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**CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST - II**

**WINTER SEMESTER 2023-2024**

**SLOT: B1 + TB1**

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**Course Code** : BCSE304L  
**Course Name** : Theory of Computation

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**Key**

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1. (a)

**Answer:** Let  $D_A = (Q_A, \Sigma, \delta_A, q_A, F_A)$  and  $D_B = (Q_B, \Sigma, \delta_B, q_B, F_B)$  be two DFAs that recognize  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively. Here, we shall construct a DFA  $D = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q, F)$  that recognizes the perfect shuffle of  $A$  and  $B$ .

The key idea is to design  $D$  to alternately switch from running  $D_A$  and running  $D_B$  after each character is read. Therefore, at any time,  $D$  needs to keep track of (i) the current states of  $D_A$  and  $D_B$  and (ii) whether the next character of the input string should be matched in  $D_A$  or in  $D_B$ . Then, when a character is read, depending on which DFA should match the character,  $D$  makes a move in the corresponding DFA accordingly. After the whole string is processed, if both DFAs are in the accept states, the input string is accepted; otherwise, the input string is rejected.

Formally, the DFA  $D$  can be defined as follows:

- (a)  $Q = Q_A \times Q_B \times \{A, B\}$ , which keeps track of all possible current states of  $D_A$  and  $D_B$ , and which DFA to match.
- (b)  $q = (q_A, q_B, A)$ , which states that  $D$  starts with  $D_A$  in  $q_A$ ,  $D_B$  in  $q_B$ , and the next character read should be in  $D_A$ .
- (c)  $F = F_A \times F_B \times \{A\}$ , which states that  $D$  accepts the string if both  $D_A$  and  $D_B$  are in accept states, and the next character read should be in  $D_A$  (i.e., last character was read in  $D_B$ ).
- (d)  $\delta$  is as follows:
  - i.  $\delta((x, y, A), a) = (\delta_A(x, a), y, B)$ , which states that if current state of  $D_A$  is  $x$ , the current state of  $D_B$  is  $y$ , and the next character read is in  $D_A$ , then when  $a$  is read as the next character, we should change the current state of  $A$  to  $\delta_A(x, a)$ , while the current state of  $B$  is not changed, and the next character read will be in  $D_B$ .
  - ii. Similarly,  $\delta((x, y, B), b) = (x, \delta_B(y, b), A)$ .



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1. (b)

The proof is by contradiction. Assume  $L_4$  is regular. Then by the Pumping Lemma, there is an integer  $p > 0$ , such that for every  $w \in L_4$ ,  $|w| \geq p$ , there exists a partition of  $w = xyz$ , such that  $|y| > 0$ ,  $|xy| \leq p$ , and for all  $i$   $xy^iz \in L_4$ .

Let  $w = 0^{p+1}1^p$  and let  $x, y, z$  strings satisfying the conditions of the pumping lemma. Since  $|xy| \leq p$  then  $y = 0^k$  for some  $k \geq 1$ . By the Pumping Lemma  $w_1 = xy^iz = x(0^k)^iz$  belongs to  $L_4$  for any value of  $i$ . But setting  $i = 0$  makes the number of 0's in  $w_1$  always equal or less than the number of 1s and  $w_1 \notin L_4$ . Thus when  $i = 0$ ,  $w_1$  does not belong to  $L_4$ , contradicting the pumping lemma.

2. (a)

$S \rightarrow S_1 S_2$  ( $S_1$  is used for  $ww^R$  and  $S_2$  is used for  $zz^R$ )

$S_2 \rightarrow 0S_2'0 \mid 1S_2'1 \mid 00 \mid 11$

$S_2' \rightarrow 0S_20 \mid 1S_21$

$S_1 \rightarrow 0S_10 \mid 1S_11 \mid 011 \mid 110$

$X \rightarrow 0X0 \mid 1X1 \mid \epsilon$



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(b)

Given grammar  $G$

$$S \rightarrow axbx$$

$$x \rightarrow ay | bx | \epsilon$$

$$y \rightarrow x | c$$

After eliminating the null productions

$$S \rightarrow axbx | abx | axb | ab$$

$$x \rightarrow ay | bx | b$$

$$y \rightarrow x | c$$

After eliminating the unit productions.

$$S \rightarrow axbx | abx | axb | ab$$

$$x \rightarrow ay | bx | b \quad y \rightarrow ay | bx | bc$$

The grammar in CNF

$$S \rightarrow T_1 T_4 | T_2 x | T_3 T_b | T_a T_b$$

$$x \rightarrow T_a y | T_b x | b$$

$$y \rightarrow T_a x | T_b x | b | c$$

$$T_a \rightarrow a$$

$$T_b \rightarrow b$$

$$T_1 \rightarrow T_a x$$

$$T_2 \rightarrow T_a T_b$$

$$T_3 \rightarrow T_a x$$

$$T_4 \rightarrow T_b x$$



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3.(a)

*Solution* Assume that  $L$  is context-free and let  $n$  be the constant for  $L$  prescribed by the stronger version of the pumping lemma. Consider  $\alpha := a^n c a^n c a^n \in L$ . The pumping lemma gives us the decomposition  $\alpha = \beta_1 \beta_2 \beta_3 \beta_4 \beta_5$  with  $|\beta_2 \beta_4| \geq 1$  and  $|\beta_2 \beta_3 \beta_4| \leq n$ . Since  $\alpha' := \beta_1 \beta_3 \beta_5 \in L$ ,  $\beta_2 \beta_4$  must not contain the symbol  $c$ , i.e.,  $\beta_2 \beta_4$  consists only of  $a$ 's. The condition  $|\beta_2 \beta_3 \beta_4| \leq n$  implies that  $\beta_2 \beta_4$  can not stretch over all the three runs of  $a$ 's in  $\alpha$ . Therefore,  $\alpha'$  lacks the defining property of the strings of  $L$ . This contradiction shows that  $L$  is not context-free. •

