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## Course description

# Chapter 1

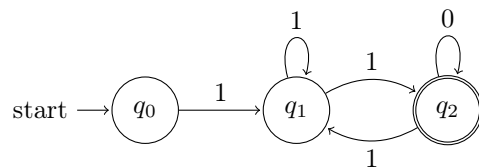
## Exercises 2019

### Week 1

page 84, question 1.7

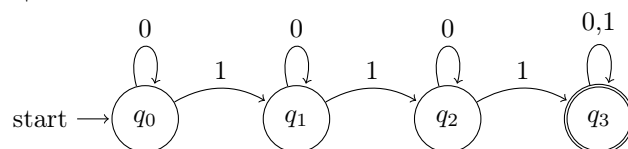
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$w|w$  begins with a 1 and ends with a 0



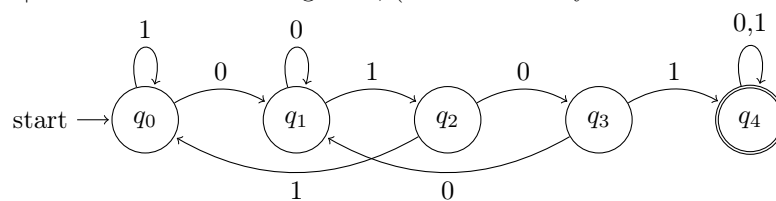
**b**

$w|w$  contains at least 3 1's



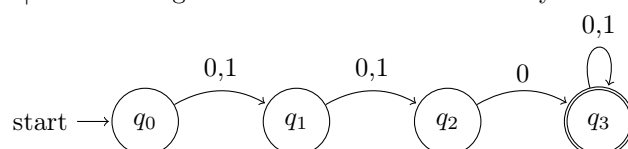
**c**

$w|w$  contains the substring 0101, (i.e.  $w = x0101y$  for some  $x$  and  $y$ )



**d**

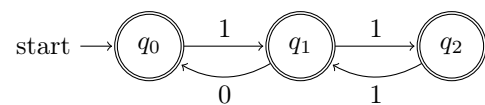
$w|w$  has at length of at least 3 and it's third symbol is 0



**f**

$w|w$  doesn't contain the substring 001

Accepts any string that doesn't contain the substring 001, and loops in rejecting state if this state is

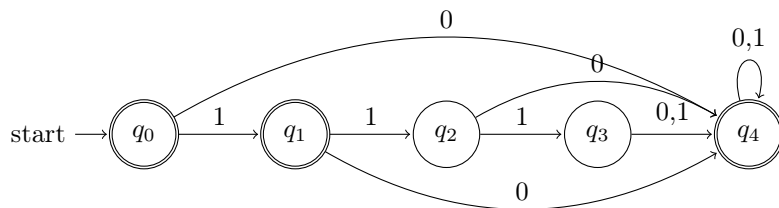


found, was unsure if the looping was needed but included it if it was the case.

**h**

w|w is any string except 11 and 111

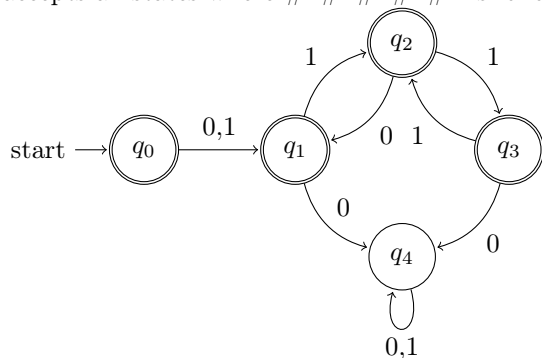
accepts any string that isn't 11, 111 including the empty string  $\epsilon$



**i**

w|w every odd position of w is a 1

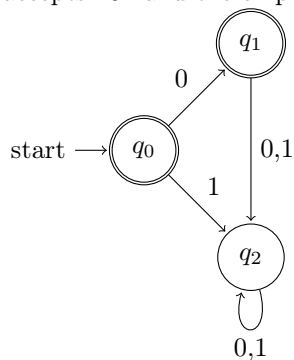
accepts all states where #1#1#1#1#1 is followed also accepts the empty string  $\epsilon$



