

C1 Theory (25 points)

Let N denote the set of non-negative integers.

a. (5 points)

Explicitly exhibit a regular expression defining

$$L_1 = \{a^{2m+1} \cdot b \mid m \in N\} \cup \{a \cdot b^{2n} \mid n \in N\}. \quad (1)$$

b. (10 points)

Use a Pumping Lemma to prove that

$$L_2 = \{a^m b^n \mid m, n \in N \text{ and either } m \text{ is even or } n < m\}. \quad (2)$$

is not regular.

c. (10 points)

For a (deterministic) finite automaton $\mathcal{M}$, $L(\mathcal{M})$ denotes the language accepted by $\mathcal{M}$.

Show how to directly, algorithmically construct a (deterministic) finite automaton $\mathcal{M}_3 = (A, Q_3, \delta_3, F_3, q_1^3)$ from any two (deterministic) finite automata $\mathcal{M}_1 = (A, Q_1, \delta_1, F_1, q_1^1)$ and $\mathcal{M}_2 = (A, Q_2, \delta_2, F_2, q_1^2)$, where, A is a finite alphabet, the Q_i 's are the state sets, the δ_i 's are the transition functions, the F_i 's are the sets of final (or accepting) states, the q_1^i 's are the initial states,

$$Q_3 = Q_1 \times Q_2, \quad (3)$$

and

$$L(\mathcal{M}_3) = L(\mathcal{M}_1) \cap L(\mathcal{M}_2). \quad (4)$$

Hint: Intuitively, have $\mathcal{M}_3$ parallel process the running of $\mathcal{M}_1$ and $\mathcal{M}_2$. That's the point of the **requirement** in (3) above! Explicitly, algorithmically, define δ_3 , F_3 and q_1^3 to do the job.

C2 Theory (25 points)

Suppose n is a fixed integer > 1 . Let $\Sigma = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$. Let

$$L = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ is missing at least one symbol of } \Sigma\}. \quad (5)$$

In finite automata theory, a θ -move is (by definition) a machine state change accompanied by *no* forward move of the read head. In some text books θ -moves are called ε -moves.

a. (10 points)

Explicitly exhibit the state diagram of a θ -move, non-deterministic finite automaton, $\mathcal{M}_1$ having *exactly* $n + 1$ states and such that $L(\mathcal{M}_1) = L$, where L is defined in (5) above.

Hint: Consider θ -moves from the start state to each of the remaining n states. For the i -th of the n non-start states, consider having it jam on the symbol a_i .

b. (5 points)

Explicitly exhibit the state diagram of a non-deterministic finite automaton, $\mathcal{M}_2$ having *exactly* $n + 1$ states and such that $L(\mathcal{M}_2) = L$, where $\mathcal{M}_2$ has *NO zero moves* (and where L is defined in (5) above).

Hint: Compile your answer to Problem C2a to get rid of the θ -moves *or* think how to program it straightaway.

c. (10 points)

For this problem (C2c) you may use the Myhill-Nerode Theorem and/or its standard corollaries without proof; *however*, you must *explicitly, correctly state* any of these results you are using without proof.

Recall that the crucial equivalence relation for Myhill-Nerode, etc. applied to L from (5) above is $\equiv_L$, where, for words $x, y \in \Sigma^*$,

$$x \equiv_L y \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} (\forall z \in \Sigma^*) [xz \in L \iff yz \in L]. \quad (6)$$

Suppose $\mathcal{M}_3$ is *any* (deterministic) finite automaton such that $L(\mathcal{M}_3) = L$ (again, where L is defined in (5) above). *Prove* that $\mathcal{M}_3$ has *at least* 2^n states!

Hint: For each $A \subseteq \Sigma$, let $L_A = \{w \mid w \text{ contains each symbol in } A \text{ and no other symbols}\}$.¹

How many A are subsets of Σ ?

Suppose $A \subseteq \Sigma$ and that $x, y \in L_A$. Show that $x \equiv_L y$.

Suppose $A, B \subseteq \Sigma$. Suppose $A \neq B$, that $x \in L_A$, and that $y \in L_B$. Show that $x \not\equiv_L y$. To do this, consider separately the cases where $A \not\subseteq B$ and where $B \not\subseteq A$.

Explain *clearly* how showing the above is *relevant* to solving C2c.

¹For example, $L_\emptyset = \{\emptyset\}$, where $\emptyset$ denotes the empty word.

C3 Theory (25 points)

Let N denote the set of non-negative integers.

For each $x \in N$, let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x!, & \text{if, in the decimal expansion of } \pi, \text{ there is a} \\ & \text{consecutive run of 7's of length } \geq x; \\ x^3, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Prove that f is primitive recursive only from the definition of 'primitive recursive' and the assumptions in the next sentence. You may assume without proof that the primitive recursive functions are closed under definition by cases (or if-then-else) and that $\leq$ is a primitive recursive binary predicate.

