

CS 4330

Theory of Computation

Homework 1 Solutions

Q.7a) Let R be the relation on \mathbb{R} given by xRy iff $|x-y| \leq 2$

Reflexive: Want to show $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x \sim x$

$$\Rightarrow |x-x| \leq 2, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq 2, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\Rightarrow |x-y| \leq 2$ is reflexive

Symmetric: Want to show $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, if $x \sim y$ then $y \sim x$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Since } |x-y| \leq 2, \text{ then } \begin{cases} x-y \leq 2 \Rightarrow y-x \geq -2 & (i) \\ x-y \geq -2 \Rightarrow y-x \leq 2 & (ii) \end{cases}$$

\Rightarrow From (i) and (ii) we conclude $|y-x| \leq 2$

$\Rightarrow |x-y| \leq 2$ is symmetric $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

Not Transitive: Want to show $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ if $x \sim y$ and $y \sim z$, then $x \not\sim z$ using a counter example

\Rightarrow Let $x=9, y=7$ and $z=5$

$$\Rightarrow |9-7| \leq 2 \text{ and } |7-5| \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow |x-y| \leq 2 \text{ and } |y-z| \leq 2$$

$\Rightarrow x \sim y$ and $y \sim z$

$$\Rightarrow \text{However, } |9-5| = 4, 4 > 2$$

$\Rightarrow x \not\sim z$

$\Rightarrow |x-y| \leq 2$ is not transitive $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$

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Q.7 b) Let R be the relation on \mathbb{N} given by xRy iff $x=ny$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Reflexive: Want to show $\forall x \in \mathbb{N}, x \sim x$

$$\Rightarrow x = nx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{x} = n$$

$$\Rightarrow n=1, 1 \in \mathbb{N}$$

$\Rightarrow x=ny$ is Reflexive, $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Not Symmetric: Want to show $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{N}$, if $x \sim y$ then $y \sim x$ is false

\Rightarrow Let $x=4$ and $y=2$

$$\Rightarrow 4 = 2n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{2} = n$$

$$\Rightarrow n=2, 2 \in \mathbb{N}$$

\Rightarrow However: $2=4n$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \notin \mathbb{N}$$

$\Rightarrow x=ny$ is not symmetric

Transitive: Want to show $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}$ if $x \sim y$ and $y \sim z$, then $x \sim z$

$\Rightarrow x=ny$ and $y=mz$, $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow x &= n(mz) \\ &= (nm)z\end{aligned}$$

Let $a=nm$, $a \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow x=a z$$

$$\Rightarrow x \sim z$$

$\Rightarrow x=ny$ is transitive

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0.7c) Let R be the relation on the natural numbers given by xRy iff $xy \geq 1$

Not Reflexive: Want to show $\forall x \in \mathbb{N}$, $x \sim x$ is false

$$\Rightarrow \text{Let } x=0$$

$$\Rightarrow xx = 0 \neq 1$$

$\Rightarrow xy \geq 1$ is not Reflexive

Symmetric: Want to show $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{N}$, if $x \sim y$ then $y \sim x$

\Rightarrow If $xy \geq 1$ then by associativity $yx \geq 1 \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow xy \geq 1$ is Symmetric

Transitive: Want to show $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}$, if $x \sim y$, $y \sim z$ then $x \sim z$

\Rightarrow If $xy \geq 1$ and $yz \geq 1$

$\Rightarrow xz \geq 1 \quad \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow xy \geq 1$ is Transitive

O.11 a) Want to prove $S(n) = \frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$ where $S(n) = 1+2+\dots+n$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Prove } \underbrace{1+2+\dots+n}_{S(n)} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Proof

i) Base case: $n=1, S(1)=1$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{1(1+1)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{1(2)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 1$$

\Rightarrow Since the left hand side is equal to the right hand side
 $S(1)$ is true.

ii) Induction Hypothesis: Suppose $1+2+\dots+k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Induction Step: Need to show that $S(n)$ is true when $n=k+1$

$$\Rightarrow \text{We need to show } 1+2+\dots+(k+1) = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$$

$$\text{Note: } 1+2+\dots+(k+1) = \underbrace{1+2+\dots+k}_{\frac{k(k+1)}{2}} + (k+1)$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + k+1 \quad (\text{Using induction hypothesis})$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + \frac{2(k+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{k^2+k+2k+2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{k^2+3k+2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$$

\Rightarrow So $S(k+1)$ is true.

