

## Automata and Formal Languages – Endterm

*Please note: If not stated otherwise, all answers have to be justified.*

### Exercise 1

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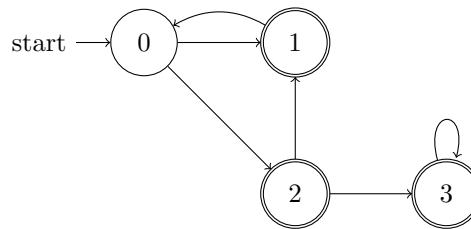
Each of the following questions admits an answer fitting in one or two lines.

- (a) Prove or disprove: “Every regular language is recognized by an NFA with all states final.”
- (b) For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let us define a relation  $R_n = \{(u, v) \mid \text{lsbf}^{-1}(u) = n \cdot \text{lsbf}^{-1}(v)\}$ .  
 Assuming  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  are regular, prove that  $R_6$  is regular.
- (c) Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  be an alphabet. Give an MSO formula defining the language of  $\Sigma(a\Sigma\Sigma)^*a$ .  
 You may use any macros defined in the “Skript”.
- (d) Construct a Büchi automaton recognizing the following language:

$$L = \{w \in \{a, b, c, d\}^\omega \mid a, b \in \text{inf}(w) \text{ and } d \notin \text{inf}(w)\}$$

where  $\text{inf}(w)$  denotes the set of letters that appear infinitely many times in  $w$ .

- (e) Describe a procedure to complement *deterministic* Muller automata directly without using any translation to Büchi automata.
- (f) Consider the following NBA  $\mathcal{A}$ .



The following sequences are accepting lassos of  $\mathcal{A}$ . The cycles are underlined.

- i) 010
- ii) 0210
- iii) 02101
- iv) 0233

Which of the lassos can be found by a run of NestedDFS on  $\mathcal{A}$ ?

### Exercise 2

4P

Construct an eagerDFA (not a lazyDFA) for the word *mammamia* over the alphabet  $\{m, a, i\}$ .

**Exercise 3**

5P

Consider a variable  $x$  with domain  $\{0, 1, 2\}$  initialized to 0 and the following program with two parallel processes:

Process 1:	Process 2:
<b>loop</b>	<b>loop</b>
1: $x \leftarrow 1$	1: $x \leftarrow 2$
2: $x \leftarrow 0$	

- (a) Construct the corresponding network of the three automata and their asynchronous product.
- (b) Consider a set of atomic propositions  $AP = \{x = 0, x = 1, x = 2\}$ . Construct a Büchi automaton over  $AP$  corresponding to the property that from some point on  $x = 0$  holds forever. Give the corresponding LTL formula, too.
- (c) Is there an  $\omega$ -execution of the program that satisfies the property in (b)? Why?/Why not?

**Exercise 4**

5P

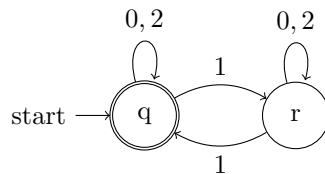
Consider languages over  $\{0, 1\}$  with fixed length of 3.

- (a) Construct a fragment of the master automaton for the language  $L \subseteq \{0, 1\}^3$  of msbf binary encodings of all prime numbers in the range from 0 to 7. (Recall that the smallest prime number is 2.)
- (b) Is there a language  $L \subseteq \{0, 1\}^3$  with a minimal DFA having 10 states?

**Exercise 5**

4P

Prove that the following finite automaton over  $\{0, 1, 2\}$  accepts precisely the msbf ternary encodings of even numbers. (E.g. 211 is accepted because  $2 \cdot 3^2 + 1 \cdot 3^1 + 1 \cdot 3^0 = 22$  is even.) Proceed by induction on the length of the word.

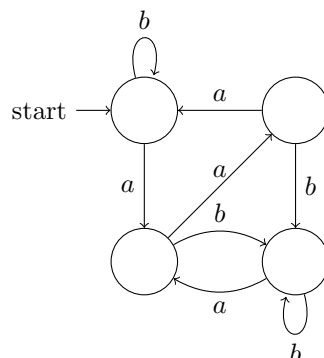


**Exercise 6**

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A DFA is *synchronizing* if there is a word  $w$  and a state  $q$  such that after reading  $w$  from *any* state we are always in state  $q$ .

- (a) Give such a word  $w$  showing that the following DFA is synchronizing.



- (b) Give an algorithm to decide if a given DFA is synchronizing.
- (c) Give a *polynomial time* algorithm to decide if a given DFA is synchronizing.