

# Talen en Automaten

Test 2, Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2017  
8h30 – 11h30

This test consists of **5** problems over **2** pages. Explain your approach, and **write your answers to the exercises on a separate folio (double pages) as indicated..** You can score a maximum of 100 points, and each question indicates how many points it is worth. The test is closed book. You are NOT allowed to use a calculator, a computer or a mobile phone. You may answer in Dutch or in English. Please write clearly, and do not forget to put on each page: your name and your student number.

**Notation** Throughout the test, we denote for any alphabet  $A$ ,  $w \in A^*$  and  $a \in A$  by  $|w|_a$  the number of  $a$ 's in  $w$ , as it was introduced in the lecture. Moreover, recall that  $v$  is a *subword* of  $w$  if  $w = xvy$  for some words  $x, y$ .

Write your answers to Problems 1 and 2 on a separate folio (double page)

## Problem 1.

Consider the following languages over the alphabet  $A := \{a, b, c\}$ .

- $L_1 = \{wcvcz \mid w, v, z \in \{a, b\}^* \text{ and } |w|_a = |v|_a = |z|_a\}$ .
- $L_2 = \{w \mid w \text{ does not contain } bb \text{ as subword}\}$ .
- $L_3 = \{wb^n \mid |w|_b = n, n \geq 0\}$

One of  $L_1, L_2, L_3$  is regular, one is context-free but not regular and one is not context free.

- a) Which of the languages is regular? Show this by giving a regular grammar for this language. **(8pt)**
- b) Which of the languages is context free but not regular? Give a context free grammar for this language. **(8pt)**
- c) Is  $L_2 \cap L_3$  regular? If so, give a regular grammar for it. Otherwise argue that it is not regular. (You don't have to give a full proof.) **(8pt)**

## Problem 2.

Consider the following context-free grammar  $G$  over  $\{a, b, c\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aSb \mid CX \mid \lambda \\ C &\rightarrow cC \mid \lambda \\ X &\rightarrow Sc \end{aligned}$$

- a) Indicate for the following words if they are generated by  $G$ :  $ab, aabba, abab$ . Explain your answer. (So give a derivation in case the word is in  $\mathcal{L}(G)$  and otherwise give an argument why it is not.) **(6pt)**
- b) Use the procedure from the lecture to construct a PDA (push-down automaton) that accepts the language generated by  $G$ . **(8pt)**
- c) Can all words of the shape  $(ac)^n ab(cb)^n$  (with  $n \geq 0$ ) be produced by  $G_1$ ? Prove your answer. **(7pt)**

Write your answers to Problems 3 and 4 on a separate folio (double page)

**Problem 3.**

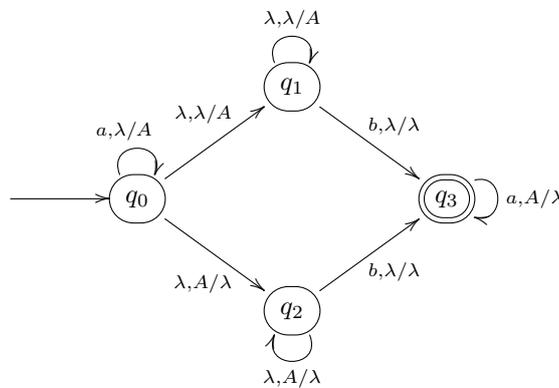
Consider the following language over the alphabet  $A = \{a, b\}$ .

$$L = \{(ab)^n w \mid w \text{ contains } n \text{ copies of } ab \text{ as subword, for some } n \geq 0\}$$

- a) Give a PDA that accepts  $L$ . (10pt)
- b) Show that  $abaabb$  and  $abbab$  are accepted by your automaton, by giving the accepting computations. (4pt)
- c) Show that  $ababab$  is not accepted by your automaton. (4pt)

**Problem 4.**

We define the PDA  $M$ , with input alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  and stack alphabet  $\Gamma = \{A\}$ , as follows.



- a) Show that  $aaba$  and  $abaa$  are accepted by  $M$ . (4pt)
- b) Show that  $aabaa$  is not accepted by  $M$ . (4pt)
- c) Is  $M$  deterministic? Explain your answer. (4pt)
- d) Give a precise description of  $\mathcal{L}(M)$  using set notation. (10pt)

Write your answers to Problem 5 on a separate folio (double page)

**Problem 5.**

Let  $M$  be the PDA with

$Q = \{q_0, q_1\}$	$\delta(q_0, a, \lambda) = \{\langle q_0, A \rangle\}$
$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$	$\delta(q_0, b, \lambda) = \{\langle q_1, \lambda \rangle\}$
$\Gamma = \{A\}$	$\delta(q_1, a, A) = \{\langle q_1, \lambda \rangle\}$
$F = \{q_1\}$	$\delta(q_1, b, \lambda) = \{\langle q_1, \lambda \rangle\}$

- a) Draw a state diagram for  $M$ . (5pt)
- b) Construct a CFG  $G$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(M) = \mathcal{L}(G)$ . Explain your answer. (10pt)