

## Revision for Automata session

**Course: Mathematical Modeling**

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Choose the best answer for each multiple-choice question and fill in the blank needed.

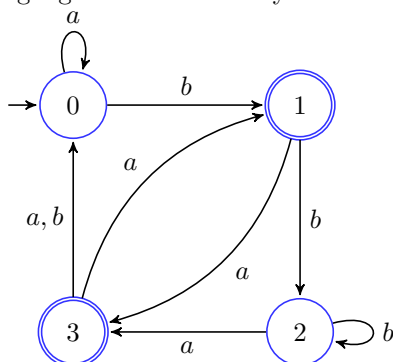
**Question 1.** Let's consider  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $L = \{a, abb, bba, ba, c\}$ . Which string belongs to  $L^*$ ?

- (A) *abaaacbb* (B) *aaabbbbba* (C) *aabacabba* (D) *babacbbbaaa*

**Question 2.** Let's consider  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $L = \{a, aab, bbc, ba\}$ . Which string does not belong to  $L^4$ ?

- (A) *aababbc* (B) *baaaaaab* (C) *abaaabba* (D) *abbcaab*

Questions from 3–9, consider the language  $L$  determined by finite automata on  $\{a, b\}$  as follows.



**Question 3.** Choose the correct statement.

- (A) This automata is a NFA since it is not deterministic.  
(B) This automata is not a DFA since the number of states is not finite.  
(C) This automata is not optimized.  
(D) Any language  $L$  could be represented by this automata.

**Question 4.** Which string is valid?

- (A) *aabb* (B) *aababbab* (C) *aabba* (D) *abbbbab*

**Question 5.** Which string is not valid?

- (A) *ababab* (B) *aabbbaabbab* (C) *aabbbbbaaa* (D) *bbbbbababa*

**Question 6.** Which string is not in  $L^2$ ?

- (A) *aababbab* (B) *aabba* (C) *aabbbbbaaa* (D) *abbbb*

**Question 7.** Which regular expression  $Z$  corresponds to the considering finite automata?

- (A)  $X = a^*b$ ;  $Y = X(a + bb^*a)$ ;  $Z = X(Y(a + b)X)^*$   
(B)  $X = a^*b + Ya$ ;  $Y = X(a + bb^*a)$ ;  $Z = (XY(a + b))^*(X + XY)$   
(C)  $X = a^*b + (a + bb^*a)a$ ;  $Y = X(a + bb^*a)$ ;  $Z = (XY(a + b))^*(X + XY)$   
(D)  $X = a^*b[(a + bb^*a)a]^*$ ;  $Y = (a + bb^*a)$ ;  $Z = X(Y(a + b)X)^* + XY((a + b)XY)^*$

**Question 8.** When using determinisation algorithm to convert NFA into DFA, how many states are there in the new DFA?

- (A) 6 (B) 7  
(C) 10 (D) None of the others.

**Question 9.** How many states are there in the minimized/optimized DFA (which is equivalent to the above NFA)?

- (A) 6 (B) 7  
(C) 10 (D) None of the others.

**Question 10.** Find the correct statement.

- (A) When occurring an event from a state, the NFA does not determine the next state.
- (B) NFA has not finite number of states but DFA has a finite number of states .
- (C) The number of states is always reduced when determinisation from NFA to DFA.
- (D) NFA does not determine surely the next state in order to simplify the graph.

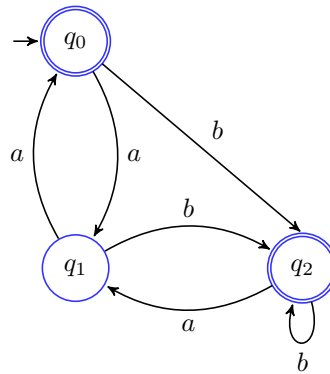
**Question 11.** Are two regular expressions  $E_1 = (a + b)^*$  and  $E_2 = (aa + ab + ba + bb)^*$  are equivalent? If not, give a counter-example.

- (A) They present the same language
- (B)  $E_1 \subseteq E_2$
- (C) They are not equivalent, the counter-example is  $a$
- (D) They are not equivalent, the counter-example is  $aa$

**Question 12.** Do two regular expression  $E_3 = ((a + b)^*(ac)^*)^*$  and  $E_4 = (a + aa + ba + b + c)^*$  present the same language? If not, give a counter-example.

- (A) They present the same language
- (B)  $E_4 \subseteq E_3$
- (C) They are not equivalent, the counter-example is  $cc$ .
- (D) They are not equivalent, the counter-example is  $aa$ .

