

**CS 420 Spring 2019**  
**Homework 9**

**Due: April 24**

Note: Numbers in square braces refer to the numbering in the second edition of the text.

1. Let  $F = \{\langle A \rangle \mid A \text{ is a DFA with input alphabet } \{0, 1\} \text{ and some string in } L(A) \text{ contains exactly three 1's}\}$ . Prove that  $F$  is decidable.
2. Let  $K = \{\langle A \rangle \mid A \text{ is a DFA with alphabet } \{a, b\} \text{ and } L(A) \text{ does not contain any string with exactly one more } a \text{ than } b\}$ . Show that  $K$  is decidable. (The solution to Problem 4.25 [4.23] is useful here.)
3. Let  $L = \{\langle P \rangle \mid P \text{ is a PDA with input alphabet } \{0, 1\} \text{ and no string in } L(P) \text{ contains exactly three 1's}\}$ . Prove that  $L$  is decidable.
4. Show that the set that consists of all finite sequences of natural numbers is countably infinite. In other words show that

$$\{s \mid \text{for some } n \geq 0 \text{ and natural numbers } a_1, \dots, a_n, s = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle\}$$

is a countably infinite set.

5. Let  $A$  be a countably infinite set,  $B$  be a set, and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be onto. Prove that  $B$  is countable.
6. An infinite sequence of natural numbers  $a(1)a(2)a(3)\dots$  is called *strictly increasing* if  $a(1) < a(2) < a(3) < \dots$ . Let  $B$  be the set of all strictly increasing sequences of natural numbers. Use diagonalization to prove that  $B$  is uncountable.
7. Let  $C$  be the set of infinite binary sequences  $a(1)a(2)a(3)\dots$  such that  $a(1) = a(3) = a(5) = \dots = 0$ . In other words a sequence in  $C$  can have either 0 or 1 in the even positions, but has to have 0 in the odd positions. Prove that  $C$  is uncountable.