

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.

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

$$(b + c)^*(c + cb + ac)^*$$

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.

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

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

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

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