## Homework 1

CS 4364/5364 Spring 2022

Due: 31 January 2021

Because of the reliance of the particular assignments in this class on mathematical notation, and the fact that all assignments will be submitted electronically, students are encouraged to use  $L^{AT}EX$  to formalize their responses. For those enrolled in the graduate section the use of latex is *required*. This assignment (like all others) will be posted on the course github<sup>1</sup> as source code as well as in PDF form on the course website. Please submit your assignment to the professor via email, either as a link to your assignment online (i.e. overleaf or github) or as an attachment. Graduate students will need to include the .tex files as well as a PDF, this is optional but encouraged for undergraduates.

- 1. (10 points) Fill out the welcome questionnaire for the class. The link can be found on the course website. Respond to this question by providing the URL of the questionnaire.
- 2. (20 points) Provide an algorithm that given a string  $S = s_1 s_2 s_3 \dots s_n \in \Sigma^*$  finds the set of most abundant characters  $C \subseteq \Sigma$ . Describe the algorithm, give a justification of its correctness, and determine it's running time.

Note that the algorithm description should be a step-by-step description in plain English. (i.e. no psuedo-code). You can use mathematical notation as needed.

Note also that when the string is empty, all characters are equally present, and thus  $C = \Sigma$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>github.com/deblasiolab/CS4364-documents