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[5] 1. Write a regular expression for the language over  $\{0,1\}$  of strings with an even number of 0's.

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[5] 2. Give a brief explanation of how to take two NFA's and form a new NFA accepting the union of the languages accepted by the two NFA's.

- [10] 3. Consider the DFA,  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  such that  $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}, \Sigma = \{0, 1\}, F = \{q_0\}, \text{ and } \delta(q_i, j)$  equals  $q_k$  where k is  $i + j \mod 3$  (e.g.,  $\delta(q_2, 0) = q_2$  and  $\delta(q_2, 1) = q_0$ ).
  - (a) Draw a diagram of the above DFA with the notation given in class and the text.
  - (b) Find a regular expression for the language accepted by the above DFA using the technique in class and the text of passing to a GNFA and eliminating states one by one.

4. Let L be the language of words of the form  $0^{n}1^{2n}$  for some integer  $n \ge 1$ . Give a CFG describing L, and a pushdown automaton accepting L. Show that L is not regular. [10]

- [10] 5. We say that strings x, y are distinguishable by a language, L, if there is a string z such that exactly one of xz, yz lies in L.
  - (a) Let EVEN-EVEN be the set of words in  $\{0,1\}^*$  with an even number of 1's and an even number of 0's. Give a set, X, of four strings that are pairwise distinguishable by EVEN-EVEN (i.e., every two strings in X are distinguishable), and explain why X has this property.
  - (b) Consider a language, L, with a set, X, of p strings that are pairwise distinguishable by L. Explain why there is no DFA recognizing L with fewer than p states.
  - (c) Let L be the language of strings in  $\{0,1\}^*$  whose third last character is a 1 (for example,  $000100 \in L$ ). Give a set, X, of 8 strings that are pairwise distinguishable by L, and explain why X has this property.

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