

Homework 2 Problems

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1. Exercise 2.5.2 on page 79 of Hopcroft et al.

Consider the following ϵ -NFA.

| | ϵ | a | b | c |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| $\rightarrow p$ | $\{q, r\}$ | \emptyset | $\{q\}$ | $\{r\}$ |
| q | \emptyset | $\{p\}$ | $\{r\}$ | $\{p, q\}$ |
| $*r$ | \emptyset | \emptyset | \emptyset | \emptyset |

- (a) Compute the ϵ -closure of each state.

$$p \rightarrow \{p, q, r\}$$

$$q \rightarrow \{q\}$$

$$r \rightarrow \{r\}$$

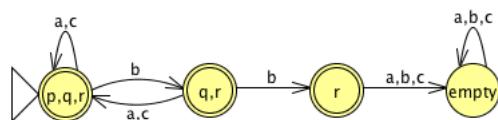
- (b) Give all the strings of length three or less accepted by the automaton.

$\epsilon, a, b, c, ba, bb, bc, ca, cb, cc, aaa, aab, aac, aba, abb, baa, bab, bac, bca, bcb, bcc, caa, cab, cac, cba, cbb, cbc, cca, ccb, ccc$

- (c) Convert the automaton to a DFA. (Please construct the table, and then draw the diagram.)

We first construct the table below:

| | a | b | c |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| $\rightarrow * \{p, q, r\}$ | $\{p, q, r\}$ | $\{q, r\}$ | $\{p, q, r\}$ |
| $* \{q, r\}$ | $\{p, q, r\}$ | $\{r\}$ | $\{p, q, r\}$ |
| $* \{r\}$ | \emptyset | \emptyset | \emptyset |
| \emptyset | \emptyset | \emptyset | \emptyset |



2. Exercise 3.1.1 on page 91 of Hopcroft et al.

Write regular expressions for the following languages.

- (a) The set of strings over alphabet $\{a, b, c\}$ containing at least one a and at least one b .

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})^*(\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})^*\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})^*\mathbf{A})(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})^*$$

- (b) The set of strings of 0's and 1's whose tenth symbol from the right end is 1.

$$(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{1})^*\mathbf{1}(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{1})^9$$

- (c) The set of strings of 0's and 1's with at most one pair of consecutive 1's.

$$(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{1}\mathbf{0})^*(\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1} + \epsilon)(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{1}\mathbf{0})^*$$

3. Exercise 3.1.4 on page 92 of Hopcroft et al.

Give English descriptions of the languages of the following regular expressions.

(a) $(\mathbf{1} + \epsilon)(\mathbf{0}\mathbf{0}^*\mathbf{1})^*\mathbf{0}^*$

This is the language of strings with no two consecutive 1's.

(b) $(\mathbf{0}^*\mathbf{1}^*)^*\mathbf{0}\mathbf{0}\mathbf{0}(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{1})^*$

This is the language of strings with three consecutive 0's.

(c) $(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{1}\mathbf{0})^*\mathbf{1}^*$

This is the language of strings in which there are no two consecutive 1's, except for possibly a string of 1's at the end.

4. Exercise 3.2.1 on page 107 of Hopcroft et al.

Here is a transition table for a DFA:

| | 0 | 1 |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| $\rightarrow q_1$ | q_2 | q_1 |
| q_2 | q_3 | q_1 |
| $*q_3$ | q_3 | q_2 |

- (a) Give all the regular expressions $R_{ij}^{(0)}$. Note: Think of state q_i as if it were the state with integer number i .

$$R_{11}^{(0)} = \mathbf{1} + \epsilon$$

$$R_{12}^{(0)} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$R_{13}^{(0)} = \emptyset$$

$$R_{21}^{(0)} = \mathbf{1}$$

$$R_{22}^{(0)} = \epsilon$$

$$R_{23}^{(0)} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$R_{31}^{(0)} = \emptyset$$

$$R_{32}^{(0)} = \mathbf{1}$$

$$R_{33}^{(0)} = \mathbf{0} + \epsilon$$

- (b) Give all the regular expressions $R_{ij}^{(1)}$. Try to simplify the expressions as much as possible.

