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Exam 1

CMP 416/685: Computability Theory
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Directions:

- Write each answer on a separate piece of paper.
- Undergraduates: Do any 5 of the problems.
- Graduates: Do 5 of the problems, at least 2 problems must be chosen from Part II.
- If you complete more than 5 questions, the highest scores will be used to calculate your grade.

Question 1	
Question 2	
Question 3	
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Question 5	
Question 6	
Question 7	
Question 8	
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Part I: Undergraduate Questions

1. Define the following terms:
 - (a) finite state automaton (give formal definition of either DFA or NFA)
 - (b) regular language
 - (c) Given a finite set Σ , define Σ^*
 - (d) Given a string s , define $|s|$
 - (e) Given finite sets Σ_1, Σ_2 , define $\Sigma_1 \circ \Sigma_2$
2. Give the state diagrams of deterministic finite state automata (DFAs) recognizing the following languages:
 - (a) $A = \{w \mid w \text{ begins with a 1 and ends with a 0}\}$
 - (b) $B = \{w \mid \text{every odd position of } w \text{ is a 1}\}$
 - (c) $A \circ B$
3. Give state diagrams for nondeterministic finite state automata (NFAs) recognizing the following languages:
 - (a) $C = \{w \mid w \text{ ends with a } 00\}$
 - (b) $D = C^*$
 - (c) $E = 0^*1010^*$
4. For each of the following, justify your answer:
 - (a) What is the difference between an DFA and an NFA?
 - (b) Is every DFA also an NFA?
 - (c) Is every NFA also a DFA?
 - (d) Is every language that is recognizable by an DFA, also recognizable by an NFA?
 - (e) Is every language that is recognizable by an NFA, also recognizable by an DFA?
5. Use the pumping lemma to show that the following language is not regular:

$$F = \{w \mid 0^n 1^{\overbrace{2n}^w}, n \geq 0\}$$