- 1. (1 pt.)
 - o 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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2. (9 pts.) Recall this definition:

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

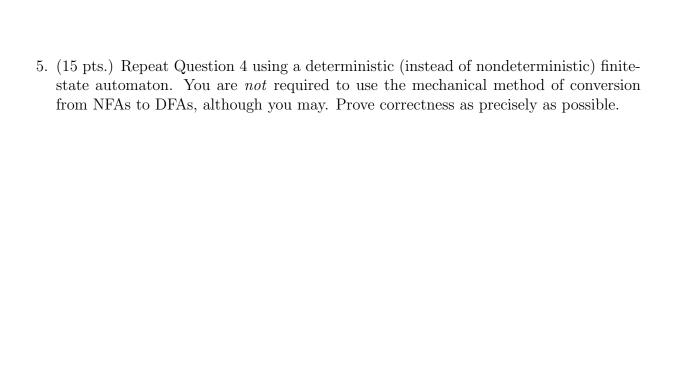
Prove or disprove: If L_1L_2 is a prefix-free language then L_1 and L_2 are also prefix-free. [Hint: Examine boundary cases carefully.]

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.



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