

## Answers to True/False Questions

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) **F** 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  $L$ .
  - (ii) **T** The language  $\{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  is context-free.
  - (iii) **F** The language  $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  is context-free.
  - (iv) **T** The language  $\{a^i b^j c^k \mid j = i + k\}$  is context-free.
  - (v) **T** The intersection of any two regular languages is regular.
  - (vi) **T** The intersection of any regular language with any context-free language is context-free.
  - (vii) **F** The intersection of any two context-free languages is context-free.
  - (viii) **T** If  $L$  is a context-free language over an alphabet with just one symbol, then  $L$  is regular.
  - (ix) **F** There is a deterministic parser for any context-free grammar.
  - (x) **T** The set of strings that your high school algebra teacher would accept as legitimate expressions is a context-free language.
  - (xi) **T** Every language accepted by a non-deterministic machine is accepted by some deterministic machine.
  - (xii) **T** The problem of whether a given string is generated by a given context-free grammar is decidable.
  - (xiii) **T** If  $G$  is a context-free grammar, the question of whether  $L(G) = \emptyset$  is decidable.
  - (xiv) **F** Every language generated by an unambiguous context-free grammar is accepted by some DPDA.
  - (xv) **T** The language  $\{a^n b^n c^n d^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  is recursive.
  - (xvi) **T** The language  $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  is in the class  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME.
  - (xvii) **O** There exists a polynomial time algorithm which finds the factors of any positive integer, where the input is given as a binary numeral.
  - (xviii) **F** Every undecidable problem is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete.
  - (xix) **F** Every problem that can be mathematically defined has an algorithmic solution.
  - (xx) **F** The intersection of two undecidable languages is always undecidable.
  - (xxi) **T** Every  $\mathcal{NP}$  language is decidable.
  - (xxii) **T** The intersection of two  $\mathcal{NP}$  languages must be  $\mathcal{NP}$ .

- (xxiii) **F** If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are known to be  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete languages and  $L_1 \cap L_2$  is not empty, then  $L_1 \cap L_2$  is known to be  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete.
- (xxiv) **O** There exists a  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME algorithm which finds a maximum independent set in any graph  $G$ .
- (xxv) **T** There exists a  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME algorithm which finds a maximum independent set in any acyclic graph  $G$ .
- (xxvi) **O**  $\mathcal{NC} = \mathcal{P}$ .
- (xxvii) **O**  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{NP}$ .
- (xxviii) **O**  $\mathcal{NP} = \mathcal{P}$ -SPACE
- (xxix) **O**  $\mathcal{P}$ -SPACE = EXP-TIME
- (xxx) **O** EXP-TIME = EXP-SPACE
- (xxxi) **F** EXP-TIME =  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME.
- (xxxii) **F** EXP-SPACE =  $\mathcal{P}$ -SPACE.
- (xxxiii) **T** The traveling salesman problem (TSP) is known to be  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete.
- (xxxiv) **T** The language consisting of all satisfiable Boolean expressions is known to be  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete.
- (xxxv) **T** The Boolean Circuit Problem is in  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- (xxxvi) **O** The Boolean Circuit Problem is in  $\mathcal{NC}$ .
- (xxxvii) **F** If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are undecidable languages, there must be a recursive reduction of  $L_1$  to  $L_2$ .
- (xxxviii) **T** 2-SAT is  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME.
- (xxxix) **O** 3-SAT is  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME.
- (xl) **T** Primality is  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME.
- (xli) **T** There is a  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME reduction of the halting problem to 3-SAT.
- (xlii) **T** Every context-free language is in  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- (xliii) **T** Every context-free language is in  $\mathcal{NC}$ .
- (xliv) **T** Addition of binary numerals is in  $\mathcal{NC}$ .
- (xlv) **O** Every context-sensitive language is in  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- (xlvi) **F** Every language generated by a general grammar is recursive.
- (xlvii) **F** The problem of whether two given context-free grammars generate the same language is decidable.
- (xlviii) **T** 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.)

