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Tyd: 2 uur  
VolPunte: 50 (55 beskikbaar)  
Beantwoord al die vrae.  
Answer all the questions.

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Question 1 [31 marks]

- (a) [3] True or False: (Points will be deducted for an incorrect answer.)  
(i) If  $L_1 \subseteq L_2$  and  $L_1$  is not regular, then  $L_2$  is not regular.

**False**,  $L_1 = \{0^n 1^n | n \geq 0\}$ ,  $L_2 = \{0, 1\}^*$

- (ii) If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are nonregular, then  $L_1 \cup L_2$  is nonregular.

**False**,  $L_1 = \{0^n 1^n | n \geq 0\}$ ,  $L_2 = \{0, 1\}^* \setminus L_1$

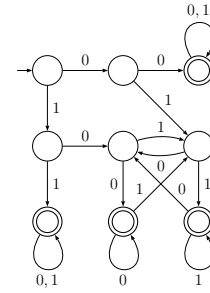
- (iii) If  $L$  is nonregular, then the complement of  $L$  is nonregular.

**True**

- (b) [1] Fill in the blank. Suppose  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  is a regular language. If every DFA accepting  $L$  has at least  $n$  states, then every NFA accepting  $L$  has at least .....  $\lceil \log_2 n \rceil$  ..... states.

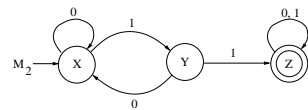
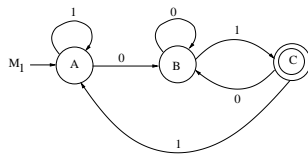
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- (c) [3] Draw a DFA recognizing the language of all strings in  $\{0, 1\}^*$  that begin or end with 00 or 11.

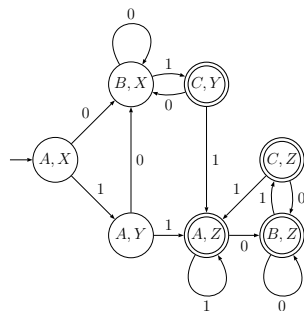


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- (d) [6] The DFA  $M_1$  below recognizes the language  $L_1$  and  $M_2$  recognizes the language  $L_2$ .

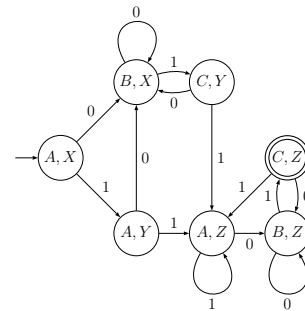


- (i) Draw a DFA that will recognize  $L_1 \cup L_2$ .

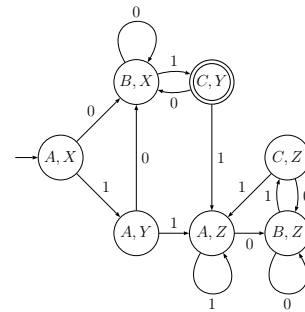


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- (ii) Draw a DFA that will recognize  $L_1 \cap L_2$ .

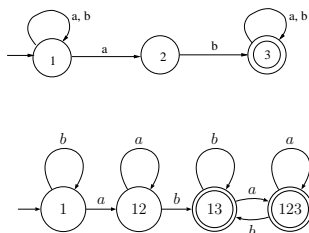


- (iii) Draw a DFA that will recognize  $L_1 - L_2$ . (In other words, this DFA should recognize the strings that are  $L_1$  but not in  $L_2$ .)

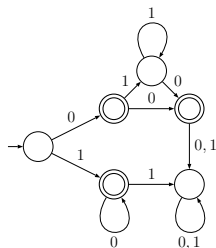


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(e) [3] Use the subset construction to draw a DFA that is equivalent to the following NFA.



(f) [3] Draw a DFA equivalent to the regular expression  $0 + 10^* + 01^*0$



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(g) [4] Find regular expressions corresponding to each of the following subsets of  $\{0, 1\}^*$ .

(i) The language of all strings that do not end with 01.

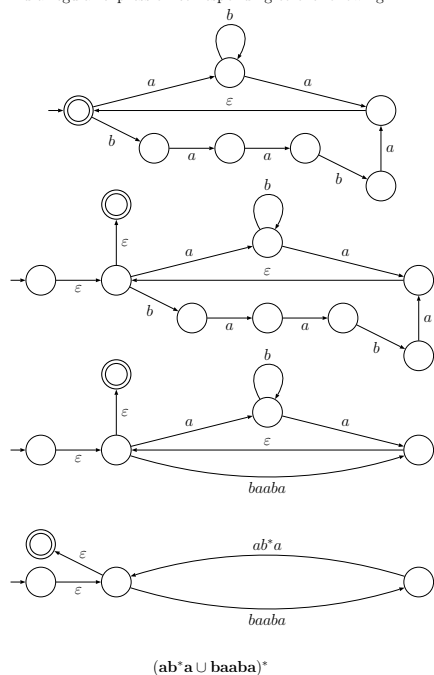
$$\varepsilon \cup 1 \cup (0 \cup 1)^* 0 \cup (0 \cup 1)^* 11$$

