

# CS3231

## Tutorial 3

1. Give a regular expression for the language accepted by the automata in Q8 of Tutorial 2.
2. (a) Show  $(R + S)^* = (R^* S^*)^*$ , for any regular expressions  $R$  and  $S$ .  
(b) Show  $(RS + R)^* R = R(SR + R)^*$ , for any regular expressions  $R$  and  $S$ .  
(c) Show  $(R + S)^* S = (R^* S)^+$ , for any regular expressions  $R$  and  $S$ .
3. Use the method discussed in class, to give a regular expression for the language accepted by the DFA  $(\{q_0, q_1\}, \{0, 1\}, \delta, q_0, \{q_1\})$ , where  $\delta$  is defined as follows.  
 $\delta(q_0, 1) = q_0$ .  $\delta(q_0, 0) = q_1$ .  $\delta(q_1, 1) = q_1$ .  $\delta(q_1, 0) = q_0$ .
4. Give the minimal DFA which is equivalent to the DFA in Figure 1.
5. Prove or Disprove:
  - (a) For all regular languages  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ :  $\overline{L_1 \cdot L_2} = (\overline{L_1}) \cdot (\overline{L_2})$ .
  - (b) If  $L$  is not regular, then  $\overline{L}$  is not regular.
  - (c) Suppose  $L$  is a regular language. Show that  $L^R = \{x^R \mid x \in L\}$  is also a regular language. Here  $x^R$  denotes the reverse of a string  $x$ .
  - (d) If  $L_1$  is regular, and  $L_2 \subseteq L_1$ , then  $L_2$  is regular.
  - (e) For any language  $L$ , let  $MIN(L) = \{x \mid \text{no proper prefix of } x \text{ is in } L\}$ . If  $L$  is regular then so is  $MIN(L)$ .
6. Suppose  $\Sigma$  and  $\Gamma$  are two alphabets. Suppose  $h$  is a mapping from  $\Sigma$  to  $\Gamma^*$ . Extend  $h$  to strings as follows.  
 $h(\epsilon) = \epsilon$ .  
 $h(aw) = h(a) \cdot h(w)$ , for any  $a \in \Sigma, w \in \Sigma^*$ .  
Show: If  $L$  is regular then  $h(L) = \{h(w) \mid w \in L\}$  is also regular.