

Homework 1 for CS310M

Autumn 2021

1 Finite State Automata and Regular Expressions

1. Using notation $\#a(x)$ to denote count of letter a in word x , define the language L having all words x over the alphabet $\{a, b\}$ where the absolute value of difference between $\#a(x)$ and $\#b(x)$ is at most 2. Construct a DFA recognizing this language.
2. Define in simple terms the language accepted by the following DFA. You may use $\#a(x)$ to denote the count of letter a in word x .

$$\begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \quad 1 \quad \begin{array}{c|cc} & a & b \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 \\ 3F & 1 & 2 \end{array} \\ 2 \\ 3F \end{array}$$

3. Construct DFA for the following languages
 - Kozen HW1 Ex. 1(b) 1(c) 1(d)
 - set of words over $\{0, 1\}$ which end with 00
 - set of words over $\{0, 1\}$ which contain 000 occurring consecutively (not necessarily at the end)
 - set of words over $\{0, 1\}$ where letters 011 occur in sequence but not necessarily consecutively.
4. (level *) Construct DFA for the following languages over the alphabet $\{0, 1\}$.
 - Each block of five consecutive letters contains at least 2 occurrences of 0.
 - Binary strings x such that the number \hat{x} corresponding to string x is divisible by three. (Leading 0 are allowed).
5. (product construction) Kozen HW1 Ex 2. (trivial)

proof: Let δ finite state
then consider
 $a^n b^{n+2}$.
 a, a^2, \dots, a^n .
at least two in same
state.
Then a^i, a^j ($i < j$)
bits (one accept
one reject) \Rightarrow

6. Give ϵ -NFA (which can even be an NFA or a DFA, as convenient) over the alphabet $\{0, 1\}$ for accepting each of the following languages.

- The beginning and the ending letter are the same.
- Letter 0 can only occur at positions which are multiple of 3, but letter 1 can occur at any position.
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- Words obtained by deleting zero or more letters (at arbitrary positions) from 10110.
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7. (Word not in language) Kozen Misc Ex 3. (*trivial*)

8. Construct a regular expression over alphabet $\{0, 1\}$ for the languages below

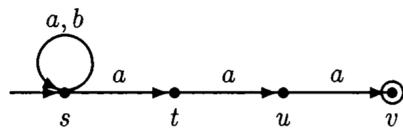
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- words that do not contain 01 as a subword.
- Kozen HW3 Ex 1(a,b,c).

9. Construct Pattern Expression for valid email addresses as defined below.

- Must only contain characters $a \ b \ 0 \ 1 \ . \ @$
- Symbols $.$ and $@$ are not adjacent
- must start with a letter (a or b)
- Has exactly one $@$
- No digit (0, 1) after $@$
- At least one $.$ after $@$

Recall that pattern expression has more operators than regular expression. You may use the expression $\#^*$ to denote all words in your pattern. Do you think it is easy to give a regular expression for the valid email addresses?

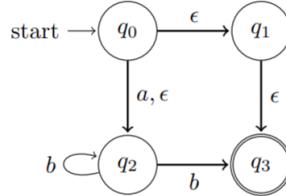
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11. For the following ϵ -NFA construct DFA using the subset construction, retaining only the reachable states. Clearly label each state of DFA with the subset of NFA states it represents.

	ϵ	a	b	c
$\rightarrow p$	$\{q, r\}$	\emptyset	$\{q\}$	$\{r\}$
q	\emptyset	$\{p\}$	$\{r\}$	$\{p, q\}$
$*r$	\emptyset	\emptyset	\emptyset	\emptyset

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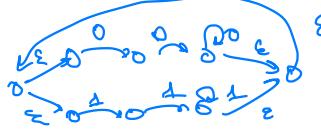
By guessing, give a regular expression for the language recognized by the above automaton.

13. Give ϵ -NFA for the following regular expressions. Determinize the resulting automata (retaining only the reachable states).

- $(ab + ba)(ab + ba)(ab + ba)$ with alphabet $\{a, b\}$
- $(000^* + 111^*)^*$.