**k**

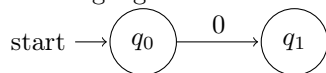
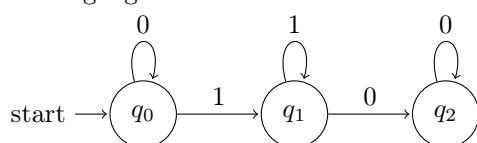
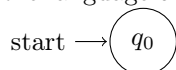
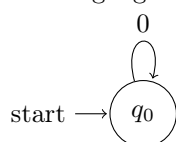
w|w is only the empty string and 0

accepts "0" and the empty string  $\epsilon$



**page 84, question 1.7****d**

The language 0 with two states,

**e**the language  $0^*1^*0^*$  with 3 states**g**the language  $\epsilon$  with 1 state**h**The language  $0^*$  with 1 state**Solve the following problem,**

A man is travelling with a wolf (w) and a goat (g). He also brings along a nice big cabbage (c). He encounters a small river which he must cross to continue his travel. Fortunately, there is a small boat at the shore which he can use. However, the boat is so small that the man cannot bring more than himself and exactly one more item along (from w, g, c). The man knows that if left alone with the goat, the wolf will surely eat it and the goat if left alone with the cabbage will also surely eat that. The man's task is hence to devise a transportation scheme in which, at any time, at most one item from w, g, c is in the boat and the result is that they all crossed the river and can continue unharmed.

**a**

Describe a solution to the problem which satisfies the rules of the "game". You may use your answer to (b) to find a solution.

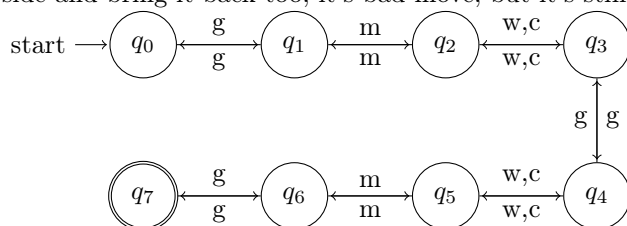
- First you carry the goat to the other side, and go back empty.
- The you ferry the wolf to the other side, and swap with the goat and bring the goat back.
- you then swap the goat with the cabbage and bring it to the other side.
- lastly you head back empty and bring the goat.
- you now have all the items on the other side of the river.

**b**

The string all of the valid moves are

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(g(m(x(g(y(m(g)*))*))*))* \\
 &x, y = (w|c) \\
 &x \neq y
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{1.1}$$

This is due to the fact that it's legal moves in the game, like the man can bring the goat to the other side and bring it back too, it's bad move, but it's still a valid move.



## Week 2

### page 86, question 1.16

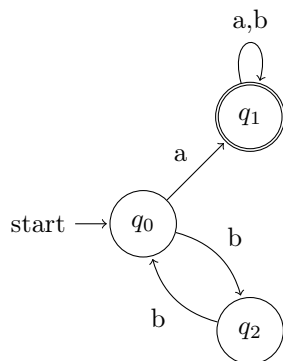
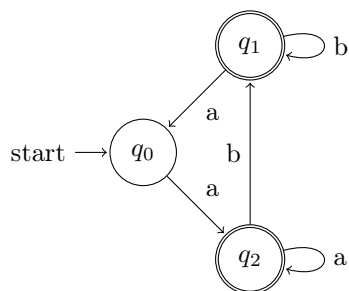
\* is any number

! is one or more

**a**

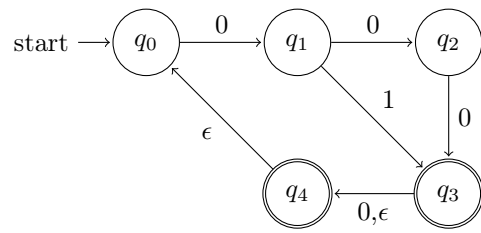
it accepts  $(bb)^*a!(a|b)^*$

the language  $0^*1^*0^*$  with 3 states

**b**

### page 86, question 1.17

The first task is to make a NFA recognizing  $(01u001u010)^*$



And after converting this to a DFA



## Chapter 2

## Questions 2018

# 1. Finite automata and regular languages

Introduction What is it

Finite automata, regular languages

regular languages aboveabove Finite atomata

Nondetermanistic

NFA DFA

Pumping lemma for regular languages

## 2. Pushdown automata and context-free languages

What is a push down

What is a context free grammar  $a \rightarrow 0a1$   $A \rightarrow B$   $B \rightarrow \#$  ambiguity grammar variables

What can it be used to programming languages Compiler

Pushdown automata in dept You use a stack.

