

Formal Languages and Automata Theory

Exercises Languages and Formal Grammars

Unit 4 – Part 1

1. Create a grammar to generate the following languages:

- a. $\{ a, aa, aaa \}$
- b. $\{ a, aa, aaa, aaaa, aaaaa, \dots \}$
- c. $\{ \lambda, a, aa, aaa \}$
- d. $\{ \lambda, a, aa, aaa, aaaa, aaaaa, \dots \}$

The notation used to represent each language is:

- a. $\{ a^n \mid n \in [1, 3] \}$
- b. $\{ a^n \mid n > 0 \}$
- c. $\{ a^n \mid n \in [0, 3] \}$
- d. $\{ a^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$

2. Given the grammars $G=(\{c,d\}, \{S,A,T\}, S, P_i)$ where:

$P_1: S \rightarrow \lambda \mid A$ $A \rightarrow AA \mid c$	$P_2: S \rightarrow \lambda \mid A$ $A \rightarrow cAd \mid cd$	$P_3: S \rightarrow \lambda \mid A$ $A \rightarrow AcA \mid c$	$P_4: S \rightarrow cA$ $A \rightarrow d \mid cA \mid Td$ $T \rightarrow Td \mid d$	$P_5: S \rightarrow \lambda \mid A$ $A \rightarrow Ad \mid cA \mid cd$
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Determine the associated languages.

3. Create a grammar to generate the following languages:

- a. $\{ a^n b^n \mid n > 0 \}$
- b. $\{ a^n b^m \mid n > 0, 0 < m < n \}$
- c. $\{ a^n b^m \mid n > 0, 0 \leq m < n \}$

4. Determine the type of the following grammars in the Chomsky Hierarchy.

Justify your answer.

- $G = (\{a, b\}, \{A, B, S\}, S, P)$, $P = \{S ::= aA, A ::= bB, A ::= aA, A ::= a, B ::= \lambda\}$
- $G = (\{a, b, c\}, \{A, B, C, S\}, S, P)$, $P = \{S ::= aAb, S ::= Ba, S ::= \lambda, aAbC ::= aAbB, aAbC ::= aabC, BCc ::= AaCc, BCc ::= BaAbc, C ::= Ca, C ::= a\}$
- $G = (\{\text{house, garden, cat}\}, \{S, \text{CASTLE, FOREST, TIGER}\}, S, P)$,
 $P = \{S ::= \text{TIGER garden, } S ::= \text{FOREST CASTLE, FOREST} ::= \lambda, \text{garden CASTLE TIGER house} ::= \text{garden FOREST TIGER house, cat CASTLE FOREST} ::= \text{cat FOREST house TIGER FOREST, FOREST} ::= \text{TIGER house, FOREST} ::= \text{garden}\}$
- $G = (\{x, y\}, \{C, A, B, S\}, S, P)$, $P = \{S ::= Cx, S ::= Cy, S ::= By, S ::= Ax, S ::= x, S ::= y, A ::= Ax, A ::= Cx, A ::= x, B ::= By, B ::= yA, C ::= xA\}$
- $G = (\{a, b, c\}, \{S, B\}, S, P)$, $P = \{S ::= abc, S ::= aBSc, Ba ::= aB, Bb ::= bb\}$

5. Given the grammar G,

$G = (\{a, b, c\}, \{S, A, B\}, S, P)$, $P = \{S ::= \lambda, S ::= aAc, A ::= aA, A ::= Ac, A ::= B, B ::= b, B ::= Bb\}$

It is required:

- Specify the type of G in the Chomsky Hierarchy. Justify your answer.
- Determine the language L generated by the grammar.
- Construct two different derivation trees for a word in L(G).
- Verify if the following sentential forms are valid in G, and write a derivation chain to generate the valid ones.
 - aaAcc
 - ac
 - ababBcc
 - abbccc

6. Obtain the grammar corresponding to the language $L = \{a^n b^m c^p a^q b^n\}$, such that $q = p + m$; $n, m \geq 1$; $p \geq 0\}$

7. Obtain a grammar for the language with alphabet $\{a, b, c, d\}$ that consists of all the strings that can be formed by combining these symbols excluding those that contain the substring "bc".

8. Obtain a grammar for the language $L = \{x^n y^m z^k \mid m, n, k \geq 0, k = m + n\}$

9. Obtain a grammar for the language $\{ab^n a \mid n = 0, 1, \dots\}$

10. Obtain a type-0 grammar for the language $L = \{a^n b^n c^n\}$ where $n \geq 1$.

11. Obtain the language generated by the grammar $G = (\{0, 1\}, \{S, A, B, C\}, S, P)$, where P:

$S \rightarrow BAB$
 $BA \rightarrow BC$
 $CA \rightarrow AAC$
 $CB \rightarrow AAB$
 $A \rightarrow 0$
 $B \rightarrow 1$

12. Design a grammar to generate natural numbers.