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**CS503**  
**Homework #1**

**Directions: Please put your final answers on this sheet.**

#0. Name some alternative notations for

a) The empty string

b)

lambda:  $\lambda$ , epsilon:  $\epsilon$

c) Union of Regular Expressions (Sets)

$\cup, +$

d) Complement of a Set

Given a set A:  $\sim A$ ,  $C(A)$ ,  $\overline{A}$ ,  $\neg A$ , not A

e) Something else related to the first 2 modules

**(And it's ok to post these to the bb)**

#1. (10 Points) *True or False:*

a) Given a language (set of strings) L, the question: "Is it raining" is a decision problem:

T F

b)  $\{\epsilon\}$  is the empty language T F

c) For sets A and C,  $\sim(A \cap C) = \sim A \cup \sim C$  T F

d) DFA's may fail to either accept or reject a string T F

e) There exist formal languages which are not regular T F

f) Given an alphabet  $\Sigma$  and a regular language  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ , the strings in  $\Sigma^* - L$  are not in L

T F

**Proofs:**

#2. (10 Points) Prove that the function  $f: \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  defined by  $f(n) = n^2 + 1$  is one-to-one but not onto.

one-to-one If  $n_1 \neq n_2$ , then  $n_1^2 + 1 \neq n_2^2 + 1$ . Thus,  $f(n_1) \neq f(n_2)$

onto There is no  $n$  such that  $f(n) = 3$  (among others)

#3. (10 points) Prove, using induction that  $(w^R)^i = (w^i)^R$   
Be sure to state what you are doing the induction on.

Proof by induction on  $i$

**Basis** When  $i = 0$ ,  $(w^R)^0 = \epsilon$   
and  $(w^i)^R = (w^0)^R = (\epsilon)^R = \epsilon$   
(both sides =  $\epsilon$ )

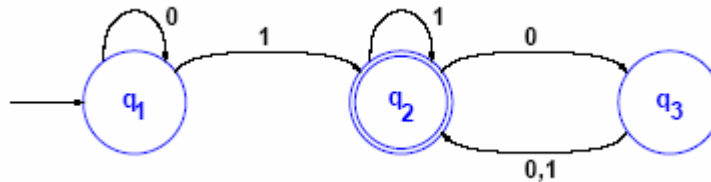
**Induction Step** (To show that if  $(w^R)^i = (w^i)^R$ , then  $(w^R)^{i+1} = (w^{i+1})^R$  for  $i \geq 0$ )

I like to start with the left hand side  $((w^R)^{i+1})$  and show in a series of steps that it equals the right hand side  $((w^{i+1})^R)$

$(w^R)^{i+1} = (w^R)^i (w^R)$  **Definition of string exponentiation**  
 $= (w^i)^R (w^R)$  **Induction Hypothesis**  
 $= (w w^i)^R$   **$(uv)^R = v^R u^R$  (done in class)**  
 $= (w^{i+1})^R$  **Definition of string exponentiation**

### DFA's

#4. (10 Points) What set of strings does the following automaton accept?

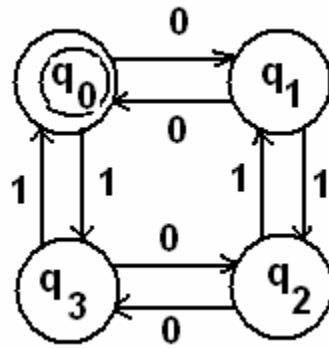


Let's see: you can have zero or more 0's to start, then a 1 brings you to a final state and as long as you have 1's, you're ok, but if you have any 0's, each must be followed by a 0 or a 1 to get back to the final state.

We hadn't had regular expressions for this homework, but here is one way to write this:

$$0^*1(1^*(0(0+1))^*)^*$$

#5. (10 Points) Construct a dfa to accept all strings containing an even number of zeros and an even number of ones.



This can actually be done with 3 states (can you see how?)