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## Problem 1

1. Let's suppose  $\sqrt{13}$  is a rational number. Then we can write it  $\sqrt{13} = \frac{a}{b}$  where  $a, b$  are whole numbers,  $b$  not zero.

We additionally assume that this  $\frac{a}{b}$  is simplified to lowest terms, since that can obviously be done with any fraction. Notice that in order for  $\frac{a}{b}$  to be in simplest terms, both of  $a$  and  $b$  cannot be even. One or both must be odd. Otherwise, we could simplify  $\frac{a}{b}$  further.

From the equality  $\sqrt{13} = \frac{a}{b}$  it follows that  $13 = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$ , or  $a^2 = 13b^2$ . Since 13 is prime and  $a^2$  is a multiple of 13, then  $a$  is multiple of 13.

If we substitute  $a = 13k$  into the original equation  $\sqrt{13} = \frac{a}{b}$ , we get:

$$\Rightarrow (13k)^2 = 13b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = 13k^2$$

Since 13 is prime and  $b^2$  is a multiple of 13 then  $b$  is multiple of 13.

We now have a contradiction since  $a$  and  $b$  must have no common factors (except 1) but we have proved that if  $\frac{a}{b}$  exists then  $a$  and  $b$  must have common factor 13.

So  $\frac{a}{b}$  can not exist and the square root of 13 is irrational.

2. Yes, we can prove that square root of any prime number is irrational.

Let's suppose  $\sqrt{p}$  is a rational number, where  $p$  is any prime number. Let  $\sqrt{p} = \frac{m}{n}$  where  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . and  $m$  and  $n$  have no factors in common.

Now  $p = \frac{m^2}{n^2}$ , or  $m^2 = pn^2$ .

Since  $p$  is prime and  $m^2$  is a multiple of  $p$  then  $m$  is multiple of  $p$ .

If we substitute  $m = pk$  into the original equation  $\sqrt{p} = \frac{m}{n}$ , we get:

$$\Rightarrow (pk)^2 = pn^2$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = pk^2$$

Since  $p$  is prime and  $n^2$  is a multiple of  $p$  then  $n$  is multiple of  $p$ .

We now have a contradiction since  $m$  and  $n$  must have no common factors (except 1) but we have proved that if  $\frac{m}{n}$  exists then  $m$  and  $n$  must have common factor  $p$ .

So  $\frac{m}{n}$  can not exist and the square root of any prime is irrational.

**Problem 2**

$$Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3\}$$

$q_0$  : Initial state, state after reading a digit that leaves a remainder of 0 when divided by 4

$q_1$  : State after reading a digit that leaves a remainder of 1 when divided by 4

$q_2$  : State after reading a digit that leaves a remainder of 2 when divided by 4

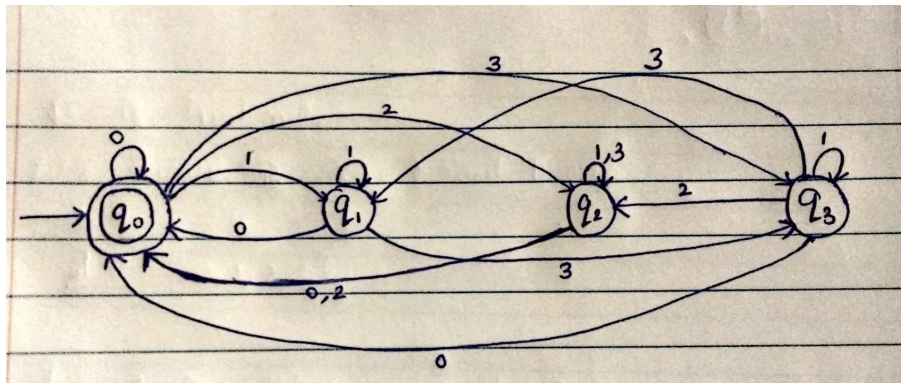
$q_3$  : State after reading a digit that leaves a remainder of 3 when divided by 4

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

$$q_0 = \{q_0\} \text{ (Start State)}$$

$$F = \{q_0\} \text{ (Accept State)}$$

	0	1	2	3
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$q_0$	$q_0$	$q_1$	$q_2$	$q_3$
$q_1$	$q_0$	$q_1$	$q_2$	$q_3$
$q_2$	$q_0$	$q_2$	$q_0$	$q_2$
$q_3$	$q_0$	$q_3$	$q_2$	$q_1$



