

1. (20 points +10 points extra credit) Write regular expressions that generate each of the languages below. For each language, the alphabet, Σ , is $\{0, 1\}$.

(a) $A_1 = \{s \mid s \text{ contains the substring } 1011\}$.

Solution: $\Sigma^*1011\Sigma^*$

(b) $A_2 = \{s \mid |s| = 5m + 7n \text{ with } m, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

Solution: $(\Sigma^5)^*(\Sigma^7)^*$, where $\Sigma^5 = \Sigma\Sigma\Sigma\Sigma\Sigma$ and likewise for Σ^7 .

(c) $A_3 = \{s \mid s \text{ contains an even number of 0's}\}$.

Solution: $1^*(01^*0)^*1^*$

(d) $A_4 = \{s \mid s \text{ contains an odd number of 1's}\}$.

Solution: $0^*10^*(10^*1)^*0^*$

(e) (10 points extra credit):

$A_5 = \{s \mid s \text{ contains an even number of 0's and an odd number of 1's}\}$.

Solution:

Here's a DFA that recognizes the language
(q_0 is the initial state, $q_\$$ is the accepting state).

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q0 -e-> q00
q00 -0-> q01, q00 -1-> q10
q01 -0-> q00, q01 -1-> q11
q10 -0-> q11, q10 -1-> q00
q11 -0-> q10, q11 -1-> q01
q10 -e-> q$

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This DFA is a GNFA and we use the procedure from the Sept. 19 lecture notes:

delete q_{11} :

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q0 -e-> q00
q00 -0-> q01, q00 -1-> q10
q01 -0-> q00, q01 -1-> q01, q01 -10-> q10
q10 -00-> q10, q10 -01-> q01, q10 -1-> q00
q10 -e-> q$

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delete q_{01} :

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q0 -e-> q00
q00 -0(11)^*0-> q00,
q00 -(0(11)^*10 U 1)-> q10,
q10 -(1 U 01(11)^*0)-> q00,
q10 -(00 U 01(11)^*10)-> q10,
q10 -e-> q$

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delete q_{00} :

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q0 -(0(11)^*0)^*(1 U 01(11)^*0) -> q10,
q10 -(00 U 01(11)^*10 U (1 U 01(11)^*0) (0(11)^*0)^* (1 U 0(11)^*10)-> q10,
-> q10,
q10 -e-> q$

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Let $r_0 = 0(11)^*0$

$$r1 = (1 \cup 01(11)^*0)$$

Then, we've got

$$\begin{aligned} q10 & \neg(r0^*r1) \rightarrow q10, \\ q10 & \neg(r0 \cup r1(r0^*)r1) \rightarrow q10, \\ q10 & \neg e \rightarrow q10 \end{aligned}$$

Now, we eliminate $q10$ to get

$$q10 \neg((r0^*r1)(r0 \cup r1(r0^*)r1)^*) \rightarrow q10$$

Thus, our solution is:

$$(r0^*r1)(r0 \cup r1(r0^*)r1)^*$$

with $r0 = 0(11)^*0$ and $r1 = (1 \cup 01(11)^*0)$ as defined above.

I'll work on prettier typesetting later.

2. (30 points) In the problems below, let R_1, R_2, \dots be arbitrary regular expressions over an arbitrary finite alphabet. For each proposed identity, either prove it, or give a counter-example. Two are valid identities for which a correct proof is worth 10 points; two are not valid identities for which a counter-example is worth 5 points.

(a) $R_1 \cup \epsilon = R_1$.

Solution:

False. Let $R_1 = 0$. Then $\epsilon \in R_1 \cup \epsilon$ but $\epsilon \notin R_1$, and therefore $R_1 \cup \epsilon \neq R_1$.

(b) $R_1R_1^* = R_1^*R_1$.

Solution:

True. Using the definitions of concatenation and Kleen-star, $R_1R_1^* = \{xy \mid x \in R_1, y \in R_1^*\}$ and $R_1^* = \{x_1x_2 \dots x_k \mid k \geq 0, x_i \in R_1 \forall i\}$ therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} R_1R_1^* &= \{xx_1 \dots x_k \mid x \in R_1, k \geq 0, x_i \in R_1 \forall i\} \\ &= \{x_1x_2 \dots x_{k+1} \mid k \geq 0, x_i \in R_1 \forall i\} \\ &= \{x_1 \dots x_kx \mid x \in R_1, k \geq 0, x_i \in R_1 \forall i\} \\ &= \{yx \mid x \in R_1, y \in R_1^*\} \\ &= R_1^*R_1 \end{aligned}$$

(c) $R_1 \cdot (R_2 \cup R_3) = (R_1 \cdot R_2) \cup (R_1 \cdot R_3)$.

