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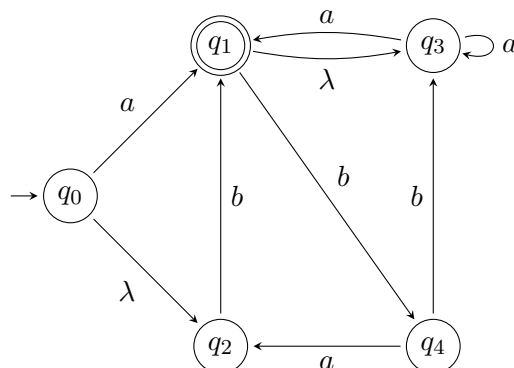
1. **True & False:** (*2 Points Each*) Mark each of the following as being either true or false.

- (a) _____ The star closure of any context free language can be realized as a push-down automaton.
- (b) _____ The power set of a set can be put into a one-to-one correspondence with a countable union of copies of the original set.
- (c) _____ If L_1 is context free and L_2 is regular then the language $L = L_2 - L_1$ is context-free.
- (d) _____ The union, intersection, concatenation, complement, and star closure of two context-free languages is context-free.
- (e) _____ A nondeterministic push-down automaton is more powerful than a deterministic push-down automaton.
- (f) _____ There are more Turing machines than there are finite automata.
- (g) _____ Decidable languages are closed under complement.
- (h) _____ A nondeterministic Turing machine is more powerful than a deterministic Turing machine.
- (i) _____ The Universal Turing machine can run itself.
- (j) _____ The union of two deterministic context-free languages is deterministic context-free.
- (k) _____ The union of a context-free language with a regular language is context-free.
- (l) _____ The union, intersection, concatenation, complement, and star closure of two regular languages is regular.
- (m) _____ A Turing Machine can recognize any context-free language.
- (n) _____ Gödel numbering is the process of putting the set of all Turing Machines in a one-to-one correspondence with the natural numbers.
- (o) _____ A programming language interpreter can be simulated by a Turing machine.

2. **Definitions & Short Answer:** (*5 Points Each*) Answer all of the following.

- (a) Discuss the primary differences between Finite Automata, Push-Down Automata, and Turing Machines as far as models of computation are concerned.
- (b) State Turing's Thesis (also known as The Church-Turing Thesis) and explain its meaning.
- (c) What does it mean for a language to be ambiguous and inherently ambiguous? Give an example of an inherently ambiguous language.
- (d) Define an algorithm.
- (e) What is the Universal Turing Machine?
- (f) Define Chomsky Normal Form and discuss its significance.

3. **Finite Automata:** (30 Points) Consider the following NFA, A .



- What are all the words of length 4 that are accepted by A ?
- Convert A to a DFA.

4. **Context-Free Languages, Grammars & Push-Down Automata:** (30 Points) Consider the context-free grammar G with $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ and rules,

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &\rightarrow abB \mid ab \\
 A &\rightarrow bB \mid \lambda \\
 B &\rightarrow abB \mid A \mid a
 \end{aligned}$$

- Remove all λ productions, unit productions, and useless productions.
- Convert the grammar to Chomsky Normal form.
- Convert the grammar to an NPDA.

5. **Turning Machines:** (15 Points) Do one of the following.

- Construct a Turing machine, by displaying its set of transitions, that will accept the language $L = \{w \mid n_a(w) = n_b(w)\}$, assume that $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$. Assume that the read/write head is on the far left character of w at the start. The only thing on the tape at the start is the word w with spaces before and after it.
- Construct a Turing machine, by displaying its set of transitions, that will accept the language $L = \{ww^R \mid w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$, assume that $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$. Assume that the read/write head is on the far left character of w at the start. The only thing on the tape at the start is the word w with spaces before and after it.

6. **Turning Machines:** (15 Points) Do one of the following.

- Construct a Turing machine, by displaying its set of transitions, that will compute the function, $f(x) = \lfloor \frac{x}{2} \rfloor$, where x is on the tape in unary form and there is a blank before and after x . Assume that the read/write head is on the far left digit of x at the start and return it there when the machine is finished.
- Create a Turing machine, by displaying its set of transitions, that will take a binary number on the tape and subtract one from it. It assumed that there is a number on the tape that is greater than or equal to 1, and that the read/write head is on the far right digit of the number. The machine is to subtract one from the number on the tape (in binary) and return the read/write head to the far right digit of the number.

7. **Membership and Non-membership:** (15 Points) Do one of the following.

- (a) Prove or disprove that the language $L = \{a^n b^{3n} \mid \text{where } n \text{ is a positive integer}\}$ is regular.
- (b) Prove or disprove that the language $L = \{a^{2^n} \mid \text{where } n \text{ is a positive integer}\}$ is regular.

8. **Membership and Non-membership:** (15 Points) Do one of the following.

- (a) Prove or disprove that the language $L = \{a^n b^{n^2} c^{n^3} \mid n \geq 0\}$ is context-free.
- (b) Prove or disprove that the language $L = \{a^n b^m c^k \mid 3n + 2m = k\}$ is context-free.

9. **General Computability Results:** (15 Points) Do one of the following.

- (a) Prove that the cardinality of the set of all Turing machines is countable.
- (b) Prove that the cardinality of the power set of a set A is strictly greater than the cardinality of A .
- (c) Prove that the set of all real numbers, \mathbb{R} , is uncountable.

10. **General Computability Results:** (15 Points) Do one of the following.

- (a) Prove that there exists a function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ that is not partial Turing computable.
- (b) Define the Halt (H) program as we did in class and then prove that it does not exist.