

There are a total of five problems. You have to solve the first four. Problem 5 is optional.

Problem 1 (CO1): DFA and Regular Languages (10 points)

Let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. Consider the following languages over Σ .

$$L_1 = \{w : w = 0^m 1^n, \text{ where } m, n \geq 0\}$$

$$L_2 = \{w : 1 \text{ does not appear at any even position in } w\}$$

Now solve the following problems.

- Give** the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L_1 . (3 points)
- Give** the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L_2 . (3 points)
- If you were to use the “cross product” construction shown in class to obtain a DFA for the language $L_1 \cap L_2$, how many states would it have? (1 point)
- Find** all five-letter strings in $L_1 \cap L_2$. (1 point)
- Give** the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes $L_1 \cap L_2$ using only four states. (2 points)

Problem 2 (CO1): Regular Expressions (10 points)

Consider the following languages over $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$.

$$L_1 = \{w : w \text{ does not contain } 11\}$$

$$L_2 = \{w : \text{every } 1 \text{ in } w \text{ is followed by at least one } 0\}$$

$$L_3 = \{w : \text{the number of times } 1 \text{ appears in } w \text{ is even}\}$$

Now solve the following problems.

- Give** a regular expression for the language L_1 . (2 points)
- Your friend claims that $L_1 = L_2$. **Prove** her wrong by writing down a five-letter string in $L_1 \setminus L_2$. Recall that $L_1 \setminus L_2$ contains all strings that are in L_1 but not in L_2 . (2 points)
- Give** a regular expression for the language $L_1 \setminus L_2$. (2 points)
- Give** a regular expression for the language L_3 . (2 points)
- Give** a regular expression for the language $L_2 \setminus L_3$. (2 points)

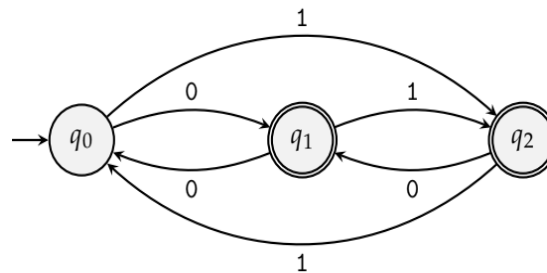
Problem 3 (CO3): Converting Regular Expressions to NFAs (10 points)

Convert the following regular expression over $\Sigma = \{a, b, c, d\}$ into an equivalent NFA. Note that $R_1 + R_2$ is the same as $R_1 \cup R_2$.

$$a(b^*c)^* + ac(b^*c)^* + (c^* + d)^*$$

Problem 4 (CO3): Converting Finite Automata to Regular Expressions (10 points)

Convert the following DFA into an equivalent regular expression using the state elimination method. First eliminate q_1 , then q_2 , and finally q_0 . You must show work.



Problem 5 (Bonus): Even-Odd Runs (5 points)

Disclaimer: This is a bonus problem. Attempt it only after you are done with everything else. Even if you do not attempt it, you can get a perfect score. So, do not worry if you find it too hard!

A *run* in a string is a maximal non-empty substring consisting entirely of the same letter. For example, the string 111001111011 consists of five runs: a run of three 1s, followed by a run of two 0s, a run of four 1s, a run of one 0, and a run of two 1s. Consider the following language over $\{0, 1\}$.

$$L = \{w : \text{every run of 0s in } w \text{ has even length and every run of 1s in } w \text{ has odd length}\}$$

Give a six-state DFA that recognizes L .



After you are done with the test, please indicate where you stand on the smiley face spectrum.