**Question 13.** Do the following automata and regular expression  $E = ((aa)^* + bb^*a(aa)^*b(ab)^*)^*$  present the same language? If not, give a counter-example.

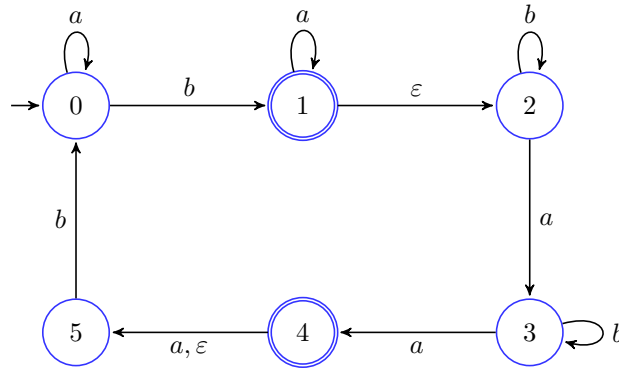


- (A) They present the same language.
- (B) They are not equivalent, the counter-example is  $baa$ .
- (C) They are not equivalent, the counter-example is  $\varepsilon$ .
- (D) They are not equivalent, the counter-example is  $bab$ .

**Question 14.** Which the method is used to determine the equivalent property of two given finite automatats (FA)?

- (A) Compare the number of states between two FAs.
- (B) Compare transition table of two new FAs that have been minimized from two given FAs.
- (C) Verify all possible cases based on transition table of two FAs.
- (D) Check through equivalent regular expressions.

**Question 15.** Let a finite automata on  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ , Which regular expression  $Z$  corresponds to the considering finite automata?

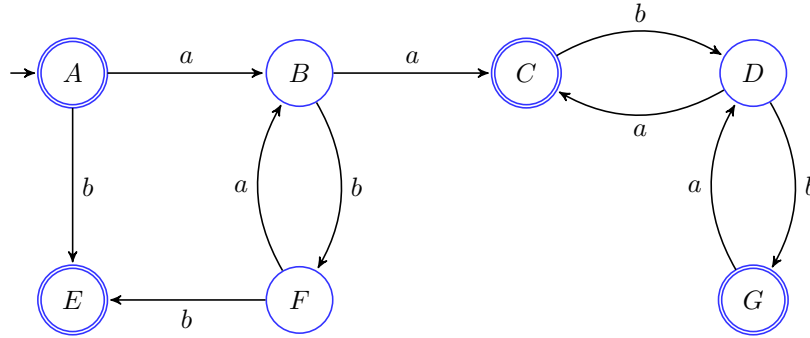


- (A)  $X = a^*ba^*, Y = b^*ab^*a, Z = X(Y(a+b)X)^* + XY((a+b)XY)^*$   
 (B)  $X = a^*ba^*b^*a, Y = b^*a, Z = X(Y(ab+b)X)^* + XY((ab+b)XY)^*$   
 (C)  $X = a^*b, Y = a^*b^*ab^*a, Z = X(Y(ab+b)X)^* + XY((ab+b)XY)^*$   
 (D)  $X = a^*b, Y = a^* + a^*b^*ab^*a, Z = X(Y(ab+b)X)^* + XY((ab+b)XY)^*$

**Question 16.** The regular expression of a language  $L = \{a^n b^m \mid (n+m) \text{ is even}\}$  is

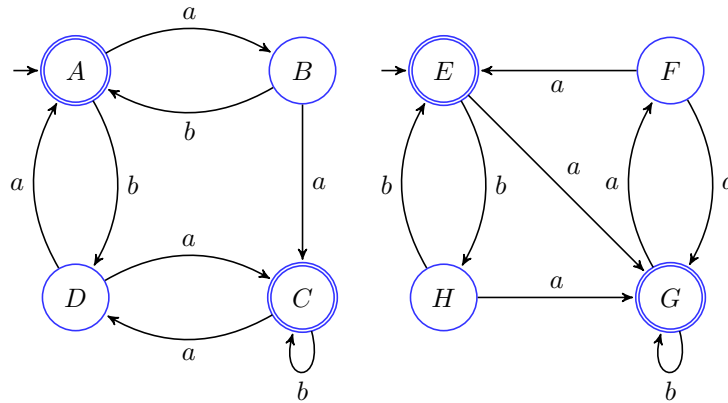
- (A)  $((aa)^+(bb)^+(a(aa)^+b(bb)^+)^+)$ .  
 (B)  $(aa)^*(bb)^* + a(aa)^*b(bb)^*$   
 (C)  $(aa)^*(bb)^*a(aa)^*b(bb)^*$   
 (D)  $((aa)^+(bb)^+ + (a(aa)^+b(bb)^+)^+)$ .

