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### Homework 3

1a. Consider the language  $L = \{w \mid w \text{ begins with a 1 and ends with a 0}\}$ . In all parts, the alphabet is  $\{0,1\}$ . Let  $R$  be the regular expression that generates the language  $L$ . The regular expression is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} R &= 1 \sum^* 0 \\ &= 1(0+1)^* 0 \end{aligned}$$

The regular expression accepts string such as 100000, 10100, 1010.

Thus, the regular expression is  $1(0+1)^*0$ .

1b. Consider the language  $L = \{w \mid w \text{ contains at least three 1s}\}$ . In all parts, the alphabet is  $\{0,1\}$ . Let  $R$  be the regular expression that generates the language  $L$ . The regular expression is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \sum^* 1 \sum^* 1 \sum^* 1 \sum^* \\ &= (0+1)^* 1(0+1)^* 1(0+1)^* 1(0+1)^* \end{aligned}$$

The regular expression accepts string such as 111, 101001, 10101, 0000001111, 1111.

Therefore, the regular expression is  $(0+1)^* 1(0+1)^* 1(0+1)^* 1(0+1)^*$ .

2c. Consider the language  $L = \{w \mid w \text{ contains the substring 0101 (i.e., } w = x0101y \text{ for some } x \text{ and } y)\}$ . In all parts, the alphabet is  $\{0,1\}$ . Let  $R$  be the regular expression that generates the language  $L$ . The regular expression is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \sum^* 0101 \sum^* \\ &= (0+1)^* 0101(0+1)^* \end{aligned}$$

The regular expression accepts string such as 0101, 001011, 00001010111, 01010101010101.

Therefore, the regular expression is  $(0+1)^* 0101(0+1)^*$ .

2d. Consider the language  $L = \{w \mid w \text{ has length at least 3 and its third symbol is a 0}\}$ . In all parts, the alphabet is  $\{0,1\}$ . Let  $R$  be the regular expression that generates the language  $L$ . The regular expression is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \sum \sum 0 \sum^* \\ &= (0+1)(0+1)0(0+1)^* \end{aligned}$$

The regular expression accepts string such as 000, 0000, 110, 110000

Therefore, the regular expression is  $(0+1)(0+1)0(0+1)^*$ .

3e. Consider the language  $L = \{w \mid w \text{ starts with 0 and has odd length, or starts with 1 and has even length}\}$ . In all parts, the alphabet is  $\{0,1\}$ . Let  $R$  be the regular expression that generates the language  $L$ . The regular expression is as follows:

$$R = 0(\sum \sum)^* + 1(\sum \sum \sum)^*$$

$$= 0((0+1)(0+1))^* + 1(0+1)((0+1)(0+1))^*$$

The regular expression accepts string such as 0, 011, 010, 00101, 10, 11.

Therefore, the regular expression is  $0((0+1)(0+1))^* + 1(0+1)((0+1)(0+1))^*$

3f. Consider the language  $L = \{w \mid w \text{ doesn't contain the substring } 110\}$ . In all parts, the alphabet is  $\{0,1\}$ . Let  $R$  be the regular expression that generates the language  $L$ . The regular expression is as follows:

$$R = 0^*(10^+)^*1^*$$

The regular expression accepts string such as 010, 011, 0101.

Therefore, the regular expression is  $0^*(10^+)^*1^*$ .

4g. Consider the language  $L = \{w \mid \text{The length of } w \text{ is at most } 0\}$ . In all parts, the alphabet is  $\{0,1\}$ . Let  $R$  be the regular expression that generates the language  $L$ . The regular expression is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \varepsilon + \sum + \sum\sum + \sum\sum\sum + \sum\sum\sum\sum + \sum\sum\sum\sum\sum \\ &+ \\ &= \varepsilon + (0+1) + (0+1)(0+1) + (0+1)(0+1)(0+1) + (0+1)(0+1)(0+1)(0+1) + (0+1)(0+1)(0+1)(0+1)(0+1) \end{aligned}$$

The regular expression accepts string such as  $\varepsilon, 0, 00, 000, 0000, 0000, 101, 1010$  the empty string.

Therefore, the regular expression is  $\varepsilon + (0+1) + (0+1)(0+1) + (0+1)(0+1)(0+1) + (0+1)(0+1)(0+1)(0+1) + (0+1)(0+1)(0+1)(0+1)(0+1)$

4h. Consider the language  $L = \{w \mid w \text{ is any string except } 11 \text{ and } 111\}$ . In all parts, the alphabet is  $\{0,1\}$ . Let  $R$  be the regular expression that generates the language  $L$ . The regular expression is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \varepsilon + \sum + 0\sum + 10 + 0\sum\sum + 10\sum + 110 + (\sum)^3(\sum)^+ \\ &= \varepsilon + (0+1) + 0(0+1) + 10 + 0(0+1)(0+1) + 10(0+1) + 110 + ((0+1))^3((0+1))^+ \end{aligned}$$

