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1st SEMESTER 23-24 RESIT EXAMINATION

Undergraduate

Decision Computation and Language

TIME ALLOWED: 2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This is a blended close-book exam and the duration is 2 hours.
2. Total marks available are 100. This accounts for 80% of the final mark.
3. Answer all questions. Relevant and clear steps should be included in the answers.
4. Only English solutions are accepted. For online students, answers need to be handwritten and fully and clearly scanned or photographed for submission as one single PDF file via LEARNING MALL.
5. Online students should use the format “Module Code-Student ID.filetype” to name their files before submitting to Learning Mall. For example, “INT201-18181881.pdf”.

Question 1

Indicate true or false of the following statements, and briefly justify your answers. **(30 Marks)**

- (a) If A is regular, then A must be finite. **(3 Marks)**
- (b) If A has an NFA, then A is nonregular. **(3 Marks)**
- (c) Every non-context-free language is also non-regular. **(3 Marks)**
- (d) The language $\{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ has regular expression $a^* b^*$. **(3 Marks)**
- (e) If B is a context-free language and $A \subseteq B$, then A is context-free. **(3 Marks)**
- (f) All language recognized by a non-deterministic automaton NPDA can be recognized by a deterministic pushdown automaton DPDA **(3 Marks)**
- (g) Turing-decidable languages are closed under concatenation **(3 Marks)**
- (h) If Language A can be recognized by a Non-deterministic Turing machine, A is TM-recognizable. **(3 Marks)**
- (i) All context-free languages are decidable. **(3 Marks)**
- (j) If a language A is mapping reducible to a TM-recognizable language B and B is decidable, then A is decidable also. **(3 Marks)**

Question 2

Let $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, and define $A = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w = sba \text{ for some string } s \in \Sigma^*\}$, i.e., A consists of strings that end in ba . (8 Marks)

Question 3

Give regular expressions that generate each of the following languages. In all cases, the alphabet is $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$. (12 Marks)

- (a) The language $\{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ has an odd number of } a\text{'s}\}$. (4 Marks)
- (b) The language $\{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ ends in a double letter}\}$. (A string contains a double letter if it contains aa or bb as a substring) (4 Marks)
- (c) The language $\{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ does not end in a double letter}\}$. (4 Marks)

Question 4

The original CFG is shown as follows, and convert it to Chomsky normal form. (15 Marks)

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow XSX \mid aY \\ X &\rightarrow Y \mid S \\ Y &\rightarrow b \end{aligned}$$

Question 5

Let $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$, and consider the language $A = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i \geq 0, j \geq 0, k \geq 0, \text{ and } i, j, k \text{ all different}\}$. (10 Marks)

- (a) Complete following the pumping lemma statement for context-free languages.

If A is a context free language, then there is a number p (pumping length) where, if $s \in L$ with $|s| \geq p$, then there are strings u, v, x, y, z such that

$s = uvxyz$, the following holds: (4 Marks)

(b) Use the pumping lemma to show that A is not context-free or show that A satisfies the pumping lemma conditions nonetheless. (6 Marks)

Question 6

Let $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, pushdown automata are given by the diagrams below. (13 Marks)

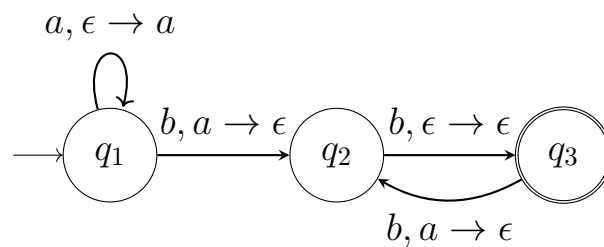


Figure 1: PDA A

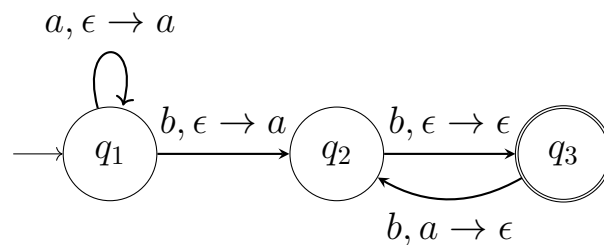


Figure 2: PDA B

(a) What is the language that is being accepted by the PDA A? (4 Marks)

(b) Write a context-free grammar that accepts the same language of $L(A)$ (4 Marks)

(c) Is $L(A) \subset L(B)$? Justify your answer (**5 Marks**)

Question 7

Let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$, and consider the language $A = \{\langle TM \rangle \mid \text{TM is a Turing machine that accepts string 101 and } |\langle TM \rangle| \leq 100\}$. In other words, language A consists of Turing machine descriptions with length less than 100 and only those Turing machine that accepts string 101. (**12 Marks**)

(a) State the definition of Turing-recognizable languages. (**2 Marks**)

(b) Is the language A Turing-recognizable? (**4 Marks**)

(c) The Rice's theorem states: let P be a language consisting of TM descriptions where first P is nontrivial. i.e., P contains some TMs, but not all TMs; P does not distinguish computationally equivalent TMs. i.e., for any two TMs M_1, M_2 . If $L(M_1) = L(M_2)$, either 1): $\langle M_1 \rangle \in P$ and $\langle M_2 \rangle \in P$ or 2): $\langle M_1 \rangle \notin P$ and $\langle M_2 \rangle \notin P$. Then P is undecidable.

Is language A decidable? Prove it, or disprove it and explain why Rice's theorem does not apply. (**6 Marks**)