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1. The Turing machine M has:

- States q and p; q is the start state.
- Tape symbols 0, 1, and B; 0 and 1 are input symbols, and B is the blank.
- The following next-move function:

State	Tape	Move
	Symbol	
q	0	(q,0,R)
q	1	(p,0,R)
q	B	(q,B,R)
p	0	(q,0,L)
p	1	none (halt)
p	B	(q,0,L)

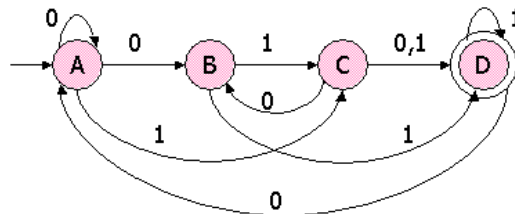
Simulate M on the input 1010110, and identify one of the ID's (instantaneous descriptions) of M from the list below.

- a) 000000p0
- b) 00000q10
- c) 10101p10
- d) 00000p10

Answer submitted: **d)**

You have answered the question correctly.

2. Here is a nondeterministic finite automaton:



Convert this NFA to a DFA, using the "lazy" version of the subset construction described in Section 2.3.5 (p. 60), so only the accessible states are constructed. Which of the following sets of NFA states becomes a state of the DFA constructed in this manner?

- a) The empty set
- b) $\{B, C, D\}$
- c) $\{A, B, D\}$
- d) $\{A, B, C, D\}$

Answer submitted: c)

You have answered the question correctly.

3. Which of the following grammars derives a subset L_s of the language: $L = \{x \mid \text{(i) } x \text{ contains a and c in proportion 4:3, (ii) } x \text{ does not begin with c and (iii) there are no two consecutive c's}\}$ such that L_s is missing at most a finite number of strings from L .

- a) $S \rightarrow \epsilon, S \rightarrow \text{SaScSaScSaSaSaS}$
- b) $S \rightarrow \epsilon, S \rightarrow \text{SaScSaScaSaSaSaS}$
- c) $S \rightarrow \epsilon, S \rightarrow \text{SaScSaScSaScSaS}$
- d) $S \rightarrow \text{acacaca}, S \rightarrow \text{SaScSaScSaScSaS}, S \rightarrow \text{SaSaSaScSaScSa}$

Answer submitted: c)

You have answered the question correctly.

4. Let h be the homomorphism defined by $h(a) = 01$, $h(b) = 10$, $h(c) = 0$, and $h(d) = 1$. If we take any string w in $(0+1)^*$, $h^{-1}(w)$ contains some number of strings, $N(w)$. For example, $h^{-1}(1100) = \{\text{ddcc}, \text{dbc}\}$, i.e., $N(1100) = 2$. We can calculate the number of strings in $h^{-1}(w)$ by a recursion on the length of w . For example, if $w = 00x$ for some string x , then $N(w) = N(0x)$, since the first 0 in w can only be produced from c , not from a .

Complete the reasoning necessary to compute $N(w)$ for any string w in $(0+1)^*$. Then, choose the correct value of $N(10100101)$.

- a) 34
- b) 128
- c) 25
- d) 15

Answer submitted: c)

You have answered the question correctly.

5. Here are the transitions of a deterministic pushdown automaton. The start state is q_0 , and f is the accepting state.

State-Symbol	a	b	ϵ
q_0-Z_0	(q_1, AAZ_0)	(q_2, BZ_0)	(f, ϵ)
q_1-A	(q_1, AAA)	(q_1, ϵ)	-
q_1-Z_0	-	-	(q_0, Z_0)
q_2-B	(q_3, ϵ)	(q_2, BB)	-
q_2-Z_0	-	-	(q_0, Z_0)
q_3-B	-	-	(q_2, ϵ)
q_3-Z_0	-	-	(q_1, AZ_0)

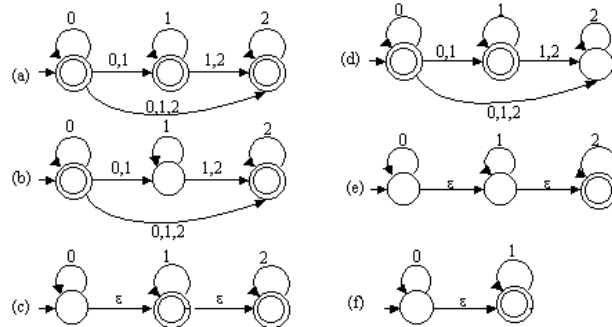
Describe informally what this PDA does. Then, identify below, the one input string that takes the PDA into state q_3 (with any stack).

