CENG 280

Formal Languages and Abstract Machines

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Homework 3

Question 1

Draw a PDA for each of the following languages.

- $\{a^mb^n \mid m, n \geq 0 \text{ and } n \leq m \leq 2n\}$
- $\{w \mid w \in \{a,b\}^* \text{ and } w \text{ has twice as many } b's \text{ as } a's\}$
- $\{a^nb^mc^md^n\mid n,m\geq 0 \text{ and either } n \text{ or } m \text{ is odd but not both.}\}$

Question 2

- Use the languages $A = \{ a^m b^n c^n \mid m, n \geq 0 \}$ and $B = \{ a^n b^n c^m \mid m, n \geq 0 \}$ to show that the class of context-free languages is not closed under intersection.
- Use the first part and DeMorgan's Law to show that the class of context-free languages is not closed under complementation. Hint: you can use proof by contradiction.

Question 3

For the following languages prove that each one of those languages are not context-free.

- Let B be the language of all palindromes over $\{0,1\}$ containing an equal number of 0s and 1s.
- Let $\Sigma = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $C = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid in \ w \ number \ of \ 1s \ equals \ number \ of \ 2s, and number \ of \ 3s \ equals \ number \ of \ 4s\}.$
- Let $A = \{wtw^R \mid w, t \in \{0, 1\}^* \text{ and } |w| = |t|\}.$

Question 4

For the following languages prove that each one of those languages are deterministic contextfree.

- $\{wcw^R \mid w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$
- $\bullet \ \{ca^mb^n \mid m \neq n\} \cup \{da^mb^{2m} \mid m \geq 0\}$