

**CSC 456/656 Fall 2024 Answers to Third Examination April 10, 2024**

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The entire test is 365 points.

A binary function is defined to be a function  $F$  on binary strings such that, for each binary string  $w$ ,  $F(w)$  is a binary string. (Of course, the strings could be numerals.)

1. True or False.[5 points each] T = true, F = false, and O = open, meaning that the answer is not known science at this time.
  - (i) **T** Every language is a subset of some regular language.
  - (ii) **O** If  $L$  is any  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME language, there is an  $\mathcal{NC}$  reduction of the Boolean circuit problem (CVP) to  $L$ .
  - (iii) **T** The concatenation of any two RE languages is RE.
  - (iv) **F** Every function that can be mathematically defined is bounded by some recursive function.
  - (v) **T** There are uncountably many languages over the binary alphabet.
  - (vi) **F** There are uncountably many RE languages over the binary alphabet.
  - (vii) **T** There is an algorithm which determines whether a given list of  $n$  positive integers has a sublist whose total is a given number  $S$ .
  - (viii) **T** If  $L_1$  is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete and  $L_2$  is  $\mathcal{NP}$  and there is a  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME reduction of  $L_1$  to  $L_2$ , then  $L_2$  must be  $\mathcal{NP}$ -COMPLETE.
  - (ix) **T** Nick's Class is closed under Kleene closure.
  - (x) **T** Any computation that can be done by any machine can be done by some Pascal program.
  - (xi) **T** Multiplication of integer matrices is  $\mathcal{NC}$ .
  - (xii) **T** There is an  $\mathcal{P}$ -SPACE algorithm which decides SAT.
  - (xiii) **O** Every dynamic program problem can be worked by polynomially many processors in polylogarithmic time.
  - (xiv) **F** Let  $L$  be any undecidable  $\mathcal{RE}$  language, and let  $M_L$  be a machine which accepts  $L$ . For any string  $w \in M$ , let  $F_L(w)$  be the number of steps  $M_L$  executes, if its input is  $w$ . Now define  $T_L(n) = \{\max F_L(w) : w \in L \text{ and } |w| = n\}$ . Then  $T_L$  is recursive.
  - (xv) **O** There is a polynomial time reduction of the subset sum problem to 2-SAT.
  - (xvi) **T** Every  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME problem has an  $\mathcal{NC}$  reduction to the Circuit Value Problem.

- (xvii) **T** If a language  $L$  is accepted by a non-deterministic machine, then  $L$  must be accepted by some deterministic machine.
- (xviii) **T** Every  $\mathcal{NC}$  language is context-free.
- (xix) **T** The language  $\{a^n b^n c^n d^n : n \geq 0\}$  is  $\mathcal{NC}$ .
- (xx) **F** The set of all languages over the binary alphabet is countable.
- (xxi) **T** The context-free grammar equivalence problem is  $\text{co-}\mathcal{RE}$ .
- (xxii) **T** The set of all binary numerals for prime numbers is  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME.
- (xxiii) **T** If  $L$  is a context-free language over the unary alphabet, then  $L$  must be regular.
- (xxiv) **F** The union of any two undecidable languages is undecidable.
- (xxv) **T**  $\text{co-}\mathcal{P}$ -TIME =  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME.
- (xxvi) **O** There exists a one-way function.
- (xxvii) **T** The complement of any  $\mathcal{P}$ -SPACE language is  $\mathcal{P}$ -SPACE.
- (xxviii) **T** The jigsaw puzzle problem is  $\mathcal{NP}$  complete.
- (xxix) **T** The furniture mover's problem is  $\mathcal{P}$ -SPACE complete.
- (xxx) **T** The complement of any undecidable language is undecidable.
- (xxxi) **T** If a Boolean expression is satisfiable, there is a polynomial time proof that it is satisfiable.
- (xxxii) **T** If there is a recursive reduction from the halting problem to  $L$ , then  $L$  must be undecidable.
- (xxxiii) **F** If  $L$  is undecidable, there must be a recursive reduction from the halting problem to  $L$ .

2. Fill in the blanks.

- (a) [5 points] If  $L_1$  is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete and  $L_2$  is  $\mathcal{NP}$ , and there is a polynomial time reduction of  $L_1$  to  $L_2$ , then  $L_2$  must be  $\mathcal{NP}$ -COMPLETE.
- (b) [5 points] A language is **decidable** or **recursive**. if and only if it is both RE and co-RE.

3. Here is a list of problems or languages. For each problem, enter **T** if it is known to be  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete, **F** if it is not known to be  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete. [5 points each]

- (a) **T** SAT
- (b) **F** 2-SAT
- (c) **T** 3-SAT
- (d) **F** Rush Hour
- (e) **F** The Boolean circuit problem.
- (f) **F** Integer factoring, using binary numerals.
- (g) **T** The tiling problem.
- (h) **F** The furniture mover's problem.

- (i) **T** The bin packing problem. Given a set of bins, each with a given capacity, and given a set of items, can all the items be packed into the bins?
4. [20 points] Explain how to find the maximum of a list of  $n$  integers in logarithmic time using  $n$  processors.
- partition the list into pairs. If there is one left over, call it a pair. Find the maximum of each pair in  $O(1)$  time, using  $n$  processors in parallel, All these maxima form a new list half as long as the original. Repeat the process until there is only one number left. That will be the maximum of the original list.
6. [20 points] Give a definition of a recursive real number. (There is more than one correct definition.)