- a) baba
- b) baabba
- c) ababba
- d) bbbba

Answer submitted: **d)**

You have answered the question correctly.

6. Identify which automata define the same language and provide the correct counterexample if they don't. Choose the correct statement from the list below.



- (a) and (d) do not define the same language and the following counterexample shows it. String 0 is accepted by one and not by the other.
- (d) and (f) define the same language.
- (c) and (b) do not define the same language and the following counterexample shows it. String 0012 is accepted by one and not by the other.
- (e) and (d) do not define the same language and the following counterexample shows it. String 01 is accepted by one and not by the other.

Answer submitted: **b)**

You have answered the question correctly.

7. There is a Turing transducer T that transforms problem P1 into problem P2. T has one read-only input tape, on which an input of length n is placed. T has a read-write scratch tape on which it uses $O(S(n))$ cells. T has a write-only output tape, with a head that moves only right, on which it writes an output of length $O(U(n))$. With input of length n , T runs for $O(T(n))$ time before halting. You may assume that each of the upper bounds on space and time used are as tight as possible.

A given combination of $S(n)$, $U(n)$, and $T(n)$ may:

- Imply that T is a polynomial-time reduction of P1 to P2.
- Imply that T is NOT a polynomial-time reduction of P1 to P2.
- Be impossible; i.e., there is no Turing machine that has that combination of tight bounds on the space used, output size, and running time.

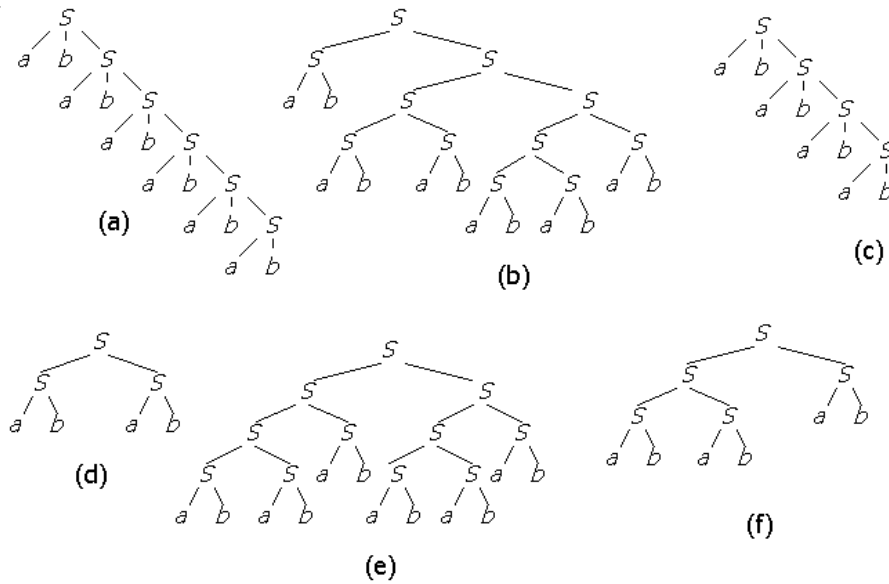
What are all the constraints on $S(n)$, $U(n)$, and $T(n)$ if T is a polynomial-time reducer? What are the constraints on feasibility, even if the reduction is not polynomial-time? After working out these constraints, identify the true statement from the list below.

- $S(n) = n$; $U(n) = n^2$; $T(n) = n \log_2 n$ is possible, but not a polynomial-time reduction.
- $S(n) = n^3$; $U(n) = n$; $T(n) = (1.01)^n$ is not physically possible.
- $S(n) = n^2$; $U(n) = n^2$; $T(n) = n!$ is possible, but not a polynomial-time reduction.
- $S(n) = n$; $U(n) = n^2$; $T(n) = 2^n$ is a polynomial-time reduction

Answer submitted: **c)**

You have answered the question correctly.

