

CSCE 222 [Sections 503, 504] Discrete Structures for Computing  
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**Problem Set 10**

**Due dates:** Electronic submission of *yourLastName-yourFirstName-hw10.tex* and *yourLastName-yourFirstName-hw10.pdf* files of this homework is due on **Wednesday, 11/27/2019 before 10:00 p.m.** on <https://ecampus.tamu.edu>. You will see two separate links to turn in the .tex file and the .pdf file separately. Please do not archive or compress the files. **If any of the two submissions are missing, you will likely receive zero points for this homework.**

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**Resources.** Discrete Math and Its Applications, Rosen, 8th Edition

On my honor, as an Aggie, I have neither given nor received any unauthorized aid on any portion of the academic work included in this assignment. Furthermore, I have disclosed all resources (people, books, web sites, etc.) that have been used to prepare this homework.

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In this problem set, you can earn up to  $100 + 10$  (extra credit) points.

**Problem 1.** ( $5 + 5 + 10 = 20$  points) Section 13.1, Exercise 4, page 894

**Solution.** a)  $S \Rightarrow 1S \Rightarrow 11S \Rightarrow 111S \Rightarrow 11100A \Rightarrow 111000$   
b)  $S \Rightarrow 1S \Rightarrow 11S \Rightarrow 1100A, A \Rightarrow 1$  is not in  $P$ , so  $11001$  is not in this language  
c)  $S \Rightarrow 1S$  gives a relationship in which we have  $n$  number of ones, or a  $1^n$  relationship.  $S$  also generates the sequence  $00A$ , where  $A \Rightarrow 0|0A$ , leading to  $m$  number of 0's, where  $m \geq 3$ . Thus,  $L(G) = \{1^n 0^m | n \geq 0, m \geq 3\}$ .

**Problem 2.** (10 points) Section 13.1, Exercise 6 d), page 894

**Solution.**  $L(G) = \{a^{2n} | n \geq 2\} \text{ or } \{b^n | n \geq 2\}$

**Problem 3.** (10 points) Section 13.1, Exercise 14 b), page 894

**Solution.**  $G = (V, T, S, P)$  where

$V = \{0, 1, S, A\}$

$T = \{0, 1\}$

$P = \{S \Rightarrow 00A, A \Rightarrow 1|1A\}$

**Problem 4.** (15 points  $\times$  2 = 30 points) Consider the grammar  $G = (V, T, E, P)$  for expressions ( $E$  for short) such that  $V = \{E, a, +, *, (, )\}$ ,  $T = \{a, +, *, (, )\}$ ,  $E$  is the starting symbol, and

$$P = \{E \rightarrow (E) \mid E + E \mid E * E \mid a\}.$$

- a) Explain whether  $G$  is regular, context-free, or context-sensitive, respectively. Explain why or why not.

**Solution.**  $G$  is not a regular grammar because if we look at the productions  $E + E$  or  $E * E$  we have a nonterminal symbol as the first symbol in the production.  $G$  is a context free grammar because for every production step,  $E$  produces a string of symbols that are in  $V^*$ . The language is also context sensitive because according to Chomsky's hierarchy, all context free grammars are also context sensitive.

- b) Explain the language  $L(G)$  that is generated by  $G$ , especially, what kind of strings belong to the language. Be specific. Also, give five shortest strings that belong to  $L(G)$ .

**Solution.** The five shortest strings in the grammar are:

- 1)  $E \Rightarrow a$
- 2)  $E \Rightarrow (E) \Rightarrow (a)$
- 3)  $E \Rightarrow E + E \Rightarrow a + E \Rightarrow a + a$
- 4)  $E \Rightarrow E * E \Rightarrow a * E \Rightarrow a * a$
- 5)  $E \Rightarrow (E) \Rightarrow ((E)) \Rightarrow ((a))$

The language  $L(G)$  can be described as producing a string of an odd number of characters. The terminal symbol  $a$  will be in every production, and may or may not have parentheses surrounding it, but will always have an equal number of parentheses on both sides. The symbol  $a$  will then be placed next to a  $+$  or a  $*$  and then at least one more  $a$  will be on the other side. If there are multiple  $a$ 's on the other side, then they will be preceded by a  $+$  or a  $*$ , or surrounded by parentheses.

**Problem 5.** (5 points  $\times$  2 = 10 points) Section 13.2, Exercise 4 a) and b), page 902. *Explain* by showing the state transition and the output of each state.

**Solution.** a)

$1 : S_0 \implies S_2, \text{Output} : 0$   
 $0 : S_2 \implies S_3, \text{Output} : 0$   
 $0 : S_3 \implies S_1, \text{Output} : 1$   
 $0 : S_1 \implies S_0, \text{Output} : 1$   
 $1 : S_0 \implies S_2, \text{Output} : 0$   
*Output* : 00110

b)

$1 : S_0 \implies S_2, \text{Output} : 1$   
 $0 : S_2 \implies S_2, \text{Output} : 1$   
 $0 : S_2 \implies S_2, \text{Output} : 1$   
 $0 : S_2 \implies S_2, \text{Output} : 1$   
 $1 : S_2 \implies S_0, \text{Output} : 0$   
*Output* : 11110

**Problem 6.** (10 points  $\times$  2 = 20 points) Section 13.3, Exercise 8 e) and f), page 914. *Prove or disprove.*

**Solution.** e) False:  $A * A \neq A^*$  because  $A^*$  contains  $\lambda$ . However,  $A * A$  does not contain  $\lambda$  because  $A$  does not contain  $\lambda$ .

f) False:  $|A^n| \neq |A|^n$ . Say that  $A = \{1, 11\}$ . Then  $A^2$  would be  $\{11, 111, 1111\}$ . This would mean that  $|A^2| = 3$ , but  $|A|^2 = 4$ .

**Problem 7.** (5 points  $\times$  2 = 10 points) Section 13.3, Exercise 10 b) and c) page 914. *Explain.*

**Solution.** b) This set is described as  $n$  number of 0's, followed by a single 10, followed by  $m$  number of 1's. However, 01001 has a 0 following the 10, thus the string is not in the set.

c) This set is described as  $n$  occurrences of the string 010, followed by  $m$  number of 0's, followed by  $l$  number of 1's. The string 01001 could be comprised of one 010 concatenated with one 0 concatenated with one 1, thus the string is in the set.

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