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**You should answer the Problem 1 directly on this sheet. Please write your name on the exam and return it with the blue book. Do the rest of the problems in the blue book.** The points total 100.

$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ ,  $D$  is a DFA and  $M$  is a Turing machine throughout. QBE is the set of all quantified boolean expressions, for example  $\forall x \exists y \forall z [(x \wedge y) \vee (\neg x \wedge \neg z)]$ .

PROBLEM 1 (25 points)

Fill the blank entries of the following table with YES, NO, or ?? (“currently unknown”). No explanations needed.

Language:	finite	regular	context-free	recursive	r.e.	P	NP
$\{ww^R : w \in \Sigma^*\}^*$							
$L(a^*b^*) \cap L(b^*a^*)$							
$\{\langle D_1, D_2 \rangle : L(D_1) \cup L(D_2) = \Sigma^*\}$		X	X				
True members of QBE			X				

PROBLEM 2 (32 points)

Answer each question briefly, by arguing the positive or giving a counterexample.

- (A) The complement of a context-free language is necessarily recursive.
- (B) It is possible to determine algorithmically whether a DFA accepts only finitely many strings.
- (C) It is currently unknown whether every NP language is recursive.
- (D) The set difference between two languages in P is also in P.

PROBLEM 3 (10 points)

Draw a DFA that accepts a string if and only if each occurrence of the substring  $aa$  is followed immediately by the substring  $bb$ .

PROBLEM 4 (10 points)

Draw a diagram showing the relations among these language classes: recursive, r.e., co-r.e., P, NP, NP-complete, co-NP,

- (A) on the assumption that  $P = NP$ ;
- (B) on the assumption that  $P \neq NP$

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PROBLEM 5 (10 points)

Show that  $\{\langle M, w, 1^k \rangle : M \text{ halts on input } w \text{ in at most } k \text{ time steps}\}$  is in  $\mathcal{P}$ .

PROBLEM 6 (10 points)

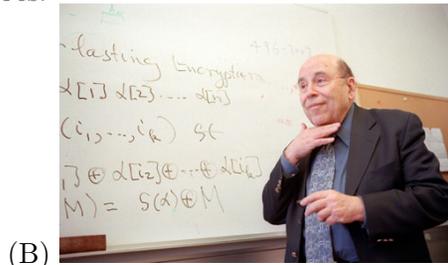
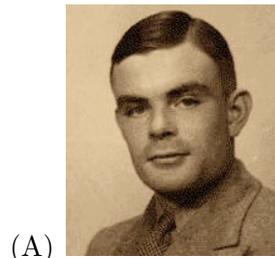
(A) Fill in the ellipsis (...), defining any terms other than “graph,” “node,” and “edge”:

$$\text{VERTEX COVER} = \{\langle G, k \rangle : \dots\}$$

(B) We proved in class that VERTEX COVER is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete. Does it matter whether  $k$  is represented in unary or binary? Why or why not?

PROBLEM 7 (3 points)

Name these CS121 heroes:



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