8. Consider the grammar $G: S \rightarrow SS, S \rightarrow ab$. Which of the following strings is a word of $L(G)$ AND is the yield of one of the parse trees for grammar G in the figure below?



- a) SababSabS
- b) ab
- c) abSS
- d) abab

Answer submitted: **d)**

You have answered the question correctly.

9. G_1 is a context-free grammar with start symbol S_1 , and no other nonterminals whose name begins with "S." Similarly, G_2 is a context-free grammar with start symbol S_2 , and no other nonterminals whose name begins with "S." S_1 and S_2 appear on the right side of no productions. Also, no nonterminal appears in both G_1 and G_2 .

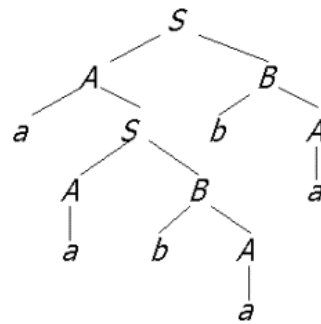
We wish to combine the symbols and productions of G_1 and G_2 to form a new grammar G , whose language is the union of the languages of G_1 and G_2 . The start symbol of G will be S . All productions and symbols of G_1 and G_2 will be symbols and productions of G . Which of the following sets of productions, added to those of G , is guaranteed to make $L(G)$ be $L(G_1) \cup L(G_2)$?

- a) $S \rightarrow S_1, S_1 \rightarrow S_2$
- b) $S \rightarrow S_1 S_3, S_3 \rightarrow S_2$
- c) $S \rightarrow S_1 S_2, S_1 \rightarrow \epsilon, S_2 \rightarrow \epsilon$
- d) $S \rightarrow S_3, S_3 \rightarrow S_1 S_2$

Answer submitted: **a)**

You have answered the question correctly.

10. The following is a parse tree in some unknown grammar G :



Which of the following productions is **definitely not** a production of G ?

- $S \rightarrow aC$
- None of the other choices.
- $A \rightarrow a$
- $S \rightarrow CB$

Answer submitted: **b)**

You have answered the question correctly.

11. Suppose a problem P_1 reduces to a problem P_2 . Which of the following statements can we conclude to be TRUE based on the above?

- If P_1 is undecidable, then it must be that P_2 is undecidable.
- If P_1 is undecidable, then it must be that P_2 is decidable.
- If P_1 is RE, then it must be that P_2 is RE.
- If P_2 is non-RE, then it must be that P_1 is non-RE.

Answer submitted: **a)**

You have answered the question correctly.

12. Consider the following identities for regular expressions; some are false and some are true. You are asked to decide which and in case it is false to provide the correct counterexample.

- $R(S+T)=RS+RT$
- $(R^*)^*=R^*$
- $(R^*S^*)^*=(R+S)^*$
- $(R+S)^*=R^*+S^*$
- $S(RS+S)^*R=RR^*S(RR^*S)^*$
- $(RS+R)^*R=R(SR+R)^*$

- (d) is false and a counterexample is:
 $R=\{a,\epsilon\}$, $T=\{b\}$, $S=\{a,\epsilon\}$
- (a) is false and a counterexample is:
 $R=\{ab\}$, $T=\{a\}$, $S=\{b\}$
- (d) is false and a counterexample is:
 $R=\{a\}$, $T=\{a\}$, $S=\{b\}$
- (b) is false and a counterexample is:
 $R=\{ab\}$, $T=\{a\}$, $S=\{b\}$

Answer submitted: **c)**

You have answered the question correctly.

13. The polynomial-time reduction from SAT to CSAT, as described in Section 10.3.3 (p. 452), needs to introduce new variables. The reason is that the obvious manipulation of a boolean expression into an equivalent CNF expression could exponentiate the size of the expression, and therefore could not be polynomial time.

Suppose we apply this construction to the expression $(u+(vw))+x$, with the parse implied by the parentheses. Suppose also that when we introduce new variables, we use y_1, y_2, \dots

After constructing the corresponding CNF expression, identify one of its clauses from the list below.

