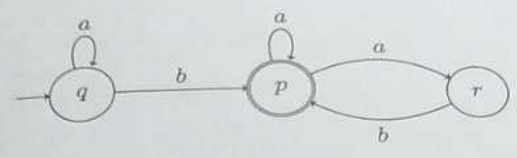


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(2 points) Question 1. Consider the following automaton  $\mathcal{A}$ .

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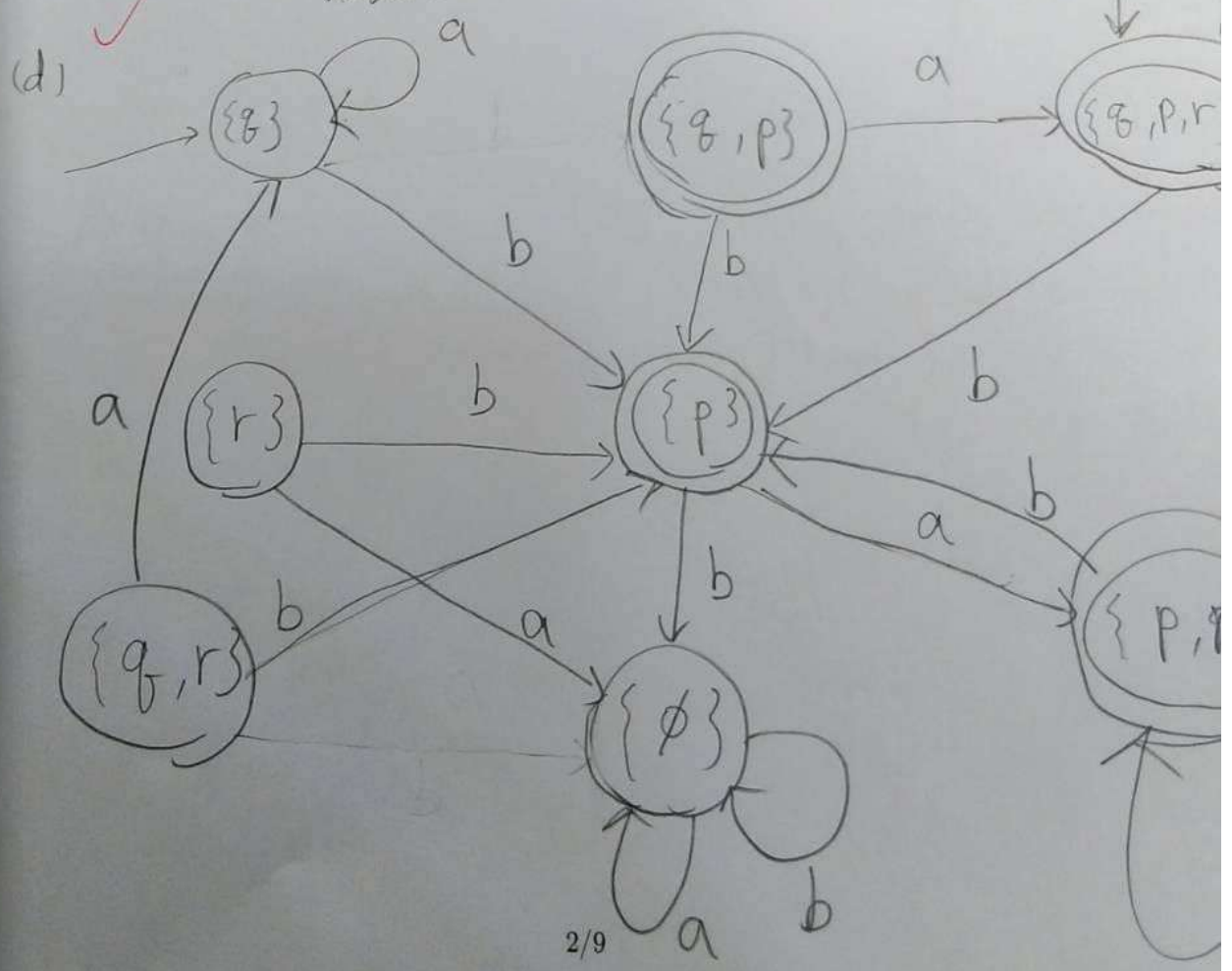
- (a) Is  $\mathcal{A}$  deterministic or non-deterministic?
- (b) Is  $aaa$  accepted by  $\mathcal{A}$ ?
- (c) Is  $abababa$  accepted by  $\mathcal{A}$ ?
- (d) Construct the deterministic automaton for  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Solutions for Question 1.

