CSE331 Automata and Computability MIDTERM EXAM SPRING 2025 TOTAL MARKS: 50 DURATION: 90 MINUTES



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

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- (a) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L1. (3 points)
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- (e) Find all four-letter strings in L<sub>2</sub> ∩ (L<sub>3</sub> ∪ L<sub>4</sub>). (1 point)
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- (g) Find a four-letter string in L

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  point)
- (h) Is  $\overline{L_3} \circ L_4 = \overline{L_3}$ ? Give justification for your answer. (1 point)

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$$L_2 = \{0^m : m \text{ is even}\}\$$
  
 $L_3 = \{1^n : n \ge 0\}\$   
 $L_4 = L_2 \circ L_3$ 

- (a) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L1. (4 points)
- (b) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L2. (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<sub>4</sub>. (2 points)
- (e) If you were to use the "cross product" construction shown in class to obtain a DFA for the language L<sub>1</sub> ∩ L<sub>4</sub>, 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)

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- (g) Find a four-letter string in  $\overline{L_3} \circ L_4$ . [Recall:  $\overline{L}$  denotes the complement of the language L i.e.,  $\overline{L} = \Sigma^* L$ ] (1 point)
- (h) Is  $\overline{L_3} \circ L_4 = \overline{L_3}$ ? Give justification for your answer. (1 point)

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

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

$$L_1 = \{w \text{ starts with 10}\}$$
 $L_2 = \{w \text{ doesn't contain 11}\}$ 
 $L_3 = \{w \text{ doesn't contain 00}\}$ 
 $L_4 = \{w = 10\}$ 
 $L_5 = L_2 \cap L_3$ 

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<sub>2</sub>. (3 points)
- (c) If you were to use the "cross product" construction shown in class to obtain a DFA for the language L<sub>5</sub>, how many states would it have? (1 point)
- (d) Find all four-letter strings in  $L_5$ . (1 point)
- (e) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L<sub>5</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<sub>4</sub>\*. (2 points)
- (h) Is  $L_4^*$  and  $L_1 \cap L_5$  same? **Give** justification for your answer. (2 points)

# Spring 23 set 2

### Problem 1 (CO1): DFA and Regular Languages (10 points)

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

$$L_1=\{w:w=\mathtt{1}^m\mathtt{0}^n, \text{ where } m,n\geq 0\}$$
 
$$L_2=\{w: \text{1 does not appear at any even position in } w\}$$

$$L_3 = L_1 \cap L_2$$

- (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<sub>2</sub>. (3 points)
- (c) If you were to use the "cross product" construction shown in class to obtain a DFA for the language L<sub>3</sub>, how many states would it have? (1 point)
- (d) Find all four-letter strings in L<sub>3</sub>. (1 point)
- (e) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L3 using only three states. (2 points)

#### Problem 2: Constructing a DFA (10 points)

Consider the following language.

 $L = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : w = 0^m 1^n \text{ where } m \text{ and } n \text{ are either both even or both odd}\}$ 

- (a) Write down the strings w ∈ L such that the length of w is six. (2 points)
- (b) Consider the following pair of languages.

$$L_1 = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : w = 0^m 1^n \text{ where } m \text{ and } n \text{ are both even}\},\$$

$$L_2 = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : w = 0^m 1^n \text{ where } m \text{ and } n \text{ are both odd}\}.$$

Notice that  $L = L_1 \cup L_2$ . So, one way of designing a DFA for L would be to construct DFA for  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  and combine them using the "cross-product" construction shown in class.

Construct a DFA for  $L_1$ . (5 points)

- (c) If you were to construct a DFA for L using the method described in (b), how many states would it have? Your answer should only be a number. (1 point)
- (d) However, there is a DFA for L using at most seven states. Find that DFA. (2 points)

## Spring 24 set1

### 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 L1. (3 points)
- (b) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L<sub>2</sub>. (3 points)
- (c) If you were to use the "cross product" construction shown in class to obtain a DFA for the language L<sub>2</sub> ∩ L<sub>3</sub>, how many states would it have? (1 point)
- (d) Find all four-letter strings in L<sub>2</sub> ∩ L<sub>3</sub>. (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<sub>4</sub>\*. (1 point)
- (g) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L<sub>4</sub>\*. (2 points)
- (h) Is  $L_4^*$  and  $L_1 \cap L_2 \cap L_3$  same? **Give** justification for your answer. (2 points)

