Introduction to Theory of Computing

## CpSc 421

## **Daily Question**

(due October 5, 2005, from Kozen example 19.1) The non-regular set  $a^n b^n$  is generated by the grammar  $G = (N, \Sigma, P, S)$  where

$$N = \{S\}$$
  

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$
  

$$P = \{S \rightarrow aSb | \epsilon\}$$

To prove this, you need to show that every string of the form  $a^n b^n$  is in L(G) and that every string in L(G) is of the form  $a^n b^n$ . Prove either of these (**don't** give solutions for both). Hints (from Kozen):

- 1. To prove that every string of the form  $a^n b^n$  is in L(G), you can use induction on n.
- 2. To prove that every string in L(G) is of the form  $a^n b^n$ , you can use induction on the derivation.