Solution:

True. $R_1(R_2 \cup R_3) = \{xy \mid x \in R_1, y \in (R_2 \cup R_3)\} = \{xy \mid x \in R_1, y \in R_2 \vee y \in R_3\}$.

$(R_1R_2) \cup (R_1R_3) = \{x \mid x \in (R_1R_2) \vee x \in (R_1R_3)\} = \{xy \mid (x \in R_1 \wedge y \in R_2) \vee (x \in R_1 \wedge y \in R_3)\} = \{xy \mid x \in R_1, y \in R_2 \vee y \in R_3\}$.

(d) $R_1 \cup (R_2 \cdot R_3) = (R_1 \cup R_2) \cdot (R_1 \cup R_3)$.

Solution:

False. Let $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = 0$. Then $R_1 \cup (R_2 \cdot R_3) = \{0, 00\} \neq \{00\} = (R_1 \cup R_2) \cdot (R_1 \cup R_3)$.

3. (20 points) For any language, A , let

$$A^{\mathcal{R}} = \{s \mid s^{\mathcal{R}} \in A\}$$

where $s^{\mathcal{R}}$ is the reverse of s as defined in homework 0:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon^{\mathcal{R}} &= \epsilon \\ (x \cdot c)^{\mathcal{R}} &= c \cdot x^{\mathcal{R}} \end{aligned}$$

Prove that if A is regular, then so is $A^{\mathcal{R}}$.

Solution: Construct an NFA for A^R .

Because A is regular, we can represent it with an DFA. If we reverse the arcs between states and swap the start and accepting states, we get an NFA that recognizes A^R . In the stuff that follows, I'll formalize this description, take care of a few technical details, and then prove that it works as advertised.

A is a regular language. Let $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ be a DFA such that $L(M) = A$. Choose q_x such that $q_x \notin Q$ (i.e. q_x is a new state), and let $N = (Q \cup \{q_x\}, \Sigma, \delta^R, q_x, \{q_0\})$, where

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^R(q, c) &= \{p \mid \delta(p, c) = q\}, && \text{reverse the arcs, } q \neq q_x \\ \delta^R(q_x, \epsilon) &= F, && \text{start with an } \epsilon \text{ move to a final state of } M \\ \delta^R(q_x, c) &= \emptyset, && \text{force that initial } \epsilon \text{ move} \end{aligned}$$

I'll now prove that $L(N) = A^R$. Because N is an NFA, $L(N)$ is regular. Thus, this will show that A^R is regular.

The key to the proof is that after reading some string, w^R , the set of possible states of N are exactly those states from which M could read w and reach an accepting state. The proof is by induction on w .

Induction Hypothesis: $p \in (\delta^R(\{q_x\}, w^R) \cap Q) \Leftrightarrow \delta(p, w) \in F$.

Base case, $w = \epsilon$:

$$\begin{aligned} &p \in \delta^R(\{q_x\}, w^R) \cap Q \\ \Leftrightarrow &p \in \delta^R(\{q_x\}, \epsilon^R) \cap Q, && w = \epsilon \\ \Leftrightarrow &p \in \delta^R(\{q_x\}, \epsilon) \cap Q, && \epsilon = \epsilon^R \\ \Leftrightarrow &p \in (\{q_x\} \cup F) \cap Q, && \text{For any set, } B, \delta^R(B, \epsilon) = B \\ \Leftrightarrow &(p \in F) && (F \subseteq Q) \wedge (q_x \notin Q) \\ \Leftrightarrow &\delta(p, \epsilon) \in F, && \text{For any state, } q, \delta(q, \epsilon) = q \\ &\square \end{aligned}$$

I showed all of the steps for completeness. It would be sufficient to write:

$$\begin{aligned} &p \in \delta^R(\{q_x\}, \epsilon) \cap Q \\ \Leftrightarrow &p \in F \\ \Leftrightarrow &\delta(p, \epsilon) \in F \end{aligned}$$

Induction step, $w = c \cdot x$: Noting that $(c \cdot x)^R = x^R \cdot c$, we need to prove

$$\begin{aligned} &p \in \delta^R(\{q_x\}, x^R \cdot c) \\ \Leftrightarrow &\exists r \in \delta^R(\{q_x\}, x^R). p \in \delta^R(r, c), && \text{def. } \delta^R \text{ for strings} \\ \Leftrightarrow &\exists r \in \delta^R(\{q_x\}, x^R). \delta(p, c) = r, && \text{def. } \delta^R \text{ for symbols} \\ \Leftrightarrow &\delta(p, c) \in \delta^R(\{q_x\}, x^R) \\ \Leftrightarrow &\delta(\delta(p, c), x) \in F, && \text{induction hypothesis} \\ \Leftrightarrow &\delta(p, c \cdot x) \in F, && \text{def. } \delta \text{ for strings} \end{aligned}$$

Intuitively, what this argument says is that if N can reach some state, p , by reading $x^R \cdot c$; then it did it by first reaching some state, r , by reading x^R , and then got to state p by reading c . We then take advantage that δ^R is the reversal of δ . Thus, M will go from p to r by reading c . Finally, we use the induction hypothesis with r and x to conclude that M will go from r to some state in F by reading x . I will accept an intuitive argument like this one, or the mathematical version that I stated first.

