

**CS3133**  
**HW #5 SOLUTIONS**

1. **PROOF:** (By contradiction) Assume  $L$  (over  $\{a,b\}^*$ ) is regular. Then  $\bar{L}$  must be regular. Clearly  $L_1 = a^*b^*$  is regular. Thus  $\bar{L} \cap L_1$  must also be regular. But  $\bar{L} \cap L_1 = \{a^i b^i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , which we have shown is not regular. Hence  $L$  could not be regular.

2. a)  $L_1 = \{a,b\}^*$  is regular, since it is generated by  $S \rightarrow aS \mid bS \mid \lambda$ .  $L_2 = \{a^i b^i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is not regular.  $L_1 \cup L_2 = L_1$ , which is regular.

b) The regular grammar  $S \rightarrow aA$  generates  $L_1 = \emptyset$ .  $L_2 = \{a^i b^i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .  $L_1 \cup L_2 = L_2$  which is not regular.

c) The regular grammar  $S \rightarrow aA$  generates  $L_1 = \emptyset$ .  $L_2 = \{a^i b^i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .  $L_1 \cap L_2 = \emptyset$  which is not regular.

d)  $L_1 = \{a^i b^j \mid i, j \in \mathbb{N} \wedge i \neq j\}$  is not regular.  $L_2 = \{a^i b^i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is not regular.  $L_1 \cup L_2 = a^*b^*$ , which is regular.

e) It is shown in **Example 7.6.1** (and in class) that  $L = \{z \in \{a,b\}^* \mid \text{length}(z) \text{ is a perfect square}\}$  is not regular. But  $\{a,b\} \subseteq L$ , so  $L^* = \{a,b\}^*$ , which is regular, since it is generated by  $S \rightarrow aS \mid bS \mid \lambda$ .

3. a)  $M = (Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}, \Gamma = \{A\}, \delta, q_0, F = \{q_0, q_2\})$  accepts  $\{a^n b^{2n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , where  $\delta(q_0, a, \lambda) = \{[q_1, A]\}$ ,  $\delta(q_1, \lambda, \lambda) = \{[q_0, A]\}$  (for every  $a$  read, push two  $A$ 's onto the stack),  $\delta(q_0, \lambda, \lambda) = \{[q_2, \lambda]\}$  (guess that you're done reading  $as$ ),  $\delta(q_2, b, A) = \{[q_2, \lambda]\}$ .

b)  $S \rightarrow aSbb \mid \lambda$