\therefore By mathematical induction, $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

O.11 b) Want to prove: $C(n) = \frac{1}{4}n^2(n+1)^2$ where $C(n) = 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Prove: } 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{1}{4}n^2(n+1)^2, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Proof

i) Base Case: $n=1, C(1)$

$$\Rightarrow 1^3 = \frac{1}{4}(1)^2(1+1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{1}{4}(2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{1}{4}(4)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 1$$

\Rightarrow Since the left hand side is equal to the right hand side
 $C(1)$ is true.

ii) Induction Hypothesis: Suppose $1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + k^3 = \frac{1}{4}k^2(k+1)^2$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Induction Step: Need to show that $C(n)$ is true when $n=k+1$

$$\Rightarrow \text{We need to show: } 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + (k+1)^3 = \frac{1}{4}(k+1)^2(k+2)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note: } 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + (k+1)^3 &= \underbrace{1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + k^3}_{\frac{1}{4}k^2(k+1)^2} + (k+1)^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{4}k^2(k+1)^2 + (k+1)^3 \quad (\text{Using induction hypothesis}) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}k^2(k+1)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(4)(k+1)^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(k+1)^2(k^2 + 4k + 4) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(k+1)^2(k+2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow So $C(k+1)$ is true

\therefore By mathematical induction, $C(n)$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

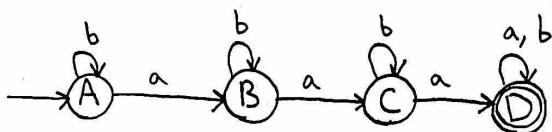
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$$1.4a) \quad L = \{ w \mid w \text{ has at least three } a's \text{ and at least two } b's \}$$

$$\Rightarrow L_1 = \{ w \mid w \text{ has at least three } a's \}$$

$$\Rightarrow L_2 = \{ w \mid w \text{ has at least two } b's \}$$

DFA for L_1 :



Recall that a DFA is a 5-tuple: $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

Where: Q is the set of states

Σ is the input alphabet

δ is the transition function

q_0 is the start state

F is the set of final states

1. Set of states: $Q = \{ A, B, C, D \}$

2. Input alphabet: $\Sigma = \{ a, b \}$

3. Transition function: $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$

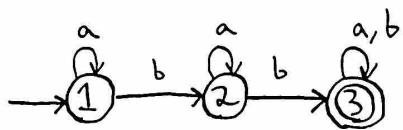
	a	b	
A	B	A	$\Rightarrow \delta(A, a) = B, \delta(A, b) = A$
B	C	B	$\Rightarrow \delta(B, a) = C, \delta(B, b) = B$
C	D	C	$\Rightarrow \delta(C, a) = D, \delta(C, b) = C$
D	D	D	$\Rightarrow \delta(D, a) = D, \delta(D, b) = D$

4. Start state: $q_0 = A$

5. Set of final states: $F = \{ D \}$

1.4 a) (continued)

DFA for L_2 :



1. Set of states: $Q = \{1, 2, 3\}$

2. Input alphabet: $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

3. Transition function: $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$

	a	b	
1	1	2	$\Rightarrow \delta(1, a) = 1, \delta(1, b) = 2$
2	2	3	$\Rightarrow \delta(2, a) = 2, \delta(2, b) = 3$
3	3	3	$\Rightarrow \delta(3, a) = 3, \delta(3, b) = 3$

4. Start state: $q_0 = 1$

5. Set of final states: $F = \{3\}$

Using footnote on page 46 to construct DFA for L using L_1 and L_2

\Rightarrow 1. Set of states: $Q = \{1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D\}$

2. Input alphabet: $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

3. Transition function: For each $(r_1, r_2) \in Q$ and each $a \in \Sigma$, $\delta((r_1, r_2), a) = (\delta_1(r_1, a), \delta_2(r_2, a))$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \delta((1, A), a) = (\delta_1(1, a), \delta_2(A, a)) & \delta((1, C), a) = (\delta_1(1, a), \delta_2(C, a)) \\ = (1, B) & = (1, D) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \delta((1, A), b) = (\delta_1(1, b), \delta_2(A, b)) & \delta((1, C), b) = (\delta_1(1, b), \delta_2(C, b)) \\ = (2, A) & = (2, C) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \delta((1, B), a) = (\delta_1(1, a), \delta_2(B, a)) & \delta((1, D), a) = (\delta_1(1, a), \delta_2(D, a)) \\ = (1, C) & = (1, D) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \delta((1, B), b) = (\delta_1(1, b), \delta_2(B, b)) & \delta((1, D), b) = (\delta_1(1, b), \delta_2(D, b)) \\ = (2, B) & = (2, D) \end{array}$$

1.4a) (continued)

