Automata Theory: Assignment 3

Due date: January 24 (Thursday)

Problem 1 (6 points)

Consider the following two languages on the alphabet $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$:

$$L_1 = \{a^n : n \ge 1\}$$

$$L_2 = \{ab^n : n \ge 0\}$$

Describe the languages below, using either the set notation or precise definitions in English:

$$L_{3} = L_{1}^{*}$$

$$L_{4} = L_{1}^{+}$$

$$L_{5} = \overline{L}_{1}$$

$$L_{6} = L_{2}^{*}$$

$$L_{7} = L_{1} \cap L_{2}$$

$$L_{8} = L_{1}L_{2}$$

Problem 2 (4 points)

Consider the alphabet $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$. Is there any language L on this alphabet for which $(\overline{L})^+ = \overline{L}^+$? If yes, give an example of such a language; if no, explain why.