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### Instructions (Read Carefully)

**Contents:** The exam contains 13 questions for a total of 100 points. The exam is divided into two parts: The first part has 9 multiple choice questions and the second part has 4 open ended questions.

**What to check:** In the multiple-choice questions, there is one and only one correct answer. You should only check 1 box.

**Definitions and theorems:** At the end of this document (page 10) you can find some definitions and theorems that could be useful for answering some of the questions.

**Info about you:** Write *clearly* your full name and your date of birth (DoB) on *every page* (top-right).

—IMPORTANT—

*Only information written on the pages 1–9 will be evaluated.  
Anything else that you hand in will NOT be considered for the final evaluation!*

**Part I.** Answer the following multiple choice questions.

**S 1.** (6 pts) Which of the following statements is **true**?

☐  $A \subseteq \emptyset$  for all sets  $A$ .

☐  $P(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ .

☐  $A \cup \emptyset = \emptyset$  for all sets  $A$ .

☐  $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$  for all sets  $A$ .

**S 2.** (6 pts) Let  $A$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  a function defined by  $f(x) = x^2$  for all  $x \in A$ . Depending on how we choose the set  $A$ , the function  $f$  has different properties. Choose  $A$  such that  $f$  is *both* one-to-one *and* has range  $\{0, 4, 16\}$  :

☐  $A = \emptyset$ .

☐  $A = \{0, 4, 16\}$ .

☐  $A = \{-4, 0, 2\}$ .

☐  $A = \{-4, -2, 0, 2, 4\}$ .

**N 3.** (6 pts) Which of the following statements is **true**:

☐  $3 \mid (5 \cdot c)$  for all positive integers  $c$ .

☐  $\gcd(9, 15) = \gcd(15, 21)$ .

☐  $\text{lcm}(9, 15) = \text{lcm}(15, 21)$ .

☐  $6 \equiv 12 \pmod{12}$ .

- L** 4. (6 pts) Let the sequence  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  be recursively defined by

$$a_k = a_{k-1} + 2 \cdot k \quad \text{for all } k > 1$$

$$a_1 = 2$$

Which of the following equations is **true** for all  $n > 0$ ?

☐  $a_n = n(n + 1)$

☐  $a_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

☐  $a_n = 2 \cdot n!$

☐  $a_n = \prod_{i=1}^n i$

- CP** 5. (6 pts) You decided that you want to read 5 books over the summer vacation. So you ask your friends for recommendations on what books to read. In total you have received recommendations for 11 different books. You have to pick 5 books out of those 11 books for your summer reading. However, 3 books out of the 11 recommended books are part of a trilogy. So you only want to pick all 3 books of the trilogy or none of them. Given this restriction, how many different choices do you have to pick your 5 books?

☐ 28

☐ 56

☐ 84

☐ 162

- CP** 6. (6 pts) A toy factory has two machines:  $A$  and  $B$ . Machine  $A$  produces 75% of the factory output and machine  $B$  produces 25% of the factory output. 1% of the toys produced by machine  $A$  are defective and 2% of those produced by  $B$  are defective. If a toy is chosen at random from the factory output and turns out to be defective, what is the likelihood it was produced by machine  $B$ .

☐ 30%

☐ 33%

☐ 40%

☐ 50%

- R 7.** (6 pts) Let  $R$  be a relation on the set  $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  defined as follows: For all  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $m R n$  if and only if  $m - n$  is odd. Which of the following statements is **true**?

- ☐  $R$  is reflexive and transitive.
- ☐  $R$  is reflexive but not transitive.
- ☐  $R$  is not reflexive but transitive.
- ☐  $R$  is neither reflexive nor transitive.

- A 8.** (6 pts) Which of the regular expressions given below defines a language that **does not** contain the string *baaba* ?

- ☐  $(a|b)^*$
- ☐  $(aa|b)^*$
- ☐  $(ab|ba)^*a^*$
- ☐  $(a|b)(a|ab)^*(ab|\varepsilon)$

- A 9.** (6 pts) Let  $G$  be the grammar with vocabulary  $V = \{a, b, S, A, B\}$ , terminal symbols  $T = \{a, b\}$ , starting symbol  $S$ , and productions

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow AB \\ A &\rightarrow aBb \\ A &\rightarrow ab \\ B &\rightarrow bAa \\ B &\rightarrow \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Which of the following strings can be generated by  $G$ ?