Pumping lemma Proof

Application

### 3. Turing machines

Introduction What is a Turing machine

Multitape

Nondeterministic Turing machine Faster but less powerful?

## 4. Decidability

Introduction If a language defined by a DFA is decidable.

Examples of Decidability and undecidability

## 5. Reducibility

What is it and how to use it.

## 6. NP-completeness proofs – examples.

what is np\_completeness

Why we use it to reduce,

Proff of np complete. clique, subset sum, Hamiltonian circuit,

## **7. Proof that SATISFIABILITY is NP-complete (do not assume that there is a known NP-Complete problem — use the proof in Sipser's book).**

Cook-levin theorem - insipset, præsentation use slides on homepage.



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As is average case.

## 9. Adversary arguments – technique, examples.

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# Chapter 3

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## **1. Finite automata and regular languages**

### **Introduction**

#### **Types of Automata**

DFA - NDFA -

## 2. Pushdown automata and context-free languages

CFG(context free grammar) regular language defined by DFA ambiguity inherited ambiguity Chomsky normal form You're allowed to have a rule that turns A into two sub rules.  $A \rightarrow BC$  You can have a rule about a terminal set for our alphabet.  $A \rightarrow a \in \Sigma$  You're only allowed to produce Epsilon from the start symbol.  $S \rightarrow \epsilon$  theorem Any CFL is generated by a CFG in Chomsky normal form, pushdown automata PDA(s) NFA with a stack.

## 3. Turing machines

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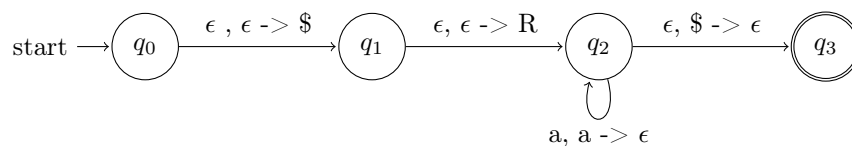
# Chapter 4

## Lectures

### Format

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### 28-feb-2018 - TBD



### 22 march

#### assignment 2

We can recognize that it is two regular languages, and that when we concatenate them we get a regular language. We can apply theorem 1.49 regular languages are closed under concat.

#### assignment 3

d)  
use p from pumping lemma  
 $(xy)^{3p}(x)^p$   
q

#### assignment 5

a) prove by counter example  
 $a^i b^i c^i | i \geq 0 \cup a, b, c^*$  b) prove by counter example  $a^i b^i c^i | i \geq 0 \cup \emptyset$

### 10th of April

- Polynomial time reductions
- NP-completeness
- Examples of proofs
  - 3-SAT
  - CLIQUE
  - Vertex cover
  - Independent set



## 12th of April

### CNE-SAT is NP-Complete

#### Cook-lenin thm

SAT is NP-Complete

Show that:

$$\forall A \in NP : A \leq_p SAT, \quad (4.1)$$

$A \in NP$ , Let  $N$  be a polytime NTM which accepts it in time  $d_1 n^k + d_2$

$$N = (Q, \Sigma, R, \alpha, q_o, q_{accept}, q_{reject}). \quad (4.2)$$

Let  $W = W_1 W_2 \dots W_n$  be input to  $A$ ,

Construct (in polytime) a boolean formula  $F$  which is satisfiable if  $W$  is accepted by  $N$ ,

Look at accepting branch of computation tree

Look at sequence of configurations.

### Subset-sum is NP-Complete

## 17th of April

Hamiltonian circuit is NP-complete

Conclusion on NP-complete

Information on theoretic lower bound technique.

## 1st of may

Approximation algorithms

$\delta$ -TSP has 2-approximation algs

For general TSP and a fixed  $P$ ,  $\Delta$ an alg with approx  $p$

Vertex cover has a 2-approx alg.