

Automata theory and its applications

Lecture 3-4: Chomsky hierarchy-Context sensitive and free languages

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Context-sensitive grammar

Context-sensitive grammar (CSG)

A formal grammar $G = (\mathcal{N}, \Sigma, \mathcal{P}, S)$ of the production rules of the form

$$\alpha A \beta \rightarrow \alpha \gamma \beta \text{ such that } \gamma \neq \varepsilon.$$

Note that for every CSG G , $\varepsilon \notin L(G)$.

Noncontracting grammar (NCG)

A formal grammar $G = (\mathcal{N}, \Sigma, \mathcal{P}, S)$ of the production rules of the form

$$\alpha \rightarrow \beta \text{ such that } |\alpha| \leq |\beta|.$$

CSG \equiv NCG

Left as homework.

- 1 Warm-up exercise: First transform the following NCG into a CSG,

$$L = \{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 1\} : S \rightarrow aSBc \mid abc, cB \rightarrow Bc, bB \rightarrow bb.$$

- 2 Prove that each NCG can be transformed into an equivalent CSG.

Linear-bounded automata (LBA)

Intuitively, a LBA is a (single-tape) nondeterministic TM using linear space.

Formally, a LBA is a nondeterministic TM s.t.

- Its input alphabet includes two special symbols $\#$ and $\$$, the left and right endmarkers,
- The LBA has no moves left from $\#$ or right from $\$$, nor may print another symbol over $\#$ or $\$$.

The language accepted by a linear-bounded TM M ,

$$\{w \mid w \in (\Sigma - \{\#, \$\})^*, q_0 \# w \$ \vdash_M^* \alpha q \beta \text{ for some } q \in F\}$$

From LBA to CSG

Let $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, B, F)$ be a LBA. The CSG G

- first nondet. generates a finite word

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ q_0 \# a_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_2 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} \cdots \begin{bmatrix} a_{n-1} \\ a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_n \\ a_n \$ \end{bmatrix},$$

with the intention that $a_1 \dots a_n$ is the input of M .

- then G simulates the computation of M over $a_1 \dots a_n$,
by rewriting the second components of the generated word.

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Formally, $G = (\mathcal{N}, \Sigma, \mathcal{P}, S)$ is defined as follows.

- $S = A_1$,
- \mathcal{P} includes the following rules,
 - $A_1 \rightarrow [a, q_0 \# a] A_2$, $A_1 \rightarrow [a, q_0 \# a \$]$, $A_2 \rightarrow [a, a] A_2$, $A_2 \rightarrow [a, a \$]$.
 - If $\delta(q, \#) = (p, \#, R)$, then $[a, q \# \alpha] \rightarrow [a, \# p \alpha]$.
 - If $\delta(q, X) = (p, Y, R)$ for $X, Y \in \Sigma \setminus \{\#, \$\}$, then for each $a, b \in \Sigma \setminus \{\#, \$\}$, $\beta \in \Sigma \cup \# \Sigma \cup \Sigma \$ \cup \# \Sigma \$$,
 $[a, q X][b, \beta] \rightarrow [a, Y][b, p \beta]$, $[a, \# q X][b, \beta] \rightarrow [a, \# Y][b, p \beta]$,
 $[a, \# q X \$] \rightarrow [a, \# Y p \$]$.
 - Symmetrically for the transition $\delta(q, \$) = (p, \$, L)$ and $\delta(q, X) = (p, Y, L)$.
 - For each $a, b \in \Sigma \setminus \{\#, \$\}$, $q \in F$, and $\alpha_1 \alpha_2, \alpha \in \Sigma \cup \# \Sigma \cup \Sigma \$ \cup \# \Sigma \$$,
 $[a, \alpha_1 q \alpha_2] \rightarrow a$, $[a, \alpha] b \rightarrow ab$, $b[a, \alpha] \rightarrow ba$.

Recalling: From Type-0 grammar to TM

Let $G = (\mathcal{N}, \Sigma, \mathcal{P}, S)$ be a Type-0 grammar.

Construct a nondet. TM M to recognize the language $L(G)$.

- M has two tapes.
- The input of M (say w) is in tape 1.
- M simulates the derivation relation of G in tape 2 by repeating the following procedure.
 - ① It nondet. chooses a position i in tape 2 and a production rule $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$.
If α appears from position i in tape 2, then α is replaced by β in tape 2. Some shifting over of the symbols on tape 2 should be done if $|\alpha| \neq |\beta|$.
 - ② M compares the sequence of symbols in tape 2 with the sequence in tape 1, to see whether w has been generated by G . If so, then M accepts.