**Question 17.** Which of the following strings can not be in  $L^*$  with  $L$  is the following automata?



- (A)  $aababba$  (B)  $bbaaaa$  (C)  $aaaabb$  (D)  $abaababab$

**Question 18.** Which of the following is a counter-example that shows that the two automata below are not equivalent?



- (A)  $abaab$  (B)  $baaab$  (C)  $babb$  (D)  $abbaa$

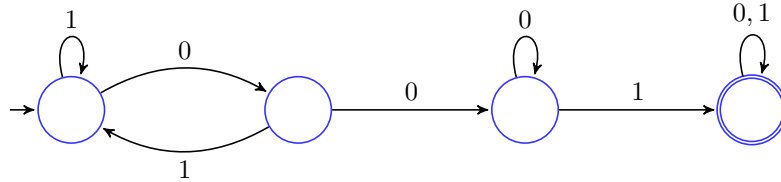
**Question 19.** Maximum number of states of a DFA converted from an NFA with  $N$  states is?

- (A)  $N^2$  (B)  $2^N$  (C)  $N!$  (D)  $N$

**Question 20.** Let  $S$  and  $T$  be languages over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  represented by the regular expressions  $(a + b^*)^*$  and  $(a + b)^*$  respectively. Which of the following is true?

- (A)  $S \subset L$  (B)  $S = T$  (C)  $T \subset S$  (D)  $S \cap T$

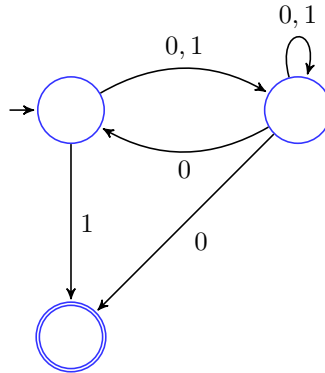
**Question 21.** Consider the following deterministic finite state automaton  $M$ .



Let  $S$  denote the set of seven bit binary strings in which the first, the fourth, and the last bits are 1. The number of strings in  $S$  that are accepted by  $M$  is

- (A) 8 (B) 5 (C) 7 (D) 10

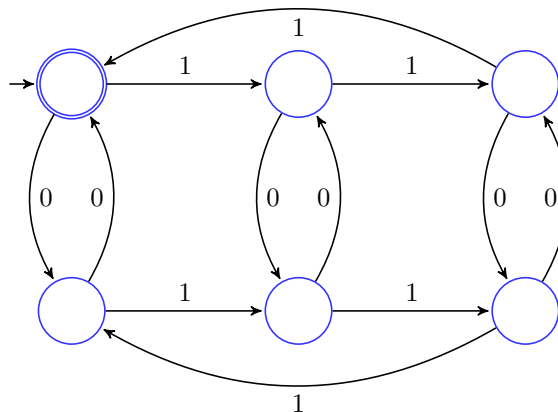
**Question 22.** Consider the NFA  $M$  shown below.



Let the language accepted by  $M$  be  $L$ . Let  $L_1$  be the language accepted by the NFA  $M_1$ , obtained by changing the accepting state of  $M$  to a non-accepting state and by changing the non-accepting state of  $M$  to accepting states. Which of the following statements is true?

- (A)  $L_1 = \{0, 1\}^* \setminus L$  (B)  $L_1 \subseteq L$  (C)  $L_1 = L$  (D)  $L_1 = \{0, 1\}^*$

**Question 23.** The following finite state machine accepts all those binary strings in which the number of 1's and 0's are respectively.

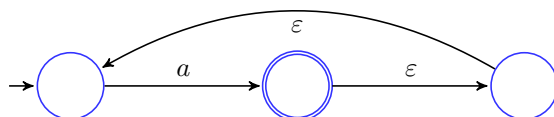


- (A) divisible by 3 and 2. (B) odd and even.  
(C) even and odd. (D) divisible by 2 and 3.

**Question 24.** Consider the languages  $L_1 = \emptyset$  and  $L_2 = \{a\}$ . Which one of the following represents  $L_1 L_2^* \cup L_1^*$ ?

