

Midterm Exam 2

CS 341: Foundations of Computer Science II — **Fall 2018, face-to-face day section**

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I have read and understand all of the instructions below, and I will obey the University Policy on Academic Integrity.

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- This exam has 9 pages in total, numbered 1 to 9. Make sure your exam has all the pages.
- This exam will be 1 hour and 20 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 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; CFG stands for context-free grammar; PDA stands for pushdown automaton; TM stands for Turing machine.
  3. For any state machines that you draw, you must include **all states and transitions**.
  4. For any proofs, be sure to provide a step-by-step argument, with justifications for every step. Unless you are specifically asked to prove a theorem from the book or notes, you may assume that the theorems in the textbook and notes hold; i.e., you do not have to reprove the theorems in the textbook and notes. When using a theorem from the textbook or notes, make sure you provide enough detail so that it is clear which result you are using; e.g., say something like, “By the theorem that states  $S^{**} = S^*$ , it follows that ...”

Problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Points								

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

(a) TRUE FALSE — The language

$$EQ_{\text{DFA}} = \{ \langle C, D \rangle \mid C \text{ and } D \text{ are DFAs with } L(C) = L(D) \}$$

is decidable.

(b) TRUE FALSE — There are languages recognized by 5-tape Turing machines that cannot be recognized by single-tape Turing machines.

(c) TRUE FALSE — There are languages recognized by nondeterministic Turing machines that cannot be recognized by deterministic Turing machines.

(d) TRUE FALSE — Every Turing-decidable language is finite.

(e) TRUE FALSE — The universal Turing machine decides

$$A_{\text{TM}} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM that accepts string } w \}.$$

(f) TRUE FALSE — The language  $\overline{A_{\text{TM}}}$  is Turing-recognizable.

(g) TRUE FALSE — The problem of determining if an NFA and regular expression are equivalent is undecidable.

(h) TRUE FALSE — Two languages  $A$  and  $B$  are equal if  $A \cap \overline{B} = \emptyset$ .

(i) TRUE FALSE — For any Turing machine  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_1, q_{\text{accept}}, q_{\text{reject}})$  and string  $w \in \Sigma^*$ ,  $M$  will either accept or reject  $w$ .

(j) TRUE FALSE — Every infinite set is uncountable.

2. [20 points] Give a short answer (at most three sentences) for each part below. For parts (a), (b) and (c), let  $A = \{x, y, z\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , and define the function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$f(x) = 1,$$

$$f(y) = 1,$$

$$f(z) = 2.$$

Explain your answers.

(a) Is  $f$  one-to-one?

