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Fifth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, June/July 2019
Formal Languages and Automata Theory

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

Note: Answer any FIVE full questions, selecting at least TWO full questions from each part.

PART - A

- 1 a. Briefly discuss why study automata theory. (06 Marks)
 b. Design a DFA to accepts strings over $\{a, b\}$ that contain the substring bb or do not contain the substring aa . (05 Marks)
 c. Design a DFA to accept set of strings over $\{0, 1\}$ in which the number of 0's is divisible by three and 1's is divisible by two. (05 Marks)
 d. Explain the procedure subset construction for converting NFA to an equivalent DFA. (04 Marks)

- 2 a. Define ϵ - NFA. Consider the following ϵ - NFA :

δ	ϵ	0	1	2
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_1\}$	$\{q_0\}$	ϕ	ϕ
q_1	$\{q_2\}$	ϕ	$\{q_1\}$	ϕ
$*q_2$	ϕ	ϕ	ϕ	$\{q_2\}$

- i) Compute the ϵ - closure of each state.
 ii) Convert the automaton to a DFA. (10 Marks)
 b. Define regular expression. Convert the following DFA to a regular expression, using the state elimination technique:

δ	0	1
$\rightarrow *p$	s	p
q	p	s
r	r	q
s	q	r

- 3 a. State and prove pumping lemma for regular languages. (05 Marks)
 b. Prove that the language $L = \{0^n | n \geq 0\}$ is not regular. (05 Marks)
 c. Prove the following with examples:
 i) If L and M are regular languages, then so is $L \cap M$.
 ii) If L is a regular language, so is L^R . (10 Marks)

- 4 a. Define context-free grammar. Design CFG's for the following languages:
 i) $L = \{0^i 1^j | i \neq j\}$ ii) $L = \{x | n_0(x) \neq n_1(x)\}$ (10 Marks)

- b. What is an ambiguous grammar? Show that the following grammar is ambiguous.

$$S \rightarrow aSb | aAb$$

$$A \rightarrow cAd | B$$

$$B \rightarrow aBb | \epsilon$$

(05 Marks)

- c. Define inherently ambiguous. With suitable example, show that the CFL is inherently ambiguous. (05 Marks)

PART – B

- 5 a. Define pushdown automata. Define a PDA to accept the language.
 $L = \{wxw^R \mid w \text{ is in } \{0,1\}^* \text{ and } x \text{ is in } \{0,1,\epsilon\}\}.$ (10 Marks)
- b. What conditions are to be met for a PDA to be deterministic? Convert the PDA
 $P = (\{q_0, q_1\}, \{0,1\}, \{X, Z_0\}, \delta, q_0, Z_0)$ to a CFG, if δ is given by :
- $\delta(q_0, 0, Z_0) = \{(q_0, XZ_0)\}$
 - $\delta(q_0, 1, X) = \{(q_0, XX)\}$
 - $\delta(q_0, 0, X) = \{(q_1, \epsilon)\}$
- (10 Marks)
- 6 a. Consider the grammar:
 $S \rightarrow aAa \mid bBb \mid \epsilon$
 $A \rightarrow C \mid a$
 $B \rightarrow C \mid b$
 $C \rightarrow CDE \mid \epsilon$
 $D \rightarrow A \mid B \mid ab$
- Are there any useless symbols? Eliminate them if so.
 - Eliminate ϵ - productions
 - Eliminate unit productions
 - Put the resulting grammar into CNF.
- (10 Marks)
- b. Show that the language $L = \{a^n b^n \mid n \leq i \leq 2n\}$ is not context-free. (05 Marks)
- c. Prove that if L is a CFL and R is a regular language, then $L \cap R$ is a CFL. (05 Marks)
- 7 a. Define Turing machine. Design a Turing machine to accept the language
 $L = \{ww^R \mid w \text{ is in } \{0,1\}^*\}.$ Also show the sequence of moves made by the Turing machine for the string 0110. (12 Marks)
- b. Prove that if M_N is a nondeterministic Turing machine, then there is a deterministic Turing machine M_D such that $L(M_N) = L(M_D)$. (08 Marks)
- 8 a. Define the following:
 - Recursive and recursively enumerable languages.
 - Decidable and undecidable problems. (04 Marks)
- b. Prove that if a language L and its complement are recursively enumerable, then L is recursive. (06 Marks)
- c. Define Post's Correspondence Problem. With suitable example, briefly explain PCP and its variant Modified PCP. Also comment on how PCP problem is undecidable. (10 Marks)