From CSG to LBA

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From CSG to LBA

G is a CSG $\Rightarrow G$ is noncontracting ($\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ s.t. $|\alpha| \leq |\beta|$) \Rightarrow

The space of tape 2 used by M is **bounded by $|w|$** .

Therefore, M can be simulated by

*a **single-tape** nondeterministic TM M' using linear space.*

Properties of CSL: A bird's-eye view

Closure properties

Theorem. CSL are closed under all Boolean operations.

Decision problems

- The nonemptiness problem for CSG is undecidable.
- The membership problem for CSG is PSPACE-complete.

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Definition

A CFG is a formal grammar $(\mathcal{N}, \Sigma, \mathcal{P}, S)$ such that each production rule in \mathcal{P} is of the form $A \rightarrow \alpha$ with $A \in \mathcal{N}$ and $\alpha \in (\mathcal{N} \cup \Sigma)^*$.

Example: CFG for arithmetic expressions,

$$\begin{array}{ll} E \rightarrow E + E & E \rightarrow E * E \\ E \rightarrow (E) & E \rightarrow id \end{array}$$

Derivation:

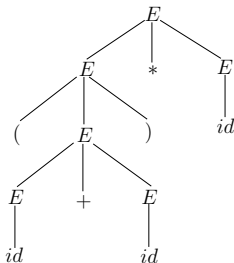
$$E \Rightarrow E * E \Rightarrow (E) * E \Rightarrow (E + E) * E \Rightarrow (id + id) * id.$$

Derivation trees

A derivation tree for a CFG $G = (\mathcal{N}, \Sigma, \mathcal{P}, S)$: A labeled tree s.t.

- every vertex has a label from $\mathcal{N} \cup \Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\}$,
- the root is labeled by S ,
- every internal vertex is labeled by symbols from \mathcal{N} ,
- for every vertex labeled by $A \in \mathcal{N}$,
if its children are labeled by X_1, \dots, X_k (from left to right),
then $A \rightarrow X_1 \dots X_k$ is a production rule of G .

Example: Derivation tree for $(id + id) * id$



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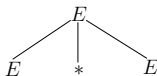
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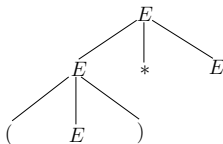
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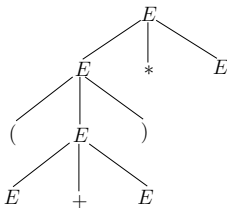
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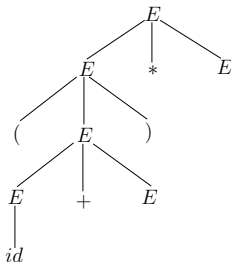
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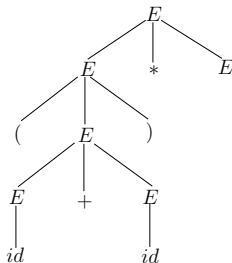
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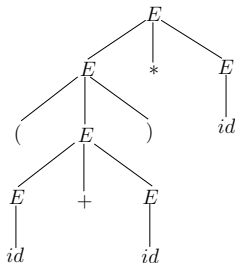
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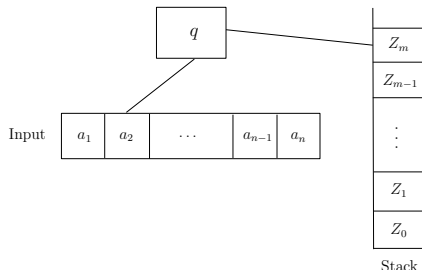
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Definition

Intuitively, a pushdown automaton is a TM with the infinite tape organized as a stack.

Formally, a PDA M is a tuple $(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F)$, where

- Q : Finite set of states,
- Σ : The input alphabet,
- Γ : The stack alphabet,
- $q_0 \in Q$: The initial state,
- $Z_0 \in \Gamma$: The start symbol,
- $F \subseteq Q$: The set of final states,
- δ : A mapping from $Q \times (\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\}) \times \Gamma$ to finite subsets of $Q \times \Gamma^*$.



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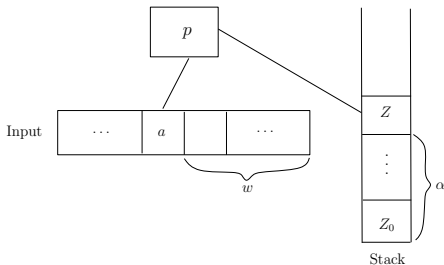
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- $q \in Q$,
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- $\gamma \in \Gamma^*$ (the content of the stack, with the topmost symbol leftmost).

The \vdash_M relation between ICs is defined as follows:

If $(p, \beta) \in \delta(q, a, Z)$ (where $a \in \Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\}$), then $(q, aw, Z\alpha) \vdash_M (p, w, \beta\alpha)$.