14. Kozen Misc. Ex 13



15. (Closure Properties)

- Let prefix $x \leq_p y$ denote that x is a prefix of y , i.e. $\exists z$ s.t. $y = xz$. Define $Pref(L) = \{x \mid x \leq_p y, \text{ for some } y \in L\}$. Show that if L is regular then $Pref(L)$ is also regular.
- Kozen Misc 28 (delete one 1).
- (level *) Kozen HW2 Ex3 (Hamming Distance)

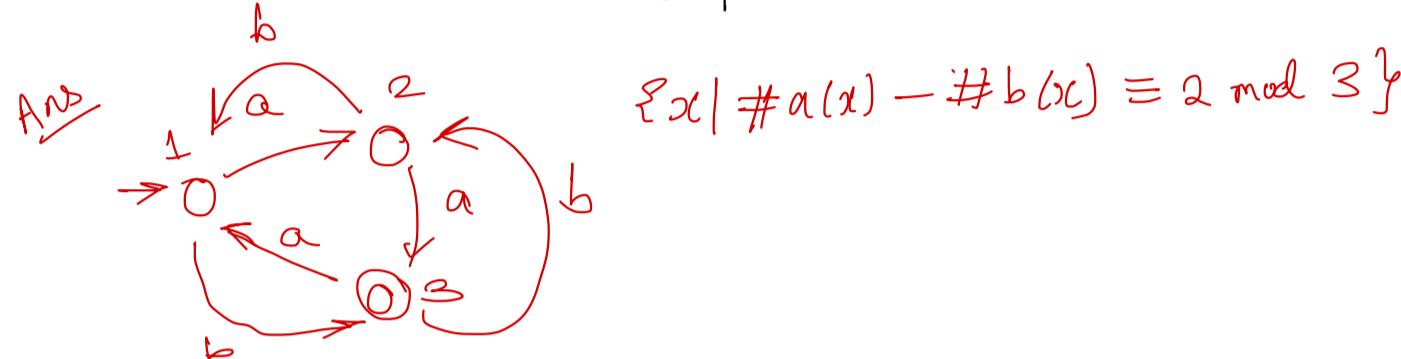
To do: 8, 13, 14

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$a^n \cdot$ then add b'

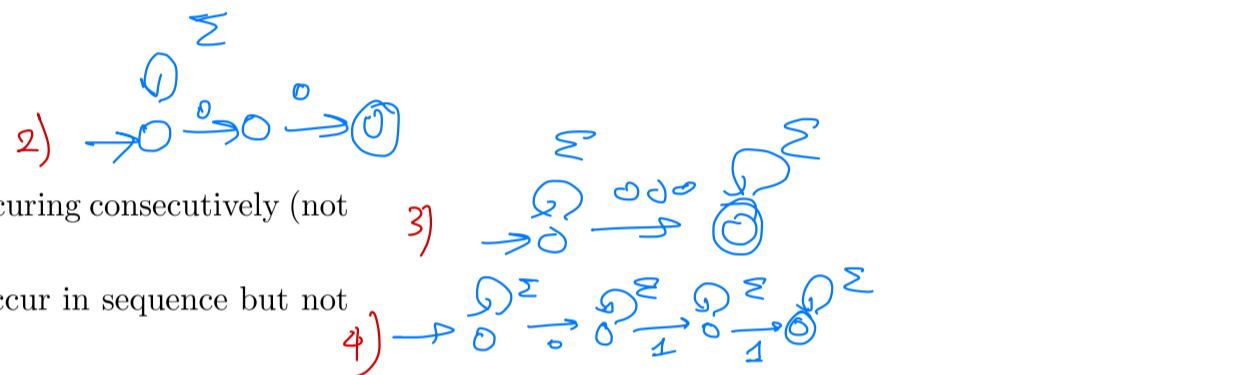
2. Define in simple terms the language accepted by the following DFA. You may use $\#a(x)$ to denote the count of letter a in word x .

	a	b
1	2	3
2	3	1
$3F$	1	2



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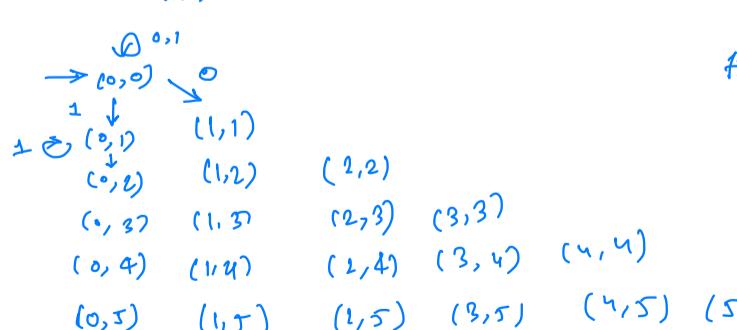
1. Design deterministic finite automata for each of the following sets:

