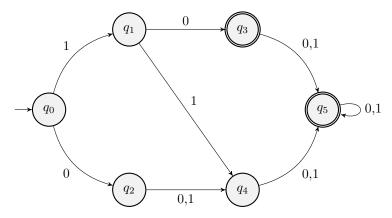
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This is a mock exam designed for studying CSC236. Any and all similarities with the Fall 2024 CSC236 final examination are purely coincidence.

This examination is meant to be done in 3 hours, but it is a little bit long, so do not worry about finishing. Part marks are very easy to get!

Q1. (9 points) Consider the DFA below:



- a) (1 point) Describe the language accepted by the following DFA.
- b) (3 points) Convert this DFA into a minimal NFA (i.e., there is no smaller NFA that accepts this language). Give a brief justification.

c) (2 points) Provide a DFA that accepts the language matched by $(a+ab)^*$.

d) (3 points) Prove the correctness of the DFA you provided.

- Q2. (10 points) For each of the statements below, decide whether it is **true or false** and provide a proof justifying your answer.
 - a) (2 points) Let $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$. The language $L = \{w \in \Sigma^* : |w| = 3\}$ is regular.

b) (2 points) Let $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$. $L = \{1^{n^2} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a regular language.

c) (2 points) Let L,M be regular languages. The language $L\cap M$ is regular.

d) (2 points) Let $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$. The language of all strings whose characters are alphabetically ordered is regular.

e) (2 points) Let L, M be languages. If L is not regular, then $L \cup M$ is not regular.

Q3. (6 points)

a) (2 points) State the CLRS version of master theorem. Define all variables and state their conditions.

b) (4 points) Let $f: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a nonnegative function. Prove that if $f \in \Theta(n^k)$ for some k > 0, then the regularity condition holds true.

Q4. (7 points) Consider the program below:

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1
          def binary_search(x: int, lst: list[int]):
 2
                1 \leftarrow 0, r \leftarrow len(lst) - 1
 3
                while (r - l > 0):
                      mid \leftarrow (l+r) \ // \ 2
 4
                      if(lst[mid] = x):
 5
 6
                           \mathbf{return} \ \mathrm{mid}
 7
                      elif(lst[mid] < x):
 8
                           r \,\leftarrow\, mid
 9
                      else:
10
                           l \leftarrow mid + 1
11
                return l
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- a) (2 points) State the preconditions and postconditions of this program.
- b) (5 points) Prove that this program is correct.

Q5. (6 points) Let A be a set of functions defined recursively as follows:

- $\sqrt{x} \in A$
- If $f \in A$, then $\frac{1}{f} f \in A$
- a) (4 points) Let P(f) be a predicate on A and suppose you have managed to prove that
 - $P(\sqrt{x})$ is true,
 - $P(f) \implies P(\frac{1}{f} f)$ for all $f \in A$.

Prove that $\forall f \in A, P(f)$. You may only assume that the principle of induction holds for the natural numbers, NOT the set A.

b) (2 points) Prove that $\forall f \in A, f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$.

Q6. (7 points) Let $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$. For any language $L \in \Sigma^*$, define

$$S = \{w \in \Sigma^* : 0w1 \in L\}$$

Given that L is a regular language, prove that S is a regular language.

Now, this is where a normal exam would end. However, this is not a normal exam.

Q7. (9 points) Recall that a segment tree is a data structure effective for querying and updating information about a range of values in a list, such as the minimum element in a provided range. In fact, we will examine an implementation of a segment tree that does this.

Suppose that we have a list of numbers lst. In this implementation, the segment tree can be thought of as a binary tree, with each node storing a range of indices [1, r], a value which represents the minimum number in lst[l:r] (inclusive of 1, exclusive of r), and pointers to a left and right child. Note that a node does not have a left and right child if and only if it is true that 1 = r. Otherwise, the left child will keep track of the range [1, $\lfloor \frac{1+r}{2} \rfloor$] and the right child will track $\lfloor \lfloor \frac{1+r}{2} \rfloor \rfloor + 1$, r]

As an example, consider the following pseudocode for update, which updates the segment tree to correctly return queries about lst after setting lst[i] = x:

a) (4 points) Prove that this method is correct.

b) ((3	points)	Find	the	recursive	worst-case	${\rm runtime}$	of	update.
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c) (2 points) Find the tight asymptotic bound for the runtime of update.