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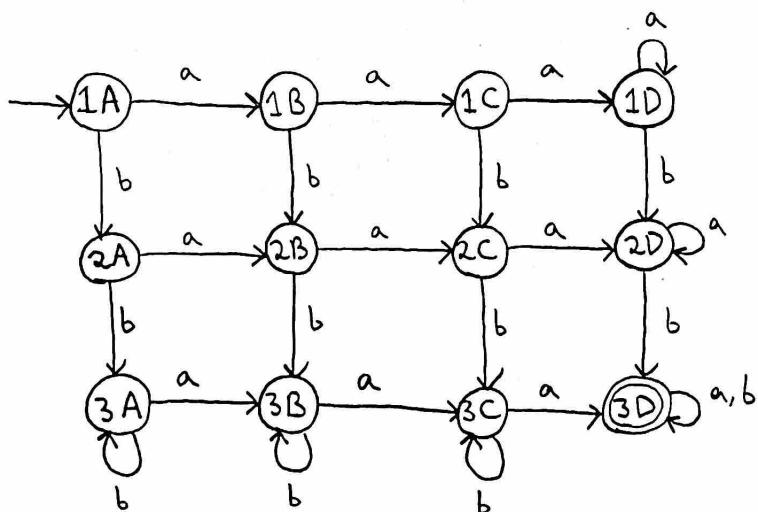
Enumerating all possibilities yields the following transition table:

	a	b
1A	1B	2A
1B	1C	2B
1C	1D	2C
1D	1D	2D
2A	2B	3A
2B	2C	3B
2C	2D	3C
2D	2D	3D
3A	3B	3A
3B	3C	3B
3C	3D	3C
3D	3D	3D

4. Start state: $q_0 = \{1A\}$

5. Set of Final states: $F = \{3D\}$

\Rightarrow DFA for L:



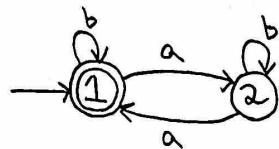
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1.4 c) $L = \{ w \mid w \text{ has an even number of } a's \text{ and one or two } b's \}$

$\Rightarrow L_1 = \{ w \mid w \text{ has an even number of } a's \}$

$\Rightarrow L_2 = \{ w \mid w \text{ has one or two } b's \}$

DFA for L_1 :



1. Set of states: $Q = \{1, 2\}$

2. Input alphabet: $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

3. Transition function: $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$

	a	b
1	2	1
2	1	2

$\Rightarrow \delta(1, a) = 2, \delta(1, b) = 1$

$\Rightarrow \delta(2, a) = 1, \delta(2, b) = 2$

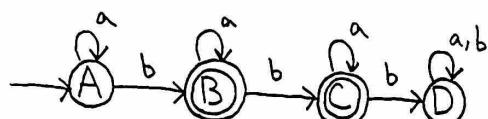
4. Start state: $q_0 = 1$

5. Set of final states: $F = \{1\}$

1.4 c) (continued)

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DFA for L_2 :



1. Set of states: $Q = \{A, B, C, D\}$

2. Input alphabet: $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

3. Transition function: $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$

	a	b	
A	A	B	$\Rightarrow \delta(A, a) = A, \delta(A, b) = B$
B	B	C	$\Rightarrow \delta(B, a) = B, \delta(B, b) = C$
C	C	D	$\Rightarrow \delta(C, a) = C, \delta(C, b) = D$
D	D	D	$\Rightarrow \delta(D, a) = D, \delta(D, b) = D$

4. Start state: $q_0 = A$

5. Set of final states: $F = \{B, C\}$

1.4c) (continued)

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DFA for L using L_1 and L_2 : (applying footnote on pg 46)

