

Read each problem **very carefully** before starting to solve it. Each problem is worth 5 points. It is necessary to show **all** your work. Correct answers without explanations are worth 0 points. GOOD LUCK!!

1. Fill in the missing information in formal notation (not in verbal descriptions):

(a)

$$\{a, b, c\} \times \{A, B\} \times \{0, 1\} = \{(a, A, 0), (a, A, 1), (a, B, 0), (a, B, 1), \\ (b, A, 0), (b, A, 1), (b, B, 0), (b, B, 1), \\ (c, A, 0), (c, A, 1), (c, B, 0), (c, B, 1)\};$$

(b)  $\text{tail}(\langle\langle a, \rangle\rangle, \langle a \rangle, \langle a, b \rangle) = \langle\langle a \rangle, \langle a, b \rangle\rangle;$

(c)

$$\text{cons}(\langle a \rangle, \text{tail}(\text{tail}(\langle\langle a, \rangle\rangle, \langle a \rangle, \langle a, b \rangle))) = \text{cons}(\langle a \rangle, \text{tail}(\langle\langle a \rangle, \langle a, b \rangle\rangle)) \\ = \text{cons}(\langle a \rangle, \langle\langle a, b \rangle\rangle) \\ = \langle\langle a \rangle, \langle a, b \rangle\rangle.$$

(d)

$$L = \{aab, aabb, aabbb, \dots\} \cup \{abab, ababb, ababbb, \dots\} \\ \cup \{abbab, abbabb, abbabbb, \dots\} \cup \dots \\ = \{ab^m ab^n : m \geq 0, n > 0\}$$

2. (a) Let  $L$  be the language  $L = \{\Lambda, ab\}$  over the alphabet  $A = \{a, b\}$ .

(i)  $L^3 = \{\Lambda, ab, abab, ababab\}$

(ii)  $L^+ = \{(ab)^n : n \geq 0\}$

(b) Decide on whether the following statements are true or false and provide a proof (making sure to following a template closely):

(i)  $L(M \cap N) \subseteq LM \cap LN$ , for all languages  $L, M, N$  over some alphabet  $A$ .

This statement is True

Proof:

Let  $x \in L(M \cap N)$ .

Then  $x = \ell y$ , where  $\ell \in L$ ,  $y \in M \cap N$ .

So  $x = \ell y$ , where  $\ell \in L$  and  $y \in M$  and  $y \in N$ .

Thus,  $x \in LM$  and  $x \in LN$ .

So  $x \in LM \cap LN$ .

(ii)  $LM \cap LN \subseteq L(M \cap N)$ , for all languages  $L, M, N$  over some alphabet  $A$ .

This statement is False

Proof: Consider the languages  $L, M, N$  over  $A = \{a\}$ , defined as follows:

$$L = \{a, aa\}, \quad M = \{a\}, \quad N = \{\Lambda\}.$$

Then, we can easily check that

$$aa \in LM \cap LN; \\ aa \notin L(M \cap N) = \emptyset.$$

3. (a) Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a function. Define the following sets using formal notation:

(i) If  $S \subseteq A$ , then

$$f(S) = \{f(s) : s \in S\}$$

(ii) If  $T \subseteq B$ , then

$$f^{-1}(T) = \{a \in A : f(a) \in T\}$$

(b) In this part  $f$  denotes the function ceiling =  $\lceil \cdot \rceil$ . Find the following:

(i) The type of  $f$  is  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

(ii)  $f([2.3, 6.7]) = \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$

(iii)  $f^{-1}(\{-5, -4\}) = (-6, -4]$

(c) Consider the following statement:

For every function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and all subsets  $E, F \subseteq A$ ,

$$f(E \cap F) = f(E) \cap f(F).$$

The statement above is False

Proof: Consider the function  $f : \{a, b\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , defined by  $f(a) = f(b) = 0$ .

Let  $E = \{a\}$  and  $F = \{b\}$ .

Then we can easily check that:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\in f(E) \cap f(F) = f(\{a\}) \cap f(\{b\}); \\ 0 &\notin f(E \cap F) = f(\emptyset). \end{aligned}$$