

Discrete Maths - 2017 Exam

Q1 – (a)

$$f: [-2, 2] \rightarrow [-15, 1]$$

$$f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 10 \text{ for all } x \in [-2, 2]$$

Injective ?

No since for f to be injective each input must map to a **unique** output – if $f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow x = y$
Whereas this is not the case.

$$- f(0) = -10$$

$$- f(-1) = -10$$

Surjective ?

No since for f to be surjective it must **map to all elements in the codomain** - $[-15, 1]$. This is not the case as there does not exist an x that maps to -15 .

Q1 – (b)

Let Q denote the relation on the set Z of integers, where integers x and y satisfy $x Q y$ if and only if

$$x - y = (x - y)(x + 2y)$$

Reflexive?

For a relation to be reflexive, all x must satisfy $x Q x$.

This is true for Q since $(x - x)$ will always be 0 and the product of 0 is always 0.

Symmetric?

For a relation to be symmetric, all x and y must satisfy $x Q y = y Q x$.

The relation does not hold for $x Q y$

The relation also does not hold for $y Q x$

Since both are false, the false relation holds and the relation Q is therefore transitive.

$x Q y$	$y Q x$	$(x Q y) \wedge (y Q x)$	\rightarrow	Symmetric
F	F	F		TRUE

Transitive?

For a relation to be transitive for all x, y and z if $x Q y$ and $y Q z$ **then** $x Q z$.

The relation does not hold for $x Q y$

The relation also does not hold for $y Q z$

Therefore the relation for $x Q z$ also does not hold

$x Q y$	$y Q z$	$(x Q y) \wedge (y Q z)$	\rightarrow	Transitive
F	F	F		TRUE

Anti-Symmetric?

For a relation to be anti-symmetric, for all x and y if $x Q y$ and $y Q x$ then $x = y$.
This is true for Q since the only time $x Q y = y Q x$ holds is in the case that $x = y$.

Equivalence Relation?

For a relation to be an equivalence relation, the relation must be **reflexive, symmetric and transitive**. As shown above, this is not the case therefore the relation Q is not an equivalence relation.

Partial Order?

For a relation to be a partial order, the relation must be **reflexive, anti-symmetric and transitive**. As shown above, the relation Q is not transitive and is therefore not a partial order.

Q2

Let $A = \{ 3^p \mid p \in \mathbb{Z} \}$ with the operation of multiplication.

a) Is (A, \cdot) a Semigroup ?

A Semigroup is a set endowed with an associative binary operation.

Since multiplication is an associative binary operation, the set A is therefore a semigroup.

b) Is (A, \cdot) a Monoid ?

A monoid is a set endowed with an associative binary operation $$ that has an identity element e .*

An identity element is an element e for the binary operation $$ s.t*

$$e * x = x * e = x$$

The set A has an identity element 1, so that for all $x * 1 = x$. Therefore the set A can be considered a monoid since it is a semigroup, and it contains an identity element e .

c) Is (A, \cdot) a Group ?

A group is a set in which every element is invertable.

Every element of A is invertable through logarithmic such as $(3^p)^{-1} = \log 3^p$. Therefore the set A can be considered to be a Group defined under the notation:

$$(A, *, 1)$$

d) Is A finite, countably infinite or uncountably infinite ?

The set A is definitely not finite as it is defined under the set of Integers (\mathbb{Z}) which in themselves are infinite.

The set A can be considered countably infinite as it can be shown that all of the elements of A can be represented as a 1-1 correspondence with the set of Natural Numbers (N). Even negative rationals produced as a result of p being < 1 can be represented as some form of the natural numbers. This can be shown using Cantor's Zig Zag as found here <https://bit.ly/2H6q7CV>.

Q3

Let L be the language over the alphabet $A = \{a, l, p\}$ consisting of all words containing at least one of the substrings ala or pap.

a) Draw a Finite State Acceptor for the language L.

