

# Automata and Formal Languages

## Homework Set 5

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**Problem 1** Prove that the class of context-free languages is not closed under the complement by following these steps:

1. Show that both  $A = \{a^m b^n c^n \mid m, n \geq 0\}$  and  $B = \{a^n b^n c^m \mid m, n \geq 0\}$  are context free;
2. Show that the intersection of  $A$  and  $B$  is not context free;
3. Show that if a class of languages is closed under union and complement, it is also closed under intersection;
4. Show that the class of context-free languages is not closed under complement by the result that  $A \cap B$  is not context free.

**Problem 2** Convert the CFG

$$S \rightarrow aS \mid aSbS \mid \epsilon$$

into an equivalent PDA.

**Problem 3** Let  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$  be the following grammar.  $V = \{S, T, U\}; \Sigma = \{0, \#\}$ ; and  $R$  is the set of rules:

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow TT \mid U \\ T &\rightarrow 0T \mid T0 \mid \# \\ U &\rightarrow 0U00 \mid \# \end{aligned}$$

Prove that  $L(G)$  is not regular.

**Problem 4** Show that  $L = \{0^n 1^m \mid m \leq n^2\}$  is not a context-free language.

**Problem 5** Show that  $L = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid k = \max\{i, j\}\}$  is not a context-free language.

**Problem 6** Let  $R$  be a regular language and  $C$  be a context-free language. Prove that the language  $R \cap C$  is context free. (Hint: Modify the proof of Theorem 1.12.)