



CSE 331: Automata & Computability
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Assignment 01 (DFA & NFA)
Total Mark: 94

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[Or means you may solve any One question]

[Problems having multiple Or, mention the problem no properly. For example: 2a) 3b)]

Submission Deadline:

- Part A (Question 1-9): Feb 8, 2024
- Part A (Question 10-18): Feb 12, 2024
- Part B (Question 01-04): Feb 17, 2024

Submission Link: <https://forms.g/e/7SgURw2ThbZntfVW6>

Penalty:

- For every one day delay you will receive a 5 marks penalty.
- If you plagiarize, then each member of the group will receive (number of question plagiarized * 3 * number of group members) points penalty.

Additional Resources

Please go through the video lectures of Mursalin Sir [The first three video lectures on DFA]

Link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/179OApC9k_8GBFM3Suea1_SEwTpyReRW

Part A: Deterministic Finite Automata (DFA) [Each question contains 3 marks]

1. a) Draw a DFA for the set of strings that have three consecutive 0s. $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$

Or, b) Draw a DFA for the set of strings that doesn't contain 0s. $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$
2. a) Construct a DFA that accept the language, $L = \{ w \in \{a,b\}^* : w \text{ starts and ends with different symbols.} \}$

Or, b) Construct a DFA that accept the language, $L = \{ w \in \{a,b\}^* : w \text{ starts and ends with the same symbol.} \}$
3. a) Draw a DFA of strings that ends with "0101". $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$

Or, b) Design a DFA that accepts the language $L = \{w \mid w \text{ ends with the substring "xyxy"} \}$ over the alphabet $\{x,y\}$
4. Construct a DFA defined as $L = \{ w \in \{0,1\}^* : \text{the length of } w \text{ is one more than multiple of 3} \}$
5. Construct a DFA defined as $L = \{ w \in \{0,1\}^* : w, \text{ when interpreted as a binary number, is divisible by 5.} \}$
6. $L = \{w \in \{0, 1, \#\}^* : w \text{ does not contain \# and the number of 0s in } w \text{ is not a multiple of 3} \}$
7. Construct a DFA of the language L over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{a,b,c\}$ defined as follows-
 $L = \{ w \mid w \text{ does not contain "ba" and ends with "cb"} \}$
8. Draw a DFA of strings that contains at least three 0s or exactly two 1s. $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$
9. a) Draw a DFA of strings where the 2nd last symbol is a. $\Sigma = \{a,b\}$

Or, b) Draw a DFA of strings where the 3rd last symbol is 1. $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$ [You may draw the NFA for this problem if you find it difficult to solve using DFA]
10. a) Draw a DFA of strings that have 1 as every 3rd symbol. $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$

Or, b) The set of binary numbers has 0 in all even positions. $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$.
11. a) Draw a DFA which accepts exactly one "ab". $\Sigma = \{a,b\}$

Or, b) Draw a DFA which accepts exactly two "ab". $\Sigma = \{a,b\}$
12. Draw a DFA which accepts at least two "00" as a substring. $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$
13. a) Draw a DFA which accepts exactly two "00" as a substring. $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$

Or, b) Draw a DFA which accepts at most two "00" as a substring. $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$
14. Construct a DFA defined as $L = \{ \text{An even number of 0s follow the last 1 in } w \} \Sigma = \{0,1\}$
15. Construct a DFA defined as $L = \{w \mid \text{each "b" is followed by at least one "a"} \} \Sigma = \{a,b\}$
For example: baaa
16. Construct a DFA where the set of binary strings where numbers of 0s between two successive 1s will be even. $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$.
17. a) Construct a DFA of the Language, $L = \{ w \in \{0,1\}^* : w \text{ contains } 01^m0 \text{ as a substring where } m \text{ is divisible by 3} \}$

Or, b) Construct a DFA of the Language, $L = \{ w \in \{0,1\}^* : w \text{ contains } 01^m0 \text{ as a substring where } m \text{ leaves a remainder of 2 when divided by 3} \}$

Hints:

We denote by 1^m the string $\underbrace{111 \dots 111}_m$

18. a) Construct a DFA of the Language, $L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* : w = 0^m 1^n \text{ where } m \text{ and } n \text{ are both odd}\}$

Or, b) Construct a DFA of the Language, $L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* : w = 0^m 1^n \text{ where } m \text{ and } n \text{ are both even}\}$

Or, c) The problem can also be designed as:

$L1 = \{w : w = 0^m, \text{ where } m \text{ is even}\}$

$L2 = \{w : w = 1^n, \text{ where } n \text{ is even}\}$

$L = L1 \cdot L2$

Prove L is a regular language by giving a state diagram for DFA.

Part B: Mursalin Sir's [MHB] Quiz Question from Previous semesters [Each question contains 10 marks.]

Question 1.

Let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

$L1 = \{w : w = 1^m \text{ where } m \text{ is odd}\}$

$L2 = \{w : w \text{ does not contain any } y \in L1 \text{ as a substring}\}$

(a) Write down a length 6 string that is in $L2$. (1 point)

(b) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes $L1$. (5 points)

(c) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes $L2$. (3 points)

(d) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes $L1 \cap L2$. You can use the construction shown in class but there is a much simpler DFA. (2 points)

Question 2.

The symmetric difference of the languages $L1$ and $L2$, denoted by $L1 \Delta L2$, is defined in the following way.

$L1 \Delta L2 = \{w : w \text{ is in exactly one of } L1 \text{ and } L2\}$

Let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. Consider the following languages over Σ .

$A = \{w : \text{the length of } w \text{ is greater than or equal to 3 but less than or equal to 5}\}$

$B = \{w : \text{the length of } w \text{ is greater than or equal to 2 but less than or equal to 4}\}$

$C = \{w : \text{the length of } w \text{ is odd}\}$

(a) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes A . (2 points)

(b) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes B . (2 points)

(c) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes $A \Delta B$. (2 points)

(d) If you use the construction from class to get a DFA for the language $(A \Delta B) \cup C$, how many states will it have? (1 point)

(e) Give a 5-state DFA that recognizes $(A \Delta B) \cup C$. (3 points)

Question 3.

Let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. Consider the following languages over Σ .

$L1 = \{w : \text{every second letter of } w \text{ is } 0\}$

$L2 = \{w : \text{every third letter of } w \text{ is } 1\}$

(a) Write down a length 5 string that is in $L1 \cap L2$. (1 point)

(b) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes $L1$. (3 points)

(c) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes $L2$. (3 points)

(d) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes $L1 \cap L2$. (3 points)

Question 4.

Let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. Consider the following languages over Σ .

$L1 = \{0, 10\}$

$L2 = L1^*$

$L3 = \{w : \text{the length of } w \text{ is four}\}$

(a) Write down all the strings in $L2 \cap L3$. (2.5 points)

(b) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes $L1$. (4.5 points)

(c) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes $L2$. (3 points)

For Practice: [Don't have to submit]

Non-Deterministic finite automata (NFA)

1. Construct a NFA which recognize the language $L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* : w \text{ contains both "000" and "111" as a substring}\}$

2. Construct a NFA which recognize the language $L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* : w \text{ contains at least two 0s or exactly two 1s}\}$

3. Construct a NFAs for for the languages $L = \{w \in \Sigma^* : w \text{ does not start with a Punctuation or contains only Alphabets}\}$ where $\Sigma = D \cup A \cup P$

Digit, $D = \{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\}$

Alphabet, $A = \{a, b, c, \dots, x, y, z\}$

Punctuation, $P = \{*, \#\}$

You can use the sets above to label the transitions of your NFA.

