

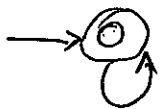
Problem 1: [True or False, with justification] (30 points)

For each of the following questions, state TRUE or FALSE. Justify your answer in brief, indicating only the "proof idea" or counterexample, drawing a diagram if needed.

- a) For a regular language L , let $\phi(L)$ be the smallest positive integer for which there exists a DFA with $\phi(L)$ states that recognizes L . If L_1 and L_2 are two regular languages such that $L_1 \subseteq L_2$, then $\phi(L_1) \leq \phi(L_2)$.

FALSE. $L_2 = \Sigma^*$

$$L_1 = \Sigma^* - \{\epsilon\}$$



σ for all $\sigma \in \Sigma$

Needs two states since initial state cannot be a final state.

- b) Consider the context-free grammar $G = (\{S\}, \{0, 1\}, R, S)$ where the rules are given by

$$S \rightarrow 0S \mid S1 \mid 01$$

Then $L(G)$ is a regular language.

TRUE. $L(G)$ is the language $0^*1^* - \{\epsilon\}$.

- c) For any language L over the alphabet Σ , let $\text{pref}(L)$ be the set of strings that are a prefix of some string in L ; more formally

$$\text{pref}(L) = \{w \mid \text{there exists } w' \in \Sigma^* \text{ such that } ww' \in L\}.$$

If L is a regular language, then so is $\text{pref}(L)$.

TRUE. TAKE DFA FOR L AND EACH
STATE THAT CAN REACH A FINAL STATE
TO THE SET OF FINAL STATES

Problem 2: (15 points)

Let $L = \{0^i 1^j \mid i \text{ and } j \text{ are coprime}\}$. Prove that L is not a regular language.

Recall that two integers a and b are coprime if their greatest common divisor is 1; in other words, there exists no integer greater than 1 that divides both a and b .

Let p be pumping length.

$w = 0^a 1^b$ where $a > p$ is a prime number.

$$b = \frac{(2a-1)!}{a}$$

Note that $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ since a is prime.

Write $w = xyz$ with $|y| > 0$ and $|xy| \leq p$. So $y = 0^l$ for some l

then $xy^i z = 0^{a+(i-1)l} 1^b$

Take $i = 2$

$$xy^2 z = 0^{a+l} 1^b$$

By pumping lemma, $xy^2 z \in L$.

$$\text{So } \gcd(a+l, b) = 1.$$

But $a+l > a$

and $a+l \leq a+p < 2a$

But $b = \frac{(2a-1)!}{a}$ is a multiple of all integers in $(a, 2a)$,

so L cannot be regular!

Problem 3: (15 points)

- a) Let L_1 be a context-free language and L_2 be a regular language. Show that $L_1 \cap L_2$ is a context-free language.

$M_1 = \text{PDA for } L_1$

$$= (Q_1, \Sigma_1, \Gamma_1, \delta_1, q_0^{(1)}, F_1)$$

$M_2 = \text{DFA for } L_2$

$$= (Q_2, \Sigma_2, \delta_2, q_0^{(2)}, F_2)$$

CREATE PDA THAT SIMULATES M_1 AND M_2 SIMULTANEOUSLY.

MORE FORMALLY, CREATE PDA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, F)$

$$Q = Q_1 \times Q_2, \quad q_0 = (q_0^{(1)}, q_0^{(2)}), \quad F = \{(q', q'') \mid q' \in F_1 \text{ and } q'' \in F_2\}$$

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2$$

$$(q', q'', c) \in \delta((\bar{q}', \bar{q}''), a, b)$$

$$\text{if } \delta_1(\bar{q}', a) \ni (q', c) \quad \text{and} \quad \delta_2(\bar{q}'', a) = q''.$$

- b) Use part (a) to show that the language $L \subseteq \{0, 1, 2\}^*$ given by the set of strings containing the same numbers of 0's, 1's and 2's is not context-free.

(In order to prove that L is not context-free, you may use, without proof, the languages that were proved not to be context-free in class, in the homeworks or in the discussion sections.)

Let $L' = 0^* 1^* 2^*$ which is regular

then if L were CFL, then $L \cap 0^* 1^* 2^* = \{0^i 1^i 2^i \mid i \geq 0\}$ would be CFL. But we saw in class that $\{0^i 1^i 2^i \mid i \geq 0\}$ is not CFL. So L is NOT CFL.

Problem 4: (30 points)

Recall that a pushdown automaton is a 6-tuple $(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, F)$. We then define a *deterministic PDA* as a 7-tuple $(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, s_0, q_0, F)$, where $s_0 \in \Gamma$ is the initial symbol in the stack. Moreover, the transition function $\delta: Q \times \Sigma_\epsilon \times \Gamma \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma^*$ must satisfy the following two criteria:

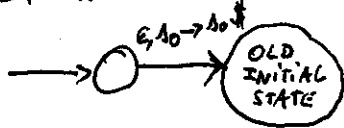
1. For all $q \in Q$, $a \in \Sigma_\epsilon$ and $s \in \Gamma$, $\delta(q, a, s)$ is a set with at most one element.
2. For all $q \in Q$ and $s \in \Gamma$, if $\delta(q, \epsilon, s) \neq \emptyset$, then $\delta(q, a, s) = \emptyset$ for all $a \in \Sigma$; in other words, if the automaton is at state q with s at the top of the stack, it cannot choose between reading the next input symbol or doing an ϵ -transition.