- ☐ *aabbba*
- ☐ *abbaba*
- ☐ *ba*
- ☐ *bababa*

**Part II.** Answer the following questions. Be brief but precise. Your correct use of mathematical notation is an important aspect of your answer.

- L 10.** (12 pts) Consider the following compound proposition:

$$(q \wedge p) \vee ((\sim q) \rightarrow (p \vee q))$$

- (a) Construct the truth table of the above compound proposition *including all subexpressions*.

- (b) Is this compound proposition a tautology, a contradiction, or neither a tautology nor a contradiction?

- L** 11. (12 pts) Prove, using mathematical induction, that 3 divides  $n^3 + 2n$  for all integers  $n \geq 0$ .



- G 12.** (15 pts) There are three specifications for a graph listed below. For each of these specifications give *either* an example of a graph that satisfies the specification, *or* a formal argument why no such graph exists.

Hint: Use the definitions and theorems about graphs and trees on pages 15–17.

- (a) A graph with 4 vertices 7 edges and an Euler circuit.



(b) A full binary tree with 8 vertices and total degree 14.

(c) A simple connected graph with a circuit.

- A 13.** (7 pts) Construct a finite-state automaton  $A$  with input alphabet  $\{a, b\}$  that recognises the set of all strings with at most 2 occurrences of  $b$ . That is,  $A$  must satisfy

$$L(A) = \{w \in \{a, b\}^* \mid |w|_b \leq 2\}$$

Describe the automaton  $A$  using a next-state table *or* a transition diagram.

## Definitions and theorems

### Logic

The truth table for a number of logical operators is given below.

$p$	$q$	$\sim p$	$p \vee q$	$p \wedge q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \leftrightarrow q$
<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>

A compound proposition is called a *tautology* if it is always true no matter what the truth values of the propositional variables are. A compound proposition that is always false is called a *contradiction*.

The compound propositions  $p$  and  $q$  are called *logically equivalent* if  $p \leftrightarrow q$  is a tautology. The notation  $p \equiv q$  denotes that  $p$  and  $q$  are logically equivalent.

Given any propositional variables  $p, q, r$ , a tautology **t** and a contradiction **c**, the following logical equivalences hold:

1. Commutative laws:  $p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$   $p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$
2. Associative laws:  $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$   $(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$
3. Distributive laws:  $p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$   $p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$
4. Identity laws:  $p \wedge \mathbf{t} \equiv p$   $p \vee \mathbf{c} \equiv p$
5. Negation laws:  $p \vee \sim p \equiv \mathbf{t}$   $p \wedge \sim p \equiv \mathbf{c}$
6. Double negative law:  $\sim(\sim p) \equiv p$
7. Idempotent laws:  $p \wedge p \equiv p$   $p \vee p \equiv p$
8. Universal bound laws:  $p \vee \mathbf{t} \equiv \mathbf{t}$   $p \wedge \mathbf{c} \equiv \mathbf{c}$
9. De Morgan's laws:  $\sim(p \wedge q) \equiv \sim p \vee \sim q$   $\sim(p \vee q) \equiv \sim p \wedge \sim q$
10. Absorption laws:  $p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$   $p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$
11. Negations of **t** & **c**:  $\sim \mathbf{t} \equiv \mathbf{c}$   $\sim \mathbf{c} \equiv \mathbf{t}$
12. Conditional:  $\sim p \vee q \equiv p \rightarrow q$   $p \rightarrow q \equiv \sim q \rightarrow \sim p$
13. Biconditional:  $p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$   $p \leftrightarrow q \equiv \sim p \leftrightarrow \sim q$

### Sets

A *set* is an (unordered) collection of objects, called *elements* or *members*. We write  $a \in A$  to indicate that  $a$  is an *element of*  $A$ .

A set  $A$  is a *subset* of a set  $B$ , written  $A \subseteq B$ , if for all  $a$ ,  $a \in A$  implies  $a \in B$ .

Two sets  $A$  and  $B$  are equal if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ .

