- 2. Construct DFSA to accept the following languages.
  - a.  $\{a, b\}^+$
  - b.  $\{a, b\}^*$
  - c.  $\{(ab)^n | n \ge 1\}$
  - d.  $\{a^n b^m c^p | n, m, p \ge 1\}$
  - e.  $\{w|w\in\{a,b\}^*, w \text{ has an even number of } a\text{'s and even number of } b\text{'s}\}$
- 3. Find a DFSA for each of the following languages.
  - a.  $L = \{w | w \text{ is a binary string containing both substrings } 010 \text{ and } 101\}.$
  - b. For any fixed integer  $k \ge 0$ ,  $L = \{0^i w 1^i | w \text{ is a binary string and } 0 \le i \le k\}$ .
- 4. Suppose we restrict DFSA's so that they have at most one accepting state. Can any regular language L be recognized by this restricted form of DFSA? Justify your answer.
- 5. Design deterministic finite automata for each of the following sets:
  - a. the set of all strings in  $\{1, 2, 3\}^*$  containing 231 as substring.
  - b. the set of strings  $x \in \{0, 1\}^*$  such that  $\#_0(x)$  is even and  $\#_1(x)$  is a multiple of three.
  - c. the set of strings in  $(a)^*$  whose length is divisible by either 2 or 7.
- 6. Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ . Consider the base 10 numbers formed by strings from  $\Sigma^*$ . 15 represents fifteen, 408 represents four hundred, and eight and so on. Let  $L = \{x \in \Sigma^* | \text{ the numbers represented by } x \text{ is exactly divisible } \}$ by 7} = { $\in$ , 0, 00, 000,..., 7, 07, 007,..., 14, 21, 28, 35,...}. Find a  $\bigcup$ FSA that accepts L.
- 7. Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ . Consider the language consisting of all words that have neither consecutive a's nor consecutive b's. Draw a DFSA that accepts this language.
- 8. Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ . Let  $L = \{x \in \{a, b, c\}^* | |x| = 0 \mod 5\}$ . Draw a DFSA that accepts L.
- 9. Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ . Consider the language consisting of words that begin and end with different letters. Draw a DFSA that accepts this language.
- 10. Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ .
  - a. Draw a DFSA that rejects all words for which the last two letters match.
  - b. Draw a DFSA that rejects all words for which the first two letters match.
- 11. Suppose we alter the definition of a DFSA so that once the automaton leaves its start state, it cannot return to its start state. For such a DFSA, if an input w causes it to take a transition from a state p to its start state  $q_0$ , where  $p \neq q_0$ , then the DFSA immediately halts and rejects w. Call this new type of DFSA as no-return-DFSA.

Prove that the class of languages recognized by no-return-DFSA is the class of regular languages.

- 12. Construct a NFSA for each of the languages given in problem no. 1,3,5,6,7,8,9.
- 13. Given a non-deterministic finite automaton M without  $\varepsilon$ -transitions, show that it is possible to construct a NFSA with  $\varepsilon$ -transitions M' such that:
  - a. M' has exactly one start state and one end state
  - b. L(M) = L(M').
- 14. What is the language accepted by the NFSA *M* (Figure 3.50)?

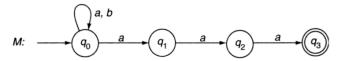


Figure 3.50. State diagram for Exercise 14

- 15. Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ . Find a NFSA for each of the following languages:
  - a.  $\{x | x \text{ contains an even number of } a$ 's $\}$ .
  - b.  $\{x | x \text{ contains an odd number of } b$ 's $\}$ .
  - c.  $\{x | x \text{ contains an even number of a's and an odd number of } b's \}$
  - d.  $\{x | x \text{ contains an even number of } a$ 's or an odd number of b's $\}$
- 16. Suppose we alter the definition of an NFSA so that we now identify two types of states in its state set Q: the good states  $G \subseteq Q$ , and the bad states  $B \subseteq Q$  where  $G \cap B = \phi$ . (Note that a state in Q may be neither good nor bad, but no state is both good and bad). The automata accepts input w if, considering all possible computations on w, some computation ends in G and no computation ends in G. Call this new type of NFSA as a good-bad NFSA.

Prove that the class of languages recognized by good-bad NFSAs is the class of regular languages.

