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90 Minutes

MM: 60

**Note:** There are seven questions. Answer all parts of a question together.  $\epsilon$  denotes empty string.

**Q1 [10M].** Consider  $F$  a finite language over  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ . Also, consider  $|F| = p$  and  $M$  be a Deterministic Finite Automaton with  $s$  states such that  $L(M) = F$ . Prove or disprove  $s \geq \log_2(p + 1)$ .

**Q2 [10M].** Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  and language  $L = \{\gamma \in \Sigma^* \mid \gamma \text{ ends with } 11 \text{ however does not starts with } 11\}$ .

- Construct a DFA which recognizes the language  $L$  with maximum seven states. Do not forget to mark the initial state, final states, and dead state (if any).
- Construct an NFA whose language is  $L$  with exactly one  $\epsilon$  transition.

**Q3 [5M].** Consider the language  $L$  over  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  and the following language partial  $(L)$ .

$$\text{partial } (L) = \{y \mid y \in \Sigma^*, \text{ and there exists } z \in \Sigma^* \text{ such that } |y| = |z| \text{ and } yz \in L\}$$

If  $L$  is CFL, then  $\text{partial } (L)$  must also be CFL. Disprove this statement using the following two facts:

- Intersection of CFL and RL is a CFL.
- $R = 00^*11^*00^*1$  is a regular expression.

**Q4 [6+4 = 10M].** For the language  $P_1$  over  $\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2\}$

$$P_1 = \{0^x(12)^y \mid x, y \geq 0 \text{ and } x \geq y\}$$

- Design a two-state PDA  $M$  for recognizing the language  $P_1$  by empty stack. Assume that  $Z_0$  is already on the stack. Note that zero credits will be given to those students who will utilize more than 2 states.
- Consider the following incomplete CFG for  $P_1$ . Complete it by filling the four blanks.  $S$  is the start symbol,  $U, V$  are the variables. Don't use any extra variable.

$$S \rightarrow UV$$

$$U \rightarrow \underline{\quad} \mid \underline{\quad}$$

$$V \rightarrow \underline{\quad} \mid \underline{\quad}$$

**Q5 [10M].** Consider the following CFG for the set of all non-null strings with equal number of  $a$ 's and  $b$ 's.

$$S \rightarrow aB \mid bA \mid SS \mid aC \mid bD, \quad A \rightarrow a, \quad B \rightarrow b, \quad C \rightarrow SB, \quad D \rightarrow SA.$$

Execute the CYK algorithm (as discussed in the class) and identify whether the string  $\mathbf{a a b b a b}$  belongs to the above grammar or not.

**Q6[9M].** Consider the following CFG for generating the arithmetic expressions involving addition and multiplication operations. Here,  $A$  is the start symbol.

$$A \rightarrow a \mid A + A \mid A \times A$$

- Design *all* the parse trees for the expression  $a + a \times a + a$
- Design an unambiguous grammar to generate the same language. Do not introduce any new variable (other than  $A$ ). Assume all the operations to be evaluated from left to right.

**Q7 [6M].** Over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ , let  $L_1 = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ . Using pumping lemma for CFL's, the following proof claims to prove that  $L_1$  is not a CFL. Is the proof right? Justify your answer.

**Proof:** Suppose  $L_1$  is a CFL and  $p$  be the pumping length. Let  $w = a^p b^p$ . From pumping theorem we know that  $w$  can be divided in five parts  $uvxyz$  such that  $uv^i xy^i z \in L_1$  for all  $i \geq 0$ .

Let  $v = a^k$  such that  $0 < k < p$ . Now,  $u = a^{p-k}$ ,  $v = a^k$ ,  $x = \epsilon$ ,  $y = \epsilon$ , and  $z = b^p$ .

Therefore, now for  $i = 0$  the resulting string  $w = a^{p-k} b^p \notin L_1$ .

Therefore, we can conclude that  $L_1$  is not a CFL.