

*Star problems - the second series (deadline 30.01.2022)*

1. Consider vector addition systems with states (VASS) as language recognisers. To this aim we assume that each transition is additionally labeled by a letter of a finite alphabet  $\Sigma$ , there are distinguished subsets of initial  $I$  and accepting states  $F$ , and accepting runs are those which start in  $q(\vec{0})$  for some  $q \in I$  and end in  $p(c)$  for some  $p \in F$  and  $c \in \mathbb{N}^d$ , where  $d$  is the dimension of the VASS.

Show that every two languages  $L_1, L_2$  of VASS which are complements, i.e.  $L_1 \cap L_2 = \emptyset$  and  $L_1 \cup L_2 = \Sigma^*$ , are actually regular languages.

**Hint:** WQO.

2. Show decidability of the following problem.

**Input:** A VASS and two subsets  $I, F$  of its states.

**Question:** Is there a run starting in some state from  $I$  that visits infinitely often states from  $F$ ?

Thus the run has to start from a configuration  $q(c)$ , where  $q \in I$  and  $c \in \mathbb{N}^d$  are chosen arbitrarily, and  $d$  is the dimension of the VASS.

- 2.<sup>+</sup> The previous problem, but with an additional requirement that the run starts in  $q(\vec{0})$ , for some  $q \in I$ .
3. A language  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  we call *weighted-recognizable* if there is a weighted automaton  $\mathcal{A}$  over the rational field with the property that  $\mathcal{A}(w) = 1$  for  $w \in L$  and  $\mathcal{A}(w) = 0$  for  $w \notin L$ . Show that each weighted-recognizable language is actually regular.