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CS203: Theory of Computation I  
**Tutorial Sheet 4**

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• *Solve the following problems before the Tutorial.*

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1. Construct a transition system (i.e., NFA or DFA) corresponding to the regular expressions
  - (a)  $(ab + c^*)^*b$
  - (b)  $a + bb + bab * a$
2. Represent the following sets by regular expression:
  - (a)  $\{0, 1, 2\}$  where  $\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2\}$
  - (b)  $\{1^{2n+1} | n > 0\}$  where  $\Sigma = \{1\}$
  - (c)  $\{w \in \{a, b\}^* | w \text{ has only one } a\}$
  - (d) The set of all strings over  $\{0, 1\}$  which has at most two zeros.
  - (e)  $\{a^2, a^5, a^8, \dots\}$  where  $\Sigma = \{a\}$
  - (f)  $\{a^n | n \text{ is divisible by 2 or 3 or } n = 5\}$
  - (g) The set of all strings over  $\{a, b, c\}$  beginning with  $a$  and ending not with  $a$  or  $c$ .
3. Find a DFA for each of the following regular languages.  
Then convert the DFA into an equivalent regular expression.
  - (a)  $\{ w \mid w \text{ is any string not in } a^*b^* \}$
  - (b)  $\{ w \mid w \text{ does not end with } ab \}$
  - (c)  $\{ w \mid w \text{ starts with } ab \text{ or has a substring } bba \}$
  - (d)  $\{ w \mid w \text{ starts with } ab \text{ and has a substring } bba \}$
  - (e)  $\{ w \mid w \text{ starts with } ab \text{ or not has a substring } bba \}$
  - (f)  $\{ w \mid w \text{ starts with } ab \text{ and not a substring } bba \}$
  - (g)  $\{ w \mid w \text{ starts with } a \text{ and has odd length or starts with } b \text{ and of even length} \}$
  - (h)  $\{ w \mid w \text{ contains neither substring } ba \text{ nor } ab \}$
  - (i)  $\{ w \mid \text{in } w, \text{ every } a \text{ is immediately followed by } bb \}$
4. Prove by Pumping Lemma that the following languages are not regular.
  - (a)  $\{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$
  - (b)  $\{a^p \mid p \text{ is a prime}\}$
  - (c)  $\{a^q \mid q \text{ is a perfect square}\}$
  - (d)  $\{a^n b a^m b a^p b a^q \mid n, m, p \geq 1 \text{ and } q \equiv nm \pmod{p}\}$
  - (e)  $\{a^n b^m a^p b^q \mid n + m = p + q \text{ and } p, q, m, n \geq 0\}$
  - (f)  $\{a^{pq} \mid p, q \text{ are primes}\}$
  - (g)  $\{w \in \{a + b\}^* \mid |w|_0 = |w|_1 \}$
  - (h)  $\{ww \mid w \in \{a + b\}^* \}$
  - (i)  $\{w \mid w \in \{a + b\}^* \text{ and } w = w^R \}$
5. Prove by Pumping Lemma that the following languages are not regular.
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  - (e)  $\{a^n b^m a^p b^q \mid n + m = p + q \text{ and } p, q, m, n \geq 0\}$

- (f)  $\{a^{pq} \mid p, q \text{ are primes}\}$
- (g)  $\{w \in \{a+b\}^* \mid n_a(w) = n_b(w)\}$
- (h)  $\{ww \mid w \in \{a+b\}^*\}$
- (i)  $\{w \mid w \in \{a+b\}^* \text{ and } w = w^R\}$
- (j)  $\{a^n b^m a^n \mid m, n \geq 0\}$
- (k)  $\{a^n b^m \mid m \neq n\}$
- (l)  $\{w \mid w \in \{a,b\}^* \text{ is not palindrome}\}$
- (m)  $\{wtw \mid w, t \in \{a,b\}^+\}$

6. Give context-free grammars that generate the following languages.

- (a)  $L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w = w^R \text{ and } |w| \text{ is even}\}$ .
- (b)  $L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid \text{the length of } w \text{ is odd and the middle symbol is } 0\}$ .
- (c)  $L = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i, j, k \geq 0, \text{ and } i = j \text{ or } i = k\}$ .
- (d)  $\phi$ .
- (e)  $L = \{a^i b^j c^k d^l \mid i, j, k, l \geq 0 \text{ and } i + j = k + l\}$ .
- (f)  $L = \{a^m b^n \mid 3m \leq 5n \leq 4m\}$ .
- (g)  $L = \{w \in \{a+b\}^* \mid \text{each prefix of } w \text{ has at least as many } a\text{'s as } b\text{'s}\}$ .
- (h)  $L = \{a^m b^n \mid m \geq n\}$ .
- (i)  $L = \{a^m b^n \mid m \leq n\}$ .