

CSC 254
Assignment 1
September 9th, 2003
Due in class on Tuesday, September 16th, 2003

1. (15 points) Describe the languages denoted by the following regular expressions (where the alphabet consists of 0 and 1):
 - (a) $0(0|1)^*0$
 - (b) $((\epsilon|0)1^*)^*$
 - (c) $(0|1)^*0(0|1)(0|1)$
2. (10 points) Write regular expressions for the following languages
 - (a) All strings of 0's and 1's that do not contain the (consecutive) substring 011.
 - (b) All strings of 0's and 1's that do not contain the (non-consecutive) subsequence 011.
3. (20 points) For the regular expression $(a|b)^*$
 - (a) Construct an NFA using Thompson's construction algorithm
 - (b) Show the sequence of moves in parsing "ababbab"
 - (c) Convert the NFA to a DFA using subset construction algorithm
 - (d) Minimize the DFA using the partitioning algorithm
4. (15 points) Write a grammar for the following languages. Are the grammars ambiguous?:
 - (a) All strings of 0's and 1's that have the same number of 0's and 1's.
 - (b) All strings of 0's and 1's that have more 0's than 1's.
 - (c) All balanced pairs of left and right parentheses (e.g., "()", "()(())").
5. (20 points) Consider the grammar
 $S ::= aSbS \mid bSaS \mid \epsilon$
 - (a) Show that the grammar is ambiguous by constructing two leftmost derivations for "abab"
 - (b) Show that the grammar is ambiguous by constructing two rightmost derivations for "abab"
6. (20 points) Consider the grammar
 $S ::= (L) \mid a$
 $L ::= L , S \mid S$

- (a) Eliminate left recursion from the grammar. Is it LL(1)? If not, how would you make it LL(1)?
- (b) Build a non-backtracking recursive descent parser, given the following code:

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tok;    // current token

match(x) {           // matches token
    if (tok != x)     // if wrong token
        error();      // exit with error
    tok = getToken(); // get new token
}

parser() {
    tok = getToken(); // initialize
    S( );             // start symbol
    match("$");        // match EOF
}
```

- (c) Show an example parse of the string "(a,a)"