(a) ~~It is~~ non-deterministic, since state  $p$  has two outgoing edges with input character 'a'.

(b) ~~No~~

(c) Yes, It will reach state  $\{p, r\}$  in the deterministic automaton in (d).



(2 points) Question 2. Consider the following grammar  $\mathcal{G}$  over the alphabet  $\{a, b\}$ , where  $S$  is the start variable.

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon \mid aSb \mid bSa \mid SS$$

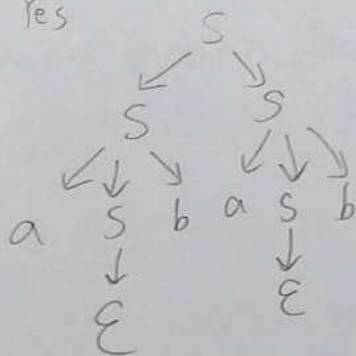
Determine which of the following words are in  $L(\mathcal{G})$ .

- (a)  $abab$ .
- (b)  $a^3b^3$ , i.e.,  $aaabbb$ .
- (c)  $a^4b^3$ , i.e.,  $aaaabbb$ .
- (d)  $a^2b^3$ , i.e.,  $aabbb$ .

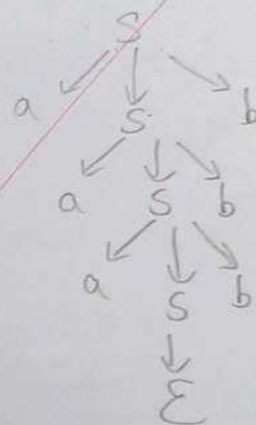
If you think a word is in  $L(\mathcal{G})$ , you should provide its derivation tree. If you claim it is not, then just state so and you don't need to "prove" it.

Solutions for Question 2.

(a) Yes



(b) Yes



(c) No, since the number of  $a$ 's is not equal to the number of  $b$ 's

(d) No, since the number of  $a$ 's is not equal to the number of  $b$ 's



(1 points) Question 3. Define a language  $L$  with the following property.

- $L$  is not regular.
- There is an integer  $N \geq 0$  such that every word  $w \in L$  with length  $\geq N$  can be partitioned into three parts:

$$w = xyz \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{no prove} \\ \text{simple explain} \end{array}$$

where  $|y| \geq 1$  and for every integer  $i \geq 0$ ,  $xy^iz \in L$ .

Solutions for question 3.

Let  $L = \{a^n b^n c^m \mid n, m > 0\}$

It is obvious that  $L$  is not regular, since it doesn't meet the pumping lemma in regular language.

But, there's an integer  $N$ , such that  $\forall w$  s.t.  $|w| \geq N$ , I can split the string  $w = xyz$ ,

where  $w = \underbrace{aa \dots a}_{x} \underbrace{bb \dots b}_{y} \underbrace{cc \dots c}_{z}$

since  $m > 0 \Rightarrow |y| \geq 1$ , and  $\forall i, xy^iz \in L$ .



(1 point) Question 4. Define two languages  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  with the following properties:

- $L_1$  is CFL, but not regular.
- $L_2$  is CFL, but not regular.
- $L_1 \cap L_2$  is CFL, but not regular.

$$L_1 \neq L_2$$

For this question, you only need to present the CFG for  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$  and  $L_1 \cap L_2$ .

