

This quiz has 2 questions, for a total of 6 points.

Question 1..... 3 points

Given an alphabet  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ , describe each one of the following languages by a regular expression.

- (a) [1 point] The language of strings of length at least three that begin and end with different symbols.

~~$(0\Sigma^*1) \cup (1\Sigma^*0)$~~

$1\Sigma^+0 + 0\Sigma^+1$   
 $(0\Sigma^+1) \cup (1\Sigma^+0)$

- (b) [1 point] The language of strings that contain the substring 101.

~~$\Sigma^*101\Sigma^*$~~

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- (c) [1 point] The language of strings that contain an odd number of 1's.

~~$(0^*10^*)^*$~~

$0^*1(0^*10^*10^*)^*0^*$

Question 2.....

3 points

Consider the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ . Use the pumping lemma to prove that the language  $L = \{a^{3n}b^{3n}c^{3n}, n \geq 0\}$  is not regular.

- Assume  $L$  is a regular language ✓
- Let  $p$  be the pumping length ✓
- Let  $s$  be a string  $s \in L$ ,  $s = a^{3p}b^{3p}c^{3p}$ ,  $|s| = 3p \geq p$  ✓
- Consider the decomposition of  $s$  into  $x y z$  while  $\begin{cases} |xy| \leq p \\ |y| \geq 1 \end{cases}$
- Consider decomposition  $x = a^{3p-1}$ ,  $y = a$ ,  $z = b^{3p}c^{3p}$
- let  $i = 2 \rightarrow x = a^{3p-1}$ ,  $y = a^2$ ,  $z = b^{3p}c^{3p}$
- then  $xy^2z \notin L$
- $\therefore L$  is not regular