### Spring 24 set2

### Problem 1 (CO1): DFA and Regular Languages (10 points)

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

$$L_1 = \{w : w = 1^m 0^n, \text{ where } m, n \ge 0\}$$

 $L_2 = \{w : 1 \text{ does not appear at any even position in } w\}$ 

$$L_3 = L_1 \cap L_2$$

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<sub>2</sub>. (3 points)
- (c) If you were to use the "cross product" construction shown in class to obtain a DFA for the language L<sub>3</sub>, how many states would it have? (1 point)
- (d) Find all four-letter strings in L3. (1 point)
- (e) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L<sub>3</sub> using only three states. (2 points)

#### Fall 24 Set B

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

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

 $L_1 = \{w : \text{length of } w \text{ is exactly three}\}$ 

 $L_2 = \{w : \text{ every even position in } w \text{ is } 1\}$ 

 $L_3 = \{w : 10 \text{ appears even number of times in } w \text{ as a substring}\}$ 

$$L_4 = L_1 \cap L_2 \cap L_3$$

$$L_5 = \{w : 1^m 0^n, \text{ where } m, n \ge 0\}$$

- (a) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L1. (3 points)
- (b) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L<sub>2</sub>. (3 points)
- (c) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L<sub>3</sub>. (3 points)
- (d) If you were to use the "cross product" construction shown in class to obtain a DFA for the language L<sub>4</sub>, how many states would it have? (1 point)
- (e) Find all the strings in L<sub>4</sub>. (1 point)
- (f) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L4 using only five states. (2 points)
- (g) Is L<sub>4</sub> is a subset of L<sub>5</sub>? Give justification for your answer. (2 points)

### Fall 24 Set A

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

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

 $L_1 = \{w : \text{length of } w \text{ is exactly three}\}$ 

 $L_2 = \{w : \text{ every even position in } w \text{ is } 0\}$ 

 $L_3 = \{w : 01 \text{ appears even number of times in } w \text{ as a substring}\}$ 

$$L_4 = L_1 \cap L_2 \cap L_3$$

$$L_5 = \{w : 0^m 1^n, \text{ where } m, n \ge 0\}$$

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 L2. (3 points)
- (c) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes  $L_3$ . (3 points)
- (d) If you were to use the "cross product" construction shown in class to obtain a DFA for the language L<sub>4</sub>, how many states would it have? (1 point)
- (e) Find all the strings in L4. (1 point)
- (f) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L4 using only five states. (2 points)
- (g) Is L<sub>4</sub> is a subset of L<sub>5</sub>? Give justification for your answer. (2 points)

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#### DFA Set A

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

We define the last two digits of your Student ID to be AB [e.g: If your Student ID is 2102895, then A = 9, B = 5] Given,  $\Sigma = \{A, B, \#\}$ . Consider the following languages over  $\Sigma$ .

$$L_1 = \{w : w \text{ starts with A}\}\$$

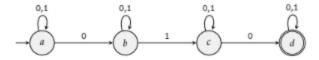
$$L_2 = \{w : w \text{ contains AB# as a substring}\}$$

$$L_3 = L_1 \circ L_2$$

Now solve the following problems. For questions (a)-(f), you must use your specific  $\Sigma$  to answer.

- (a) If  $\Sigma = \{A, B, \#\}$ , then **define**  $\Sigma$  according to your Student ID. (1 point)
- (b) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L<sub>1</sub>. (3 points)
- (c) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L2. (3 points)
- (d) Find all the four-letter strings in L<sub>1</sub> ∩ L<sub>2</sub>. (2 points)
- (e) If you were to use the "cross product" construction shown in class to obtain a DFA for the language L<sub>1</sub> ∩ L<sub>2</sub>, how many states would it have? (1 point)
- (f) Prove L3 is a regular language by giving the state diagram for a DFA or an NFA that recognizes L3. (2 points)

Now, let  $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$ . Consider the following diagram of the NFA to answer the questions (g)-(h) defined for  $\Sigma$ .



