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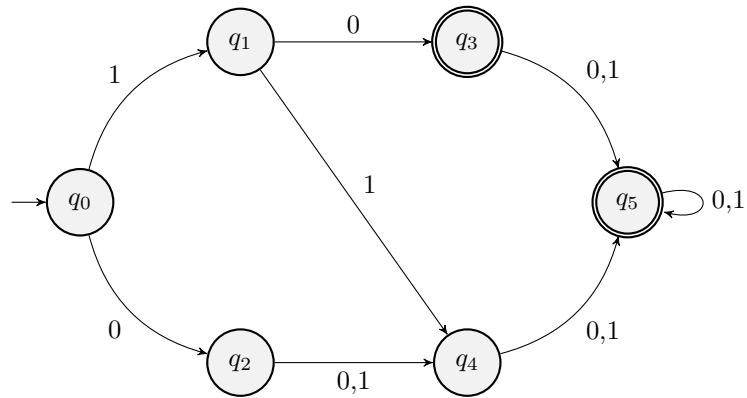
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**University of Toronto Mississauga**  
**FALL 2024 MOCK FINAL EXAMINATION**  
**Introduction to Theory Computation**  
**Macho Man ( $m^2$ )**  
**Duration - ~~3 hours~~ 10 minutes**  
**Aids : お前のお母さん**

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

If you finish this exam in under 3 hours, you are fully prepared for the final examination.

**Q1. (9 points)** Consider the DFA below:



- (1 point) Describe the language accepted by the following DFA.
- (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) (5 points) Provide a DFA that accepts the language matched by  $(a + ab)^*$ . Prove its correctness.

**Q2. (6 points)**

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

b) (2 points) Let  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a nonnegative function. Prove that if  $f \in \Theta(n^k)$  for some  $k > 0$ , then the regularity condition holds true.

c) (2 points) Find the time complexity of a recursive function  $T$  defined by

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 4, & \text{if } n \leq 1; \\ 3T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n^2 \log n, & \text{if } n > 1. \end{cases}$$

**Q3. (6 points)**

- a) (3 points) Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ . Let  $L$  be a language on  $\Sigma$  defined by  $L = \{1^{n^2} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Prove that  $L$  is not a regular language.

- b) (3 points) Let  $L, M$  be regular languages. Prove that the language  $L \cap M$  is regular.

**Q4. (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  $\forall f \in A, f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

**Q5. (7 points)**

Consider the program below:

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def binary_search(x: int, lst: list[int]):  
    l = 0, r = len(lst) - 1  
    while(r - l > 0):  
        mid = (l+r) // 2  
        if(lst[mid] == x):  
            return mid  
        elif(lst[mid] < x):  
            r = mid  
        else:  
            l = mid + 1  
    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.