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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 cannot be both regular and context free at the same time  True  False

The family of regular languages is closed under union  True  False

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

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

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

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

The language associated with the regular expression  True  False

$$(1 + 01)^*(0 + \lambda)$$

is the set of the binary strings containing no occurrences of 00

The grammar  $G = (\{S, A, B\}, \{a\}, S, \{S \rightarrow AB, A \rightarrow a \mid BA, B \rightarrow \lambda \mid AB\})$  is not in Chomsky normal form  True  False

2. (16 points)

Write the formal definition of a grammar in Chomsky normal form (CNF).

Write the formal definition of the language associated with a regular expression.

3. (18 points)

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

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

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

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

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

$$L_5 = \{ww^R : w \in \Sigma^*\}$$

$$L_6 = \{a^i b^j a^i : i, j \geq 0\}$$

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

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

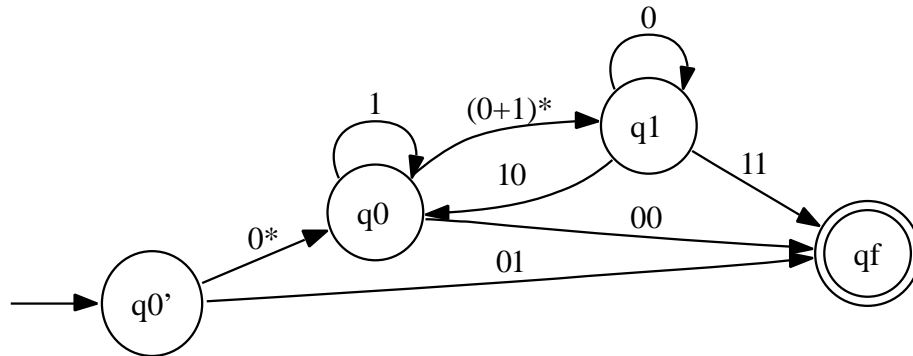
$$L_9 = \{a^i b^{i+j} a^j : i, j \geq 0\}$$

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).

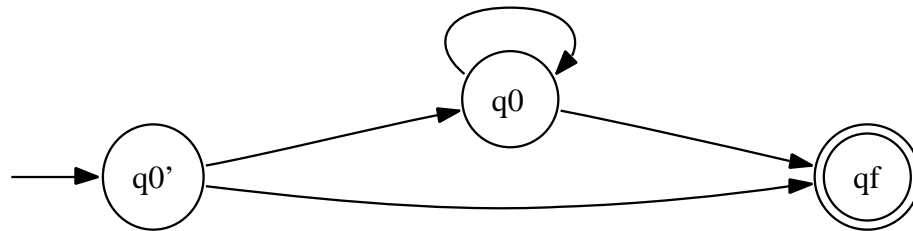
<i>Grammar</i>	<i>Language</i>
$S \rightarrow YX$ $X \rightarrow bXa \mid \lambda$ $Y \rightarrow aYb \mid \lambda$	
$S \rightarrow aSb \mid X$ $X \rightarrow bX \mid \lambda$	
$S \rightarrow aSa \mid X$ $X \rightarrow bXa \mid \lambda$	
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$S \rightarrow bSb \mid aSa \mid \lambda$	

4. (18 points)

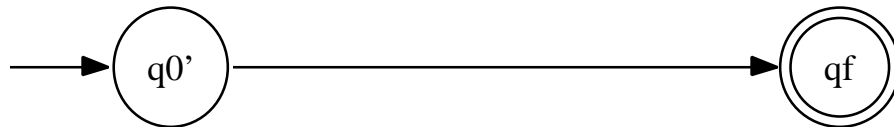
The figure below shows an automaton obtained in the process of converting an NFA to a regular expression. Complete the process by eliminating first  $q_1$  and then  $q_0$ .



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

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

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  $\lambda$ -productions, unit-productions, and useless productions, from the following grammar. Show each step of the simplification work.

$$S \rightarrow AC \mid Ca$$

$$A \rightarrow BS$$

$$B \rightarrow SA$$

$$C \rightarrow aS \mid \lambda$$