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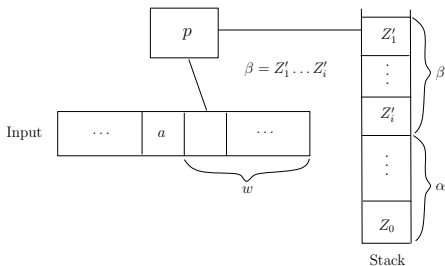
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Accepted languages

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- Define $L(M)$, the language accepted by **final state**, as follows,

$$\{w \in \Sigma^* \mid (q_0, w, Z_0) \vdash_M^* (p, \varepsilon, \gamma) \text{ for } p \in F, \gamma \in \Gamma^*\}.$$

- Define $N(M)$, the language accepted by **empty stack**, as follows,

$$\{w \in \Sigma^* \mid (q_0, w, Z_0) \vdash_M^* (p, \varepsilon, \varepsilon) \text{ for } p \in Q\}.$$

Example: PDA $M = (\{q_0, q_1\}, \{0, 1\}, \{A, B, Z_0\}, \delta, q_0, Z_0, \emptyset)$
accepting $\{ww^R \mid w \in \{0, 1\}^*\}$ by empty stack.

$\delta(q_0, 0, Z_0) = (q_0, AZ_0)$	$\delta(q_0, 1, Z_0) = (q_0, BZ_0)$
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Equivalence of the two accepting means

From final state to empty stack

Let $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F)$ be a PDA.

The goal: Define a PDA M' such that $N(M') = L(M)$.

The intuition:

if M accepts an input by a final state q , then from q , M' enters q_e , empties the stack, and accepts.

In addition, M' includes a new start symbol Z'_0 to deal with the following situation,

M reads all the input, enters a non-final state, and the stack is empty.

$M' = (Q \cup \{q'_0, q_e\}, \Sigma, \Gamma \cup \{Z'_0\}, \delta', q'_0, Z'_0, \emptyset)$ is defined as follows.

δ' includes all the elements of δ and the transitions

- $\delta'(q'_0, \varepsilon, Z'_0) = \{(q_0, Z_0 Z'_0)\}$,
- $\delta'(q, \varepsilon, X) = \delta(q, \varepsilon, X) \cup \{(q_e, X)\}$ for $q \in F$ and $X \in \Gamma$,
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The intuition of M' :

Add a new start symbol Z'_0 to M , if Z'_0 becomes the topmost symbol of the stack, then M' enters a final state.

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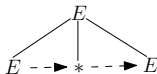
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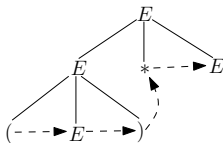
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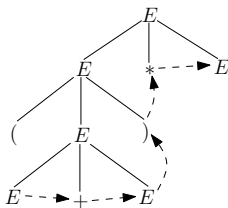
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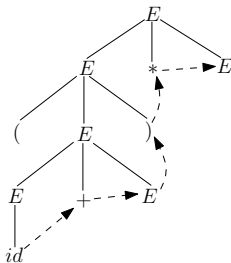
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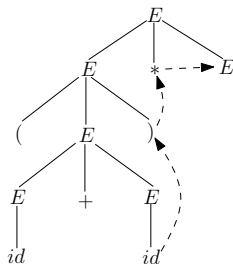
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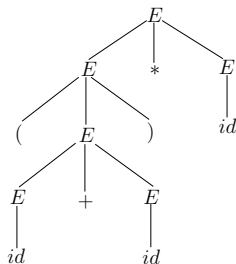
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From CFG to PDA: continued

The construction

Let $G = (\mathcal{N}, \Sigma, \mathcal{P}, S)$ be a CFG.

Define a PDA $M = (\{q\}, \Sigma, \Sigma \cup \mathcal{N}, \delta, q, S, \emptyset)$ as follows.

- $\delta(q, \varepsilon, A) = \{(q, \alpha)\}$ for each production rule $A \rightarrow \alpha$,
- $\delta(q, a, a) = \{(q, \varepsilon)\}$ for every $a \in \Sigma$.

The correctness of the construction $N(M) = L(G)$

Claim.

$$\forall x \in \Sigma^*, \alpha \in (\mathcal{N} \cup \Sigma)^*,$$

$S \Rightarrow^* x\alpha$ by leftmost derivation in G iff $(q, x, S) \vdash_M^* (q, \varepsilon, \alpha)$.

Proof of the claim.

Induction on the derivation or computation steps.

