ECE 374 B - Fall 2024

Homework 1

- **Submit your solutions electronically on the course Gradescope site as PDF files.** If you plan to typeset your solutions, please use the LaTeX solution template on the course web site. If you must submit scanned handwritten solutions, please use a black pen on blank white paper and a high-quality scanner app (or an actual scanner, not just a phone camera). We will mark difficult to read solutions as incorrect and move on.
- **Every homework problem must be done *individually*.** Each problem needs to be submitted to Gradescope before 6AM of the due data which can be found on the course website: https://ecealgo.com/fa24/homeworks.html.
- For nearly every problem, **we have covered all the requisite knowledge required to complete a homework assignment prior to the "assigned" date.** This means that there is no reason *not* to begin a homework assignment as soon as it is assigned. Starting a problem the night before it is due a recipe for failure.

Policies to keep in mind

- **You may use any source at your disposal**—paper, electronic, or human—but you ***must*** cite ***every*** source that you use, and you ***must*** write everything yourself in your own words. See the academic integrity policies on the course web site for more details.
- **Being able to clearly and concisely explain your solution is a part of the grade you will receive.** Before submitting a solution ask yourself, if you were reading the solution without having seen it before, would you be able to understand it within two minutes? If not, you need to edit. Images and flow-charts are very useful for concisely explain difficult concepts.

See the course web site (https://ecealgo.com/fa24/) for more information.

If you have any questions about these policies,
please don't hesitate to ask in class, in office hours, or on Piazza.

1. **Random Trivia** Give a brief, concise answer for each of the following questions. If it asks for a proof, you don't have to do a formal research paper proof, but there should be a clear sequence logic.

   (a) For what languages (L) is L^* finite?

   (b) Describe two languages, A and B, where such that $|A \cdot B| < |A| \cdot |B|$

   (c) Prove $(A \cup B)^* = (A^* \cdot B^*)^*$ for all languages A and B.

2. **Recursive definitions** Give the recursive definition for the following languages:

   (a) $L_{2a} = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w \text{ has } 00 \text{ as a substring}\}$

   (b) $L_{2b} = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w \text{ all strings with alternating } 0\text{'s and } 1\text{'s}\}$

   (c) $L_{2c} = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w \text{ has a equal number of } 0\text{'s and } 1\text{'s}\}$

3. **Total equivalence** Prove that each of the following regular expressions is equivalent to $(0+1)^*$. You don't have to do a formal research paper proof, but there should be a clear sequence logic.

   (a) $\varepsilon + 0(0+1)^* + 1(0+1)^*$

   (b) $0^* + 0^*1(0+1)^*$

   (c) $((\varepsilon + 0)(\varepsilon + 1))^*$

   (d) $(1^*0)^*(0^*1)^*$

4. **regular expressions** for each of the following languages ($\Sigma = \{0,1\}$), give the regular expression that represents that language. You must concisely justify why your regular expression is correct (do not use finite automata).

   (a) L_{4a} = All strings except 010

   (b) L_{4b} = Strings that contain the subsequence 010

   (c) L_{4c} = Strings that **do not** contain the subsequence 010

   (d) L_{4d} = Strings in which every occurrence of the substring 00 appears before every occurrence of the substring 11