## Math 166A Exam Spring Quarter June 1991 Buss

- (1) Let  $L_1 = \{w : w \text{ has 3 or 4 } a\text{'s}\}$ .  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ . Give a DFA for  $L_1$ . Give a regular expression  $\alpha_1$  for  $L_1$ .
- (2) Let  $L_2 = \{w : w \text{ has 3 a's or } w \text{ has b's}\}$ .  $(\Sigma\{a,b\})$ . Given and NFA  $M_2$  s.t.  $L(M_2) = L_2$ . Give a regular expression  $\alpha_2$  s.t.  $L(\alpha_2) = L_2$ .
- (3) Prove or disprove:  $\{a^ib^{i^2}: i \geq 0\}$  is context-free. (Either give a PDA or a CFG; or prove its not context-free.
- (4) Prove or disprove:  $\{a^{i^2}: i \geq 0\}$  is context-free.
- (5) Prove or disprove:  $\{a^ib^j: i \leq j \text{ or } i \text{ is a perfect square}\}$  is not regular.
- (6) Prove or disprove:  $\{a^i b^j : 100 \le i < j \le 1000\}$  is context-free.
- (7) Prove or disprove:  $\{a^i b^j : 100 \le i < j \le 1000\}$  is regular.
- (8) Let L be a CFL. Let k, K be as in the strong pumping lemma for L. Prove that if  $L \neq \emptyset$  then L has a string of length  $\leq K$ .
- (9) Construct a PDA which accept  $\{a^i b^j c^k d^\ell : i = k \text{ or } j = \ell\}$ .
- (10) Give a CFG that generates this language  $\{a^ib^jc^kd^\ell:i=k \text{ or }j=\ell\}.$
- \*(11) Show  $\{a^mb^n : m > n \text{ or } (m \text{ is prime and } n \leq m)\}$  is not context-free. **Hint**: for any k > 0, there are arbitrarily large primes p such that  $p \pm i$  is composite for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .