

1) a) consider a NPDA that operates as follows. It starts by pushing a \$ marker onto the bottom of the stack to indicate the base. The NPDA reads a's from the input and pushes an a onto the stack for each a it encounters. This continues until the first b. As b's are read, the NPDA pops a's from the stack. The point is so that every b is "matched" with an a. When the NPDA reads \$, it starts pushing b's onto the stack for each b read. When a c is encountered, there are 3 possible things that the NPDA knows: 1) if there's an a at the top of the stack, the number of a's on the stack corresponds to the excess of a's over b's ( $i-j$ ). 2) If there's a b at the top, the number of b's on the stack correspond to the excess of b's over a's ( $j-i$ ). 3) If the \$ is at the top, the number of a's = the number of b's in the string at this point. If the number of a's on the stack equals the excess of a's over b's, then  $i > j$  and we move to an accepting region. If the number of b's on the stack equals the excess of b's over a's,  $j \leq i+k$  is met and we accept. If \$ is reached,  $i=j$  and we accept. For these cases, all b's must precede c's in the string to accept. If this order is not followed, we reject. To show  $L_1$  is not regular, we will use the pumping lemma. Suppose  $L_1$  is regular. Take string  $w = a^p b^{2p} c^p$ , where  $p$  is pumping length. We can split  $w$  as  $w = xyz$ , where  $|x| \leq p$ ,  $|y| > 0$ , and  $x, y, z$  are substrings of  $w$  |  $xy^kz$  still belongs to  $L_1$  after pumping. If  $y$  spans across the boundary between different types of characters, pumping  $y$  will yield a string with characters that are out of order, so the string  $\notin L_1$ . If  $y$  is completely in one type of character, for a and c, pumping down yields a string with an incorrect balance between a's, b's, and c's. If  $y$  is entirely in b's, pumping up will also create an invalid string.  $\therefore$  the string from pumping  $y$  contradicts the  $xy^kz \in L_1$  for  $k \geq 0$  requirement of the pumping lemma.  $\therefore L_1$  is not regular, but it is context-free as shown by our NPDA model.

b)  $L_2 = \{a^i b^j c^k : i=j=k \text{ or } i > 1000\}$ . If  $L' = \{a^i b^j c^k : i=j=k, i \leq 1000\}$  and  $L'' = \{a^i b^j c^k : i > 1000\}$ ,  $L_2 = L' \cup L''$ . Regular languages have closure under union, so if  $L'$  and  $L''$  are regular, then so is  $L_2$ . For language  $L'$ ,  $i, j, k \leq 1000$  since  $i \leq 1000$  and  $i=j=k$ .  $\therefore L'$  is a finite language since no character can exceed 1000 and the maximum string length is 3000. Now we have established  $L'$  is finite, so we can build a DFA that reads a, b, c and counts their occurrences up to 1000.  $\therefore$  Since we can make a DFA with transitions for each string,  $L'$  is regular. Next, we must prove  $L'' = \{a^i b^j c^k : i > 1000\}$  is regular.  $L''$  can be accepted by a DFA that has states counting a's up to 1000. We will construct DFA  $M$  as:



1) b)  $-Q = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{1000}, s_{1001}, s_{1002}\}$

$-E = \{a, b, c\}$

$-q_{\text{start}} = s_0$  and  $q_{\text{accept}} = \{s_{1000}, s_{1001}, s_{1002}\}$

$-\delta$ : For each  $a$  read, we move to the next transition state until  $>1000$   $a$ 's are read.

If  $>1000$   $a$ 's are read, the DFA moves to an accept region. The rest of the string must follow the "b then c" order for the DFA to remain in an accept state. If no  $b$ 's, then  $c$ 's follow  $a$ 's, but all  $b$ 's should come after  $a$ 's and before  $c$ 's.

$\therefore$  we have constructed a DFA that recognizes  $L''$ , so  $L''$  is regular. Since  $L'$  and  $L''$  are regular and regular languages are closed under union,  $L_2 = L' \cup L''$  is regular.

