

This homework is worth 10% of your grade. The points are equally distributed among the following problems. The questions are not ordered according to their difficulty. Undergraduates need not solve questions marked with asterisks (\*).

1. Let a  $k$ -PDA be a pushdown automaton that has  $k$  stacks. Thus a 0-PDA is an NFA and a 1-PDA is a conventional PDA. You already know that 1-PDAs are more powerful (recognize a larger class of languages) than 0-PDAs.
  - (a) Show that 2-PDAs are more powerful than 1-PDAs.
  - (b) Show that 3-PDAs are not more powerful than 2-PDAs. (Hint: Simulate a Turing machine tape with two stacks.)
  - (c) Describe the slowdown experienced by simulating a Turing machine by two stacks.
2. A *queue automaton* is like a push-down automaton except that the stack is replaced by a queue. A *queue* is a tape allowing symbols to be written only on the left-hand end and read only at the right-hand end. Each write operation (we'll call it a *push*) adds a symbol to the left-hand end of the queue and each read operation (we'll call it a *pull*) reads and removes a symbol at the right-hand end. As with a PDA, the input is placed on a separate read-only input tape, and the head on the input tape can move only from left to right. The input tape contains a cell with a blank symbol following the input, so that the end of the input can be detected. A queue automaton accepts its input by entering a special accept state at any time. Show that a language can be recognized by a deterministic queue automaton iff the language is Turing-recognizable.
3. Let  $L = \{\langle A \rangle : A \text{ is a DFA and } L(A) = \Sigma^*\}$ . Show that  $L$  is decidable.
4. Show that there exists a language over a unary alphabet that is Turing-recognizable but not Turing-decidable.
5. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be Turing-recognizable languages such that  $A \cup B = \Sigma^*$ . Show that there exists a decidable language  $C$  such that  $\overline{B} \subseteq C \subseteq A$ .
6. Let  $C$  be a language. Prove that  $C$  is Turing-recognizable iff a decidable language  $D$  exists such that  $C = \{x : \exists y, \langle x, y \rangle \in D\}$ .
7. Show that for any alphabet  $\Sigma$  there is a language  $L$  over  $\Sigma$  such that neither  $L$  nor  $\Sigma^* - L$  is Turing-acceptable.
- \* 8. Show that if a Turing machine  $M$  accepts each string  $w$  in  $L(M)$  after executing no more than  $|w| + 1$  steps, then  $L(M)$  must be regular.
- \* 9. Prove that the following decision problem is decidable.

Given an arbitrary CFG  $G$  and an arbitrary regular expression  $r$  as input, decide whether or not  $L(G) \subseteq L(r)$ .
- \* 10. Show that for CFL  $L$ , it is undecidable whether  $L = L^R$ .