

Question 1:

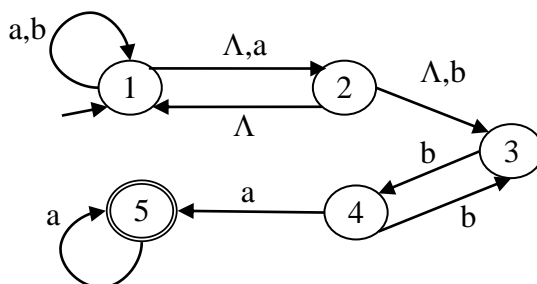
[2 points]

- Give a regular expression for the $L = \{ w \in \{ a, b \}^* \mid w \text{ does not begin with } bb \}$.
- Give a *deterministic* finite automaton recognizing the above language L .
- Give a *minimal deterministic* finite automaton recognizing the language L^* .

Question 2:

[1,5 points]

Consider the nondeterministic finite automaton



- Give the Λ -closure of each state.
- Construct a *deterministic* finite automaton accepting the same language.

Question 3:

[1,5 points]

Give examples proving the following statements on languages over the alphabet $\{ a, b \}$:

- A subset of a regular language can be non-regular.
- The infinite union of regular languages can be non-regular.
- If L_1 and L_2 are different regular languages and L_3 is not regular then $L_1L_2L_3$ can be non-regular.

Question 4:

[1 point]

Give a context-free grammar that generates the language of *all* palindromes over alphabet $\{ a, b \}$ that do *not* contain the substring bb .

Question 5:

[2 points]

Consider a context-free grammar G with productions:

$$S \rightarrow aSa \mid A \quad A \rightarrow aBa \mid B \quad B \rightarrow bBb \mid a$$

- Give an example of a string w *not* in $L(G)$ with $|w| = 5$.
- Show that G is ambiguous
- Give another grammar in Chomsky normal form generating the same language of G .

Question 6:

[2 points]

- Give a context free grammar generating the language $L = \{ w \in \{ a, b \}^* \mid \text{the first, the last and the middle symbols of } w \text{ are the same } \}$.
- Draw a pushdown automaton recognizing the language L .
- Use the pumping lemma to show that L is *not* regular.

The final score is given by the sum of the points obtained.