1. Set of states: $Q = \{1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D\}$

2. Input alphabet: $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

3. Transition function: For each $(r_1, r_2) \in Q$ and each $a \in \Sigma$, $\delta((r_1, r_2), a) = (\delta_1(r_1, a), \delta_2(r_2, a))$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((1, A), a) &= (\delta_1(1, a), \delta_2(A, a)) \\ &= (2, A)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((2, A), a) &= (\delta_1(2, a), \delta_2(A, a)) \\ &= (1, A)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((1, A), b) &= (\delta_1(1, b), \delta_2(A, b)) \\ &= (1, B)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((2, A), b) &= (\delta_1(2, b), \delta_2(A, b)) \\ &= (2, B)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((1, B), a) &= (\delta_1(1, a), \delta_2(B, a)) \\ &= (2, B)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((2, B), a) &= (\delta_1(2, a), \delta_2(B, a)) \\ &= (1, B)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((1, B), b) &= (\delta_1(1, b), \delta_2(B, b)) \\ &= (1, C)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((2, B), b) &= (\delta_1(2, b), \delta_2(B, b)) \\ &= (2, C)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((1, C), a) &= (\delta_1(1, a), \delta_2(C, a)) \\ &= (2, C)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((2, C), a) &= (\delta_1(2, a), \delta_2(C, a)) \\ &= (1, C)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((1, C), b) &= (\delta_1(1, b), \delta_2(C, b)) \\ &= (1, D)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((2, C), b) &= (\delta_1(2, b), \delta_2(C, b)) \\ &= (2, D)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((1, D), a) &= (\delta_1(1, a), \delta_2(D, a)) \\ &= (2, D)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((2, D), a) &= (\delta_1(2, a), \delta_2(D, a)) \\ &= (1, D)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((1, D), b) &= (\delta_1(1, b), \delta_2(D, b)) \\ &= (1, D)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((2, D), b) &= (\delta_1(2, b), \delta_2(D, b)) \\ &= (2, D)\end{aligned}$$

1.4 c) (continued)

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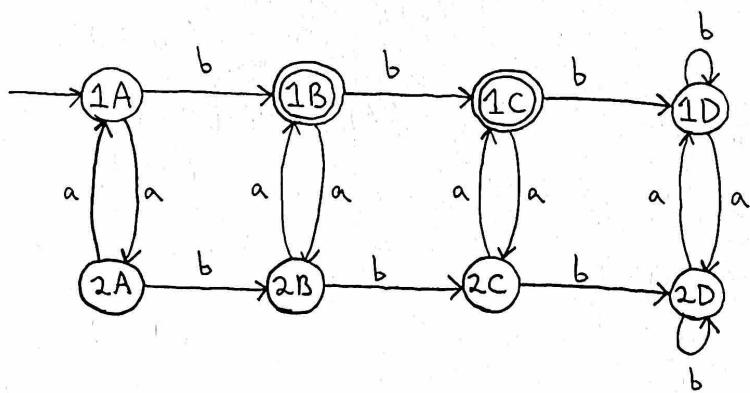
Transition Table for DFA of L:

	a	b
1A	2A	1B
1B	2B	1C
1C	2C	1D
1D	2D	1D
2A	1A	2B
2B	1B	2C
2C	1C	2D
2D	1D	2D

4. Start state: $q_0 = 1A$

5. Set of final states: $F = \{1B, 1C\}$

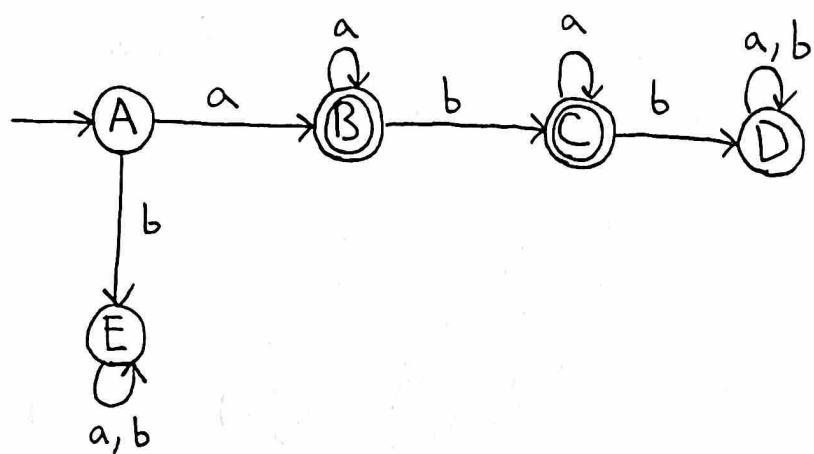
\Rightarrow DFA for $L = \{w \mid w \text{ has an even number of } a's \text{ and one or two } b's\}$



1.4 e)

$L = \{ w \mid w \text{ starts with an } a \text{ and has at most one } b \}$

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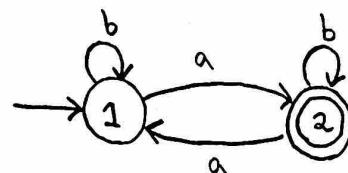


1.4 f) $L = \{ w \mid w \text{ has an odd number of } a's \text{ and ends with a } b \}$ (14)

$$\Rightarrow L_1 = \{ w \mid w \text{ has an odd number of } a's \}$$

$$\Rightarrow L_2 = \{ w \mid w \text{ ends with a } b \}$$

DFA for L_1 :



