COSC 2001(A and B) 3.0—Fall 2001

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Problem Set No. 3

Papers ***must*** **be typed or word-processed (the "*must*" does not apply to diagrams)**, and deposited in the course drop-box on the due date.

▶ **Due time:** Any time on December 17, 2001. **Boxes will be cleared the following morning. Location of the drop-box:** There is **one** box—labeled 2001A and B—on the first floor of CCB, in the corridor that leads to the Ariel Lab.◀

In this Problem Set it is allowed—but not required!—to submit **ONE joint paper that has a total of TWO co-authors** **from the same section**. The same mark, as assigned to such a joint paper, will be given to **each** of its two authors.

▶ **IFF** you are submitting Problem Set #3 ***with*** a partner, then you ***must*** notify us as described below, **Prtnr1.–Prtnr4.:**

Prtnr1. Make a file called "partner" (no quotes). [Please do ***not*** call it "Partner" or "PARTNER" or "a3partner" or anything other than "partner"].

Prtnr2. Put in it your name and "prism" login, ***and*** the name and prism login of your partner as well.

Prtnr3. Give the following command on prism

"**submit 2001 a3 partner**"

NOT later than 5:00pm, Nov. 30, 2001.

Prtnr4. Only ***one*** submission (**Prtnr3.**, above) ***per pair*** please! ◀

If you do NOT plan to work with a partner please do NOT submit any co-author information!

Any strong similarity between different papers will be seriously frowned upon. (To learn more about this issue please follow the link "**Senate Policies**" found on the URL: http://www.cs.yorku.ca/~gt/courses/)

General Remark. Each solution must contain *adequate explanation(s)* of *why* it answers the relevant question. While examples can help us understand your point of view, *they are NOT substitutes* for a logical argument that establishes your solution's validity ***in general***.

From the text:

1. New stuff.

(a) 7.1.3, on page 271
(b) 7.1.6, on page 271
(c) 7.2.1(c), on page 280
(d) 7.2.2(a), on page 280
(e) 7.3.2(a, b), on page 292
(f) 7.4.2(b), on page 302
(g) 8.2.1(c), on page 328
(h) 8.2.2(c), on page 328
(i) Display the quintuples of the 4^{th} TM, i.e., M_4, in the *standard enumeration* $M_0, M_1, M_2, \ldots$
(j) Recall that ϕ_x denotes the function ***of one argument*** computed by the Turing Machine, M_x, found in position x of the "standard" (lexicographic) enumeration of all Turing Machines (over a fixed input alphabet Σ).
Prove that $\{(x, y, z) : \phi_x(y) = z\}$, in other words,

$$\{(x, y, z) : M_x \text{ with input } y \text{ outputs } z\}$$

is *undecidable.*

Hint. If the above is decidable, then so is a certain special case. Contradict this using standard diagonalization.

(k) Prove that each of the following is semi-decidable:
(A) The problem $0 \in \mathrm{dom}(\phi_x)$
(B) The problem $0 \in \mathrm{ran}(\phi_x)$ **Note.** By "dom" we mean "domain", that is, for any function f of one argument

$$\mathrm{dom}(f) = \{x : (\exists z) f(x) = z\}$$

By "ran" we mean "range", that is, for any function f of one argument

$$\mathrm{ran}(f) = \{x : (\exists z) f(z) = x\}$$

2. Review questions.

(a) 4.4.2, on page 164
(b) Let a CFG $G = (V, \Sigma, P, S)$ have rules of the following **types** only: $A \to Ba$ and $A \to a$.

The above are **templates**. Thus particular instances may look like $X \to Xx$ for some variable X and constant x.

Prove by constructing a DFA that $L(G)$ is regular. Ensure that you argue convincingly (e.g., using DFA "computations"), and *generally*, that the DFA works as claimed.

(c) Students do not, sometimes, believe that the Pumping Lemma goes "one way" only. Here then, to convince you once and for all:

(i) Prove that the language L over $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ given below

$$L = \{a^i b^j c^k : i \geq 0, j \geq 0, k \geq 0 \text{ and if } i = 1 \text{ then } j = k\}$$

"can be pumped".
"Can be pumped" means exactly this: Prove that there is a positive integer p (you have to *name* the value that works!) such that, if $z \in L$ and $|z| \geq p$, then z can be decomposed as $z = uvw$ and
(a) $v \neq \varepsilon$
(b) $|uv| \leq p$
(c) $uv^i w \in L$, for all $i \geq 0$.

(ii) **Nevertheless**, *prove* that L is ***not*** regular!
Pause. Hmm. How does one prove L not regular if the PL does not help?

(iii) Explain why this problem does *not* contradict the Pumping Lemma.

(iv) Is L a CFL? Prove your answer.