Let L be an arbitrary regular language over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. Prove that the following languages are also regular. (You probably won't get to all of these.)

1. $\textsc{FlipOdds}(L) := \{\mathit{flipOdds}(w) \mid w \in L\}$, where the function *flipOdds* inverts every odd-indexed bit in w. For example:

$$\mathit{flipOdds}(\texttt{0000111101010101}) = \texttt{1010010111111111}$$

Solution: Let $M = (Q, s, A, \delta)$ be a DFA that accepts L. We construct a new DFA $M' = (Q', s', A', \delta')$ that accepts $\textsc{FlipOdds}(L)$ as follows.

Intuitively, M' receives some string $\mathit{flipOdds}(w)$ as input, restores every other bit to obtain w, and simulates M on the restored string w.

Each state (q, flip) of M' indicates that M is in state q, and we need to flip the next input bit if $\mathit{flip} = \textsc{True}$

$$\begin{aligned} Q' &= Q \times \{\textsc{True}, \textsc{False}\} \\ s' &= (s, \textsc{True}) \\ A' &= A \times \{\textsc{True}, \textsc{False}\} \\ \delta'((q, \mathit{flip}), a) &= \big(\delta(q, a \oplus \mathit{flip}),\ \neg \mathit{flip}\big) \end{aligned}$$

Here I am treating 1 and 0 as synonyms for True and False, respectively. ■

2. $\textsc{UnflipOdd1s}(L) := \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \mathit{flipOdd1s}(w) \in L\}$, where the function *flipOdd1* inverts every other 1 bit of its input string, starting with the first 1. For example:

$$\mathit{flipOdd1s}(\texttt{0000\underline{1}1\underline{1}10\underline{1}01\underline{0}1}) = \texttt{0000\underline{0}1\underline{0}10\underline{0}01\underline{0}01}$$

Solution: Let $M = (Q, s, A, \delta)$ be a DFA that accepts L. We construct a new DFA $M' = (Q', s', A', \delta')$ that accepts $\textsc{UnflipOdd1s}(L)$ as follows.

Intuitively, M' receives some string w as input, flips every other 1 bit, and simulates M on the transformed string.

Each state (q, flip) of M' indicates that M is in state q, and we need to flip the next 1 bit of and only if $\mathit{flip} = \textsc{True}$.

$$\begin{aligned} Q' &= Q \times \{\textsc{True}, \textsc{False}\} \\ s' &= (s, \textsc{True}) \\ A' &= A \times \{\textsc{True}, \textsc{False}\} \\ \delta'((q, \mathit{flip}), a) &= \big(\delta(q, \mathit{flip} \oplus a),\ \mathit{flip} \oplus a\big) \end{aligned}$$

Again, I am treating 1 and 0 as synonyms for True and False, respectively. ■

3. FlipOdd1s$(L) := \{flipOdd1s(w) \mid w \in L\}$, where the function *flipOdd1* is defined as in the previous problem.

Solution: Let $M = (Q, s, A, \delta)$ be a DFA that accepts L. We construct a new **NFA** $M' = (Q', s', A', \delta')$ that accepts FlipOdd1s(L) as follows.

Intuitively, M' receives some string $flipOdd1s(w)$ as input, ***guesses*** which 0 bits to restore to 1s, and simulates M on the restored string w. No string in FlipOdd1s(L) has two 1s in a row, so if M' ever sees 11, it rejects.

Each state $(q, flip)$ of M' indicates that M is in state q, and we need to flip a 0 bit before the next 1 bit if and only if $flip = \text{True}$.

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\begin{aligned}
Q' &= Q \times \{\text{True}, \text{False}\}\\
s' &= (s, \text{True})\\
A' &= A \times \{\text{True}, \text{False}\}\\
\delta'((q, \text{False}), 0) &= \big\{\big(\delta(q, 0),\ \text{False}\big)\big\}\\
\delta'((q, \text{True}), 0) &= \big\{\big(\delta(q, 0),\ \text{True}\big),\ \big(\delta(q, 1),\ \text{False}\big)\big\}\\
\delta'((q, \text{False}), 1) &= \big\{\big(\delta(q, 1),\ \text{True}\big)\big\}\\
\delta'((q, \text{True}), 1) &= \varnothing
\end{aligned}
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The last transition indicates that we waited too long to flip a 0 to a 1, so we should kill the current execution thread. ■

4. Faro$(L) := \big\{faro(w, x) \bigm| w, x \in L \text{ and } |w| = |x|\big\}$, where the function *faro* is defined recursively as follows:

$$
faro(w, x) := \begin{cases} x & \text{if } w = \varepsilon \\ a \cdot faro(x, y) & \text{if } w = ay \text{ for some } a \in \Sigma \text{ and some } y \in \Sigma^* \end{cases}
$$

Solution: Let $M = (Q, s, A, \delta)$ be a DFA that accepts L. We construct a DFA $M' = (Q', s', A', \delta')$ that accepts Faro(L) as follows.

Intuitively, M' reads the string $faro(w, x)$ as input, splits the string into the subsequences w and x, and passes each of those strings to an independent copy of M.

Each state $(q_1, q_2, next)$ indicates that the copy of M that gets w is in state q_1, the copy of M that gets x is in state q_2, and *next* indicates which copy gets the next input bit. Because of the constraint $|w| = |x|$, machine M' can accept only if $next = 1$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
Q' &= Q \times Q \times \{1, 2\}\\
s' &= (s, s, 1)\\
A' &= \big\{(q_1, q_2, 1) \bigm| q_1, q_2 \in A\big\}\\
\delta'((q_1, q_2, next), a) &= \begin{cases} (\delta(q_1, a), q_2, 2) & \text{if } next = 1 \\ (q_1, \delta(q_2, a), 1) & \text{if } next = 2 \end{cases}
\end{aligned}
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