1. Set of states: $Q = \{1, 2\}$

2. Input alphabet: $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

3. Transition function: $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$

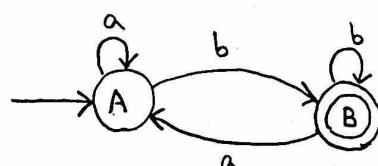
	a	b
1	2	1
2	1	2

$\Rightarrow \delta(1, a) = 2, \delta(1, b) = 1$
 $\Rightarrow \delta(2, a) = 1, \delta(2, b) = 2$

4. Start state: $q_0 = 1$

5. Set of Final States: $F = \{2\}$

DFA for L_2 :



1. Set of states: $Q = \{A, B\}$

2. Input alphabet: $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

3. Transition function: $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$

	a	b
A	A	B
B	A	B

$\Rightarrow \delta(A, a) = A, \delta(A, b) = B$
 $\Rightarrow \delta(B, a) = A, \delta(B, b) = B$

4. Start state: $q_0 = A$

5. Set of Final States: $F = \{B\}$

DFA for L using L_1 and L_2 : (applying footnote on pg 46)

1. Set of states: $Q = \{1A, 1B, 2A, 2B\}$

2. Input alphabet: $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

3. Transition function: For each $(r_1, r_2) \in Q$ and each $a \in \Sigma$, $\delta((r_1, r_2), a) = (\delta_1(r_1, a), \delta_2(r_2, a))$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((1A), a) &= (\delta_1(1, a), \delta_2(A, a)) \\ &= (2, A)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((1A), b) &= (\delta_1(1, b), \delta_2(A, b)) \\ &= (1, B)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((1B), a) &= (\delta_1(1, a), \delta_2(B, a)) \\ &= (2, A)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((1B), b) &= (\delta_1(1, b), \delta_2(B, b)) \\ &= (1, B)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((2A), a) &= (\delta_1(2, a), \delta_2(A, a)) \\ &= (1, A)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((2A), b) &= (\delta_1(2, b), \delta_2(A, b)) \\ &= (2, B)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((2B), a) &= (\delta_1(2, a), \delta_2(B, a)) \\ &= (1, A)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta((2B), b) &= (\delta_1(2, b), \delta_2(B, b)) \\ &= (2, B)\end{aligned}$$

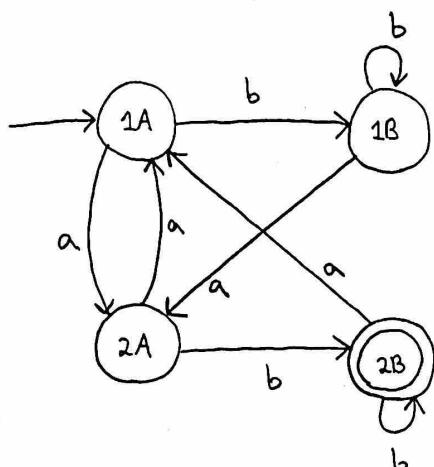
Transition Table for L :

	a	b
1A	2A	1B
1B	2A	1B
2A	1A	2B
2B	1A	2B

4. Start state: $q_0 = 1A$

5. Set of Final States: $F = \{2B\}$

DFA for L :

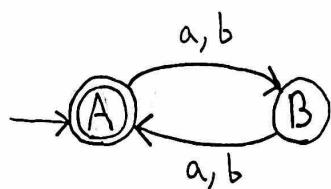


1.4 g) $L = \{ w \mid w \text{ has even length and an odd number of } a's \}$ (16)

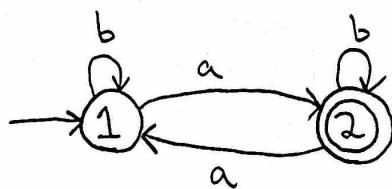
$$L_1 = \{ w \mid w \text{ has even length} \}$$

$$L_2 = \{ w \mid w \text{ has an odd number of } a's \}$$

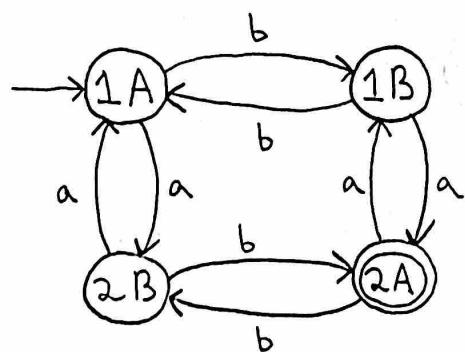
DFA for L_1 :



DFA for L_2 :



DFA for L:



