

2202 COL 352 Quiz2

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TOTAL POINTS

9 / 10

QUESTION 1

1 NPDA 3 / 4

+ 0 pts Incorrect/Not Attempted

✓ + 3 pts *Correct NPDA construction for $L1 \cap L2$*

+ 2 pts Partially correct NPDA

+ 1 pts Correctness proof

QUESTION 2

2 notCFL 3 / 3

+ 0 pts Incorrect

+ 1 pts Correct Idea

+ 1.5 pts One case not specified

+ 2 pts Partially correct

+ 2.5 pts Unclear Explanation

✓ + 3 pts *Correct*

QUESTION 3

3 Prefix 3 / 3

✓ + 3 pts *fully correct*

+ 1.5 pts correct approach but incorrect

grammar

+ 0 pts completely incorrect/ unattempted

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(COL 352) Introduction to Automata and Theory of Computation

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Quiz 2

Duration: 40 minutes

(10 points)

Beware: Be clear in your writing. If you use a statement proved in class or in the problem set, then write down the entire statement before using it. You will not get a new sheet, so make sure you are certain when you write something (maybe use a dark pencil). Make a judicious decision of which tool(s) to use to get a clean and short answer that fits in the space. If you cheat, you will surely get an F in this course.

1. (4 points) Show that if L_1 is a context-free language and L_2 is a regular language, then $L_1 \cap L_2$ is a context-free language by constructing an NPDA for $L_1 \cap L_2$ using the NPDA for L_1 and DFA for L_2 .

There exists a DFA A for $L_2 = (Q_2, \delta_2, q_0^2, F_2, \Sigma)$

There exists a NPDA P for $L_1 = (Q_1, \delta_1, q_0^1, F_1, \Sigma, \Gamma, \perp)$

Labels for DFA A :
 - Q_2 : Set of states
 - δ_2 : Transition function
 - q_0^2 : start state
 - F_2 : accepting states
 - Σ : input symbols

Labels for NPDA P :
 - Q_1 : Set of states
 - δ_1 : Transition function
 - q_0^1 : start state
 - F_1 : acceptance by Final state
 - Σ : input symbols
 - Γ : stack symbols
 - \perp : stack bottom

We use subset construction to create an NPDA for $L_1 \cap L_2$

The set of states will be $Q' = Q_1 \times Q_2$

$q_0' = \text{start state} = \{q_0^1, q_0^2\}$

$F' = \text{Final states} = \{ \langle q, b \rangle \mid a \in F_1 \text{ and } b \in F_2 \}$

$\Sigma' = \Sigma$

$\Gamma' = \Gamma$

$\perp' = \perp$

The transition function is as follows

if $\delta_1(q, a, A) = (q', B)$
 and $\delta_2(p, a) = (p')$

Then $\delta'(\langle q, p \rangle, a, A) = (\langle q', p' \rangle, B)$

$\forall q \in Q_1, p \in Q_2, a \in \Sigma, A \in \Gamma$. This is a correct machine because it simulates running both the DFA and the NPDA and accepts the string only if it is accepted by both.

2. (3 points) Show that $L = \{a^n b^m c^n d^m \mid n, m \geq 0\}$ is not a CFL.

Proof by the contrapositive of pumping lemma for CFLs.

For any $n \geq 1$ consider the string $w = a^n b^n c^n d^n$, $|w| = 4n > n$ and $w \in L$.

Consider any split of w s.t $w = uvwx$ s.t $|vwx| \leq n$ and $|vx| > 0$, we show that $uv^2wx^2y \notin L$ i.e for $i=2$ we pump w out of L by creating uv^2wx^2y .

The string vwx cannot contain both a and c and neither can it contain both b and d . (a, c and b, d are separated by n characters)

if vwx lies within a block ie only contains a or b or c or d then after pumping one of the following conditions will become false.
 $\#a = \#c$ or $\#b = \#d$ and $uv^2wx^2y \notin L$. otherwise vwx might lie in two blocks. i.e

$a^n b^m c^n d^n$

the number of a 's and c 's and b 's and d 's both cannot match hence L is not a CFL by pumping lemma.

3. (3 points) Give a CFG for the following language.

$P = \{w \mid \text{in every prefix of } w \text{ the number of } a\text{'s is at least the number of } b\text{'s}\}$