- (g) Choose the language recognized by this NFA? (1 point)
  - (i) {w: w has a length equal to or more than three.}
  - (ii)  $\{w : w = (010)^n, n \ge 0\}$
  - (iii) {w: w contains 010 as a subsequence}
  - (iv) {w : w contains 010 as a substring}
- (h) Select the paths that accepts 010110 in the given NFA? There can be more than one path that accepts the string. (2 points)
  - (i)  $a \rightarrow b \rightarrow b \rightarrow b \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \rightarrow d$
  - (ii)  $a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \rightarrow d \rightarrow d \rightarrow d \rightarrow d$
  - (iii)  $a \to b \to b \to b \to b \to b$
  - (iv)  $a \rightarrow a \rightarrow b \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \rightarrow c \rightarrow d$
  - (v)  $a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \rightarrow c \rightarrow d$

#### Problem 1 (CO1): DFA and Regular Languages (10 points)

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

 $L_1 = \{w : w \text{ starts with either 01 or 10}\}$ 

 $L_2 = \{w : w \text{ does not start with } 11\}$ 

 $L_3 = \{w : \text{the length of } w \text{ is at least two}\}$ 

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<sub>2</sub>. (3 points)
- (c) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes  $L_3$ . (2 points)
- (d) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L

  1 ∩ L

  2 ∩ L

  3 using only four states. Here L

  denotes the complement of the language L i.e., L

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  2 − L. (2 points)

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### Problem 1 (CO1): DFA and Regular Languages (10 points)

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

 $L_1 = \{w : \text{the length of } w \text{ is at most three}\}$ 

 $L_2 = \{w : w \text{ starts and ends with different letters}\}$ 

 $L_3 = \{w : \text{the length of } w \text{ is at least two}\}$ 

Now solve the following problems.

- (a) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L<sub>1</sub>. (2 points)
- (b) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L<sub>2</sub>. (3 points)
- (c) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes  $L_3$ . (2 points)
- (d) Find a shortest string in  $\overline{L_1} \cap L_3$ . Here  $\overline{L}$  denotes the complement of the language L i.e.,  $\overline{L} = \Sigma^* L$ . (1 point)
- (e) 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)
- (f) How many states does the smallest DFA for  $L_2 \cap L_3$  have? (1 point)

## Summer 22

#### Problem 1: Finite Automata and the Regular Operations (10 points)

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

 $L_1 = \{w \in \Sigma^* : w \text{ does not contain # and the number of 0s in } w \text{ is not a multiple of 3} \}$ 

 $L_2 = \{w \in \Sigma^* : \text{the substring between any two successive occurrences of #s in } w \text{ is in } L_1\}$ 

Now solve the following problems.

- (a) Write down a string w ∈ L<sub>2</sub> such that the length of w is ten. (1 point)
- (b) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L<sub>1</sub>. (4 points)
- (c) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L<sub>2</sub>. (3 points)
- (d) If you use the "cross product" construction shown in class to obtain a DFA for L<sub>1</sub> ∩ L<sub>2</sub>, how many states will it have? (1 point)
- (e) Give an upper bound on the number of states in the smallest DFA that recognizes L<sub>1</sub> ∩ L<sub>2</sub>. (1 point)

### Summer 23

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

m times

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

$$L_4 = L_2 \circ L_3$$

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- (b) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L2. (4 points)
- (c) Find all the four and five-letter strings in L4. (1 point)
- (d) Give the state diagram for a DFA that recognizes L4. (2 points)
- (e) If you were to use the "cross product" construction shown in class to obtain a DFA for the language L<sub>1</sub> ∩ L<sub>4</sub>, 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)

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### Problem 4 (CO1): Regular Expressions (10 points)

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

 $L_1 = \{w : \text{length of } w \text{ is exactly } 4\}$   $L_2 = \{w : \text{the third last digit of } w \text{ is } 0\}$  $L_3 = \{w : w \text{ contains at most two } 11\}$ 

$$L_4 = \overline{L_1^* \cap L_2}$$

Now solve the following problems.

- (a) Give a regular expression for the language L<sub>1</sub>. (1 point)
- (b) Give a regular expression for the language L<sub>1</sub>\*. (1 point)
- (c) Give a regular expression for the language  $\overline{L_1^*}$ . [Recall:  $\overline{L}$  denotes the complement of the language L i.e.,  $\overline{L} = \Sigma^* L$ ] (2 points)
- (d) Give a regular expression for the language L2. (2 points)
- (e) Give a regular expression for the language \(\overline{L}\_3\). (2 points)
- (f) Give a regular expression for the language L4. (2 points)

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

Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ . Give regular expressions generating each of the following languages over  $\Sigma$ .