From PDA to CFG

An illustration of the intuition:

*Analyze the computation tree of PDA M
for $\{ww^R \mid w \in \{0,1\}^*\}$ over the input 0110.*

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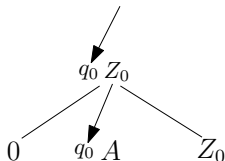
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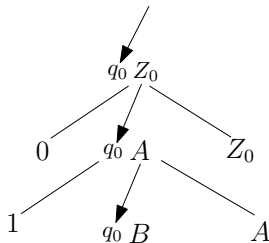
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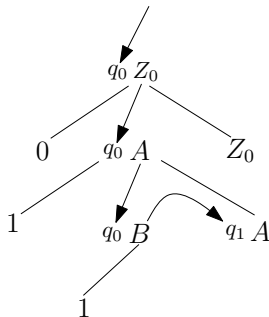
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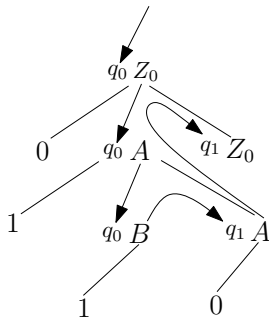
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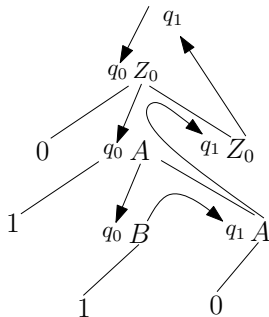
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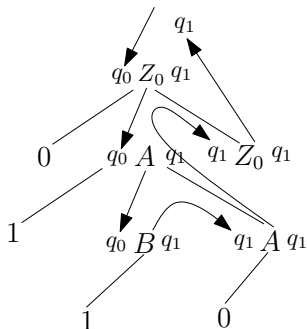
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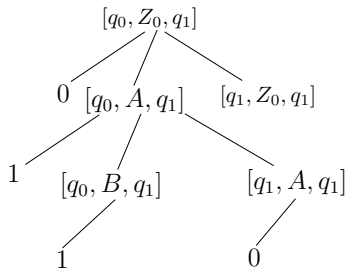
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From PDA to CFG: continued

Let $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, \emptyset)$ be a PDA.

The goal: Define a CFG $G = (\mathcal{N}, \Sigma, \mathcal{P}, S)$ such that $L(G) = N(M)$.

- $\mathcal{N} = Q \times \Gamma \times Q \cup \{S\}$.
- \mathcal{P} is defined as follows.
 - $S \rightarrow [q_0, Z_0, q]$ for every $q \in Q$.
 - If $(p, B_1 \dots B_k) \in \delta(q, a, X)$ (where $a \in \Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\}$), then $[q, X, q_{k+1}] \rightarrow a[q_1, B_1, q_2] \dots [q_k, B_k, q_{k+1}]$ such that $q_1 = p$.

The correctness of the construction

Claim. $[q, A, p] \Rightarrow^* x$ iff $(q, x, A) \vdash_M^* (p, \varepsilon, \varepsilon)$.

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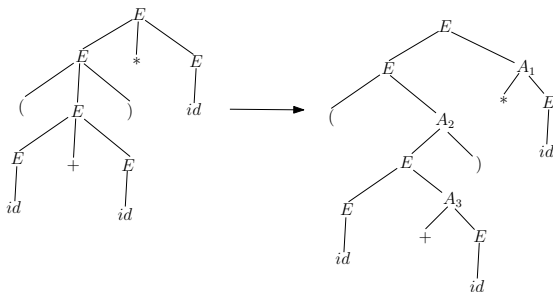
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Formally, a 2NF can be obtained from a CFG by the following procedure.

Replace every rule $A \rightarrow X_1 \dots X_k$ (where $k \geq 3$) by the following rules

$$A \rightarrow X_1 C_1, C_1 \rightarrow X_2 C_2, \dots, C_{k-2} \rightarrow X_{k-1} X_k$$

where C_1, \dots, C_{k-2} are new nonterminal symbols.

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Pumping lemma. For every CFL L , there is a natural number $n \geq 1$ such that for every string $z \in L$ with $|z| \geq n$, z can be decomposed into $uvwxy$ satisfying that

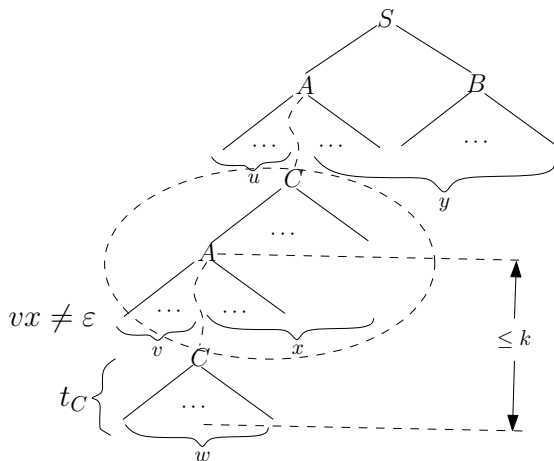
- $|vx| \geq 1$,
- $|vwx| \leq n$,
- for every $i \in \mathbb{N}$, $uv^iwx^iy \in L$.

