

# 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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## 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  
 -  $\delta_2$ : Transition function  
 -  $q_0^2$ : start state  
 -  $F_2$ : accepting states  
 -  $\Sigma$ : input symbols

Labels for NPDA  $P$ :  
 -  $Q_1$ : Set of states  
 -  $\delta_1$ : Transition function  
 -  $q_0^1$ : start state  
 -  $F_1$ : acceptance by Final state  
 -  $\Sigma$ : input symbols  
 -  $\Gamma$ : 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.  $w = uvwxy$  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 it 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.

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

