CS 332 - Homework 2

Due: Thursday, February 7

You should keep an extra copy of all your homeworks if you do not typeset the answers. To turn in HW 2 and all future homework you should use Gradescope. If needed Gradescope will be reviewed next Monday in the lab sections. Just ask Jaiyu.

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Reading: Chapter 3, section 3.2 and 3.3 of the Sipser textbook, pages 176-187 And chapter 4, section 4.1, pages 194-201

PROBLEMS: Answer the following 6 questions.

1. For each of the following sets L say whether they are languages and briefly say why or why not.
   
i. \( L = \{ \text{the binary string } b_0, b_1, b_2, ..., |b_i| = 1 \text{ whenever the } i \text{ is a prime number } \} \)
   
ii. \( L = \{ \text{the real number } \pi \} \)
   
iii. \( L = \{2,3,4\}^* \)

2. Let \( A \) be any fixed finite set of 4 or more elements. Prove that the number of permutations of elements in \( A \) is greater than the number of subsets of elements of \( A \).

3. Consider the statement \((\forall x \in S)(\exists y \in S)(\exists z \in S) (y \leq x \land z \leq x \land yz = x)\).
   
i. Is this statement true when \( S = N^+ \)? \( S = N \)? When \( S = Z \)? When \( S = Q \)?
   
ii. Explain your answer for each question using no more than two sentences.

iii. What statement is the negation of each of the first statement above?

iv. Answer the 3 questions for the negation.
4. Consider the following 2 step procedure P and explain why P is not a legitimate algorithm of the kind we discussed in class.

P: The input to P is three natural numbers a, b, c.

Step 1. Try all possible assignments of natural numbers to a, b, c and for each of these possible settings test if \( a^3 + b^3 = c^3 \)

Step 2. If the test you make of the equation in 1 is ever true, then P outputs true, if all of the tests you make in 1 are false then P outputs false.

5. Answer problem 0.12 on page 27 of our textbook.

6. A k-clique in a graph G is complete subgraph of G with k vertices. (So for example, G has a 3-clique if it contains some triangle.)
   i. Give an example of a graph with a 4 clique but which doesn’t have a 5-clique.
   ii. Describe an algorithm which takes as input a graph G and which decides if G has a 3-clique or not.
   What is the order of the (time) complexity of your algorithm?