3.(b)

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Define

$$L_1 = \{ \beta \# \beta^r \# \beta \mid \omega, \beta \in \{a, b\}^* \},$$

$$L_2 = \{ \omega \# \beta^r \# \beta \mid \omega, \beta \in \{a, b\}^* \}.$$

Clearly  $L = L_1 \cap L_2$ . A CFG can be designed which generates  $L_1$ .

$$G_1 = (\Sigma, \{S, U, V\}, S, R)$$

$$S \rightarrow UV$$

$$U \rightarrow \# / a U a / b U b$$

$$V \rightarrow \# / V a / V b.$$

A similar grammar can be given for  $L_2$ .

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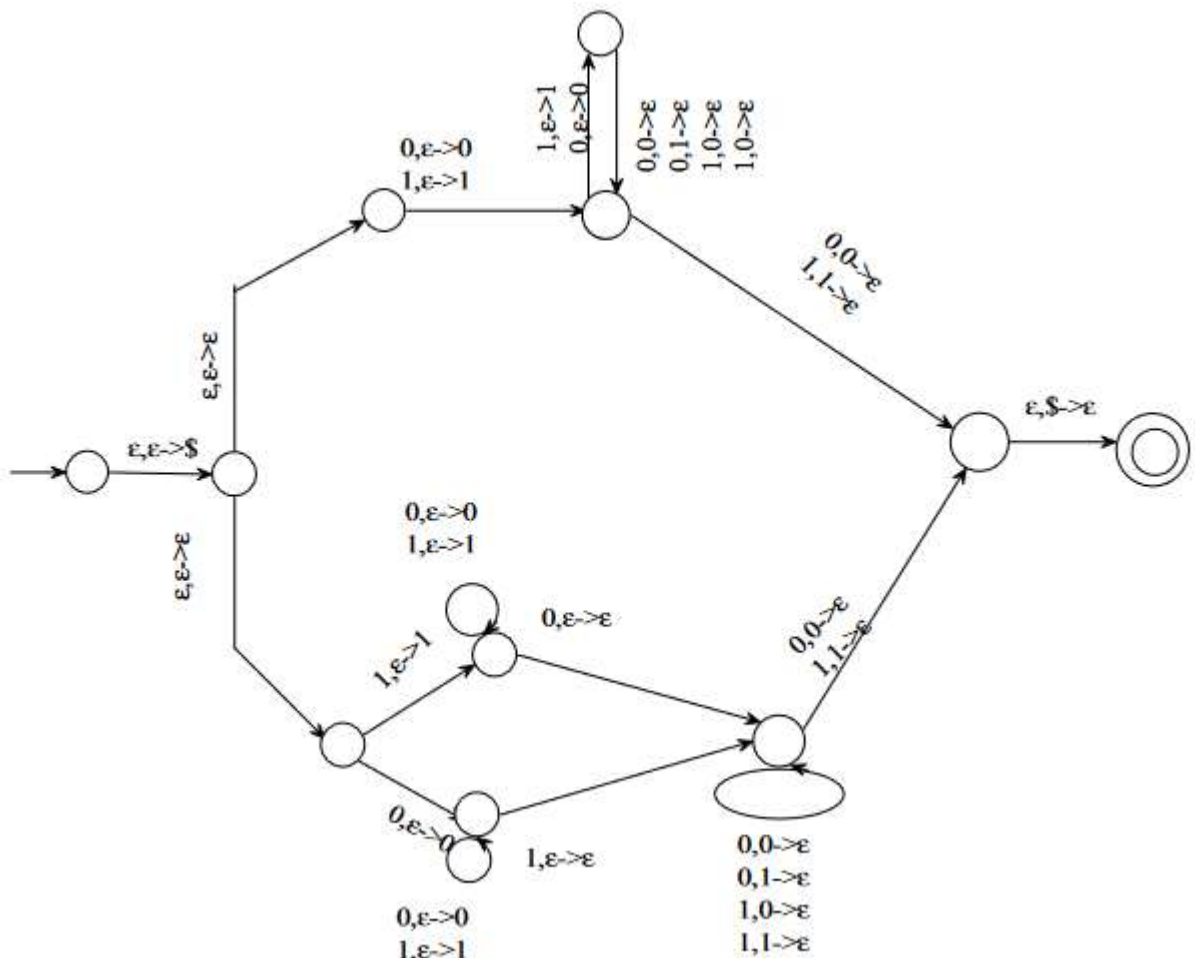
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4. Explanation should be given for the CYK algorithm with the necessary steps

A,B,C				
A,B,C	A,B,C			
B,C	A,B	A,B,C		
B,C	$\phi$	A,B	A,C	
A,C	B	B	A,C	A,C
<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>

- 5.





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The PDA recognizes the language by guessing the length of the input at the beginning. For the guess that the length is even it follows the upper branch, while for the guess that length is odd it follows the lower branch.

- 1) In the upper branch, the PDA accepts even length strings by pushing and popping alternatively, starting with the second symbol read and ending before the last symbol.
- 2) In the lower branch, the PDA first pushes the symbols onto the stack and guesses the middle symbol. If all the symbols except the first one and the start symbol \$ can be popped out when the PDA finishes reading the symbol except the last one, then the guess is right. The lower branch remembers the first symbol by developing two branches, Each branch accepts when the guessed middle symbol is different from the first one.
- 3) Before entering the accept state, the PDA only pops out the first read symbol out of the stack when the last one read is the same. Thus it only accepts the string starting and ending with the same symbol.