

You have 120 minutes to answer five questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet.

Please return this question sheet and your cheat sheet with your answers.

1. Let $\text{compress}_0s(w)$ be a function that takes a string w as input, and returns the string formed by compressing every run of 0 s in w by half. Specifically, every run of $2n$ 0 s is compressed to length n , and every run of $2n + 1$ 0 s is compressed to length $n + 1$. For example:

$$\text{compress}_0s(\underline{00000}1\underline{1000}1) = \underline{000}1\underline{100}1$$

$$\text{compress}_0s(1\underline{10000}1\underline{0}) = 1\underline{100}1\underline{0}$$

$$\text{compress}_0s(11111) = 11111$$

Let L be an arbitrary regular language.

- (a) **Prove** that $\{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \text{compress}_0s(w) \in L\}$ is regular.
- (b) **Prove** that $\{\text{compress}_0s(w) \mid w \in L\}$ is regular.
2. For each of the following languages L over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$, describe a DFA that accepts L **and** give a regular expression that represents L . You do not need to justify your answers.
- (a) All strings in which at least one run has length divisible by 3.
- (b) All strings that do not contain either 100 or 011 as a substring.
3. Consider the following recursive function Bond , which doubles the length of any run of 0 s in its input string.

$$\text{Bond}(w) := \begin{cases} \varepsilon & \text{if } w = \varepsilon \\ 00 \cdot \text{Bond}(x) & \text{if } w = 0 \cdot x \text{ for some string } x \\ 1 \cdot \text{Bond}(x) & \text{if } w = 1 \cdot x \text{ for some string } x \end{cases}$$

- (a) **Prove** that $|\text{Bond}(w)| \geq |w|$ for all strings w .
- (b) **Prove** that $\text{Bond}(x \cdot y) = \text{Bond}(x) \cdot \text{Bond}(y)$ for all strings x and y .

As usual, you can assume any result proved in class, in the lecture notes, in labs, or in homework solutions.

4. Let L be the language $\{0^a 1^b 0^c \mid a = b \text{ or } a = c \text{ or } b = c\}$
- (a) **Prove** that L is *not* a regular language.
 - (b) Describe a context-free grammar for L .
5. For each statement below, check “True” if the statement is always true and check “False” otherwise, and give a brief (one short sentence) explanation of your answer. Read these statements very carefully—small details matter!
- (a) If $2 + 2 = 5$, then zero is odd.
 - (b) $\{0^n 1 \mid n > 0\}$ is the only infinite fooling set for the language $\{0^n 1 0^n \mid n > 0\}$.
 - (c) $\{0^n 1 0^n \mid n > 0\}$ is a context-free language.
 - (d) The context-free grammar $S \rightarrow 00S \mid S11 \mid 01$ generates the language $0^n 1^n$.
 - (e) Every regular language is recognized by a DFA with exactly one accepting state.
 - (f) Any language that can be decided by an NFA with ε -transitions can also be decided by an NFA without ε -transitions.
 - (g) If L is a regular language over the alphabet $\{0, 1\}$, then $\{xy^C \mid x, y \in L\}$ is also regular.
 - (h) If L is a regular language over the alphabet $\{0, 1\}$, then $\{ww^C \mid w \in L\}$ is also regular.
 - (i) The regular expression $(00 + 11)^*$ represents the language of all strings over $\{0, 1\}$ of even length.
 - (j) Let L_1, L_2 be two regular languages. The language $(L_1 + L_2)^*$ is also regular.