Midterm Exam 1
CS 341: Foundations of Computer Science II — **Fall 2016, day section**
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I have read and understand all of the instructions below, and I will obey the University Code on Academic Integrity.

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Signature and Date

- This exam has 7 pages in total, numbered 1 to 7. Make sure your exam has all the pages.

- Note the number written on the upper right-hand corner of the first page. On the sign-up sheet being passed around, print your name next to this number.

- This exam will be 1 hour and 25 minutes in length.

- This is a closed-book, closed-note exam. Electronic devices (e.g., cellphone, smart watch, calculator) are not allowed.

- For all problems, follow these instructions:

  1. Give only your answers in the spaces provided. I will only grade what you put in the answer space, and I will take off points for any scratch work in the answer space. Use the scratch-work area or the backs of the exam sheets to work out your answers before filling in the answer space.

  2. DFA stands for deterministic finite automaton; NFA stands for nondeterministic finite automaton; PDA stands for push-down automaton; CFG stands for context-free grammar.

  3. For any proofs, be sure to provide a step-by-step argument, with justifications for every step. If you are asked to prove a result X, you may use in your proof of X any other result Y without proving Y. However, make it clear what the other result Y is that you are using; e.g., write something like, "By the result that $A^{**} = A^*$, we know that ...."

Problem	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Points						

1. [**20 points**] For each of the following, circle TRUE if the statement is correct. Otherwise, circle FALSE

(a) TRUE   FALSE   —   Every context-free language is also regular.

(b) TRUE   FALSE   —   The class of regular languages is closed under inter-section.

(c) TRUE   FALSE   —   A regular expression for $A = \{\, 0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0 \,\}$ is 0^*1^*.

(d) TRUE   FALSE   —   If A has an NFA, then A is nonregular.

(e) TRUE   FALSE   —   If A has a DFA, then A must have a context-free grammar.

(f) TRUE   FALSE   —   If a language A has a PDA, then A must have a context-free grammar in Chomsky normal form.

(g) TRUE   FALSE   —   The transition function of an NFA is $\delta : Q \times \Sigma_\varepsilon \rightarrow Q$.

(h) TRUE   FALSE   —   If $A \subseteq B$ and B is a regular language, then A must be regular.

(i) TRUE   FALSE   —   If $A \subseteq B$ and A is a regular language, then B must be regular.

(j) TRUE   FALSE   —   If A is regular, then A must be finite.

2. [**20 points**]   Give short answers to each of the following parts. Each answer should be at most a few sentences. Be sure to define any notation that you use.

(a) Give a regular expression for the language recognized by the NFA below.
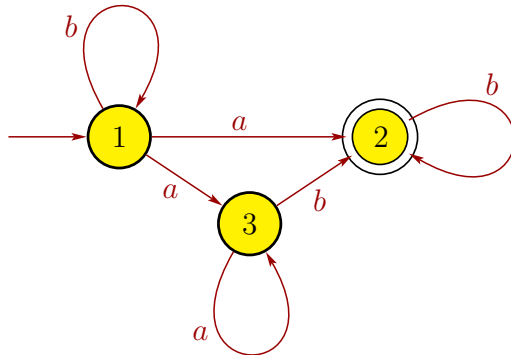
(b) Suppose A is generated by a context-free grammar $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$. Give a context-free grammar G' for A^* in terms of G. You do not have to prove the correctness of your CFG G', but do not just give an example.
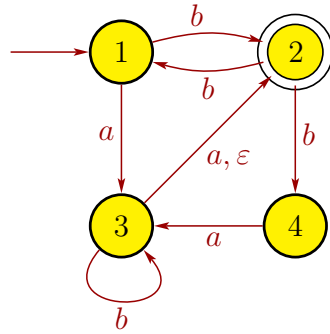
(c) Let $M_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$ be a DFA with language A_1, and $M_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_2, F_2)$ be a DFA with language A_2. Consider the language $A = A_1 \cap A_2$. Give a DFA M_3 for A in terms of M_1 and M_2. Your DFA M_3 must be completely general. Do not prove the correctness of your DFA M_3, but do not just give an example.

(d) Suppose that we are in the process of converting a CFG G with $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ into Chomsky normal form. We have already applied some steps in the process, and we currently have the following CFG:

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\begin{aligned}
S_0 &\rightarrow S \\
S &\rightarrow A1SA \mid A0 \mid \varepsilon \\
A &\rightarrow 0S0 \mid \varepsilon
\end{aligned}
$$

In the next step, we want to remove the ε-rule $A \rightarrow \varepsilon$. Give the CFG after carrying out just this one step.

3. **[20 points]** Let N be the following NFA with $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, and let $C = L(N)$.

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\begin{array}{c}
\text{1} \xrightarrow{\ b\ } \text{2} \\
\text{2} \xrightarrow{\ b\ } \text{1} \\
\text{1} \xrightarrow{\ a\ } \text{3} \\
\text{2} \xrightarrow{\ b\ } \text{4} \\
\text{4} \xrightarrow{\ a,\ \varepsilon\ } \text{2} \\
\text{4} \xrightarrow{\ a\ } \text{3} \\
\text{3} \xrightarrow{\ b\ } \text{3}
\end{array}
$$

Give a DFA for C.

Scratch-work area

4. **[25 points]** Consider the alphabet $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ and the language

$$L = \{\, b^i a^j \mid i \geq j \,\}.$$

(a) Give a context-free grammar G for L. Be sure to specify G as a 4-tuple $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$.

(b) Give a PDA for L. You only need to draw the graph.

Scratch-work area

5. **[15 points]** Recall the pumping lemma for regular languages:

Theorem: If L is a regular language, then there exists a pumping length p where, if $s \in L$ with $|s| \geq p$, then s can be split into 3 pieces, $s = xyz$, with (i) $xy^i z \in L$ for each $i \geq 0$, (ii) $|y| \geq 1$, and (iii) $|xy| \leq p$.

Let $A = \{\, b^i a^j \mid i \geq j \,\}$. Is A a regular or nonregular language? If A is regular, give a regular expression for A. If A is not regular, prove that it is a nonregular language.

Circle one: **Regular Language**   **Nonregular Language**