## CSE303 Q3 SOLUTIONS

**YES/NO questions** 1. For any finite language 
$$L \subseteq \Sigma^*, \Sigma \neq \emptyset$$
 there is a finite automata  $M$ , such that  $L = L(M)$ .  
Justify: any finite language is regular

- 2. Given  $L_1, L_2$  languages over  $\Sigma$ , then  $((L_1 \cup (\Sigma^* L_2)) \cap L_2)$  is regular. Justify: only when both are regular languages
- 3. For any deterministic automata M,  $L(M) = \bigcup \{R(1, j, n) : q_j \in K\}$ , where R(1, j, n) is the set of all strings in  $\Sigma^*$  that may drive M from state initial state to state  $q_j$  without passing through any intermediate state numbered n+1 or greater, where n is the number of states of M.

**Justify**: only when  $q_j \in F$ 

4. If  $L_1 \cap L_2$  is a regular language, so are  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .

**Justify:** No,  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  may not be regular. Take  $L_1 = \{a^n b^n : n \in N\}$ ,  $L_2 = \{a^n : n \in Prime\}$   $L_1 \cap L_2 = \emptyset$  is a regular language and  $L_1, L_2$  are not regular.

- 5.  $L = \{a^n a^n : n \ge 0\}$  is not regular. **Justify**:  $L = a^n a^n = a^{2n} = (aa)^*$  and hence regular **n**
- 6. If L is regular, so is the language  $L_1 = \{xy : x \in L, y \notin L\}$ . **Justify**: Observe that  $L_1 = L(\Sigma^* - L)$  and L regular, hence  $(\Sigma^* - L)$  is regular (closure under complement), so is  $L_1$  by closure under concatenation.
- 7. Let *L* be a regular language, and  $L_1 \subseteq L$ , then  $L_1$  is regular. **Justify**:  $L_1 = \{a^n b^n : n \ge 0\}$  is a non-regular subset of regular  $L = a^* b^*$
- 8. Let L be a language. The language  $L^R = \{w^R : w \in L\}$  is regular. Justify:  $L^R$  is accepted by finite automata  $M^R$  constructed from M such that L(M) = L
- 9. Let L be a **regular** language  $\Sigma$ . Then the following condition holds.

$$\exists n \ge 1 \forall w \in L(|w| \ge n \Rightarrow \forall x, y, z \in \Sigma^* (w = xyz \cap y \neq e \cap |xy| \le n \cap \forall i \ge 0 (xy^i z \in L)))$$

**Justify**:  $\exists x, y, z \in \Sigma^*$ .

10. Let L be a regular language over  $\Sigma \neq \emptyset$ . Then the following holds

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$$\exists w \in \Sigma^* \exists x, y, z \in \Sigma^* (w = xyz \cap y \neq e \cap \forall n \ge 0 (xy^n z \in L))$$

**Justify**: only when *L* is infinite.

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# PROBLEMS

QUESTION 1 (5pts) Using the construction in the proof of theorem

A language is regular iff it is accepted by a finite automata

construct a a finite automata  ${\cal M}$  accepting

$$L_1 = \mathcal{L} = ((ba)^* \cup (cb)^*)ab$$

You can just draw a diagrams.

## Solution

1. Diagrams for M1, M2, M3 such that L(M1) = ab, L(M2) = bc, L(M3) = baSolution

 $\mathbf{M1}$  components:

$$K = \{q_1, q_2\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}, s = q_1, F = \{q_2\},$$
$$\Delta_{M1} = \{(q_1, ba, q_2)\}$$

 ${\bf M2}$  components:

$$K = \{q_3, q_4\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}, s = q_3, F = \{q_4\},$$
$$\Delta_{M2} = \{(q_2, cb, q_4)\}$$

M3 components:

$$K = \{q_5, q_6\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}, s = q_5, F = \{q_6\},$$
$$\Delta_{M3} = \{(q_5, ab, q_6)\}$$