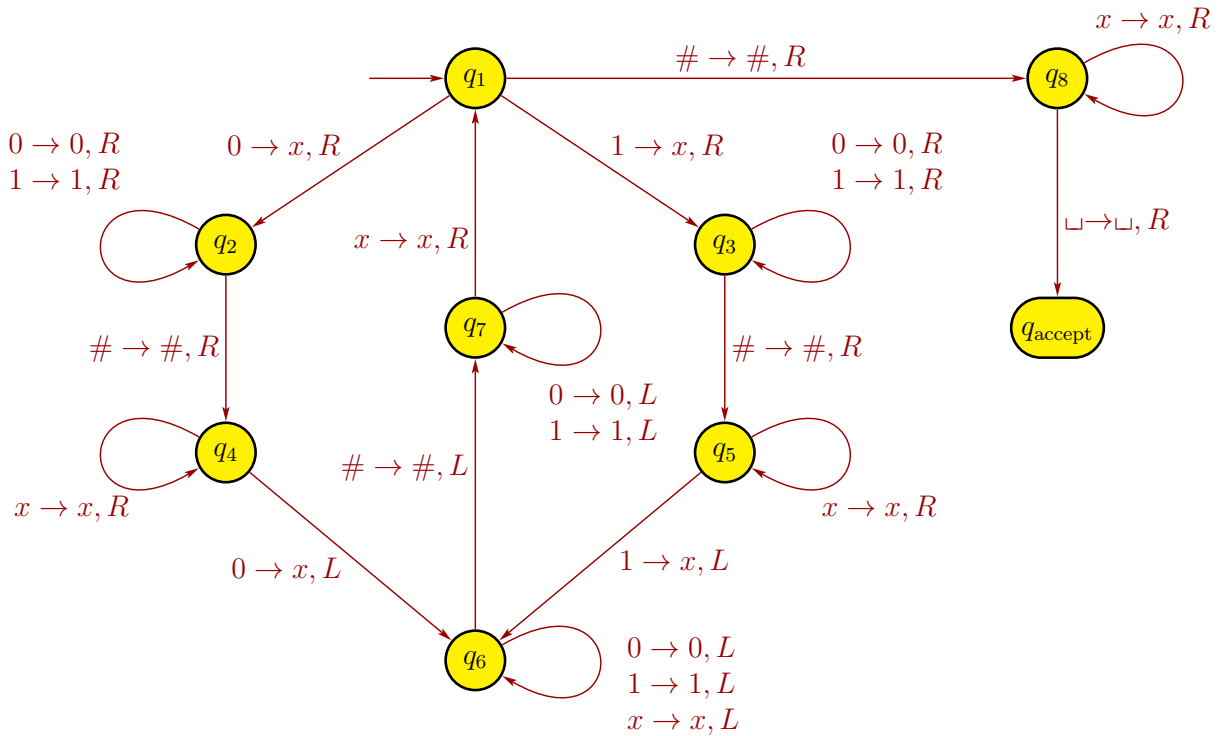
(b) Is  $f$  onto?

(c) Is  $f$  a correspondence?

(d) What is the difference between a Turing-recognizable language and a Turing-decidable language?

(e) What does the Church-Turing Thesis say?

3. [10 points] Consider the below Turing machine  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_1, q_{\text{accept}}, q_{\text{reject}})$  with  $Q = \{q_1, \dots, q_8, q_{\text{accept}}, q_{\text{reject}}\}$ ,  $\Sigma = \{0, 1, \#\}$ ,  $\Gamma = \{0, 1, \#, x, \sqcup\}$ , and transitions below.



To simplify the figure, we don't show the reject state  $q_{\text{reject}}$  or the transitions going to the reject state. Those transitions occur implicitly whenever a state lacks an outgoing transition for a particular symbol. For example, because in state  $q_5$  no outgoing arrow with a  $\#$  is present, if a  $\#$  occurs under the head when the machine is in state  $q_5$ , it goes to state  $q_{\text{reject}}$ . For completeness, we say that in each of these transitions to the reject state, the head writes the same symbol as is read and moves right.

Give the sequence of configurations that  $M$  enters when started on the input string  $100\#0$ .

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Scratch-work area

Each of the following problems requires you to prove a result. Unless stated otherwise, in your proofs, you can apply any theorems that we went over in class without proving them, except for the result you are asked to prove in the problem. When citing a theorem, make sure that you give enough details so that it is clear what theorem you are using (e.g., say something like, “By the theorem that says every context-free language has a CFG in Chomsky normal form, we can show that . . .”)

4. [10 points] Consider the emptiness problem for Turing machines:

$$E_{\text{TM}} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a Turing machine with } L(M) = \emptyset \}.$$

Show that  $E_{\text{TM}}$  is co-Turing-recognizable.

5. [15 points] Prove that the set of all languages over an alphabet  $\Sigma$  is uncountable.

6. [15 points] Let  $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$ , and consider the decision problem of testing **whether a regular expression with alphabet  $\Sigma$  generates at least one string  $w$  that has 101 as a substring**. Express this problem as a language and show that it is decidable.



7. [10 points] Recall

$$EQ_{\text{TM}} = \{ \langle M_1, M_2 \rangle \mid M_1 \text{ and } M_2 \text{ are TMs with } L(M_1) = L(M_2) \}.$$

Prove that  $EQ_{\text{TM}}$  is undecidable.