- 1. Give DFA accepting the following languages  $L \subseteq \{0, 1\}^*$ :
  - (a)  $L = \emptyset$
  - (b)  $L = \{\epsilon\}$
  - (c)  $L = \{w : 001 \text{ is a substring of } w\}$
  - (d)  $L = \{w : 001 \text{ is not a substring of } w\}$
  - (e)  $|w|_0$  be the number of 0's in the word w.

$$L = \{ w : |w|_0 = 3 \}$$

(f) Similarly  $|w|_1$  be the number of 1's in the word w.

 $L = \{w : |w|_0 \text{ is even and } |w|_1 \text{ is divisible by } 3\}$ 

- (g) L be the set of strings that when interpreted as binary numbers, are divisible by 3.
- (h) L be the set of strings that when interpreted in *reverse* as binary numbers, are divisible by 3.

Assume that leading zeroes are allowed in the binary numbers.

2. Consider the following automaton over the alphabet  $\{a, c, b\}$ . Is it a DFA?



Try to identify the language it accepts, and formally prove the same.

3. Let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, F)$  be an automaton. We defined the extended transition function  $\hat{\delta}$  as follows:

$$\begin{split} \hat{\delta}(q,\epsilon) &= q & \text{for all states } q \in Q \\ \hat{\delta}(q,xa) &= \delta(\hat{\delta}(q,x),a) & \text{for all strings } x \in \Sigma^* \text{ and symbols } a \in \Sigma \end{split}$$

Prove the following:

(a) For all states q and for all strings  $x, y \in \Sigma^*$ :

$$\hat{\delta}(q, xy) = \hat{\delta}(\hat{\delta}(q, x), y)$$

(b) For all states q, for all strings y and for all input symbols a:

$$\hat{\delta}(q, ay) = \hat{\delta}(\delta(q, a), y)$$

4. Let  $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, \{q_f\})$  be a DFA and suppose that for all  $a \in \Sigma$ , we have  $\delta(q_0, a) = \delta(q_f, a)$ .

(a) Show that for all  $w \neq \epsilon$ , we have  $\hat{\delta}(q_0, w) = \hat{\delta}(q_f, w)$ .

- (b) Show that if x is a nonempty string in  $\mathcal{L}(A)$ , then for all  $k > 0, x^k$ , i.e. x concatenated with itself k times, is also in  $\mathcal{L}(A)$ .
- 5. Show that if an NFA with k states accepts some word, then it accepts some word of length k-1 or less.
- 6. Given an alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a_1, a_2, \dots a_n\}$ , construct an NFA that accepts exactly those words that do not contain all the letters from  $\Sigma$ , i.e. the language

 $\{w : \exists a_i \in \Sigma \text{ which does not appear in } w\}$ 

Can you construct an NFA with at most n states that accepts the same language?

- 7. (a) Construct an NFA that accepts the language over  $\{a, b\}$  of words that have third last letter a.
  - (b) Use subset construction to obtain a DFA equivalent to the above NFA.
- 8. Construct an NFA that verifies addition of binary numbers. Suppose the problem is to add the numbers six and seven. then,

$$0110 + 0111 - - - 1101$$

We shall encode this as a string on the alphabet

$\Sigma =$	{	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$	,	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	,	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$	,	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$	,	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	,	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	,	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	,	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$	)	>
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where the first two rows represent the numbers to be added and the third row represents the sum. For instance, the above summation can be represented as the string:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0\\0\\1\\1\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\0\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\1\\0\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} 0\\1\\1\\1\end{bmatrix}$$

Construct an NFA that takes a string on the alphabet  $\Sigma = M_{3\times 1}(\{0,1\})$  (the set of three cross one matrices with zeros and ones as entries), and accepts the string if it represents a valid instance of addition.

How would you modify your automaton if the input was in decimal?