Do put in all the Base Functions (e.g., projection functions), etc. for this problem.

Hint: Do a non-constructive, possible worlds, case analysis. Do *not* try to show messy predicates directly about the decimal expansion of π are primitive recursive!

C4 Theory (25 points)

Let N denote the set of non-negative integers. Fix a standard programming formalism φ for computing all the partial computable functions which map arguments from N into N . Code (Gödel) number the φ -programs onto the entire set N . Let $\varphi_p^{(n)}$ denote the partial function of $n \geq 1$ arguments computed by program (number) p in the φ -system. When $n = 1$, we omit the superscript. We will refer to p as a φ -program. Let Φ denote a standard Blum step-counting measure associated with φ .² You may assume *without proof* that in the φ -system Universality, S-m-n, and the Kleene Recursion Theorem (KRT) hold. Furthermore, you may assume that your favorite assembly language can be compiled into the φ -system!

Definition Consider all the finite sets of equations defining primitive recursive functions and which contain a special one argument function letter $\mathbf{f}$ and whose remaining function letters are chosen from the list $\mathbf{f}_1, \mathbf{f}_2, \mathbf{f}_3, \dots$. Gödel number (code number) 1-1 onto N all these finite sets of equations.

1. Let E_q be (by definition) the finite set of equations with Gödel number q .
2. $f_q \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{the primitive recursive function which } \mathbf{f} \text{ defines in } E_q$.³

a. (10 points)

Sketch **informally** (without the messy coding/decoding and programming details) a proof that some φ -program computes $\lambda q, x. f_q(x)$.⁴

Hint: Think about how one can compile q 's representing E_q 's into your favorite assembly language.

In a step-wise refinement of programming such a compiler, also in your favorite assembly language, sketch only the top level refinements.

For example, you *should* give some very top level hints (only) on how to code/decode q , etc.

For another example, for the subtask of compiling a definition by primitive recursion of some function, it suffices to sketch how to implement iteratively this kind of recursion in your favorite assembly language.⁵

Don't forget to *relevantly cite any assumptions given above about φ when you are using them*.

b. (15 points)

Suppose η and θ are any partial functions mapping N into N . $\eta(x) \Downarrow \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \eta(x)$ is defined.

$$\eta = {}^\infty \theta \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\exists x)[\eta(x) = \theta(x)].^6$$

Assuming what you need re standard primitive recursive functions and their standard closure properties, *prove* the following

Theorem It is *NOT* the case that there is a partial computable ψ such that, for all p for which φ_p is primitive recursive, we have that $\psi(p) \Downarrow$ and

$$f_{\psi(p)} = {}^\infty \varphi_p. \quad (7)$$

This theorem says that one *cannot* algorithmically transform any φ -program for a primitive recursive function into a finite set of equations defining a primitive recursive function so that the two primitive recursive functions agree at least infinitely often!

Hint: Suppose for contradiction otherwise. By KRT there is a self-referential φ -program e such that e , on input x , checks whether or not $\psi(e) \Downarrow$ in $\leq x$ steps (with respect to some fixed φ -program for ψ) and $\dots$. What else should e do? You may use without proof the result of Problem C4a. Show that your e yields a contradiction.

²Hence, (i) $(\forall p)[\text{domain}(\Phi_p) = \text{domain}(\varphi_p)]$, and (ii) $\{(p, x, t) \mid \Phi_p(x) \leq t\}$ is an algorithmically decidable set.

³For example, consider equations by which $\mathbf{f}_1$ defines two-argument addition as primitive recursive (in the usual way), $\mathbf{f}_2$ defines two-argument multiplication as primitive recursive (using $\mathbf{f}_1$ in the usual way), and $\mathbf{f}$ defines factorial as primitive recursive (using $\mathbf{f}_2$ in the usual way). Let E be all and only the resultant finite set of equations. Let q be E 's code number. Then $E_q = E$ and f_q is the factorial function.

⁴Church's lambda-notation is used to name functions defined by formulas (as is standard in Lisp). For example, $\lambda x. [x + 1]$ denotes the function that maps each non-negative integer x to $x + 1$; and (relevantly to this problem) $\lambda q, x. f_q(x)$ denotes that function of **two** non-negative integer arguments which, on input (q, x) , returns the value $f_q(x)$.

⁵If you know and like it, you can use for your favorite assembly language the assembly(-like) language $\mathcal{L}$ from the textbook by Davis, Sigal and Weyuker.

⁶The quantifier ' $(\exists x)$ ' means 'there are infinitely many natural numbers x such that'.