Midterm Exam 1: Study Guide

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You will have the whole class period of 75 minutes. The exam will be open book and open (paper) notes. No computers, smartphones, or any other Turing-equivalent machines are allowed.

The exam covers everything up to and including HW3. There will be six questions, worth 10 points each, for a total of 60 points (10% of your grade).

• Design:
  – Write a finite automaton that recognizes a given language (like HW2 Q1, HW4 Q2a, HW4 Q3a, Exercise 1.6j).
  – Write a regular expression that matches a given language (like Exercise 1.18e).

• Construction: Two out of the following three types of questions.
  – Convert a NFA to a DFA (like HW2 Q3, Exercise 1.16b).
  – Convert a regular expression to a NFA (like HW3 Q1, Exercise 1.28a).
  – Convert a NFA to a regular expression (like HW3 Q3, Exercise 1.21a).

• Proofs:
  – Show that regular languages are closed under some operation (like HW2 Q2c, HW4 Q1b, Problem 1.66a).
  – Something else! (Could be anything, but Exercise 1.11 might be good practice.)