

CSC 520 Fall 2023
HW #3, Finite Automata (FA) and Regular Languages
25 points/10 extra credit points

Submit a .zip archive containing 3 files:

- A .txt file containing only your honor code affirmation, with your actual name substituted for $\langle name \rangle$: **On my honor as an SFSU student, I, $\langle name \rangle$, have neither given or received inappropriate help with this homework assignment.**
- A .jff file containing your solution to problem #1.
- A .txt file containing your solution to problem #2.

1. 12.5 points/8 extra credit points for a minimal correct implementation. Submit your solution as a .jff file.

$\Sigma = \{C, A, G, T\}$, $L = \{ w : \text{the first and last symbols in } w \text{ are } A\text{'s} ; \#_C(w)+1 = \#_G(w) + \#_T(w) + \#_A(w); \#_C(w) \leq 2 \}$. As examples, $ACA \in L$; $w = AA \notin L$ because $\#_C(w)+1 \neq \#_G(w) + \#_T(w) + \#_A(w)$; $GCA \notin L$ because it does not start with A; and $w = ATCCTCA \notin L$ because $\#_C(w) > 2$. You may find it helpful to adopt a state naming conventions that reflects the counts of C's vs. A's, G's, and T's read from the input if the FA is in that state. For example, the state name "2/1" could be used to mean that if the FA is in that state, the input processed contained 2 A's, G's, or T's, and 1 C.

Construct a deterministic JFLAP FA that recognizes L. Remember that to be deterministic, an FA must have no ϵ -transitions (rendered as λ -transitions by default in JFLAP), and not have multiple transitions on the same input symbol.

2. 12.5 points/2 extra credit points for explaining why an FA could or could not accept L defined below. Submit your solution as a .txt file

$\Sigma = \{C, A, G, T\}$, $L = \{ w : w \text{ starts with } CA \text{ and ends with } GT; \#_{CA}(w) \% 2 = (\#_{GT}(w) + 1) \% 2; \#_C(w) > \#_G(w) \}$. As examples, $CACATGT \in L$; $w = CACAGTGT \notin L$ because $\#_C(w) \neq \#_G(w)$; $TCACAGT \notin L$ because it does not start with TA; $w = CACATCAGT \notin L$ because $\#_{CA}(w)$ and $\#_{GT}(w)$ are both odd; and $w = CACAGTCTGT \notin L$ because $\#_{CA}(w)$ and $\#_{GT}(w)$ are both even.

Prove that L is not a regular language using the RL pumping lemma.

Start by defining a "long" string S such that $S \in L$, $|S| \geq N$. Remember that for $|S| \geq N$, **S must be defined using N, or an expression derived from N, as a repetition operator.**

Then show that the RL pumping lemma guarantee for long strings in infinite regular languages does not hold for S: there is **no substring R** contained within the first N symbols of S, $R \neq \epsilon$, such that R could be removed, or replicated an arbitrary number of times (i.e., pumped), and the resulting string S' will also be in L.