600.471 Theory of Computation

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Handout 3: Homework 1

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This assignment is due by the start of lecture on Wednesday, September 19.

- 1. Find languages L_1, L_2 over $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ for which $L_1 \not\subseteq L_2, L_2 \not\subseteq L_1$ and $(L_1 \cup L_2)^* = L_1^* \cup L_2^*$.
- 2. Show that the following languages are regular by giving FAs that exactly recognize them. For all languages, let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$.
 - (a) $A_1 = \emptyset^*$.
 - (b) $A_2 = \{ w \mid w \text{ doesn't end with } 011 \}.$
 - (c) $A_3 = \{w \mid w \text{ contains an even number of 0s and an odd number of 1s}\}.$
 - (d) $A_4 = \{w \mid w \text{ represents a binary number equivalent to } (0 \mod 5) \text{ or } (2 \mod 5)\}.$ (Leading zeros are okay for A_4 .)
- 3. For two of the above languages, provide regular expressions exactly recognizing them. Clearly indicate your choices.
- 4. Book, 1.31. [regular closure under reversal]
- 5. Book, 1.64. Parts (a) and (b) only. [on NFA sizes and string lengths]