-Define States, Starting States, Finishing States, And Transition Table (See Below)

Example: Build a deterministic finite state acceptor for the regular language
 $L = \{0^m 1^n \mid m, n \in \mathbb{N}, m \geq 0, n \geq 0\}$

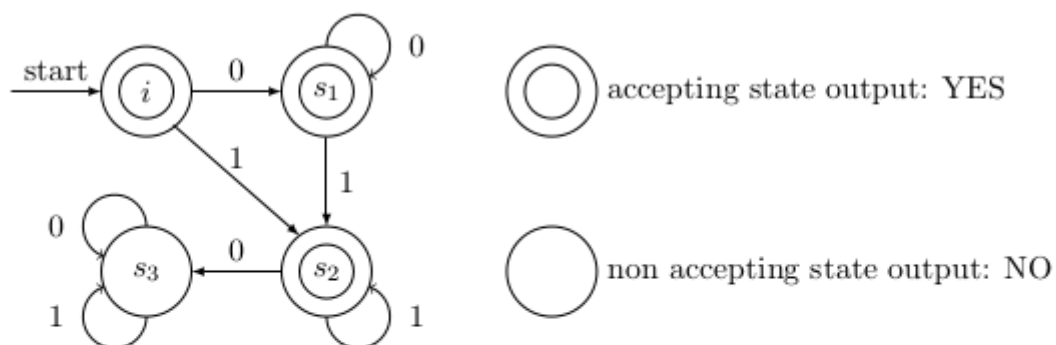
Accepting states in this examples: i, s_1, s_2

Non accepting states: s_3

Start states: i

Here $S = \{i, s_1, s_2, s_3\}$ $F = \{i, s_1, s_2\}$ $A = \{0, 1\}$ $t : S \times A \rightarrow S$
 $t(i, 0) = s_1$ $t(i, 1) = s_2$ $t(s_1, 0) = s_1$ $t(s_1, 1) = s_2$ $t(s_2, 0) = s_3$ $t(s_2, 1) = s_2$

Let's process some strings:



String	ε (empty string)
State (i)	i
Output	YES

String	0	0	1	1	1
State i	s_1	s_1	s_2	s_2	s_2
Output	YES				

String	1	1
State i	s_2	s_2
Output	YES	

String	1
State i	s_2
Output	YES

String	0	1	0	1
State i	s_1	s_2	s_3	s_3
Output	NO			

b) Devise a regular grammar in normal form that generates the language L. Specify the start symbol, the non-terminals and all the production rules.

A context-free grammar $(V, A, \langle s \rangle, P)$ is called a regular grammar if every production rule in P is of one of the three forms:

(i) $\langle A \rangle \rightarrow b \langle B \rangle$

(ii) $\langle A \rangle \rightarrow b$

(iii) $\langle A \rangle \rightarrow \varepsilon$

Start Symbol - $\langle s \rangle$

Non-Terminals - $\langle A \rangle$ and $\langle B \rangle$

Production Rules

1. $\langle S \rangle \rightarrow a \langle A \rangle$
2. $\langle S \rangle \rightarrow p \langle B \rangle$
3. $\langle S \rangle \rightarrow \text{empty word}$
4. $\langle A \rangle \rightarrow l \langle S \rangle$
5. $\langle A \rangle \rightarrow \text{empty word}$
6. $\langle B \rangle \rightarrow a \langle S \rangle$
7. $\langle B \rangle \rightarrow \text{empty word}$

c) Write down a regular expression that gives the language L and justify your answer.

$$A = \{ a, l, p \}$$

$$L = A^* \circ [((ala)^+ \mid (pap)^*) \mid ((ala)^* \mid (pap)^+)] \circ A^*$$

_ being concatenation

d) Consider the language L' over the alphabet $A = \{ a, l, p \}$ consisting of all words of the form $a^m l^2 p^m$ for $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$. Use the pumping lemma to show the language L' is not regular.

