

9 Discrete Mathematics (MPF)

- (a) Define $F_0 = 0$, $F_1 = 1$ and for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n$.

For positive integers a and b , prove that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \gcd(aF_{n+3} + bF_{n+2}, aF_{n+1} + bF_n) = \gcd(a, b) \quad [7 \text{ marks}]$$

- (b) Let U be a set and let $\mathcal{P}(U)$ denote its powerset.

For $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(U)$, define $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(U)$ as $\{X \subseteq U \mid \forall S \in \mathcal{F}. S \subseteq X\}$.

Prove that $\bigcup \mathcal{F} = \bigcap \mathcal{G}$. [4 marks]

- (c) For $i = 0, 1$, let $M_i = (Q_i, \Sigma, \delta_i, s_i, F_i)$ be deterministic finite automata, where $\delta_i : Q_i \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q_i$ are the next-state functions.

A relation $R \subseteq Q_0 \times Q_1$ is said to be a *simulation* whenever

$$\begin{aligned} \forall q \in Q_0, q' \in Q_1. \\ q R q' \implies [(q \in F_0 \implies q' \in F_1) \wedge \forall a \in \Sigma. \delta_0(q, a) R \delta_1(q', a)] \end{aligned}$$

- (i) For $i = 0, 1$, let $\delta_i^\# : Q_i \times \Sigma^* \rightarrow Q_i$ be defined, for $q \in Q_i$, $a \in \Sigma$ and $w \in \Sigma^*$, by

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_i^\#(q, \varepsilon) &= q \\ \delta_i^\#(q, aw) &= \delta_i^\#(\delta_i(q, a), w) \end{aligned}$$

For a simulation $R \subseteq Q_0 \times Q_1$, prove that

$$\forall w \in \Sigma^*. \forall q \in Q_0, q' \in Q_1. q R q' \implies \delta_0^\#(q, w) R \delta_1^\#(q', w) \quad [7 \text{ marks}]$$

- (ii) For $i = 0, 1$, define $L(M_i) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \delta_i^\#(s_i, w) \in F_i\}$.

Prove that if there exists a simulation $R \subseteq Q_0 \times Q_1$ such that $s_0 R s_1$ then $L(M_0) \subseteq L(M_1)$. [2 marks]