

**Write your answers in the separate answer booklet.**  
Please return this question sheet and your cheat sheet with your answers.

1. For each statement below, check “True” if the statement is *always* true and “False” otherwise. Each correct answer is worth +1 point; each incorrect answer is worth  $-\frac{1}{2}$  point; checking “I don’t know” is worth  $+\frac{1}{4}$  point; and flipping a coin is (on average) worth  $+\frac{1}{4}$  point. You do *not* need to prove your answer is correct.

**Read each statement very carefully.** Some of these are deliberately subtle.

- (a) If  $2 + 2 = 5$ , then Jeff is not the Queen of England.
  - (b) For all languages  $L$ , the language  $L^*$  is regular.
  - (c) For all languages  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ , if  $L$  can be represented by a regular expression, then  $\Sigma^* \setminus L$  can also be represented by a regular expression.
  - (d) For all languages  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , if  $L_2$  is regular and  $L_1 \subseteq L_2$ , then  $L_1$  is regular.
  - (e) For all languages  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , if  $L_2$  is not regular and  $L_1 \subseteq L_2$ , then  $L_1$  is not regular.
  - (f) For all languages  $L$ , if  $L$  is not regular, then every fooling set for  $L$  is infinite.
  - (g) The language  $\{0^m 10^n \mid 0 \leq n - m \leq 374\}$  is regular.
  - (h) The language  $\{0^m 10^n \mid 0 \leq n + m \leq 374\}$  is regular.
  - (i) For every language  $L$ , if  $L$  is not regular, then the language  $L^R = \{w^R \mid w \in L\}$  is also not regular. (Here  $w^R$  denotes the reversal of string  $w$ ; for example,  $(\text{BACKWARD})^R = \text{DRAWKCAB}$ .)
  - (j) Every context-free language is regular.
2. Let  $L$  be the set of strings in  $\{0, 1\}^*$  in which every run of consecutive 0s has odd length and the total number of 1s is even.

For example, the string **11110000010111000** is in  $L$ , because it has eight 1s and three runs of consecutive 0s, with lengths 5, 1, and 3.

- (a) Give a regular expression that represents  $L$ .
- (b) Construct a DFA that recognizes  $L$ .

You do *not* need to prove that your answers are correct.

3. For each of the following languages over the alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$ , either *prove* that the language is regular or *prove* that the language is not regular. **Exactly one of these two languages is regular.**
- (a) The set of all strings in which the substrings **10** and **01** appear the same number of times.
  - (b) The set of all strings in which the substrings **00** and **01** appear the same number of times.

For example, both of these languages contain the string **1100001101101**.

4. Consider the following recursive function:

$$\text{odds}(w) := \begin{cases} w & \text{if } |w| \leq 1 \\ a \cdot \text{odds}(x) & \text{if } w = abx \text{ for some } a, b \in \Sigma \text{ and } x \in \Sigma^* \end{cases}$$

Intuitively, *odds* removes every other symbol from the input string, starting with the second symbol. For example,  $\text{odds}(\mathbf{0101110}) = \mathbf{0010}$ .

**Prove** that for any regular language  $L$ , the following languages are also regular.

- (a)  $\text{ODDS}(L) := \{\text{odds}(w) \mid w \in L\}$ .  
 (b)  $\text{ODDS}^{-1}(L) := \{w \mid \text{odds}(w) \in L\}$ .

5. Recall that string concatenation and string reversal are formally defined as follows:

$$w \cdot y := \begin{cases} y & \text{if } w = \varepsilon \\ a \cdot (x \cdot y) & \text{if } w = ax \text{ for some } a \in \Sigma \text{ and } x \in \Sigma^* \end{cases}$$

$$w^R := \begin{cases} \varepsilon & \text{if } w = \varepsilon \\ x^R \cdot a & \text{if } w = ax \text{ for some } a \in \Sigma \text{ and } x \in \Sigma^* \end{cases}$$

**Prove** that  $(w \cdot x)^R = x^R \cdot w^R$ , for all strings  $w$  and  $x$ . Your proof should be complete, concise, formal, and self-contained. You may assume the following identities, which we proved in class:

- $w \cdot (x \cdot y) = (w \cdot x) \cdot y$  for all strings  $w$ ,  $x$ , and  $y$ .
- $|w \cdot x| = |w| + |x|$  for all strings  $w$  and  $x$ .