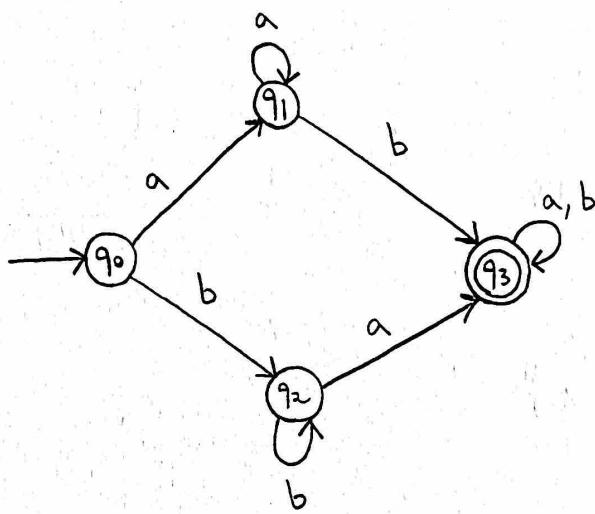
1.5 c)

$L = \{ w \mid w \text{ contains neither the substring } ab \text{ nor } ba \}$

$\Rightarrow \overline{L} = \{ w \mid w \text{ contains either the substring } ab \text{ or } ba \}$

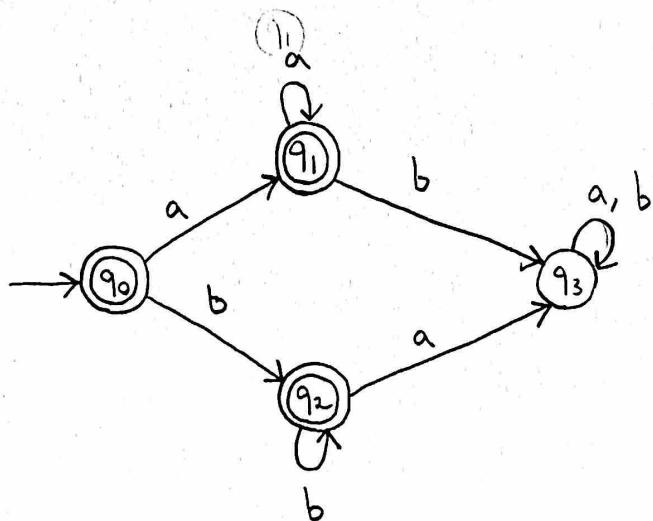
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\Rightarrow DFA for \overline{L} :



\Rightarrow DFA for L : Accept states in \overline{L} become reject states in \overline{L}

Reject states in \overline{L} become accept states in L



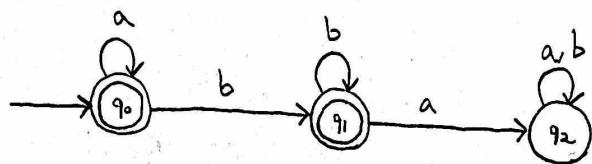
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1.5 d)

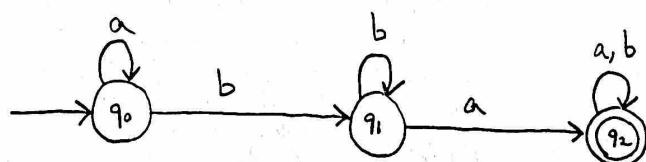
$$L = \{ w \mid w \text{ is any string not in } a^*b^* \}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{L} = \{ w \mid w \text{ is any string in } a^*b^* \}$$

\Rightarrow DFA for \bar{L} :



\Rightarrow DFA for L: Accept states in \bar{L} become reject states in L
 Reject states in \bar{L} become accept states in L



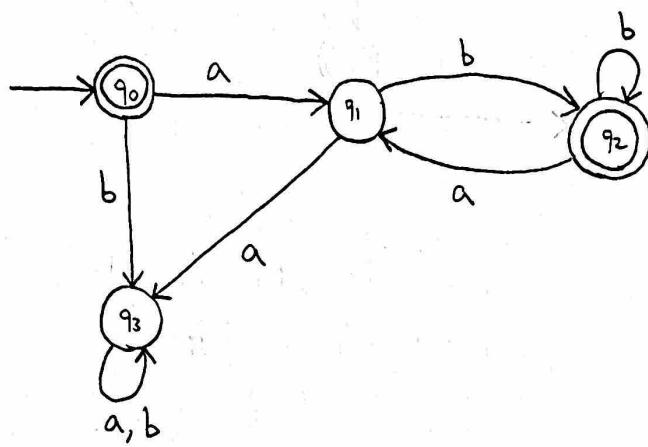
1.5 e)