**Problem 3**

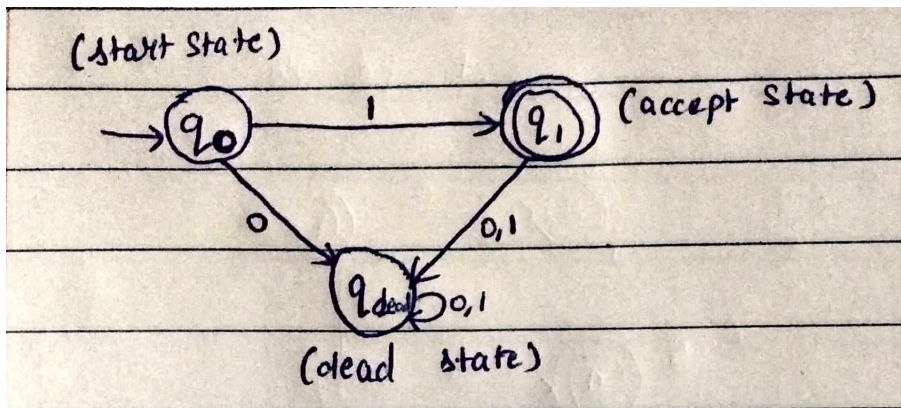
1. Assume there exists a DFA over the alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$  that recognizes the language  $L = \{1\}$  with less than three states.

A DFA has states, transitions, an initial state, and accepting states. Let's analyze the possibilities:

- We must have at least one start state. Let the start state be  $q_0$ .
- For the string 1, there must be an accepting state. Let this state be  $q_1$ .
- Let's introduce a dead state to  $q_{dead}$  handle strings other than 1. This state will be a non-accepting state, and we can transition to it from  $q_0$  to  $q_1$  on input 0 or 1.

Now, this DFA has three states:  $q_0$ ,  $q_1$ , and  $q_{dead}$ . It ensures that only the string "1" is accepted, and all other strings lead to the dead state.

Therefore, we have shown that it is impossible to create a DFA with less than three states that recognizes the language  $L = \{1\}$ , and we need at least three states, including a dead state, to handle strings other than 1.



2. Yes, the DFA over the alphabet  $\{1\}$  that recognizes the language  $L = \{1\}$  needs to have at least three states.

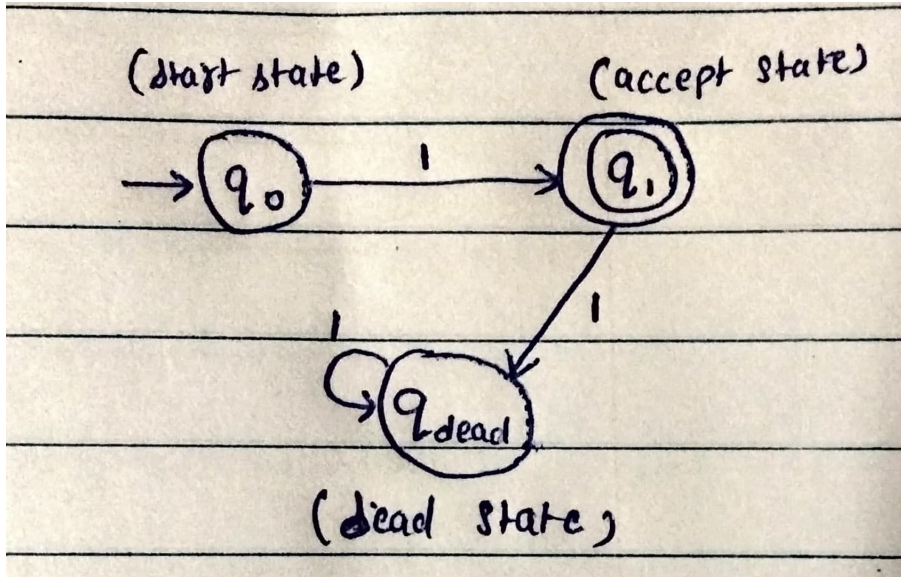
States:

- $q_0$  (Start state)
- $q_1$  (Accept state for the valid string 1)
- $q_{dead}$  (Dead state for any other invalid string)

Transitions:

- From  $q_0$ , on input 1, transition to  $q_1$
- From  $q_1$ , on input 1, transition to  $q_{dead}$

This DFA ensures that only the string 1 is accepted (transitioning from  $q_0$  to  $q_1$ ), and any additional 1s are rejected by transitioning to the dead state  $q_{dead}$ . Thus, a minimum of three states is required to handle both acceptance and rejection of strings in the language  $L = \{1\}$  over the alphabet  $\{1\}$ .



**Problem 4**

**Problem 5**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.