Math 387 Group problems, Wednesday Week 13

PROBLEM 1. Here is the Euclidean algorithm for finding the greatest common divisor of two integers:

Input:  $(u, v) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ .

def EUCLID(u, v): If v = 0, then return uelse return EUCLID(v, u% v).

Here, u%v denotes the remainder of u upon division by v.

Find the lexicographically smallest input (u, v) with  $u > v \ge 0$  such that the Euclidean algorithm takes n division steps. Start with the cases n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4.

REVIEW

PROBLEM 2. Is P closed under concatenation? Prove by describing a decider, or give a counterexample.

PROBLEM 3. Is P closed under the Kleene star operator? Prove by describing a decider, or give a counterexample.

PROBLEM 4. What is the statement of Savitch's theorem?

PROBLEM 5. Is NP  $\subseteq$  PSPACE?

Problem 6.

- (a) What is the complexity class L? NL?
- (b) Prove that  $NL \subsetneq PSPACE$ .

PROBLEM 7. Prove that  $NP \neq TIME(n)$ . Generalize this result.

PROBLEM 8. What is the Church-Turing thesis?

PROBLEM 9. Find a match in the following instance of the Post Correspondence Problem:

$$\left\{ \left[\frac{a}{baa}\right], \left[\frac{ab}{aa}\right], \left[\frac{bba}{bb}\right] \right\}.$$