# Automata and Language Theory Chapter 3(Context Free Grammar)

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**How to Construct Grammar ????** 

Example 1: Construct the grammar for the set of strings over {a, b} that contain exactly 2b's.

<u>a\*b a\* b a\*</u>

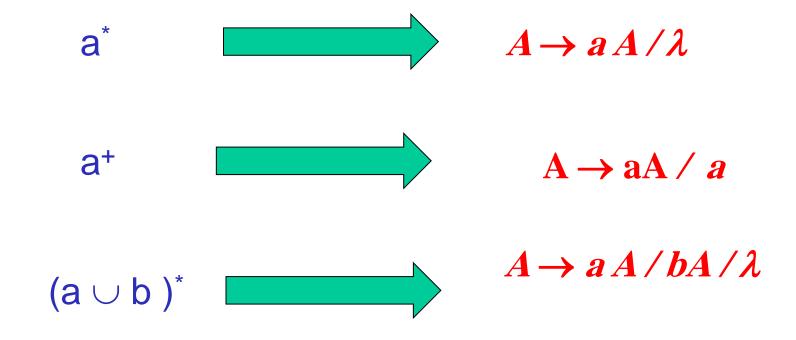
G:S 
$$\rightarrow$$
 AbAbA  
 $A \rightarrow aA/\lambda$ 

Example 2: Construct the grammar for the set of strings over {a, b} that contain substring bb.

$$(a \cup b)^* bb (a \cup b)^*$$

G:S 
$$\rightarrow$$
 AbbA  
A  $\rightarrow$  aA/bA/ $\lambda$ 

#### **Remark:**



Example 3: Construct the grammar for the set of strings over {a, b} that contain at least 2b.

$$(a \cup b)^* b (a \cup b)^* b (a \cup b)^*$$

G: 
$$S \rightarrow AbAbA$$
  
 $A \rightarrow aA/bA/\lambda$ 

**Example 4(Chapter 2 : Exercise 12)** 

Give the regular expression for the set of strings over  $\{a, b, c\}$  which all the a's precede the b's, which in turn precede the c's. It is possible that there are no a's, b's, or c's.

#### **Solution**

## **Construct the grammar**

G: S 
$$\rightarrow$$
 aS / A  
A  $\rightarrow$  bA / B  
B  $\rightarrow$  cB /  $\lambda$ 

OR
G: S  $\rightarrow$  aS / A /  $\lambda$   
A  $\rightarrow$  bA / B /  $\lambda$   
B  $\rightarrow$  cB /  $\lambda$ 

## **Example 5 (Chapter 2 : Exercise 13)**

Give the regular expression for the set of strings over {a, b, c} which all the a's precede the b's, which in turn precede the c's. without the null string.

## **Solution**

## **Construct the grammar**

G: 
$$S \rightarrow aS / aA$$
  
 $A \rightarrow bA / bB$   
 $B \rightarrow cB / c$ 

Example 6: Construct the grammar that has a regular expression: <u>a+b\*</u>

#### Solution

G: S 
$$\rightarrow$$
 aS / aB  
OR A  $\rightarrow$  aA / a  
B  $\rightarrow$  bB /  $\lambda$ 

Construct the language for the grammar

G: S 
$$\rightarrow$$
 aSa / aB a  
B  $\rightarrow$  bB /  $\lambda$ 

### **Solution**

S ⇒ aSa

⇒ aaSaa

⇒ 
$$a^n S a^n$$
⇒  $a^n S a^n$ 
⇒  $a^n aBa a^n$ 

L(G)=  $\{a^n b^m a^n, n > 0, m \ge 0\}$ 

⇒  $a^n b^m a^n$ 

Construct the language for the grammar

G: 
$$S \rightarrow aSa / aB a$$
  
 $B \rightarrow bB / b$ 

## Solution

S ⇒ aSa  
⇒ aaSaa  
⇒ 
$$a^n S a^n$$
  
⇒  $a^n S a^n$   
⇒  $a^n aBa a^n$   
⇒  $a^n b^m a^n$   
L(G)= { $a^n b^m a^n, n, m > 0$  }

Construct the language for the grammar

G: 
$$S \rightarrow aSbb / A$$
  
 $A \rightarrow cA / c$   
Solution  
 $S \Rightarrow aSbb$   
 $\Rightarrow aaSbbbb$   
 $\Rightarrow a^n S (bb)^n$   
 $\Rightarrow a^n A (bb)^n$   
 $\Rightarrow a^n c^m (bb)^n$   
 $\Rightarrow a^n c^m (bb)^n$