

# CPSC 421/501 101 2020W Final Exam, Part 1

TOTAL POINTS

**23.5 / 28**

QUESTION 1

## 1 Question 1 5 / 8

- 0 pts Correct
- 2 pts Part a incorrect
- 2 pts Part b incorrect
- ✓ - 2 pts **Part c incorrect**
- 2 pts Part d incorrect
- 1 pts Part a partially correct
- ✓ - 1 pts **Part b partially correct**
- 1 pts Part c partially correct
- 1 pts Part d partially correct

QUESTION 2

## 2 Question 2 9 / 10

- 0 pts Correct
- ✓ - 1 pts **No indication of the worktape initial content**
- 1 pts No indication of tape alphabet
- 3 pts Incorrect/Non-existent explanation
- 1 pts Missing some rejection conditions in their transition function
- 1 pts transition function does not account for the tape beginning (case where input has length less than 3). [This is lenient given the technical error, but rewards the student for thinking of a different than DFA-style approach.]
- 1 pts Incomplete explanation (description is just  $\delta$  in words)
- 1 pts Empty string case is not handled
- 0.5 pts Minor mistake in state diagram
- 2 pts Treats accept/reject state the same as in DFAs
- 3 pts Missing state diagram ( $\delta$ )
- 10 pts incorrect

QUESTION 3

## 3 Question 3 9.5 / 10

- 0 pts Correct
- 2 pts No argument given to show that L is in NP.
- 0.25 pts To show that L is in NP, you are not iterating through all I; you are non-deterministically writing down I.
- 0.5 pts In proving L is in NP, you have not addressed the necessary condition that one of the  $m_i$  is divisible by 4.
- 0.25 pts Argument that L is in NP is vague about what is checked about the subset I of [s].
- 2 pts Argument that L is in NP must involve non-deterministic choices or a verifier that gives an I in [s].
- 0 pts Argument that L is in NP is vague about the term "certificate" -- it should be a subset of [s].
- 8 pts No reduction given; you have specify a function f of a SUBSET-SET (or some other NP-complete problem) instance which returns an instance of L.
- 7 pts Your choice of a function f of a SUBSET-SET instance to an instance of L will not work in either of both requirements: (1)  $w$  in SUBSET-SUM implies  $f(w)$  in L, and (2)  $w$  not in SUBSET-SUM implies  $f(w)$  not in L.
- 6 pts You need to specify a function f of a SUBSET-SET instance to an instance of L; it is not clear what is f.
- 4 pts Reduction is going the wrong way: you need to reduce SUBSET-SUM (or some other NP-complete problem) to L, rather than reduce L to some NP-complete language.
- 4 pts A reduction, f, from, SUBSET-SET to L is given, but the proof that  $w$  in SUBSET-SET iff  $f(w)$  in L has serious omissions/errors.
- 4 pts Some idea of a reduction, f, from, SUBSET-

SET to L is given, but the proof that  $w$  in SUBSET-SET iff  $f(w)$  in L has serious omissions.

- **3 pts** For  $f$  to be a reduction from L1 to L2 you must have that IF  $w$  IS NOT IN L1, THEN  $f(w)$  IS NOT IN L2. This reduction allows for the possibility that  $w$  is not in L1, but that  $f(w)$  is nonetheless in L2.

- **1.5 pts** For  $f$  to be a reduction from L1 to L2 you must have that IF  $w$  IS NOT IN L1, THEN  $f(w)$  IS NOT IN L2. You prove only that if  $w$  is in L1 then  $f(w)$  is in L2, but not conversely.

- **2 pts** Your reduction doesn't correctly address the condition that one of the  $m_i$  with  $i$  in I must be divisible by 4.

- **1 pts** Your reduction doesn't correctly address the condition that one of the  $m_i$  in I must be divisible by 4; the  $m_i$  are supposed to be positive integers, not 0.

- **2 pts** The instances of L must have positive integers.

- **0.5 pts** The instances of L must be positive integers, but this isn't the most serious problem.

- **1 pts** A subset sum question  $x_1, \dots, x_k, t$  does not have to have  $t$  written as  $u - 2020$ ; you seem to want to set  $u = 2020 + t$ .

- **5 pts** The argument that  $w$  in SUBSET-SUM iff  $f(w)$  in L not given.

**- 0.5 Point adjustment**

- ☛ This works if you replace  $4(t)$  in your construction parts 1 and 3 with  $4B$  where  $B$  is large (e.g., the sum of all the  $n_1, \dots, n_k$ ). But taking  $B = t$  may be too small if, for example,  $n_1 = t + 2020 + 4t \dots$