The *power set* of a set  $A$ , denoted  $\mathcal{P}(A)$ , is the set of all subsets of  $A$ . That is,  $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{B \mid B \subseteq A\}$ .

The *union* of two sets  $A$  and  $B$  is the set  $A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \vee x \in B\}$ .

The *intersection* of  $A$  and  $B$  is the set  $A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$ .

The *difference* of two sets  $A$  and  $B$  is the set  $A - B = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$ .

The *complement* of a set  $A$  is the set  $A^c = \{x \in \mathcal{U} \mid x \notin A\}$ , where  $\mathcal{U}$  is the *universal set*.

The *Cartesian product* of  $A$  and  $B$  is the set  $A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A \wedge b \in B\}$ . That is,  $A \times B$  is the set of all pairs  $(a, b)$  with  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ .

## Functions

Given two sets  $A$  and  $B$ , a *function*  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$  (written  $f : A \rightarrow B$ ) is an assignment of exactly one element of  $B$  to each element of  $A$ .

A function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is *onto* if for every element  $b \in B$  there is an element  $a \in A$  such that  $f(a) = b$ .

A function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is *one-to-one* if  $f(a) = f(b)$  implies  $a = b$  for all  $a$  and  $b$  in the domain of  $f$ .

A function  $f$  is a *one-to-one correspondence* if it is both one-to-one and onto.

Given two functions  $g : A \rightarrow B$  and  $f : B \rightarrow C$ , the *composition* of  $f$  and  $g$  (written  $f \circ g : A \rightarrow C$ ) is given by

$$(f \circ g)(a) = f(g(a)) \quad \text{for all } a \in A$$

Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . If  $f(x) = y$  we say that  $y$  is the *image* of  $x$  and  $x$  is an *inverse image* (or *preimage*) of  $y$ . The *range* (or *image*) of  $f$  is the set of all values of  $f$ , i.e.

$$\text{range}(f) = \{y \in Y \mid \exists x \in X. f(x) = y\}$$

The *inverse image* of an element  $y \in Y$  is the set of all inverse images of  $y$ , i.e.

$$\text{inverse image of } y = \{x \in X \mid f(x) = y\}$$

## Relations

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. A *binary relation* from  $A$  to  $B$  is a subset of  $A \times B$ .

A *relation on a set  $A$*  is a binary relation from  $A$  to  $A$ .

A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is called *reflexive* if  $(a, a) \in R$  for every element  $a \in A$ .

A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is called *symmetric* if  $(b, a) \in R$  whenever  $(a, b) \in R$ , for all  $a, b \in A$ .

A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is called *antisymmetric* if whenever  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, a) \in R$ , then  $a = b$ , for all  $a, b \in A$ .

A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is called *transitive* if whenever  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R$ , then  $(a, c) \in R$ , for all  $a, b, c \in A$ .

The *transitive closure* of a relation  $R$  is the smallest transitive relation  $T$  such that  $R \subseteq T$ .

A relation is an *equivalence relation* if it is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

A relation is a *partial order relation* if it is reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive.

A *partially ordered set* is a pair  $(A, R)$  consisting of a set  $A$  and a partial order relation  $R$  on  $A$ .

Elements  $a$  and  $b$  of a partially ordered set  $(A, \preceq)$  are said to be *comparable* if  $a \preceq b$  or  $b \preceq a$ . Otherwise,  $a$  and  $b$  are said to be *incomparable*.

Let  $(A, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered set. An element  $a \in A$  is called

- a *greatest element* of  $A$ , if  $x \preceq a$  for all  $x \in A$
- a *least element* of  $A$ , if  $a \preceq x$  for all  $x \in A$
- a *maximal element* of  $A$  if, for all  $x \in A$ , either  $x \preceq a$  or  $a$  and  $x$  are incomparable
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## Number Theory

Given two integers  $a$  and  $b$ , with  $a \neq 0$ , we say that  $a$  *divides*  $b$  (written  $a \mid b$ ) if there exist an integer  $c$  such that  $b = ac$ , or equivalently, if  $\frac{b}{a}$  is an integer.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be any integers.*

1. *If  $a \mid b$  and  $a \mid c$  then  $a \mid (b + c)$ .*
2. *If  $a \mid b$  then  $a \mid bc$ .*

