## **Context Free Languages**

- 1. For each of the languages below, provide a context-free grammar that generates it (Note that some of these might also be regular languages, but we still want a grammar for each). For all parts,  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ :
  - Strings that contain exactly two 1's OR exactly two 0's
  - Strings of even length that contain 1100 directly in the center (i.e.,  $w1100u \mid |w| = |u|$ )
  - $ww^R uu^R \mid w \in \Sigma \land u \in \Sigma$
- 2. Draw PDAs for each of the languages in the previous exercise (note that you can draw a DFA / NFA if the language happens to be regular).
- 3. For this question, you will prove that context-free languages are NOT closed under intersection. Do this by showing the following:
  - Part 1: First, show that  $A = \{a^m b^n c^n | m, n \ge 0\}$  is context-free by producing a context-free grammar that generates it.
  - **Part 2:** Do the same, but for language  $B = \{a^n b^n c^m | m, n \ge 0\}$
  - Part 3: Lastly, find the intersection of these two sets and use the pumping lemma to show that the intersection language is not context-free.
- 4. Let us define a new operation using the  $\diamondsuit$  symbol as such: if A and B are languages, then  $A \diamondsuit B = \{xy | x \in A, y \in B, |x| = |y|\}$ . Prove that if A and B are regular languages, then  $A \diamondsuit B$  must be a context-free language.
- 5. Suppose you have a context-free language C and a regular language R. Prove that  $C \cap R$  is context-free.
- 6. Consider the language  $A = \{w \mid w \in \{a,b,c\}^* \land F(w,a) = F(w,b) = F(w,c)\}$  where F(w,a) counts the number of occurrences of character a in string w. Prove that A is not context-free by using the result of the previous question (*Hint: Assume this language is a CFL and intersect it with a regular language of your choice!*)
- 7. Prove that the language *A* from the previous question is not context-free again, but this time do so by utilizing the *Pumping Lemma for Context-Free Languages*.