

**HW 6 CMSC 452. Morally DUE Mar 14**  
**THIS HOMEWORK IS THREE PAGES**  
**SOLUTIONS**

1. (0 points) What is your name? Write it clearly. When is the midterm? Write that clearly too. Staple your HW. **WHAT IS THE DAY/TIME OF THE MIDTERM?** (HINT: The Midterm is March 30 **IN CLASS** at 11:00.)

2. (40 points)

(Presburger Arithmetic convention: a string of 0's and 1's is a number in binary, and we feed it into a DFA with the lower order bits first.)

(a) (20 points) Write a DFA for

$$\{x : x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}\}$$

Note that  $x$  is in base 2.

(b) (20 points) Write a DFA for

$$\{(x, y) : x \leq y\}$$

SOLUTION FOR PROBLEM 2.

2.a) We find the pattern but omit the DFA

We are in base 2. All  $\equiv$  are mod 3.

$$2^0 \equiv 1$$

$$2^1 \equiv 2$$

$$2^2 \equiv 1$$

$$2^3 \equiv 2$$

So that pattern is 1,2,1,2. These are the weights we use.

2.b) We describe the DFA: as you scan in symbols of the form 00, 01, 10, 11 (first bit is the  $x$  second is the  $y$  and we want  $x \leq y$ ).

There are two states: A (for Accept) and R (for Reject). A is also the start state. The idea is that so long as the bits match or  $y$  looks

BIGGER than  $x$  stay in the A state. If you ever see a 10 (so  $x$  is BIGGER) goto  $R$ .

From  $R$  similar except that if ever  $y$  looks LESS THAN  $x$  we stay in  $R$  (a 10 comes in) , but if  $y$  looks BIGGER than  $x$  (a 01 came in) then goto A state.

$$\delta(A, 00) = A$$

$$\delta(A, 01) = A$$

$$\delta(A, 10) = R$$

$$\delta(A, 11) = A$$

$$\delta(R, 00) = R$$

$$\delta(R, 01) = A$$

$$\delta(R, 10) = R$$

$$\delta(R, 11) = R.$$

3. (30 points)

We want to write a DFA for:

$$\{(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, y) : x_1 + \dots + x_n = y\}$$

- (a) (5 points) If we add 3 numbers in base 2 (i.e.  $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3, y) : x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = y\}$ ), what is the largest the carry can be?
- (b) (5 points) If we add 4 numbers in base 2 what is the largest the carry can be?
- (c) (5 points) If we add 5 numbers in base 2 what is the largest the carry can be?
- (d) (5 points) If we add 6 numbers in base 2 what is the largest the carry can be?
- (e) (5 points) Make a conjecture about the biggest carry when adding  $n$  numbers in base 2. (For Extra Credit - NOT for a grade but for future letters from me - PROVE your conjecture.)
- (f) (5 points) If you were to write a DFA for:

$$\{(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, y) : x_1 + \dots + x_n = y\}$$

how many states would it have? Explain.

### SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3

3.1)

If there are no carries then  $1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 100$  so the carry is  $10 = 2$ .

If you then add  $2 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 6 = 110$  so the carry is  $11 = 3$

If you then add  $3 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 7 = 111$  so the carry is  $11 = 3$

So the carry is at most 3.

3.2)

If there are no carries then  $1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 101$  so the carry is  $10 = 2$ .

If you then add  $2 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 7 = 111$  so the carry is  $11 = 3$

If you then add  $3 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 8 = 1000$  so the carry is  $100 = 4$

If you then add  $4 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 8 = 1001$  so the carry is  $100 = 4$

So the carry is at most 4.

3.3)

If there are no carries then  $1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 110$  so the carry is  $11 = 3$ .

If you then add  $3 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 9 = 1001$  so the carry is  $100 = 4$

If you then add  $4 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = \text{ten} = 1010$  so the carry is  $101 = 5$

If you then add  $5 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = \text{eleven} = 1011$  so the carry is  $101 = 5$

So the carry is at most 5.

3.4)

If there are no carries then  $1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 111$  so the carry is  $11 = 3$ .

If you then add  $3 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = \text{ten} = 1010$  so the carry is  $100 = 4$

If you then add  $4 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = \text{eleven} = 1011$  so the carry is  $101 = 5$

If you then add  $5 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 12 = 1100$  so the carry is  $1100 = 6$

If you then add  $6 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 13 = 1101$  so the carry is  $1100 = 6$

So the carry is at most 5.

3.5)  $n$ .

3.6) Here is the question:

If you were to do a DFA for

$$\{(x_1, \dots, x_n, y) : x_1 + \dots + x_n = y\}$$

how many states would it have? Explain.

There are  $n + 2$  states. I need to store the previous carry so there are states  $0, 1, \dots, n$  for what the previous carry could be, AND a dump state.

4. (30 points) For each of the following state if it is REGULAR or NOT REGULAR. Prove your statement.
- (a)  $\{a^n : n \text{ is a square number and } n \leq 100\}$
  - (b)  $\{a^n : n \text{ is a square number and } n \geq 100\}$
  - (c)  $\{a^n a^n : n \in \mathbf{N}\}$
  - (d)  $\{w : \text{There is a subword of } w \text{ that is a palindrome}\}$
  - (e)  $\{xyx^R : x, y \in \{a, b\}^*\}$

### SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 5

5.1) FINITE so Regular.

5.2) Not Regular. Assume regular. Let  $n$  be large enough for the pumping lemma to hold. Then

$$a^{n^2} = xyz \text{ where } x = a^{n_1}, y = a^{n_2}, z = a^{n_3}.$$

By the pumping theorem, for all  $k$ ,  $xy^kz = a^{n_1 + kn_2 + n_3}$  is in  $L$ .

Let  $n_1 + n_3 = m$ .

The following are all squares:

$$m + n_2 = (L + 1)^2 \text{ (I use } L + 1 \text{ so that later numbers work out nicely)}$$

$$m + 2n_2 \geq (L + 2)^2$$

$$m + 3n_2 \geq (L + 3)^2$$

$$m + 4n_2 \geq (L + 4)^2$$

$$(\forall k)[m + kn_2 \geq (L + k)^2]$$

This is

$$(\forall k)[m + kn_2 \geq L^2 + 2Lk + k^2]$$

Hence we have

$$(\forall k)[m + kn_2 \geq k^2]$$

Since  $k^2$  grows faster than  $k$  and  $m, n_2$  are constants this cannot hold for all  $k$ .

5.3) Regular: This is just  $(aa)^*$ .

5.4) Regular: This is just  $\{a, b\} - \{e\}$  since  $a$  and  $b$  are palindromes.

5.5) Regular: This is just  $\{a, b\}^*$ . Note that if  $x = e$  then all we get is  $y$ .