

## Homework 7

**2.30** Use the pumping lemma to show that the following languages are not context free.

- a.  $\{0^n 1^n 0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$
- <sup>A</sup>c.  $\{w\#t \mid w \text{ is a substring of } t, \text{ where } w, t \in \{a, b\}^*\}$
- d.  $\{t_1\#t_2\#\dots\#t_k \mid k \geq 2, \text{ each } t_i \in \{a, b\}^*, \text{ and } t_i = t_j \text{ for some } i \neq j\}$

**2.31** Let  $B$  be the language of all palindromes over  $\{0,1\}$  containing equal numbers of 0s and 1s. Show that  $B$  is not context free.

**2.43** For strings  $w$  and  $t$ , write  $w \doteq t$  if the symbols of  $w$  are a permutation of the symbols of  $t$ . In other words,  $w \doteq t$  if  $t$  and  $w$  have the same symbols in the same quantities, but possibly in a different order.

For any string  $w$ , define  $SCRAMBLE(w) = \{t \mid t \doteq w\}$ . For any language  $A$ , let  $SCRAMBLE(A) = \{t \mid t \in SCRAMBLE(w) \text{ for some } w \in A\}$ .

- a. Show that if  $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$ , then the  $SCRAMBLE$  of a regular language is context free.
- b. What happens in part (a) if  $\Sigma$  contains three or more symbols? Prove your answer.

**\*2.45** Let  $A = \{wtw^R \mid w, t \in \{0,1\}^* \text{ and } |w| = |t|\}$ . Prove that  $A$  is not a CFL.

**2.38** For languages  $A$  and  $B$ , let the *shuffle* of  $A$  and  $B$  be the language

$$\{w \mid w = a_1 b_1 \dots a_k b_k, \text{ where } a_1 \dots a_k \in A \text{ and } b_1 \dots b_k \in B, \text{ each } a_i, b_i \in \Sigma^*\}.$$

Show that the class of context-free languages is not closed under shuffle.

*Hint:* see bottom of page.

**2.41** Recall the definitions of NOPREFIX and NOEXTEND from Homework 3.

- a. Show that context-free languages are not closed under NOPREFIX.
- b. Show that context-free languages are not closed under NOEXTEND.

*Hint:* see bottom of page.

## Hints

- 2.38** Consider the shuffle of the languages  $\{a^n b^n : n \geq 0\}$  and  $\{c^m d^m : m \geq 0\}$ . Consider the language  $L = \{a^n b^m c^k : n, m, k \geq 1 \text{ and } k \geq \min\{n, m\}\}$ . Prove that  $L$  is context-free and  $\text{NOPREFIX}(L)$  is not.
- 2.41(b)** Adapt your solution to 2.41(a).