

**6) Assume that you have a TM such that the tape goes to infinity in both directions. At some point the tape is completely blank except for a cell with has the symbol \$. The head is at some blank cell somewhere. You want to find the \$ and transition to state p. How would you do it?**

**a) With a NTM?**

**b) With a DTM? (4points)**

Solution: since the TM go on tape infinitely in both directions, the symbol \$ on the tape when head is at some blank cell somewhere, we can not decide symbol is on which side of current location of head, if we search deterministically on one side of head, it is possible to search infinitely on this direction if symbol \$ is not on this side of head. In order to find symbol \$ on the tape and transit to state p without trapping into infinite search, we should search on both side of head undeterministically from current location of head

**5) Define  $MIN(L) = \{x \in L | xw \notin L \text{ for } \forall w\}$**

**Show that CFL are not closed under MIN**

**Hint: you can use  $\{0^i 1^j 2^k | i \leq k, \text{ or } j \leq k\}$  (7points)**

Solution: we can give a counter example to prove that CFL is not closed under MIN(L), language  $L = \{0^i 1^i | i \text{ greater than or equal to } 0\}$  is CFL, language  $M = \{0^i 1^i 2^i | i \text{ is greater than or equal to } 0\}$  is belong to MIN(L), since  $M = 0^i 1^i 2^i = xw$ , where  $x = 0^i 1^i$  belong to L and  $w = 2^i$ , and  $xw = 0^i 1^i 2^i$  do not belong to L, according example 2.36 in the text book, M is not CFL. Since L is CFL and M belong to MIN(L) and M is not CFL, so CFL is not closed under MIN

**4) We showed in class that for CFGs there is a Chomsky normal form, where all rules are of the form**

**$A \rightarrow BC$**

**or  $A \rightarrow a$**

**Where A,B,C are variables and 'a' is a terminal. The only epsilon production possible was from the start symbol.**

**Now, can we do the same thing with all production in the following form?**

**$A \rightarrow BCD$**

**or  $A \rightarrow a$**

**Where A,B,C,D are variables and 'a' is a terminal. The only epsilon production possible was from the start symbol.**

How is it possible, or why isn't it possible. Please prove either way. (4points)

Solution: Chomsky normal form can not be expressed as productions in the following form:

**$A \rightarrow BCD$**

**or  $A \rightarrow a$**

Since Chomsky form is one of simplest form of CFG, in the rules of  $A \rightarrow BC$  or  $A \rightarrow a$ , each substitution step can only have one or two branches **which are possible smallest branches on each substitution step; the rules of  $A \rightarrow BCD$  or  $A \rightarrow a$ , however, have one or three branches on each substitution step, which is definitely not the simplest form of CFG.**

**3) Let  $L_1, L_2, \dots, L_k$  be a collection of languages over the alphabet  $\Sigma$ . such that**

- 1. For all  $i \neq j$ ,  $L_i \cap L_j = \emptyset$**
- 2.  $L_1 \cup L_2 \cup \dots \cup L_k = \Sigma^*$**
- 3. Each  $L_i$  is recognizable**

**Prove that each language is decidable.**

Hint: you can use the other languages to prove a specific language is decidable. (10 points)

Solution:

because each language  $L_i$  ( $i=1,2,\dots,k$ ) is recognizable, there are several cases:

(1) if  $L_i$  is DFA recognizable, namely  $L_i$  is regular, then there is a DFA  $B_i$  to recognize it, and according to theorem 4.1 Language  $A_{DFA}$  is decidable, let TM  $M_i$  be the Turing machine which decide  $A_{DFA}$ , constructs a TM  $T_i$  as following:

$T_i =$  "on input  $w$ , where  $w \in L_i$  and  $L_i$  is a language over alphabet  $\Sigma$ ,  $L_i$  is recognizable by DFA  $B_i$ "

1. Run  $M_i$  on input  $\langle B_i, L_i \rangle$ ;
2. if Turing Machine  $M_i$  accepts, accept; if it rejects, reject.

Since TM  $T_i$  can decide  $L_i$ , according Definition 3.6, language  $L_i$  is decidable.

(2) If  $L_j$  is NFA recognizable, namely  $L_j$  is regular, then there is a NFA  $F_j$  recognizes it. According Theorem 4.2,  $A_{NFA}$  is decidable, Let TM  $N_j$  decide  $A_{NFA}$ , we design TM  $T_j$  that can decide  $L_j$  as following:

$T_j =$  "on input  $w$ , where  $w \in L_j$  and  $L_j$  is a language over alphabet  $\Sigma$  and is recognizable by NFA  $F_j$ "

1. Run  $N_j$  on input  $\langle F_j, L_j \rangle$  ;
2. if Turing Machine  $T_j$  accepts, accept; if it rejects, reject.

Since  $T_j$  can decide  $L_j$ , according Definition 3.6, language  $L_j$  is decidable.

(3) if  $L_k$  is CFG recognizable, then it is CFL, according to Theorem 4.9,  $L_k$  is decidable.

Combine all previous cases, it can be concluded that each language  $L_i$  is decidable.

## 2) Are deciders closed under intersections? (3point)

Prove that they are, or show how they are not.

Solution: deciders are closed under intersection. Let  $A_1$  are decidable language and TM  $M_1$  decides it; and  $A_2$  is decidable language and TM  $M_2$  decides it; let  $A_3 = A_1 \cap A_2$ , now design a TM  $M$  as following:

TM  $M$  = "on input  $w$ , where  $w \in A_3$ ,

1. Simulate  $M_1$  on  $w$ , if  $M_1$  accepts  $w$ , go to step 2, if  $M_1$  rejects  $w$ , REJECT;
2. Simulate  $M_2$  on  $w$ , if  $M_2$  accepts  $w$ , ACCEPT, if  $M_2$  rejects  $w$ , REJECT;

Since TM  $M$  can decide  $\forall w \in A_3$ , then  $A_3$  is decidable, therefore deciders are closed under intersection.

1) Give a context-free grammar for  $\{a^i b^j \mid i \leq j \leq 2i\}$  (2point)

$S \Rightarrow aSb \mid aSbb \mid \epsilon$