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## 2.2.6 Exercises for Section 2.2

**Exercise 2.2.1:** In Fig. 2.8 is a marble-rolling toy. A marble is dropped at  $A$  or  $B$ . Levers  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$  cause the marble to fall either to the left or to the right. Whenever a marble encounters a lever, it causes the lever to reverse after the marble passes, so the next marble will take the opposite branch.

\* a) Model this toy by a finite automaton. Let the inputs  $A$  and  $B$  represent the input into which the marble is dropped. Let acceptance correspond to the marble exiting at  $D$ ; nonacceptance represents a marble exiting at  $C$ .

! b) Informally describe the language of the automaton.

c) Suppose that instead the levers switched *before* allowing the marble to pass. How would your answers to parts (a) and (b) change?

\*! **Exercise 2.2.2:** We defined  $\hat{\delta}$  by breaking the input string into any string followed by a single symbol (in the inductive part, Equation 2.1). However, we informally think of  $\hat{\delta}$  as describing what happens along a path with a certain string of labels, and if so, then it should not matter how we break the input string in the definition of  $\hat{\delta}$ . Show that in fact,  $\hat{\delta}(q, xy) = \hat{\delta}(\hat{\delta}(q, x), y)$  for any state  $q$  and strings  $x$  and  $y$ .  
*Hint:* Perform an induction on  $|y|$ .

! **Exercise 2.2.3:** Show that for any state  $q$ , string  $x$ , and input symbol  $a$ ,  $\hat{\delta}(q, ax) = \hat{\delta}(\hat{\delta}(q, a), x)$ . *Hint:* Use Exercise 2.2.2.

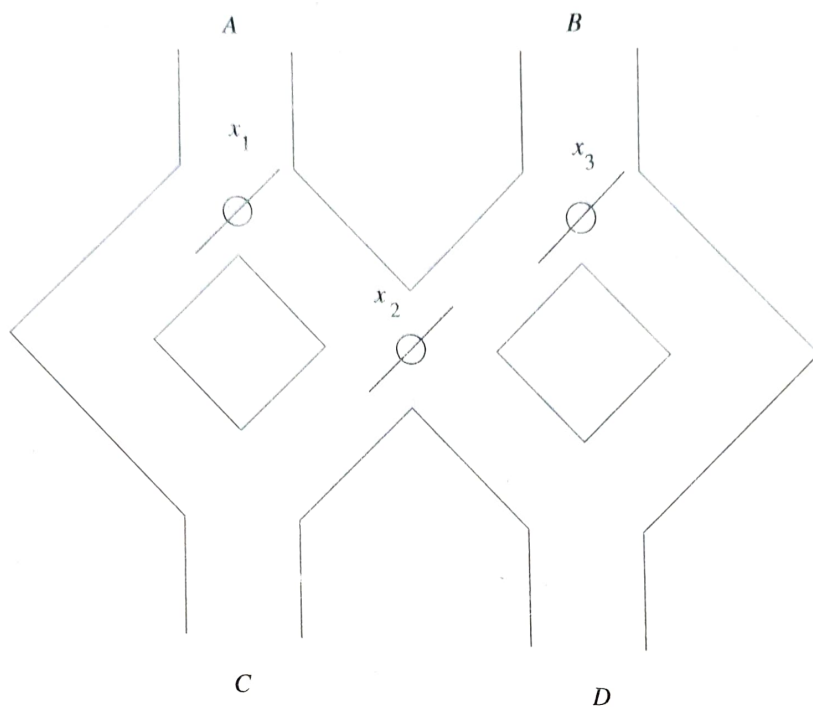


Figure 2.8: A marble-rolling toy

**Exercise 2.2.4:** Give DFA's accepting the following strings over the alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$ :

- \* a) The set of all strings beginning with 101.
- b) The set of all strings containing 1101 as a substring.
- c) The set of all strings with exactly three consecutive 0's.

**! Exercise 2.2.5:** Give DFA's accepting the following strings over the alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$ :

- a) The set of all strings such that the number of 1's is even and the number of 0's is a multiple of 3.
- b) The set of all strings not containing 110.
- c) The set of all strings that begin with 01 and end with 11.
- d) The set of all strings which when interpreted as a binary integer is a multiple of 3.

!! **Exercise 2.2.6:** Give DFA's accepting the following languages over the alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$ :

- \* a) The set of all strings beginning with a 1 that, when interpreted as a binary integer, is a multiple of 5. For example, strings 101, 1010, and 1111 are in the language; 0, 100, and 111 are not.
- b) The set of all strings that, when interpreted *in reverse* as a binary integer, is divisible by 5. Examples of strings in the language are 0, 10011, 1001100, and 0101.

✓ **Exercise 2.2.7:** Let  $A$  be a DFA and  $q$  a particular state of  $A$ , such that  $\delta(q, a) = q$  for all input symbols  $a$ . Show by induction on the length of the input that for all input strings  $w$ ,  $\hat{\delta}(q, w) = q$ .

✓ **Exercise 2.2.8:** Let  $A$  be a DFA and  $a$  a particular input symbol of  $A$ , such that for all states  $q$  of  $A$  we have  $\delta(q, a) = q$ .

- a) Show by induction on  $n$  that for all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $\hat{\delta}(q, a^n) = q$ , where  $a^n$  is the string consisting of  $n$   $a$ 's.

⊙ Show that either  $\{a\}^* \subseteq L(A)$  or  $\{a\}^* \cap L(A) = \emptyset$ .

\*! **Exercise 2.2.9:** Let  $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, \{q_f\})$  be a DFA, and suppose that for all  $a$  in  $\Sigma$  we have  $\delta(q_0, a) = \delta(q_f, a)$ .

- a) Show that for all  $w \neq \epsilon$  we have  $\hat{\delta}(q_0, w) = \hat{\delta}(q_f, w)$ .

- b) Show that if  $x$  is a nonempty string in  $L(A)$ , then for all  $k > 0$ ,  $x^k$  (i.e.,  $x$  written  $k$  times) is also in  $L(A)$ .

\*! **Exercise 2.2.10:** Consider the DFA with the following transition table:

$\delta$	0	1
$\rightarrow A$	$B$	$A$
$*B$	$A$	$B$

Informally describe the language accepted by this DFA, and prove by induction on the length of an input string that your description is correct. *Hint:* When setting up the inductive hypothesis, it is wise to make a statement about what inputs get you to each state, not just what inputs get you to the accepting state.

✓ **Exercise 2.2.11:** Repeat Exercise 2.2.10 for the following transition table:

$\delta$	0	1
$\rightarrow A$	$B$	$A$
$B$	$C$	$A$
$*C$	$C$	$C$