## **CS 3186 --- Assignment #2**

\*Remember to write it out instead of typing so you can get practice and muscle memory  $\overline{L} = L^{C}$ 

I) Give a formal definition with any notations for each of the following: Alphabet, String, Language, Concatenation of strings, Reverse of a string, Substring, Length of a string, Star-Closure of an alphabet, Positive Closure of an alphabet, Sentence of a language

Alphabet - An alphabet  $\Sigma$  is a finite, nonempty set of symbols

String - a finite sequence of symbols from an alphabet

Language - a set of strings

Concatenation of strings - The concatenation of strings u and v means appending the symbols of v to the right end of the symbols of u, denoted as uv

Reverse of a string - The reverse of a string (denoted as w) is denoted as w<sup>R</sup>. w<sup>R</sup> is the string with the same symbols in reverse order

Substring - Substring is a sequence of consecutive characters taken from the original string to make a new string

Star-Closure of an alphabet -  $\Sigma^*$  for an alphabet  $\Sigma$ , is the set of all strings obtained by concatenating zero or more symbols from the alphabet

Positive-Closure of an alphabet -  $\Sigma^+$ , for an alphabet  $\Sigma$ , is the set of all strings from the alphabet  $\Sigma$  except (Lambda)

Sentence of a language - A string from a language is referred to as a sentence. For Language L: {a, aa, ab}, "a", "aa", "ab" are sentences

## II) For a language L, describe the Complementation, and Star-Closure

Complementation -  $L^{C} = \Sigma^{*} - L$ 

Star-Closure -  $L^* = L^0 \cup L^1 \cup L^2 \cup ...$ 

## III) Describe the relationship of Language, Grammar and Automata (over a given alphabet)

A language is a set of strings; a grammar is a set of rules used to define which symbols of an alphabet can be sequenced into strings of a language; and an automata is a mathematical model of a computer which can determine if a string is a part of a language.

IV) Write derivations for four strings of various lengths and describe what is the language generated, L(G) by the following grammar G.

$$\label{eq:V} \begin{split} V &= \{S,\,A,\,B\} \\ T &= \{a,\,b\}, \\ P &= \{ \\ S &\rightarrow A, \\ S &\rightarrow B, \\ B &\rightarrow bB, \\ A &\rightarrow aA, \\ A &\rightarrow \lambda, \\ B &\rightarrow \lambda \\ \} \end{split}$$

S is the start nonterminal

$$V = \{S, A, B\}$$
  
 $T = \{a, b\}$   
 $S \Rightarrow A \mid B$   
 $B \Rightarrow bB \mid \lambda$   
 $A \Rightarrow aA \mid \lambda$   
1)  $S \Rightarrow A \Rightarrow aA \Rightarrow aaA \Rightarrow aa\lambda \Rightarrow aa$   
2)  $S \Rightarrow A \Rightarrow \lambda$   
3)  $S \Rightarrow B \Rightarrow bB \Rightarrow bbB \Rightarrow bbbB \Rightarrow bbbbA$   
 $L(G) = \{a^n \mid b^n : n \geq 0\}$ 

V) Write derivations for four strings of various lengths and describe what is the language generated, L(G) by the following grammar

$$\label{eq:special} \begin{split} \textbf{S} &\rightarrow \textbf{aSaa} \mid \textbf{B} \\ \textbf{B} &\rightarrow \textbf{bB} \mid \lambda \end{split}$$

VI) Write derivations for four strings of various lengths and describe what is the language generated, L(G) by the following grammar

$$\mathsf{B} \to \mathsf{bB}$$

## VII) Describe the operation of Automaton as an Acceptor

An automaton as an acceptor operates by taking an input then giving either a yes or no output.

VIII) Let  $\Sigma = \{a,b\}$  L1 =  $\{a,ab,abb\}$  L2 =  $\{\lambda,b,bb\}$  Describe all the following languages as a set of strings.

(i) 
$$L_3 = L_1 \cap L_2$$

(iii) L<sub>3</sub>L<sub>1</sub>

(iv) L<sub>1</sub>L<sub>2</sub>

$$L_1L_2 = \{a,ab,abb,abbb,abbbb\}$$

(vi)  $|L_1|$   $|L_3|$ 

(vii) 
$$|L_1|$$
  $|L_2|$ 

(viii) |L<sub>1</sub>L<sub>2</sub>|

(ix)  $L_1^R$ 

(x)  $L_2^R$ 

(xi) ∑\*

(xii)  $L_2^{\mathsf{C}}$ 

(xiii)  $L_1^0$ 

(xiv)  $L_1^{1}$ 

$$L_1' = \{a, ab, aab\}$$

$$L_1^2 = \{a,ab,abh\} \{a,ab,abb\}$$

$$= \{aa,aab,aabb,\\abab,abab,\\abba,abbab\}$$

(xvi)  $L_2^2$