

Automi, Linguaggi e Traduttori. 16 September 2008. Precision and clarity are important. Document your program of Exercise 1 and motivate your constructions and answers. Exercise 1 is compulsory.

1. (6) Write a C++ or Java program for testing whether or not a word in  $\{a, b, c\}^*$  is generated by the grammar with axiom  $S$  and the following productions:

$$S \rightarrow AS \mid a \quad A \rightarrow aAb \mid \varepsilon$$

Determine the time complexity and space complexity of your program.

2. (4) Define a notion of “the power of a pushdown automaton” and show that for that notion of power, the *deterministic* pushdown automata have strictly less power than the *nondeterministic* pushdown automata.

3. (3) Construct the Greibach normal form of the grammar with axiom  $T$  and the following productions:

$$T \rightarrow F \mid T \times F \quad F \rightarrow (T) \mid a$$

4. (3) Construct an *LALR*(1) parser, if any, for the context-free grammar with axiom  $S$  and the following productions:  $S \rightarrow aA \mid bB$   $A \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid cAd$   $B \rightarrow \varepsilon$

5. (4) Find *all* (not *some*) formulas  $P(x, y)$ , which may depend on  $x$  and  $y$ , such that the Hoare’s triple  $\{y > 1\} x := 0; \text{ while } y > x \wedge P(x, y) \text{ do } x := y - 1 \{x = 0 \wedge y > 1\}$  holds.

6. (3) Define a set  $\mathcal{C}$  of context-free languages which has more than three languages and  $\mathcal{C}$  is a boolean algebra with respect to the three operations: (i)  $\_ \cup \_$  as lub, (ii)  $\_ \cap \_$  as glb, and (iii)  $\Sigma^* - \_$  as complement.

7. (3) Define a problem (that is, a set of words)  $P$  such that  $P$  is not semidecidable and the negation of  $P$  is semidecidable. (For instance, given the problem  $\{x \mid x \text{ is a prime number}\}$ , its negation is  $\{x \mid x \text{ is not a prime number}\}$ .)

8. (4) Illustrate a parsing algorithm for operator precedence grammars.

**Nota.** Tra parentesi sono indicati i punti per ogni esercizio. Le due prove in itinere valgono, di norma, 4+4 punti. Per la prova orale, si presenti: (i) il programma fatto da solo/a di cui all’Esercizio 1 con alcune prove di esecuzione, (ii) un elaborato con la soluzione degli altri esercizi fatti da solo/a e (iii) se possibile, si venga con un portatile ove siano installati e pronti per l’esecuzione i programmi relativi alle due prove in itinere.

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