

This homework covers sections 3.7 and 4.1, with a little bit left over from section 3.6. It is due in class Friday, April 10. Hand in a hardcopy of your solutions.

While you may discuss problems with other students, you should always make the first attempt on a problem yourself and **you must write up your own solutions in your own words**. You may not collaboratively write solutions or copy a solution that one person in the group writes up.

- Use the construction outlined in the proof of Theorem 3.5 to construct a machine that accepts the intersection of the languages accepted by the two NFAs shown. (Hint: remember that the construction outlined in the proof of Theorem 3.5 is for two DFAs.)



- Use the Pumping Lemma (Theorem 3.6) to prove that the following languages are not regular.

Remember the pattern for the proof discussed in class, which can be written:

Suppose  $L$  is regular. Then, by the Pumping Lemma, there is an integer  $N$  such that for any string  $w \in L$  with  $|w| \geq N$ ,  $w = xyz$  where  $|xy| \leq N$ ,  $|y| \geq 1$ , and  $xy^n z \in L$  for all natural numbers  $n$ . But let  $w = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ , which is in  $L$  with  $|w| \geq N$ . Write  $w$  as  $xyz$ . Because  $|xy| \leq N$ ,  $y$  must be of the form  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . But then  $xy^n z \notin L$  for  $n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  because  $\underline{\hspace{4cm}}$ .

Fill in the blanks.

- $L = \{ a^n b^n c^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \}$
- $L = \{ w \in \{a, b\}^* \mid n_a(w) < n_b(w) \}$ , where  $n_\sigma(w)$  means the number of  $\sigma$  in  $w$

3. Consider the context-free grammar shown on the right.

(a) Write a derivation for the string  $aabbc$  using this grammar.

$$S \rightarrow TR$$

$$T \rightarrow aTb$$

(b) Write a derivation for the string  $abccdd$  using this grammar.

$$T \rightarrow \epsilon$$

(c) Find the language generated by this grammar. Briefly justify your answer.

$$R \rightarrow cRd$$

$$R \rightarrow c$$

4. For each of the following languages, give a context-free grammar that generates the language. Also explain in words why your grammar works.

Hint for part (d): keep in mind how to generate equal numbers of things, and think about which pairs of characters can match up with each other.

a)  $\{a^n b^m \mid n \neq m\}$

b)  $\{a^n b^m c^k \mid m > n + k\}$

c)  $\{a^n b^m c^k d^l \mid m = k \text{ and } n = l\}$

d)  $\{a^n b^m c^k d^l \mid n + m = k + l\}$