31. We'll prove that the perfect shuffle of two regular languages A and B is regular by constructing a DFA that recognizes it. Let's say that A and B are recognized respectively by the DFAs  $D_A = (Q_A, \Sigma, \delta_A, q_A, F_A)$  and  $D_B = (Q_B, \Sigma, \delta_B, q_B, F_B)$ . We construct a DFA  $D_S$  as follows.

$$Q_S = Q_A \times Q_B \times \{A, B\}$$

$$\Sigma_S = \Sigma$$

$$\delta_S((q, q', A), c) \to (\delta_A(q, c), q', B)$$

$$\delta_S((q, q', B), c) \to (q, \delta_B(q', c), A)$$

$$q_S = (q_A, q_B, A)$$

$$F_S = F_A \times F_B \times \{A\}$$

 $D_S$  tracks the progress of the input string through both  $D_A$  and  $D_B$  by keeping track of the states of these DFAs, and alternating between their transition function upon reading each symbol.  $D_S$  starts out tracking the start states of both DFAs, and expecting to effect the next transition on  $D_A$ .  $D_S$  reaches a final state upon reading the input string iff the input string has a form  $a_1b_1a_2b_2\cdots a_kb_k$  where  $a_1a_2\cdots a_k\in L(D_A)$  and  $b_1b_2\cdots b_k\in L(D_B)$ , because such and only such strings can take the state of  $D_S$  to some state in  $F_A\times F_B\times \{A\}$ .

This concludes the proof.

33. We'll prove that DROPOUT(A) is a regular language by constructing an NFA that recognizes it. Since A is a regular language, some DFA  $D=(Q,\Sigma,\delta,q_0,F)$  recognizes it. We construct NFA N as follows.

$$Q_N = Q \cup copy(Q)$$

$$\Sigma_N = \Sigma$$

$$\delta_N(q, c) \to \delta(q, c)$$

$$\delta_N(q, \epsilon) \to copy(q)$$

$$\delta_N(copy(q), c) \to copy(\delta(q, c))$$

$$q_{0N} = q_0$$

$$F_N = copy(F)$$

For every state q in Q, we'll create a copy state copy(q). Call the set of all copy states copy(Q). We'll augment the transition function as follows. Firstly, we'll add identical transitions within copy(Q) to what existing in Q. Secondly, we'll add  $\epsilon$  transitions from Q to copy(Q). The latter makes skipping a symbol equivalent to transitioning from some state q to copy(q). The idea is that once

the NFA has skipped a symbol, it enters some state in copy(Q) and stays within copy(Q) till the very end, since there is no way to go back into Q from copy(Q). And further that unless the NFA skips a symbol (through an  $\epsilon$  transition from Q to copy(Q)), it won't enter a state in copy(Q) and thus won't be able to accept the input because  $F_N = copy(F) \subseteq copy(Q)$ . Therefore, N recognizes DROPOUT(A).

This concludes the proof.

- 42. We will construct a DFA such that when it has read a certain prefix of the string, the DFA is in a state that represents the remainder of that prefix modulo n. For any integer, there are n possible remainders modulo n. Correspondingly, we create n separate states and label them  $0, 1, \dots n-1$ . Naturally, the only accept state is state 0. Assume we have read some prefix of the input and are at state i. If we read bit b next, where  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ , then, the resulting integer is (2i+b)%n modulo n. Accordingly, we'd have two possible state transitions, one from state i to state (2i)%n upon bit 0, and from state i to state (2i+1)%n upon bit 1. That completes the construction of the DFA, and thus the proof.
- 43. We need to prove two things, firstly that for each regular language, we can construct an all-NFA that recognizes it, and secondly that any all-NFA recognizes a regular language. The first part is clear because for each regular language, we can construct a DFA, and a DFA is also an all-NFA. We prove the second part below by constructing a DFA equivalent to any given all-NFA.

Given an all-NFA  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ , construct an equivalent DFA D as follows. We'll assume that F is not empty, otherwise, it is trivial to construct an equivalent DFA, one that doesn't accept anything.

$$Q_D = P(Q)$$

$$\Sigma_D = \Sigma$$

$$\delta_D((\{q_{a_1}, q_{a_2}, \cdots q_{a_k}\}), c) \to (\bigcup_{i=1}^k eps(\delta(q_{a_i}, c)))$$

$$q_{0D} = (eps(q_0))$$

$$F_D = P(F) \setminus \{\}$$

This construction is very similar to the one used to prove that NFAs are equivalent to DFAs. We create a separate state in the DFA to represent each subset of states of the all-NFA (to represent the idea that the all-NFA could be in any subset of its states at a given point of time in its execution). The transition function of the DFA builds on the transition function of the all-NFA in such a manner that when the all-NFA transits from some subset of states to another subset of states upon a certain symbol, the DFA transits from the state that represents the first subset to the state that represents the  $\epsilon$  closure of the second

subset. The DFA starts out the state that represents the  $\epsilon$  closure of the start state. And finally, by making sure that the states of the DFA that correspond to the subsets of the powerset of the all-NFA's final states (except the empty set) are the final states of the DFA, we ensure that the DFA accepts a string if an only if the all-NFA accepts it.

This concludes the proof.