

Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur  
Dual Degree (B.Tech & M. Tech.) 4<sup>th</sup> Semester End-Term Examination, April 2017  
**Theory of Computation (CS 404)**

Full Marks: 70

Time: 3 hours

- Question 1. is compulsory. Attempt Question 1. and any four from the rest.
- Two marks are reserved for clarity of presentation
- Answers should be brief, to the point and in your own words as far as practicable.
- Make your own assumptions as and when necessary and state them at proper places.

1. State and justify the truth or falsity of **any three** of the following statements.

- (a) There are uncountably infinite number of languages over some alphabet  $\Sigma$ .
- (b) Given a Deterministic Finite Automaton  $M_{dfa}$ , one can always mechanically construct one Push Down Automaton  $M_{pda}$ , such that,  $L(M_{dfa}) = L(M_{pda})$ .
- (c) Grammars cannot compute functions from natural numbers to natural numbers.
- (d) Given a Deterministic Turing Machine  $M = (K, \Sigma, \delta, s)$ , one can always construct one Non-Deterministic Turing Machine  $M' = (K', \Sigma', \Delta', s')$  doing what  $M$  does. [4 × 3]

2. Construct Finite Automaton (Deterministic or Non-Deterministic) or Pushdown Automaton for the following languages.

- (a)  $\{\omega_1\omega_2 : \omega_1 \in \{a, b\}^*, \omega_2 \in \{c, d\}^* \text{ and } |\omega_1| = |\omega_2|\}$
- (b)  $\{\omega \in \{a, b\}^* : \omega \text{ does not have } abaab \text{ as a substring}\}$
- (c)  $\{0^i 1^j 2^k : i, j, k \geq 0 \text{ and } i \neq j\}$
- (d)  $\{a^i b^j c^{2i-1} d^k : i, j, k > 0\}$  [3 + 3 + 4 + 4]

3. Construct Grammar (Regular or Context-Free or Unrestricted) for the following languages.

- (a)  $\{\omega c^m d^n : \omega \in \{a, b\}^*, m = \text{the number of } a\text{'s in } \omega \text{ and } n = \text{the number of } b\text{'s in } \omega\}$
- (b)  $\{\omega \in \{a, b\}^* : |\omega| \text{ is odd and the middle symbol of } \omega \text{ is 'b'}\}$
- (c)  $\{\omega\omega'^R : \omega, \omega' \in \{a, b\}^*, |\omega| = |\omega'|, \omega(i) = a \text{ iff } \omega' = b, \text{ and } \omega'^R \text{ is reverse of } \omega'\}$
- (d)  $\{a^i b^j c^j d^{2i} : i, j \geq 0\}$  [5 + 3 + 3 + 3]

4. (a) Formally define the concepts of a **2-Tape Turing machine**, **configuration** of such a machine, its **yields in one step relation** and the idea that such a machine computes a function from natural numbers to natural numbers.

- (b) Construct a Turing machine (standard Turing machine or any extension)  $M$  that computes the function  $inc : \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ ,  $inc(n_1) = n_1 + 1$ .  $M$  accepts a natural number in **binary representation** (as input) and produces the next natural number in **binary representation** (as the output). [6+8]

5. (a) Propose a scheme for encoding any arbitrary Turing machine  $M = (K, \Sigma, \delta, s)$  as a string over some fixed alphabet so that it can be fed as an input to the Universal Turing Machine.

- (b) Given a Context-Free Grammar  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ , formally define the idea of "*Derives in one step*" relation between  $u, v \in V^*$  under  $G$  ( $u \xrightarrow{G} v$ ).
- (c) Formally prove that, given a Context-Free Grammar  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ , for every derivation  $S \xrightarrow{G^*} \omega$  under  $G$ , there exists a **leftmost derivation** of  $\omega$  under  $G$ . [7+2+5]

(Contd.)

6. Write short notes on the following.

- (a) Nondeterminism in Automata
- (b) Pumping Lemma for the class of Context-Free Languages
- (c) Turing acceptable languages

[5+5+4]