

1. (16 points: 2 points if correct, 1 point if unanswered, 0 points if wrong.)

Mark by true or false each of the following (no need to prove)

Given a string $u \in \Sigma^+$ we can always find another string $v \in \Sigma^*$, $v \neq u$, such that $uv = vu$ True False

There exists at least one language L accepted by a NFA for which we cannot produce a DFA that accepts it True False

Given a DFA $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$, we have that for all $a \in \Sigma$, $\delta^*(q, a) = \delta(q, a)$ True False

The number of incoming arcs to a state of a DFA is always equal to $|\Sigma|$ True False

The number of outgoing arcs from a state of a NFA is always less than or equal to $|\Sigma| + 1$ True False

All finite languages are regular True False

If L is a regular language, then L^R may not be a regular language True False

If L is a regular language, then L^2 is also a regular language True False

2. (16 points)

Write the formal definition of a language accepted by a NFA.

Answer: Let $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ be a NFA. The language accepted by the NFA M is $L(M) = \{w \in \Sigma^* : \delta^*(q_0, w) \cap F \neq \emptyset\}$.

Write the formal definition of a regular language.

Answer: A language L is regular if there exists a DFA M such that accepts $L(M) = L$.

3. (16 points)

Given the following languages over $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

$$\begin{aligned}L_1 &= \{b^n | n \geq 1\} \\L_2 &= \{ba^n | n \geq 0\} \\L_3 &= \{b^n a^n | n \geq 0\} \\L_4 &= \{(ba)^n | n \geq 1\}\end{aligned}$$

describe the new languages below using the simplest mathematical notation

Answer:

(a) $L_1 \cap \Sigma^* = L_1 = \{b^n | n \geq 1\}$

(b) $L_2 \cap L_3 = \{ba\}$

(c) $L_4^2 = \{(ba)^m | m \geq 2\}$

(d) $L_3 L_3^R = \{b^n a^{n+m} b^m | n \geq 0, m \geq 0\}$

4. (18 points)

Let L_1, L_2, \dots, L_7 be the following languages over $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

$$L_1 = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ ends with } 11\}$$

$$L_2 = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ starts with } 11\}$$

$$L_3 = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ ends with } 10\}$$

$$L_4 = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ contain the substring } 11\}$$

$$L_5 = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \text{each } 1 \text{ in } w \text{ is immediately followed by a } 0\}$$

$$L_6 = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ contains an even number of } 1\text{'s}\}$$

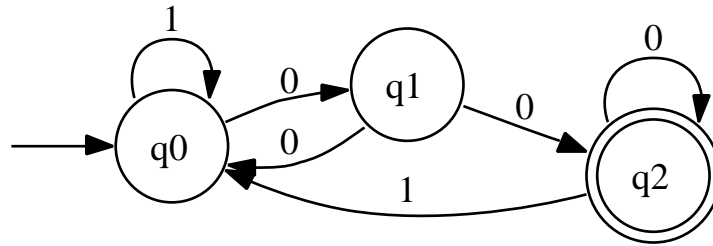
$$L_7 = \{w \in \Sigma^+ \mid w \text{ contains an even number of } 1\text{'s}\}$$

For each DFA shown below, tell which of the languages above it accepts (write NONE if none of the above matches the language accepted by the DFA)

| automaton | language |
|-----------|----------|
| | L_5 |
| | L_1 |
| | NONE |
| | L_4 |

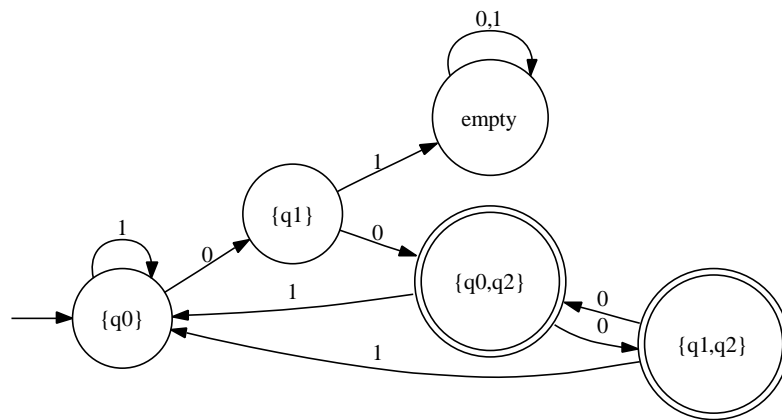
5. (18 points)

Let A be the following NFA



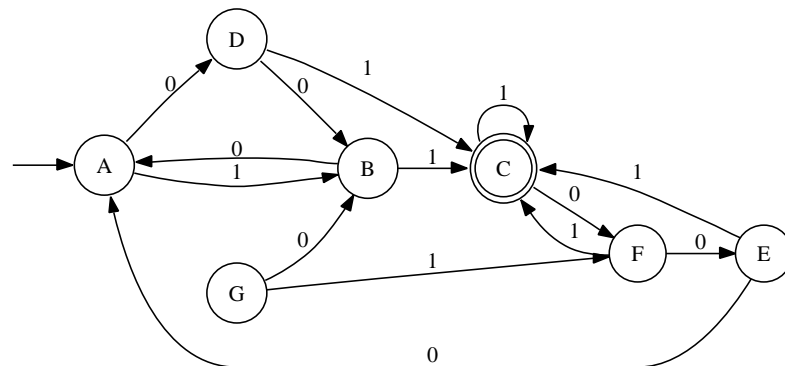
Draw the DFA equivalent to A .

Answer:



6. (16 points)

Let A be the following DFA



and let

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| B | ? | | | | |
| C | x | x | | | |
| D | x | ? | x | | |
| E | x | | x | x | |
| F | x | x | x | | x |
| | A | B | C | D | E |

be an intermediate table of distinguished states produced by the algorithm `MINIMIZE_DFA(A)` described in class.

- Complete the table by checking whether the pairs of states marked with ? are distinguishable (write x) or not (draw a circle around the ?)

Answer:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| B | x | | | | |
| C | x | x | | | |
| D | x | x | x | | |
| E | x | | x | x | |
| F | x | x | x | | x |
| | A | B | C | D | E |

- Draw the graph for the minimal DFA \hat{A} .

Answer:

