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T-79.148 Introduction to Theoretical Computer Science (2 cr)
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Write down on each answer sheet:

- Your name, department, and study book number
- The text: “T-79.148 Introduction to Theoretical Computer Science 27.10.2005”
- The total number of answer sheets you are submitting for grading

1. Describe the following languages **both** in terms of regular expressions **and** in terms of deterministic finite automata:

- (a) $\{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w \text{ contains either } 010 \text{ or } 110 \text{ (or both) as a substring}\}$, 5p.
(b) $\{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w \text{ contains neither } 010 \text{ nor } 110 \text{ as a substring}\}$. 5p.

2. (a) Describe verbally the language generated by the following context-free grammar:

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow ASb \mid \varepsilon \\ A &\rightarrow aA \mid a \end{aligned}$$

- 5p.
- (b) Show that the grammar in part (a) is ambiguous. 5p.
(c) Design an unambiguous context-free grammar that generates the same language as the grammar in part (a). 5p.

3. (a) Design a context-free grammar that generates the language

$$L = \{a^m b^n \mid n \geq 0 \text{ and } m = n \text{ or } m = 2n\}.$$

- 7p.
- (b) Prove (precisely!) that the language in part (a) cannot be described by a regular expression. 8p.

4. (a) Define the notions of a recursive (“decidable”) and recursively enumerable (“semidecidable”, “Turing-recognisable”) language. What is the main difference between the two notions? 5p.

(b) Give an example of a language that is recursively enumerable, but not recursive. (You should provide a precise definition for the language, but need not prove any of its claimed properties.) 5p.

(c) Show that if a language $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ is recursive, then so is its complement language $\bar{L} = \Sigma^* - L$. 5p.

(d) Show that if a language $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ is recursively enumerable but not recursive, then its complement language $\bar{L} = \Sigma^* - L$ is not recursively enumerable. (In proving this claim you may assume as known any auxiliary results that have been presented in your textbook.) 5p.

Total 60p.