Let L be a CFL and $G = (\mathcal{N}, \Sigma, \mathcal{P}, S)$ be a CFG in 2NF s.t. $L = L(G)$.
Let k be the number of nonterminals in G .

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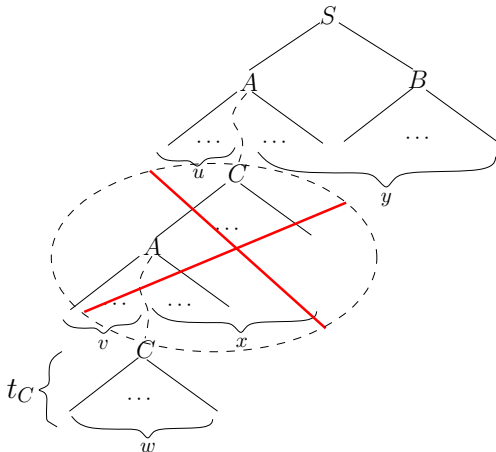


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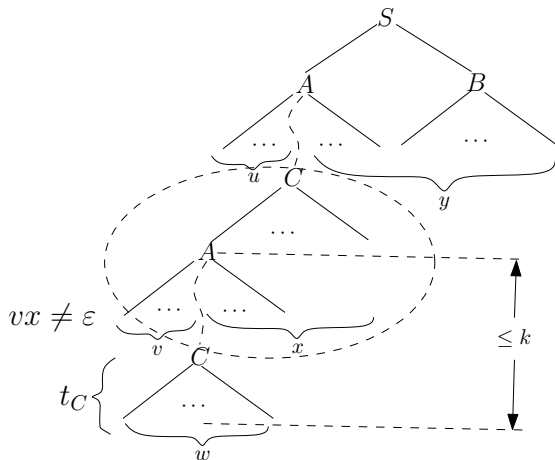
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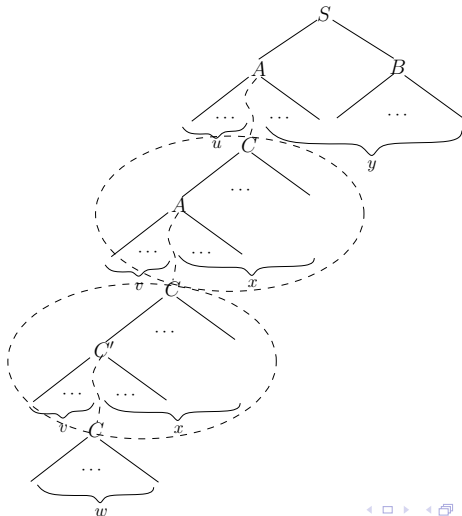
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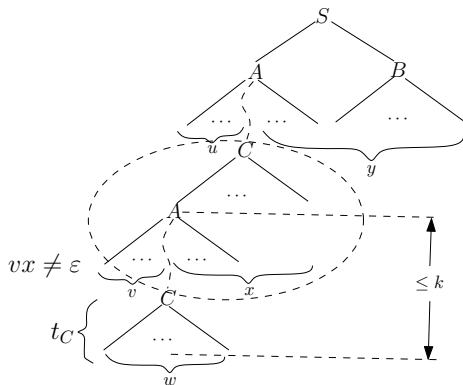
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$|vwx|$: # leaves of a binary tree of depth $\leq k + 1$ (depth 0 for root): $\leq 2^{k+1}$.

Set $n := 2^{k+1}$.

Applications of pumping lemma

Proposition. $L = \{a^i b^i c^i \mid i \geq 1\}$ is not a CFL.

To the contrary, suppose that L is a CFL.

Then there is a CFG G such that $L = L(G)$.

So, there is $n \geq 1$ satisfying the conditions in the pumping lemma.

Consider $z = a^n b^n c^n$.

Then $z = uvwxy$ s.t. $|vx| \geq 1$ and $|vwx| \leq n$. \exists the following situations

- $vwx = a^i$ or $vwx = b^i$ or $vwx = c^i$ for some $i : 1 \leq i \leq n$.

Consequences: $uv^2wx^2y \notin L$, a contradiction.

- $vwx = a^i b^j$ or $vwx = b^i c^j$ for some $i, j : 1 \leq i, j, i + j \leq n$.

