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Automata Formal Languages & Logic

Question Bank - Unit 1

NFA/ λ -NFA

Questions from the Prescribed Textbook

Topic	Exercise No.	Question No's
NFA/ λ -NFA	2.2	Q1 - Q15

Extra Questions

- 1) Consider the unary number system with the alphabet $\{1\}$ where a number n is represented by a string of n 1's, for example, 4 is 1111 and 7 is 1111111. Construct a finite automaton that accepts all unary numbers that are divisible by 4 but not divisible by 3.
- 2) Describe the language (i.e., set of all strings) accepted by the following automaton:

State	Input = a	Input = b
$\rightarrow q_0$	q_2	q_1
q_1	q_1	q_1
q_2	q_3	q_2
$*q_3$	q_3	q_2

- 3) Given the alphabet is $\{0, 1\}$, construct a NFA with three states, that accepts $L = \{w \mid w \text{ contains even no. of 0's or contains exactly two 1's}\}$
- 4) Give an NFA that accepts the language over the alphabet $\{a, b\}$ where words contain baa as substring or where any a is immediately followed by at least two b's.
- 5) Construct an NFA that accepts the language $\{ab, abc\}^*$. That is the language contains the set of strings where ab and abc may be repeated. Example strings include abcab, ababcbab, abcabcabc, and the empty string.
- 6) Construct an NFA for the language $\{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ contains at least two 0s, or exactly two 1s}\}$ with six states.



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- 7) Construct an NFA for the language of all strings over $\{a, b, c\}$ that end with one of ab , bc , and ca .
- 8) Construct a NFA that accepts strings over $\{a, b\}$ that contain at least three a s or at least two b s.
- 9) Construct a NFA that accepts Binary strings of any length with alternating 0 s and 1 s. The NFA must have just three states (not including reject states). How many states does an equivalent minimal DFA have?
- 10) Construct a NFA that accepts the following keywords $\{if, then, else, begin, end, while, goto, return\}$.