

Problem type 1:

Consider the problem of:

(See variants below)

Please be concise/brief. We will grade kindly. There are lots of correct answers and we're just looking to make sure you understand how languages and problems are connected.

a. BYH

Checking whether (or not) a number is divisible by 4). You are given a binary number and need to output if this number is divisible by 4.

Solution: Note that if a binary number is divisible by 4, then it must have two zeroes in the suffix. We enumerate all possible binary inputs and if they end in **00** we append a “| 1” at the end to denote that the number is divisible by four, “| 0” otherwise. ■

b. BYF

Summing two *unary* integers.

Solution: We simply need an encoding scheme to convert each instance of the problem to a string. Could be done in a manner similar to what we saw in lecture:

$$L_{+unary} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} + =, & +1 = 1, & +11 = 11, \dots \\ 1+ = 1, & 1+1 = 11, & 1+11 = 111, \dots \\ 11+ = 1, & 11+1 = 111, & 11+11 = 1111, \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ n+ = 1\dots 1(n \text{ times}), & \dots, & n+11 = 1\dots 1(n+2 \text{ times}), \dots \end{array} \right\} \quad (1)$$

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c. BYA

The game of TicTacToe. You are given a completed tic-tac-toe board and you need to determine who won.

Solution: So with the game of TicTacToe, first thing to notice is that there are a finite number of games. There are at most 3^9 possible boards (but remember not all boards are valid since the number of X's and O's must differ by at most 1). **We construct the language (L_{TTT}) by including a string for all the possible games of TicTacToe and their winners.** ■

d. BYB

Given an undirected weighted graph, the shortest path between 2 nodes s and t .

Solution: Again, this is just a issue of embedding a graph as a string which can be accomplished a multitude of ways. Big thing is to remember what a graph is, a set of nodes and a set of edges. So how do we encode a graph as a string? We simply list out the nodes and edges.

Each string in a language represents an *instance* of the problem. In this case, the problem input is the weighted, undirected, graph and the output is the shortest path. Knowing this, we can formulate a string embedding such as:

$$\langle \text{list of nodes} \rangle \mid \langle \text{list of edges} \rangle \mid \langle \text{shortest path} \rangle$$

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Problem type 2:

Give the recursive definition for the following language:

(See variants below)

Assume $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

a. **BYC**

A language that contains all strings.

Solution: Base case: $\varepsilon \in L_a$

- $w = 0x$ for some $x \in L_a$, is in L_a
- $w = 1x$ for some $x \in L_a$, is in L_a

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b. **BYE**

A language which holds all the strings containing the substring 000.

Solution: • Base case: $000 \in L_a$

- $w = 0x$ for some $x \in L_a$, is in L_a
- $w = 1x$ for some $x \in L_a$, is in L_a
- $w = x0$ for some $x \in L_a$, is in L_a
- $w = x1$ for some $x \in L_a$, is in L_a

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c. **BYD**

L_A that contains all palindrome strings using some arbitrary alphabet Σ .

Solution: • $w = \varepsilon$, or

- $w = \mathbf{a}$ for some symbol $a \in \Sigma$, or
- $w = \mathbf{a}x\mathbf{a}$ for some symbol $\mathbf{a} \in \Sigma$ and some palindrome $x \in \Sigma^*$



d. **BYG**

A language which holds all the strings containing the substring **000**.

Solution: See above

