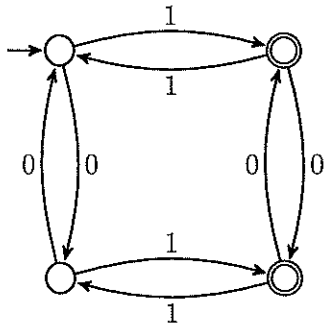


1 Give a simple verbal description of the language recognized by the following DFA.

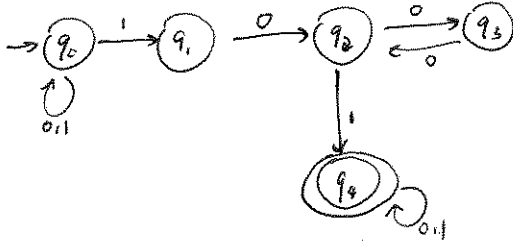


Odd number of 1's in the string.

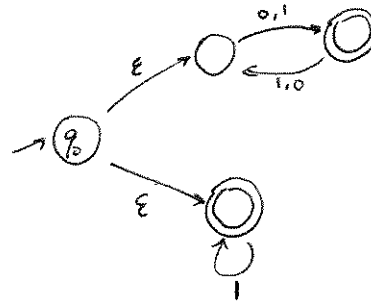
2 Draw NFAs for the following languages, taking full advantage of nondeterminism:

- a. binary strings in which there is a pair of 1s separated by an odd number of 0s;
- b. binary strings that have odd length or do not contain a 0.

a).



b)



3 Prove that the following languages over the binary alphabet are regular:

(2 pts)

a. strings that contain as a substring 1111 or 0110 but not both;

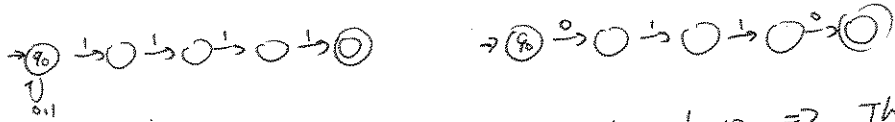
(2 pts)

b. nonempty strings in which the first and last symbols are different;

(2 pts)

c. strings in which every 1 is immediately followed by 00.

a). string that contain 1111, 0110,



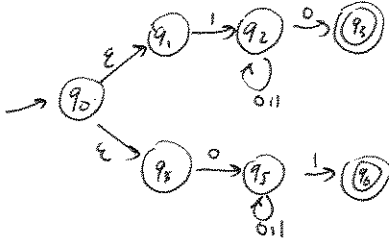
can be written in NFA above.  $\Rightarrow$  They are regular.

Let them be  $L_1, L_2$  respectively. The language is

$L = L_1 \cup L_2 \setminus (L_1 \cap L_2)$  is therefore, regular.

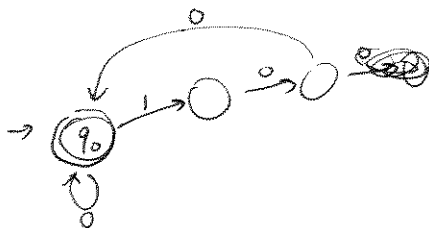
$\therefore$  It's regular □

b).



It can be written as NFA like on the right. It's therefore, regular.

c).



It can be written as NFA on the right. It's therefore regular.

- (3 pts) 4 Let  $L$  be a regular language over the binary alphabet. Let  $L'$  be the set of all strings in  $L$  that contain a 0 in an odd-numbered position. Prove that  $L'$  is regular.

Since  $L$  is a regular language, let

$\{Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F\}$  be DFA for  $L$ .

Let  $\{Q \times \{0,1\} \times \{0,1\}, \Sigma, \Delta, (q_0, 0, 0), F \times \{0,1\} \times \{1\}\}$

The first 0,1 represent whether the current string length is odd (0 even, 1 odd).

The second 0,1 represent have we found 0 in odd position (1: found, 0: not found).

