

PROBLEM 1. For each of the following, prove either that the language is regular or that it is not regular. In all cases $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$.

- (a) $L_1 = \{w : w \text{ contains an equal number of 0s and 1s}\}$.
- (b) $L_2 = \{1^k w : w \in \Sigma^*, k \geq 1, \text{ the number of 1s in } w \text{ is at least } k\}$.
- (c) $L_3 = \{1^k w : w \in \Sigma^*, k \geq 1, \text{ the number of 1s in } w \text{ is at most } k\}$.

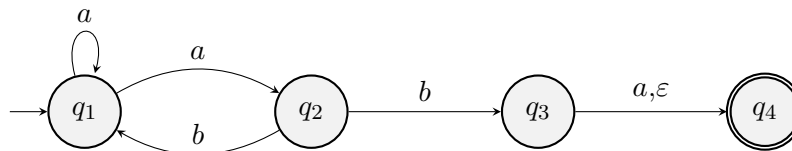
PROBLEM 2. Consider the context-free grammar G

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow RR \\ R &\rightarrow 0R1 \mid \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Which of the following are in $L(G)$? For each that is in $L(G)$, give a left-most derivation making one substitution at each step.
 - (i) 001101
 - (ii) 000111.
 - (iii) 1010.
 - (iv) ε .
- (b) Succinctly describe the language $L(G)$. Explain your reasoning.
- (c) Is $L(G)$ regular? Provide a proof.

PROBLEM 3. Let A be the language of all words in $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ that contain the same number of occurrences of 01 as occurrences of 10. Is A regular? Provide a proof.

PROBLEM 4. Let A be the NFA pictured below:



- (a) Create a CFG G such that $L(A) = L(G)$.
- (b) Give a derivation of the word $aabab$ making one substitution at each step.

PROBLEM 5. Let $P = \{0^q : q \text{ is a prime number}\}$. Prove or disprove that P is regular.

PROBLEM 6. (Bonus) Our goal in this problem is to show that the representation of objects can affect whether or not a given set can be recognized by a machine. Consider a set A of natural numbers. Let $B_k(A)$ be the set of strings that represent numbers from A in base k (with no leading zeros). For example, if $A = \{3, 5\}$, then $B_2(A) = \{11, 101\}$ and $B_3(A) = \{10, 12\}$. We can think of $B_k(A)$ as a language with a k -symbol alphabet. Give a set A for which $B_2(A)$ is regular but $B_3(A)$ is not (and prove it).