Each of these is a correct answer. A real number  $s$  is recursive if:

- There is a program that runs forever, writing the decimal expansion of  $x$ .
- There is a program that, given an integer  $n$ , writes the  $n^{\text{th}}$  digit of the decimal expansion of  $x$ .
- There is a program that, given a rational number  $q$ , decides whether  $q < x$ .
- There is a program that, given a positive integer  $q$ , writes the integer  $p$  such that  $\frac{p}{q} \leq x < \frac{p+1}{q}$

Those are not the only ones.

7. [20 points] State the pumping lemma for context-free languages.
8. [20 points] Let  $G$  be the following context-free grammar with start symbol  $E$ . Stack states are indicated. An LALR parser for  $G$  is given below. Give a complete computation of the parser if the input string is  $x - x * -(-x + x)$ .
1.  $E \rightarrow E_{1,11} +_2 E_3$
  2.  $E \rightarrow E_{1,11} -_4 E_5$
  3.  $E \rightarrow E_{1,3,5,11} *_6 E_7$
  4.  $E \rightarrow -_8 E_9$
  5.  $E \rightarrow (_{10} E_{11})_{12}$
  6.  $E \rightarrow x_{13}$

	$x$	+	-	*	(	)	\$	$E$
0	s13		s8		s10			1
1		s2	s4	s6			halt	
2	s13		s8		s10			3
3		r1	r1	s6		r1	r1	
4	s13		s8		s10			5
5		r2	r2	s6		r2	r2	
6	s13		s8		s10			7
7		r3	r3	r3		r3	r3	
8	s13		s8		s10			9
9		r4	r4	r4		r4	r4	
10	s13		s8		s10			11
11		s2	s4	s6		s12		
12		r5	r5	r5		r5	r5	
13		r6	r6	r6		r6	r6	

$\$0$	$x - x * -(-x + x)$		
$\$0x_{13}$	$-x * -(-x + x)$		s13
$\$0E_1$	$-x * -(-x + x)$	6	r6
$\$0E_1^{-4}$	$x * -(-x + x)$	6	s4
$\$0E_1^{-4}x_{13}$	$* -(-x + x)$	6	s13
$\$0E_1^{-4}E_5$	$* -(-x + x)$	66	r6
$\$0E_1^{-4}E_5 * 6^{-8}$	$(-x + x)$	66	s8
$\$0E_1^{-4}E_5 * 6^{-8}(10$	$-x + x)$	66	s10
$\$0E_1^{-4}E_5 * 6^{-8}(10^{-8}$	$x + x)$	66	s8
$\$0E_1^{-4}E_5 * 6^{-8}(10^{-8}x_{13}$	$+x)$	66	s13
$\$0E_1^{-4}E_5 * 6^{-8}(10^{-8}E_9$	$+x)$	666	r6
$\$0E_1^{-4}E_5 * 6^{-8}(10E_{11}$	$+x)$	6664	r4
$\$0E_1^{-4}E_5 * 6^{-8}(10E_{11}+2$	$x)$	6664	s2
$\$0E_1^{-4}E_5 * 6^{-8}(10E_{11}+2x_{13}$	)	6664	s12
$\$0E_1^{-4}E_5 * 6^{-8}(10E_{11}+2E_3$	)	66646	r6
$\$0E_1^{-4}E_5 * 6^{-8}(10E_{11}$	)	666461	r1
$\$0E_1^{-4}E_5 * 6^{-8}(10E_{11})_{12}$		666461	s12
$\$0E_1^{-4}E_5 * 6^{-8}E_9$		6664615	r5
$\$0E_1^{-4}E_5 * 6E_7$		66646154	r4
$\$0E_1^{-4}E_5$		666461543	r3
$\$0E_1$		6664615432	r2
<b>halt</b>			

9. Consider the following well-known complexity classes:

$$\mathcal{NC} \subseteq \mathcal{P}\text{-TIME} \subseteq \mathcal{NP} \subseteq \mathcal{P}\text{-SPACE} \subseteq \mathbf{EXP}\text{-TIME} \subseteq \mathbf{EXP}\text{-SPACE}$$

- [5 points] Which of the above complexity classes is the smallest class which is known to contain SAT, the Boolean satisfiability problem?  $\mathcal{NP}$
- [5 points] Which of the above complexity classes is the smallest class which is known to contain the connectivity problem for graphs?  $\mathcal{P}\text{-TIME}$
- [5 points] Which of the above complexity classes is the smallest class which is known to contain the context-free language membership problem?  $\mathcal{NC}$
- [5 points] Which of the above complexity classes is the smallest class which is known to contain every sliding block problem?  $\mathcal{P}\text{-SPACE}$
- [5 points] Which of the above complexity classes is the smallest class which is known to contain integer matrix multiplication?  $\mathcal{NC}$

10. [20 points] Give the verifier definition of the class  $\mathcal{NP}$ . A language  $L$  is  $\mathcal{NP}$  if and only if there is some machine  $M$  and some integer  $k$  such that:
- (a) For any string  $w \in L$  there is a string  $c$  such that  $M$  accepts  $(w, c)$  within  $n^k$  steps, where  $n = |w|$
  - (b) For any string  $w \notin L$   $M$  does not accept  $(w, c)$  for any string  $c$ .
11. [20 points] Prove that the halting problem is undecidable.

The proof is in Tests/stdy3ans.pdf.