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## Tik-79.148 Introduction to Theoretical Computer Science Tutorial 5 Exercises

## Ordinary exercises:

1. Find the *smallest* deterministic finite state automaton that accepts the same language as the following nondeterministic one:



2. Consider the following two regular expressions:

$$R_1 = b^* a (a^* b^*)^*$$
$$R_2 = (a \cup b)^* a (a \cup b)^*$$

Do they define the same language? Justify your answer by constructing the corresponding deterministic automata.

3. Prove that the language

$$L = \{aa^*b^nc^n \mid n \ge 0\}$$

is not regular. Hint: remember that the intersection of two regular languages is always regular.

## Demonstraatiotehtävät:

4. Use a systematic algorithm to construct the regular expression that corresponds to the following finite state automaton:

- 5. Prove that the language  $L = \{ww^R \mid w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$  is not regular.
- 6. Let L be a regular language. Prove that the language  $L' = \{xy \mid x \in L \text{ and } y \notin L\}$  is regular.