- 17. In the questions below, given a language L we describe how to form a new language from the strings in L. Prove that if L is regular then the new languages are regular by constructing an NFSA for the new languages.
  - a.  $skip(L) = \{xy | xcy \in L, \text{ where } x \text{ and } y \text{ are strings, } c \text{ is a letter} \}$
  - b.  $suffix(L) = \{y | xy \in L, x, y \text{ are strings}\}.$
- 18. Convert the following two NFSA to equivalent DFSA using subset construction method (Figure 3.51).

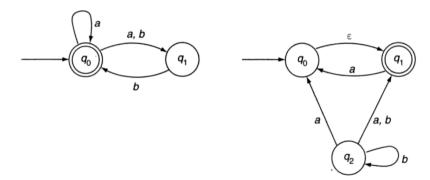


Figure 3.51. State diagrams for Exercise 18

- 19. Prove the following identities for regular expressions r, s and t. Here r = s means L(r) = L(s).
  - a. r + s = s + r
  - b.  $\phi^* = \varepsilon$
  - c.  $(r^*s^*)^* = (r+s)^*$
  - d.  $(rs)^* r = r(sr)^*$
- 20. Construct a NFSA accepting the language denoted by the following regular expressions. Also convert the NFSA to an equivalent DFSA.
  - a. a\*ba\*ab\*
  - b.  $a^*bb^*(a + b)ab^*$
  - c.  $b((aab^* + a^4)b)^*a$
- 21. Given the following DFSAs, construct equivalent regular expressions (Figure 3.52).

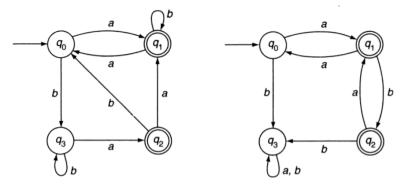


Figure 3.52. State diagrams for Exercise 21

22. Give an NFSA with four states equivalent to the regular expression  $(01 + 011 + 0111)^*$ . Convert this automaton to an equivalent DFSA using subset construction.

- 23. Give regular expressions that describe each of the following languages, which are over the alphabet {0, 1}. Explain how you constructed your regular expressions.
  - a.  $\{w \mid w \text{ contains substrings } 010 \text{ and } 101\}$
  - b.  $\{w|w \text{ does not contain substring } 0110\}$
  - c.  $\{w | w \text{ has an even number of 0's and an even number of 1's} \}$
  - d.  $\{w|w \text{ has the same number of occurrences of } 10 \text{ and } 01\}$

Note that in (a) and (d) occurrences can overlap.

- 24. For each of the following languages, give two strings that are members and two strings that are not members a total of four strings for each part. Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  in all parts.
  - a. a\*b\*
  - b. *a*(*ba*)\**b*
  - c.  $a^* \cup b^*$
  - d. (aaa)\*
  - e.  $\Sigma^*a\Sigma^*b\Sigma^*a\Sigma^*$
  - f.  $aba \cup bab$
  - g.  $(\Sigma \cup a)b$
  - h.  $(a \cup ba \cup bb) \Sigma^*$
- 25. Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ . Give (if possible) a regular expression that describes the set of all even-length words in  $\Sigma^*$ .
- 26. Give examples of sets that demonstrate the following inequalities. Here,  $r_1$ ,  $r_2$ ,  $r_3$  are regular expressions.
  - a.  $r_1 + \epsilon \neq r_1$
  - b.  $r_1 \cdot r_2 \neq r_2 \cdot r_1$
  - c.  $r_1 \cdot r_1 \neq r_1$
  - d.  $r_1 + (r_2 \cdot r_3) \neq (r_1 + r_2) \cdot (r_1 + r_3)$
  - e.  $(r_1 \cdot r_2)^* \neq (r_1^* \cdot r_2^*)^*$
- 27. Find examples of sets that show the following expressions maybe equal under some conditions. Here,  $r_1$ ,  $r_2$ ,  $r_3$  are regular expressions.
  - a.  $r_1 + \epsilon = r_1$
  - b.  $r_1 \cdot r_2 = r_2 \cdot r_1$  (even if  $r_1 \neq r_2$ )
  - c.  $r_1 \cdot r_1 = r_1$
  - d.  $r_1 + (r_2 \cdot r_3) = (r_1 + r_2) \cdot (r_1 + r_3)$  (even if  $r_1 \neq r_2$  and  $r_3 = r_1$ )