Note: logical OR is represented by +, logical AND by juxtaposition, and logical NOT by -.

- a) (y_2+u)
- b) $(-y_3+x)$
- c) $(-y_2+x)$
- d) $(-y_2+y_1+w)$

Answer submitted: **c)**

You have answered the question correctly.

14. Which of the following problems about a Turing Machine M does Rice's Theorem imply is undecidable?
- a) Is the language of M a regular language?
 - b) Is the language of M not equal to itself?
 - c) Does M have more than 100 states?
 - d) Is there some input that causes M to enter more than 100 states?

Answer submitted: **a)**

You have answered the question correctly.

15. Which among the following languages is not regular (cannot be defined by a regular expression or finite automaton)?
- a) $L = \{x \mid x = a^m(bc)^n, n, m \text{ positive integers}\}$
 - b) $L = \{x \mid x = (ab^4c)^n, n \text{ a positive integer}\}$
 - c) $L = \{x \mid x = a^n b^n c^n, n \text{ a positive integer}\}$
 - d) $L = \{x \mid x = a^m b^n c^k, n, m, k \text{ positive integers}\}$

Answer submitted: **c)**

You have answered the question correctly.

16. Let L be the language of all strings of a's and b's such that no prefix (proper or not) has more b's than a's. Let G be the grammar with productions

$$S \rightarrow aS \mid aSbS \mid \epsilon$$

To prove that $L = L(G)$, we need to show two things:

- 1. If $S \Rightarrow^* w$, then w is in L .
- 2. If w is in L , then $S \Rightarrow^* w$.

We shall consider only the proof of (1) here. The proof is an induction on n , the number of steps in the derivation $S \Rightarrow^* w$. Here is an outline of the proof, with reasons omitted. You need to supply the reasons.

Basis:

- 1) If $n=1$, then w is ϵ because _____.
- 2) w is in L because _____.

Induction:

- 3) Either (a) $S \Rightarrow aS \Rightarrow^{n-1} w$ or (b) $S \Rightarrow aSbS \Rightarrow^{n-1} w$ because _____.
- 4a) In case (a), $w = ax$, and $S \Rightarrow^{n-1} x$ because _____.
- 5a) In case (a), x is in L because _____.
- 6a) In case (a), w is in L because _____.
- 4b) In case (b), w can be written $w = aybz$, where $S \Rightarrow^p y$ and $S \Rightarrow^q z$ for some p and q less than n because _____.
- 5b) In case (b), y is in L because _____.
- 6b) In case (b), z is in L because _____.
- 7b) In case (b), w is in L because _____.

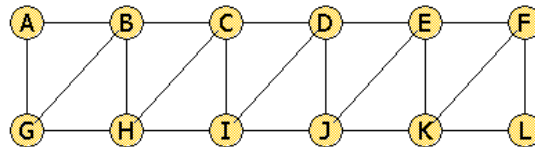
For which of the steps above the appropriate reason is contained in the following argument:
 "All n -step derivations of w produce either ε (for $n=1$) or use one of the productions with at least one nonterminal in the body (for $n > 1$). In case the production $S \rightarrow aS$ is used, then $w=ax$ with x being produced by a $(n-1)$ -step derivation. In case the production $S \rightarrow aSbS$ is used then $w=aybz$ with y and z being produced by derivations with number of steps less than n ."

- a) 2
 b) 5a
 c) 1
 d) 7b

Answer submitted: **c)**

You have answered the question correctly.

17. What is the size of a minimal node cover for the graph below?



Identify one of the minimal node covers below.

- a) $\{B, D, E, F, G, H, J, K\}$
 b) $\{B, D, F, G, I, K\}$
 c) $\{A, B, C, E, H, J, K, L\}$
 d) $\{A, C, D, F, G, H, J, K\}$

Answer submitted: **d)**

You have answered the question correctly.

18. Suppose one transition rule of some PDA P is $\delta(q, 0, X) = \{(p, YZ), (r, XY)\}$. If we convert PDA P to an equivalent context-free grammar G in the manner described in Section 6.3.2 (p. 247), which of the following could be a production of G derived from this transition rule? You may assume s and t are states of P , as well as p , q , and r .