$$L = \{ w \mid w \text{ is any string not in } (ab^+)^*\}$$

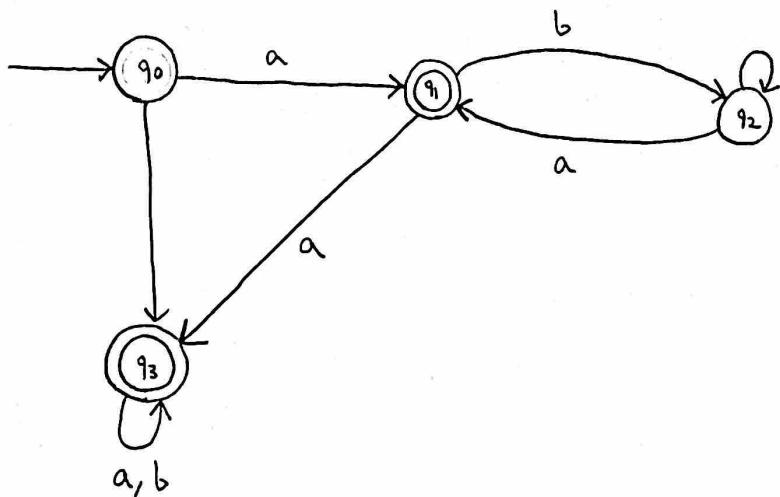
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$$\Rightarrow \bar{L} = \{ w \mid w \text{ is any string in } (ab^+)^*\}$$

\Rightarrow DFA for \bar{L} :



\Rightarrow DFA for L : Accept states in \bar{L} become reject states in L
Reject states in \bar{L} become accept states in L



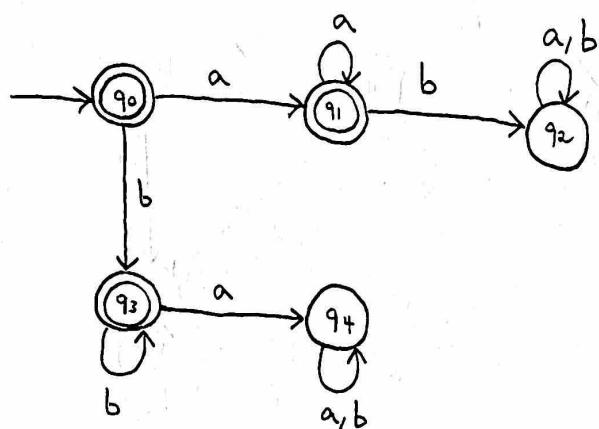
1.5 f)

$$L = \{ w \mid w \text{ is any string not in } a^* \cup b^* \}$$

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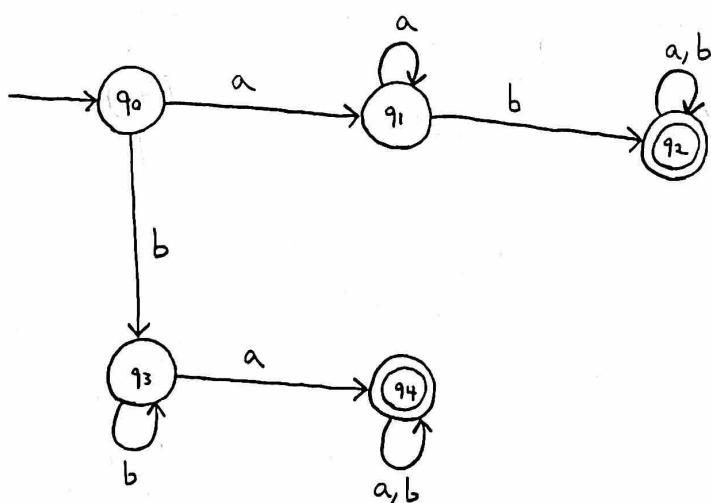
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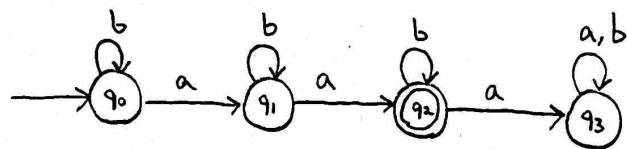
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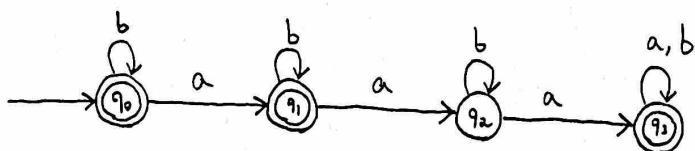
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1.5 g)

