Homework 7

- 1. (10 points) Let $A_1 = \{D_1 \# D_2 \mid D_1 \text{ and } D_2 \text{ describe DFAs and } L(D_1) \subseteq L(D_2)\}$. In English, $D_1 \# D_2 \in A_1$ iff D_1 and D_2 describe DFAs and every string that is recognized by the DFA described by D_1 is also recognized by the DFA described by D_2 . You can assume that D_1 and D_2 are described as in the Oct. 24 lecture notes, or any other reasonable description. Show that A_1 is Turing decidable.
- 2. (15 points) Let $A_2 = \{G \mid G \text{ describe CFG and } L(G) \supseteq L(1^*)\}$. In other words, G generates every string that consists of zero or more 1's (it may generate other strings as well). Show that A_2 is Turing decidable.
- 3. (15 points) In class we considered a Java method, boolean halt(String src, String input), that is supposed to return true if the Java program with the source code given by string src halts when run with input input and returns false otherwise. We showed in class that it is impossible to write such a method. Our proof involved passing the source code for a Jave program as both the src and input arguments to halt.

Now consider a new method, boolean haltNoJavaAsInput(String src, String input). This method returns false if input is a syntactically correct Java program. Otherwise, haltNoJavaAsInput returns true if the program described by src halts when run with input input and returns false otherwise (just line halt described above). Note that the question of whether or not a program is syntactically correct Java is Turing decidable – this is what a Java compiler does. More formally, haltNoJavaAsInput is a decider for the language A_3 , with

$$\begin{array}{rcl} A_3 &=& \{J\#I \mid & J \text{ is the source code for a Java program} \\ & \wedge & I \text{ is a string that is not a syntactically correct Java program} \\ & \wedge & \operatorname{Program} J \text{ halts when run with input } I \end{array}$$

Show that it is impossible to write a method haltNoJavaAsInput as described above. Equivalently, show that language A_3 is not Turing decidable.

- 4. 2. (15 points) In class, we constructed one example that must cause a proposed function for halt to give the wrong answer or never terminate. Show that for any proposed implementation of halt there must be an infinite number of inputs that cause it to give the wrong answer or never terminate.
- 5. 3. (35 points) Download the program mystery.java from

http://www.ugrad.cs.ubc.ca/~cs421/hw/7/mystery.java

Look over the code, compile it, and run it – I promise that it's not malicious.

- (a) (**5 points**) What does the program do? Just give a one-sentence description of the output that it produces. You'll get to explain *how* it does it in the rest of the question.
- (b) (**5 points**) What is string **S** for?
- (c) (5 points) What does method x() do?A one sentence answer is enough. You'll get to explain the details in the next three questions.
- (d) (5 points) What do the first four buf.append(...)'s in x() do?
- (e) (**5 points**) What does the first for loop in x() do?
- (f) (**5 points**) What does the second for loop in x() do?
- (g) (5 points) What does method fix(String) fix?

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- 6. (20 points) A 2-PDA is a PDA with two stacks.
 - (a) (10 points) Describe a 2-PDA that recognizes the language $\{w \in \{a, b, c\}^* \mid \exists n. w = a^n b^n c^n\}$. This shows that a 2-PDA is more powerful than a 1-PDA.
 - (b) (10 points) Show that the class of languages recognized by 2-PDAs is exactly the same as the set of Turing recognizable languages. (Hint: Show that any Turing machine can be simulated by a 2-PDA and vice-versa).
- (20 points, *extra credit*) A *ray automaton* consists of an infinite number of DFAs, D₀ D₁, D₂, ... arranged in a line. The automata all have the same set of states, Q, the same start state q₀ ∈ Q, and the same transition function δ : Q × Q × Q → Q. A configuration of a ray automaton is a function C : Z^{≥0} → Q where C(i) gives the state of DFA D_i. The automaton moves from configuration C to configuration C' iff

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}'(0) &= \delta(q_0, \mathcal{C}(0), \mathcal{C}(1)) \\ \mathcal{C}'(i) &= \delta(\mathcal{C}(i-1), \mathcal{C}(i), \mathcal{C}(i+1)), \quad i > 0 \end{aligned}$$

In other words, at each step, each DFA makes a transition according to its own state and the states of its left and right neighbours. Because DFA D_0 has no left neighbor, it always uses q_0 as its left input. There is a special state q_f , and the ray automaton halts iff it reaches a configuration, C where D_0 is in state q_f , i.e. $C(0) = q_f$.

- (a) (10 points) Prove that the halting problem for ray automata is undecidable.
- (b) (10 points) Is the halting problem for ray automate Turing recognizable? Justify your answer.

Note: This problem is adapted from a similar problem from Automata and Computability by Dexter C. Kozen.