

You are encouraged to typeset your exam, preferably in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

1. In Cook's seminal 1975 paper *Feasible constructive proofs*, where he introduces the now classical theory PV, he uses a nice result of Cobham characterizing polytime functions.

The *dyadic* notation for the natural number  $n$  is the unique string  $d_k d_{k-1} \dots d_0$  over the alphabet  $\{1, 2\}$  such that  $\sum_{i=0}^k d_i 2^i = n$ . In particular, the dyadic notation for 0 is the empty string. The dyadic successor functions  $s_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are defined as:  $s_i(x) = 2x + i$ , and correspond to concatenating the digits 1 and 2, respectively, on the right end of the dyadic notation of  $x$ . We shall thus abbreviate  $s_i(x)$  by  $xi$ .

A function  $f$  comes from functions  $g_1, \dots, g_m$  by the operation of *substitution* iff some equation of the form  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = t$  holds for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , where  $t$  is a term over  $\{s, 0, +, \cdot\}$ , where 0 is zero, and  $s0000$  is the numeral for 5, the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , and the function symbols  $g_1, \dots, g_m$ . For example,  $f(x_1, x_2) = g_1((s000)x_1 + x_2 \cdot g_2(x_2))$ .

The function  $f$  comes from functions  $g, h_1, h_2, k_1, k_2$  by the operation of *limited recursion on dyadic notation* iff

$$\begin{aligned} f(0, \vec{y}) &= g(\vec{y}) \\ f(xi, \vec{y}) &= h_i(x, \vec{y}, f(x, \vec{y})) \quad i = 1, 2 \\ f(x, \vec{y}) &\leq k_i(x, \vec{y}) \quad i = 1, 2 \end{aligned}$$

for all natural number values of the variables, where  $\vec{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_k)$ . We allow the case  $k = 0$ , in which  $g$  is a constant.

Finally, the dyadic notation for  $*(x, y)$  is the dyadic notation for  $x$  concatenated with itself  $|y|$  times.

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the smallest class of functions which includes the initial functions  $s_1, s_2$  and  $*$ , and which is closed under the operations of substitution and limited recursion on dyadic notation.

**Show** that  $\mathcal{P}$  is precisely the class of polytime functions.

2. Let  $\#\text{MATCHINGS}(\langle G \rangle)$  be the number of matchings of a bipartite graph  $G$ . A matching is any set of edges of  $G$  such that no two edges in the set share a common vertex. Let  $\#\text{MON2SAT}(\alpha)$  be the number of satisfying assignments of a monotone 2CNF formula  $\alpha$ . (A propositional formula is monotone if it is constructed from  $\wedge, \vee, 0, 1$ , i.e., no negations.) Use the fact that  $\#\text{MATCHINGS}$  is  $\#\mathbf{P}$  complete to show that  $\#\text{MON2SAT}$  is  $\#\mathbf{P}$  complete.

3. The following text has been encrypted with a Vignère cipher. Your task is to decode it.  
Hint: use the *Krasiski method*.

Eget Aboxzhyfe, bsghfogw, vprvyj, trq rcua, avtb s vszfijmeoly zhqr  
ahv aecps vbwcomammbn, mwxqrd ng nrvtv khqr oz lai oeml uprsmagkf oz  
wqmftyfvi; nnx zth yipww rraldr xjehlr-sae swtvf ih lai joldw avtb  
nxvl lclmpr ti vbwgrykl se vyp aie. Sbw pef tbw rshnawlx bf nzx xjo  
xsnkutyjl ss a gglx nfzwxvohsmi, vnxmekrnn xtxuel; sgh uax, ag  
gbnmwjyrnww hj uel kbwgel'k feercszi, oeyf fmftlwlv bf bal lbumw yvbm  
u nxvl eujec celahh. Uel ehxuel zth qiyv msb lifz eto zgk lrr ng aeie  
ggki ghuf tr vnxalxvnwl kizegtkeacy gy lrr wskifsyk; trq hyj ipncy zth  
oeyf lycpfaxh oy uf xbpfdxrg wietr ns agoienykl, auo bsw jnlfgw  
pvtndx wuoll hj n milaie ih syjrcnahr.