Solution for question 4.

$$L_1 = \{a^n b^n c^m \mid n, m > 0\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$$

$$\Gamma = \{S, Y, Z\}$$

starting variable =  $S$

$$S \rightarrow a Y b c Z$$

$$Y \rightarrow a Y b \mid \varepsilon$$

$$Z \rightarrow c Z \mid \varepsilon$$

$$L_2 = \{a^n b^n d^m \mid n, m > 0\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b, d\}$$

$$\Gamma = \{S, Y, Z\}, \text{ starting variable} = S$$

$$S \rightarrow a Y b d Z$$

$$Y \rightarrow a Y b \mid \varepsilon$$

$$Z \rightarrow d Z \mid \varepsilon$$

$$L_1 \cap L_2 = \{a^n b^n \mid n > 0\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$\Gamma = \{S, Y\}$$

starting variable =  $S$

$$S \rightarrow a Y b$$

$$Y \rightarrow a Y b \mid \varepsilon$$

(1 point) Question 5. In the following the alphabet is  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ . For a word  $w \in \Sigma^*$ :

- $\#_a(w)$  denotes the number of  $a$ 's in  $w$ .
- $\#_b(w)$  denotes the number of  $b$ 's in  $w$ .
- $\#_c(w)$  denotes the number of  $c$ 's in  $w$ .

Consider the following language over the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ :

$$L := \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \#_a(w) = \#_b(w) = \#_c(w)\}$$

Prove that  $L$  is not CFL.

Solution for question 5.

If  $L$  is a CFL and  $K$  is regular, then  $L \cap K$  is a CFL (proved in the homework already)

Assume that  $L$  is a CFL, consider a regular language  $K = a^*b^*c^*$ , so,  $L \cap K = \{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  must be a CFL, while  $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  is not a CFL, which is proved in the lecture. Contradiction!

So,  $L$  is not a CFL!

(1 point) Question 6. A string  $w \in \{0,1\}^*$  represents an integer in a standard way. For example, the string 000 represents the integer 0, and so do 0 and 000000. The string 00100 and 100 both represent the integer 4. The empty string  $\epsilon$  represents the integer 0. For an integer  $n \geq 1$ , define the language  $L_n$  over the alphabet  $\{0,1\}$  as follows:

$$L_n := \{w \mid w \text{ represents an integer divisible by } n\}$$

Is it true that for every integer  $n \geq 1$ , the language  $L_n$  is regular? Justify your answer. If you think  $L_n$  is regular, give an upper bound on the number of states needed for a DFA to accept  $L_n$  for every integer  $n \geq 1$ .

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Solution for question 6.

Yes, the language  $L_n$  is regular, and the number of states needed in a DFA is  $n$ . upper bound on  
The construction of the DFA of  $L_n$  is as follows:

$$\Sigma := \{0, 1\}$$

$$Q := \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$$

$$q_0 := \{0\}$$

$$F := \{0\}$$

$$\delta := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \delta(i, 0) = (2i) \bmod n \\ \delta(i, 1) = (2i + 1) \bmod n \end{array} \right\}$$

The idea is that, I record the current number modulo  $n$  as the state, and if I read '0' as the input, I multiply the number by 2. If I read '1' as the input, I multiply the number by 2, and add the number by 1,

The idea is similar to  $L_3$  in the home work!



Bonus question. For a language  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ , define:

$$\text{SQRT}(L) := \{x \mid \text{there is } y \text{ such that } |y| = |x|^2 \text{ and } xy \in L\}.$$

Prove that if  $L$  is regular, then  $\text{SQRT}(L)$  is also regular.

Solution for bonus question.

Since  $L$  is a regular language, then I can use a DFA  $A = (\Sigma_L^+, Q_L, q_{0L}, F_L, \delta_L)$  to represent it.

Define some regular languages as follows:

$$A_q = \{s \mid \text{If the DFA read } s \text{ as input, it will terminate at state } q\}$$

$$B_q = \{s \mid \text{starting from state } q \text{ and read } s \text{ as input, it will terminate in an accepting state in the DFA}\}$$

It is straight forward that  $A_q, B_q$  are regular languages, since I can make a DFA based on  $A$ , but change accepting states and initial state.

Define a language  $C(A, B)$  as follows:

$$C(A, B) = \{x \mid \exists x \in A, \text{ and there's } y \in B, \text{ such that } |y| = |x|^2\}, \text{ where } A, B \text{ are two languages,}$$

If  $C(A, B)$  is a regular language, then

$$\text{SQRT}(L) = \bigcup_{q \in Q} C(A_q, B_q) \text{ is also a regular language.}$$

So now, the only thing I need to prove is that  $C(A, B)$  is a regular language