

Big Quiz 1

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Total Points

25 / 25 pts

Question 1

Q1

10 / 10 pts

Regex

✓ + 4 pts $L' = a^n \cdot \{a^p\}^*$

✓ + 1.5 pts Proving $L' \subseteq L$

✓ + 2.5 pts Proving $L \subseteq L'$

✓ + 2 pts Case when $p < 0$

DFA

+ 4 pts DFA Construction

+ 1.5 pts Proving $L_{DFA} \subseteq L$

+ 2.5 pts Proving $L \subseteq L_{DFA}$

+ 2 pts Case when $p < 0$

+ 0 pts Incorrect

Question 2

Q2

15 / 15 pts

✓ + 10 pts Correct unambiguous context-free grammar

✓ + 2 pts Stating every formula has a unique derivation

✓ + 1 pt Correct base case for induction

✓ + 1 pt Correct Induction hypothesis

✓ + 1 pt Correct Induction step

+ 2 pts Correct ambiguous grammar

+ 0 pts Incorrect context-free grammar

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MAJOR QUIZ 1

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MAXIMUM MARKS: 40

Instructions: Write your name and entry number at the top of each sheet. Use page number 1 and 2 for answering Q1, and 3 and 4 for answering Q2. Answers written on incorrect pages will be marked zero.

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A1.

We prove L is regular by giving it a regular expression. (Assuming $p > 0, n > 0$)

Claim:- $a^n (ap)^* = R$, then $L(R) = L$

Proof:- Consider arbitrary string $s \in L(R)$

$\Rightarrow s = a^n (ap)^m$ for some $m > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow |s| &= |a^n \cdot (ap)^m| = |a^n| + |ap^m| \\ &= n + pm \Rightarrow n + pi \text{ for } i = m \\ &\in \{n + pi \mid i > 0\} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow s \in L$, since s was arbitrary, we get

$$L(R) \subseteq L \quad L(R) \subset L \dots \textcircled{I}$$

Consider arbitrary $s \in L$, $\Rightarrow |s| = n + pi$ for some $i > 0$ since $\Sigma = \{a\}$

$$\Rightarrow s = a^{n+pi} = a^n (ap)^i$$

$\Rightarrow s \in a^n (ap)^*$, since s was arbitrary

$$\text{we get } L \subset L(R) \dots \textcircled{II}$$

by \textcircled{I} and \textcircled{II} $L = L(R) \Rightarrow L$ has a regex for it
 $\Rightarrow L$ is regular language

A1. (contd.)

Since we assume $n > 0$ and $p > 0$
 if $n \leq 0$ but $p > 0$, then the language
 is same as the one where n is replaced by
 $n + ip$ where i is smallest number such
 that $n + ip > 0$, thus again regular.
 if $p \leq 0$, then the set is clearly finite.
 and every finite language is regular.
 $\Rightarrow L$ is always regular.

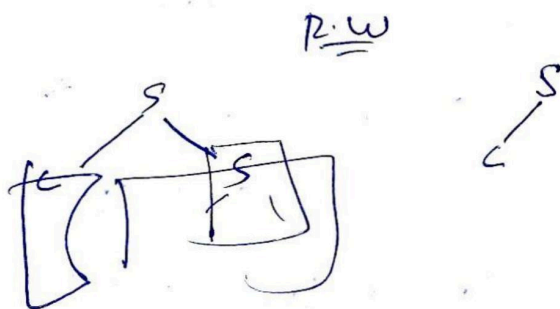
$$\begin{array}{c} n \\ 0 \mid 0 \\ n \end{array}$$

P.W. $\wedge, (,), \vee, \neg, \emptyset$ \vee = variable

$$S = (C) \mid (C) \wedge S$$

$$C = A \mid A \vee C$$

$$A = \neg \vee \mid \vee$$



A2.

Let V be the set of variables.Define a grammar G as $= (\Sigma, (T, NT, S, R))$ as $\Sigma = T = \{ \wedge, \vee, (,), \neg, v \mid \text{where } v \in V \}$ $NT = \{ C, A, S \}$ $S = S$ (start symbol)and rules $R = P$ are $S \longrightarrow (\underline{C}) \mid (\underline{C}) \wedge \underline{S} \dots \quad \textcircled{I}$ $C \longrightarrow \underline{A} \mid \underline{A} \vee \underline{C} \dots \quad \textcircled{II}$ $A \longrightarrow v \mid \neg v \quad \forall v \in V \dots \quad \textcircled{III}$

(C generates individual clause, A generates a single literal which is variable or not \neg variable, parentheses are there appropriately)

~~Claim:- G is unambiguous~~Claim:- Set of strings generated by starting at A is unambiguous $\dots \quad \textcircled{IV}$ Proof:- A only generates terminals, ~~and all the strings~~ ~~therefore~~ thus it is unambiguous.Claim:- Set of strings generated by starting at C is unambiguous $\dots \quad \textcircled{V}$

Let s be string generated by starting at C having 2 derivations ~~and~~ ~~s~~ ~~s~~ ~~s~~ d_1 and d_2 and d_1 has the least depth possible in the derivation.

A2. (contd.)

If d_1 and d_2 both ^{4th rule} used ~~the~~ is $C \rightarrow A$, then we would have ambiguous string starting from A . Contradiction.

If d_1 uses $C \rightarrow A$ and d_2 uses $C \rightarrow AVC$ then S derived using $C \rightarrow A$ can be either

$$S := C \rightarrow A \rightarrow V \mid \neg V \Rightarrow |S| \leq 2 \quad \text{--- (VI)}$$

but S derived using AVC has length

$$|S| = |AVC| = |A| + |V| + |C|$$

$$> 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$$

Contradiction to (VI), ~~hence~~ if d_1 uses $C \rightarrow AVC$ and d_2 is $C \rightarrow A$.

Thus if d_1 and d_2 both use $C \rightarrow AVC$.

$$\text{let } d_1 := C \rightarrow AVC_1, \quad d_2 := C \rightarrow AVC_2$$

then the derivation from C_1 and C_2 is also ambiguous, and has smaller structure than d_1 . Contradiction. \Rightarrow Strings generated by starting at C is unambiguous. *

Claim:- Strings generated by starting at S is unambiguous

Let S be string having 2 derivation. Say d_1, d_2 . d_1 has smallest structure/depth. If $d_1 \rightarrow (C)$ and $d_2 \rightarrow (C)$ both, then contradiction as then S would be strings generated by starting at C would be unambiguous.

If $d_1 \rightarrow (CC)$ and $d_2 \rightarrow (CC) \wedge S$, then again as above we get contradiction from length of string.

Hence for $d_1 \rightarrow (CC) \wedge S$ and $d_2 \rightarrow (C)$.

If $d_1 \rightarrow (CC) \wedge S$ and $d_2 \rightarrow (C) \wedge S$, then S is ambiguous too. Contradiction to d_1 being smallest

ambiguous structure.