CS 373 Fall 2010 Quiz 5 Solutions

Lecture 1 - Mahesh

- 1. C. The language of G_* is $\{a^ib^jc^k \mid i \neq j \text{ or } j \neq k\}$. Choices (a) and (b) violate this format, while (c) can be derived. Note that derivations can have nonterminals in them.
- 2. A. A can make any number of a's.
- 3. B. A grammar is ambiguous if some string (in this case, *abbccc*) has two <u>parse trees</u>. In CFGs, you can often find strings that have multiple derivations but only one parse tree. Such strings do not make the grammar ambiguous.
- 4. C. The machine is in state q_1 , so it is reading braces and popping stack symbols. When it sees the] of the input, it pops another A from the stack and stays in q_1 . Eventually this computation will crash, but not within one step.
- 5. B. For some string of *As* put on the stack, the machine will pop some of them and then accept. Since pushing an *A* corresponds to input [and popping an *A* corresponds to input], the machine accepts (c).
- 6. C. LBAs accept context sensitive languages (CSLs). While all CSLs are decidable, it does not mean that every LBA must terminate on all inputs, so (a) is wrong. CSLs are a proper subset of Decidable languages, so (b) is wrong. CSLs are a proper superset of CFGs, so (c) is correct.

Lecture 2 - Gul

- 1. C. The language of G_* is $\{a^ib^jc^k\mid i=j \text{ or } j=k\}$. Choices (a) and (b) violate this format, while (c) can be derived. Note that derivations can have nonterminals in them.
- 2. A. C can make any number of c's.
- 3. B. A grammar is ambiguous if some string (in this case, *abc*) has two <u>parse trees</u>. In CFGs, you can often find strings that have multiple derivations but only one parse tree. Such strings do not make the grammar ambiguous.
- 4. C. The machine is in state q_1 , so it is reading braces and popping stack symbols. When it sees the [of the input, it pops another A from the stack and stays in q_1 . Eventually this computation will crash, but not within one step.

- 5. C. For some string of *A*s and *B*s put on the stack, the machine will pop some of them and then accept. Since *A*s and *B*s correspond to input [s and]s respectively, the machine accepts (c).
- 6. C. LBAs accept context sensitive languages (CSLs). While all CSLs are decidable, it does not mean that every LBA must terminate on all inputs, so (a) is wrong. CSLs are a proper subset of Decidable languages, so (b) is wrong. CSLs are a proper superset of CFGs, so (c) is correct.