**2.** Diagrams for M4, M5 such that  $L(M4) = L(M1)^*, L(M5) = L(M2)^*$ 

## Solution

M4 components:

$$K = \{q_1, q_2, q_7\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}, s = q_7, F = \{q_2, q_7\},$$
$$\Delta_{M4} = \{(q_7, e, q_1), (q_1, ba, q_2), (q_2, e, q_1)\}$$

M5 components:

$$K = \{q_3, q_4, q_8\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}, s = q_8, F = \{q_4, q_8\},$$
$$\Delta_{M4} = \{(q_8, e, q_3), (q_3, cb, q_4), (q_4, e, q_3)\}$$

**3.** Diagram for M6 such that  $L(M5) = L(M4) \cup L(M5)$ 

#### Solution

 ${\bf M5}$  components:

$$K = \{q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_7, q_8, q_9\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}, s = q_9, F = \{q_2, q_4, q_7, q_8\},$$
  
$$\Delta_{M5} = \{(q_9, e, q_7), (q_9, e, q_8), (q_7, e, q_1), (q_1, ba, q_2), (q_2, e, q_1), (q_8, e, q_3), (q_3, cb, q_4), (q_4, e, q_3)\}$$

4. Diagram for M = M5M3, i.e M is such that L(M) = L(M5)L(M3).

 ${\bf M}$  components:

$$K = \{q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_7, q_8, q_9\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}, s = q_9, F = \{q_6\},$$
  

$$\Delta_{M5} = \Delta_{M4} \cup \{(q_7, e, q_5), (q_8, e, q_5), (q_2, e, q_5), (q_4, e, q_5), (q_5, ab, q_6)\}$$
  

$$= \{(q_9, e, q_7), (q_9, e, q_8), (q_7, e, q_1), (q_1, ba, q_2), (q_2, e, q_1), (q_8, e, q_3), (q_3, cb, q_4), (q_4, e, q_3), (q_7, e, q_5), (q_8, e, q_5), (q_2, e, q_5), (q_4, e, q_5), (q_5, ab, q_6)\}$$

**QUESTION 2** Evaluate *r*, such that

$$\mathcal{L}(r) = L(M)$$

using the Generalized Automata Construction, as described in example 2.3.2 page 80.

$$M = (\{q_1, q_2\}, \{a, b\}, s = q_1,$$
  
$$\Delta = \{(q_1, a, q_1), (q_1, b, q_2), (q_2, a, q_2), (q_2, b, q_1)\}, F = \{q_2\})$$

**Step 1:** Construct a generalized GM that extends M, i.e. such that L(M) = L(GM)

# Solution

$$GM = (\{q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4\}, \{a, b\}, s = q_3, F = \{q_4\}$$
$$\Delta = \{(q_1, a, q_1), (q_1, a, q_2), (q_2, b, q_2), (q_2, a, q_1)\}, (q_3, e, q_1), (q_2, e, q_4)\}$$

**Step 2:** Construct  $GM1 \simeq GM \simeq M$  by elimination of  $q_1$ . Solution

$$GM1 = (\{q_2, q_3, q_4\}, \{a, b\}, s = q_3, F = \{q_4\}$$
$$\Delta = \{(q_3, a^*b, q_2), (q_2, a, q_2), (q_2, ba^*b, q_2)\}, (q_2, e, q_4))$$

**Step 3:** Construct  $GM2 \simeq GM1 \simeq GM \simeq M$  by elimination of  $q_2$ .

Solution

$$GM2 = (\{q_3, q_4\}, \{a, b\}, s = q_3, F = \{q_4\}$$
$$\Delta = \{(q_3, a^*b(ba^*b \cup a)^*, q_4))$$

**Answer** : the language is

$$L(M) = a^* b (ba^* b \cup a)^*$$

**QUESTION 3** Show that the class of regular languages is not closed with respect to subset relation.

Solution Consider

$$L_1 = \{a^n b^n : n \in N\}, \ L_2 = a^* b^*$$

 $L_1 \subseteq L_2$  and  $L_1$  is a non-regular subset of a regular  $L_2$ .