The regular expression accepts string such as  $\varepsilon, 101, 110, 1010, \dots$

Therefore, the regular expression is  $\varepsilon + (0+1) + 0(0+1) + 10 + 0(0+1)(0+1) + 10(0+1) + 110 + ((0+1))^3((0+1))^+$

5i. Consider the language  $L = \{w \mid \text{every odd position of } w \text{ is a } 1\}$ . In all parts, the alphabet is  $\{0,1\}$ . Let  $R$  be the regular expression that generates the language  $L$ . The regular expression is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} R &= (1\sum)^*(\varepsilon + 1) \\ &= (1(0+1))^*(\varepsilon + 1) \end{aligned}$$

The regular expression accepts string such as  $\varepsilon, 101, 111, 1010, \dots$

Therefore, the regular expression is  $(1(0+1))^*(\varepsilon + 1)$ .

5j. Consider the language  $L = \{w \mid w \text{ contains at least two 0s and at most one 1}\}$ . In all parts, the alphabet is  $\{0,1\}$ . Let  $R$  be the regular expression that generates the language  $L$ . The regular expression is as follows:

$$R = 00^*00^*(\varepsilon + 1) + 00^*(\varepsilon + 1)00^* + (\varepsilon + 1)00^*00^*$$

The regular expression accepts string such as 001, 010, 100, .... Note that for  $00^*00^*(\varepsilon + 1)$ , there are two mandatory zeros and at most one 1. The one can be placed at the start, middle or at the end.

Therefore, the regular expression is  $00^*00^*(\varepsilon + 1) + 00^*(\varepsilon + 1)00^* + (\varepsilon + 1)00^*00^*$

6k. Consider the language  $L = \{\varepsilon, 0\}$ . In all parts, the alphabet is  $\{0,1\}$ . Let  $R$  be the regular expression that generates the language  $L$ . The regular expression is as follows:

$$R = 0 + \varepsilon$$

Therefore, the regular expression is  $0 + \varepsilon$ .

7b. Consider the language,  $A_2 = \{www \mid w \in \{a,b\}^*\}$ .

Assume  $A_2$  is a regular language.

Let  $P$  be the pumping length given by the pumping lemma.

Consider a string  $S = a^P b a^P b a^P b \in A_2$

By pumping lemma, this string can be divided into three pieces  $xyz$  such that  $|xy| \leq p$ ,  $|y| > 0$  and  $xy^iz \in A_2 \forall i \geq 0$

So  $S = a^p b a^p b a^p b = xyz$

Let  $aaabaabaab$  be the string that belongs to  $A_2$ . The pumping length of the string is 2. To satisfy the conditions of the pumping lemma,  $x = a$ ,  $y = a$ ,  $z = baabaab$

$$S = aabaabaab$$

$$= \frac{a}{x} \frac{aa}{y} \frac{baabaab}{z}$$

Pump the middle part such that  $xy^iz$  ( $i \geq 0$ ). .... For  $i = 2$ , the  $y$  becomes  $aa$ . The string after pumping is  $aaabaabaab$ .

$$S = (a)(a)^i baabaab$$

$$= \frac{a}{x} \frac{aa}{y} \frac{baabaab}{z}$$

when  $|i| = 2$

The string  $aaabaabaab \notin A_2$ . It is a contradiction. So, the pumping lemma is violated.

Therefore,  $A_2$  is not a regular language.

8. We need to prove that  $B_n = \{a^k \mid k \text{ is a multiple of } n\}$  is regular for each  $n \geq 1$ .

Suppose  $k = ni$ , where  $i$  is any positive integer. First let's consider when  $i = 1$ .

When  $i = 1$  and  $n = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} B_1 &= \{a^k\} \\ &= \{a^{ni}\} \\ &= \{a^{|x|}\} \\ &= \{a\} \end{aligned}$$

Then, the string comes out to be  $\{a\}$

Next, we consider  $i = 1$  and  $n = 2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} B_2 &= \{a^k\} \\ &= \{a^{ni}\} \\ &= \{a^{2x1}\} \\ &= \{aa\} \end{aligned}$$

