

# HW1

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1. Give a regular expression, simplified to the best of your abilities, for the language of all strings of as, bs, and cs where a is never immediately followed by b.

$$\Sigma = \{ a, b, c \}$$

$$(a + ca + ac)^* b^* (ca + c)^*$$

2. Give a regular expression, simplified to the best of your abilities, for the language of all strings of as, bs, and cs that contain an even number of bs.

$$\Sigma = \{ a, b, c \}$$

$$((a + c + ca + ac)^* b b^* (a + c + ca + ac)^*)^*$$

3. Simplify (if possible) the expression  $(a + b + c)^* (a + b)^*$ , then describe as concisely as you can in English the language it defines.

This regular expression is equal to  $(a^* b^* c^*)^* (a^* b^*)^*$  and be reduced to  $(a^* b^* c^*)^*$ . In english it essentially means that the language created from it has a general form of a-b-c and this form can repeat with repeating letters such as aaa-bbb-cc-aa-bb-cc.

4. Simplify (if possible) the expression  $(a + b)^*c^*(a + b)^*$ , then describe as concisely as you can in English the language it defines.

This could be simplified/converted to  $(a^*b^*)^*c^*(a^*b^*)^*$ . In english it essentially means a language of the form where a-b-c-a-b where there is a number of c's or none in the middle but on the outside there is a pattern of a-b where they can repeat the characters and the the pattern such as aa-bb-aa-bb in that order.

5. Define a DFA, simplified to the best of your abilities, for the language of all strings of as, bs, and cs where a is never immediately followed by b.

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \{ s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3 \} \\ \Sigma &= \{ a, b, c \} \\ \delta &= \end{aligned}$$

Current	a	b	c
$s_0$	$s_0$	$s_2$	$s_1$
$s_1$	$s_0$	$s_2$	$s_1$
$s_2$	$s_3$	$s_2$	$s_1$
$s_3$	$s_3$	$s_3$	$s_3$

$$M = \{ Q, \Sigma, \delta, s_0, Q \}$$

6. Define a DFA, simplified to the best of your abilities, that recognizes the language

$$L = \{ w \in \{ a, b \}^* : |w|_a \bmod 3 = 0 \}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \{ s_0, s_1, s_2 \} \\ \Sigma &= \{ a, b \} \\ \delta &= \end{aligned}$$

Current	a	b
$s_0$	$s_0$	$s_0$
$s_1$	$s_1$	$s_1$
$s_2$	$s_2$	$s_2$

$$M = \{ Q, \Sigma, \delta, s_0, \{ s_0 \} \}$$