

## Homework 2 Problems

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

Consider the following  $\epsilon$ -NFA.

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

- (a) Compute the  $\epsilon$ -closure of each state.

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

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

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

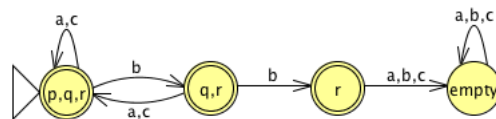
- (b) Give all the strings of length three or less accepted by the automaton.

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

- (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.

$$(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{10})^*(\mathbf{11} + \epsilon)(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{10})^*$$

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

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

- (a)  $(\mathbf{1} + \epsilon)(\mathbf{00}^*\mathbf{1})^*\mathbf{0}^*$

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

- (b)  $(\mathbf{0}^*\mathbf{1}^*)^*\mathbf{000}(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{1})^*$

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

- (c)  $(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{10})^*\mathbf{1}^*$

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.

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{11}^{(1)} &= R_{11}^{(0)} + R_{11}^{(0)}(R_{11}^{(0)})^*R_{11}^{(0)} \\
&= (\mathbf{1} + \epsilon) + (\mathbf{1} + \epsilon)(\mathbf{1} + \epsilon)^*(\mathbf{1} + \epsilon) \\
&= \mathbf{1}^*
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{12}^{(1)} &= R_{12}^{(0)} + R_{11}^{(0)}(R_{11}^{(0)})^*R_{12}^{(0)} \\
&= \mathbf{0} + (\mathbf{1} + \epsilon)(\mathbf{1} + \epsilon)^*\mathbf{0} \\
&= \mathbf{1}^*\mathbf{0}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{13}^{(1)} &= R_{13}^{(0)} + R_{11}^{(0)}(R_{11}^{(0)})^*R_{13}^{(0)} \\
&= \emptyset
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{21}^{(1)} &= R_{21}^{(0)} + R_{21}^{(0)}(R_{11}^{(0)})^*R_{11}^{(0)} \\
&= \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1}(\mathbf{1} + \epsilon)^*(\mathbf{1} + \epsilon) \\
&= \mathbf{1}^+
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{22}^{(1)} &= R_{22}^{(0)} + R_{21}^{(0)}(R_{11}^{(0)})^*R_{12}^{(0)} \\
&= \epsilon + \mathbf{1}(\mathbf{1}^*)\mathbf{0} \\
&= \epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{23}^{(1)} &= R_{23}^{(0)} + R_{21}^{(0)}(R_{11}^{(0)})^*R_{13}^{(0)} \\
&= \mathbf{0}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{31}^{(1)} &= R_{31}^{(0)} + R_{31}^{(0)}(R_{11}^{(0)})^*R_{11}^{(0)} \\
&= \emptyset
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{32}^{(1)} &= R_{32}^{(0)} + R_{31}^{(0)}(R_{11}^{(0)})^*R_{12}^{(0)} \\
&= \mathbf{1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{33}^{(1)} &= R_{33}^{(0)} + R_{31}^{(0)}(R_{11}^{(0)})^*R_{13}^{(0)} \\
&= \mathbf{0} + \epsilon
\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{11}^{(2)} &= R_{11}^{(1)} + R_{12}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^*R_{21}^{(1)} \\
&= \mathbf{1}^* + \mathbf{1} * \mathbf{0}(\epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0})^*\mathbf{1}^+ \\
&= (\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{01})^* \\
R_{12}^{(2)} &= R_{12}^{(1)} + R_{12}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^*R_{22}^{(1)} \\
&= R_{12}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^* \\
&= \mathbf{1}^*\mathbf{0}(\epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0})^* \\
&= (\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{01})^*\mathbf{0} \\
R_{13}^{(2)} &= R_{13}^{(1)} + R_{12}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^*R_{23}^{(1)} \\
&= \emptyset + \mathbf{1}^*\mathbf{0}(\epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0})^*\mathbf{0} \\
&= (\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{01})^*\mathbf{00} \\
R_{21}^{(2)} &= R_{21}^{(1)} + R_{22}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^*R_{21}^{(1)} \\
&= (R_{22}^{(1)})^*R_{21}^{(1)} \\
&= (\epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0})\mathbf{1}^+ \\
&= \mathbf{1}^+(\epsilon + \mathbf{01}^+) \\
R_{22}^{(2)} &= R_{22}^{(1)} + R_{22}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^*R_{22}^{(1)} \\
&= (R_{22}^{(1)})^+ \\
&= (\epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0})^+ \\
&= (\mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0})^* \\
R_{23}^{(2)} &= R_{23}^{(1)} + R_{22}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^*R_{23}^{(1)} \\
&= (R_{22}^{(1)})^*R_{23}^{(1)} \\
&= (\epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0})^*\mathbf{0} \\
&= (\mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0})^*\mathbf{0} \\
R_{31}^{(2)} &= R_{31}^{(1)} + R_{32}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^*R_{21}^{(1)} \\
&= \emptyset + \mathbf{1}(\epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0})^*\mathbf{1}^+ \\
&= \mathbf{1}(\mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0})^*\mathbf{1}^+ \\
R_{32}^{(2)} &= R_{32}^{(1)} + R_{32}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^*R_{22}^{(1)} \\
&= \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1}(\epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0})^+ \\
&= \mathbf{1}(\mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0})^* \\
R_{33}^{(2)} &= R_{33}^{(1)} + R_{32}^{(1)}(R_{22}^{(1)})^*R_{23}^{(1)} \\
&= (\mathbf{0} + \epsilon) + \mathbf{1}(\epsilon + \mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0})^*\mathbf{0} \\
&= \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{1}(\mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0})^*\mathbf{0} + \epsilon
\end{aligned}$$

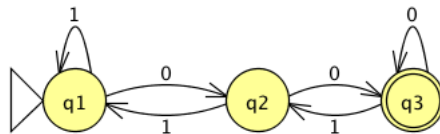
(d) Give a regular expression for the language of the automaton.

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

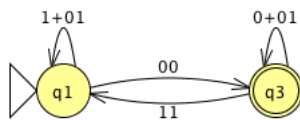
$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{13}^{(3)} &= R_{13}^{(2)} + R_{13}^{(2)}(R_{33}^{(2)})^*R_{33}^{(2)} \\
 &= R_{13}^{(2)}(R_{33}^{(2)})^* \\
 &= (\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{01})^*\mathbf{00}(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{1}(\mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0})^*\mathbf{0} + \epsilon)^* \\
 &= (\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{01})^*\mathbf{00}(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{1}(\mathbf{1}^+\mathbf{0})^*\mathbf{0})^*
 \end{aligned}$$

- (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:

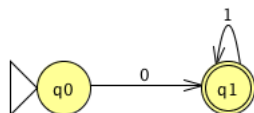


This gives us the following regular expression for the language of our DFA:

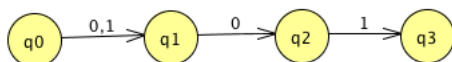
$$[\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{01} + \mathbf{00}(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{10})^*\mathbf{11}]^*\mathbf{00}(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{10})^*$$

Convert the following regular expressions to NFA's with  $\epsilon$ -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)  $00(0 + 1)^*$ .

