

Computer Science 456/656. Problem 1 of Assignment 9, Fall 2013.

1. True or False. T = true, F = false, and O = open, meaning that the answer is not known to science at this time.
 - (i) _____ There exists a machine¹ that runs forever and outputs the string of decimal digits of π (the well-known ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter).
 - (ii) _____ For every real number x , there exists a machine that runs forever and outputs the string of decimal digits of x .
 - (iii) _____ If a language has an unambiguous context-free grammar, then there must be some DPDA that accepts it.
 - (iv) _____ The problem of whether two given context-free grammars generate the same language is decidable.
 - (v) _____ The problem of whether a given string is generated by a given context-free grammar is decidable.
 - (vi) _____ The language $\{a^n b^n c^n d^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ is recursive.
 - (vii) _____ 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 .
 - (viii) _____ There exists a mathematical proposition that can be neither proved nor disproved.
 - (ix) _____ The problem of whether a given context-sensitive grammar generates a given string is in the class \mathcal{NP} .
 - (x) _____ The language $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ is in the class \mathcal{P} .
 - (xi) _____ There exists a polynomial time algorithm which finds the factors of any positive integer, where the input is given as a binary numeral.
 - (xii) _____ Every undecidable problem is \mathcal{NP} -complete.
 - (xiii) _____ The problem of whether a given context-free grammar generates all strings is decidable.
 - (xiv) _____ The language $\{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ is context-free.
 - (xv) _____ The language $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ is context-free.

¹As always in automata theory, “machine” means abstract machine, a mathematical object whose memory and running time are **not** constrained by the size and lifetime of the known (or unknown) universe, or any other physical laws. If we want to discuss the kind of machine that exists (or could exist) physically, we call it a “physical machine.”

- (xvi) _____ The language $\{a^i b^j c^k \mid j = i + k\}$ is context-free.
- (xvii) _____ The intersection of any three regular languages is context-free.
- (xviii) _____ If a language L is undecidable, then there can be no machine that enumerates L .
- (xix) _____ (**Warning: this one is hard.**) If f is any function on positive integers, there must be a recursive function g such that $f(n) = O(g(n))$.
- (xx) 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.
- (xxi) _____ Every problem that can be mathematically defined has an algorithmic solution.
- (xxii) _____ The intersection of two undecidable languages is always undecidable.
- (xxiii) _____ If L is \mathcal{NP} and also $\text{co-}\mathcal{NP}$, then L must be \mathcal{P} .
- (xxiv) _____ If L is a context-free language over an alphabet with just one symbol, then L is regular.
- (xxv) _____ Integer programming is \mathcal{NP} -hard.
- (xxvi) _____ Linear programming is \mathcal{NP} -hard.
- (xxvii) _____ Every \mathcal{NP} language is decidable.
- (xxviii) _____ The clique problem is \mathcal{NP} -complete.
- (xxix) _____ The traveling salesman problem is \mathcal{NP} -hard.
- (xxx) _____ The intersection of two \mathcal{NP} languages must be \mathcal{NP} .
- (xxxi) _____ The intersection of two \mathcal{NP} -complete languages must be \mathcal{NP} -complete.
- (xxxii) _____ There exists a \mathcal{P} -TIME algorithm which finds a maximum independent set in any graph G .
- (xxxiii) _____ There exists a \mathcal{P} -TIME algorithm which finds a maximum independent set in any acyclic graph G .
- (xxxiv) _____ If G is a context-free grammar, the question of whether $L(G) = \emptyset$ is decidable.

- (xxxv) ——— If G is a context-free grammar, the question of whether $L(G) = \Sigma^*$ is decidable, where Σ is the terminal alphabet of G .
- (xxxvi) ——— The set of all fractions whose values are less than π is decidable. (Think of a fraction as a string of digits, followed by a slash, followed by another string of digits.)
- (xxxvii) ——— There exists a polynomial time algorithm which finds the factors of any positive integer, where the input is given as a unary numeral.
- (xxxviii) ——— Every bounded function is recursive.
- (xxxix) ——— For any two languages L_1 and L_2 , if L_1 is \mathcal{NP} -complete, L_2 is \mathcal{NP} , and there is a polynomial time reduction of L_1 to L_2 , then L_2 must be \mathcal{NP} -complete.
- (xl) ——— For any two languages L_1 and L_2 , if L_2 is \mathcal{NP} -complete, L_1 is \mathcal{NP} , and there is a polynomial time reduction of L_1 to L_2 , then L_1 must be \mathcal{NP} -complete.
- (xli) ——— If P is a mathematical proposition that can be stated using n binary bits, and P has a proof, then P must have a proof whose length is $O(2^{2^n})$.
- (xlii) ——— Let L be the language consisting of just one string of length 1, defined as follows:

$$L = \begin{cases} \{1\} & \text{if } \mathcal{P} = \mathcal{NP} \\ \{0\} & \text{if } \mathcal{P} \neq \mathcal{NP} \end{cases}$$

Then L is undecidable.

- (xliv) ——— 2-SAT is \mathcal{P} -TIME.
- (xlv) ——— 3-SAT is \mathcal{P} -TIME.
- (xlvi) ——— There is a \mathcal{P} -TIME reduction of the halting problem to 3-SAT.
- (xlvii) ——— There is a \mathcal{P} -TIME reduction of the context-free grammar membership problem to the halting problem.