## Homework 1

- 1. (25 points): (from Sipser, problem 1.6) Give state diagrams of DFAs recognizing the following languages. In all parts the alphabet is  $\{0, 1\}$ .
  - (a)  $\{w \mid w \text{ begins with a 1 and ends with a 0}\}$ .
  - (b)  $\{w \mid w \text{ contains at least three } 1s\}$ .
  - (c)  $\{w \mid w \text{ contains the substring 0101, i.e., } w = x0101y \text{ for some } x \text{ and } y\}.$
  - (d)  $\{w \mid w \text{ has length at least 3 and its third symbol is a 0}\}$ .
  - (e)  $\{w \mid w \text{ starts with } 0 \text{ and has odd length, or starts with } 1 \text{ and has even length} \}$ .
- 2. (**30** points): (from Sipser, problem 1.7) Give state diagrams of NFAs with the specified number of states recognizing each of the following languages. In all parts the alphabet is {0, 1}.
  - (a) The language of  $\{w \mid w \text{ contains the substring } 0101, \text{ i.e., } w = x0101y \text{ for some } x \text{ and } y\}$  with five states.
  - (b) The language of  $\{w \mid w \text{ contains an even number of 0s, or contains exactly two 1s}\}$  with six states.
  - (c) The language  $\{0\}$  with two states.
  - (d) The language  $0^*1^*0^+$  with three states.
  - (e) The language  $\{\epsilon\}$  with one state.
  - (f) The language  $0^*$  with one state.
  - Note:  $0^*$  is a string of *zero* or more 0s.  $0^+$  is a string of *one* or more 0s.
- 3. (25 points): Closure properties of regular languages.
  - (a) (10 points) Prove that the regular languages are closed under complement. In other words, show that if L is a regular language, then the language  $\overline{L}$  is regular as well.
  - (b) (15 points) Prove that the regular languages are closed under intersection. In other words, show that if  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are regular languages, then  $L_1 \cap L_2$  is regular as well.
- 4. (25 points): Let  $M = \{Q, \{a\}, \delta, q_0, F\}$  be a finite automaton. Note that the alphabet for M has only one symbol, a. All strings in  $\{a\}^*$  have the form  $a^m$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Prove that there are sets  $A, B \subset \mathbb{N}$ , and an integer, k, such that:

- (a<sup>m</sup> ∈ L(M)) ⇔ (m ∈ A) ∨ (∃i ∈ B. ∃j ∈ N. m = i + j \* k). In English, this says that the length of any string in L(M) is either given by an element of A or is the sum of an element of B and a multiple of k.
- Every element of A or B is at most |Q|.
- Likewise,  $k \leq |Q|$ .

Hint: Think of what the state-transition diagram for M must look like, and consider what M does while reading a string,  $a^m$ .