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CS F351 (Theory of Computation)

Quiz-1

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Time: 10 Mins

MM: 5

Q1. Over $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, let $L = \{w \mid w \text{ contains at least two adjacent } a\text{'s and atleast two adjacent } b\text{'s}\}$. Which of the following regular expression(s) accept L ?

$(a+b)^*aabb(a+b)^* + (a+b)^*bbaa(a+b)^*$ [cannot accept aababb]

$(a+b)^*aa(a+b)^* + (a+b)^*bb(a+b)^*$ [accepts string aa, which should not be in the language]

$(a+b)^* (aa(a+b)^*bb + bb(a+b)^*aa) (a+b)^*$ [Correct answer]

$aa(a+b)^*bb + bb(a+b)^*aa$ [cannot accept abaabb]

Q2. Over $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$, the length of the smallest string not present in the language for the regular expression $0^*1^*(10)^*0^*$ is

a) 2

b) 3

c) 4

d) 5

[Ans: Smallest string not present is 101, which makes length =3]

Q3. Over $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$, let $L = \{w \mid w \text{ has even number of } 1\text{'s}\}$. Which of the following regular expression(s) accept L ?

a) $(0^*10^*1)^*$ [Cannot accept the string 110]

b) $0^*(10^*10^*)^*$ [correct answer]

c) $(0 + 10^*10^*)^*$ [correct answer]

d) $0^*1(10^*1)^*10^*$ [Cannot accept empty string]

Q4 Consider the following two regular languages over $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$: $L1=(ba)^*ab$ and $L2=ba^*b^*$.

How many states would be there in the DFA for the language $L = L1 \cap L2$

a) 4

b) 5

c) 6 [Correct answer; because $L = \{baab\}$ and we require 6 states for the DFA, including trap]

d) None of the options given here.

Q5. If $M = (Q, \Sigma, \square, q_0, F)$ is an NFA and $F = Q$ then $L(M) = \Sigma^*$. This statement is

a) True

b) False [Correct answer]