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1. (1 pt.)

- **Read all material carefully.**
- *If in doubt whether something is allowed, ask, don't assume.*
- You may refer to **your** books, papers, and notes during this test.  
(No sharing of material.)
- **E-books** may be used **subject to the restrictions** noted in class. (Briefly, do only those things with an e-book that are just as easily done with a physical book.)
- **Computers of any kind** (including tablets, phones, and similar devices) are **not permitted** except when used exclusively as e-book readers.
- **Network access** of any kind (cell, voice, text, data, ...) is **not permitted**.
- Write and draw neatly and carefully. Ambiguous or cryptic answers receive no credit.
- Use class and textbook **conventions** for notation, algorithmic options, etc.
- Questions that ask for **explanations, proofs, etc.** allocate a sizable fraction of points to those. (Answers missing those will score very poorly.)
- Budget your **time**, noting that *number of points = number of minutes*.

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WAIT UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE TO REMAINING QUESTIONS.
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1	1
2	9
3	10
4	15
5	15
total	50

2. (9 pts.) Recall this definition:

Given languages  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , define  $L_1L_2 = \{xy \mid x \in L_1 \wedge y \in L_2\}$  .

Prove or disprove: If  $L_1L_2$  is a prefix-free language then  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are also prefix-free.  
[Hint: Examine boundary cases carefully.]

3. (10 pts.) Is the following a regular expression (*RegExp*)?

$$(((a + b)^*) \circ (c + (b^*)))$$

If so then briefly outline its derivation from the formal definition of RegExps (for example, by drawing a parse tree). Otherwise, (1) prove as precisely as possible that it is not a RegExp and (2) modify it as little as possible to generate a valid RegExp for use in later questions.

4. (15 pts.) Provide a (possibly nondeterministic) finite-state automaton that is equivalent to the regular expression of Question 3. You are *not* required to use the mechanical method of conversion from regular expressions to NFAs, although you may. Present your automaton clearly using the usual diagrammatic format. (There is no need for a formal definition as a 5-tuple.) Prove correctness as precisely as possible. See also Question 5.

5. (15 pts.) Repeat Question 4 using a deterministic (instead of nondeterministic) finite-state automaton. You are *not* required to use the mechanical method of conversion from NFAs to DFAs, although you may. Prove correctness as precisely as possible.

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