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**CS 341 Automata Theory**  
**Homework 15**  
**Due: Tuesday, April 30**

This assignment covers Chapters 22 and 24.

- 1) Solve the linear Diophantine farmer problem presented in Section 22.1.

*Solution.*

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- 2) Consider the following instance of the Post Correspondence problem. Does it have a solution? If so, show one.

	X	Y
1	a	bab
2	bbb	bb
3	aab	ab
4	b	a

*Solution.*

□

- 3) Prove that, if an instance of the Post Correspondence problem has a solution, it has an infinite number of solutions. (Hint: this is really easy.)

*Proof.*

□

- 4) ) Let  $TILES = \{\langle T \rangle : \text{any finite surface on the plane can be tiled, according to the rules described in the book, with the tile set } T\}$ . Let  $s$  be the string that encodes the following tile set:



Is  $s \in TILES$ ? Prove your answer.

*Answer.*

□

*Proof.*

□

- 5) Is  $L = \{\langle M \rangle : M \text{ is a PDA and } L(M) = \{x : x \in \{a, b\}^* \text{ and } \exists m (|x| = 2^m)\}\}$  decidable? Prove your answer.

*Answer.*

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*Proof.*

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- 6) A language  $L$  is **D-complete** iff (1)  $L$  is in  $D$ , and (2) for every language  $L'$  in  $D$ ,  $L' \leq_M L$ . Consider the following claim: If  $L \in D$  and  $L \neq \Sigma^*$  and  $L \neq \emptyset$ , then  $L$  is D-complete. Prove or disprove this claim.

*Proof.*

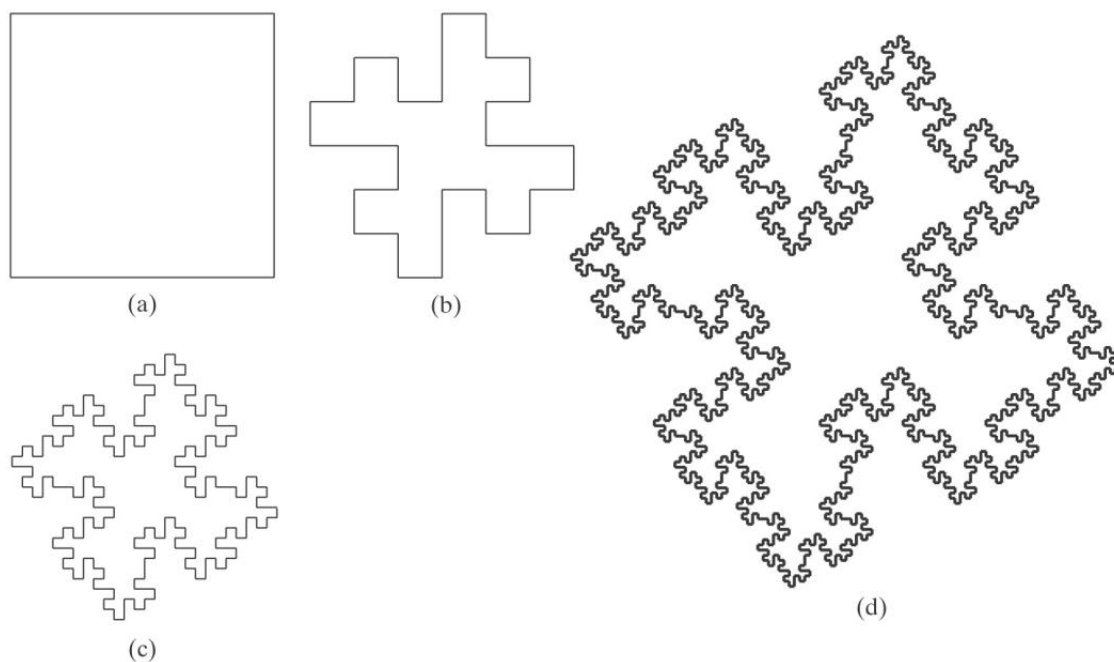
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- 7) Let  $\Sigma = \{1\}$ . Show that there exists at least one undecidable language with alphabet  $\Sigma$ . (Hint: Use a counting argument.)

*Proof.*

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- 8) The following sequence of figures corresponds to a fractal called a *Koch island*:



These figures were drawn by interpreting strings as turtle programs, just as we did in Example 24.5 and Example 24.6. The strings were generated by an L-system  $G$ , defined with:

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma &= \{F, +, -\}. \\ \omega &= F - F - F - F\end{aligned}$$

To interpret the strings as turtle programs, attach meanings to the symbols in  $\Sigma$  as follows (assuming that some value for  $k$  has been chosen):

- $F$  means move forward, drawing a line of length  $k$ .
- $+$  means turn left  $90^\circ$ .
- $-$  means turn right  $90^\circ$ .

Figure (a) was drawn by the first generation string  $\omega$ . Figure (b) was drawn by the second generation string, and so forth.  $R_G$  contains a single rule. What is it?

*Answer.*

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