- (xlix) **T** Any context-free language over the unary alphabet is regular.
- (l) **F** Any context-sensitive language over the unary alphabet is regular.
- (li) **F** Any recursive language over the unary alphabet is regular.
- (lii) **T** There exists a polynomial time algorithm which finds the factors of any positive integer, where the input is given as a unary numeral.
- (liii) **T** 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.
- (liv) **F** 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.
- (lv) **F** If  $P$  is a mathematical proposition that can be written using a string of length  $n$ , and  $P$  has a proof, then  $P$  must have a proof whose length is  $O(2^{2^n})$ .
- (lvi) **T** If  $L$  is any  $\mathcal{NP}$  language, there must be a  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME reduction of  $L$  to the partition problem.
- (lvii) **F** Every bounded function is recursive.
- (lviii) **O** If  $L$  is  $\mathcal{NP}$  and also  $\text{co-}\mathcal{NP}$ , then  $L$  must be  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- (lix) **T** If  $L$  is  $\mathcal{RE}$  and also  $\text{co-}\mathcal{RE}$ , then  $L$  must be decidable.
- (lx) **T** Every language is enumerable.
- (lxi) **F** If a language  $L$  is undecidable, then there can be no machine that enumerates  $L$ .
- (lxii) **T** There exists a mathematical proposition which is true, but can be neither proved nor disproved.
- (lxiii) **T** There is a non-recursive function which grows faster than any recursive function.
- (lxiv) **T** There exists a machine that runs forever and outputs the string of decimal digits of  $\pi$  (the well-known ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter).
- (lxv) **F** For every real number  $x$ , there exists a machine that runs forever and outputs the string of decimal digits of  $x$ .
- (lxvi) **F** **Rush Hour**, the puzzle sold in game stores everywhere, generalized to a board of arbitrary size, is known to be  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete.
- (lxvii) **O** There is a polynomial time algorithm which determines whether any two regular expressions are equivalent.
- (lxviii) **O** If two regular expressions are equivalent, there is a polynomial time proof that they are equivalent.
- (lxix) **F** Every subset of a regular language is regular.
- (lxx) **T** Every subset of any enumerable set is enumerable.
- (lxxi) **T** The computer language Pascal has Turing power.

- (lxxii) **T** Computing the square of an integer written in binary notation is an  $\mathcal{NC}$  function.
- (lxxiii) **T** If  $L$  is any  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME language, there is an  $\mathcal{NC}$  reduction of  $L$  to the Boolean circuit problem.
- (lxxiv) **T** If an abstract Pascal machine can perform a computation in polynomial time, there must be some Turing machine that can perform the same computation in polynomial time.
- (lxxv) **T** The binary integer factorization problem is  $\text{co-}\mathcal{NP}$ .
- (lxxvi) **T** There is a polynomial time reduction of the subset sum problem to the binary numeral factorization problem.
- (lxxvii) **O** There is a polynomial time reduction of the binary numeral factorization problem to the subset sum problem.
- (lxxviii) **F** For any real number  $x$ , the set of fractions whose values are less than  $x$  is  $\mathcal{RE}$ .
- (lxxix) **T** For any recursive real number  $x$ , the set of fractions whose values are less than  $x$  is recursive.
- (lxxx) **F** The union of any two deterministic context-free languages must be a DCFL.
- (lxxx1) **F** The intersection of any two deterministic context-free languages must be a DCFL.
- (lxxx2) **F** The complement of any DCFL must be a DCFL.
- (lxxx3) **T** The membership problem for a DCFL is in the class  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME.
- (lxxx4) **T** Every finite language is decidable.
- (lxxx5) **T** Every context-free language is in Nick's class.
- (lxxx6) **F** 2SAT is known to be  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete.
- (lxxx7) **T** The complement of any  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME language is  $\mathcal{P}$ -TIME.
- (lxxx8) **T** The complement of any  $\mathcal{P}$ -SPACE language is  $\mathcal{P}$ -SPACE.

The *jigsaw puzzle problem* is, given a set of various polygons, and given a rectangular table, is it possible to assemble those polygons to exactly cover the table?

The *furniture mover's problem* is, given a room with a door, and given a set of objects outside the room, it is possible to move all the objects into the room through the door?

- (lxxx9) **T** The jigsaw puzzle problem is known to be  $\mathcal{NP}$  complete.
- (xc) **F** The jigsaw puzzle problem is known to be  $\mathcal{P}$ -SPACE complete.
- (xci) The furniture mover's problem is known to be  $\mathcal{NP}$  complete.
- (xcii) **T** The furniture mover's problem is known to be  $\mathcal{P}$ -SPACE complete.
- (xciii) **T** The complement of any recursive language is recursive.
- (xciv) **T** The complement of any undecidable language is undecidable.

- (xcv) **F** Every undecidable language is either  $\mathcal{RE}$  or  $\text{co-}\mathcal{RE}$ .
- (xcvi) **T** For any infinite countable sets  $A$  and  $B$ , there is a 1-1 correspondence between  $A$  and  $B$ .
- (xcvii) **T** A language  $L$  is recursively enumerable if and only if there is a machine which accepts  $L$ .
- (xcviii) **T** Every  $\mathcal{NP}$  language is reducible to the independent set problem in polynomial time.
- (xcix) **T** If a Boolean expression is satisfiable, there is a polynomial time proof that it is satisfiable.
  - (c) **T** The general sliding block problem is  $\mathcal{P}$ -SPACE complete.
  - (ci) **T** The regular expression equivalence problem is  $\mathcal{P}$ -SPACE complete.
  - (cii) **T** The context-sensitive membership problem is  $\mathcal{P}$ -SPACE complete.
  - (ciii) **T** The Post correspondence problem is undecidable.