Consequences: $uv^2wx^2y \notin L$, a contradiction.

Corollary. $CFL \subset CSL$.

Homework.

Prove that $\{a^i b^j c^i d^j \mid i, j \geq 1\}$ is not a CFL, using pumping lemma.

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Union:

Suppose $G_1 = (\mathcal{N}_1, \Sigma, \mathcal{P}_1, S_1)$ and $G_2 = (\mathcal{N}_2, \Sigma, \mathcal{P}_2, S_2)$.

Then G : Add the rules $S \rightarrow S_1, S \rightarrow S_2$.

It is easy to see that $L(G) = L(G_1) \cup L(G_2)$.

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Intersection:

$L_1 = \{a^i b^i c^j \mid i, j \geq 1\}$ and $L_2 = \{a^j b^i c^i \mid i, j \geq 1\}$ are both CFL.

On the other hand, $L_1 \cap L_2 = \{a^i b^i c^i \mid i \geq 1\}$ is not a CFL.

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Intersection with regular languages:

Let

- $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F)$ be a PDA for L_1 ,
- $A = (Q', \Sigma, \delta', q'_0, F')$ be a FSA for L_2 .

Then $L_1 \cap L_2 = L(M'')$ such that

$$M'' = (Q \times Q', \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta'', (q_0, q'_0), Z_0, F \times F'),$$

where

- $\delta''((q, q'), a, X) = \{((p, p'), \gamma) \mid (p, \gamma) \in \delta(q, a, X), \delta'(q', a) = p'\}$ for $a \in \Sigma$,
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Complementation:

If the class of CFLs is closed under complementation, then

from the fact that $L_1 \cap L_2 = \overline{\overline{L_1} \cup \overline{L_2}}$,

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Emptiness

Let G be a CFG.

- $T_0(G) = \Sigma \cup \{A \mid \exists \alpha \in \Sigma^*. A \rightarrow \alpha\}$.
- $T_{i+1}(G) = T_i(G) \cup \{A \mid A \rightarrow X_1 \dots X_k, \forall j : 1 \leq j \leq k. X_j \in T_i(G)\}$.

Define $T(G) = \bigcup_i T_i(G)$ such that $T_i(G) = T_{i+1}(G)$.

Claim. $L(G) \neq \emptyset$ iff $S \in T(G)$.

Theorem. The emptiness of CFG can be solved in PTIME.

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Given a CFG G , whether $L(G) = \Sigma^$.*

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Proof idea: Reduction from emptiness problem of TM.

Lemma. Emptiness problem of TM is undecidable.

Reduction from halting problem:

From $\langle M, w \rangle$, construct M' as follows,

M' : Over an input $x \in \{0, 1\}^$, simulate the computation of M on w .
If the computation halts, then accepts.*

The following fact holds.

- If the computation of M over w halts, then $L(M') = \{0, 1\}^*$,
- otherwise, $L(M') = \emptyset$.

$\langle M, w \rangle \in L_h$ iff
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$$C_1 \$ C_2^R \$ C_3 \$ C_4^R \$ \dots \$ C_n$$

such that

- for every i , C_i is an IC of M ,
- C_1 is of the form q_0x for some $x \in \Sigma^*$,
- for every i , $C_i \vdash_M C_{i+1}$,
- $C_n = \alpha q \beta$ such that $q \in F$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma^*$.

The set of **invalid** computations is the complement of the valid computations wrt. $(Q \cup \Gamma \cup \{\$\})^*$.

Universality: Continued

Theorem. The set of invalid computations of a TM M is a CFL.
Let L_I be the set of invalid computations of M .

A word $w \in (Q \cup \Gamma \cup \$)^*$ belongs to L_I iff one of the following conditions hold,

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Cocke-Younger-Kasami (CYK) algorithm

Membership problem:

Given a CFG $G = (\mathcal{N}, \Sigma, \mathcal{P}, S)$ and a word $w \in \Sigma^$, is $w \in L(G)$?*

Theorem. The membership problem for CFG G can be solved in PTIME.

W.l.o.g. assume that G is in 2NF.

Let $n = |w| \geq 1$.

The intuition:

*Bottom-up computation of the derivation tree through **dynamic programming**.*

The CFG G

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Question: $(a + b0) * a1 \in L(G)$?

