

CMSC330 Fall 2025 Quiz 2

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Problem 1: FSM

[Total 1 pts]

Which of the following is not allowed in a DFA? (Select all that apply)

- A Epsilon transitions from one state to another
- B Multiple start states
- C Multiple transitions from a state on the same symbol to different states
- D Multiple accepting states

Problem 2: Regular Expressions, NFA & DFAs

[Total 19 pts]

(a) Write a regular expression for a strong password rule:

[3 pts]

- at least 5 characters
- password length must be an odd number.
- The password must contain only lowercase letters, digits, and special characters #%^&.
- the first 2 characters must be one lowercase letter and one digit in any order.

Examples:

Good passwords: a1&11 1a&11\$1 2b&1abc1\$ c4123 2bbbbbc

Bad passwords: aaa1#234 123ab a112 11abc a2cd34

(b) Draw an NFA that accepts the strings that end with "xxy" over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{x, y\}$. Note that this must accept any string that **ends with** this rather than just that exact string.

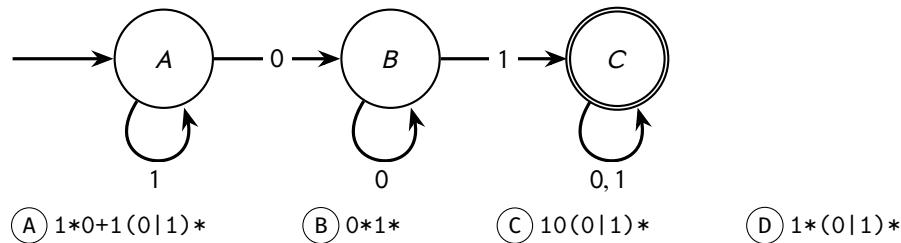
[5 pts]

(c) Convert the following regular expression into a NFA: $(y \mid (z?))x^*$

[5 pts]

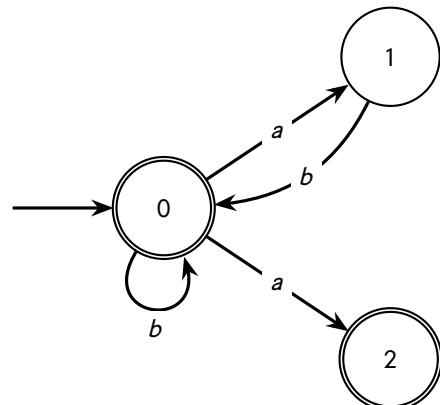
(d) Which regular expression represents the language accepted by this DFA?

[1 pts]



(e) Consider the following NFA:

[5 pts]



(1 point each) For each string below, circle “accept” if the string is accepted by the NFA, and “reject” if it is rejected.

| | Accept | Reject |
|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| bbbbaa | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> R |
| ba | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> R |
| b | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> R |
| babb | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> R |
| ϵ | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> R |

Regex

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|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| * | zero or more repetitions of the preceding character or group |
| + | one or more repetitions of the preceding character or group |
| ? | zero or one repetitions of the preceding character or group |
| . | any character |
| $r_1 r_2$ | r_1 or r_2 (eg. $a b$ means 'a' or 'b') |
| [abc] | match any character in abc |
| [^ r_1] | anything except r_1 (eg. [^abc] is anything but an 'a', 'b', or 'c') |
| [r_1 - r_2] | range specification (eg. [a-z] means any letter in the ASCII range of a-z) |
| {n} | exactly n repetitions of the preceding character or group |
| {n,} | at least n repetitions of the preceding character or group |
| {m,n} | at least m and at most n repetitions of the preceding character or group |
| ^ | start of string |
| \$ | end of string |
| (r_1) | capture the pattern r_1 and store it somewhere (match group in Python) |
| \d | any digit, same as [0-9] |
| \s | any space character like \n, \t, \r, \f, or space |