If L is a regular language, then there is a number p (the pumping length) where if w is any word in L of length at least p , then $w = xuy$ for words x, y , and u satisfying:

Assume L is regular. Choose a string in terms of P that is easy to analyse. Let this string be:

$$w = a^p l^{2p} p^p$$

Now break w into three components, x, u , and y .

If $|xu| \leq p$, then xu must consist of all a 's as the first P characters in w . Also if $|u| > 0$, we must conclude $u = a^k$ for some $k > 0$.

Therefore by the pumping lemma for all n , $xu^n y$. By choosing $n=2$, we obtain the string $a^q l^{2p} p^p$ with $q > P$. This string cannot be in L . Therefore we have found a contradiction and L is not regular.

1. $|u| > 0$, the length of u is positive;

2. $|xu| \leq p$;

3. $xu^n y \in L \forall n \geq 0$.

Q4

a)

i. What is meant by saying that a graph is complete?

A complete graph is a graph containing the highest number of edges possible for its given set of vertices.

ii. What is meant by saying a graph is regular?

A regular graph is a graph where every vertex has the same degree. A graph is considered to be k-regular if every vertex has a degree of k.

iii. What is the formula that relates the number of vertices of a tree with its number of edges?

The formula is as follows:

$$\#V = 2 * \#E$$

iv. What is a spanning tree of a graph (V, E)?

A spanning tree of a graph (V, E) is a subgraph that is a tree which includes all of the vertices of V with the minimum possible number of edges.

b) Let (V, E) be the graph with

$V = a, b, c, d, e, f$ and g .

$E = ab, bc, cd, de, ae, cf, dg$

i. Write down it's incidence table and its adjacency table

Incidence Table

	Ab	Bc	Cd	De	Ae	Cf	dg
a	1				1		
b	1	1					
c		1	1			1	
d			1	1			1
e				1	1		
f						1	

g							1
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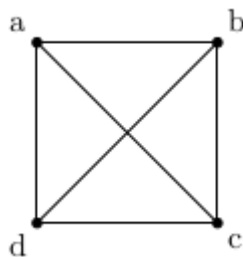
Adjacency Table

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g
a	0	1			1		
b	1	0	1				
c		1	0	1		1	
d			1	0	1		1
e	1			1	0		
f			1			0	
g				1			0

ii. Is this graph connected? Justify your answer

A connected graph is a graph where there exists a path in the graph from every u to every v.

The given graph is not connected as there does not exist a direct path between every vertice.
For example there does not exist a path between the vertex d and the vertex b.



iii. Is this graph bipartite?

A bipartite graph is a graph that contains two separate unique subsets of vertices that when taking every edge into account, every edge will be of the form $E = vw$ where v is from subset one and w is from subset 2.

Example:

$$V_1 = \{a, b\}$$

$$V_2 = \{c, d, e\}$$

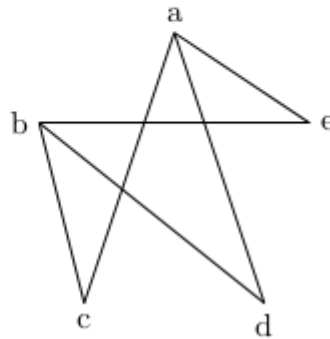
$$V = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$$

$$E = \{ac, ad, ae, bc, bd, be\}$$

is a complete bipartite graph.

iv. Does this graph have an Eulerian Trail?

An Eulerian trail in a graph is a trail that traverses every edge of that graph. In other words, an Eulerian trail is a walk that traverses every edge of the graph exactly once.



Trail \Rightarrow an edge is traversed at most once.

Eulerian \Rightarrow every edge is traversed.

v. Does this graph have a Hamiltonian Circuit

A Hamiltonian circuit in a graph is a simple circuit that passes through every vertex of the graph.

vi. Is this graph a tree?

Let (V, E) be a tree, then $\#(E) = \#(V) - 1$, where $\#(E)$ is the number of edges of the tree and $\#(V)$ is the number of vertices.