
18.404 Recitation 3

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Today's Topics

- CFL Pumping Lemma
 - What it is?
 - Why it works?
- Example: Proving Non-CFL Languages
 - $\{ ww \}$
 - $\{ a^i b^j c^k \mid i > j > k \}$
- Definition: Turing Machines
 - Multitape equivalence, Nondeterministic equivalence
 - (reset, R) TM equivalent to regular TM
- Church-Turing Thesis
- Turing-Recognizable, Turing-Decidable Languages
 - A is T-decidable iff $\neg A$ is T-decidable
 - **Not True:** A is T-recognizable iff $\neg A$ is T-recognizable
- Recap

CFL Pumping Lemma (What it is)

- A tool to prove languages are non-context free
- CFLs are *always true* under the CFL Pumping Lemma
 - To prove non- **CFL** , need to find only **1** counter example
- Many more possible pumpings of a given string
 - Need to make sure all cases are not pump-able

Formal Statement

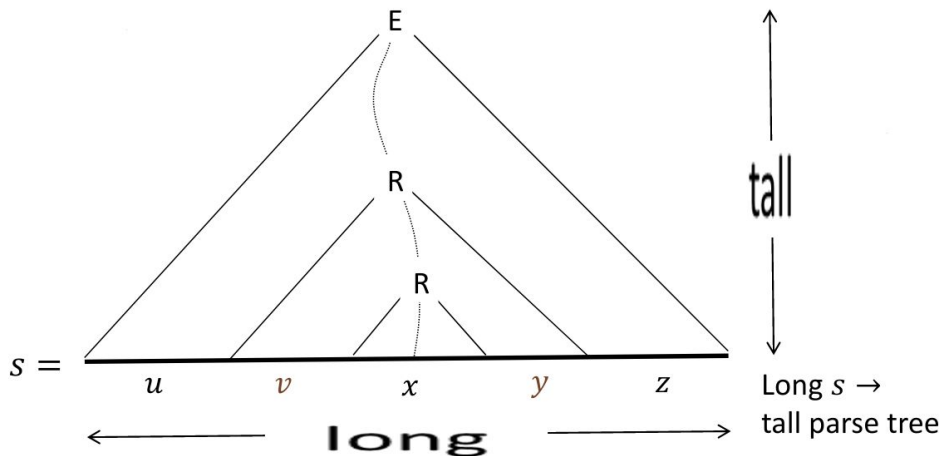
For every CFL, there exists a pumping number $p \geq 1$ such that every string of length at least p can be written as $s=uvxyz$ and satisfies:

- $(\forall n \geq 0) (uv^nxy^n z \in L)$
- $|vy| \geq 1$
- $|vxy| \leq p$

CFL Pumping Lemma (Why it works)

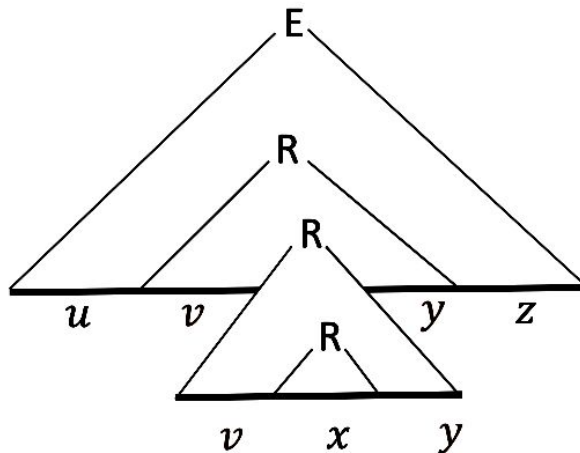
A long enough string s generated by a CFG will have repeated variables

- Loop Form: $R \rightarrow vRy$ where $|vy| \geq 1$
- Assume minimal CFG so never $R \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow R$



CFL Pumping Lemma (Why it works)