c) We will use the pumping lemma to show whether  $L_3$  is context-free. Let the pumping length for context-free languages be  $p$ . We will consider  $w = a^q b^q c^q$ , where  $q \geq \max(p, 1001)$ , which is large enough to apply the pumping lemma.  $w \in L_3$  since  $i=j=k$ , so  $L_3$ 's first condition is met. We can decompose  $w$  as  $w = uvxyz$ , where  $|vxy| \leq p$ ,  $|vy| > 0$ , and  $uv^kxy^kz \in L_3$  for all  $k \geq 0$ . The substring  $v$  and  $y$  must consist of symbols from string  $w$ . We have two cases for  $v$  and  $y$ . If  $v$  and/or  $y$  straddle the boundary between different types of characters, then pumping will result in a string that has characters that are out of order. Specifically, in any pumped version of the string  $uv^kxy^kz$ , the characters no longer have  $a^i b^j c^k$  form. The second case is if  $v$  and  $y$  are made entirely of one character. If  $v$  and  $y$  are within  $a$ 's or  $b$ 's, pumping will break the  $i=j=k$  rule. If  $v$  and  $y$  are within  $c$ 's, the  $i, j, k$  balance will also be off. Given  $q \geq \max(p, 1001)$ , if we pump on  $v$  and  $y$ , we may get a string where the number of  $a$ 's,  $b$ 's, or  $c$ 's  $> 1000$ , but also fails to meet  $i=j=k$ . Pumping results in strings that do not satisfy the language's constraints, so  $L_3$  is not context-free.

- 2) a) We must show that  $\text{co-}L = \{ \langle M \rangle : \text{Turing Machine } M \text{ has no unreachable states} \}$  is RE to prove whether  $L$  is co-RE. We will let  $L' = \text{co-}L$ .  $M'$  will be our recognizer for  $L'$  that simulates  $M$  on each string  $w_1, w_2, \dots$  in parallel, where in the  $j^{\text{th}}$  round, it simulates  $M$  for  $j$  steps on  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_j$ .  $M'$  starts by enumerating all strings in  $L^+$ , the set of all possible inputs. In each round,  $M'$  checks that each state of  $M$  has been visited at least once. If at any point all the states of  $M$  have been visited,  $M'$  will accept the encoding  $\langle M \rangle$ . If all states of  $M$  are reachable, there will be a finite set of strings that when simulated on  $M$ , will visit each state. When  $M'$  simulates  $M$  for enough steps on these strings, all states will be observed, and it will accept. If  $M$  has an unreachable state,  $M'$  will never visit that state and will simulate  $M$  without accepting.  $\therefore$  if a state is unreachable, the simulation will run forever. Since we can recognize when all states are reachable,  $L'$  is RE and thus  $L$  is co-RE.
- b) We will reduce  $E_{\text{TM}}$  to the problem of deciding whether a given TM  $M$  has an unreachable state. This reduction will show that if we could decide  $L$ , then we could also decide  $E_{\text{TM}}$ , which is undecidable, so we will have a contradiction. We will construct  $M'$  given an instance of  $\langle M \rangle \mid L(M') = L(M)$  and  $M'$  must visit all states to accept.  $M'$  is a copy of  $M$  and we will enumerate the states of  $M$  (except  $q_{\text{accept}}$ ) as  $q_0, q_1, \dots, q_n$ . The transition to  $q_{\text{accept}}$  will be replaced by an identical transition to a new state  $q_{\text{visit}}$ . When in  $q_{\text{visit}}$ , for each symbol  $a$ ,  $M'$  writes  $\%$  and transitions to a state  $q_{\text{visit},1}$ . When all states are visited,  $M'$  finally moves to  $q_{\text{accept}}$ . If  $w$  is not accepted by  $M$ ,  $M'$  will not accept  $w$  as  $M'$  will run endlessly and never reach  $q_{\text{accept}}$  due to the transitions in the  $q_{\text{visit}}$  states. Conversely, if  $w$  is accepted by  $M$ ,  $M'$  will accept  $w$ , but will first write two  $\%$  symbols and move back and forth over them, visiting each state of  $M$  once all states are visited,  $M'$  enters  $q_{\text{accept}}$ . Every state gets visited when  $M$  accepts  $w$ . If  $L(M') = \emptyset$ ,  $M'$  has an unreachable state because if  $M'$  accepts, it must visit all states of  $M$ .  $\therefore$  if  $M'$  has an unreachable state,  $M$  also has an unreachable state. When  $L(M') \neq \emptyset$ , some string is accepted by  $M'$ , and every state of  $M'$  is reachable.  $\therefore$  all states of  $M$  are reachable.  $M'$  has no unreachable states iff  $w$  is accepted by  $M$ .  $\therefore$  the decision process for  $L$  would allow us to decide  $E_{\text{TM}}$ , which is known to be undecidable.  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$  Reducing  $E_{\text{TM}}$  to  $L$  shows that  $L$  is undecidable because otherwise,  $E_{\text{TM}}$  would have to be decidable.

