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Foundations of Computing Science (CS60005)

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Class Test 2

Date: 05-Nov-2022 (Saturday) 10:30AM – 11:30AM

Marks: 20

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**Instructions:**

- There are THREE questions. Answer ALL questions.
  - Write your answers in the answer booklet provided to you in the examination hall.
  - Keep your answers brief and precise. Write solutions for all parts of a question together.
  - Precisely state all assumptions you make.
  - Sketchy proofs and claims without proper reasoning will be given no credit.
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1. Prove or disprove the following statements.

(a) Every infinite regular set contains a subset that is not recursively enumerable. 4

(b) Every infinite *r.e.* set contains an infinite recursive subset. 6

**Hint:** A set is recursive iff there exists an enumeration machine enumerating its strings in non-decreasing order of length.

2. Consider the language  $\{(\mathcal{M}, x, p) \mid \mathcal{M} \text{ on input } x \text{ visits state } p \text{ during the computation}\}$ . (Here,  $p \in Q$  with  $Q$  being the set of states of  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $x \in \Sigma^*$  where  $\Sigma$  is the input alphabet of the Turing machine  $\mathcal{M}$ .) Is this language decidable? Justify. 5

3. Let  $\text{REG} = \{\mathcal{M} \mid \mathcal{M} \text{ is a TM and } L(\mathcal{M}) \text{ is a regular set}\}$ . One of the following is true. Identify which one and justify your answer. 5

(a) REG is recursive.

(b) REG is *r.e.* and  $\neg\text{REG}$  is not *r.e.*

(c) REG is not *r.e.* and  $\neg\text{REG}$  is *r.e.*

(d) Neither REG nor  $\neg\text{REG}$  is *r.e.*