- a) $[qXr] \rightarrow 0[pYs][sZr]$
 b) $[qXr] \rightarrow 0[qYs][sZp]$
 c) $[qXr] \rightarrow 0[rXs][qYr]$
 d) $[qXr] \rightarrow 0[qXs][sYr]$

Answer submitted: **a)**

You have answered the question correctly.

19. Let G be the grammar:

$$S \rightarrow SS \mid (S) \mid \varepsilon$$

$L(G)$ is the language BP of all strings of balanced parentheses, that is, those strings that could appear in a well-formed arithmetic expression. We want to prove that $L(G) = BP$, which requires two inductive proofs:

1. If w is in $L(G)$, then w is in BP.
2. If w is in BP, then w is in $L(G)$.

We shall here prove only the second. You will see below a sequence of steps in the proof, each with a reason left out. These reasons belong to one of three classes:

- A) Use of the inductive hypothesis.
- B) Reasoning about properties of grammars, e.g., that every derivation has at least one step.
- C) Reasoning about properties of strings, e.g., that every string is longer than any of its proper substrings.

The proof is an induction on the length of w . You should decide on the reason for each step in the proof below, and then identify from the available choices a correct pair consisting of a step and a kind of reason (A, B, or C).

Basis: Length = 0.

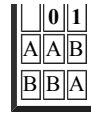
- (1) The only string of length 0 in BP is ε because _____
- (2) ε is in $L(G)$ because _____
Induction: $|w| = n > 0$.
- (3) w is of the form $(x)y$, where (x) is the shortest proper prefix of w that is in BP, and y is the remainder of w because _____
- (4) x is in BP because _____
- (5) y is in BP because _____
- (6) $|x| < n$ because _____
- (7) $|y| < n$ because _____
- (8) x is in $L(G)$ because _____
- (9) y is in $L(G)$ because _____
- (10) (x) is in $L(G)$ because _____
- (11) w is in $L(G)$ because _____
 - a) (6) for reason C
 - b) (10) for reason C
 - c) (11) for reason A
 - d) (9) for reason C

Answer submitted: **a)**

You have answered the question correctly.

20. Here is the transition function of a simple, deterministic automaton with start state A and accepting state B:





We want to show that this automaton accepts exactly those strings with an odd number of 1's, or more formally:

$$\delta(A, w) = B \text{ if and only if } w \text{ has an odd number of 1's.}$$

Here, δ is the extended transition function of the automaton; that is, $\delta(A, w)$ is the state that the automaton is in after processing input string w . The proof of the statement above is an induction on the length of w . Below, we give the proof with reasons missing. You must give a reason for each step, and then demonstrate your understanding of the proof by classifying your reasons into the following three categories:

- A) Use of the inductive hypothesis.
- B) Reasoning about properties of deterministic finite automata, e.g., that if string $s = yz$, then $\delta(q, s) = \delta(\delta(q, y), z)$.
- C) Reasoning about properties of binary strings (strings of 0's and 1's), e.g., that every string is longer than any of its proper substrings.

Basis ($|w| = 0$):

- (1) $w = \epsilon$ because _____
- (2) $\delta(A, \epsilon) = A$ because _____
- (3) ϵ has an even number of 0's because _____

Induction ($|w| = n > 0$)

- (4) There are two cases: (a) when $w = x1$ and (b) when $w = x0$ because _____
- Case (a):
- (5) In case (a), w has an odd number of 1's if and only if x has an even number of 1's because _____
- (6) In case (a), $\delta(A, x) = A$ if and only if w has an odd number of 1's because _____
- (7) In case (a), $\delta(A, w) = B$ if and only if w has an odd number of 1's because _____
- Case (b):
- (8) In case (b), w has an odd number of 1's if and only if x has an odd number of 1's because _____
- (9) In case (b), $\delta(A, x) = B$ if and only if w has an odd number of 1's because _____
- (10) In case (b), $\delta(A, w) = B$ if and only if w has an odd number of 1's because _____
- a) (3) for reason C.
- b) (8) for reason B.
- c) (1) for reason B.
- d) (7) for reason C.

Answer submitted: **a)**

You have answered the question correctly.