- 3) Proof by contradiction. Assume  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are recursively separable.  $\exists$  a decidable language  $D$  where  $L_1 \cap D = \emptyset$  and  $L_2 \subseteq D$ .  $\therefore$  there is a TM  $M$  that recognizes  $D$ . Consider TM  $M' = M(\langle M \rangle)$  | we have two possibilities:
1. if  $M'$  accepts,  $\langle M \rangle \in D$ . By definition  $\langle M \rangle$  is in  $L_1$ . This is a contradiction as  $L_1 \cap D = \emptyset$ .  $\therefore M'$  can't be in both  $L_1$  and  $D$  or the intersection of the two would not be empty.
  2. if  $M'$  rejects,  $\langle M \rangle \notin D$ . By definition,  $\langle M \rangle$  is in  $L_2$ . However,  $L_2 \subseteq D$ , so if  $\langle M \rangle \in L_2$ , then  $\langle M \rangle \in D$ . We have a contradiction as  $\langle M \rangle \notin D$ .
- Therefore by contradiction, we have proven  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are not recursively separable and are thus recursively inseparable.

4) a) Consider the grammar  $G$  with  $G = \{V, \Sigma, R, S\}$  where  $V$  is the finite set of non-terminal symbols,  $\Sigma$  is a finite set of terminal symbols,  $R$  is a finite set of production rules |  $A \rightarrow xB$  for non-terminals  $A, B \in V$  and  $x \in \Sigma^*$  or  $A \rightarrow x$  for some non-terminal  $A \in V$  and  $x \in \Sigma^*$ , and  $S \in V$  is the start variable. We can prove that  $L(G)$  is regular by constructing a NFA that recognizes  $L(G)$ . We will construct  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  where  $Q$  is all states,  $\Sigma$  is the alphabet,  $q_0$  is the start state and  $F$  is the set of accept states. Let  $\delta$  represent the transition function |  $\delta(A, x) = \{B \mid A \rightarrow xB \in R\}$ . We define this transition function as such: we construct a state for every non-terminal and we create an accept state. For every  $(A, x)$  that produces  $A \rightarrow xB$  where  $A, B$  are non-terminals, let  $|x| = s$  | we construct  $s-1$  states in  $Q$  to connect  $A$  and  $B$ .  $\forall (A, x)$  that produces  $A \rightarrow x$  where  $A$  is a non-terminal, then  $x$  is a string of terminals.  $\therefore$  if  $|x| = s$ , we can construct  $s-1$  states that connect  $A$  to an accept state.  $\therefore$  we have defined the transition function. Since we can construct a NFA for every language generated by a right-linear CFG, every language generated by a right-linear CFG is regular.

b) we will construct a right-linear CFG for any FA that recognizes the language. First, we will define an NFA  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  where  $Q$  is the finite set of all states,  $\Sigma$  is the alphabet,  $\delta$  is the transition function  $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow 2^Q$ ,  $q_0 \in Q$  is the start state,  $F \subseteq Q$  is the set of accept states. We want to construct a right-linear CFG  $G$  |  $L(G) = L(M)$ . We have  $G = (V, \Sigma', R, S)$ , where  $V = Q$  | every state of  $M$  is a non-terminal of  $G$ .  $\Sigma' = \Sigma$ , which is the input alphabet of  $M$ .  $S = q_0$  (as the start symbol) corresponds to  $M$ 's start state. our productions |  $R$  replicates  $\delta$  will be as follows.

Let  $R = \{q \rightarrow x r \mid r \in \delta(q, x)\} \cup \{q \rightarrow x \mid q \in F\}$ .  $\forall$  transition  $x$  between 2 non-accept states in  $M$ , we consider the production  $A \rightarrow xB$  where  $A, B$  are non-accept states in  $Q$  and  $x$  represents the symbol of transition between states. Similarly, consider the transition between non-accept  $A$  and accept state  $B$  | we represent this as production  $A \rightarrow x$  with  $x$  as the transition symbol between states.

