
MIDTERM EXAM 2

CS 611: THEORY OF COMPUTATION

Mar 21, 2022 2:45-4:00pm (in class)

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Problem	Maximum Points	Points Earned
Notes	10	
1	40	
2	20	
3	30	
Total	100	

Problem 1. Give the Context-Free Grammar that recognize the following languages. You don't need to prove your grammar is correct.

1. $L_1 = \{0^i 1^j 2^k \mid i, j, k \geq 0, i + j = k\}$ where $\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2\}$.

Hint: Thinking about two languages concatenated together to form L_1 .

[20 points]

2. $L_2 = \{w\#z \mid w^R \text{ is a substring of } z\}$ with $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$.

[20 points]

Hint: You can think of $z = xw^R y$ where $x, y \in \{0, 1\}^*$, then strings that is in L_2 would be in the format of $w\#xw^R y$. You can use one variable to generate x and y (they are just any binary strings), then one variable to generate $w\#xw^R$ think about palindrome, only the base case starts with $\#x$; then finally a start symbol to generate

Problem 2.

Design a PDA to recognize the language over $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$, $L_3 = \{w\#z \mid z^R \text{ is a substring of } w\}$. [20 points]

Problem 3.

1. State Pumping Lemma for CFLs. **[5 points]**

2. Prove that $L_3 = \{0^n 1^{2m} 0^n 1^{2m} | m, n \geq 0\}$ is not context free using pumping lemma. **[25 points]**