

# University of Nevada, Las Vegas Computer Science 456/656 Fall 2019

## Assignments 6 and 7: Due November 13, 2019

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You are permitted to work in groups, get help from others, read books, and use the internet. But the handwriting on this document must be your own. Print out the document, staple, and fill in the answers. You may attach extra sheets. Turn in the pages to the graduate assistant at the beginning of class, November 6.

1. True or False. T = true, F = false, and O = open, meaning that the answer is not known science at this time. In the questions below,  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{NP}$  denote  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME and  $\mathcal{NP}$ -TIME, respectively.
  - (i) \_\_\_\_\_ Every language generated by an unambiguous context-free grammar is accepted by some DPDA.
  - (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ The language  $\{a^n b^n c^n d^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  is recursive.
  - (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ Let  $L$  be the language over  $\{a, b, c\}$  consisting of all strings which have more  $a$ 's than  $b$ 's and more  $b$ 's than  $c$ 's. There is some PDA that accepts  $L$ .
  - (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ The language  $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  is in the class  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME.
  - (v) \_\_\_\_\_ Every undecidable problem is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete.
  - (vi) \_\_\_\_\_ The language  $\{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  is context-free.
  - (vii) \_\_\_\_\_ The language  $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  is context-free.
  - (viii) \_\_\_\_\_ The language  $\{a^i b^j c^k \mid j = i + k\}$  is context-free.
  - (ix) \_\_\_\_\_ Every problem that can be mathematically defined has an algorithmic solution.
  - (x) \_\_\_\_\_ The intersection of two undecidable languages is always undecidable.
  - (xi) \_\_\_\_\_ Every  $\mathcal{NP}$  language is decidable.
  - (xii) \_\_\_\_\_ The clique problem is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete.
  - (xiii) \_\_\_\_\_ The traveling salesman problem is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -hard.
  - (xiv) \_\_\_\_\_ The union of two  $\mathcal{NP}$  languages must be  $\mathcal{NP}$ .
  - (xv) \_\_\_\_\_ The intersection of two  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete languages must be  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete.
  - (xvi) \_\_\_\_\_  $\mathcal{NC} = \mathcal{P}$ .
  - (xvii) \_\_\_\_\_  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{NP}$ .
  - (xviii) \_\_\_\_\_  $\mathcal{NP} = \mathcal{P}$ -SPACE
  - (xix) \_\_\_\_\_  $\mathcal{P}$ -SPACE = EXP-TIME

- (xx) \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{EXP-TIME} = \text{EXP-SPACE}$
- (xxi) \_\_\_\_\_ There is a deterministic parser for any context-free grammar.
- (xxii) \_\_\_\_\_ The traveling salesman problem (TSP) is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete.
- (xxiii) \_\_\_\_\_ The knapsack problem is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete.
- (xxiv) \_\_\_\_\_ The language consisting of all satisfiable Boolean expressions is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete.
- (xxv) \_\_\_\_\_ The Boolean Circuit Problem is in  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- (xxvi) \_\_\_\_\_ The Boolean Circuit Problem is in  $\mathcal{NC}$ .
- (xxvii) \_\_\_\_\_ The set of strings that your high school algebra teacher would accept as legitimate expressions is a context-free language.
- (xxviii) \_\_\_\_\_ The language consisting of all strings over  $\{a, b\}$  which have more  $a$ 's than  $b$ 's is context-free.
- (xxix) \_\_\_\_\_ 2-SAT is  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME.
- (xxx) \_\_\_\_\_ 3-SAT is  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME.
- (xxxi) \_\_\_\_\_ Primality, where the input is written in binary, is  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME.
- (xxxii) \_\_\_\_\_ There is a  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME reduction of the halting problem to 3-SAT.
- (xxxiii) \_\_\_\_\_ Every context-free language is in  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- (xxxiv) \_\_\_\_\_ Every context-free language is in  $\mathcal{NC}$ .
- (xxxv) \_\_\_\_\_ Addition of binary numerals is in  $\mathcal{NC}$ .
- (xxxvi) \_\_\_\_\_ Every context-sensitive language is in  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- (xxxvii) \_\_\_\_\_ Every language generated by a general grammar is recursive.
- (xxxviii) \_\_\_\_\_ Every language generated by a general grammar is recursively enumerable.
- (xxxix) \_\_\_\_\_ Every language accepted by a non-deterministic machine is accepted by some deterministic machine.
- (xl) \_\_\_\_\_ The problem of whether two given context-free grammars generate the same language is  $\text{co-}\mathcal{RE}$ .
- (xli) \_\_\_\_\_ The problem of whether a given string is generated by a given context-free grammar is decidable.
- (xlii) \_\_\_\_\_ The language of all fractions (using base 10 numeration) whose values are less than  $\pi$  is decidable. (A *fraction* is a string. "314/100" is in the language, but "22/7" is not.)
- (xliii) \_\_\_\_\_ There exists a polynomial time algorithm which finds the prime factors of any positive integer, where the input is given as a unary ("caveman") numeral.

