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1. Let  $\text{Some}_{DFA} = \{ \langle A \rangle \mid A \text{ is a DFA and } L(A) \text{ is not empty and } L(A) \text{ is not equal to } \Sigma^* \}$ . Show that  $\text{Some}_{DFA}$  is decidable.

Construct a Turing machine  $M$  to decide the  $\text{Some}_{DFA}$  problem.

On input  $d$ :

1. Check if  $d$  is a DFA, if not reject.
2. Run  $\langle d \rangle$  on a Turing machine  $T$  that decides  $E_{DFA}$ , if  $T$  rejects then continue, if  $T$  accepts, then reject.
3. Construct a DFA  $d^C$  that is the compliment of  $d$ .
4. Run  $\langle d^C \rangle$  on a Turing machine  $T$ , if  $T$  rejects then accept  $d$ , if  $T$  accepts then reject  $d$ .

If  $d$  is not a DFA, then  $M$  rejects. If  $L(d)$  is empty, then  $M$  rejects. If the compliment of  $d$  is empty, meaning  $L(d) = \Sigma^*$ , then  $M$  rejects. Otherwise  $M$  accepts. All conditions are handled in  $M$  so  $M = \text{Some}_{DFA}$ .

2. Let  $\text{Alot}_{RE} = \{ \langle A \rangle \mid A \text{ is a regular expression and } L(A) \text{ is infinite} \}$ . Show that  $\text{Alot}_{RE}$  is decidable.
3. Let  $\text{Complimentary}_{RE,DFA} = \{ \langle A, B \rangle \mid A \text{ is a regular expression and } B \text{ is a DFA such that } L(A) \cup L(B) = \Sigma^* \text{ and } L(A) \cap L(B) = \emptyset \}$ . Show that  $\text{Complimentary}_{RE,DFA}$  is decidable.
4. Let  $\text{ALL}_{DFA} = \{ \langle A \rangle \mid A \text{ is a DFA and } L(A) = \Sigma^* \}$ . Show that  $\text{ALL}_{DFA}$  is decidable.
5. Let  $N_{\epsilon CFG} = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } G \text{ does not generate the empty string} \}$ . Show that  $N_{\epsilon CFG}$  is decidable.
6. Let  $X$  be the set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $Y$  be the set  $\{6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ . We describe the functions  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  in the following tables. Answer each part and give a reason for each negative answer.

$n$	$f(n)$	$n$	$g(n)$
1	6	1	10
2	7	2	9
3	6	3	8
4	7	4	7
5	6	5	6

- (a) Is  $f$  onto?
  - (b) Is  $f$  a correspondence?
  - (c) Is  $g$  onto?
  - (d) Is  $g$  a correspondence?
7. Let  $U = \{ \langle A, B, C \rangle \mid A, B, C \text{ are DFA's and } |L(A)| = |L(B)| + |L(C)| \}$ . Show that  $U$  is decidable.
  8. Let  $A = \{ \langle R \rangle \mid R \text{ is a regular expression describing a language containing at least one string } w \text{ that has } 111 \text{ as a substring (i.e., } w = x111y \text{ for some } x \text{ and } y) \}$ . Show that  $A$  is decidable.
  9. Let  $E_{PDA} = \{ \langle P \rangle \mid P \text{ is a pushdown automata and } L(P) \text{ is empty} \}$ . Show  $E_{PDA}$  is decidable.
  10. A **useless state** in a pushdown automaton is never entered on any input string. Consider the problem of determining whether a pushdown automaton has any useless states. Formulate this problem as a language and show that it is decidable.