4. (40 points): For each language below, determine whether or not the language is regular. If it is regular, draw a DFA that accepts it and write a *short* explanation of how your DFA works. If it is not regular, provide a proof. For each language, the alphabet, Σ , is $\{0, 1\}$. The notation $\#0(s)$ refers to the number of $\#0$'s in s , and $\#1(s)$ refers to the number of $\#1$'s.

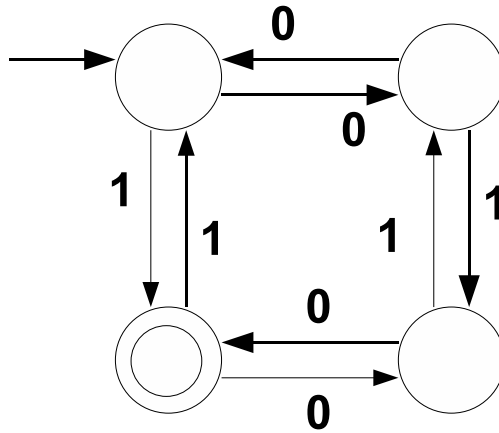


Figure 1: The 4 states represent the parity of the number of 0s and the parity of the number of 1s seen so far: (even, even); (odd, even); (even, odd); (odd, odd).

- (a) $B_1 = \{s \mid s \text{ contains an even number of 0's and an odd number of 1's}\}.$

Solution: (see DFA in Figure 1)

B_1 is regular:

- (b) $B_2 = \{s \mid \#1(s) = k * \#0(s) \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N}\}.$ **Solution:**

B_2 is not regular: Let p be a proposed pumping lemma constant, and let $w = 0^p 1^p \in B_2$. For any $xyz = w$ with $|xy| \leq p$, $xy^2z = 0^{p+|y|} 1^p$ has more 0s than 1s, and therefore is not in B_2 . It follows by the pumping lemma that B_2 is not regular.

- (c) $B_3 = \{s \mid (|\#0(s) - \#1(s)| \bmod 3) = 0\}.$

Solution: (see DFA in Figure 2)

B_3 is regular:

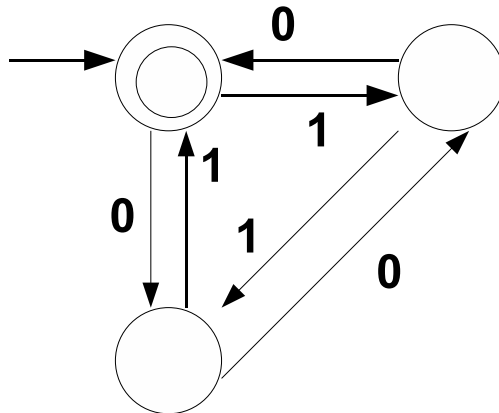


Figure 2: The 3 states track the value of the number of 0s seen thus far minus the number of 1s seen so far mod 3.

- (d) $B_4 = \{s \mid (|\#0(s) - \#1(s)| \bmod 3) = 1\}.$

Solution:

B_4 is not regular: Let p be a proposed pumping lemma constant, and let $w = 0^p 1^{p+1} \in B_4$. For any $xyz = w$ with $|xy| \leq p$, we consider three cases:

$$|y| = \begin{cases} 3k, & k \geq 1 \\ 3k + 1, & k \geq 0 \\ 3k + 2, & k \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

If $|y| = 3k$, then $xy^2z = w$ has $\#0(w) = p + 3k$ and $\#1(w) = p + 1$, so $|\#0(w) - \#1(w)| \pmod{3} = |p + 3k - (p + 1)| \pmod{3} = 2$ and $w \notin B_4$.

If $|y| = 3k + 1$, then $xy^2z = w$ has $\#0(w) = p + 3k + 1$ and $\#1(w) = p + 1$, so $|\#0(w) - \#1(w)| \pmod{3} = |p + 3k + 1 - (p + 1)| \pmod{3} = 0$ and $w \notin B_4$.

If $|y| = 3k + 2$, then $xy^3z = w$ has $\#0(w) = p + 6k + 4$ and $\#1(w) = p + 1$, so $|\#0(w) - \#1(w)| \pmod{3} = |p + 6k + 4 - (p + 1)| \pmod{3} = 0$ and $w \notin B_4$.

Therefore, B_4 is not regular by the pumping lemma.