21. The language of regular expression $(0+10)^*$ is the set of all strings of 0's and 1's such that every 1 is immediately followed by a 0. Describe the complement of this language (with respect to the alphabet $\{0, 1\}$) and identify in the list below the regular expression whose language is the complement of $L((0+10)^*)$.

- a) $0^*11(0+1)^* + (0+1)^*1$

- b) $(0+10)^*1(\varepsilon+11(0+1)^*)$
- c) $(0+1)^*11(0+1)^*$
- d) $(0+1)^*11(0+1)^* + (0+10)^*1$

Answer submitted: **d)**

You have answered the question correctly.

22. Programming languages are often described using an extended form of context-free grammar, where square brackets are used to denote an optional construct. For example, $A \rightarrow B[C]D$ says that an A can be replaced by a B and a D , with an optional C between them. This notation does not allow us to describe anything but context-free languages, since an extended production can always be replaced by several conventional productions.

Suppose a grammar has the extended productions:

$A \rightarrow B[aC]bD \mid Ba[Cb]D$

Convert this pair of extended productions to conventional productions. Identify, from the list below, the conventional productions that are equivalent to the extended productions above.

- a) $A \rightarrow BA_1bD \mid BaA_2D$
 $A_1 \rightarrow aC \mid \varepsilon$
 $A_2 \rightarrow Cb \mid \varepsilon$
- b) $A \rightarrow BaCbD \mid BbD \mid BaD \mid BD$
- c) $A \rightarrow BA_1D$
 $A_1 \rightarrow aC \mid Cb$
- d) $A \rightarrow BA_1bD \mid BaA_2D$
 $A_1 \rightarrow aC$
 $A_2 \rightarrow Cb$

Answer submitted: **a)**

You have answered the question correctly.

23. Here is the transition table of a DFA:

	0	1
→A	E	D
*B	A	C
C	G	B
D	E	A
*E	H	C
F	C	B
G	F	E
H	B	H

Find the minimum-state DFA equivalent to the above. Then, identify in the list below the pair of equivalent states (states that get merged in the minimization process).

- a) C and H
- b) E and G
- c) F and G
- d) A and F

Answer submitted: **c)**

You have answered the question correctly.

24. Consider the grammars:

$G_1: S \rightarrow AB, A \rightarrow aAA|\epsilon, B \rightarrow abBB|\epsilon$
 $G_2: S \rightarrow CB, C \rightarrow aCC|aC|a, B \rightarrow abBB|abB|ab$
 $G_3: S \rightarrow CB|C|B|\epsilon, C \rightarrow aCC|aC|a, B \rightarrow abBB|abB|ab$
 $G_4: S \rightarrow ASB|\epsilon, A \rightarrow aA|\epsilon, B \rightarrow abB|\epsilon$
 $G_5: S \rightarrow ASB|AB, A \rightarrow aA|a, B \rightarrow abB|ab$
 $G_6: S \rightarrow ASB|aab, A \rightarrow aA|a, B \rightarrow abB|ab$

Describe the language of each of these grammars. Then, identify from the list below a pair of grammars that define the same language?

- a) G_3 and G_5
- b) G_2 and G_6
- c) G_1 and G_4
- d) G_3 and G_6

Answer submitted: **c)**

You have answered the question correctly.

25. Here is a context-free grammar:

$S \rightarrow AB \mid CD$
 $A \rightarrow BG \mid 0$
 $B \rightarrow AD \mid \epsilon$
 $C \rightarrow CD \mid 1$
 $D \rightarrow BB \mid E$
 $E \rightarrow AF \mid B1$
 $F \rightarrow EG \mid 0C$
 $G \rightarrow AG \mid BD$

Find all the nullable symbols, and then use the construction from Section 7.1.3 (p. 265) to modify the grammar's productions so there are no ϵ -productions. The language of the grammar should change only in that ϵ will no longer be in the language.

- a) $C \rightarrow CD \mid C$
- b) $D \rightarrow BB \mid E \mid B \mid B$
- c) $D \rightarrow BB \mid E \mid B \mid \epsilon$
- d) $C \rightarrow CD \mid 1 \mid C$

Answer submitted: **d)**

You have answered the question correctly.