Midterm I - Solution
CS164, Spring 2014

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- Please read all instructions (including these) carefully.
- **This is a closed-book exam. You are allowed a one-page handwritten cheat sheet.**
- Write your name, login, and SID.
- There are TODO pages in this exam and 3 questions, each with multiple parts. If you get stuck on a question move on and come back to it later.
- You have 1 hour and 15 minutes to work on the exam.
- Please write your answers in the space provided on the exam, and clearly mark your solutions. You may use the backs of the exam pages as scratch paper. **Do not** use any additional scratch paper.
- Solutions will be graded on correctness and ***clarity***. Each problem has a relatively simple and straightforward solution. Partial solutions will be graded for partial credit.
- No electronic devices are allowed, including **cell phones** used merely as watches. Silence your cell phones and place them in your bag.

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Problem	**Max points**	**Points**
1	28	
2	24	
3	48	
Sub Total	100	

1 Regular Expressions and Finite Automata

Consider a small language using only the letters “z”, “o”, and the slash character “/”. A comment in this language starts with “/o” and ends after the very next “o/”.

(a) Give a regular expression that matches exactly one complete comment and nothing else. Assume comments do not nest. For full credit, use only the core notations: ε, “ab”, AB, A|B, and A^* **[8 points]**

Consider the language over the alphabet Σ = {a,b} containing strings in which number of 'a's is a multiple of 3 or number of 'b's is a multiple of 2.

(b) Write a regular expression for this language. **[4 points]**

(c) Write an NFA for this language. **[4 points]**

(d) Write a DFA with at most 6 states for this language **[4 points]**

(3) Can we construct a regular expression for a language over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{a,b\}$ whose strings have equal number of occurrences of a and b? Explain. **[4 points]**

2 LL Parsing

Consider the following grammar with terminals *, !, n, (, and).

$$\begin{array}{lcl} E & \rightarrow & F\ H \\ H & \rightarrow & *\ E \mid \epsilon \\ F & \rightarrow & F\ ! \mid G \\ G & \rightarrow & n \mid (E) \end{array}$$

(a) The grammar is not LL(1). Explain in one sentence why **[2 points]**

(b) Fix the grammar to make it LL(1) by filling in the blanks below **[4 points]**

$$\begin{array}{lcl@{\qquad}lcl} E & \rightarrow & F\ H & F & \rightarrow & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \\ H & \rightarrow & *\ E \mid \epsilon & K & \rightarrow & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \\ G & \rightarrow & n \mid (E) & K & \rightarrow & \_\_\_\ \ \_\_\_\_ \end{array}$$

(c) Compute the first and the follow set of the fixed grammar **[8 points]**

	First	Follow
E		
F		
G		
H		
K		

(d) Compute LL(1) parsing table **[10 points]**

	*	!	(	)	$	n
E						
F						
G						
H						
K						

3 LR Parsing and Ambiguity

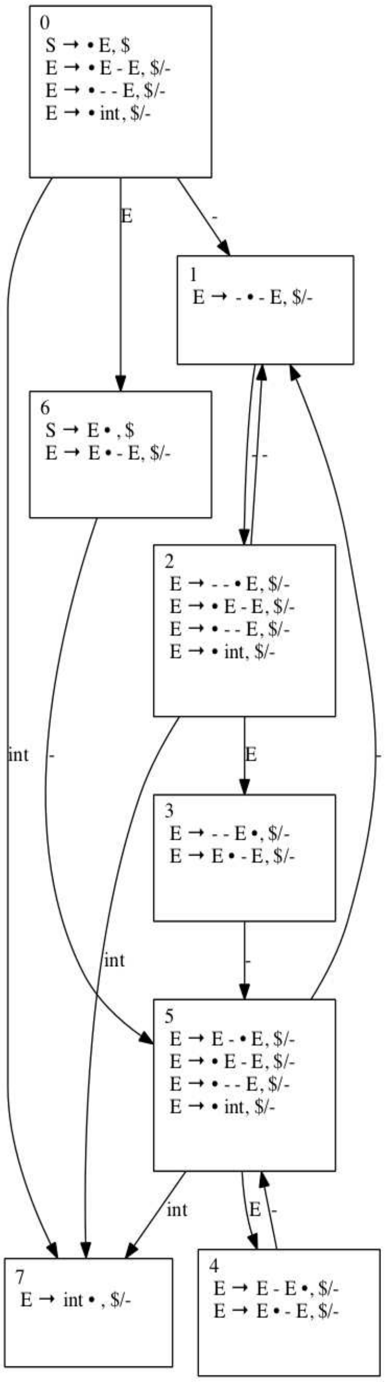
Consider the following grammar with terminals - (the negation operator) and *int*.

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow E \\ E \rightarrow E - E \mid - - E \mid int \end{array}$$

(a) Draw all the parse trees for the string ***int - - - int - int*** **[6 points]**

(b) Is this grammar ambiguous? Why or why not? **[2 point]**

(reduction labels)

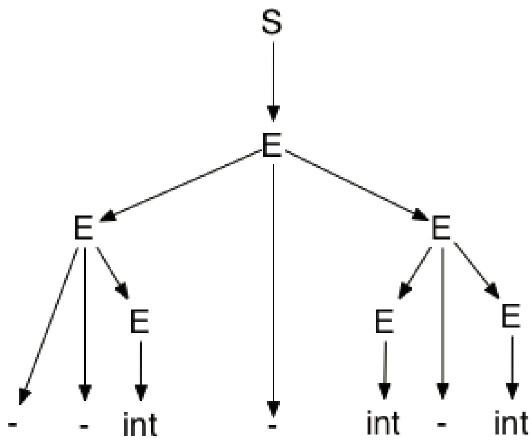


(c) Complete the above partial LR(1) DFA for the grammar. **[16 points]**

- Fill in items of all states by performing closure operation. (6)
- Fill in missing transition labels on all edges (4)
- Write the necessary "reduce by … on … " labels on states (2)
- Add missing transition edges *(Hint: State 2 and State 5)* (4)

(d) For each state with a conflict, list the state, the lookahead token, and the type of conflict (i.e. shift-reduce conflict, or reduce-reduce conflict). **[4 points]**

Suppose we want the string **- - int - int - int** to have only the following parse tree (call this property P).



(e) Describe in English the precedence and associativity rules necessary to ensure property P.
[4 points]

(f) Explain, for each conflict in the LR(1) parsing DFA for this grammar, how it should be resolved to ensure property P. **[4 points]**

(g) Rewrite the grammar to an equivalent unambiguous grammar to ensure property P. Two grammars are equivalent when they accept the same language. **[8 points]**

(h) The Cool grammar has an ambiguity introduced by *let-expression*. Give an example illustrating the ambiguity associated with *let-expression*. **[4 point]**