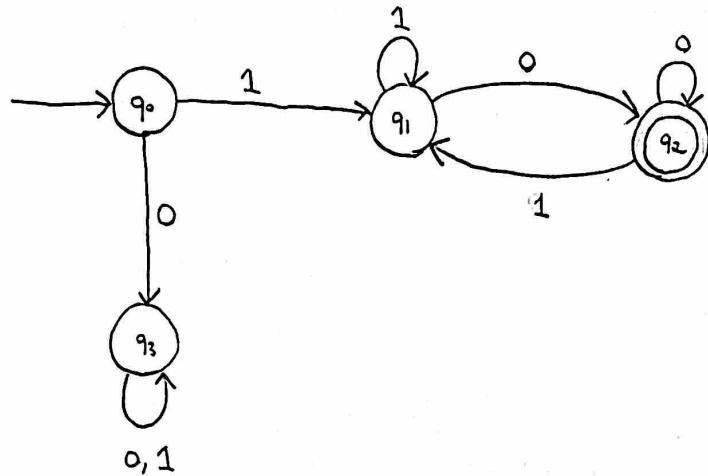
 $L = \{ w \mid w \text{ is any string that doesn't contain exactly two } a's \}$
 $\Rightarrow \overline{L} = \{ w \mid w \text{ is any string that contains exactly two } a's \}$
 \Rightarrow For \overline{L} :
 \Rightarrow For L : Accept states in \overline{L} become reject states in L

 Reject states in \overline{L} become accept states in L


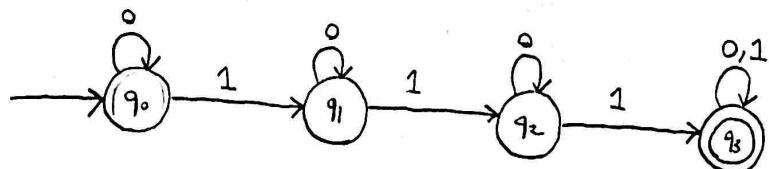
1.6 a)

$$L = \{ w \mid w \text{ begins with a } 1 \text{ and ends with a } 0 \}$$

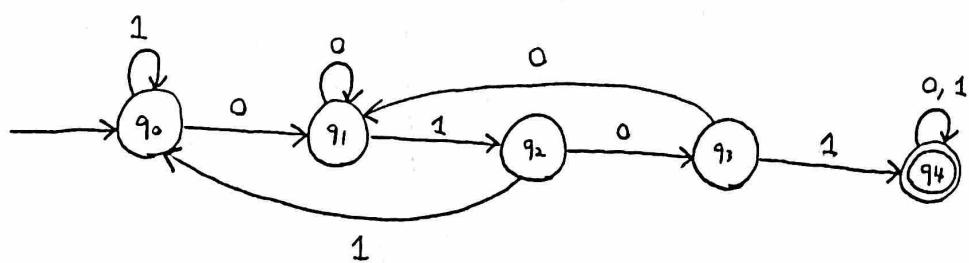
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1.6 b) $L = \{ w \mid w \text{ contains at least three } 1's \}$

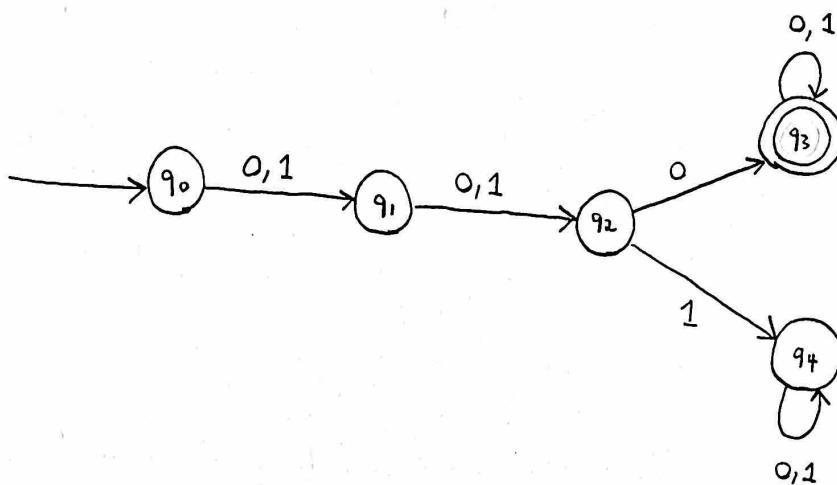


1.6 c) $L = \{ w \mid w \text{ contains the substring } 0101 \}$



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1.6 d)

$$L = \{ w \mid w \text{ has length at least 3 and its third symbol is a } 0 \}$$


1.6 e)

$$L = \{ w \mid w \text{ starts with 0 and has odd length, or starts with 1 and has even length} \}$$