Pumping Up

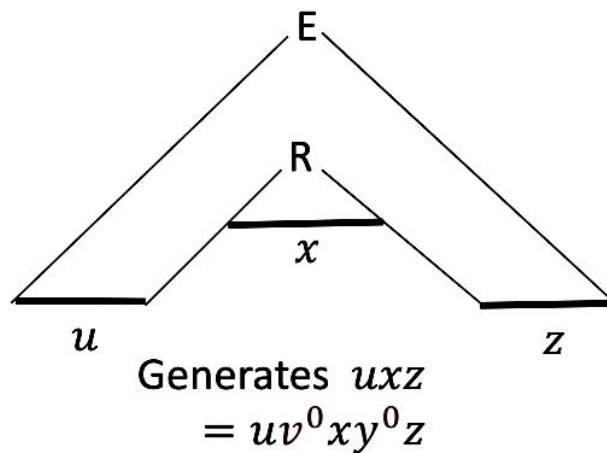


Generates $uvvxyyz$
 $= uv^2xy^2z$

- $(\forall n \geq 0) (uv^nxy^nz \in L)$
- $|vy| \geq 1$
- $|vxy| \leq p$

CFL Pumping Lemma (Why it works)

Pumping Down



- $(\forall n \geq 0) (uv^nxy^n z \in L)$
- $|vy| \geq 1$
- $|vxy| \leq p$

Example: Proving Non-CFL Languages

Prove that $\{ ww \}$ is not a CFL

$$0^p 1^p 0^p 1^p$$

- $(\forall n \geq 0) (uv^nxy^n z \in L)$
- $|vy| \geq 1$
- $|vxy| \leq p$

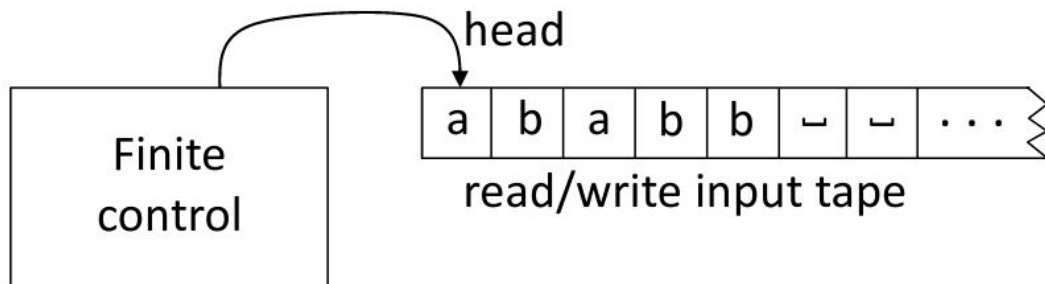
Example: Proving Non-CFL Languages

Prove that $\{ a^i b^j c^k \mid i > j > k \}$ is not a CFL

$$a^{p+2} b^{p+1} c^p$$

- $(\forall n \geq 0) (uv^n xy^n z \in L)$
- $|vy| \geq 1$
- $|vxy| \leq p$

Definition: Turing Machines

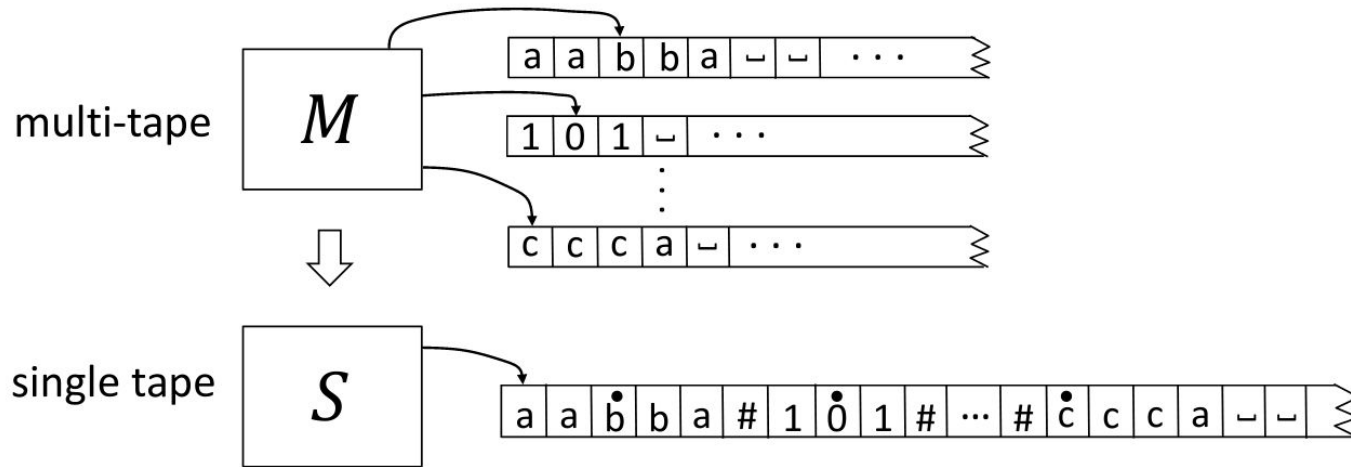


Big Upgrades

- Head can read and write
- Head is two-way (can move left and right)
- Tape is infinite to the right with blank spaces as scratch area
- Can accept/reject at any time, not limited to end of the input

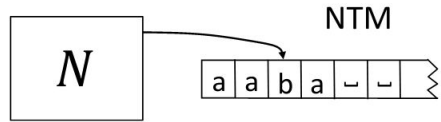
TM Equivalence

