Problem 1. Determine the language of the following right-regular grammar by eliminating its nonterminal symbols (in any order) until you are left with a regular expression. The start symbol is $S$.

$$
S \rightarrow A \quad A \rightarrow \epsilon \mid 0A \mid 1B \quad B \rightarrow 0C \mid 1D \quad C \rightarrow 0A \mid 1D \quad D \rightarrow 0D \mid 1C
$$

Solution 1. First, we will rewrite the self-production of $A$ so that it does not appear on both sides of $A$’s production rules.

$$
S \rightarrow A \quad A \rightarrow 0^* \mid 0^*1B \quad B \rightarrow 0C \mid 1D \quad C \rightarrow 00^* \mid 00^*1B \mid 1D \quad D \rightarrow 0D \mid 1C
$$

Next, we will remove $A$ from the grammar by replacing every RHS $A$ with what $A$ produces.

$$
S \rightarrow 0^* \mid 0^*1B \quad B \rightarrow 0C \mid 1D \quad C \rightarrow 00^* \mid 00^*1B \mid 1D \quad D \rightarrow 0D \mid 1C
$$

We can repeat this process for $D$, both replacing its self-production and then removing it from the grammar.

$$
S \rightarrow 0^* \mid 0^*1B \quad B \rightarrow 0C \mid 1D \quad C \rightarrow 00^* \mid 00^*1B \mid 1D \quad D \rightarrow 0*1C
$$

Becomes

$$
S \rightarrow 0^* \mid 0^*1B \quad B \rightarrow 0C \mid 10^*1C \quad C \rightarrow 00^* \mid 00^*1B \mid 10^*1C.
$$

Next, we will rewrite $B$ so that it’s $C$ productions are grouped together.

$$
S \rightarrow 0^* \mid 0^*1B \quad B \rightarrow (0 \mid 10^*1)C \quad C \rightarrow 00^* \mid 00^*1(0 \mid 10^*1)C \mid 10^*1C
$$

We can now easily remove $B$ from the grammar via substitution as usual.

$$
S \rightarrow 0^* \mid 0^*1(0 \mid 10^*1)C \quad C \rightarrow 00^* \mid (00^*1(0 \mid 10^*1) \mid 10^*1)C
$$

We can rewrite $C$’s productions so that the $C$ terms are grouped.

$$
S \rightarrow 0^* \mid 0^*1(0 \mid 10^*1)C \quad C \rightarrow 00^* \mid (00^*1(0 \mid 10^*1) \mid 10^*1)C
$$

We can remove the self-production in $C$ now.

$$
S \rightarrow 0^* \mid 0^*1(0 \mid 10^*1)C \quad C \rightarrow 00^* \mid (00^*1(0 \mid 10^*1) \mid 10^*1)^*
$$

Next, we substituted $C$’s production into its appearances elsewhere.

$$
S \rightarrow 0^* \mid 0^*1(0 \mid 10^*1)(00^* \mid (00^*1(0 \mid 10^*1) \mid 10^*1)^*)
$$

Lastly, we obtain our result by taking the regular expression that $S$ produces.

$$
0^* \mid 0^*1(0 \mid 10^*1)(00^* \mid (00^*1(0 \mid 10^*1) \mid 10^*1)^*)
$$

Note that the final regular expression obtained will vary depending on which order the nonterminal symbols were eliminated. The resulting regular expression can often also be simplified as well.