

# Introduction to the Theory of Computation

## Homework 5

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1. Use the closure properties of regular languages to show that  $\{a^i b^j \mid i \neq j\}$  is not regular.
2. Exercise 1.51.
3. Let  $L$  be the language of balanced parentheses (e.g.  $\varepsilon$ ,  $()$ ,  $()()()$ ,  $((()))$ ). Describe an infinite set of strings that is pairwise distinguishable by  $L$ .
4. Minimize the following DFA. Your answer should include a table of equivalent states, and a transition diagram of the minimized DFA.

$M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  where

$Q = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

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

$\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$  is given by the following table.

$q$	$\delta(q, a)$	$\delta(q, b)$
1	2	3
2	4	9
3	5	4
4	6	4
5	5	7
6	9	7
7	8	5
8	7	6
9	9	8

$q_0 = 1$

$F = \{5, 6, 9\}$ .

5. Exercise 2.1.
6. Exercise 2.4(b).