

# CECS 329 Writing Assignment 8

Due December 7th, 2021

## Instructions

### Submitting your work

Submit a single file with your handwritten solutions to the drop box by Tuesday, December 7th, 8:00 am. Make sure you provide your name and SID in the upper-right corner of your solution. Show all necessary steps in your solutions. Points will be lost otherwise.

### Late submissions

Should you submit after the dropbox deadline, solutions received no later than 30 minutes after the deadline will lose 20% of the earned points. Solutions received after 30 minutes but before 60 minutes shall lose 50% of the earned points. All other late submissions will not be graded.

## Problems

- A. An instance of the **Set Splitting** decision problem is an integer  $n \geq 1$  and a collection of subsets  $C = \{C_1, \dots, C_m\}$ , where each  $C_i \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . The problem is to decide whether or not there exist two sets  $A$  and  $B$  such that
1.  $A \cup B = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
  2.  $A \cap B = \emptyset$
  3.  $C_i \cap A \neq \emptyset$ , for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$
  4.  $C_i \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

1. Show that  $n = 10$  and

$$C = \{\{3, 7, 10\}, \{1, 2, 9\}, \{4, 6, 8\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \{6, 8, 9\}, \{4, 5, 7\}, \{1, 5, 7\}, \{1, 6, 9\}, \{2, 5, 8\}, \{4, 7, 10\}\}$$

represents a positive instance of Set Splitting. Do this by providing  $A$  and  $B$  and verifying that they satisfy all four of the above conditions. (7 pts)

2. Provide a nondeterministic polynomial-time algorithm that decides **Set Splitting**. Give a precise running time for your algorithm and defend your answer. (10 pts)

B. Recall that

$$E_{\text{TM}} = \{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a Turing machine and } L(M) = \emptyset\}.$$

Show that  $A_{\text{halt}}$  is functional reducible to  $E_{\text{TM}}$ . (10 pts)