

**Trent University**  
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**Quiz 1**

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Open Course Notes and Textbook

1) [5 marks] Give a recursive definition for the language QUES1 which is defined over the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  and contains words that contains at least one  $b$  and an odd number of  $a$ 's.

2) [3 marks] Consider the following recursive definition of a language called QUES2

Rule 1: 132 is in QUES2

Rule 2: If  $w = abc$  is in QUES2, then so are  $cab$  and  $bca$ .

Rule 3: no other words in QUES2.

What are all the words in the language QUES2.

3) [8 marks] Construct a regular expression for each of the following languages over the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ .

(a) The language of all words that begin the substring  $ba$  and end with the letter  $a$ .

(b) The language of all words that begin with the letter  $b$  but do not contain the substring  $ab$ .

(c) The language of all words that end with the letter  $b$  and have an odd number of letters.

4) [9 marks] Build an FA for each of the following languages over the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ .

(a) The language of all words that begin with the letter  $a$  and contain substring  $bb$ .

(b) The language of all words that contain at least one  $b$  but do not contain the substring  $ab$ .

(c) The language of all words that end with the letter  $b$  and have an odd number of letters.