substring.
  - (d) The set of all strings having no substring 010.
  - (e) The set of all strings having an odd number of 0's.
  - (f) The set of all strings having an even number of occurrences of substring 011. (Hint: First find the regular expression for the set of binary strings having no substring 011).
- 4) Show that  $(0^2 + 0^3)^* = (0^20^*)^*$ .
- 5) Construct a regular expression for the set of all strings over alphabet  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  that represent correct subtractions. For example,  $\begin{array}{cccc} & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$  implies that string  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is in the set.
- 6) Show that for any regular language  $L$ ,  $L_{odd} = \{x \in L \mid |x| = odd\}$  and  $L_{even} = \{x \in L \mid |x| = even\}$  are regular.
- 7) Show that if  $L$  is a regular language, then  $L'' = \{u \mid \exists v, uv \in L\}$  is regular.
- 8) Suppose  $h: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Gamma^*$  is a mapping satisfying  $h(xy) = h(x)h(y)$  for any  $x, y \in \Sigma^*$ . Show that if  $A$  is a regular set over  $\Sigma$ , then  $h(A) = \{h(x) \mid x \in A\}$  is a regular set over  $\Gamma$ . Conversely, if  $B$  is a regular set over  $\Gamma$ , then  $h^{-1}(B) = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid h(x) \in B\}$  is a regular set over  $\Sigma$ . (Hint: Prove by induction).