

CS 3800, Fall 2017 (Clinger's section)  
Homework 4 (70 points)  
Assigned: Wednesday, 27 September 2017  
Due: Wednesday, 4 October 2017

Unless stated otherwise, all languages are over the alphabet  $\{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}\}$ .

1. [5 points] Describe two context-free languages  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  whose intersection  $A_1 \cap A_2$  is not context-free.
2. [5 points] Write context-free grammars for both of the languages  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  you described in the previous question.
3. [24 points] Give state diagrams for pushdown automata that generate the following languages over the alphabet  $\{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}\}$ .
  - (a)  $\{\mathbf{a}^i \mathbf{b} \mathbf{a}^j \mathbf{b} \mathbf{a}^k \mid i = j + k\}$
  - (b)  $\{w \mid \mathbf{a} \text{ occurs in } w \text{ twice as often as } \mathbf{b}\}$
  - (c)  $\{\mathbf{a}^i \mathbf{a}^j \mathbf{a}^k \mathbf{b}^k \mid i = j + k\}$
  - (d)  $\{\mathbf{a}^i \mathbf{b}^j \mathbf{a}^k \mid i < j \text{ and } k = j - i\}$
4. [15 points] For each of the following languages, decide whether the language is regular. If it is, then construct a regular expression that describes the language. If it isn't, construct a CFG that generates the language.
  - (a)  $\{w \mid w \text{ contains } \mathbf{babab}\}$
  - (b)  $\{w \mid \mathbf{a} \text{ occurs an even number of times in } w\}$
  - (c)  $\{w \mid \mathbf{b} \text{ occurs at least three times in } w\}$
  - (d)  $\{w \mid \mathbf{a} \text{ and } \mathbf{b} \text{ appear the same number of times in } w\}$
  - (e)  $\{w \mid w \text{ contains more occurrences of } \mathbf{a} \text{ than } \mathbf{b}\}$

5. [12 points] For each of the following languages, state whether the language is regular, context-free but not regular, or not context-free.

- (a)  $\{a^n b^n \mid n \text{ is a positive integer}\}$
- (b)  $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \text{ is a positive integer}\}$
- (c)  $\{a^n a^n a^n \mid n \text{ is a positive integer}\}$
- (d)  $\{w \mid \text{the length of } w \text{ is a prime number}\}$
- (e)  $\{w^R w \mid w \text{ is non-empty}\}$
- (f)  $\{a^m b^n \mid m \text{ is prime but } n \text{ is not prime}\}$

6. [4 points] Which of the following grammars generates a language that is not regular?

- (a)  $S \rightarrow b \mid bbS$
- (b)  $S \rightarrow a \mid bSb$
- (c)  $S \rightarrow a \mid b \mid SS$
- (d)  $S \rightarrow a \mid bS \mid aS$
- (e)  $S \rightarrow b \mid bSb$

7. [5 points] Construct a PDA that recognizes the language generated by

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow A \\ A &\rightarrow \epsilon \mid 0B \mid 1C \\ B &\rightarrow A2A \\ C &\rightarrow A3A \end{aligned}$$