



HW 2: due Thursday, February 25 at 9pm

Problem 1

a) Prove that the following language on binary strings is regular:

$D = \{ \text{All binary strings that either start with two 0's or end with three 1's (but not both)} \}$

b) Prove that the following language over the English 26 letter alphabet is regular:

$R = \{w \mid w \text{ contains an even number of occurrences of the substring "go" and the last go is part of the substring "gone"} \}$

Problem 2

Do these two regular expressions represent the same language?

$aa(a \cup b)^* \cup (bb)^*a$ and $(ab \cup ba \cup a)^*$

Problem 3

Prove that the following language is not regular: $\{a^m b^n c^p d^q : m + n = p + q\}$

Problem 4

Is the language of Problem 3 context free?

Problem 5

For any string $w = w_1 \dots w_n$, the *reverse of w* , written w_R , is the string in reverse order, $w_n \dots w_2 w_1$. For any language A , let $A^R = \{w_R \mid w \in A\}$. Show if A is regular, so is A^R .