

Lab 03 - DFAs

Instructions:

- A deterministic finite automaton (DFA) is a machine with no memory that recognizes languages.
- Your objective is to define a format DFA for each problem scenario. You must use the provided alphabet.
- A cumulative task will not receive credit if the required previous tasks are not completed.
- Your submissions must be submitted to the GitHub repository in the Lab03 directory.
- Cheating of any kind is prohibited and will not be tolerated.
- Violating or failing to follow any of the rules above will result in an automatic zero (0) for the lab.

Grading

Task	Maximum Points	Points Earned
1	1.00	
2	1.30	
3	1.30	
4	1.40	
Total	5.00	

Note: solutions will be provided for tasks colored blue only.

Task 1

- A compiler recognizes an identifier token as a string containing one or more characters, each of which may be a lowercase letter (L), uppercase letter (U), underscore (S), or digit (D), that must begin with either a letter or an underscore. If the token starts with a digit or contains any invalid character (O) other than a letter, underscore, or digit, the compiler will report a lexical error.

Create a text file named ‘task01.txt’ that constructs a DFA that recognizes the language of strings over $\Sigma = \{L, U, S, O\}$ that are valid identifier tokens.

Example:

The strings LLUD, DSU, and S will be accepted, rejected, and accepted, respectively.

Task 2

- DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) sequences are formed from four bases: Adenine (A), Guanine (G), Cytosine (C) and Thymine (T). In gene research, a motif is a short subsequence with biological significance.

Create a text file named ‘task02.txt’ that constructs a DFA that recognizes the language of DNA sequences over $\Sigma = \{A, C, G, T\}$ that contain either the motif G-A-T-C or C-T-A-G.

Example:

The strings AGACTAGC, AGTATAGT, and GATC will be accepted, rejected, and accepted, respectively.

Task 3

- A binary number—a number composed only of 0s and 1s—is a multiple of 3 if the expression $2n + m$ is divisible by 3, where n and m are the number of 1s in the even and odd positions, respectively. Thus, the divisibility of a binary number by 3 depends on the positions of the 1s within the number.

Create a text file named ‘task03.txt’ that constructs a DFA that recognizes the language of binary numbers over $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ that are multiples of 3.

Example:

The strings 10101, 111, and 11 will be accepted, rejected, and accepted, respectively.

Task 4

- A vending machine dispenses beverages priced \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75, or \$2.25. It accepts only quarters (Q) and dollars (1), and it requires exact change to dispense goods. If the customer selects an item (S) without having inserted the exact price or cancels (C), the machine returns the money and does not dispense (thus, restarting the process).

Create a text file named ‘task04.txt’ that constructs a DFA that recognizes the language of sequences of actions over $\Sigma = \{Q, 1, S, C\}$ that will result in a beverage being dispensed.

Example:

The strings 1QQQS, 1QS, and QC1S will be accepted, rejected, and accepted, respectively.

Extra Credit

- Create a text file named ‘extra.txt’ that constructs a DFA that recognizes the union of the languages

$$L_1 = \{w : 011 \notin w\}$$

$$L_2 = \{w : w \text{ is one or more 0s between one or more 1s}\}$$

(0.5 points)