

This lab is about strings and regular expressions. Recall the definition and properties of the concatenation operator between strings.

Lemma 1: Concatenating nothing does nothing: For every string w , we have $w \cdot \epsilon = w$.

Lemma 2: Concatenation adds length: $|w \cdot x| = |w| + |x|$ for all strings w and x .

Lemma 3: Concatenation is associative: $(w \cdot x) \cdot y = w \cdot (x \cdot y)$ for all strings w , x , and y .

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1. Strings over the alphabet $\{0, 1\}$ are called boolean strings. For a boolean string w , define the bitwise complement $c(w)$ inductively as follows: $c(\epsilon) = \epsilon$, $c(0) = 1$, $c(1) = 0$, and $c(au) = c(a)c(u)$. Reversal is defined as always: $r(au) = r(u)a$ with base case $r(\epsilon) = \epsilon$.

Prove that $r(c(w)) = c(r(w))$ for all strings w . You can assume a lemma that says for all u, v , $c(uv) = c(u)c(v)$.

2. Give regular expressions that describe each of the following languages over the alphabet $\{0, 1\}$. We won't get to all of these in section.
- (a) All strings containing at least three **0**s.
 - (b) All strings containing at least two **0**s and at least one **1**.
 - (c) All strings containing the substring **000**.
 - (d) All strings *not* containing the substring **000**.
 - (e) All strings in which every run of **0**s has length at least 3.
 - (f) Every string except **000**. [*Hint: Don't try to be clever.*]
 - (g) All strings w such that *in every prefix of w* , the number of **0**s and **1**s differ by at most 1.
 - * (h) All strings w such that *in every prefix of w* , the number of **0**s and **1**s differ by at most 2.
 - ★ (i) All strings in which the substring **000** appears an even number of times. (For example, **0001000** and **0000** are in this language, but **00000** is not.)
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