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- This exam is **closed book, closed notes** and is designed to take 45 minutes
- Turn off you cell phones
- Write legibly. What can't be read will not be graded
- Good luck!

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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)

A language can be both regular and context free at the same time True False

The family of regular languages is closed under intersection True False

The grammar $G = (\{S\}, \{a\}, S, \{S \rightarrow Saaa \mid aS \mid a\})$ is not regular True False

The grammar $G = (\{S\}, \{a, b\}, S, \{S \rightarrow aS \mid bS \mid \lambda\})$ is regular True False

Given a string w and two regular languages L_1 and L_2 there exists an algorithm to determine whether $w \in (L_1 \cup L_2)$ True False

The string $(\emptyset(\lambda + \emptyset+)^*)^*$ is a regular expression True False

The language associated with the regular expression True False

$$(0 + 1)^*00(0 + 1)^*$$

is the set of the binary strings containing at least one occurrence of 00

The grammar $G = (\{S, A, B\}, \{a\}, S, \{S \rightarrow AB, A \rightarrow a \mid BA, B \rightarrow \lambda \mid AB\})$ is in Chomsky normal form True False

2. (16 points)

Write the formal definition of a context free grammar.

Write the formal definition of a regular expression.

3. (18 points)

Let L_1, L_2, \dots, L_9 be the following languages over $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

$$L_1 = \{a^i b^j : i \geq j \geq 0\}$$

$$L_2 = \{a^i b^j : j \geq i \geq 0\}$$

$$L_3 = \{a^i b^j a^j b^i : i, j \geq 0\}$$

$$L_4 = \{a^i b^i a^j b^j : i, j \geq 0\}$$

$$L_5 = \{a^i b^j a^i : i, j \geq 0\}$$

$$L_6 = \{ww^R : w \in \Sigma^*\}$$

$$L_7 = \{a^i b^j a^{i+j} : i, j \geq 0\}$$

$$L_8 = \{a^i b^{i+j} a^j : i, j \geq 0\}$$

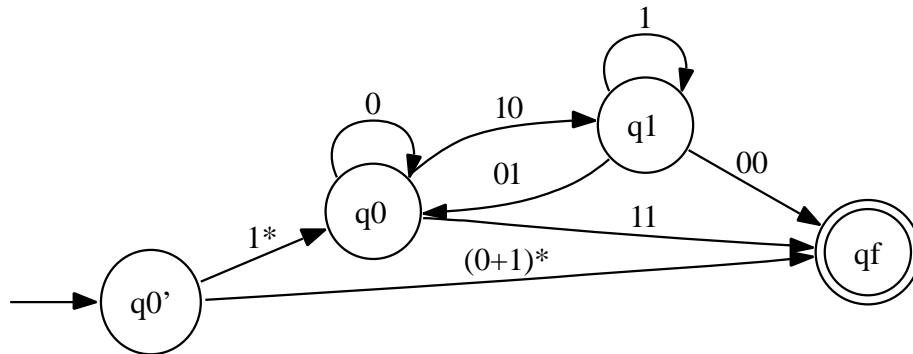
$$L_9 = \{a^{i+j} b^i a^j : i, j \geq 0\}$$

In the table below you are given five context-free grammars. For each grammar choose **one** language among L_1, \dots, L_9 generated by this grammar (or write “none” if it does not generate any of these languages).

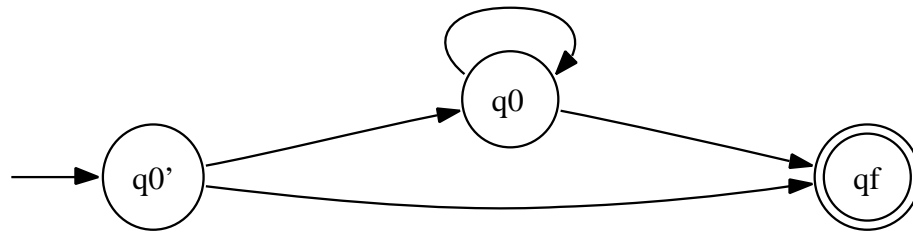
<i>Grammar</i>	<i>Language</i>
$S \rightarrow aSa \mid bSb \mid \lambda$	
$S \rightarrow XY$ $X \rightarrow aXb \mid \lambda$ $Y \rightarrow bYa \mid \lambda$	
$S \rightarrow aSa \mid X$ $X \rightarrow bXa \mid \lambda$	
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4. (18 points)

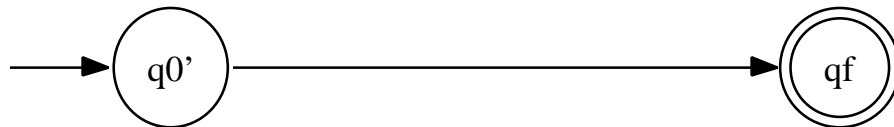
The figure below shows an automaton obtained in the process of converting an NFA to a regular expression. Complete the process by eliminating first q_1 and then q_0 .



Write the correct labels on the arcs, after eliminating q_1 :



Write the correct labels on the arcs, after eliminating q_0 :



5. (16 points)

Prove that the language

$$L = \{a^n b a^n : n \geq 0\}$$

is not regular. We begin the proof assuming that the opponent has chosen a constant m .

- What string do you choose for $w \in L$, such that $|w| \geq m$?

$$w =$$

- Suppose that the adversary decomposes the string $w = xyz$ such that $|xy| \leq m$ and $y \neq \lambda$. What value of i do you choose to create a string $w_i = xy^i z$ such that w_i is not in L ?

$$i =$$

- Given your choice of i , explain **briefly** why $xy^i z$ does not belong to L .

6. (16 points)

Remove λ -productions, unit-productions, and useless productions, from the following grammar. Show each step of the simplification work.

$$S \rightarrow aC \mid CA$$

$$A \rightarrow BS$$

$$B \rightarrow SA$$

$$C \rightarrow Sa \mid \lambda$$