

# Syntax and Semantics Exam

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## 1 Exercise 1

### 1.1

- A  $a \cup b \cup c$ : is automata ii.
- B  $\Sigma^*$ : automata iv.
- C  $a^* \cup b^* \cup c^*$ : automata iii.
- D  $(a \cup b)^* \cup c^*$ : automata i.

### 1.2

- The union of two regular languages is regular: Yes.
- The union of two context-free languages is context-free: Yes.
- Assuming the language L is recognized by the NFA  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ , a possible pumping length for language L would be  $p =$ : When using the pumping lemma the length of the word has depend on  $p$ , however any value bigger than or equal to  $p$  will do.

## 2 Exercise 2

### 2.1

In state 2 we can notice that that when we read a  $b$  from the input it does not depend on what is in the stack, and we also push a  $b$  onto the stack. When we read an  $a$  from the input we always have to have a  $b$  on the stack meaning that at some point before this we should have already read a  $b$ . Lastly we should notice that the stack has to be emptied before we can enter the accepting state. This leads me to the following definition for the language  $L = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid |w|_a = |w|_b, |w'|_a \leq |w'|_b\}$ , where  $w'$  is a prefix of  $w$ . This means that in the final word there has to be as many  $a$ 's as there are  $b$ 's, but in any given prefix of the word there can be more  $b$ 's than  $a$ 's.

### 2.2

No, the CFG and the PDA do not describe the same language. This can be shown with the word  $b$ .

Using the CFG we can derive the word as follows.  $S \Rightarrow Sb \Rightarrow \epsilon b$ .

However, the PDA will not accept this word.  $1[] \xrightarrow{\epsilon, \epsilon} 2[\$] \xrightarrow{b, \epsilon} 2[b\$]$ . We end in a situation where we have a  $b$  on the stack, but not more input. Therefore we end in state 2, which is not an accepting state.

## 3 Exercise 3

Proof by contradiction. We Assume that  $L$  is regular. By the pumping lemma we know that there exists a pumping length  $p \geq 1$  such that for every  $w \in L$ , where  $|w| \geq p$  then there exists a decomposition  $w = xyz$ , such that.

1. for all  $i \geq 0$ ,  $xy^iz \in L$
2.  $|y| > 0$
3.  $|xy| \leq p$

We choose the word  $a^{p^3}$ , The word is clearly both in  $L$  and length at least  $p$ . From condition 2 and 3 we know that  $y = a^k$  where  $1 \leq k \leq p$  When we pump with  $i = 2$  we get the following word  $a^{p^3+k}$ . Given the constraints on  $k$ ,  $p^3 + k$  cannot be written in the form  $n^3$ , where  $n = p + 1$ . Therefore  $a^{p^3+k} \notin L$ , thus we cannot satisfy condition 1.

## 4 Exercise 4

### 4.1

To prove the two statements i will provide a proof tree for each of them.

First the proof tree for  $ab \rightarrow 2$

$$\frac{\frac{}{b \rightarrow 2} \text{ by rule 2}}{ab \rightarrow 3} 3 = 2 + 1, \text{ by rule 3}$$

Then the proof tree for  $aab \rightarrow 4$ .

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{b \rightarrow 2} \text{ by rule 2}}{ab \rightarrow 3} 3 = 2 + 1, \text{ by rule 3}}{aab \rightarrow 4} 4 = 3 + 1, \text{ by rule 3}$$

### 4.2

First we show that the property holds for our base case which given that  $L' = \{a, b\}^+$ , means the words of length 1, those being  $a$  and  $b$ . From rule 1 we know that  $a \rightarrow 1$ , which upholds the property as  $|a|_a + 2|a|_b = 1$ . For the word  $b$ , we know from rule 2 that  $b \rightarrow 2$  which again upholds the property as  $|b|_a + 2|b|_b = 2$ .

For the induction step we have words of length  $n+1$ . We can divide these words into two cases  $aw$  and  $bw$ , where  $w$  is some word of length  $n$ . For the case of  $aw$  we have to use rule 3. By our induction hypothesis we know that  $w$  upholds the property. For the word  $aw$  to uphold the property it the resulting value has to be one bigger than the resulting value of  $w$  as there is one more  $a$ . In rule 3 that exactly what we do  $aw \rightarrow k'$ , where  $k' = k + 1$  and  $k$  is the resulting value of  $w$ . For the word  $bw$  the same arguments can be, but to uphold the property 2 has to be added to the resulting value of  $w$ . In rule 4 we can see that  $bw \rightarrow k'$ , where  $k' = k + 2$  and  $k$  is the resulting value of  $w$ , therefore we have that both cases uphold the property.

## 5 Exercise 5

### 5.1

With fully static scoping we can make the bindings as seen in Figure 1. With these bindings  $y = 3$ .

```

01 begin
02   var x:=-1;
03   var y:=2;
04   proc p is x:=x*y;
05   proc q is call p;
06   begin
07     var x:=3;
08     proc p is x:=x-y;
09     call q;
10     y:=x
11   end
12 end

```

Figure 1: Fully static scope bindings.

## 5.2

With fully dynamic scoping we can make the bindings as seen in Figure 2. With these bindings  $y = 1$ .

```

01 begin
02   var x:=-1;
03   var y:=2;
04   proc p is x:=x*y;
05   proc q is call p;
06   begin
07     var x:=3;
08     proc p is x:=x-y;
09     call q;
10     y:=x
11   end
12 end

```

Figure 2: Fully dynamic scope bindings.

### 5.3

With the static scoping for procedures and dynamic scoping for variables we can make the bindings as seen in Figure 3. With these bindings  $y = 6$ .

```
01 begin
02   var x:=-1;
03   var y:=2;
04   proc p is x:=x*y;
05   proc q is call p;
06   begin
07     var x:=3;
08     proc p is x:=x-y;
09     call q;
10     y:=x
11   end
12 end
```

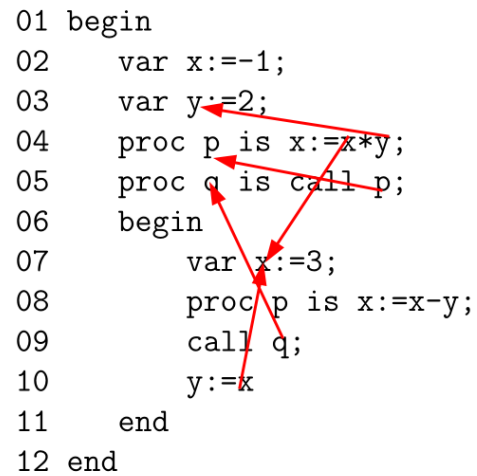


Figure 3: Mixed scope rules.