State Final Examination (Sample Questions)

Fall 2016

1 Morphological and Syntactic Analysis

- 1. In the context of native language processing (NLP), define what is "tagging" and "parsing".
- 2. Manually tag and parse the sentence "Time flies like an arrow."
- 3. Describe the automated tagging procedure based on Hidden Markov Models. Illustrate on the example sentence above.
- 4. Outline basic metrics for measuring the parsing output quality. Illustrate on the example sentence above.

2 Computer Architecture

- 1. Decide, as efficiently as possible, which of the following numbers are divisible by 8. Explain what you did.
 - (a) 0xF13C1C50
 - (b) 0x013C81C5
 - (c) 0x125928FD
 - (d) 0x5318C5E8
 - (e) 0x831D79FF
- 2. Assume we have two very different algorithms that both compute a solution to the same problem. In the first algorithm, the line that is executed by far the most frequently is:

a = b / 99;

In the second algorithm, the line that is executed by far the most frequently, and about as frequently as in the first algorithm, is:

a = b / 4;

In both algorithms, a and b are unsigned integer variables of standard size and / stands for integer division.

When the algorithms finally get to be translated into the machine code and run, which one would typically be faster and why ?

3. Assume we have an unsigned integer A of width N bits and an unsigned integer B of width M bits, N < 16 and M < 16. Assume the value of A is stored in the N low bits of a variable iA, and the value of B is stored in the M low bits of a variable iB. Other bits of both iA and iB are set to arbitrary values.

Your task is to write a program in C# or C++ or Java that will set the value of an output variable oC such that its N low bits contain the value of A, its next M low bits contain the value of B, and the other bits are zero.

Assume all variables are 32 bits wide.

3 Non-Procedural Programming

1. Assume the following Prolog predicates:

$\mathrm{male}\left(\mathrm{adam}\right).$	%	$adam \ is \ male$
$\mathrm{male}(\mathrm{hugo}).$	%	hugo is male
female (eve).	%	eve is female
parent (adam, hugo).	%	adam is a parent of hugo
parent (eve, hugo).	%	eve is a parent of hugo

 etc .

Write predicates father/2 and grandfather/2 with the following meaning:

- 2. How are lists defined in Prolog ?
- 3. Assume predicate concat/3 for concatenating two lists:

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\begin{array}{l} \textbf{concat}\left(\left[\right],L,L\right).\\ \textbf{concat}\left(\left[X|T\right],L,\left[X|S\right]\right):- \ \textbf{concat}\left(T,L,S\right). \end{array}
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What is the result of calling r(+I,-O), defined as follows (+I stands for input and -O for output)?

 $\begin{array}{l} r \; (\; [\;] \; , [\;] \;) \, . \\ r \; (\; [X|T] \; , L) \! : \! - \; r \; (T,T1) \, , \; \; \textbf{concat} \; (T1 \, , [X] \; , L) \, . \end{array}$

4. Do the following Prolog queries differ ?

4 Probability

- 1. Define a random real variable and its mean (expected value) over a finite probability space.
- 2. Formulate rules for the mean of the sum and of the product of two random real variables. Explain how these could be proved.
- 3. Maxmillian has three 20-cent, one 10-cent, two 5-cent, six 2-cent and three 1-cent coins (and no other).

He draws three coins at random, all at once. Calculate the mean of the total amount he drew.

5 Vector Spaces

- 1. Define isomorphism between vector spaces.
- 2. Consider a linear mapping $f: U \to V$ between vector spaces U and V. Suppose that any generator set of U is mapped on a generator set of V. Is the mapping f injective ?
- 3. Consider the linear mapping $f \colon \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ defined as

$$f(a, b, c) = (a + b + c, 2a + c, 2b + c).$$

Determine

- (a) the dimension of the image $f(\mathbb{R}^3)$,
- (b) the dimension of the kernel Ker(f),
- (c) whether f is injective (one-to-one),
- (d) whether f is surjective (onto).

6 Taylor Polynomial

- 1. Define Taylor polynomial.
- 2. State some of the theorems describing the error of the approximation of a function by its Taylor polynomial.
- 3. Find the 5-th degree Taylor polynomial of the function $f(x) = \sin x \cdot \cos x$ on the neighborhood of 0.