

C1 Theory (25 points)

Let N denote the sets of non-negative integers.

Let $\Sigma_1 = \{a, b\}$.

Let $\Sigma_2 = \{a, b, c\}$.

In this problem (C1) we will make reference to the languages L_1 , L_2 , and L_3 defined just below.

Definition

(i) $L_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{S(i) \mid i \in N\}$ where S is defined recursively as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} S(0) &= b \\ S(i+1) &= S(i)a^{i+1}b \end{aligned}$$

In other words, L_1 consists of the strings $b, bab, babaab, babaabaaab$, etc.

(ii) $L_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{w \in \Sigma_1^* \mid \text{number of occurrences of substring } ab \text{ in } w > \text{number of occurrences of substring } ba \text{ in } w\}$.

(iii) $L_3 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{w \in \Sigma_2^* \mid \text{number of occurrences of substring } ab \text{ in } w > \text{number of occurrences of substring } ba \text{ in } w\}$.

a. (8 points)

Use the *Myhill-Nerode theorem* to show that L_1 is *not* regular. Recall that the crucial equivalence relation for Myhill-Nerode applied to the language L_1 is $\equiv_{L_1}$, where, for words $x, y \in \Sigma_1^*$,

$$x \equiv_{L_1} y \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} (\forall z \in \Sigma_1^*) [xz \in L_1 \iff yz \in L_1]$$

b. (8 points)

Prove that L_2 is a regular language.

c. (9 points)

Use a *pumping lemma* to prove that L_3 is *not* a regular language.

C2 Theory (25 points)

Let Σ_1 and Σ_2 be alphabets, and let f be a function from Σ_1^* to subsets of Σ_2^* such that

- (i) $f(\lambda) = \{\lambda\}$. (The symbol λ denotes the empty string.)
- (ii) For all $n \geq 1$, if $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \Sigma_1$, $f(a_1 \cdots a_n) = f(a_1) \cdots f(a_n) = \{w_1 \cdots w_n \mid w_i \in f(a_i), 1 \leq i \leq n\}$. (To clarify notation, $a_1 \cdots a_n$ is the string composed from the letters $a_1, \dots, a_n$ and $w_1 \cdots w_n$ is the concatenation of strings $w_1, \dots, w_n$.)
- (iii) For each $a \in \Sigma_1$, $f(a)$ is a regular language.

Now suppose that $L \subseteq \Sigma_1^*$. Define $f(L) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigcup_{w \in L} f(w)$. Prove that if L is a regular language, then $f(L)$ is a regular language.

Hint: Make a finite state automaton that accepts $f(L)$.

C3 Theory (25 points)

Let N denote the set of non-negative integers. Fix a standard programming formalism ψ for computing all the *one-argument* partial computable functions which map N into N . Code (Gödel) number the ψ -programs *onto* N . Let ψ_p denote the partial function computed by program (number) p in the ψ -system. You may assume without proof that, in the ψ -system, Universality, S-m-n, and the Kleene Recursion Theorem (KRT) hold.

Let $K \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{p \in N \mid \psi_p(p) \text{ is defined}\}$.

Let $W_p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{the domain of } \psi_p$. Then $W_0, W_1, W_2, \dots$ provides a standard listing of *all* the r.e. sets (of non-negative integers).

a. (12 points)

Let $A = \{p \mid W_p \subseteq \overline{K}\}$. Prove or disprove that A is recursively enumerable. (Remember that $\overline{K}$ is the complement of K .)

b. (13 points)

Let p be the encoding of a program such that

$\psi_p(x) = 1 + \psi_x(x)$ if $\psi_x(x)$ is defined and $\psi_p(x)$ is undefined otherwise.

Show that there is no computable function f such that $\psi_p \subseteq f$ (i.e., $f(x) = \psi_p(x)$ whenever $\psi_p(x)$ is defined).

C4 Theory (25 points)

a. (20 points)

(Course-of-Values Recursion) Let f be a function defined as

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1, \dots, x_n, y) &= h_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ if } y = 0 \\ &= h_2(x_1, \dots, x_n, y, [f(x_1, \dots, x_n, 0), \dots, f(x_1, \dots, x_n, y-1)]) \text{ if } y > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Note that $[a_1, \dots, a_n]$ is defined as

$$\prod_{i=1}^n p_i^{a_i}$$

where p_i is the i th prime number.Show that if h_1 and h_2 are primitive recursive then so is f .

You may use without proof the primitive recursiveness of standard text book primitive recursive functions and any standard text book closure properties of the class of primitive recursive functions *provided you clearly say which ones you are using when*.

Hint: You might find it useful to first define a function

$g(x_1, \dots, x_n, y) = [f(x_1, \dots, x_n, 0), \dots, f(x_1, \dots, x_n, y)]$ and show that it is primitive recursive.

b. (5 points) Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_n, t)$ be a computable predicate. show that $\exists t f(x_1, \dots, x_n, t)$ is recursively enumerable.