

1. `grep` and many other software implementations of regular expressions include the question mark, `'?'`, as a special symbol which marks the preceding expression as optional. For example, the regular expression `dog(gy)?` matches the strings `'dog'` and `'doggy'`.

Let  $\mathcal{REQ}$  be an extension of our familiar language of regular expressions with the question mark operator added. We will formally define the set  $\mathcal{REQ}$  by extending the definition of  $\mathcal{RE}$  (definition 7.6 in the [Vassos course notes](#)) to add the following induction step: If  $R \in \mathcal{REQ}$ , then  $(R)? \in \mathcal{REQ}$ .

- (a) Definition 7.7 in the Vassos course notes is a recursive definition of the language denoted by a regular expression  $R \in \mathcal{RE}$ . Give an extended version of this definition for  $\mathcal{REQ}$ .
- (b) Show that  $\mathcal{REQ}$  has no more expressive power than  $\mathcal{RE}$ , by proving the following statement:  $\forall R_1 \in \mathcal{REQ}, \exists R_2 \in \mathcal{RE}, \mathcal{L}(R_2) = \mathcal{L}(R_1)$ . Your proof should use structural induction.

2. Given a DFSA  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, F)$ , we will say that  $M$  is **frumious** if the following is true:

$$\forall a \in \Sigma, \exists q_1 \in Q, \forall q_2 \in Q, \delta(q_2, a) = q_1$$

- (a) Give a short English description of what it means for a DFSA to be frumious.
- (b) If  $M$  is frumious, what can we say about the language accepted by  $M$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(M)$ ?
- (c) How many distinct languages over the alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$  can be recognized by frumious DFSAs? Briefly explain your answer.

3. Suppose  $L$  is an infinite regular language. Does it follow that there exists a finite language  $S$  such that  $L = SS^*$ ? If yes, prove it. If no, find a counterexample language  $L$  and prove that it cannot be formed this way.