

# CSC 341 - Fall 2022

## First Exam

Due Monday, October 3

**Problem 1.** Prove using induction that for all positive integers  $n$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n 6 \cdot 7^i = 7^{n+1} - 1.$$

**Problem 2.** Prove that if  $a, b, c > 0$ , then if  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  has real solutions, both solutions are negative.

**Problem 3.** Prove that  $n^5 - n$  is divisible by 10 for all *integers*  $n$ . (Hint: You can use induction, make a clever residue argument, or use a more exotic approach.)

**Problem 4.** Draw a DFA or an NFA that accepts the language

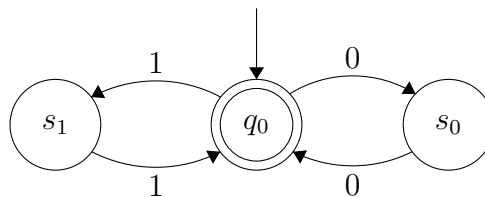
$$A = \{\omega \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid \text{The number of 1's in } \omega \text{ is divisible by 3}\}.$$

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$$B = \{\omega \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid \text{The fourth and second to last bit of } \omega \text{ is 1}\}.$$

**Problem 6.** Prove that the DFA below accepts the language

$$C = (00|11)^*.$$



**Problem 7.** Let  $\Sigma$  be an arbitrary alphabet. Given a language  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ , the *even part* of  $L$  is the set

$$E(L) = \{\omega \in L \mid |\omega| \text{ is even}\}.$$

Prove or disprove that if  $L$  is regular, then  $E(L)$  is also regular.

**Problem 8.** Prove that the class of regular languages is closed under intersection.

**Problem 9.**

a) Prove that any finite set of strings is regular.

- b) A countable union is the union of a countable number of sets, whether finite or countably infinite. Prove or disprove that the set of regular languages is closed under countable unions.

**Problem 10.**

- a) Prove that the powers of 2 base 1, i.e.

$$\{1^n \mid n = 2^k \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{N}\},$$

is irregular.

- b) Prove that the powers of 2 base 2, i.e.

$$\{\omega \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid \omega \text{ is the base 2 representation of a power of 2}\},$$

is regular.

- c) Prove that the powers of 2 base 10, i.e.

$$\{\omega \in \mathbb{Z}_{10}^* \mid \omega \text{ is the base 10 representation of a power of 2}\},$$

is irregular.