

Let L be an arbitrary regular language over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. Prove that the following languages are also regular. (You probably won't get to all of these during the lab session.)

1. $\text{FLIPODDS}(L) := \{\text{flipOdds}(w) \mid w \in L\}$, where the function flipOdds inverts every odd-indexed bit in w . For example:

$$\text{flipOdds}(\underline{0000111101010100}) = \underline{1010010111111110}$$

Solution: Let $M = (Q, s, A, \delta)$ be an arbitrary DFA that accepts L . We construct a new DFA $M' = (Q', s', A', \delta')$ that accepts $\text{FLIPODDS}(L)$ as follows.

Intuitively, M' receives some string $\text{flipOdds}(w)$ as input, restores every other bit to obtain w , and simulates M on the restored string w .

Each state (q, flip) of M' indicates that M is in state q , and we need to flip the next input bit if $\text{flip} = \text{TRUE}$.

$$Q' = Q \times \{\text{TRUE}, \text{FALSE}\}$$

$$s' = (s, \text{TRUE})$$

$$A' =$$

$$\delta'((q, \text{flip}), a) =$$



2. $\text{UNFLIPODD1S}(L) := \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \text{flipOdd1s}(w) \in L\}$, where the function *flipOdd1* inverts every other 1 bit of its input string, starting with the first 1. For example:

$$\text{flipOdd1s}(0000\underline{1}11\underline{1}00\underline{1}01\underline{0}1\underline{0}) = 0000\underline{0}1\underline{0}100\underline{0}1\underline{0}0\underline{0}$$

Solution: Let $M = (Q, s, A, \delta)$ be an arbitrary DFA that accepts L . We construct a new DFA $M' = (Q', s', A', \delta')$ that accepts $\text{UNFLIPODD1S}(L)$ as follows.

Intuitively, M' receives some string w as input, flips every other 1 bit, and then simulates M on the transformed string.

Each state (q, flip) of M' indicates that M is in state q , and we need to flip the next 1 bit if and only if $\text{flip} = \text{TRUE}$.

$$Q' = Q \times \{\text{TRUE}, \text{FALSE}\}$$

$$s' = (s, \text{TRUE})$$

$$A' =$$

$$\delta'((q, \text{flip}), a) =$$



3. $\text{FLIPODD1S}(L) := \{\text{flipOdd1s}(w) \mid w \in L\}$, where the function *flipOdd1* is defined as in the previous problem.

Solution: Let $M = (Q, s, A, \delta)$ be an arbitrary DFA that accepts L . We construct a new **NFA** $M' = (Q', s', A', \delta')$ that accepts $\text{FLIPODD1S}(L)$ as follows.

Intuitively, M' receives some string $\text{flipOdd1s}(w)$ as input, **guesses** which 0 bits to restore to 1 s, and simulates M on the restored string w . No string in $\text{FLIPODD1S}(L)$ has two 1 s in a row, so if M' ever sees 11 , it must reject.

Each state (q, flip) of M' indicates that M is in state q , and we need to flip some 0 bit before the next 1 bit if $\text{flip} = \text{TRUE}$.

$$Q' = Q \times \{\text{TRUE}, \text{FALSE}\}$$

$$s' = (s, \text{TRUE})$$

$$A' =$$

$$\delta'((q, \text{flip}), a) =$$



4. $\text{SHUFFLE}(L) := \{\text{shuffle}(w, x) \mid w, x \in L \text{ and } |w| = |x|\}$, where the function *shuffle* is defined recursively as follows:

$$\text{shuffle}(w, x) := \begin{cases} x & \text{if } w = \varepsilon \\ a \cdot \text{shuffle}(x, y) & \text{if } w = ay \text{ for some } a \in \Sigma \text{ and some } y \in \Sigma^* \end{cases}$$

For example, $\text{shuffle}(0001101, 1111001) = 0101011100011$.

Solution: Let $M = (Q, s, A, \delta)$ be an arbitrary DFA that accepts L . We construct a new DFA $M' = (Q', s', A', \delta')$ that accepts $\text{SHUFFLE}(L)$ as follows.

Intuitively, M' reads the string $\text{shuffle}(w, x)$ as input, splits the string into the subsequences w and x , and passes those strings to two independent copies of M . Let M_1 denote the copy that processes the first string w , and let M_2 denote the copy that processes the second string x .

Each state (q_1, q_2, next) indicates that machine M_1 is in state q_1 , machine M_2 is in state q_2 , and *next* indicates whether M_1 or M_2 receives the next input bit.

$$Q' = Q \times Q \times \{1, 2\}$$

$$s' = (s, s, 1)$$

$$A' =$$

$$\delta'((q_1, q_2, \text{next}), a) =$$