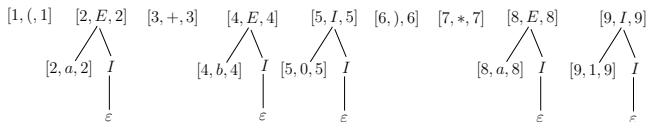
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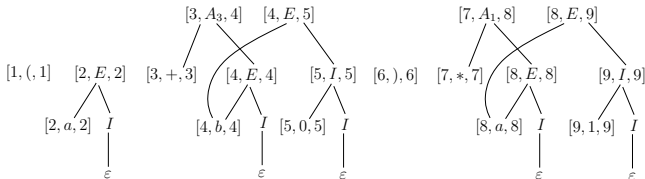
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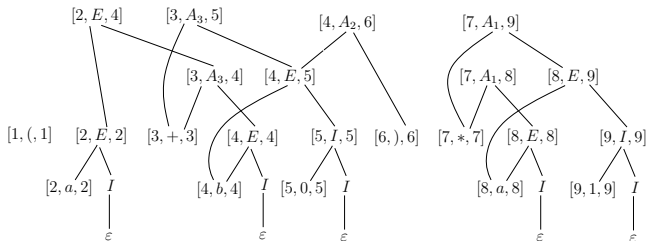
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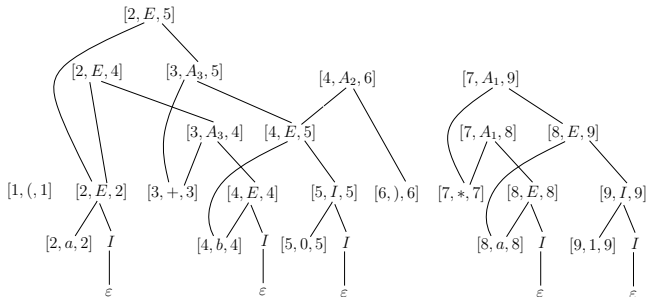
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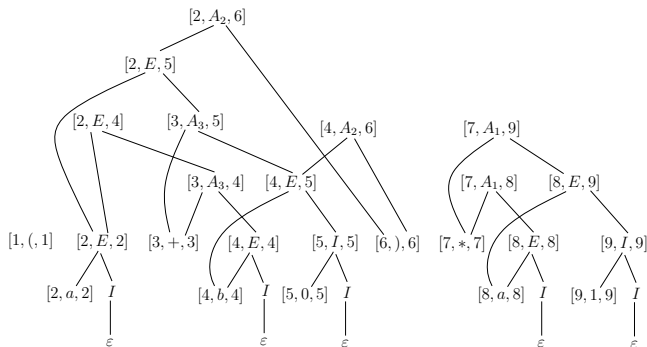
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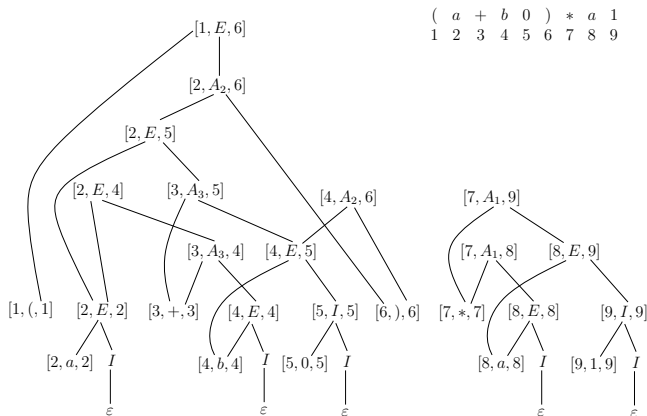


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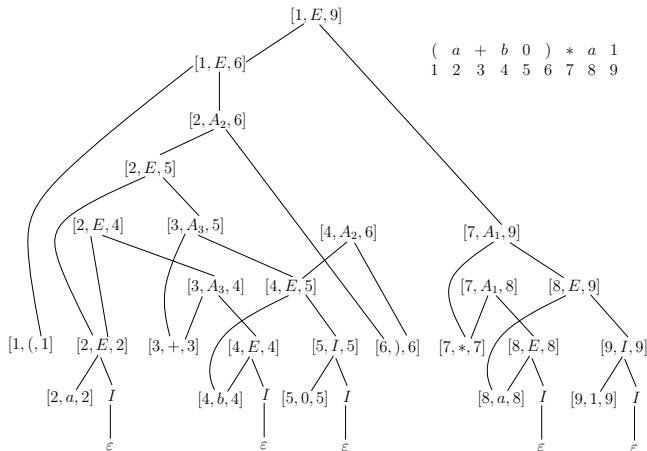


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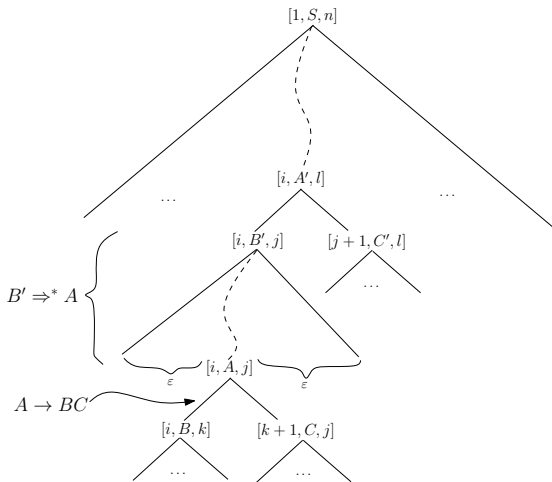
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The intuition: Suppose G is a CFG in 2NF and $w \in \Sigma^*$.



