

## IA Regular Languages and Finite Automata “multi-part” questions

### For 1 mark

- 1995.2.19 Give a finite deterministic automaton with alphabet of input symbols  $\{a, b\}$  that accepts the language denoted by the regular expression  $a^*$ .
- 1995.2.20 If  $L$  is a regular language over an alphabet  $\Sigma$ , explain why the complement  $\{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \notin L\}$  is also a regular language.
- 1996.2.1(i) Describe in words the strings represented by the regular expression  $(aa^*b)^*a^*$ .
- 1996.2.1(j) State the Pumping Lemma for regular languages.
- 1996.2.1(k) Give a regular grammar that generates the language consisting of even length strings of symbols from the alphabet  $\{a, b, c\}$ .
- 1997.2.1(q) Describe the way in which Regular Expressions are constructed.
- 1998.2.1(s) Give a finite deterministic automaton with alphabet of input symbols  $\{a, b\}$  which accepts the language consisting of just the null string  $\varepsilon$  and the letter  $a$ .
- 1999.2.1(s) What are the differences, if any, between the languages determined by the three regular expressions  $\emptyset^*$ ,  $\emptyset(\emptyset^*)$  and  $(\emptyset^*)^*$ ?

### For 4 marks

- 2000.2.1(b) Draw a picture of a deterministic finite automaton which accepts the language of strings matching  $a^*ba$ .
- 2001.2.1(d) Draw a picture of a deterministic finite automaton with set of input symbols  $\{a, b\}$  whose language of accepted strings consists of all strings containing an odd number of occurrences of the symbol  $a$ .
- 2002.2.1(d) Give a context-free grammar generating the language  $\{a^m b^n \mid m \leq n\}$ .
- 2003.2.1(d) If a deterministic finite automaton accepts any strings at all, why does it accept one whose length is less than the number of states in the automaton?
- 2004.2.1(d) Draw a state diagram for a deterministic finite automaton that accepts  $w \in \{a, b\}^*$  if, and only if,  $w$  either begins with  $a$  and is of odd length or begins with  $b$  and is of even length.