For each problem, please indicate how much time you spent on it.

This assignment is all about designing and working with Turing machines. Many of the problems require you construct a Turing machine to decide or recognize a language. The format required for these constructions is the simulator used in class:

http://morphett.info/turing/turing.html

(Remember that you need to select “semi-infinite tape” as the variant.)

The code for these Turing machines must be emailed as a zip archive attachment to klingeti@grinnell.edu by 1:00pm of the deadline. Please name the archive username-hw5.zip and the files: username-hw5-p1.txt for “problem 1” where username is your Grinnell username. (You are also encouraged to comment your Turing machine code to give insight into how it works.)

Problem 1
Consider the language \( A = \{abb\} \) over the alphabet \( \Sigma = \{a, b\} \). (Yes this language contains a single string.)

a) Construct a Turing machine that decides \( A \).

b) Draw the diagram for your Turing machine in the same format as the textbook.

Please include your drawing as an image in your submission named username-hw5-p1.ext where ext is the image file format of your choice. (Note you could simply take a picture of your drawing for full credit.)

Problem 2
Let \( \Sigma = \{0, 1\} \) be the alphabet for this problem. Construct a Turing machine that decides the language

\[ B = \{0^n1^n0^n \mid n \geq 0\}. \]
Problem 3
Let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ be the input alphabet for this problem. Recall that the self-delimited pair of two bit strings $x$ and $y$ is the string

$$p(x, y) = 0^{|x|} 1 xy.$$

Construct a Turing machine that interprets its input as a self-delimited pair of strings $p(x, y)$ and then outputs the string $x$. By “output,” we mean that when the Turing machine halts, the only non-blank symbols left on the tape forms the string $x$. (Note that blank spaces to the left of $x$ are permitted.)

*Hint:* Read Problem 4 before starting this problem, so you can write your Turing machine in a reusable way.

Problem 4
Construct a Turing machine that interprets its input as a self-delimited pair of strings $p(x, y)$ and then outputs the string $y$.

Bonus Problem: Computing the minimum
Construct a Turing machine that interprets its input as a self-delimited pair of strings $p(x, y)$ and then outputs the minimum of $x$ and $y$. Note that your solution should support leading zeros, and you may assume that $x$ and $y$ are not the empty string. (Note the values being compared are the unsigned integer values of the bits of $x$ and $y$.)