

**LING 570 Hw2**  
**Due date: 11pm on Oct 11**  
**Total points: 100**

All the example files are under `~/dropbox/18-19/570/hw2/`.

**Q1 (7 points):** Learn the Carmel package. We will use the package for hw2 and hw3. The whole package is stored under `/NLP_TOOLS/ml_tools/FST/carmel/latest/`

- (1) (5 free points) Read the tutorial under `doc/`, and play with the examples under `sample/`. “Free points” means you don’t need to submit anything to get credits.
  - a. The command “carmel” is under `bin/`. Make sure that the path is included in `$PATH` if you want your shell to find the location of that command easily.
  - b. Type “carmel” on `patas` to see what options are available. The most important options are **-k, -b, -sli**.

- (2) (2 points) Under `sample/` directory, run the following commands:

```
carmel -k 1 fsa7 wfst1
```

```
cat ~/dropbox/18-19/570/hw2/examples/wfst1_test | carmel -k 1 -sli wfst1
```

Do they yield the same results? What do these commands do?

**Q2 (8 points):** Manually create FSAs for the following regular expression. The FSAs should be in Carmel format. Store the FSA files as `fsa1`, `fsa2`, `fsa3`, and `fsa4`, under **q2/**. The FSAs can be NFAs or DFAs:

- `fsa1` for `a* b*`
- `fsa2` for `(a | b)+ c d*`
- `fsa3` for `((a | b)+ c d* | b* d*)`
- `fsa4` for `(a b*)? b a`

To build an FSA given a regular expression, you can use Thompson’s construction (see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thompson%27s\\_construction](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thompson%27s_construction) and `day03-regex-to-NFA.pdf` slides).

**Q3 (15 points):** Use `Carmel` to build an FSA acceptor, **`fsa_acceptor.sh`**; that is, `fsa_acceptor.sh` can call the Carmel command and process Carmel’s output if needed.

- The format is: `fsa_acceptor.sh fsa_file input_file > output_file`
- `fsa_file` is an FSA in the Carmel format

- Each line in the input file is a string, and each line in the output\_file has the format “x => y”, where x is the string from the input file, and y is “yes” if x is accepted by the FSA, and “no” otherwise.
- Some example files are under 570/hw2/examples/: let “fsa1” be the fsa\_file, “ex” be the input\_file. Running the command “fsa\_acceptor.sh fsa1 ex > ex.output” should produce an output file with the same format as the file “ex.output” in that directory.
- Run fsa\_acceptor.sh with the fsa files created in Q2 and store the output files under **hw2\_dir/q3/** by running the following commands, where ex is 570/hw2/examples/ex

```
fsa_acceptor.sh q2/fsa1 ex > q3/ex.fsa1
...
```

```
fsa_acceptor.sh q2/fsa4 ex > q3/ex.fsa4
```

**Q4 (30 points):** Build **fsa\_acceptor2.sh** WITHOUT using Carmel. For the sake of simplicity, **this acceptor will only need to handle DFA**. If the input fsa\_file is an NFA, your code should just print out “The input fsa\_file is an NFA” to standard error (stderr) and then exit.

For your fsa\_acceptor2.sh,

- fsa\_acceptor2.sh has the same command line format and functionality as fsa\_acceptor.sh, except that it handles only DFA as explained above.
- fsa\_acceptor2.sh CANNOT use Carmel; for example, the code will need to read in the fsa\_file, store the FSA in some data structure, and determine whether each line in the input\_file is accepted by the FSA.
- In your note file, specify which method you have implemented.
- Run fsa\_acceptor2.sh with the fsa\_input files created in Q2 and store the output files under **hw2\_dir/q4/**.

**Q5 (3 points):** When you flip a coin, the probability of getting the head is 0.8. Now suppose you flip the coin five times, what is the probability of getting AT LEAST four heads out of the five flips? Please write down the formula, in addition to provide the probability.

**Q6 (4 points):** There are two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , and the joint probability  $P(X,Y)$  is shown below:

	$X=0$	$X=1$
$Y=0$	0.50	0.25
$Y=1$	0.10	0.15

- (1 pt) What is the probability distribution for  $P(X)$ ? **Note that a probability distribution is a function, not a number.**
- (1 pt) What is the probability distribution for  $P(Y)$ ?
- (1 pt) What is the probability distribution for  $P(Y|X)$ ?
- (1 pt) Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent? Why or why not?

**Q7 (8 points):** There are three coins:  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ , and  $c_3$ . When tossing a coin once, the probabilities of getting a head for  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ , and  $c_3$  are 0.1, 0.4, and 0.7, respectively. Now suppose that you first pick one of the coins, with the probability 0.2 of being  $c_1$ , 0.5 of being  $c_2$ , 0.3 of being  $c_3$ , and then toss the coin.

- (4 points) If you toss this selected coin once, what is the probability of getting a head?
- (4 points) If you toss this selected coin once and get a head, what is the probability that  $c_1$  was the coin selected in the first step?

The submission should include:

- readme.[txt|pdf], which includes the answers to Q1, Q5-Q7 and any note you want the grader to read.
- hw.tar.gz that includes all the file specified in submit-file-list.