4) b) Now we will prove  $L(G) = L(M)$ . First, if  $M$  accepts a string  $w = x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$ , then there are states  $q_0, q_1, \dots, q_n$  in  $M$  |  $q_0 \xrightarrow{x_1} q_1 \xrightarrow{x_2} q_2 \xrightarrow{x_3} \dots \xrightarrow{x_n} q_n$ .  $q_n$  is the accept state. Since we defined the grammar so that each transition  $q \xrightarrow{x} r$  in  $M$  corresponds to  $q \rightarrow xr$  in  $G$ ,  $G$  has an equivalent derivation  $S \Rightarrow x_1 q_1 \Rightarrow x_1 x_2 q_2 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow x_1 x_2 \dots x_n q_n$ . Since  $q_n$  is an accept state, we apply  $q \rightarrow r$ , which yields  $S \Rightarrow x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$ .  $\therefore w$  is in  $L(G)$  and  $L(M) \subseteq L(G)$ . Next, if  $G$  generates a string  $w = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$ , there is a derivation  $S \Rightarrow x_1 q_1 \Rightarrow x_1 x_2 q_2 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow x_1 x_2 \dots x_n q_n$  and  $q_n$  is the accept state. The grammar was constructed from the automaton, so each production  $q_i \rightarrow x a_{i+1}$  corresponds to a transition  $q_i \xrightarrow{x} q_{i+1}$  in  $M$ . We reach  $q_n$ , so the automaton accepts  $w$ .  $w$  is in  $L(M)$  so  $L(G) \subseteq L(M)$ .  $\therefore L(M) = L(G)$ , which means every regular language is generated by some right-linear CFG.

c) Consider the context-free grammar  $G$  with  $S \rightarrow aT | \epsilon$  and  $T \rightarrow Sb$ . We will do induction on  $n$  to prove that  $\forall n \geq 0, a^n b^n$  is in  $L(G)$ . Assume all strings in  $L$  with length  $< n$  are derivable. For the base case when  $n=0$ , the string is  $\epsilon$ . This is generated with  $S \rightarrow \epsilon$ . Inductive hypothesis: assume that for some  $n \geq 0$ ,  $G$  generates  $a^n b^n$ .  $S \Rightarrow^* a^n b^n$ . By production rule  $S \rightarrow aSb$ ,  $a$  is introduced and  $b$  is not introduced yet due to the new  $S$ . With our inductive hypothesis,  $S \Rightarrow aSb \Rightarrow a(a^n b^n)b = a^{n+1} b^{n+1}$ .  $\therefore G$  generates all strings in form  $a^n b^n$ , so  $L \subseteq L(G)$ . In the other direction, we will use induction on the length of the derivation to show that if  $G$  generates  $w$ , it is in form  $a^n b^n$ . Base case for  $k=1$ : if  $S \rightarrow \epsilon$ , we get  $\epsilon$ , which is in  $L$ . Inductive hypothesis: assume any string derived in  $\leq k$  steps is in  $a^n b^n$  form. Inductive step: if the derivation starts with  $S \rightarrow aT$ , the next step must be  $T \rightarrow Sb$ , which leads to  $S \Rightarrow aT \Rightarrow aSb$ . Since  $S \Rightarrow^* a^n b^n$  in  $< k$  steps,  $S \Rightarrow aT \Rightarrow aSb \Rightarrow a(a^n b^n)b = a^{n+1} b^{n+1}$ . It follows that if the first step is  $T \rightarrow Sb$ , we know by induction that  $T \Rightarrow Sb \Rightarrow aTb \Rightarrow a(aTb)b \Rightarrow aaSbb$ . Since  $S \Rightarrow^* \epsilon$ , we get  $aaabb$ , which is in form  $a^n b^n$  also.  $\therefore L(G) \subseteq L$ . Therefore  $G$  exactly generates the language  $L = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ .

5) If  $AT-LEAST-50_L$  is RE,  $\exists$  a TM that recognizes it. The TM  $M'$  for  $AT-LEAST-50_L$  will simulate the recognizer  $M$  for  $L$  on each  $x_i$  in parallel and accept the input if  $>50$  of the  $x_i$ 's belong to  $L$ . For each  $\#x_1\#x_2\#\dots\#x_k\#$  for some  $k \geq 0$ , simulate  $M$  for  $L$  on each  $x_i$ . Since  $M$  is a recognizer for  $L$ ,  $M$  will halt and accept if  $x_i \in L$  and may run forever if  $x_i \notin L$ .  $M'$  simulates  $M$  on all  $x$ 's, simultaneously, for each increasing step  $S=1,2,3,\dots$ . After simulating  $M$  for  $S$  steps, count the number of  $x_i$ 's for which  $M$  has accepted. If  $>50$  of the  $x_i$ 's have been accepted by  $M$ , halt and accept the input. This ensures we have seen  $>50$  elements of  $L$ . If after enough steps, we have seen  $>50$  acceptances, the machine accepts. Otherwise, if  $<50$   $x_i$ 's are in  $L$ , the simulation will continue indefinitely and the machine will never accept. Since the recognizer for  $AT-LEAST-50_L$  can simulate  $M$  for each  $x_i$  and halt when it observes  $>50$  of the simulations accept,  $AT-LEAST-50_L$  is RE.  $\therefore$  if  $L$  is RE,  $AT-LEAST-50_L$  is RE.