

Directions: You may work to solve these problems in groups, but all written work must be your own. **Show your work;** See “Guidelines and advice” on the course webpage for more information.

1. Let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$, let $A = \bigcup_{k=0}^2 \Sigma^k$, and let $B = \bigcup_{k=0}^4 \Sigma^k$.
 - (a) List the strings in A . What is $|A|$?
 - (b) What is $|B|$?
 - (c) Recall that $AB = \{xy \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B\}$. Describe the members of AB . What is $|AB|$?
2. Let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. We define languages A , B , and C as follows:

$$A = \{w \in \Sigma^* : w \text{ contains more zeros than ones}\}$$

$$B = \{w \in \Sigma^* : w \text{ contains more ones than zeros}\}$$

$$C = \Sigma^*.$$

- (a) Give an example of a string x that belongs to the language A and a string y that *does not* belong to the language A .
- (b) Give a description of the language $A \cup B$.
- (c) Give a description of the language $A \cap B$.
- (d) Give a description of the language $\overline{A \cup B}$.
- (e) Give a description of the language AA .
- (f) Argue that $AA \subsetneq ACA$ by (1) showing that if $w \in AA$, then $w \in ACA$, and (2) giving an example of a string w which is in ACA but not in AA .
- (g) Argue that $AB = ACB$ by showing that each string w is a member of AB if and only if w is also a member of ACB .