

COMP 330

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Three important facts

- Acceptance only happens at the end of the input
- A PDA can't decide to jam when there are moves possible
- When there are choices, PDA can select any choices it wants

REMARK:

- PDAs are equivalent to CFLs
- DPDAs are equivalent to DCFLs

$$\delta : Q \times \Sigma_\epsilon \times \Gamma_\epsilon \rightarrow (Q \times \Gamma_\epsilon) \text{ or } \emptyset$$

REMARK:

For every $q \in Q, a \in \Sigma, x \in \Gamma$, **exactly one** of $\delta(q, a, x)$, $\delta(q, a, \epsilon)$, $\delta(q, \epsilon, x)$, $\delta(q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$ is non-empty

Counter-Example such that the intersection of 2CFL is not CFL

$$\{a^n b^n c^m | n, m \geq 0\} \cap \{a^m b^n c^n | n, m \geq 0\} = \{a^n b^n c^n\}$$

Algorithms for CFLs:

$$Is L(G) = \emptyset? \quad S \rightarrow aS$$

We say that a NT x is generating if $x \xrightarrow{*} w \in \Sigma^* (or T^*)$

Theorem : $L(G) \neq \emptyset \iff S$ is generating

Algorithm 1 Check if it is generating

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1: procedure ALGORITHM( )
2:   initialize  $GEN = \emptyset$ 
3:   Put all terminal symbols in  $GEN$ 
4:   while there is still some changes happening do            $\triangleright$  repeat until no change happens
5:     for each rule  $x \rightarrow \alpha$ , check if every symbol of  $\alpha$  belongs to  $GEN^*$ 
6:     if so, add  $x$  to  $GEN$ 
7:   if  $S \in Gen$  then
8:     return  $L(G) \neq \emptyset$ 

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EXAMPLES[1]:
 $S \rightarrow aS \quad GEN = \{a\}$

Now we have just one rule $S \rightarrow \alpha$ where $\alpha = aS$, as not all of a, S belong to GEN^* , we can now end the loop, and $S \notin GEN$, we can conclude $L(G) = \emptyset$

EXAMPLES[2]:
 $S \rightarrow bA|aB \quad A \rightarrow bAA|aS|a \quad B \rightarrow aBB|bS|b$
 $[1]: GEN = \{a, b\} \quad [2]: GEN = \{a, b, A, B, S\} \implies L(G) \neq \emptyset$

There are more complex algorithms to check if $L(G) = \emptyset$

REMARK:

- The complement of CFL may not be a CFL
- The complement of DCFL is a DCFL

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Question: $w \in L(G)$?

We can convert G to Chomsky Normal Form $X(non-T) \rightarrow AB \quad X \rightarrow a(terminal)$

Using Dynamic Programming $O(n^3)$

(Cocke-Younger-Kasami Algorithm)

PDA: 2 distinct notions of acceptance

- Accept by accept states
- Accept by empty stack: at the end of the string is the stack empty?
There are no accept states.

Both of them are equally powerful.

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PUMPING LEMMA:

Let L be a CFL.

$\exists p \geq 0$ such that $\forall s \in L$ with $|s| \geq p$, $\exists u, v, w, x, y \in \Sigma^*$ where $s = uvwxy$ such that:

- $|vx| > 0$ (i.e., v and x can't both be the empty string);
- $|vwx| \leq p$
- $\forall i \geq 0, uv^iwx^iy \in L$

As with regular languages, we can use the contrapositive of the pumping lemma to prove that a language is not context-free. Here's a formal statement of the contrapositive:

Fix some L

$\forall p \geq 0$ such that $\exists s \in L$ with $|s| \geq p$, $\forall u, v, w, x, y \in \Sigma^*$ where $s = uvwxy$ such that:

- $|vx| > 0$ (i.e., v and x can't both be the empty string);
- $|vwx| \leq p$
- $\exists i \geq 0, uv^iwx^iy \notin L$

Then we can say that L is not a CFL

EXAMPLE [1] $L = \{a^n b^n a^n \mid n \geq 0\}$

- Demon: choose P
- I choose $s = a^P b^P a^P \in L$
- Demon chooses any $u, v, w, x, y \in \Sigma^*$ where $s = uvwxy$

$$\underbrace{a, a, \dots, a}_p \quad \underbrace{b, b, \dots, b}_p \quad \underbrace{a, a, \dots, a}_p$$

- v or x straddles a block boundary. Choose $i = 2$. Then, the a 's and b 's would be out of order in the resulting string.
- If v and x both contain only a 's or b 's, then v and x must be in the same block since $|vwx| < p$, choose $i = 2$
- v has a 's and x has b 's or v has b 's and x has a 's
Then we can choose $i = 2$

EXAMPLE [2] $L = \{ ww | w \in \Sigma^* \}$ suppose Σ has 2 letters.
Then, we define a new language

$$\widehat{L} = L \cap a^* b^* a^* b^* = \{ a^m b^n a^m b^n | m, n \geq 0 \}$$

Suppose that L is CFL then $\widehat{L} = CFL \cap \text{regular language} = CFL$

- Demon: choose P
- I choose $s = a^p b^p a^p b^p \in L$
- Demon chooses any $u, v, w, x, y \in \Sigma^*$ where $s = uvwxy$

$$\underbrace{a, a, \dots, a}_p \quad \underbrace{b, b, \dots, b}_p \quad \underbrace{a, a, \dots, a}_p \quad \underbrace{b, b, \dots, b}_p$$

NOTE: \widehat{L} is a CFL

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} S \rightarrow AB|BA|A|B & A \rightarrow CAC|a & B \rightarrow CBC|b & C \rightarrow a|b \\ \underbrace{\dots\dots\dots}_n & \underbrace{a}_{n+1 \text{ position}} & \underbrace{\dots\dots\dots}_n & \underbrace{\dots\dots\dots}_m & \underbrace{\dots\dots\dots}_{n+1 \text{ position in the second half}} & \underbrace{b}_{m} & \underbrace{\dots\dots\dots}_m \end{array}$$

$$L' = \{ w w^{rec} | w \in \Sigma^* \} \quad \text{this is CFL}$$

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REMARK:

- CFL **are NOT** closed under complementation.
Suppose L_1 and L_2 are context free. $L_1 \cap L_2$ is not necessarily context-free
- $L_1 \cup L_2$ we just need to add one rule $S \rightarrow S_1 | S_2$
- $L_1 \cdot L_2$ we just need to add one rule $S \rightarrow S_1 S_2$

EXAPMLE [1]: Show $L = \{ 0^i 1^j \mid j = i^2 \}$ is not a CFL

- Demon: choose P
- I choose $s = 0^p 1^{p^2} \in L$
- Demon chooses any $u, v, w, x, y \in \Sigma^*$ where $s = uvwxy$

$$\underbrace{0, 0, \dots, 0}_p \quad \underbrace{1, 1, \dots, 1}_{p^2}$$

- vw : all zeros or all ones pick $i \neq 1$
- v or x overlaps the boundary. I pick $i = 2$
- v : all 0's x : all 1's Either $|v| = 0$ or $|x| = 0$ pick $i = 2$ if $|v|, |u| \neq 0$ pick $i = 2$

Exercise [1]: $L = \{a^p \mid p \text{ is a prime}\}$

Exercise [2]: $L = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid 0 < i < j < k\}$