- (xliv) — For any two languages  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , if  $L_1$  is undecidable and there is a recursive reduction of  $L_1$  to  $L_2$ , then  $L_2$  must be undecidable.
- (xlv) — For any two languages  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , if  $L_2$  is undecidable and there is a recursive reduction of  $L_1$  to  $L_2$ , then  $L_1$  must be undecidable.
- (xlvi) — If  $L$  is any  $\mathcal{NP}$  language, there must be a  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME reduction of the partition problem to  $L$ .
- (xlvii) — If  $L$  is  $\mathcal{NP}$  and also  $\text{co-}\mathcal{NP}$ , then  $L$  must be  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- (xlviii) — Recall that if  $\mathcal{L}$  is a class of languages,  $\text{co-}\mathcal{L}$  is defined to be the class of all languages that are not in  $\mathcal{L}$ . Let  $\mathcal{RE}$  be the class of all recursively enumerable languages. If  $L$  is in  $\mathcal{RE}$  and also  $L$  is in  $\text{co-}\mathcal{RE}$ , then  $L$  must be decidable.
- (xlix) — Every language is enumerable.
- (l) — If a language  $L$  is undecidable, then there can be no machine that enumerates  $L$ .
- (li) — There exists a mathematical proposition that can be neither proved nor disproved.
- (lii) — There is a non-recursive function which grows faster than any recursive function.
- (liii) — For every real number  $x$ , there exists a machine that runs forever and outputs the string of decimal digits of  $x$ .
- (liv) — **Rush Hour**, the puzzle sold in game stores everywhere, generalized to a board of arbitrary size, is  $\mathcal{P}$ -SPACE-complete.
- (lv) — If two regular expressions are equivalent, there is a polynomial time proof that they are equivalent.
- (lvi) — There is a well-defined function  $f$  on positive integers, where:
- $$f(n) = 0 \text{ if } n = 1$$
- $$f(n) = 1 + f(n/2) \text{ if } n \text{ is even}$$
- $$f(n) = 1 + f(3n + 1) \text{ if } n \text{ is odd and greater than } 1.$$
- For example,  $f(1) = 0$ ,  $f(2) = 1$ ,  $f(3) = 7$ ,  $f(4) = 2$ ,  $f(5) = 5$ ,  $f(6) = 8$ ,  $f(7) = 16$ , ...
- Hint: look on the internet for “Collatz.”
- (lvii) — The *busy beaver* function is recursive.
- (lviii) — The Post correspondence problem is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -COMPLETE.

2. Suppose  $x$  and  $y$  are positive integers, and their binary numerals  $\langle x \rangle$  and  $\langle y \rangle$  each have length  $n$ . Then  $\langle xy \rangle$ , the binary numeral of their product, has length at most  $2n$ . Explain how the problem of computing  $\langle xy \rangle$  from  $\langle x \rangle$  and  $\langle y \rangle$  is in the class  $\mathcal{NC}$ .

3. Let  $L$  be the language generated by the context-free grammar below. What is the minimum pumping length of  $L$ ? (Note that this grammar does not contain the production  $S \rightarrow iS$ .) Hint: read <http://web.cs.unlv.edu/larmore/Courses/CSC456/pumping.pdf>

$$S \rightarrow wS$$

$$S \rightarrow iSeS$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

4. Explain to me why  $\mathcal{NP}\text{-TIME} \subseteq \mathcal{P}\text{-SPACE}$ .

5. Recall that a fraction is a string. If  $x$  is any real number, let  $\text{LESS}_x$  be the set of fractions whose values are less than  $x$ , and let  $\text{MORE}_x$  be the set of fractions whose values are more than  $x$ .
- (a) Is it true that, for every real number  $x$ ,  $\text{LESS}_x$  is decidable?
  - (b) Is it true that, for every real number  $x$ ,  $\text{MORE}_x$  is decidable?
  - (c) Is there a real number  $x$  such that  $\text{LESS}_x$  is decidable but  $\text{MORE}_x$  is not decidable?
  - (d) Is there a real number  $x$  such that  $\text{LESS}_x$  is recursively enumerable but  $\text{MORE}_x$  is not recursively enumerable?

Hint: If  $L$  is a language over the unary alphabet  $\{1\}$ , let  $x_L = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} 2^{-a_i}$ , where  $a_i = 1$  if  $1^i \in L$ , and  $a_i = 0$  if  $1^i \notin L$ . Depending on whether  $L$  is decidable, or whether  $L$  is recursively enumerable, is  $\text{LESS}_{x_L}$  decidable? Recursively enumerable?

6. Let  $L$  be the following language.

(a) If  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{NP}$ , then  $L = \{1\}$ .

(b) If  $\mathcal{P} \neq \mathcal{NP}$ , then  $L = \{0\}$ .

Is  $L$  decidable? Explain your answer.



7. Find a general grammar which generates  $\{a^{2^n}\}$ .