

## 4 Homework

**Due:** Monday, February 11, 2013.

### Instructions

- Please, review the homework grading policy outlined in the course information page.
- On the *first page* of your solution write-up you *must* make explicit which problems are to be graded for regular credit, which problems are to be graded for extra credit, and which problems you did not attempt. Use a table that looks like this:

Problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	...
Credit	RC	RC	RC	EC	RC	EC	NA	NA	EC	...

where “RC” denotes “regular credit”, “EC” denotes “extra credit”, and “NA” denotes “not attempted”. Failure to include such a table will result in an arbitrary set of problems being graded for regular credit, no problems being graded for extra credit, and a 5% penalty assessment.

- You must also write down with whom you worked on the assignment. If this varies from problem to problem, write down this information separately with each problem.

### Problems

**Required:** Five of the following 6 problems

**Points:** 20 points per problem

1. (Problem 1.55, but for the different languages)

The pumping lemma says that every regular language has a pumping length  $p$ , such that every string in the language can be pumped if it has length  $p$  or more. If  $p$  is a pumping length for the language  $A$ , so is any length  $p' \geq p$ . The **minimum pumping length** for  $A$  is the smallest  $p$  that is the pumping length for  $A$ . For example, if  $A = 01^*$ , the minimum pumping length is 2. The reason is that the string  $s = 0$

is in  $A$  and has length 1 yet  $s$  cannot be pumped; but any string in  $A$  of length 2 or more contains 1 and hence can be pumped by dividing it so that  $x = 0, y = 1$  and  $z$  is the rest.

For each of the following languages, give the minimum pumping length and justify your answer.

- (a)  $ab^*a$
- (b)  $aab \cup a^*b^*$
- (c)  $(abab)^*$
- (d)  $\epsilon$
- (e)  $ababa$
- (f)  $a^*bbba^*$

2. (a) (Problem 1.47)

Let  $\Sigma = \{1, \#\}$  and let

$Y = \{w \mid w = x_1\#x_2\#\dots\#x_k \text{ for } k \geq 0, \text{ each } x_i \in 1^*, \text{ and } x_i \neq x_j \text{ for } i \neq j\}$ .

Prove that  $Y$  is not regular.

(b) (Problem 1.48)

Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  and let

$D = \{w \mid w = \text{contains an equal number of occurrences of substrings } 01 \text{ and } 10\}$ .

Thus  $101 \in D$  because  $101$  contains a single  $01$  and a single  $10$ , but  $1010 \notin D$  because  $1010$  contains two  $10$ s and one  $01$ . Show that  $D$  is a regular language.

3. (Problem 1.62)

Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ . For each  $k \geq 1$ , let  $D_k$  be the language of all strings that have at least one  $a$  among the last  $k$  symbols. Thus  $D_k = \Sigma^*a(\Sigma \cup \epsilon)^{k-1}$ . Describe a DFA with at most  $k + 1$  states that recognizes  $D_k$  in terms of both a state diagram and a formal description.

4. (Problem 2.1 for the given strings)

The CFG  $G_4$  is given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow E + T \mid T \\ T &\rightarrow T \times F \mid F \\ F &\rightarrow (E) \mid a \end{aligned}$$

Give parse trees and derivations for each string:

- $a + a$
- $(a \times a)$
- $a + a \times a$
- $(a + a) \times a$

5. Give the context-free grammars that generate the following languages: ■

- 2.4 (e)  $\{w \mid w = w^R, \text{ that is, } w \text{ is a palindrome} \}$
- 2.6 (b) The complement of the language  $\{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$
- 2.6 (d)  
 $\{x_1 \# x_2 \# \dots \# x_k \mid k \geq 1, x_i \in \{a, b\}^*, \text{ and for some } i, j$   
we have  $x_i = x_j^R\}$

6. Do the following:

(a) (Problem 2.9)

Give the CFG that generates the language

$$A = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i = j \text{ or } j = k \text{ where } i, j, k \geq 0\}$$

Is your grammar ambiguous? Why, or why not?

(b) (Problem 2.13)

Let  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$  be the following grammar.  $V = \{S, T, U\}$ ;  
 $\Sigma = \{0, \#\}$ ; and  $R$  is the set of rules:

$S \rightarrow TT|U$

$T \rightarrow 0T|T0|\#$

$U \rightarrow 0U00|\#$

(a) Describe  $L(G)$  in English.

(b) Prove that  $L(G)$  is not regular.