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There are a total of five problems. You have to solve the first four. Problem 5 is optional.

Problem 1 (CO1): DFA and Regular Languages (15 points)

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Let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. Consider the following languages over Σ . Note that we define 0^m to be the string $000...000.1^n$ is defined analogously.

 $L_1 = \{w : w \text{ does not contain 01 as a substring}\}$

$$L_2 = \{0^m : m \text{ is even}\}$$

$$L_3 = \{1^n : n \ge 0\}$$

$$L_4 = L_2 \circ L_3$$

Now solve the following problems.

- (a) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L_1 . (4 points)
- (b) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L_2 . (4 points)
- (c) Find all the four and five-letter strings in L_4 . (1 point)
- (d) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L_4 . (2 points)
- (e) If you were to use the "cross product" construction shown in class to obtain a DFA for the language $L_1 \cap L_4$, how many states would it have? (1 point)
- (f) Find all five-letter strings in $L_1 \cap L_4$. (1 point)
- (g) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes $L_1 \cap L_4$ using only five states. (2 points)

Problem 2 (CO1): Regular Expressions (15 points)

Let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. Give regular expressions generating each of the following languages over Σ .

- (a) $\{w : w \text{ starts with a 1 and ends in a 0}\}$ (3 points)
- (b) $\{w : \text{the length of } w \text{ is even}\}$ (3 points)
- (c) $\{w : \text{every 1 in } w \text{ is followed by an even number of 0s} \}$ (3 points)
- (d) $\{w : w \text{ does not contain 10}\}$ (3 points)
- (e) $\{w : 10 \text{ appears in } w \text{ exactly once}\}$ (3 points)

(Hint: If w = x10y, what can you say about x and y?)

Problem 3 (CO3): Converting Regular Expressions to NFAs (10 points)

Convert the following regular expression over $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ into an equivalent NFA. Note that $R_1 + R_2$ is the same as $R_1 \cup R_2$.

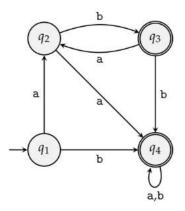
$$(bc)^*(a+c)+(bc^*+a)^*b$$

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Problem 4 (CO3): Converting Finite Automata to Regular Expressions (10 points)

Convert the following DFA into an equivalent regular expression using the state elimination method. First eliminate q_2 , then q_4 , and finally q_3 . You must show work.



Problem 5 (Bonus): Sum of Squares Modulo Three (5 points)

Disclaimer: This is a bonus problem. Attempt it only after you are done with everything else. Even if you do not attempt it, you can get a perfect score. So, do not worry if you find it too hard!

Let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. For $w \in \Sigma^*$, we denote by h(w) the number of 1s in w. For example, h(100101) = 3. Consider the following language over Σ . As always, |w| is the length of the string w.

$$L = \{w : |w|^2 + h(w)^2 \text{ is two more than a multiple of three}\}$$

Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L.

