

**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 “Yes” if the statement is *always* true and “No” 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) No infinite language is regular.
- (b) If  $L$  is regular, then for every string  $w \in L$ , there is a DFA that rejects  $w$ .
- (c) If  $L$  is context-free and  $L$  has a finite fooling set, then  $L$  is not regular.
- (d) If  $L$  is regular and  $L' \cap L = \emptyset$ , then  $L'$  is not regular.
- (e) The language  $\{\emptyset^i \mathbf{1}^j \emptyset^k \mid i + j + k \geq 374\}$  is regular.
- (f) The language  $\{\emptyset^i \mathbf{1}^j \emptyset^k \mid i + j - k \geq 374\}$  is regular.
- (g) Let  $M = (Q, \{\emptyset, \mathbf{1}\}, s, A, \delta)$  be an arbitrary DFA, and let  $M' = (Q, \{\emptyset, \mathbf{1}\}, s, A, \delta')$  be the DFA obtained from  $M$  by changing every  $\emptyset$ -transition into a  $\mathbf{1}$ -transition and vice versa. More formally,  $M$  and  $M'$  have the same states, input alphabet, starting state, and accepting states, but  $\delta'(q, \emptyset) = \delta(q, \mathbf{1})$  and  $\delta'(q, \mathbf{1}) = \delta(q, \emptyset)$ . Then  $L(M) \cup L(M') = \{\emptyset, \mathbf{1}\}^*$ .
- (h) Let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, s, A, \delta)$  be an arbitrary NFA, and  $M' = (Q', \Sigma, s, A', \delta')$  be any NFA obtained from  $M$  by deleting some subset of the states. More formally, we have  $Q' \subseteq Q$ ,  $A' = A \cap Q'$ , and  $\delta'(q, a) = \delta(q, a) \cap Q'$  for all  $q \in Q'$ . Then  $L(M') \subseteq L(M)$ .
- (i) For every non-regular language  $L$ , the language  $\{\emptyset^{|w|} \mid w \in L\}$  is also non-regular.
- (j) For every context-free language  $L$ , the language  $\{\emptyset^{|w|} \mid w \in L\}$  is also context-free.

2. For any language  $L$ , define

$$\text{STRIPFINAL}\emptyset\text{S}(L) = \{w \mid w\emptyset^n \in L \text{ for some } n \geq 0\}$$

Less formally,  $\text{STRIPFINAL}\emptyset\text{S}(L)$  is the set of all strings obtained by stripping any number of final  $\emptyset$ s from strings in  $L$ . For example, if  $L$  is the one-string language  $\{\mathbf{01101000}\}$ , then

$$\text{STRIPFINAL}\emptyset\text{S}(L) = \{\mathbf{01101}, \mathbf{011010}, \mathbf{0110100}, \mathbf{01101000}\}.$$

Prove that if  $L$  is a regular language, then  $\text{STRIPFINAL}\emptyset\text{S}(L)$  is also a regular language.

3. For each of the following languages  $L$  over the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ , give a regular expression that represents  $L$  **and** describe a DFA that recognizes  $L$ .

- (a)  $\{0^n w 1^n \mid n \geq 1 \text{ and } w \in \Sigma^+\}$   
 (b) All strings in  $0^* 1^* 0^*$  whose length is even.

4. The *parity* of a bit-string is 0 if the number of 1 bits is even, and 1 if the number of 1 bits is odd. For example:

$$\text{parity}(\epsilon) = 0 \quad \text{parity}(0010100) = 0 \quad \text{parity}(00101110100) = 1$$

- (a) Give a *self-contained*, formal, recursive definition of the *parity* function. In particular, do **not** refer to # or other functions defined in class.
- (b) Let  $L$  be an arbitrary regular language. Prove that the language  $\text{OddParity}(L) := \{w \in L \mid \text{parity}(w) = 1\}$  is also regular.
- (c) Let  $L$  be an arbitrary regular language. Prove that the language  $\text{AddParity}(L) := \{\text{parity}(w) \cdot w \mid w \in L\}$  is also regular. For example, if  $L$  contains the strings 01110 and 01100, then  $\text{AddParity}(L)$  contains the strings 101110 and 001100.
5. Let  $L$  be the language  $\{0^i 1^j 0^k \mid 2i = k \text{ or } i = 2k\}$ .
- (a) **Prove** that  $L$  is not a regular language.
- (b) Describe a context-free grammar for  $L$ .