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Write down on each answer sheet:

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- The text: “T-79.1002 Introduction to Theoretical Computer Science Y 26.10.2006 ”
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1. Which of the following claims are true (T) and which are false (F)?

- (a) Every context-free language can be described with a nondeterministic finite automaton. 2p.
- (b) The complement of a language recognized by a deterministic finite automaton can be described as a regular expression. 2p.
- (c) The intersection of a context-free language and a regular language is regular. 2p.
- (d) The complement of a regular language is context-free. 2p.

2. Show that each of the following languages is regular, for example by describing them as a regular expression or finite automaton:

- (a) $\{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid |w| \geq 2, |w| \text{ is odd}\}$, 5p.
- (b) $\{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid |w| \geq 3, w \text{ starts with } 010 \text{ or ends with } 110\}$, 5p.
- (c) $\{w \in \{a,b,c\}^* \mid w \text{ contains neither } ab \text{ nor } cc \text{ as a substring}\}$. 5p.

3. Consider strings over the alphabet $\{0,1\}$. Let $n_0(w)$ denote the number of 0s in the string w . Let

$$L_1 = \{0^i 1^j \mid i > j \geq 0\}$$

and

$$L_2 = \{w \mid n_0(w) \leq 3\}.$$

Give context-free grammars that produce L_1 and $L_1 \cup L_2$. 10p.

4. Justify the claim: if language $L \subseteq \{a,b,c\}^*$ can be recognized by a finite automaton, then so can language $L' \subseteq \{a,b\}^*$, that is obtained by replacing each c in the strings of L with the string ab . 7p.

Total 40p.