- the set of strings in $\{4, 8, 1\}^*$ containing the substring 481;
- the set of strings in $\{a\}^*$ whose length is divisible by either 2 or 7;
- the set of strings $x \in \{0, 1\}^*$ such that $\#0(x)$ is even and $\#1(x)$ is a multiple of three;
- the set of strings over the alphabet $\{a, b\}$ containing at least three occurrences of three consecutive b's, overlapping permitted (e.g., the string bbbb should be accepted);
- the set of strings in $\{0, 1, 2\}^*$ that are ternary (base 3) representations, leading zeros permitted, of numbers that are not multiples of four. (Consider the null string a representation of zero.)

4. (level *) Construct DFA for the following languages over the alphabet $\{0, 1\}$.

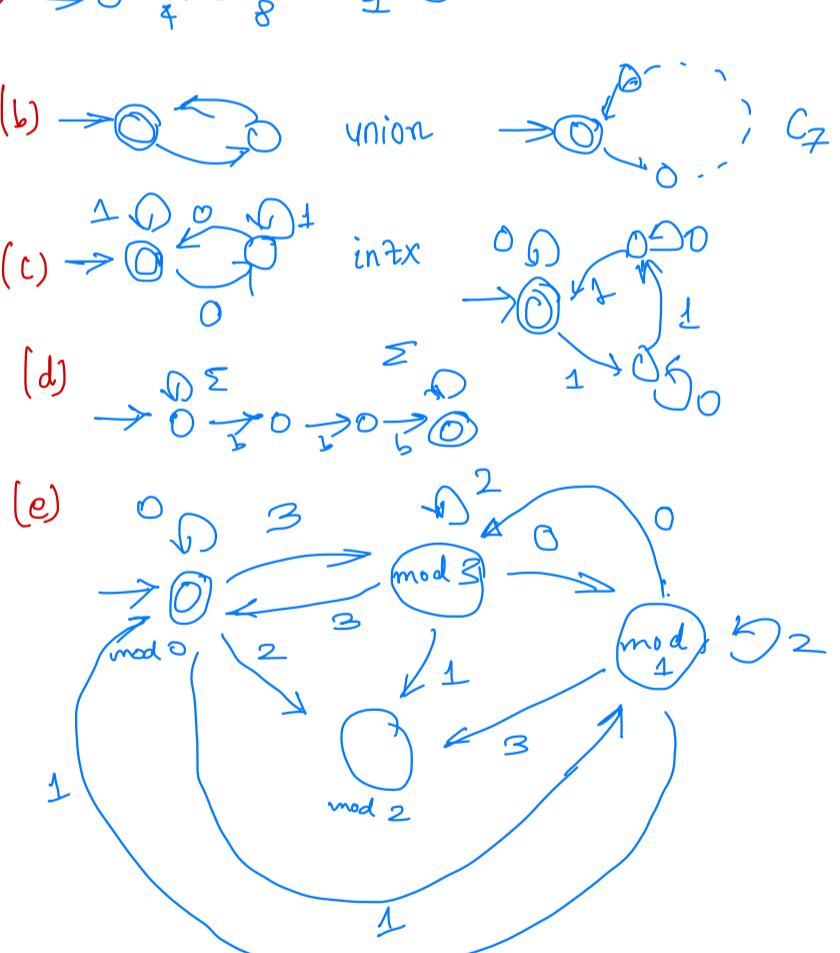
- Each block of five consecutive letters contains at least 2 occurrences of 0.
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a ~~block~~ in last 5 = (a, b)



fill this with transitions

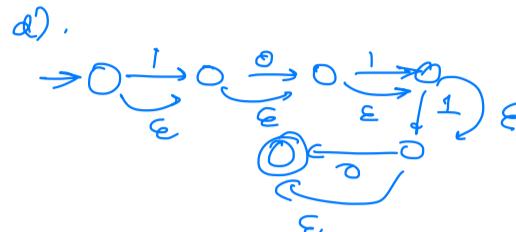
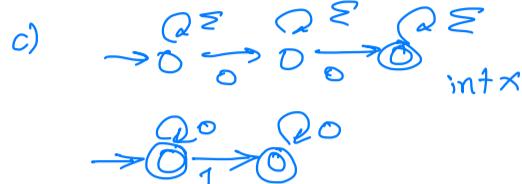
ML: make states with last 5 letters.



