## MIDTERM EXAM TOTAL MARKS: 50

**DURATION: 80 MINUTES** 



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)

Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ . Consider the following languages over  $\Sigma$ .

$$L_1 = \{w \text{ starts with 01}\}$$
  
 $L_2 = \{w \text{ doesn't contain 00}\}$   
 $L_3 = \{w \text{ doesn't contain 11}\}$   
 $L_4 = \{w = 01\}$ 

Now solve the following problems.

- (a) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L<sub>1</sub>. (3 points)
- (b) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes  $L_2$ . (3 points)
- (c) If you were to use the "cross product" construction shown in class to obtain a DFA for the language  $L_2 \cap L_3$ , how many states would it have? (1 point)
- (d) **Find** all four-letter strings in  $L_2 \cap L_3$ . (1 point)
- (e) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L<sub>2</sub> ∩ L<sub>3</sub> using only four states. (2 points)
- (f) **Find** one six-letter string in  $L_4^*$ . (1 point)
- (g) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes  $L_4^*$ . (2 points)
- (h) Is  $L_4^*$  and  $L_1 \cap L_2 \cap L_3$  same? **Give** justification for your answer. (2 points)

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

Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ . Consider the following languages over  $\Sigma$ .

$$L_1 = \{w \text{ contains exactly two 1}\}$$

$$L_2 = \{w \text{ doesn't start with 0}\}$$

$$L_3 = \{\text{every third position in } w \text{ is 1}\}$$

$$L_4 = \{\text{every 1 in } w \text{ is followed by at least two 0}\}$$

$$L_5 = L_3 \cap L_4$$

Now solve the following problems.

- (a) Give a regular expression for the language  $L_1$ . (3 points)
- (b) Give a regular expression for the language  $L_2$ . (3 points)
- (c) Give a regular expression for the language L<sub>3</sub>. (3 points)
- (d) Write a five-letter string that belongs to  $L_5$ . (1 point)
- (e) Give a regular expression for the language L<sub>5</sub>. (2 points)
- (f) Give a regular expression for the language  $\overline{L}_4$ . Here  $\overline{L}$  denotes the complement of the language L i.e.,  $\overline{L} = \Sigma^* - L$ . (3 points)

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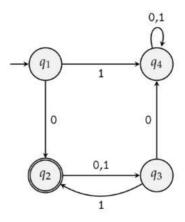
### Problem 3 (CO2): Converting Regular Expressions to NFAs (10 points)

**Convert** the following regular expression over  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  into an equivalent NFA. Note that  $R_1 + R_2$  is the same as  $R_1 \cup R_2$ .

$$(0(0+01)^*10)+01^*0$$

### Problem 4 (CO2): 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  $q_3$  and finally  $q_4$ . You must show work.



### Problem 5 (Bonus): Ternary Number System (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  $\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2\}.$ 

 $L = \{w, \text{ when interpreted in three base number system, is divisible by nine}\}$ 

Give a state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L.