

C1 **Theory** (25 points)

- a. (6.25 points)
Show that

$$L_1 = \{w \in \{a, b\}^* \mid w \text{ contains subword } aab \text{ or } 20\text{th from last symbol of } w \text{ exists } \& = b\} \quad (1)$$

is regular. You may use *without* proof any standard text book results about regular sets *provided you clearly say which results you are using when*.¹

- b. (6.25 points)

Find a *deterministic* finite automaton \mathcal{M}' which accepts the same language (over $\{a, b\}$) as the non-deterministic finite automaton \mathcal{M} depicted in table form just below.

| | δ | a | b |
|---------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| start 1 | 1 | $\{1, 2\}$ | $\{1\}$ |
| | 2 | $\{3\}$ | $\{3\}$ |
| | 3 | $\{4\}$ | $\{4\}$ |
| | 4 | $\{5\}$ | $\{5\}$ |
| final 5 | 5 | \emptyset | \emptyset |

- c. (6.25 points)

Employ an appropriate pumping lemma to show that

$$L_2 = \{a^m b^n \mid m \text{ is a perfect square } \vee n \text{ is odd}\} \quad (2)$$

is *not* regular.

- d. (6.25 points)

Employ an appropriate pumping lemma to show that

$$L_3 = \{ab^p \mid p \text{ is prime}\} \quad (3)$$

is *not* context free, i.e., is *not* accepted by any push down automaton.

¹ L_1 is *not* a standard text book regular language. (◡)

C2 Theory (25 points)

a. (12.5 points)

Consider the following finite automaton \mathcal{M} expressed in tabular form.

| | δ | a | b |
|----------------|----------|-----|-----|
| start 1 | 2 | 4 | |
| | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| final 3 | 3 | 3 | |
| | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| | 5 | 2 | 6 |
| | 6 | 6 | 6 |

This \mathcal{M} is minimal state (for the accepting task it performs).

Explicitly employ Myhill-Nerode to prove this \mathcal{M} is minimal state.

Hint: You may find it useful to draw the state diagram of \mathcal{M} .

Find a relevant spanning S by considering how to reach each state of \mathcal{M} from its start state. Show this S can't be reduced in size and still be relevantly spanning. The number of combinations of six things taken two at a time is 15.

b. (12.5 points)

Explicitly program a *deterministic* push-down automaton which accepts all and only the strings in

$$L = \{a^n b^{2n} \mid n > 0\}. \quad (4)$$

Up to half credit if your pda is not deterministic.

C3 Theory (25 points)

Let $N =$ the set of non-negative integers.

We write $(f_i \mid i \in N)$ for the infinite sequence of functions (f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots) .

Definition A sequence of functions $(f_i \mid i \in N)$ is said to be uniformly computable $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow}$ the function $\lambda i, x. f_i(x)$ is computable.

Example 1 For each i, x , let

$$f_i(x) = i^2 x^3 + 4i. \quad (5)$$

Then this $(f_i \mid i \in N)$ is clearly uniformly computable.

Definition A sequence of functions $(f_i \mid i \in N)$ is uniformly primitive recursive $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow}$ the function $\lambda i, x. f_i(x)$ is primitive recursive.

Example 2 Define $\lambda i, x. f_i(x)$ as in (5) of Example 1 above. Then $(f_i \mid i \in N)$ is, in fact, uniformly primitive recursive.

a. (12.5 points)

Prove, employing the Hint just below that there is a sequence of functions $(F_i \mid i \in N)$ such that

1. $(\forall i)[F_i \text{ is computable}]$ and
2. $(F_i \mid i \in N)$ is *not* uniformly computable.

Hint for C3a: Let A be an r.e. *not* computable set. Write A as $\{a_0 < a_1 < a_2 < \dots\}$. For each

i, x , let $F_i(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} a_i$.

Show that, for each, fixed $i \in N$, $\lambda x. F_i(x)$ is a primitive recursive (hence, computable) function.

Suppose for contradiction $(F_i \mid i \in N)$ is uniformly computable. Then $\lambda i, x. F_i(x)$ is computable.

Show, then, that $\lambda i. F_i(0)$ is computable, monotone increasing, and has range A .

Show how to obtain a contradiction from this.

b. (12.5 points)

Prove, employing the Hint just below that there is a sequence of functions $(G_i \mid i \in N)$ such that

1. $(\forall i)[G_i \text{ is primitive recursive}]$,
2. $(G_i \mid i \in N)$ is *not* uniformly primitive recursive, and
3. $(G_i \mid i \in N)$ is uniformly computable.

Hint for C3b: Fix a standard algorithmic coding of the finite sets of equations each defining a one argument primitive recursive function 1-1 onto N . Let G_i be the one argument primitive recursive function defined by the finite set of such equations with code number i . Do *not* waste time providing details about such a coding.

Trivially, $(\forall i)[G_i \text{ is primitive recursive}]$.

Suppose for contradiction $(G_i \mid i \in N)$ is uniformly primitive recursive. Hence, $\lambda i, x. G_i(x)$ is primitive recursive. Define $g(x) = 1 + G_x(x)$. To get a contradiction, show that g is both primitive recursive and *not* primitive recursive.

Argue **very informally and briefly** that $\lambda i, x. G_i(x)$ is computable.

C4 **Theory** (25 points)

Fix a standard programming formalism φ for computing all the *one-argument* partial computable functions which map the non-negative integers into themselves. Code (Gödel) number the φ -programs *onto* the entire set of non-negative integers. Let φ_p denote the partial function computed by program (number) p in the φ -system. Let $W_p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{the domain of } \varphi_p$.² You may assume *without proof* that, in the φ -system, Universality, S-m-n, and the *Kleene Recursion Theorem (KRT)* hold.

As usual: \downarrow means ‘is defined’; and \uparrow means ‘undefined’.

Explicitly employ the hint further below to prove the following theorem.

Theorem For each non-negative integer x , let

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} \text{the least } y \in W_x, & \text{if } W_x \neq \emptyset; \\ \uparrow, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Then ψ is *not* partial computable.

Hint: Suppose for contradiction otherwise.

Employ KRT to obtain a φ -program e such that (7), (8), and (9) below each hold.

$$1 \in W_e \subseteq \{0, 1\}. \quad (7)$$

Note that (7) will force $\psi(e)\downarrow \in \{0, 1\}$.

$$\psi(e) = 1 \Rightarrow 0 \in W_e. \quad (8)$$

$$\psi(e) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 \notin W_e. \quad (9)$$

Finally show that the behavior of your e is contradictory.

²Then W_0, W_1, W_2, \dots provides a standard listing of *all* the r.e. sets (of non-negative integers).