

Lab 7 grammar 3 proof

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There exists a language $L = \{ww|w \in \{0,1\}^*\}$. The grammar that produced this language is not a context-free grammar; I will show this by demonstrating that this language is not a context-free language.

Proof by using the Pumping Lemma for Context-Free Grammars

If a language L is context-free, then there exists some integer $p \geq 1$ such that every string s in L with $|s| \geq p$ can be written as

$$s = uvxyz$$

with substring u, v, x, y and z , such that

1. $|vxy| \leq p$
2. $|vy| \geq 1$, and
3. $uv^nx^n y^n z \in L \forall n \geq 0$.

Let $s = 0^{p/2}1^{p/2}0^{p/2}1^{p/2}$. For $w = 0^n1^n$, this string is in L . Because $|vxy| \leq p$, a limited number of possibilities exist:

1. vxy is contained within the first w .

If case 1 is correct, then uv^2xy^2z cannot be within the language, as the first and second w s must be identical, and the second w remains unchanged between $uvxyz$ and uv^2xy^2z ; it is contained entirely within the substring z .

2. vxy is contained within the second w .

This argument, stating that uv^2xy^2z cannot be within the language, is symmetric with the first. In this case, the first w remains entirely unchanged as it is contained entirely within the substring u .

3. vxy is spread across both w s.

In this case, vxy being spread across both w s means that it is of the form

- (a) $0^k1^{p/2}0^j$,
- (b) 1^k0^j , or
- (c) $1^k0^{p/2}1^j$.

In each of these cases, pumping n to any length other than 1 will result in the first string not matching the second string. This is obvious by inspection in case (b). Cases (a) and (c) create mismatch by choosing u and z to have non-zero length in cases (a) and (c), respectively. u must be entirely 0s, z must be entirely 1s, and in each case, the lengths of the 0s and 1s will not be the same (one will be of length n , the other of $|u| + n$ or $n + |z|$.)

Thus, in none of these cases is $uv^nx^n y^n z \in L \forall n \geq 0$.

$\therefore L$ is not context-free.

\therefore Any grammar that produced L is not a context-free grammar.