Homework 5: CFGs and PDAs

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Instructions

Please note that you will lose one point if you don't follow these instructions.

- You can prepare your solutions however you like, but you must submit them as a single PDF file.
- Please name your PDF as follows:
 - If you're making a complete submission, name your PDF file netid-hw5.pdf, where netid is replaced with your NetID.
 - If you're submitting some problems now and want to submit other problems later, name your PDF file netid-hw5-1234.pdf, where 1234 is replaced with the problems you are submitting at this time.
 - If you use the same name twice, only the most recent version will be graded!
- Submit your PDF file in Sakai. Don't forget to click the Submit (or Resubmit) button!

Problems

Each problem is worth 7 points. An additional one point is for legibility, and one point for following the submission instructions.

- 1. **Designing CFGs.** For each of the following languages, write a context-free grammar that generates it:
 - (a) [Exercise 2.4e] $\{w \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid w = w^R\}$
 - (b) $\{0^m 1^n 0^n 1^m \mid m, n \ge 0\}$
 - (c) [Exercise 2.6b] The complement of $\{0^n 1^n \mid n \ge 0\}$. (Use the fact, which we saw a while back in class, that this is equal to $\{0^m 1^n \mid m \ne n\} \cup \{w \mid w \text{ contains } 10\}$.)

2. Designing a PDA [Problem 2.23]. In this problem, you will show that the following language over $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ is context-free:

$$D = \{xy \mid x, y \in \Sigma^*, |x| = |y|, x \neq y\}$$

Do this in two steps:

(a) Show that another way of writing D is

$$D = \{uavwbz \mid u, v, w, z \in \Sigma^*, |u| = |v|, |w| = |z|; a, b \in \Sigma, a \neq b\}.$$

- (b) Write a pushdown automaton for D.
- 3. Arithmetic expressions. Consider the grammar G_4 for arithmetic expressions:

$$\begin{split} E &\to E + T \mid T \\ T &\to T \times F \mid F \\ F &\to (E) \mid \mathbf{a} \end{split}$$

- (a) Modify the grammar to allow an exponentiation operator ↑. It should have higher precedence than multiplication; that is, in the parse tree of the string a × a ↑ a, there should be a subtree for a ↑ a and not for a × a. It should be right-associative; that is, in the parse tree of the string a ↑ a ↑ a, there should be a subtree for the string a ↑ a ↑ a, there should be a subtree for the second a ↑ a and not for the first.
- (b) [Exercise 2.11] Convert the *original* grammar to a PDA using the construction in the proof of Lemma 2.21.
- 4. **PDA to CFG.** Convert the PDA in Example 2.18 (here modified to meet the requirements of the proof of Lemma 2.27) to a CFG:



You don't need to include unreachable nonterminals.