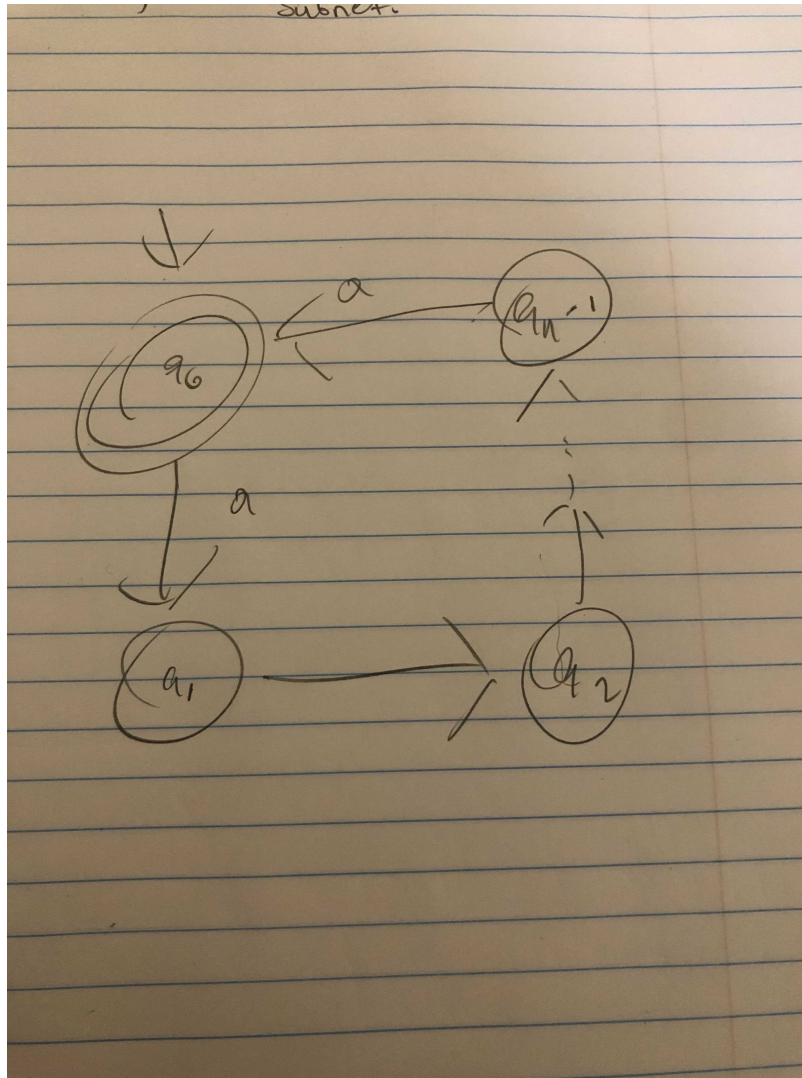
Then, the string comes out to be  $\{aa\}$ .

Now we consider when  $i = 1$  and  $n = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} B_3 &= \{a^k\} \\ &= \{a^{ni}\} \\ &= \{a^{3x1}\} \\ &= \{aaa\} \end{aligned}$$

Then the string comes out to be  $\{aaa\}$  and so forth for increased values of  $n$ .

Looking at the finite automaton,



$q_0$  is the initial and final state and  $q_1, q_2, q_3, q_{n-1}$  are the subsequent states.

By the closure property of the regular expression, it is clearly seen that the specific expression is a regular expression when the value of  $n$  is greater than and equal to 1.

Closure property includes various operations such as union, intersection, set complement, set reversal, set difference and many more. Assume that  $B_n$  is regular.

- Union of  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  results in the third string and it is also a regular expression.

- Likewise, if user applies any property of closure, then the result is the regular expression.

Hence, it is proved that the above expression is the regular expression.

9.

Pumping lemma iteration:

For a regular language A with the pumping length P, if S is any string of A with minimum length of P, then the string S can be divided into 3 pieces x, y, and z represented as  $S = xyz$  should satisfy the following conditions:

for each  $|y| > 0$ , and  $|xy| \leq P$ .

a. Consider the language  $L = \{0^n 1^m 0^n \mid m, n \geq 0\}$ .

Assume that L is regular language and a string  $S = 0^P 10^P$ . Divide the string into three pieces x, y and z. So,  $S = 0^P 10^P = xyz$  where P is the pumping length.

Assume that  $x=0^{P-K}$ ,  $y = 0^K$  and  $z = 10^P$  (where  $K > 0$ )

Now,  $xy^0z = 0^{P-K}(0^K)^0 10^P$

$= 0^{P-K} 10^P \notin L$

The string  $xy^0z$  does not belong to L because  $P-K < P$ .

So, the assumption that L is regular is a contradiction. Thus, by using pumping lemma, it is proved that L is not regular.

10.

Without DFA:

If A is a finite language, then it contains a finite number of strings  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$ . The language  $\{a_i\}$  consisting of a single literal string  $a_i$  is regular. The union of a finite number of regular languages is also regular. Therefore,  $A = \{a_0\} \cup \{a_1\} \cup \dots \cup \{a_n\}$  is regular.

With DFA:

Let P be the set of all prefixes of words in A. Since A is finite, so is P. We construct a DFA whose states are  $\{q_p \mid p \in P\} \cup \{q'\}$ . The initial state is  $q_\epsilon$ . A state  $q_p$  is final if and only if  $p \in A$ . When at state  $q_p$  and reading  $\sigma$ , if  $p\sigma \in P$  then we move to  $q_{p\sigma}$ , otherwise we move to  $q'$ . When at state  $q'$ , we always stay in  $q'$ .

What I described above is the minimal DFA. You can get a somewhat simpler DFA by taking an arbitrary superset of P, such as the set of all words of length at most n, where n is the length of the longest word in A.