

Discrete Mathematics (SC612)  
Tutorial 5  
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1. (a) Convert 2148 in decimal system to:
  - i. Base 2 (binary)
  - ii. Base 3 (Ternary)
  - iii. Base 7
  - iv. Base 8 (Octal)
- (b) Which decimal system integer is represented by the base 7 number 632?
- (c) Which decimal system integer is represented by the base 8 (octal) number 577
- (d) Which decimal system number is represented by the base 3 (ternary) number 21022
- (e) Which decimal system number is represented by the base 2 (binary) number 10101110?
2. For each of the languages described below, construct a finite automaton where possible, and prove mathematically that none exists if that be the case.
  - (a) The language of strings over  $\Sigma = \{a\}$  consisting of exactly those words of prime number length.
  - (b) The language of all words over  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$  where the last character is  $a$ .
  - (c) The set of all words over  $\{a, b, c\}$  which are palindromes (that is the word is the same when read from left-to-right or right-to-left).

- (d) The set of all words over  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$  consisting of all those words where no two identical characters in the word are separated by a different character.
3. (a) Suppose  $L$  is a language over a finite alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ , such that  $|L|$  is a finite number. Show that it has a finite automaton recognising it.
- (b) Suppose  $L$  is a language over  $\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  which is recognised by a finite automaton. Prove that the complement language  $\Sigma^* \setminus L$  is also accepted by a finite automaton.
- (c) Suppose  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are languages over the same finite alphabet that can both be recognised by finite automata (obviously different machines for the two). Show that the language  $L_1 \cup L_2$  can also be recognised by a finite automaton.
- (d) Suppose  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are languages over the same finite alphabet that can both be recognised by finite automata (obviously different machines for the two). Show that the language  $L_1 \cap L_2$  can also be recognised by a finite automaton.

**HINT:** Use the concept of cartesian product for parts (c) and (d)