3. If  $a \mid b$  and  $b \mid c$  then  $a \mid c$ .

**Theorem 2** (The Quotient/Remainder Theorem). *Given any integer  $a$  and a positive integer  $d$ , there exist unique integers  $q$  and  $r$  such that*

$$a = dq + r \quad \text{and } 0 \leq r < d$$

In Theorem 2 the value  $d$  is called the *divisor*,  $a$  is the *dividend*,  $q$  is the *quotient*, and  $r$  is the *remainder*. Then  $\text{div}$  and  $\text{mod}$  are defined as  $a \text{ div } d = q$ ,  $a \text{ mod } d = r$ . Remember that the remainder cannot be negative.

Let  $n$  and  $m$  be any integers and  $d$  a positive integer. We write  $n \equiv m \pmod{d}$  if

$$(n \text{ mod } d) = (m \text{ mod } d)$$

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $n$  and  $m$  be any integers and  $d$  a positive integer then*

$$n \equiv m \pmod{d} \quad \text{if and only if} \quad d \mid (n - m)$$

Let  $n$  be a nonnegative integer and  $b_r b_{r-1} \dots b_0$  a finite sequence of binary digits, i.e.  $b_i \in \{0, 1\}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq r$ . The sequence  $b_r b_{r-1} \dots b_0$  is a binary representation of  $n$  if

$$n = b_r \cdot 2^r + b_{r-1} 2^{r-1} + \dots + b_1 \cdot 2 + b_0$$

For example 101101 is the binary representation of  $1 \cdot 2^5 + 0 \cdot 2^4 + 1 \cdot 2^3 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 0 \cdot 2 + 1 = 45$

The *greatest common divisor* of two integers  $a$  and  $b$ , not both zero, is denoted by  $\text{gcd}(a, b)$  and is the largest integer that both divides  $a$  and divides  $b$ .

The *least common multiple* of two positive integers  $a$  and  $b$  is denoted by  $\text{lcm}(a, b)$  and is the smallest positive integer  $c$  such that  $a \mid c$  and  $b \mid c$ .

**Theorem 4.** *If  $a$  and  $b$  integer, not both zero, then*

$$\text{gcd}(a, b) = \text{gcd}(a, a \text{ mod } b)$$

## Counting

The table below states how many different ways there are to order  $n$  distinct objects, and how many ways there are to choose  $r$  objects out of  $n$  distinct objects (depending on whether the order matters or repetition is allowed).

Order $n$ objects (permutation)	$P(n) = n! = n \cdot (n - 1) \dots 2 \cdot 1$	
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Choose $r$ objects from $n$	without repetition	with repetition
- order matters ( $r$ -permutation)	$P(n, r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$	$n^r$
- order doesn't matter ( $r$ -combination)	$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r! (n-r)!}$	$\binom{n+r-1}{r}$

**Theorem 5** (Binomial Theorem). *Given real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ , and non-negative integer  $n$ ,*

$$(a + b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^k$$

Let  $A$  be a finite set. We write  $N(A)$  to denote the number of elements in  $A$ . We say  $A$  has  $N(A)$  elements or  $A$  is a set of size  $N(A)$

**Theorem 6.** *If  $A$  and  $B$  are finite sets, then*

$$N(A \cup B) = N(A) + N(B) - N(A \cap B)$$

**Theorem 7** (Difference Rule). *If  $A$  is a finite set and  $B$  is a subset of  $A$ , then*

$$N(A - B) = N(A) - N(B).$$

## Probability

A *sample space* is the set of all possible outcomes of a random process or experiment. An *event* is a subset of a sample space. The probability of an event  $E$  is denoted  $P(E)$ . If  $S$  is a finite sample space in which all outcomes are equally likely and  $E$  is an event in  $S$ , then the probability of  $E$  is

$$P(E) = \frac{N(E)}{N(S)}$$

Let  $S$  be a sample space. A *probability function*  $P$  is a function from the set of all events in  $S$  to the set of real numbers satisfying

1.  $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$  for all events  $A$  in  $S$ .
2.  $P(\emptyset) = 0$  and  $P(S) = 1$ .
3. If  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint events in  $S$ , i.e.  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , then  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$ .

