

## Homework 4

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### Question 1

This is decidable for a given input.  $T = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0)$  be the turing machine in question, and  $s$  the given input. There are only  $598 * |Q| * |\Gamma|^{598}$  configurations that  $T$  can be in that the machine has never use more than 598 cells. So we run the machine for  $598 * |Q| * |\Gamma|^{598} + 1$  steps, Using the pigeonhole principle, we know that if a configuration is repeated, the machine never use more than 598 cells, otherwise, the machine will use more than 598 cells.

### Question 2

We can run membership testing algorithm in  $L(G_1)$  and  $L(G_2)$  on every word, and such tester is sure to terminate. If we find a word both in  $L(G_1)$  and  $L(G_2)$  we know the statement is false. However, the case is undecidable when we are determining whether the statement is true, because  $VALCOMP_2(M, w)$  is empty only if turing machine  $M$  does not accept  $w$ . Thus we have a reduction to  $\neg A_{TM}$  which is undecidable.

### Question 3

The parameters to determine the motion of the submarine is its starting location  $(x, y)$ , its velocity  $v$  and direction.

At each step  $n$  we make a guess of those parameters. For example, if we guess direction 'up', we will get  $(x, y + n * v)$ . We simply try every possible combination.

We will use the idea of dovetailing. Since  $(x, y)$  is an integer pair, and  $v$  is a natural number, we can map it to a single natural number  $n$  using a variation of cantor's pairing function  $f : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{N} \times \{0, 1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ . Where 0 represents up, 1 represents right, 2 represents left, 3 represents down.

### Question 4

#### 4.1

Suppose a DFA  $D = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, F, q_0)$  accepts  $L$ . We define a new DFA  $D' = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, F', q_0)$  which has the same start state, transition and alphabet as  $D$ , the only difference is the final state, where  $F' = \{q \in Q | \delta(q, w) \in F\}$ . This DFA recognizes  $L/w$  so it is regular.

#### 4.2

Consider the language  $L = N\#\Sigma^* \cup \Sigma^*\#L(G)$ . We know  $\Sigma^*$  is regular. Since  $N$  is context free, we have that  $N\#\Sigma^*$  and  $\Sigma^*\#L(G)$  are also context free. Since the union of two context free languages are context free, we get that  $L$  is also context free.

Now we have two cases:

$L(G) = \Sigma^*$ , the language  $L$  is just  $\Sigma^*\#\Sigma^*$  which is regular

$L(G) \neq \Sigma^*$ , and assume there exist  $s \in \Sigma^* \wedge s \notin L(G)$ . Consider  $L/\#s = N$ . Assume  $N$  is not regular, so  $L/\#s$  and hence  $L$  is not regular. So we know that  $L$  is regular if and only if  $L(G) = \Sigma^*$ . But this is known to be undecidable.

## Question 5

### 5.1

$R \subseteq L$  is undecidable.

It is a well known problem that  $L = \Sigma^*$  is undecidable. Since  $\Sigma^*$  is a regular language, it is undecidable whether  $R \subseteq L$ .

### 5.2

$L \subseteq R$  is decidable.

$L \subseteq R$  iff  $L \cap \overline{R} = \text{nil}$ , So  $L \cap \overline{R}$  is context free, and therefore  $L \subseteq R$  is decidable.

## Question 6

Your favorite language, OCaml.

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(fun s -> Printf.printf s (string_of_format s))
  "(fun s -> Printf.printf s (string_of_format s)) %S;;";;
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