

## Week 6: Automata Tune — Writeup Problem

**Collaboration:** You should work on this problem yourself. **You may not collaborate on the assigned writeup with your cohort-mates or anyone else, but you may use notes taken before or during your assessed cohort meeting.** You may also use other published resources you find, but if you use any materials that were not provided by the course, you should cite them in your solution.

### Finite State Automata and Regular Expressions

For each of the languages described below, either (1) explain why it cannot be computed using any finite state automaton, or (2) give both a finite state automaton *and* a regular expression that describes the language. You may use either a drawing or a description to describe your finite state automaton.

1.  $\text{XOR} : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  (the language  $\{x \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid \text{XOR}(x) = 1\}$ ). Recall that infinite XOR is defined as outputting 1 when the input contains an odd number of 1's, so  $\text{XOR}(\varepsilon) = 0$ .
2.  $\{\}$  (the empty language)
3.  $0^n 1^n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (the language of all strings where the string starts with any number of 0s, and is followed by the same number of 1s)
4.  $\{0, 1\}^*$  (the set of all finite binary strings)