

Automata Theory

Final Exam : 4 December 2008

1. Find a pushdown automaton that accepts

$$L = \{w_1cw_2 : w_1, w_2 \in \{a, b\}^* \text{ and } w_1 \neq w_2^R\}.$$

2. Find a pushdown automaton that is equivalent to the following grammar.

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aB \mid bA \mid \epsilon \\ A &\rightarrow a \mid aS \mid bAA \\ B &\rightarrow b \mid bS \mid aBB \end{aligned}$$

3. Describe a Turing machine that computes $n!$ when n is given in a unary notation.
4. Explain how the standard Turing machine simulates the 2-tape Turing machine. (Note that both Turing machines should halt on the same set of strings.)
5. Let $L_d = \{\langle M \rangle : \langle M \rangle \in L(M)\}$. Write the definition of \bar{L}_d , and prove that \bar{L}_d is not recursively enumerable. Assume that $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$.
6. Prove that the following language is undecidable.

$$\{\langle M \rangle : L(M) \text{ is a context-free language}\}$$