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The entire examination is 405 points.

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1. [5 points each] True or False. If the question is currently open, write “O” or “Open.”
 - (i) _____ The complement of every regular language is regular.
 - (ii) _____ The complement of every context-free language is context-free.
 - (iii) _____ The complement of any \mathcal{P} -TIME language is \mathcal{P} -TIME.
 - (iv) _____ The complement of any \mathcal{NP} language is \mathcal{NP} .
 - (v) _____ The complement of any \mathcal{P} -SPACE language is \mathcal{P} -SPACE.
 - (vi) _____ The complement of every recursive language is recursive.
 - (vii) _____ The complement of every recursively enumerable language is recursively enumerable.
 - (viii) _____ Every language which is generated by a general grammar is recursively enumerable.
 - (ix) _____ The context-free membership problem is undecidable.
 - (x) _____ The factoring problem, where inputs are written in binary notation, is $\text{co-}\mathcal{NP}$.
 - (xi) _____ If L_1 reduces to L_2 in polynomial time, and if L_2 is \mathcal{NP} , and if L_1 is \mathcal{NP} -complete, then L_2 must be \mathcal{NP} -complete.
 - (xii) _____ Given any context-free grammar G and any string $w \in L(G)$, there is always a unique leftmost derivation of w using G .
 - (xiii) _____ For any deterministic finite automaton, there is always a unique minimal non-deterministic finite automaton equivalent to it.

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- (xiv) _____ The question of whether two regular expressions are equivalent is known to be \mathcal{NP} -complete.
- (xv) _____ The halting problem is recursively enumerable.
- (xvi) _____ The union of any two context-free languages is context-free.
- (xvii) _____ The question of whether a given Turing Machine halts with empty input is decidable.
- (xviii) _____ The class of languages accepted by non-deterministic finite automata is the same as the class of languages accepted by deterministic finite automata.
- (xix) _____ The class of languages accepted by non-deterministic push-down automata is the same as the class of languages accepted by deterministic push-down automata.
- (xx) _____ The class of languages accepted by non-deterministic Turing Machines is the same as the class of languages accepted by deterministic Turing Machines.
- (xxi) _____ The intersection of any two context-free languages is context-free.
- (xxii) _____ If L_1 reduces to L_2 in polynomial time, and if L_2 is \mathcal{NP} , then L_1 must be \mathcal{NP} .
- (xxiii) _____ Let π be the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. The problem of whether the n^{th} digit of the decimal expansion of π for a given n is equal to a given digit is decidable.
- (xxiv) _____ There cannot exist any computer program that can decide whether any two C++ programs are equivalent.
- (xxv) _____ Every context-free language is in the class \mathcal{P} -TIME.
- (xxvi) _____ Every regular language is in the class \mathcal{NC}
- (xxvii) _____ The language of all binary numerals for multiples of 23 is regular.
- (xxviii) _____ The language of all binary strings which are the binary numerals for prime numbers is context-free.
- (xxix) _____ Every context-free grammar can be parsed by some non-deterministic top-down parser.
- (xxx) _____ If anyone ever proves that $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{NP}$, then all one-way encoding systems will be insecure.
- (xxx1) _____ If a string w is generated by a context-free grammar G , then w has a unique leftmost derivation if and only if it has a unique rightmost derivation.
- (xxxii) _____ A language L is in \mathcal{NP} if and only if there is a polynomial time reduction of L to SAT.
- (xxxiii) _____ A language L is in \mathcal{P} -SPACE if and only if there is a polynomial time reduction of L to some context-sensitive language.
- (xxxiv) _____ A language L is recursively enumerable if and only if there is a recursive reduction of L to the halting problem.
- (xxxv) _____ A language L is in \mathcal{P} -TIME if and only if there is an \mathcal{NC} reduction of L to Boolean satisfiability.

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2. [5 points] What class of machines accepts the class of context free languages?
3. [5 points] What class of machines accepts the class of recursively enumerable languages?
4. [20 points] Using the context-free grammar with start symbol S and productions listed below, write two different leftmost derivations (not parse trees) of the string $iibwaanea$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

$$S \rightarrow bLn$$

$$S \rightarrow wS$$

$$S \rightarrow iS$$

$$S \rightarrow iSeS$$

$$L \rightarrow \lambda$$

$$L \rightarrow SL$$

5. [20 points] Draw an NFA with five states which accepts the language described by the regular expression $(a + b)^*a(a + b)(a + b)(a + b)$

6. [20 points] Draw a DFA which accepts the language L over the alphabet $\{a, b, c\}$ consisting of all strings which contain either aba or caa as a substring. (My answer has six states.)

Update: there is a 5 state solution. To think about: What do my labels mean?

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7. [20 points] Find a context-free grammar which generates the language $L = \{a^i b^j c^k : i = j \text{ or } i = k\}$

8. [20 points] Draw a state diagram for a PDA that accepts the Dyck language. (For ease of grading, use a and b instead of “[” and “]”)

9. [20 points] Draw the state diagram for a DFA that accepts the language described by the regular expression $(a(\lambda + b + bb)a)^*$

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10. [20 points] Let L be the language of all binary numerals for positive integers which are multiples of 4. Thus, for example, the binary numerals for 0, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20 ... are in L . We allow a binary numeral to have leading zeros; thus (for example) $0011100 \in L$, since it is a binary numeral for 28. Draw a DFA with four states which accepts L .

11. [20 points] Prove that every decidable language can be enumerated in canonical order by some machine.

12. [20 points] State the Church-Turing Thesis.

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13. [20 points] Find a \mathcal{P} -time reduction of the subset sum problem to the partition problem.

14. [20 points] Let Σ be the Boolean alphabet. Here is a “proof” that every language L over Σ is decidable.

“For any $n \geq 0$, let Σ^n be the set of strings over Σ of length n , and let $L_n = L \cap \Sigma^n$. L_n is finite, in fact, $|L_n| \leq 2^n$. Thus, L_n is decidable. Let \mathcal{P} be the following program:

Read a string $w \in \Sigma^*$.

Let $n = |w|$

If ($w \in L_n$) (Remember: L_n is decidable)

Write ”yes” ($w \in L$)

else

Write ”no” ($w \notin L$)

\mathcal{P} decides L . We conclude that every language is decidable.”

But, since HALT is undecidable, this proof can’t be right. What’s wrong with it?