Test 1 Review

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In general, homework problems are representative of what will be on the test. This is just a high-level overview of what's been covered. If you are unsure if something will be on the test, just ask!

Languages

- Terms: language, alphabet, words, null/empty string, null set
- Symbols: + (selection), \emptyset , λ , * (Kleene Closure), + (Positive Closure)
- Language-defining rules
- Functions e.g. "length", "reverse"
- Proving language equivalence

Recursive Definitions

- Definition
- Examples (defining, construction proofs)
- Proving what strings can't contain (e.g. //)

Regular Expressions

- Definition (and understanding language-defining symbols)
- Operations: concatenation, selection, closure
- Creating REs from English (e.g. all words that begin and end with *b*'s)
- Describing REs, equivalence between two REs

• Finite Automata

- Definitions: states, determinism, initial, final/accepting
- Formal definition of FA
- Transition Tables vs. Transition Diagrams
- Constructing and classifying FAs

Transition Graphs

- Processing multiple characters at a time
- "crashing" a machine on invalid input
- Non-determinism and "successful" paths
- Multiple start states, λ transitions
- Generalized Transition Graphs