

**Computer Science 456/656 Spring 2009 Second Examination, March 26, 2009**

**The entire examination is 235 points.**

1. True or False. [5 points each] T = true, F = false, and O = open, meaning that the answer is not known to science at this time.

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Every subset of a regular language is regular.
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ The complement of every  $\mathcal{NP}$  language is  $\mathcal{NP}$ .
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ The complement of every recursive language is recursive.
- (d) \_\_\_\_\_ The complement of every recursively enumerable language is recursively enumerable.
- (e) \_\_\_\_\_ The set of all binary numerals for prime numbers is in  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- (f) \_\_\_\_\_ Every context-free language is accepted by some deterministic machine.
- (g) \_\_\_\_\_ The problem of whether two given context-free grammars generate the same language is decidable.
  
- (h) \_\_\_\_\_ Suppose a machine  $M$  accepts a language  $L_1$ , and  $L_2$  is a proper subset of  $L_1$ . Then,  $M$  accepts  $L_2$ .

2. Fill the blanks. [5 points each blank]

- (a) A machine  $M$  is \_\_\_\_\_ if, given any configuration  $x$  of  $M$ , there is at most one configuration  $y$  such that  $x \mapsto y$ .
- (b) A context-free grammar  $G$  is \_\_\_\_\_ if there is some string in  $L(G)$  which has more than one parse tree.
- (c) If a language  $L_1$  can be easily reduced to a language  $L_2$ , then  $L_1$  is at least as \_\_\_\_\_ as  $L_2$ . (Hint: the answer is either “hard” or “easy.”)

3. [20 points] Give the definition of  $\mathcal{NP}$ -TIME. (Yes, it is possible to write it in this space.)

4. [30 points]

1.  $S \rightarrow \epsilon$

2.  $S \rightarrow a_2S_3b_4S_5$

	$a$	$b$	eof	$S$
0				1
1			halt	
2				
3				
4				
5				

Complete the ACTION and GOTO tables of an LALR parser for the grammar given above. This grammar unambiguously generates the “balanced parentheses” language, where  $a$  represents a left parenthesis, and  $b$  represents a right parenthesis. Example strings include  $\epsilon$ ,  $ab$ ,  $aabb$ ,  $abab$ , and  $aabbab$ .

5. [40 points] We can prove that the independent set problem is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete by reducing 3-CNF-Sat to it. This reduction is a function  $R$ , where, if  $E$  is a Boolean expression in 3-CNF form, then  $R(E) = \langle G \rangle \langle k \rangle$ , where  $G$  is a graph and  $k$  is a non-negative number, such that  $E$  is satisfiable if and only if  $G$  has an independent set of size  $k$ .

Let  $E = (x + y + z) * (!x + z + !w) * (!x + !y + w) * (x + !z + w) * (!x + !z + !w)$ , and let  $R(E) = \langle G \rangle \langle k \rangle$ .

- (a) Draw a picture of the graph  $G$ .
- (b) What is the value of  $k$ ?
- (c) Circle an independent set of size  $k$  in your picture of  $G$ , and give a corresponding satisfying assignment of  $E$ .

6. [30 points] Let  $L$  be the language of all strings over the binary alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$  which have an even number of 1's. Draw the diagram of a Turing Machine that accepts  $L$ .

7. [30 points] The following general grammar generates the language of all strings over  $\{1\}$  of length a power of 2. Write a derivation of the string 1111 using this grammar.

1.  $S \rightarrow A1B$

2.  $A \rightarrow AC$

3.  $C1 \rightarrow 11C$

4.  $CB \rightarrow B$

5.  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$

6.  $B \rightarrow \epsilon$

8. [30 points] Prove that, if a language  $L$  is decidable, then  $L$  can be enumerated in canonical order by some machine.