

Problems Solved:

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Problem 1. A function f is given by $f(0) = 1$ und $f(n+1) = (n+1) \cdot f(n)$ for $n \geq 0$. Show by induction that $f(2n)/f(n)^2 \leq 4^n$ for all natural numbers n .

Problem 2. Let $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ be a language over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{a, b, c, d\}$ such that a word w is in L if and only if it is either a or b or of the form $w = ducvd$ where u and v are words of L . For example, $dacad$, $ddacbdcad$, $dddcbcdcbcbddcad$ are words in L . Show by induction that every word of L contains an even number of the letter d .

Note that a *language* is just a set of words and a *word* is simply a finite sequence of letters from the alphabet.

Problem 3. Let p be a prime number. Show $\sqrt{p} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ by an indirect proof.

Hint: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Square_root_of_2#Proofs_of_irrationality.

Problem 4. Construct a deterministic finite state machine M over the alphabet $\{0, 1\}$ such that it accepts the language $L(M) = \{01\}$.

- Draw the graph.
- Provide the components of the defining quintuple explicitly.
- What has to be changed in order for the machine to accept all finite repetitions of the string 01? (The empty word shall not be accepted.)

Problem 5. Construct a nondeterministic finite state machine for:

- the language L_1 of all strings over $\{0, 1\}$ that contain 001 as a substring.
- the language L_2 of all strings over $\{0, 1\}$ that contain the letters 0, 0, 1 in exactly that order. (Note that before, in between and after these three letters any number of other letters may occur).

Your two machines must not use more than 4 states. Moreover, they should only differ in their transition functions. Draw their transition graphs.