(ii) The language of all strings in which the number of 0's is even.

$$1^*(01^*01^*)^*$$

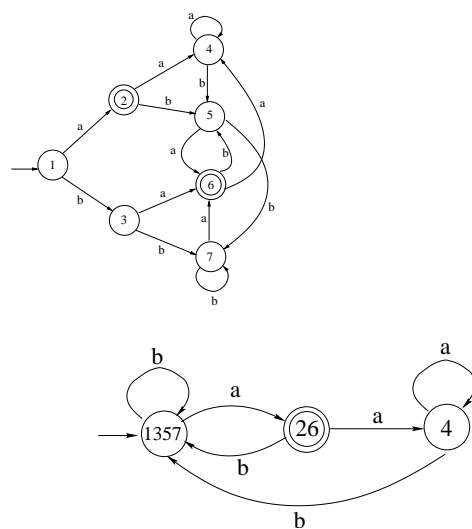
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(h) [4] Find a regular expression corresponding to the following NFA:



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(i) [4] Find the minimal DFA equivalent to the following DFA:



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X	2					
	X	3				
X	X	X	4			
	X		X	5		
X		X	X	X	6	
	X		X		X	7

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Question 2 [11 marks]

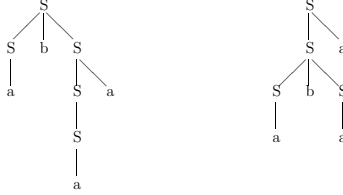
- (a) [4] Find CFG's for the following languages:  
 (i) The language of odd-length strings in  $\{a, b\}^*$  with middle symbol  $a$ .

$$S \rightarrow aSa | aSb | bSa | bSb | a$$

- (ii)  $\{a^i b^j c^k | i = j + k; j, k \geq 0\}$

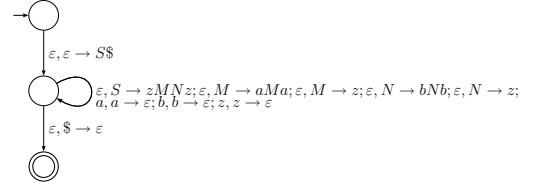
$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aSc | T \\ T &\rightarrow aTb | \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

- (b) [2] Show that the CFG with productions  
 $S \rightarrow a | Sa | bSS | SSb | SbS$   
 is ambiguous by considering the string  $abaa$ .

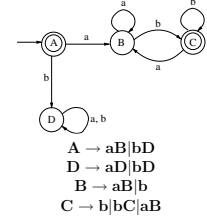


- (c) [3] Draw a state diagram diagram for a pushdown automaton that recognizes the language generated by the following CFG. You may use transitions where you push more than one symbol on the stack at a time.

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow zMNz \\ M &\rightarrow aMa | z \\ N &\rightarrow bNb | z \end{aligned}$$



- (d) [2] Let  $L$  be the language recognized by the DFA below. Give a CFG without  $\varepsilon$ -productions that generates the language  $L - \{\varepsilon\}$ .



Question 3 [13 marks]

- (a) [4] State the pumping lemma for regular languages.

Suppose  $h$  is regular, then there exists a value for  $p$ , so that if  $s \in h$  and  $|s| \geq p$ , we can write  $s$  as  $xyz$  such that

- for all  $i \geq 0$ ,  $xy^i z \in h$
- $|y| > 0$
- $|xy| \leq p$

- (b) [4] State the pumping lemma for context-free languages.

Suppose  $h$  is context free, then there exists a value for  $p$ , so that if  $s \in h$  and  $|s| \geq p$ , we can write  $s$  as  $uvwxy$  such that

- for all  $i \geq 0$ ,  $uv^iwx^iy \in h$
- $|vx| > 0$
- $|vwx| \leq p$

- (c) [5] Decide whether the language  $L = \{xcx | x \in \{a, b\}^*\}$  is context-free, and prove your answer.

Not context free

Assume  $L$  is context-free and use the pumping lemma to obtain a contradiction by pumping up and obtaining a string not in  $L$ . Let  $s = a^p b^p c a^p b^p = uvwxy$

- If  $v$  or  $x$  contains a  $c$ , pumping up will give a string with too many  $c$ 's
- If  $v$  and  $x$  are both left of  $c$ , pumping up will give a string of the form  $ycx$  with  $|y| > |x|$
- Similarly if  $v$  and  $x$  are both right of  $c$ , pumping up will give a string of the form  $xcy$  with  $|y| > |x|$
- If  $v$  is left of  $c$  and  $x$  right of  $c$ , we use  $|vwx| \leq p$ , and pump up to get a string of the form  $ycz$  where  $y$  has fewer  $b$ 's than  $z$
- The cases  $v = \varepsilon$  and  $x = \varepsilon$  are included in the 2nd and 3rd case.