

1. (30 points, from Sipser, problem 2.6)

Give context free grammars generating the following languages:

(a) (10 points) $\{w \mid \exists n \geq 0. (w = a^n b^{2n}) \vee (w = a^{3n} b^n)\}$

(b) (10 points) The complement of $\{w \mid \exists n \geq 0. w = a^n b^n\}$.

(c) (10 points) $\{x_1 \# x_2 \# \dots \# x_k \mid \text{each } x_i \in \{a, b\}^*, \text{ and for some } i \text{ and } j, x_i = x_j^R\}$.

For parts (a) and (b), the alphabet is $\{a, b\}$. For part (c), the alphabet is $\{a, b, \#\}$.

2. (30 points) Give a PDA for each language from question 1. You can just draw a transition diagram where edges are labeled as in Sipser.

3. (20 points) Sipser, problem 1.13.

Let $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ be the following grammar: $V = \{S, T, U\}$; $\Sigma = \{0, \#\}$; and R is the set of rules:

$$\begin{array}{l|l|l} S & \rightarrow & TT \quad | \quad U \\ T & \rightarrow & 0T \quad | \quad T0 \quad | \quad \# \\ U & \rightarrow & 0U00 \quad | \quad \# \end{array}$$

(a) (10 points) Describe $L(G)$ in English.

(b) (10 points) Prove that $L(G)$ is not regular.

4. (25 points, from Sipser, problem 2.19)

Let G be the CFG

$$\begin{array}{l|l|l|l} S & \rightarrow & aSb & | \quad bY & | \quad Ya \\ Y & \rightarrow & bY & | \quad aY & | \quad \epsilon \end{array}$$

(a) (15 points) Give a simple description of $L(G)$ in English. Give a short explanation of your description.

(b) (10 points) Use your answer to part (a) to give a CFG for $\overline{L(G)}$, the complement of $L(G)$.

5. (20 points), Sipser, problem 2.25

For any language A , let $SUFFIX(A) = \{v \mid \exists u. uv \in A\}$. Show that the class of context-free languages is closed under the *SUFFIX* operation.

6. (25 points), Sipser, problem 2.27

Let $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ be the following grammar:

$$\begin{array}{l} STMT \rightarrow ASSIGN \mid IfThen \mid IfThenElse \\ IfThen \rightarrow \text{if condition then } STMT \\ IfThenElse \rightarrow \text{if condition then } STMT \text{ else } Stmt \\ ASSIGN \rightarrow a:=1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \Sigma = \{\text{if, condition then, else, a:=1}\} \\ V = \{STMT, IfThen, IfThenElse, ASSIGN\} \end{array}$$

G is a natural-looking grammar for a fragment of a programming language, but G is ambiguous.

(a) Show that G is ambiguous.

(b) Give a new, unambiguous grammar for the same language.