**Theorem 8.** *If  $A$  is any event in a sample space  $S$  then the probability of the complement event  $A^c = S - A$  is*

$$P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$$

**Theorem 9.** *If  $A$  and  $B$  are events in a sample space  $S$  then*

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

Suppose the sample space of an experiment or a random process is given by  $S = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  where  $a_i$  is a real number for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Suppose that each  $a_i$  occur with probability  $p_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . The *expected value* of the process is

$$\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} a_i p_i = a_1 p_1 + a_2 p_2 + \dots + a_n p_n$$

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be events in a sample space  $S$ . If  $P(A) \neq 0$ , then the *conditional probability of  $B$  given  $A$* , denoted  $P(B|A)$ , is

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)}$$

**Theorem 10** (Bayes' Theorem). *Suppose that a sample space  $S$  is the union of mutually disjoint events  $B_1, \dots, B_n$  where  $P(B_i) \neq 0$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Suppose that  $A$  is an event in  $S$  and that  $P(A) \neq 0$ . Then*

$$P(B_k|A) = \frac{P(A|B_k)P(B_k)}{P(A|B_1)P(B_1) + P(A|B_2)P(B_2) + \dots + P(A|B_n)P(B_n)}$$

## Graphs & Trees

A *graph* is a triple  $(V, E, f)$  consisting of: a finite, nonempty set  $V$  of vertices; a finite set  $E$  of edges; and a function  $f : E \rightarrow \{\{x, y\} \mid x, y \in V\}$ .

An edge with only one endpoint is called a *loop*. Two edges with the same set of endpoints are called *parallel*. Vertices are called *adjacent* if they are endpoints of the same edge (if the edge is a loop, its endpoint is called *adjacent to itself*). We say that an edge is *incident on* its endpoints. Two edges with a common endpoint are called *adjacent*. A vertex on which no edge is incident is called *isolated*.

A graph is called *simple* if it has no loops or parallel edges.

Let  $G$  be a graph and  $v$  a vertex of  $G$ . The *degree of  $v$* , denoted  $\deg(v)$ , is the number of edges that are incident on  $v$ , with an edge that is a loop counted twice. The *total degree of  $G$*  is the sum of the degrees of all vertices in  $G$ .



**Theorem 11** (Handshake Theorem). *A graph with  $m$  edges has total degree  $2m$ .*

The table below gives an overview over the different kinds of walks in a graph:

	repeated edge	repeated vertex	same start & end vertex	must contain at least 1 edge
Walk	allowed	allowed	allowed	no
Trail	no	allowed	allowed	no
Path	no	no	no	no
Closed walk	allowed	allowed	yes	no
Circuit	no	allowed	yes	yes
Simple Circuit	no	first and last only	yes	yes

A *subgraph* of  $G$  is a graph  $(V', E', f')$  with  $V' \subseteq V$ ,  $E' \subseteq E$  and  $f'(e) = f(e)$  for all  $e \in E'$ .

A graph  $(V, E, f)$  is *connected* if there exists a walk from  $u$  to  $v$  for all  $u, v \in V$ . A *connected component* of a graph  $G$  is a maximal connected subgraph  $C$  of  $G$  (i.e. every connected subgraph of  $G$  is either a subgraph of  $C$  or has no common vertices with  $C$ ).

An *Euler circuit* of a graph  $G$  is a circuit that contains every edge and every vertex of  $G$ .

An *Euler trail* of a graph  $G$  is a trail that contains every edge and every vertex of  $G$ .

**Theorem 12.** *A graph has an Euler circuit if and only if it is connected and every vertex has positive even degree.*

**Theorem 13.** *Given two distinct vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in a graph  $G$ , there exists an Euler trail from  $u$  to  $v$  if and only if  $G$  is connected,  $u$  and  $v$  have odd degree, and all other vertices have positive even degree.*

A graph is called *circuit-free* if it has no circuits. A *tree* is a connected and circuit-free graph. In a tree, a vertex is called a *leaf* if it has degree 1, and an *internal vertex* if it has degree 2 or greater. A tree which consists of only one vertex is called *trivial*.