- (a)  $\{w : \text{the first and last letters of } w \text{ are a and b respectively} \}$  (3 points)
- (b)  $\{w : \text{the length of } w \text{ is odd}\}$  (3 points)
- (c) {w: every a in w is followed by an even number of bs} (3 points)
- (d) {w: w does not contain ab} (3 points)
- (e) {w: ab appears in w exactly once} (3 points) (Hint: If w = xaby, what can you say about x and y?)

### 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<sub>1</sub>. (3 points)
- (b) Give a regular expression for the language L<sub>2</sub>. (3 points)
- (c) Give a regular expression for the language L3. (3 points)
- (d) Write a five-letter string that belongs to L<sub>5</sub>. (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)

## Spring 23 Set 2

### Problem 2 (CO1): Regular Expressions (10 points)

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

 $L_1 = \{w : w \text{ does not contain } 00\}$ 

 $L_2 = \{w : \text{every 0 in } w \text{ is preceded by at least one 1}\}$ 

 $L_3 = \{w : \text{the number of times 0 appears in } w \text{ is even}\}$ 

- (a) Give a regular expression for the language L<sub>1</sub>. (2 points)
- (b) Your friend claims that  $L_1 = L_2$ . Prove him wrong by writing down a five-letter string in  $L_1 \setminus L_2$ . Recall that  $L_1 \setminus L_2$  contains all strings that are in  $L_1$  but not in  $L_2$ . (2 points)
- (c) Give a regular expression for the language L<sub>1</sub> \ L<sub>2</sub>. (2 points)
- (d) Give a regular expression for the language L<sub>3</sub>. (2 points)
- (e) Give a regular expression for the language L<sub>2</sub> \ L<sub>3</sub>. (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<sub>1</sub>. (3 points)
- (b) Give a regular expression for the language L2. (3 points)
- (c) Give a regular expression for the language L3. (3 points)
- (d) Write a five-letter string that belongs to L<sub>5</sub>. (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)

## Spring 22

### Problem 1: Regular Expressions (10 points)

Write down regular expressions for each of the following languages. Assume that  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ .

- (a) The language containing strings where 0s and 1s alternate. (3 points)
- (b) The language containing strings in which the number of 1s is divisible by 4. (3 points)
- (c) The language containing strings in which the number of 0s between every pair of consecutive 1s is even. (4 points)

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## Problem 3 (CO1): Regular Expressions (15 points)

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

 $L_1 = \{w \text{ does not contain consecutive 1}\}$ 

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$$L_2 = \{w \text{ starts with 0}\}\$$

 $L_3 = \{w \text{ starts and ends with the same character}\}$ 

$$L_4 = L_2 \setminus L_3$$

Now solve the following problems.

- (a) Give a regular expression for the language L<sub>1</sub>. (3 points)
- (b) Give a regular expression for the language  $\overline{L_2}$ . [Recall:  $\overline{L_2}$  denotes the complement of the language  $L_2$  i.e.,  $\overline{L_2} = \Sigma^* L_2$ ] (3 points)
- (c) Give a regular expression for the language L3. (3 points)
- (d) Write four four-letter strings in L4. (2 point)
- (e) Give a regular expression for the language L<sub>4</sub>. [Recall: L<sub>2</sub> \ L<sub>3</sub> contains all strings that are in L<sub>2</sub> but not in L<sub>3</sub>] (2 points)
- (f) Give a regular expression for the language  $\overline{L_4}$ . (2 points)

### Fall 22 set 2

### Problem 2 (CO1): Regular Expressions (10 points)

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

$$L_1 = \{w : w \text{ contains } 11 \text{ as a substring}\}$$

$$L_2 = \{w : w \text{ contains 10 as a substring}\}$$

- (a) Write down a regular expression for the language L<sub>1</sub>. (2 points)
- (b) Write down a regular expression for the language L<sub>2</sub>. (2 points)
- (c) Your friend wants a regular expression for the language \(\overline{L}\_1 \cap L\_2\) where \(\overline{L}\) denotes the complement of the language \(L\) i.e., \(\overline{L} = \Sigmu^\* L\). He wants your help. You tell him to make use of the fact \(\overline{L}\_1 \cap L\_2 = \overline{L}\_1 \cup \overline{L}\_2\).
  - Write down a regular expression for the language L

    1. (2 points)
  - (ii) Write down a regular expression for the language \(\overline{L}\_2\). (2 points)
  - (iii) Using the fact above, write down a regular expression for the language  $\overline{L_1 \cap L_2}$ . (2 points)

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TOTAL MARKS: 50 Automata and Computability **DURATION: 85 MINUTES** 

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

Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ . Give regular expressions for each of the languages (a)-(f) over  $\Sigma$ .

