

CSE331 - Practice Sheet on Pushdown Automata and Turing Machine

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1 Pushdown Automata

Problem 1. For each of the following languages, design a Pushdown Automata that recognizes the language:

1. $L = \{0^n 1^n : n \geq 0\}$.
2. $L = \{0^{2n} 1^n : n \geq 0\}$.
3. $L = \{0^n 1^n : n \text{ is even}\}$.
4. $L = \{0^i 1^j 2^k : i = j \text{ or } j = k\}$.
5. $L = \{0^{3n} 1^{2n} : n \geq 0\}$.
6. $L = \{w_1 \# w_2 : w_1, w_2 \in \{0, 1\}^*, \text{ and the number of } 00 \text{ in } w_1 \text{ is equal to the number of } 11 \text{ in } w_2\}$.
7. $L = \{w \# x : w, x \in \{0, 1\}^* \text{ and } w^R \text{ is a substring of } x\}$.
8. $L = \{0^n 1^m : n, m \geq 0 \text{ and } 2n = 3m\}$.
9. $L = \{0^n 1^m 2^m 3^n : n, m \geq 0\}$.
10. $L = \{w = 0^i 1^j 2^k : i, j, k \geq 0 \text{ and } j < i + k\}$.
11. $L = \{0^n 1^m : n \geq m, m \geq 0\}$
12. $L = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : \text{every prefix of } w \text{ has at least as many 0s as 1s}\}$.
13. $L = \{x \# y : x, y \in \{0, 1\}^*, |x| = |y|\}$.
14. $L = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : w \text{ has twice as many 1s as 0s}\}$.
15. $L = \{0^n 1^m 0^n : n, m \geq 0\}$.
16. $L = \{a^m b^n c^p d^q : m + n = p + q, \text{ and } m, n, p, q \geq 1\}$.
17. $L = \{a^i b^j c^k d^l : i = k \text{ or } j = l, \text{ and } i, j \geq 1\}$.
18. $L = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : w \text{ is a palindrome}\}$.

19. The language of balanced parentheses, i.e. $L = \{w \in \{ (,) \}^* : w \text{ is balanced}\}$.

Problem 2. Can a Deterministic Pushdown Automata (DPDA) recognize the language consisting of all palindromic strings over $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$? Why or why not?

Problem 3. We know that a Pushdown Automata can recognize the language

$$\{w\#w^R : w \in \{0, 1\}^*\}.$$

Can a Pushdown Automata recognize the following language?

$$\{w\#w : w \in \{0, 1\}^*\}.$$

What goes wrong in this case?

2 Turing Machine

Problem 4. For each of the following languages, design a Turing Machine that recognizes the language:

1. $L = \{0^n 1^n 2^n : n \geq 0\}$.
2. $L = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : w \text{ is a palindrome}\}$.
3. $L = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : w \text{ is an even-length palindrome}\}$.
4. $L = \{w\#w : w \in \{0, 1\}^*\}$.
5. $L = \{ww : w \in \{0, 1\}^*\}$.
6. $L = \{0^{2^n} : n \geq 0\}$.
7. $L = \{0^i 1^j 2^{i+j} : i, j \geq 0\}$.
8. $L = \{0^i 1^j 2^{ij} : i, j \geq 0\}$.

Problem 5. Think about how a Turing Machine is more powerful than a PDA. If we modify a PDA to have two stacks, is it as powerful as a Turing Machine? If we use a queue instead of a stack, is the PDA as powerful as a Turing Machine?