

## Exercise 1.

(a)(i) We prove that  $\delta$  is well defined by proving its contrapositive statement i.e.

$$\text{if } \exists a \in \Sigma \ [xa] \neq [ya], \text{ then } [x] \neq [y]$$

Now suppose  $[xa] \neq [ya]$  for  $a \in \Sigma$ , then by the definition of the equivalence classes of  $R_L$ ,  $(xa, ya) \notin R_L$ .

$$(xa, ya) \notin R_L \Leftrightarrow \exists w \in \Sigma^* \ (xaw \in L \wedge yaw \notin L \text{ (or vice versa)})$$

Let  $z = aw$ , we now have  $xz \in L \wedge yz \notin L$  (or vice versa).

$$(xz \in L \wedge yz \notin L) \Leftrightarrow (x, y) \notin R_L \Leftrightarrow [x] \neq [y]$$

Hence, we have proven the contrapositive statement.

(ii) We prove a more general statement i.e.

$$\forall x \in \Sigma^* \ \hat{\delta}([\epsilon], x) = [x]$$

This implies the statement we want to prove since, if  $x \in L$ , then by the definition of  $F$ ,  $\hat{\delta}([\epsilon], x) \in F$ ; and conversely, if  $\hat{\delta}([\epsilon], x) \in F \Leftrightarrow [x] \in F$ , then by the definition of  $F$ ,  $x \in L$ .

Now we prove the lemma by an induction on  $|x|$ .

- **Basis case**  $x = \epsilon$ .  $\delta([\epsilon], \epsilon) = [\epsilon]$  by the definition of the transition function.
- **Step case** Assume that  $\hat{\delta}([\epsilon], x) = [x]$  for  $|x| < k$ . We prove for  $w = xa$  where  $x \in \Sigma^{k-1}, a \in \Sigma$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\delta}([\epsilon], xa) &= \delta(\hat{\delta}([\epsilon], x), a) && \text{(definition of } \hat{\delta}) \\ &= \delta([x], a) && \text{(IH)} \\ &= [xa] && \text{(definition of } \delta) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have proven the lemma.

(b).