

“Create with the heart, build with the mind.” – Criss Jami

1. 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 Σ , 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?

2. Let L, L_1, L_2 be languages over $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$. Recall from the lectures that $L_1L_2 = \{uv \mid u \in L_1, v \in L_2\}$ and $L_1^{-1}L_2 = \{v \mid \exists u \in L_1 \text{ such that } uv \in L_2\}$. State whether the following equations are true or false. Justify briefly.

(a) $\{a\}^{-1}(\{a\}L) = L$

(b) $\{a\}(\{a\}^{-1}L) = L$

(c) $L_1^{-1}(L_1L_2) = L_2$

(d) $L_1(L_1^{-1}L_2) = L_2$

(e) $L^{-1}L = \{\varepsilon\}$

(f) $L(L^{-1}L) = L$

3. For each part below, construct a complete DFA with at most 4 states that accepts at least each word in the left column, and rejects all words in the right column. It does not matter how your automaton behaves on other words.

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| (a) | $\begin{array}{l} ababababa \\ bbbaaaa \\ abbaaab \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l} aaabbb \\ babababa \\ aaababbb \end{array}$ |
| (b) | $\begin{array}{l} aaabbaa \\ ababbab \\ abababab \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l} bbbaabb \\ aaabbb \end{array}$ |

4. Construct an NFA that verifies addition of binary numbers. Suppose the problem is to add the numbers six and seven. then,

$$\begin{array}{r} 0110 \\ +0111 \\ \hline 1101 \end{array}$$

We shall encode this as a string on the alphabet

$$\Sigma = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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:

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

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?
