General instructions about homework. Please submit this homework electronically. See the on the class web page. You will need Subversion and you will need to have electronically registered. In any case, please notify us of problems.

You’ll find templates for some solutions in the directory ~cs164/hw/hw1 and in the repository at

svn+ssh://cs164-ta@torus.cs.berkeley.edu/staff/hw1

or more succinctly on the instructional machines:

$STAFFREPOS/hw1

Place answers to any questions that don’t require programs in a file called hw1.txt.

If you are working at home using your own installation (as opposed to using the instructional machines remotely), you’ll need a Python installation. See the Python link from the class home page if you need one.

1. A subsequence of a string S (or any kind of sequence, really) is simply a sequence consisting of zero or more characters from S in the same order as in S; for example, "ack", "", "bk", and "back" are all subsequences of "back", but "kb" and "bb" are not. A substring of S is a contiguous subsequence of zero or more characters of S; for example "ack", "ba", "" and "back" are substrings of "back", but "bk" is not. Given a string S of length N, how many subsequences does it have? How many substrings? To simplify your life, you may assume that letters in S are not repeated (the problem becomes rather “interesting” if you count only distinct subsequences when S may contain repetitions).

2. [From Aho, Sethi, Ullman] Give as simple a description as possible of the languages denoted by the following regular expressions. For example, it is better to describe the language denoted by ( (a*b*)*(b*a*)*)* as “The set of all strings from the alphabet {a, b}” rather than “A sequence of 0 or more a’s followed by 0 or more b’s, all repeated 0 or more times and then followed by etc.” The latter might be correct, but shows no thought.

a. 0(0|1)*0

b. ((ε|0)1*)*

c. (0|1)*0(0|1)(0|1)

d. 0*10*10*10*

e. (00|11)*((01|10)(00|11)*(01|10)(00|11))*

More problems on next page.
3. [Adapted from Aho, Sethi, Ullman] Write the simplest regular expression you can for each of the following languages, using basic regular expressions from Python. Turn in files called P3a.py, P3b.py, etc., each containing that contain solutions to these problems, using the templates for these files provided in ~cs164/hw/hw1 on the instructional machines. Python "regular expressions" are considerably more powerful than the "classical" basic expressions we want here. For this problem, restrict yourself to using just ordinary characters (that stand for themselves), plus the special characters [ ] ( ) * + | . $ ^ ?

In the following, "letters" mean lower-case letters. Each pattern that you write must match the entire input string (an entire line with the frameworks provided) for a match to succeed, not just an initial segment.

a. Strings of letters that contain all five vowels in order (but not necessarily continguously), each one exactly once.

b. Strings composed of letters a–f in which the letters are in alphabetical order (not all letters have to appear in a string, but those that do must be in order).

c. Comments consisting of a string starting with /* and ending with */ without any */ in between unless it occurs inside balancing quotes " and ". Quotes must be balanced, so that /*"*/ is illegal, and only balancing pairs of quotes "deactivate" the */ symbol, so that /*"*/"*/ is illegal (the */ occurs between quotes, but they don't balance each other).

d. All strings of 0's and 1's with an even number of 0's and an odd number of 1's.

e. All strings of 0's and 1's that do not contain the substring '011'.

f. All strings of 0's and 1's that do not contain the subsequence '011'.

4. This ends the homework to be handed in. Follow the directions for submitting your homework. The rest of the exercises here are intended to get you familiar with Subversion, or at least the command-line client program svn. Handed in or not, it's really important that this tool works for you. Be prepared to RTFM (specifically, the Using Subversion link on the home page and possibly the Subversion Manual as well). Do not just accept error messages as if they were Acts of Nature beyond your control; whatever it takes, make it work!

5. You can list files that the repository has stored in it with the command

$ svn ls $MYREPOS

You should see trunk and tags. If you don’t, find out why not! Likewise,

$ svn ls $MYREPOS/trunk
$ svn ls $MYREPOS/tags

Should show hw1 and hw1-k (for some k). If you don’t see these, find out why not!
6. Now create a new version of hw1 from your old one, giving it a new name with

   $ cd ~/work
   $ svn copy $MYREPOS/trunk/hw1 hwx

and try svn ls $MYREPOS/trunk again. Why isn’t hwx included in this listing? Didn’t you just svn copy into it? Like the rest of the questions in this assignment, this is a “thought question.” Just make sure you know the answer.

7. Try the command

   $ cd ~/work
   $ svn status

You should see an indication the hwx is not yet committed. Create a new empty file in hwx with

   $ touch hwx/hwx.txt

and again execute svn status. This time, you should see hwx.txt marked with a ‘?’ to tell you that you haven’t told svn what to do with it. Use the command

   svn commit hwx

to commit your new directory.

8. Try svn status again. You should see that hwx.txt is still listed as ‘?’. Use svn add to inform svn about hwx.txt. Now the status will have it marked ‘A’, but svn ls $MYREPOS/hwx will not list it. Commit hwx, and make sure that hwx/hwx.txt is properly part of the repository.

9. Now remove hwx/hw1.txt without telling svn:

   $ rm ~/work/hwx/hw1.txt

and see what svn status and svn ls $MYREPOS/trunk/hwx show. In the documentation we’ve provided for Subversion, you will find a command for recovering hw1.txt. Find it and use it.

10. Erase the hwx directory in the repository with

    svn remove $MYREPOS/trunk/hwx -m "Remove hwx"

Why is /work/hwx still around? Why doesn’t svn status show it as deleted? Execute

   $ cd ~/work
   $ svn update

This should remove the directory (make sure it does).
11. Wait: you mean you actually deleted `hwx` from the repository? Disaster! You’d better bring it back. First, look for where this happened, using

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$ svn log $MYREPOS
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or for more information,

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$ svn log -v $MYREPOS
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This will show you all your commits, and let you find out the revision in which you deleted `hwx`. Now restore it from the revision before this happened. If `svn log` tells you that you deleted `hwx` in version 1000, then execute

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$ cd ~/work
$ svn copy $MYREPOS/trunk/hwx@999 . # "." means "this directory".
$ svn commit
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to restore and commit p1.