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{11}^{(1)} &= R_{11}^{(0)} + R_{11}^{(0)}(R_{11}^{(0)})^*R_{11}^{(0)} \\
&= (\mathbf{1} + \epsilon) + (\mathbf{1} + \epsilon)(\mathbf{1} + \epsilon)^*(\mathbf{1} + \epsilon) \\
&= \mathbf{1}^* \\
R_{12}^{(1)} &= R_{12}^{(0)} + R_{11}^{(0)}(R_{11}^{(0)})^*R_{12}^{(0)} \\
&= \mathbf{0} + (\mathbf{1} + \epsilon)(\mathbf{1} + \epsilon)^*\mathbf{0} \\
&= \mathbf{1}^*\mathbf{0} \\
R_{13}^{(1)} &= R_{13}^{(0)} + R_{11}^{(0)}(R_{11}^{(0)})^*R_{13}^{(0)} \\
&= \emptyset \\
R_{21}^{(1)} &= R_{21}^{(0)} + R_{21}^{(0)}(R_{11}^{(0)})^*R_{11}^{(0)} \\
&= \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1}(\mathbf{1} + \epsilon)^*(\mathbf{1} + \epsilon) \\
&= \mathbf{1}^+ \\
R_{22}^{(1)} &= R_{22}^{(0)} + R_{21}^{(0)}(R_{11}^{(0)})^*R_{12}^{(0)} \\
&= \epsilon + \mathbf{1}(\mathbf{1}^*)\mathbf{0} \\
&= \epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0} \\
R_{23}^{(1)} &= R_{23}^{(0)} + R_{21}^{(0)}(R_{11}^{(0)})^*R_{13}^{(0)} \\
&= \mathbf{0} \\
R_{31}^{(1)} &= R_{31}^{(0)} + R_{31}^{(0)}(R_{11}^{(0)})^*R_{11}^{(0)} \\
&= \emptyset \\
R_{32}^{(1)} &= R_{32}^{(0)} + R_{31}^{(0)}(R_{11}^{(0)})^*R_{12}^{(0)} \\
&= \mathbf{1} \\
R_{33}^{(1)} &= R_{33}^{(0)} + R_{31}^{(0)}(R_{11}^{(0)})^*R_{13}^{(0)} \\
&= \mathbf{0} + \epsilon
\end{aligned}$$

(c) Give all the regular expressions $R_{ij}^{(2)}$. Try to simplify as much as possible.

