

### Question 1

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(2 marks) Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  and consider languages  $A = \{01, 00, 1\}$ ,  $B = \{10, 11, 0\}$ .

(a) Write down all strings in the set  $A \cdot B$ . How many strings there are in  $A \cdot B$ ?

(b) Write down all strings in the set  $B \cdot A$ . How many string there are in  $B \cdot A$ ?

part (a)

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{0110,0111,010, 0010,0011,000, 110,111,10}

there are 9 strings in  $A \cdot B$

part (b)

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{1001,1000,101, 1101,1100,111, 001,000,01}

there are 9 strings in  $B \cdot A$

### Question 2

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(3 marks) In this question the alphabet is  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ . Let  $R = (00 + 10^*1)^*$  and  $S =$

$(10^*1 + 0^*10^*)^*$ .

(a) Give two examples of a string  $z$  that is both in  $R$  and in  $S$  (that is,  $z \in R \cap S$ ).

(b) If possible, give two examples of a string  $x$  that is in  $R$  and is not in  $S$  (that is,

$x \in R \cap S$  where  $S$  is the complement of  $S$ ). If no such strings exist, write " $R \cap S$

does not have two strings".

(c) If possible, give two examples of a string  $y$  that is in  $S$  and is not in  $R$  (that is,

$y \in R \cap S$ ). If no such strings exist, write " $R \cap S$  does not have two strings".

In each case briefly explain (using natural language) why your example strings have the required property.

part (a)

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$z_1 = 101$

$z_2 = 11$

both of these are in  $R$  and  $S$  because the concatenation within allows us to [ignore 00] and then create

a string that will match  $[(10^*1 + 0^*10^*)^*, \text{ ignoring } 0^*10^*]$ .

part (b)

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$x_1 = 00$   
 $x_2 = 0000$

these 2 strings are only in R as it is impossible to make a string solely from 0's  
in S as 1 is contained in both parts of the concatenation and none of the 1's have  
closure, meaning they cannot be removed.

part (c)

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$y_1 = 010$   
 $y_2 = 0001000$

these 2 strings are only in S because it is impossible to create a string with a  
a string in R with a substring of '1' with a suffix and prefix of  $[0^*]$  as  
only  
one part of the concatenation in R has a substr '1', and there are 2 of  
them as the prefix  
and suffix with a substring of  $[0^*]$ . none of the 1's in R have closure thus  
it is  
impossible to make the above strings using said set.

Question 3

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(5 marks) Show how to define the following languages over  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  using only  $\epsilon$ , the  
alphabet symbols 0 and 1, and the operations of union, concatenation, and  
closure.

Note: Your answer cannot use the intersection or complementation operation.  
Below "or" always means "inclusive or".

(a) All strings that have both 000 and 111 as a substring.

(b) All strings that have 0000 or 1111 as a substring.

(c) All strings that both begin and end with 0110. (Note that the prefix  
0110 and the  
suffix 0110 may overlap.)

(d) All strings that do not have 111 as a substring.

(e) All strings that have even length and, at the same time, have 010 as a  
substring.

part (a)

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$A = (0+1)^*(111)(0+1)^*(000)(0+1)^* + 111000 + 000111$

part (b)

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$B = (0+1)^*(1111+0000)(0+1)^* + 1111 + 0000$

part (c)

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$$C = 0110(0+1)*0110 + 0110110 + 0110$$

part (d)

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$$D = (0+01+10+101+010)*(1+\epsilon)$$

part (e)

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$$E = (00+01+10+11)*(010)(1+0)$$