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**Question 1**

**[15]**

Build a DPDA to show that the language  $L = \{(ba)^n a (ab)^{n-2} \mid n > 2\}$  is deterministic context free.

**Question 2**

**[15]**

Prove that the language  $L = \{ba^n b^{2n} a^{n+1} \mid n > 0\}$  over the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  is non-context free. Use the pumping lemma with length.

**Question 3**

**[10]**

Let  $L_1$  be the grammar generating  $(aa)^*$ . Let  $L_2$  be the grammar generating  $(a+b)^* ba(a+b)^*$ . First provide the grammars generating  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  respectively. Then apply the applicable theorem of Chapter 17 to determine  $L_1 L_2$ .

**Question 4**

**[10]**

Decide whether the grammar given below generates any words.

$S \rightarrow XY$   
 $X \rightarrow SY$   
 $Y \rightarrow SX$   
 $X \rightarrow a$   
 $Y \rightarrow b$