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Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ . For each language  $L$  described below, write down a regular expression  $r$  such that  $L(r) = L$ . That is the strings of  $\Sigma^*$  that match  $r$  are exactly the strings of  $L$ . Be careful to make sure that nothing else matches the regular expression you write down! Justification is not required.

(a)  $L = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ starts with a } 1\}$

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$$r = 1(1|0)^*$$

(b)  $L = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ any ones in } w \text{ are next to each other in a single block}\}$

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$$r = (0)^*(1)^*(0)^*$$

(c)  $L = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ contains an even number of zeroes}\}$

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$$r = ((01^*0)|1)^*$$

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Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ . For each regular expression  $r$  written below, describe in words the language  $L(r)$ . Justification not required.

(a)  $r = (\epsilon|bc|c)(abc)^*(\epsilon|a|ab)$

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$L = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \text{every letter in } w \text{ is always followed by the next letter in the order of } \Sigma\}$

(b)  $r = ((b|c|\epsilon)^*a(b|c|\epsilon)^*a(b|c|\epsilon)^*)^*$

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$L = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \text{every non-}a \text{ letter in } w \text{ is always followed by } a \text{ unless it is the final letter}\}$

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Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  and  $L$  be the language

$L = \{w \mid \text{the number of occurrences of } 01 \text{ in } w \text{ is equal to the number of occurrences of } 10\}$

For example, the word  $010$  is in  $L$  because it has one occurrence of  $01$  and one of  $10$ . The word  $01101$  is not in  $L$  because it has 2 occurrences of  $01$  but only one of  $10$ . Does there exist a regular expression  $r$  such that  $L = L(r)$ ? If yes, find one. If not, explain why not.

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$r = (10(0^*)1|01(1^*)0)^*$

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Let  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  be a language. The complement of  $L$ , denoted  $L^c$ , is the complement of  $L$  in  $\Sigma^*$ . That is, for every  $w \in \Sigma^*$ , we have  $w \in L^c$  if and only if  $w \notin L$ .

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Given a DFA  $M$  recognising a language  $L = L(M)$ , explain how to construct a DFA  $M'$  such that  $L(M') = L^c$ .

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Let  $M$  have:

- states  $Q$
- start state  $q_0 \in Q$
- accept states  $A \subseteq Q$  and,
- transition function  $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$

then  $M'$  must have:

- states  $Q$
- start state  $q_0$
- accept states  $Q \setminus A$  and,
- transition function  $\delta$

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Construct a DFA recognising the following language:

$$L = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \text{every odd position of } w \text{ is } 1\}$$

Justification not required.

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Let DFA  $M$  recognise  $L = L(M)$ ,  $M$  has:

- states  $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3\}$
- start state  $q_0 \in Q$
- accept states  $A = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$  and,
- transition function  $\delta$  :

Input State	Letter	Output State
$q_0$	1	$q_1$
$q_0$	$a \in \Sigma, a \neq 1$	$q_3$
$q_1$	$a \in \Sigma$	$q_2$
$q_2$	1	$q_1$
$q_2$	$a \in \Sigma, a \neq 1$	$q_3$
$q_3$	$a \in \Sigma$	$q_3$

(c)

Now use your method from the first part to draw a DFA for the complement of the language L above. Justification not required.