- (a)  $\{w: w \text{ contains 11 or 101 as a substring.}\}$  (2 points)
- (b) {w : w contains exactly four 1s.} (2 points)
- (c) {w : The length of w is two more than multiple of five.} (2 points)
- (d) {w: w consists of any combination of 01 and 110.} (2 points)
- (e) {w: w doesn't end with 01} (2 points)
- (f) {w : Number of 01 substring is more than number of 10 substrings in w} (2 points)
- (g) You write a regular expression 0(0+1)\*1\*0\*0. Your friends write another regular expression 01\*0\*(0+1)\*0. Are they the same? Write Yes or No only. (1 point)
- (h) You write a regular expression (1+01)\*. Your friends write another regular expression 1\*(011\*)\*. Are they the same? Give justification for your answer. (2 points)

#### RE Set B

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

Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ . Give regular expressions for each of the languages (a)-(f) over  $\Sigma$ .

- (a) {w : w starts with 00 or 010.} (2 points)
- (b) {w : w contains at least three 1s.} (2 points)
- (c) {w: The length of w is three more than multiple of five.} (2 points)
- (d) {w : w consists of any combination of 10 and 001.} (2 points)
- (e) {w: w doesn't end with 11} (2 points)
- (f)  $\{w : \text{Number of 01 substring is less than number of 10 substrings in } w\}$  (2 points)
- (g) You write a regular expression 11\*(0+1)\*0\*1. Your friends write another regular expression 10\*1\*(0+1)\*1. Are they the same? Write Yes or No only. (1 point)
- (h) You write a regular expression (0+10)\*. Your friends write another regular expression 0\*(100\*)\*. Are they the same? Give justification for your answer. (2 points)

### Problem 2: Regular Expressions (10 points)

Mike and Willy recently learned how to write regular expressions. Mike wrote the regular expression  $10^*1^*$  for a language  $L_1$  on the board and Willy wrote the regular expression  $1^*01^*$  for another language  $L_2$  below that.

- (a) Write down a string that is present in the language L<sub>1</sub> but not in the language L<sub>2</sub>. (2 points)
- (b) Write down a string that is not present in the language L<sub>1</sub> but present in the language L<sub>2</sub>. (2 points)
- (c) Write down a string that is neither present in the language L<sub>1</sub> nor in the language L<sub>2</sub>. (2 points)
- (d) Mike and Willy asked their friend Dustin to write a regular expression for the language L<sub>1</sub> ∩ L<sub>2</sub>. Dustin came up with 1\*0\*1\*. Is Dustin's regular expression correct? If you think it's not correct, then write down a correct regular expression for L<sub>1</sub> ∩ L<sub>2</sub>. (4 points)

## Summer 23 Set 1

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

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

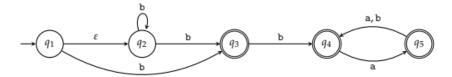
- (a) {w: w starts with a 1 and ends in a 0} (3 points)
- (b)  $\{w : \text{the length of } w \text{ is even}\}$  (3 points)
- (c) {w: every 1 in w is followed by an even number of 0s} (3 points)
- (d)  $\{w: w \text{ does not contain 10}\}$  (3 points)
- (e)  $\{w : 10 \text{ appears in } w \text{ exactly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

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

NFA

### Problem 5 (CO2): Subset Construction Method (5 points)

Consider the following NFA:



Now answer the following questions. [Note: You do not need to convert the given NFA into its equivalent DFA to answer the questions.]

- (a) If you convert the given NFA into an equivalent DFA using the subset construction method, what is the maximum number of states that the DFA can have? (1 point)
- (b) what is the maximum number of accepting states that the equivalent DFA can have? (1 point)
- (c) Write the ε-closure of state q<sub>1</sub> in the given NFA. (1 point)
- (d) Write the subset of states of the given NFA that will be the starting state in its equivalent DFA. (1 point)
- (e) What is  $\delta(\{q_1,q_3\},b)$  in the given NFA? [Recall:  $\delta(\{q\},a)$  is the set of states in which the NFA transitions when it is in state q and receives input a.] (1 point)