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{11}^{(2)} &= R_{11}^{(1)} + R_{12}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^* R_{21}^{(1)} \\
&= \mathbf{1}^* + \mathbf{1} * \mathbf{0}(\epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+ \mathbf{0})^* \mathbf{1}^+ \\
&= (\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{0}\mathbf{1})^* \\
R_{12}^{(2)} &= R_{12}^{(1)} + R_{12}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^* R_{22}^{(1)} \\
&= R_{12}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^* \\
&= \mathbf{1}^* \mathbf{0}(\epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+ \mathbf{0})^* \\
&= (\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{0}\mathbf{1})^* \mathbf{0} \\
R_{13}^{(2)} &= R_{13}^{(1)} + R_{12}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^* R_{23}^{(1)} \\
&= \emptyset + \mathbf{1}^* \mathbf{0}(\epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+ \mathbf{0})^* \mathbf{0} \\
&= (\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{0}\mathbf{1})^* \mathbf{0}\mathbf{0} \\
R_{21}^{(2)} &= R_{21}^{(1)} + R_{22}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^* R_{21}^{(1)} \\
&= (R_{22}^{(1)})^* R_{21}^{(1)} \\
&= (\epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+ \mathbf{0}) \mathbf{1}^+ \\
&= \mathbf{1}^+ (\epsilon + \mathbf{0}\mathbf{1}^+) \\
R_{22}^{(2)} &= R_{22}^{(1)} + R_{22}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^* R_{22}^{(1)} \\
&= (R_{22}^{(1)})^+ \\
&= (\epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+ \mathbf{0})^+ \\
&= (\mathbf{1}^+ \mathbf{0})^* \\
R_{23}^{(2)} &= R_{23}^{(1)} + R_{22}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^* R_{23}^{(1)} \\
&= (R_{22}^{(1)})^* R_{23}^{(1)} \\
&= (\epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+ \mathbf{0})^* \mathbf{0} \\
&= (\mathbf{1}^+ \mathbf{0})^* \mathbf{0} \\
R_{31}^{(2)} &= R_{31}^{(1)} + R_{32}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^* R_{21}^{(1)} \\
&= \emptyset + \mathbf{1}(\epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+ \mathbf{0})^* \mathbf{1}^+ \\
&= \mathbf{1}(\mathbf{1}^+ \mathbf{0})^* \mathbf{1}^+ \\
R_{32}^{(2)} &= R_{32}^{(1)} + R_{32}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^* R_{22}^{(1)} \\
&= \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1}(\epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+ \mathbf{0})^+ \\
&= \mathbf{1}(\mathbf{1}^+ \mathbf{0})^* \\
R_{33}^{(2)} &= R_{33}^{(1)} + R_{32}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^* R_{23}^{(1)} \\
&= (\mathbf{0} + \epsilon) + \mathbf{1}(\epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+ \mathbf{0})^* \mathbf{0} \\
&= \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{1}(\mathbf{1}^+ \mathbf{0})^* \mathbf{0} + \epsilon
\end{aligned}$$

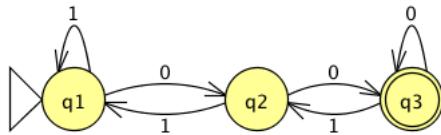
(d) Give a regular expression for the language of the automaton.

The language of our DFA is $R_{13}^{(3)}$.

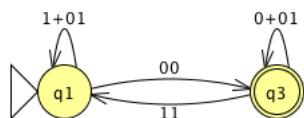
$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{13}^{(3)} &= R_{13}^{(2)} + R_{13}^{(2)}(R_{33}^{(2)})^*R_{33}^{(2)} \\
 &= R_{13}^{(2)}(R_{33}^{(2)})^* \\
 &= (\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{0}\mathbf{1})^*\mathbf{0}\mathbf{0}(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{1}(\mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0})^*\mathbf{0} + \epsilon)^* \\
 &= (\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{0}\mathbf{1})^*\mathbf{0}\mathbf{0}(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{1}(\mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0})^*\mathbf{0})^*
 \end{aligned}$$

- (e) Construct the transition diagram for the DFA and give a regular expression for its language by eliminating state q_2 .

The transition diagram is:



When we eliminate q_2 , we get the following diagram:



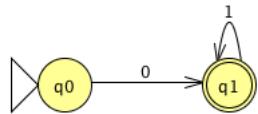
This gives us the following regular expression for the language of our DFA:

$$[\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{0}\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{0}\mathbf{0}(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{1}\mathbf{0})^*\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}]^*\mathbf{0}\mathbf{0}(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{1}\mathbf{0})^*$$

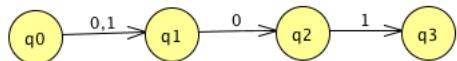
5. Exercise 3.2.4 on page 108 of Hopcroft et al.

Convert the following regular expressions to NFA's with ϵ -transitions. (I've simplified my solutions somewhat, but some students may turn in equivalent solutions that are more complicated because they followed the book exactly, which is fine.)

(a) 01^* .



(b) $(0 + 1)01$.



(c) $00(0 + 1)^*$.

