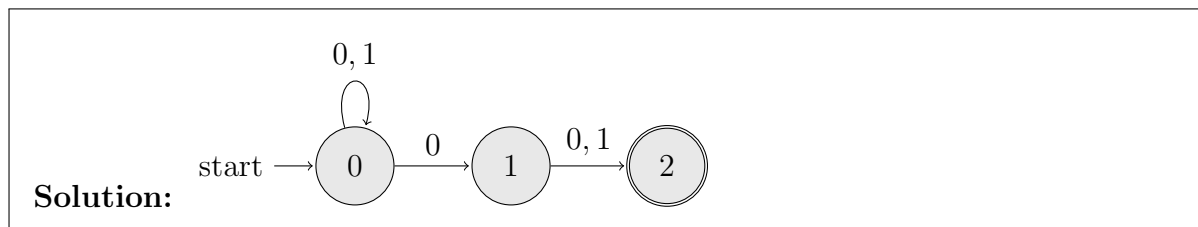


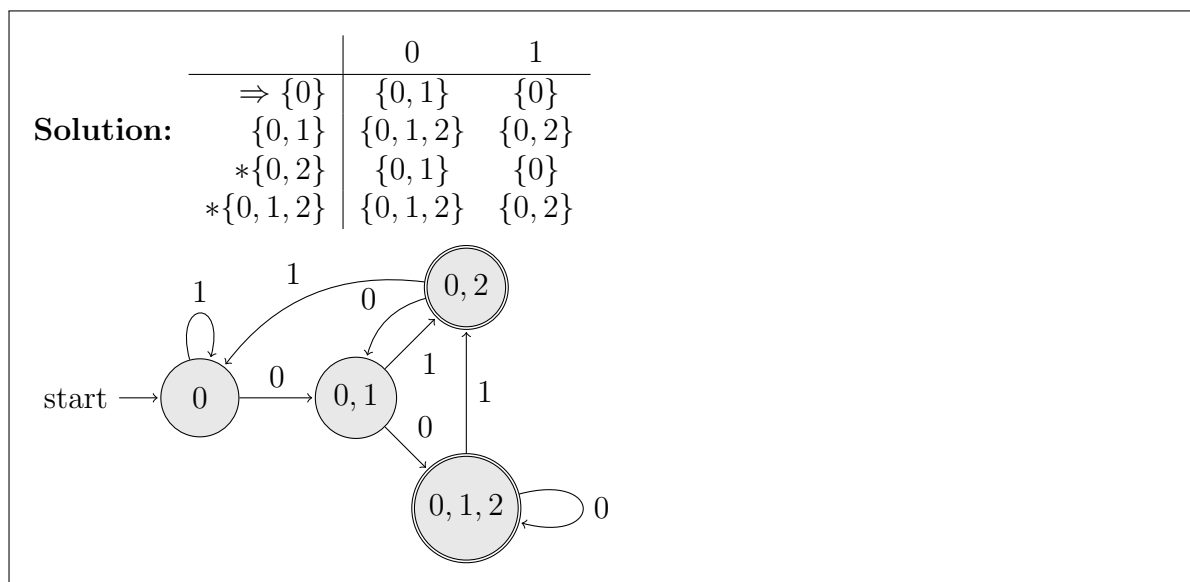
Answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Your answers should be both thorough and complete. Do your own work. Good luck!

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1. (5 points) Draw an NFA that accepts the binary language whose every string has a 0 as the penultimate (second to last) character.



2. (5 points) Convert the NFA from question 1 into a DFA. Be sure to show your work.



3. (5 points) Write out a regular expression for the binary language where each string is non-empty and starts and ends with the same character.

Solution:

$$0 + 1 + 0(0 + 1)^*0 + 1(0 + 1)^*1$$

The special cases of length 1 strings need to be taken separately. Then the other two cases are separated as well.

4. (5 points) Below is a regular expression over the genetic alphabet $\{G, A, T, C\}$,

$$(\mathbf{G^*A^*T^*C^*})^*\mathbf{TACT}(\mathbf{G + A + T + C})^*.$$

Write out a brief English language description of the language captured by this expression.

Solution: Any string that contains the substring *TACT*.