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*Subject: Theory of Computation II*  
*Full Marks: 25*

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*Time Allotted: 2 hours*

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**Q 1. Answer five (5) questions with brief justifications. [5 × 2 = 10]**

- (a) Is  $2^n = o(3^n)$  (small 'o')?
- (b) Draw the implication graph (directed) corresponding to the 2SAT formula  $\phi = (x \vee \bar{y}) \wedge (y \vee \bar{z}) \wedge (z \vee \bar{x}) \wedge (\bar{z} \vee \bar{x})$ . Justify from the graph why all variables get the truth value *false* for a *satisfying* assignment.
- (c) An NTM has a 3-way nondeterminism at the given state-input pair:  $\delta(q_0, 0) = \{(q_1, 0, \leftarrow), (q_2, 0, -), (q_3, 1, \rightarrow)\}$ . Modify the transition function so that there will be 2-way nondeterminism.
- (d) The language  $coFin = \{L \subseteq \Sigma^* : \Sigma^* \setminus L \text{ is finite}\}$ . Is  $coFin \in \mathbf{P}$ ?  
**Error.** it is not ' $\in$ ' but ' $\subseteq$ '.
- (e) Is the following language in  $\mathbf{P}$  or  $\mathbf{NP}$ -hard?

$$SAT_e = \{\phi 0 1^{2^n} : \phi \in SAT \text{ and } |\phi| = n\}.$$

- (f) What is the total number of variable instances used in this formula where  $C = Q \cup \Gamma$  and  $|C| = l$ .

$$\phi_{cell} = \bigwedge_{1 \leq i, j \leq n^k} \left( \left( \bigvee_{p \in C} x_{i,j,p} \right) \wedge \left( \bigwedge_{\substack{p, q \in C, \\ p \neq q}} (\bar{x}_{i,j,p} \vee \bar{x}_{i,j,q}) \right) \right).$$

- (g) A language  $L \in \mathbf{NP}$  is defined as follows.

$\forall x \in \Sigma^*, x \in L$  if and only if  $\exists w \in \Sigma^{p(n)}$ , there is a  $q(n)$  time bounded  
DTM  $V$  that accepts  $\langle x, w \rangle$ ,

where  $n = |x|$ ,  $p(n)$ ,  $q(n)$  are polynomials.  
Define a language  $L' \in \mathbf{coNP}$  in a similar way.

**Answer any three (3) of the following questions.**

[3 × 5 = 15]

**Q 2.** Give an  $O(n \log n)$  step bounded single-tape DTM algorithm to recognize  $\bar{L} = \{x \in \{0, 1\}^* : x \text{ has equal number of 0's and 1's}\}$ , where  $n$  is the length of the input. Detail state transitions are not required, but explain its operation and the time complexity.

**Q 3.** Give the detail design of a DTM  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s)$ , that takes the input  $\triangleright x$ , where  $x \in \{0, 1\}^+$  and computes the 2's complement of  $x$  (ignore overflow). Examples of computation are:  $\triangleright 0 \rightarrow_M^* \triangleright 0$ ,  $\triangleright 1 \rightarrow_M^* \triangleright 0$ ,  $\triangleright 101100 \rightarrow_M^* \triangleright 010100$ .

**Q 4.**  $3COLOR = \{\langle G \rangle : G \text{ is an undirected graph whose vertices can be coloured with at most 3 colours}\}$ . Give a polynomial time reduction of  $3COLOR$  to  $SAT$ ,  $G \mapsto \phi$ ,  $G$  is 3-colourable if and only if  $\phi$  is satisfiable.

**Q 5.** Informally describe how an  $f(n)$  time bounded  $k$ -tape DTM can be simulated on a single-tape DTM. What is the order of *slowdown* of the simulation?