**Theorem 14.** *Let  $n$  be a positive integer. A tree with  $n$  vertices has  $n - 1$  edges.*

A *rooted tree* is a tree in which one vertex is distinguished from the others and is called the *root*. The *level* of a vertex in a rooted tree is the number of edges on the unique path from that vertex to the root. Given two adjacent vertices  $v$  and  $w$  such that the level of  $w$  is one greater than the level of  $v$ , then we call  $w$  a *child* of  $v$  and  $v$  the *parent* of  $w$ . In

a rooted tree, a vertex with one or more children is called an *internal vertex*, and a vertex with no children is called a *leaf*. A *binary tree* is a rooted tree in which every parent has at most two children. A *full binary tree* is a binary tree in which each parent has *exactly* two children.

**Theorem 15.** *A full binary tree with  $n$  internal vertices has  $n + 1$  leaves.*

## Automata, Regular Expressions, Grammars

An *alphabet*  $\Sigma$  is a finite set of *symbols*.

A *string* (or *word*)  $w$  over  $\Sigma$  is a finite sequence of symbols from  $\Sigma$ .

A *language*  $A$  is a set of strings over some  $\Sigma$ .

$\varepsilon$  is the *empty string*.

The *length* of  $w$ , written  $|w|$ , is the number of symbols that  $w$  contains. We write  $|w|_a$  for the number of times the symbol  $a$  occurs in  $w$ .

Given words  $w_1 = a_1a_2 \dots a_m$  and  $w_2 = b_1b_2 \dots b_n$ , we write  $w_1w_2$  to mean their *concatenation*:  $a_1a_2 \dots a_mb_1b_2 \dots b_n$ .

The concatenation of two languages  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  is defined as the language

$$L_1L_2 = \{w_1w_2 \mid w_1 \in L_1 \text{ and } w_2 \in L_2\}$$

The *Kleene closure* of a language  $L$  is the language  $L^* = \{\varepsilon\} \cup L \cup LL \cup LLL \cup \dots$

A *finite-state automaton* is a 5-tuple  $(S, I, N, s_0, F)$  consisting of: a finite set of states  $S$ ; a finite set  $I$  (the input alphabet); a transition function  $N : S \times I \rightarrow S$ ; an initial state  $s_0$ ; and a set  $F \subseteq S$  of accepting states.

The language accepted by an automaton  $A$  is denoted by  $L(A)$ :

$$L(A) = \{w \mid w \in I^* \text{ and } N^*(s_0, w) \in F\}$$

where  $N^* : S \times I^* \rightarrow S$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} N^*(s, \varepsilon) &= s \\ N^*(s, aw) &= N^*(s', w) \quad \text{where } s' = N(s, a) \end{aligned}$$

A *regular expression*  $r$  over an alphabet  $\Sigma$  can be built using:  $\emptyset$ ;  $\varepsilon$ ; a symbol  $a \in \Sigma$ ; concatenation  $rs$  and union  $r \mid s$  of regular expressions  $r, s$ ; and Kleene closure  $r^*$  of a regular expression  $r$ .

The language  $L(r)$  defined by a regular expression  $r$  is

$$\begin{array}{lll} L(\emptyset) = \emptyset & L(a) = \{a\} & L(r \mid t) = L(r) \cup L(t) \\ L(\varepsilon) = \{\varepsilon\} & L(rt) = L(r)L(t) & L(r^*) = L(r)^* \end{array}$$

A *grammar*  $G = (V, T, S, P)$  consists of: A set of symbols  $V$  called *vocabulary*; a set  $T \subset V$  of terminal symbols (symbols in  $N = V - T$  are called *non-terminal*); a starting symbol  $S \in V$ ; and a set  $P$  of productions of the form  $z_0 \rightarrow z_1$ , where  $z_0, z_1 \in V^*$  and  $z_0$  must contain at least one non-terminal symbol.

Given a grammar  $G$  and two strings  $s, t \in V^*$ , we write  $s \Rightarrow t$ , if  $s$  can be rewritten to  $t$  by applying one production from  $P$ . We write  $s \xRightarrow{*} t$ , and say that  $t$  is derivable from  $s$ , if  $s$  can be rewritten to  $t$  by applying several productions from  $P$ . The language defined by the grammar  $G$  is the set of strings over  $T$  derivable from  $S$ :

$$L(G) = \left\{ w \mid w \in T^* \text{ and } S \xRightarrow{*} w \right\}$$