We say that a language is *deterministic context-free* if it is recognized by a deterministic PDA.

Note that a deterministic PDA must pop the top symbol of the stack at *every* step, and recall that, for non-deterministic pushdown automata, acceptance by *empty stack* is equivalent to acceptance by *final state*.

- a) Show that a deterministic PDA that accepts by empty stack can be transformed into a deterministic PDA that accepts by final state.

Add a new STATE which will BE THE FINAL STATE.

Add new initial STATE \rightarrow  , where \$ is a new marker symbol added to Γ .

Then, from each STATE, Add a transition " $\epsilon, \$ \rightarrow \epsilon$ " to the final state. This transition is ONLY USE when the STACK WERE EMPTY IN THE ORIGINAL PDA. Also, IT RESPECTS THE FACT THAT THE NEW PDA IS DETERMINISTIC.

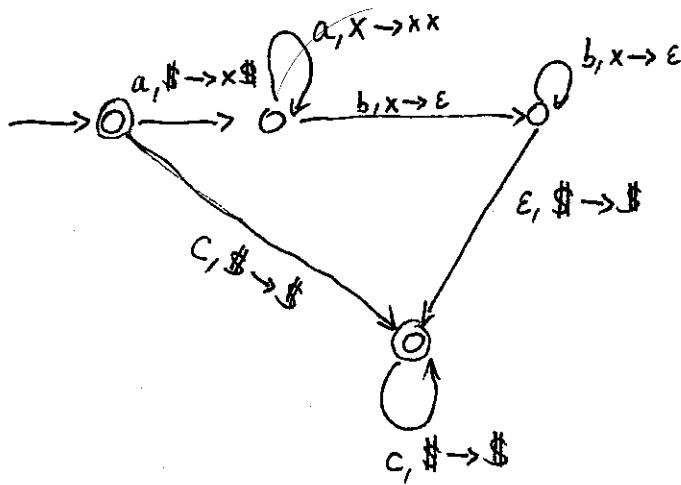
- b) Is the language 00^*1^* accepted by a deterministic PDA via empty stack? Justify your answer.

No. Since 0 is accepted by PDA, after reading 0, the stack is empty and the PDA cannot proceed. So 00 is not accepted, for example.

- c) In this question you will show that the class of deterministic context-free languages is not closed under union. Consider the language $L = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i = j \text{ or } j = k\}$, which is not deterministic context-free. Show that L can be written as $L_1 \cup L_2$, where L_1 and L_2 are two deterministic context-free languages. You must show that your choices of L_1 and L_2 are deterministic context-free.

$$L_1 = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i = j \text{ and } i, j, k \geq 0\}$$

$$L_2 = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid j = k \text{ and } i, j, k \geq 0\}$$



DPDA for

L_1 that Accepts by final state.

$\$$ is the first symbol on the stack

Problem 5: (10 points)

A grammar is called *linear* if all its rules have at most one variable on the right hand side. In other words, if V is the set of variables and Σ is the set of terminals, then all rules of a linear grammar are of the form

$$A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta \quad \text{or} \quad A \rightarrow \gamma, \quad \text{where } A, B \in V \text{ and } \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \Sigma^*.$$

If $\alpha = \epsilon$ in the definition above, that is, all rules have the form

$$A \rightarrow B \beta \quad \text{or} \quad A \rightarrow \gamma \quad \text{for } A, B \in V \text{ and } \beta, \gamma \in \Sigma^*,$$

then the grammar is called *left-linear*. Similarly, if $\beta = \epsilon$ in the definition of linear grammars, that is, all rules have the form

$$A \rightarrow \alpha B \quad \text{or} \quad A \rightarrow \gamma \quad \text{for } A, B \in V \text{ and } \alpha, \gamma \in \Sigma^*,$$

then the grammar is called *right-linear*.

Give a linear grammar G such that the language $L(G)$ generated by G *cannot* be written as $L(G_1) \cup L(G_2)$ where G_1 is a left-linear grammar and G_2 is a right-linear grammar. Justify your answer.

G :

$$S \rightarrow 0S1 \mid \epsilon$$

$$L(G) = \{0^i 1^i \mid i \geq 0\}$$

We saw in class that $L(G)$ is not regular.

But $L(G_1)$ and $L(G_2)$ must be regular, since G_1 is left-linear and G_2 is right-linear. Therefore $L(G_1) \cup L(G_2)$ must be ~~known~~ regular and cannot be equal to $L(G)$.