Programming Languages Sample Final Exam

Question 1

Give a regular expression for each of the following languages over $\Sigma = \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$.

- 1. All 5-digit integers that contain no leading zeros.
- 2. All positive integers that begin with 9 and that are multiples of 5.
- 3. All strings that begin with 9 and contain three consecutive 1s.

Question 2

Give a DFA for each of the languages in Question 1.

Question 3

Give a context-free grammar for each of the following languages over $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$.

- 1. a^*b^*
- 2. Strings that contain the same number of a's as b's.
- 3. $\{a^n b^{n+k} | 0 \le k\}$

Question 4

Consider the following grammar.

 $E \rightarrow E \text{ or } E \mid E \text{ and } E \mid \text{ not } E \mid (E) \mid x$

- 1. Prove that the grammar is ambiguous by giving an example sentence for which there are two or more parse trees.
- 2. Assume that the operators or and and are left-associative, the operator not is right associative, and that the operators have the precedence relation: not > and > or. Rewrite the grammar into one that does not have ambiguity and respects the associativity and the precedence of the operators.

Question 5

Write the following functions in Picat, Haskell, or Python *using recursion*. No higher-order functions or list comprehensions can be used in the implementations.

- 1. my_zip(lst1, lst2): Let lst1 be $[A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n]$, and lst2 be $[B_1, B_2, \ldots, B_n]$. This function returns the association list $[(A_1, B_1), (A_2, B_2), \ldots, (A_n, B_n)]$.
- lookup(alist, x): This function returns the value associated with x in the association list alist. For example,

lookup([('a', 1), ('b', 2), ('c', 3)], 'b')

returns 2.

3. replicate(lst, n): This function replicates the elements of lst n times. For example

replicate(['a','b','c'],3)

returns ['a','a','a','b','b','b','c','c','c'].

Question 6

Design a data structure for binary trees, and write the following functions on binary trees in Picat, Haskell, or Python.

- 1. leaves(tree): This function returns a list of leave values in tree from left to right.
- 2. deepest(tree): This function returns the value in a deepest node in tree. If there are multiple such values, then the function returns the left-most one.
- 3. min_max(tree): This function returns a pair (min, max), where min is the minimum element, and max is the maximum element in tree. Note that the tree may not be a binary search tree.