

Problem Set 5 – NOT TO BE TURNED IN

1. Draw a DFA for $L = \{a_1 \dots a_n : \text{each } a_i \text{ is a bit and } a_i = 1 \text{ for all odd } i\}$. Assume that the empty string ε is in L .
2. (a) Enumerate the first 6 strings of $L = 00^*11^*$ in lexicographic order.¹
(b) Draw a DFA for this language. It should have no more than four states.
(c) Draw a DFA for L^c , the complement of L relative to the alphabet $\{0, 1\}$. It should be obtained from your solution to (b) by generic means.
(d) Write a regular expression for L^c , trying to “read this off” of your DFA for (c).
3. Let
$$L = \{x \in \{0, 1\}^* : \text{the substring } 000 \text{ occurs an even number of times in } x\}.$$

(a) Is $\varepsilon \in L$? Is $0000 \in L$?
(b) Draw a DFA for L . *Hint: states of the DFA might represent things like “I’ve seen an even number of 000’s so far and the longest strings of 0’s that I’ve just seen has length 0” (that would be the start state).*
4. Consider the relation $R = \{(1, 2), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4), (4, 4)\}$ on the set $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$. Write down, as sets: (a) the reflexive closure of R ,
(b) the symmetric closure of R
(c) the transitive closure of R . , and
(d) the smallest superset of R that is an equivalence relation. Also, give the blocks of this equivalence relation.
I suggest you draw directed graphs to help you see figure out (c)–(d).
5. Determine if the following relations R are (i) reflexive, (ii) symmetric, and (iii) transitive.
(a) xRy if x and y are people who were born on the same day.
(b) xRy if x and y are strings that contain a common character.
(c) xRy if x and y are people and there exists a country C that both have been in.
(d) xRy if x and y are points in the plane that are equidistant to the origin.
6. For $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ define $a \sim b$ if $a - b \in \mathbb{Z}$.
(a) Prove that \sim defines an equivalence relation on \mathbb{Z} .
(b) Describe the equivalence class containing 5. Describe the equivalence class containing 5.5.
7. Use induction to prove that $2 + 4 + \dots (2n - 2) + 2n = n(n + 1)$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$

¹ Recall that the lexicographic order of the strings in L means: all strings in L of length 0; then all strings in L of length 1 (these in dictionary order, say $0 < 1$); then all strings in L of length 2 (these in dictionary order); and so on.