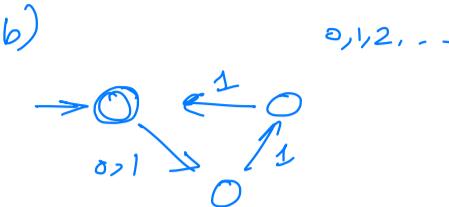
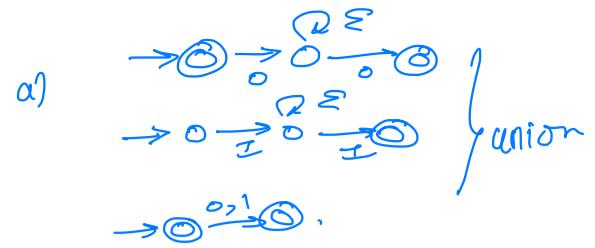
- 2) mod 3 construction.

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c) complement 001 ∩ 000.



(TBD)

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- Kozen Misc 28 (delete one 1). → copy automata, ϵ transition
- (level *) Kozen HW2 Ex3 (Hamming Distance)

make states from which final states reachable accepting

3. The *Hamming distance* between two bit strings x and y (notation: $H(x, y)$) is the number of places at which they differ. For example, $H(011, 110) = 2$. (If $|x| \neq |y|$, then their Hamming distance is infinite.) If x is a string and A is a set of strings, the Hamming distance between x and A is the distance from x to the closest string in A :

$$H(x, A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \min_{y \in A} H(x, y).$$

For any set $A \subseteq \{0, 1\}^*$ and $k \geq 0$, define

$$N_k(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \mid H(x, A) \leq k\},$$

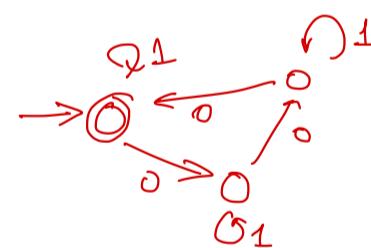
the set of strings of Hamming distance at most k from A . For example, $N_0(\{000\}) = \{000\}$, $N_1(\{000\}) = \{000, 001, 010, 100\}$, and $N_2(\{000\}) = \{0, 1\}^3 - \{111\}$.

Prove that if $A \subseteq \{0, 1\}^*$ is regular, then so is $N_2(A)$. (Hint: If A is accepted by a machine with states Q , build a machine for $N_2(A)$ with states $Q \times \{0, 1, 2\}$. The second component tells how many errors you have seen so far. Use nondeterminism to guess the string $y \in A$ that the input string x is similar to and where the errors are.)

- copy, put one 1 instead of 0
- repeat.

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a) $(1^* 0 1^* 0 1^* 0 1^*)^*$

b) $(1^* 0 1^* 0 1^* 0 1^*)^*$

c) $(\epsilon + 1)(\epsilon + 0)(\epsilon + 1)^*$

d) $0^* (0(0 + 100 + 001)) 0^*$

(+, ·, *)

e) $1^* 0^*$

1. Give regular expressions for each of the following subsets of $\{a, b\}^*$.

- (a) $\{x \mid x \text{ contains an even number of } a's\}$
- (b) $\{x \mid x \text{ contains an odd number of } b's\}$
- (c) $\{x \mid x \text{ contains an even number of } a's \text{ or an odd number of } b's\}$
- ~~(d) $\{x \mid x \text{ contains an even number of } a's \text{ and an odd number of } b's\}$~~

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a) & (b^*a^b^*a^b^*)^* \\
 (b) & a^*ba^* (a^*ba^*ba^*)^* \\
 (c) & + \\
 (d) & (b(a^a)b)^*
 \end{aligned}$$

Try to simplify the expressions as much as possible using the algebraic laws of Lecture 9. Recall that regular expressions over $\{a, b\}$ may use $\epsilon, \emptyset, a, b$, and operators $+, ^*$, and \cdot only; the other pattern operators are not allowed.

$ba \underline{bb} ab$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 a^a + ((aa)^*(bb)^*)^b a \quad a \quad b \\
 \hline
 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0
 \end{array}$$

$r = \text{both even.} \leftarrow \{$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 (\text{odd } a)b (bb^*)a r \\
 + (a^*)^b \text{ or }
 \end{array}
 \} \text{ for other cases -}$$