

## Homework 1

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- (10%) Find the error in the following proof that  $2 = 1$ .  
Consider the equation  $a = b$ . Multiply both sides by  $a$  to obtain  $a^2 = ab$ . Subtract  $b^2$  from both sides to get  $a^2 - b^2 = ab - b^2$ . Now factor each side,  $(a + b)(a - b) = b(a - b)$ , and divide each side by  $(a - b)$ , to get  $a + b = b$ . Finally, let  $a$  and  $b$  equal 1, which shows that  $2 = 1$ .
- (10%) Design a DFA recognizing the following language over  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $A = \{w \mid w \text{ ends in } 00\}$ . Show both the state diagram and the formal definition.
- (10%) Design a DFA recognizing the following language over  $\Sigma = \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$ ,  $B = \{w \mid w \text{ is a multiple of } 3, \text{ when } w \text{ is treated as a decimal number}\}$ . For example, 621 is in  $B$  ( $621\%3 = 0$ ) but not 761 ( $761\%3 = 2$ ). You can show your design in either the state diagram or the formal definition.
- (10%) Prove that  $A - B$  is a regular language if both  $A$  and  $B$  are regular languages.
- (10%) Convert the NFA in Figure 1 to an equivalent DFA.

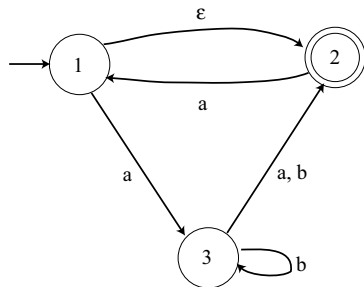


Figure 1

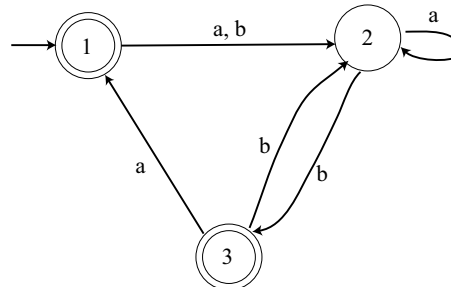


Figure 2

- (10%) Convert the regular expression,  $(0 + 1)^*000(0 + 1)^*$ , to an equivalent NFA.
- (10%) Convert the finite automata in Figure 2 to a regular expression.
- (10%) Show that the language,  $C = \{ww^R \mid w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$ , is not regular.
- (10%) Show that the language,  $D = \{0^m 1^n \mid m \neq n\}$ , is not regular.
- (10%) For any string  $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_n$ , the reverse of  $w$ , written  $w^R$ , is the string  $w$  in reverse order,  $w = w_n \dots w_2 w_1$ . For any language  $A$ , let  $A^R = \{w^R \mid w \in A\}$ . Show that if  $A$  is regular, so is  $A^R$ .