CECS 329, Quiz 1, Friday, Fall 2025, Dr. Ebert

IMPORTANT: READ THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS.

- For each problem, write your solution using ONE SHEET OF PAPER ONLY (BOTH FRONT AND BACK). Write NAME and PROBLEM NUMBER on each sheet.
- Write solutions to different problems on **SEPARATE SHEETS** of paper.

Unit 2 LO Problems

LO4. Answer the following.

(a) Consider the 3SAT instance

$$C = \{c_1 = (x_1, x_2, x_3), c_2 = (\overline{x}_1, \overline{x}_2, \overline{x}_3), c_3 = (\overline{x}_1, x_2, x_3), c_4 = (x_1, \overline{x}_2, \overline{x}_3)\}.$$

and the mapping reduction $f: \mathtt{3SAT} \to \mathtt{DHP}$ from $\mathtt{3SAT}$ to Directed Hamilton Path that was presented in lecture.

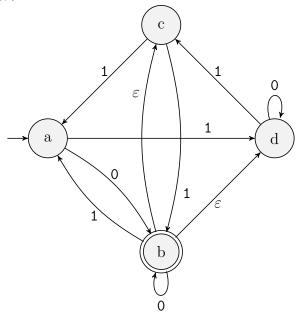
- i. Consider the vertices labeled as lc_3 and rc_3 that appear in the x_2 -diamond chain of graph $G = f(\mathcal{C})$. Draw each of these vertices along with vertex c_3 and draw the edges that exist between these three vertices. Explain why your drawing is correct. Hint: one of the edges is bidirectional.
- ii. Does G have a Hamilton Path? Defend your answer. If yes, then provide a **trip itinerary** for such a path, meaning a description of the direction of travel (left-to-right or right-to-left) through each diamond, and which clauses are visited in each diamond.
- (b) Answer the following regarding the mapping reduction from SAT to 3SAT that uses the Tseytin transformation.
 - i. If the Boolean formula $F(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 \vee \overline{x}_2) \wedge (x_2 \wedge \overline{x}_3)$, then provide the initial Boolean formula that is satisfiability equivalent to F. Hint: this formula uses "double arrows".
 - ii. By using the steps of the Tseytin transformation described in lecture, show how to convert the Boolean formula $y \leftrightarrow (x_1 \wedge \overline{x}_3)$ to a collection of **3SAT** clauses. Hint: this part is unrelated to the formula F described in part i.

LO5. Do the following.

- (a) Consider the language L of all words w over the alphabet $\{a,b\}$ for which w begins with an and ends with bb. Provide a DFA M that accepts L.
- (b) Demonstrate the computation of M on inputs i) w_1 = aababbb and ii) w_2 = aaabbab. For each computation, indicate whether w is accepted or rejected.

LO6. Do the following.

(a) For the NFA N whose state diagram is shown below, provide a state transition table for N.



- (b) Use the table from part b to convert N to an equivalent DFA M using the method of subset states. Draw M's state diagram.
- (c) Show the computation of M on input word w = 100010. Is w accepted?

Makeup Problems

LO1. Do/answer the following.

(a) Draw the implication graph $G_{\mathcal{C}}$ associated with the 2SAT instance

$$\mathcal{C} = \{ (\overline{x}_1, x_4), (x_1, \overline{x}_5), (\overline{x}_2, \overline{x}_3), (\overline{x}_2, x_4), (x_2, x_6), (x_3, x_4), (\overline{x}_3, x_6), (\overline{x}_4, \overline{x}_5), (\overline{x}_4, x_5) \}.$$

- (b) Perform the Improved 2SAT algorithm by computing the necessary reachability sets. Use numerical order (in terms of the variable index) and positive literal before negative literal when choosing the reachability set to compute next. Draw the resulting reduced 2SAT instance whenever a consistent reachability set is computed. Either provide a final satisfying assignment for \mathcal{C} or indicate why \mathcal{C} is unsatisfiable.
- (c) If an instance \mathcal{C} has 336 variables and 2027 clauses, then what is the worst-case number of queries that must be made to the Reachability oracle in order to confirm that \mathcal{C} is unsatisfiable? Explain.

LO2. Do the following.

(a) Provide the definition of what it means to be a mapping reduction from problem A to problem B. Hint: do *not* assume that A and B are decision problems.

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- (b) Recall the mapping reduction $f: SP \to SS$ from Set Partition to Subset Sum. Compute f(S) in case $S = \{5, 11, 13, 23\}$.
- (c) Verify that f is a valid mapping reduction for input S of part S in the sense that both S and f(S) are either both positive instances or both negative instances of their respective problems. Your answer should be specific to S provided above. For example, if both are positive (respectively, negative) instances, then provide evidence of this.
- LO3. An instance \mathcal{C} of CNF-SAT is a set of clauses $\{c_1,\ldots,c_m\}$ where each clause $c_i,\ i=1,\ldots,m$, is of the form $l_{i1}\vee\cdots\vee l_{ik_i}$, where $1\leq k_i\leq n$ and each $l_{ij},\ 1\leq j\leq k_i$, is a literal from the set $\{x_1,\overline{x}_1,\ldots,x_n,\overline{x}_n\}$, $1\leq k_i\leq n$. The problem is to decide if there is an assignment α over variables $\{x_1,\ldots,x_n\}$ for which α satisfies each clause c_i , meaning that $\alpha(l_{ij})=1$ for some $1\leq j\leq k_i$. Thus, a certificate for CNF-SAT is such an assignment α . The following pseudocode is used by a verifier that decides if assignment α satisfies instance \mathcal{C} .

For each $i \in \{1, \ldots, m\}$

found = 0. //We have yet to find a literal of c_i that is assigned 1.

For each $j \in \{1, \ldots, k_i\}$

If $\alpha(l_i) = 1$,

- · found = 1 //Found a literal l_{ij} of c_i that is assigned 1.
- · Break out of the inner loop.

If found = 0, return 0.

Return 1.

- (a) Provide size parameters for the CNF-SAT problem and describe what each represents in relation to a CNF-SAT problem instance. Hint: there are two of them. (6 pts)
- (b) Use the size parameters to provide the big-O number of steps that is required by the verifier to check the validity of a certificate. Justify your answer. (7 pts)
- (c) Classify each of the following problems as being in P, NP, or co-NP (3 points each).
 - i. An instance of One Subsequence Sum (OSS) is an array of integers a and the problem is to decide if there are indices $0 \le i < j < n$ for which

$$a[i] + a[i+1] + \dots + a[j] = 1.$$

ii. An instance of Subset Sum Avoidance (SSA) is a pair (S,t), where S is a set of natural numbers and $t \geq 0$ is a natural number. The problem is to decide if all subsets $A \subseteq S$ have the property that

$$\sum_{a \in A} a \neq t.$$

iii. An instance of Fallacy is a Boolean formula $F(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ and the problem is to decide if F is a fallacy, meaning that $F(\alpha) = 0$ for every assignment α over the variables x_1, \ldots, x_n .

iv. An instance of Word Cover is a pair (S,k), where $S=\{w_1,\ldots,w_n\}$ is a set of n binary words, each having fixed length $m\geq 1$, and $k\geq 0$ is a natural number. The problem is to decide if there is a subset $A\subseteq S$ for which |A|=k and

$$\sum_{w \in A} w = \underbrace{1 \cdots 1}_{\text{m times}},$$

where each sum is computed using bitwise-OR. For example, 1001 + 1010 = 1011.