- (A)  $\emptyset$  (B)  $\{\varepsilon\}$  (C)  $\{a^*\}$  (D)  $\{a, \varepsilon\}$

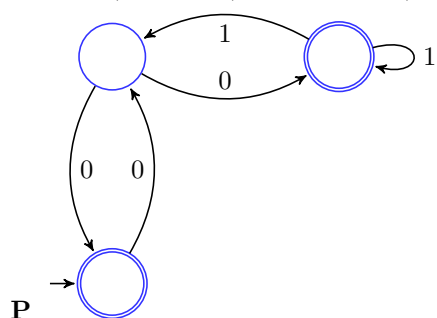
**Question 25.** What is the complement of the language accepted by the NFA shown below?



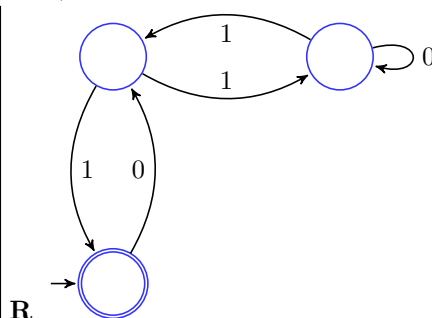
- (A)  $\emptyset$                       (B)  $\{\varepsilon\}$                       (C)  $\{a^*\}$                       (D)  $\{a, \varepsilon\}$

**Question 26.** Match the following NFAs with the regular expressions they correspond to:

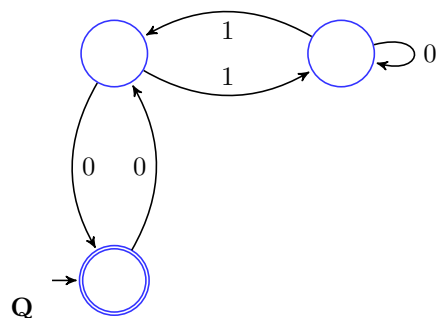
1.  $\varepsilon + 0(01^*1 + 00)^*01^*$       2.  $\varepsilon + 0(10^*1 + 10)^*1$   
 3.  $\varepsilon + 0(10^*1 + 00)^*0$       4.  $\varepsilon + 0(10^*1 + 10)^*10^*$



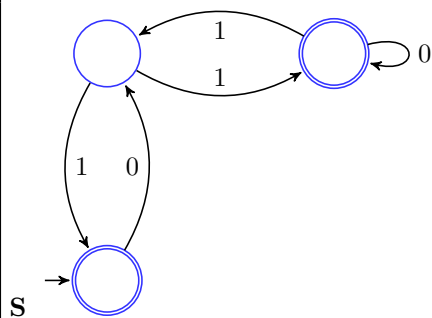
P



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- (A)  $P - 2, Q - 1, R - 3, S - 4$                       (B)  $P - 1, Q - 3, R - 2, S - 4$   
 (C)  $P - 3, Q - 2, R - 1, S - 4$                       (D)  $P - 1, Q - 2, R - 3, S - 4$

**Question 27.** Reduce the following expression  $\varepsilon + 1^*(011)^*(1^*(011)^*)^*$

- (A)  $(1 + 011)^*$                       (B)  $1^*(011)^*$                       (C)  $(1(011)^*)^*$                       (D)  $(1011)^*$

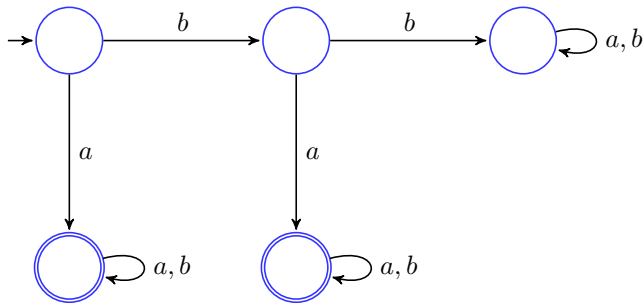
**Question 28.** What can be said about a regular language  $L$  over  $\{a\}$  whose minimal finite state automaton has two states?

- (A)  $L = \{a^n | n \text{ is odd}\}$   
 (B)  $L = \{a^n | n \text{ is even}\}$   
 (C)  $L = \{a^n | n \geq 0\}$   
 (D) Either  $L = \{a^n | n \text{ is odd}\}$ , or  $L = \{a^n | n \text{ is even}\}$

**Question 29.** How many minimum states are required in a DFA to find whether a given binary string has odd number of 0's or not, there can be any number of 1's.

- (A) 1  
 (B) 2  
 (C) 3  
 (D) 4

**Question 30.** A deterministic finite automation (DFA)  $D$  with alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  is given below



Which of the following finite state machines is a valid minimal DFA which accepts the same language as  $D$ ?