Nullable nonterminals $N(G)$

Nonterminals A s.t. $A \Rightarrow^* \varepsilon$.

The set of nullable nonterminals, $N(G)$, is computed as follows.

- $N_0(G) = \{A \mid A \rightarrow \varepsilon\}$,
- $N_{i+1}(G) = N_i(G) \cup \{A \mid \exists B \in N_i(G). A \rightarrow B\} \cup \{A \mid \exists B, C \in N_i(G). A \rightarrow BC\}$.

Example: CFG G

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$$N(G) = \{I\}.$$

Unit derivation relation $U(G)$

The unit derivation relation of G , $U(G)$, is defined as

$$\{(A, \gamma) \mid A \Rightarrow^* \gamma, \gamma \in \mathcal{N} \cup \Sigma\}.$$

$U(G)$ is computed as follows.

- $U_0(G) = \left\{ (A, \gamma) \mid \begin{array}{l} \gamma \in \mathcal{N} \cup \Sigma, \text{ either } A \rightarrow \gamma, \\ \text{or } \exists B \in N(G). A \rightarrow B\gamma \vee A \rightarrow \gamma B \end{array} \right\},$
- $U_{i+1}(G) = U_i(G) \cup \left\{ (A, \gamma) \mid \begin{array}{l} \gamma \in \mathcal{N} \cup \Sigma, \\ \exists B \in \mathcal{N}. (A, B) \in U_i(G), (B, \gamma) \in U_i(G) \end{array} \right\}.$

For a subset $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{N} \cup \Sigma$, define

$$U(\mathcal{T}) = \mathcal{T} \cup \{A \mid \exists \gamma \in \mathcal{T}, (A, \gamma) \in U(G)\}.$$

Example: $U(G) = \{(I, 0), (I, 1), (E, a), (E, b)\}.$

Cocke-Younger-Kasami (CYK) algorithm: continued

Define $V_{i,j} := \{A \mid A \Rightarrow^* w[i,j]\}$ for $i, j : 1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$.

Then $V_{i,j}$'s are computed inductively as follows.

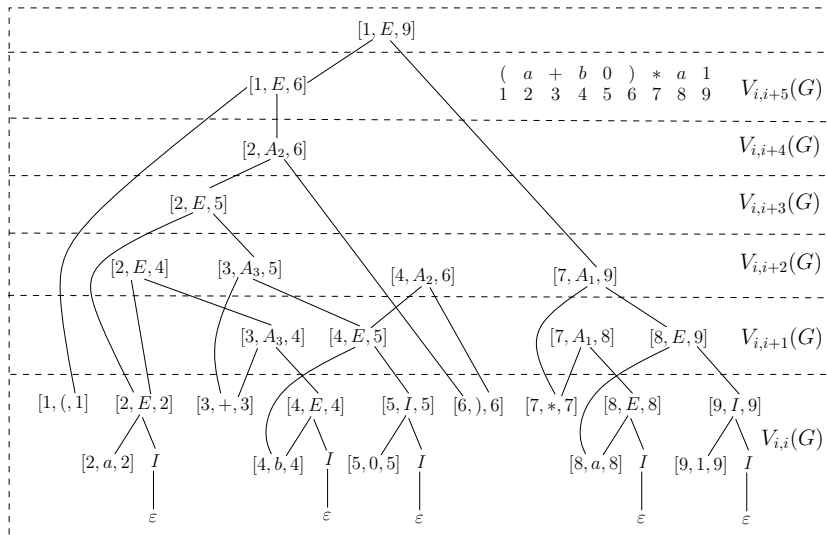
- $V_{i,i} = U(\{w_i\})$,
- For $i, j : 1 \leq i < j \leq n$,

$$V'_{i,j} = \{A \mid \exists k : i \leq k \leq j, B \in V_{i,k}, C \in V_{k+1,j} \text{ s.t. } A \rightarrow BC\}.$$

- For $i, j : 1 \leq i < j \leq n$, $V_{i,j} = U(V'_{i,j})$.

Claim. $w \in L(G)$ iff $S \in V_{1,n}$.

Cocke-Younger-Kasami (CYK) algorithm: continued



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