PTC (Fall 2021) – Assignment 2

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Problem 1

Give context free grammars that generate the following languages, and give a brief description of the functionality of each variable in your grammars (in natural language).

a. $\{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w = w^R \text{ and } |w| \text{ is even } \}$

b. $\{w \in \{a,b\}^* | in \ w$, the number of $b = 1 + the number of a\}$.

c. $\{a^{i}b^{j}c^{k} \mid i, j, k \geq 0, \text{ and } i = j \text{ or } i = k\}$

Solution.

a. $G = (\{S\}, \{0, 1\}, P, S)$, where P consists of:

$$S \rightarrow 1S1 \mid 0S0 \mid 0 \mid 1$$

Description: S is the start symbol.

b. $G = (\{S\}, \{a, b\}, P, S)$, where P consists of:

$$S \rightarrow b \mid abS \mid baS \mid aSb \mid bSa \mid Sab \mid Sba$$

Description: S is the start symbol.

c. $G = (\{S, A, B, C, D, E\}, \{a, b, c\}, P, S)$, where P consists of:

$$S \to A \mid B$$

$$A \to CD$$

$$B \rightarrow aBc \mid E$$

$$C \rightarrow aCb \mid \epsilon$$

$$D \to cD \mid \epsilon$$

$$E \to bE \mid \epsilon$$

Description: S is the start symbol. A $\mathring{\mathcal{F}} \pm a^i b^j c^k (i=j)$.B $\mathring{\mathcal{F}} \pm a^i b^j c^k (i=k)$.C $\mathring{\mathcal{F}} \pm a^i b^j (i=j)$.