~~$\Delta((q_i, 0, 0), \sigma) =$~~

$$\Delta((q_i, x, y), \sigma) = \begin{cases} (\delta(q_i, \sigma), \bar{x}, 1) & \text{if } (y=1) \text{ or } (x=0 \text{ and } \sigma=0) \\ (\delta(q_{i-\sigma}, \bar{x}), 0) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Therefore, we have constructed an ~~NFA~~ DFA  $D'$  for  $L'$

- (3 pts) 5 Fix a DFA  $D$ . A string  $w$  is called a *hot potato* for  $D$  if, starting from the initial state,  $D$  experiences a total of  $|w|$  state changes as it processes  $w$ . Thus, every symbol of  $w$  causes a change of state. Prove that  $D$ 's hot potatoes form a regular language.

For each state  $q_i$  in  $D$ ,

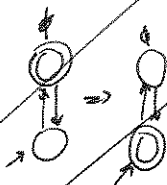
remove all the self-pointing arrow.

that forms a new DFA  $D'$ .

$D'$  recognizes all hot potato in  $D$ .

(3 pts)

- 6 Your friend gives you a DFA  $D$  with the binary alphabet. Describe a sequence of steps that will allow you to determine whether there exists a string of even length that  $D$  accepts. You must announce your answer in a finite number of steps.



~~First, change every state from accept state to~~

~~non-accept state. change every non-accept state to~~

~~accept state. We have a DFA  $D'$  that recognizes  $D$  and~~

~~Use BFS to find the accepted state~~

~~with distance of odd number. in  $D'$ .~~

~~If such~~

① First, check if there is any loop in  $D$ . ~~with BFS~~  
Ignore ~~all~~ all loop with even length.

If there is still a loop and some state on the loop ~~in~~  
with odd length

can reach  $F$ , there must be a even length string

accepted. Let  $w = xy^*z$ .  $\begin{cases} \text{if } |xz| = \text{even} & \text{Let } y^* = y^{*2} \\ & = \text{odd} & \text{Let } y^* = y. \end{cases}$

② If there is no odd length loop that can lead to  $F$   
~~then~~, we are safe to ignore the effect of loops.

we may use BFS and calculate it.

- (3 pts) 7 Let  $L$  be a regular language over the binary alphabet. Consider the language  $L'$  of all strings obtained by taking a string in  $L$  and flipping an odd number of symbols in it. Prove that  $L'$  is regular.

Proof. ~~Let~~ Since  $L$  is a regular language.

Let  $\{Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F\}$  be DFA for  $L$ .

Then. Let

$\{Q \times \{0,1\}, \Sigma, \Delta, (q_0, 0), \cancel{F \times \{0,1\}}\}$  be ~~DFA~~ NFA for  $L'$

where for each  $\sigma$ , there will be two  $\bullet$  arrows.

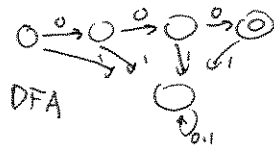
$$\Delta((q_i, 0), \sigma) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\delta(q_i, \sigma), 0) \text{ or } (\delta(q_i, \bar{\sigma}), 1) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\Delta((q_i, 1), \sigma) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} = (\delta(q_i, \sigma), 1) \text{ or } \\ = (\delta(q_i, \bar{\sigma}), 0) \end{array} \right.$$

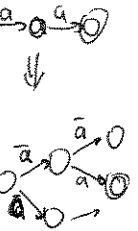
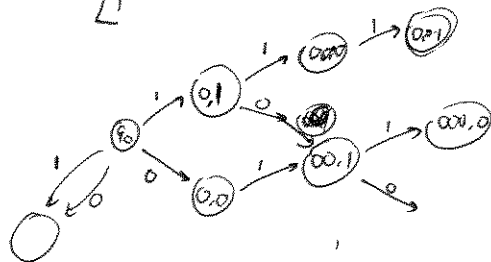
We have constructed a NFA for  $L'$ , and thus  $L'$  is reg.

Ex.

$$L = \{000\}$$



$L'$



To, B here  
record how many symbols  
have been flipped  
0: even #  
1: odd #