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**Problem 1.** (80 points) Let A be the language of the regular expression  $0*10 \cup 1*0$ .

- (a) Construct an NFA that accepts A.
- (b) Determinize your NFA.
- (c) Minimize the resulting DFA.
- (d) What is the index of A?
- (e) What is the index of the complement of A?

For part (a), you should follow the algorithm for converting a regular expression to an NFA, but you are allowed to take short-cuts that omit  $\varepsilon$ -transitions. For part (b), use the subset construction. For part (c), use the minimization algorithm.

**Problem 2.** (40 points) Let A be the language over the alphabet  $\{(,),[,]\}$  that contains all balanced strings of parentheses and brackets. For example,  $(([]))[] \in A$  and  $[] \notin A$ .

- (a) Give a CFG that generates A.
- (b) Give the transition diagram of a PDA that accepts A.

**Problem 3.** (80 points) For two languages A and B, we define the two languages

$$Split(A, B) = \{x_1yx_2 \mid x_1x_2 \in A \text{ and } y \in B\}$$

and

$$SymSplit(A, B) = \{x_1yx_2 \mid x_1x_2 \in A \text{ and } y \in B \text{ and } 0 \le |x_1| - |x_2| \le 1\}.$$

For  $A = 0^*$  and  $B = 1^*$ , describe Split(A, B) and SymSplit(A, B) in words. Then prove or disprove each of the following four statements:

- (a) If A and B are regular, then Split(A, B) is regular.
- (b) If A and B are regular, then Split(A, B) is context-free.
- (c) If A and B are regular, then SymSplit(A, B) is regular.
- (d) If A and B are regular, then SymSplit(A, B) is context-free.

To prove (a), given finite automata that accept A and B, construct a finite automaton that accepts Split(A, B). To disprove (a), find specific languages A and B for which you can use the pumping lemma for regular languages to show that Split(A, B) is not regular. To prove (b), given finite automata that accept A and B, construct a pushdown automaton that accepts Split(A, B). To disprove (b), find specific languages A and B for which you can use the pumping lemma for context-free languages to show that Split(A, B) is not context-free.

**Problem 4.** (40 points) Consider the following three languages:

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A_1 = \{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a Turing machine that halts on at least one input } \}

A_2 = \{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a Turing machine that halts on at most one input } \}

A_3 = \{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a Turing machine that halts on exactly one input } \}
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Which of these languages are recursive, which are r.e., which are co-r.e., and which are neither? You need to justify your answers briefly. You may assume that TMMEMBERSHIP is r.e. but not recursive, TMEMPTINESS is co-r.e. but not recursive, and TMUNIVERSALITY is neither r.e. nor co-r.e.

**Problem 5.** (80 points) Let f be a monotonically increasing computable function from N to N; that is, f(n) < f(n+1) for all natural numbers  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $range(f) = \{y \mid (\exists x) f(x) = y\}$ . Prove or disprove each of the following two statements:

- (a) range(f) is recursive.
- (b) range(f) is r.e.

Let g be any computable function, from  $\Sigma^*$  to  $\Sigma^*$  for some alphabet  $\Sigma$ . Prove or disprove each of the following two statements:

- (c) range(g) is recursive.
- (d) range(g) is r.e.

**Problem 6.** (80 points) A linear inequality has the form

$$a_0x_0 + a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n \le b$$

or

$$a_0x_0 + a_1x_1 + \cdots + a_nx_n \ge b$$
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where  $a_0, \ldots, a_n, b$  are integer constants, and  $x_0, \ldots, x_n$  are variables. A linear formula combines linear inequalities using the boolean operations of AND, OR, and NOT. A linear formula is  $\{0, 1\}$ -satisfiable if the formula can be made true by assigning to each variable either 0 or 1. For example, the linear formula

$$(3x_0 + 2x_1 \le 1 \lor -2x_0 + x_1 \ge 1) \land x_0 \le 0$$

is  $\{0,1\}$ -satisfiable (take  $x_0 = 0$  and  $x_1 = 1$ ); the linear formula

$$3x_0 + 2x_1 < 2 \land x_0 > 1$$

is not  $\{0,1\}$ -satisfiable. For each of the following three problems, either prove that the problem is in P, or that it is NP-complete, or that it is not in NP:

- (a) Given a disjunction of linear inequalities, is it  $\{0, 1\}$ -satisfiable?
- (b) Given a conjunction of linear inequalities, is it  $\{0, 1\}$ -satisfiable?
- (c) Given a linear formula, is it  $\{0, 1\}$ -satisfiable?

You need to justify your answers. You may assume that 3SAT, CLIQUE, HAMPATH, and SUBSETSUM are NP-complete.