Multi-Tape vs Single Tape TM equivalence

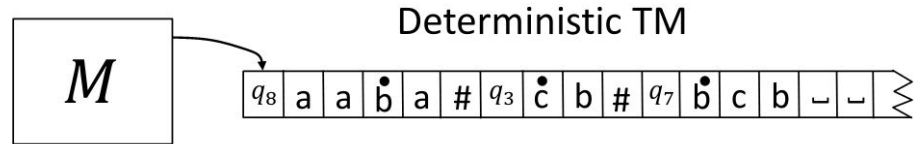
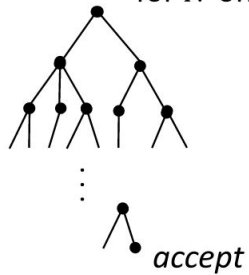


TM Equivalence

Non-Deterministic vs Deterministic TM equivalence



Nondeterministic computation tree
for N on input w .



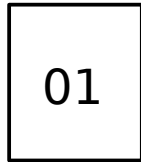
TM Equivalence

(reset, R) TM equivalent to regular TM

- (reset, R) TM \equiv a TM that can only move right or RESET to the beginning of the tape. It cannot move left space-by-space

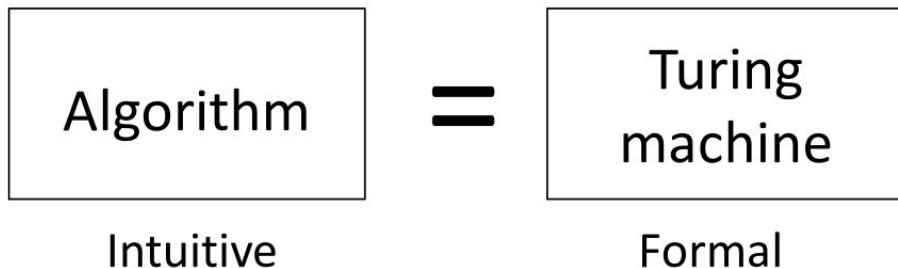
Show how to get back left-move using only (reset, R)

TM Equivalence



finite memory

Church-Turing Thesis



Instead of Turing machines,
can use any other “reasonable” model
of unrestricted computation:

λ -calculus, random access machine,
your favorite programming language, ...

Definition: TM-Recog, TM-Decidable

Language A is T-Recognizable language if exists TM M s.t. $L(M)=A$

- Corollary: M must accept only and all strings in A
 - Can loop or reject on all others

Language B is T-Decidable language if exists TM decider M s.t. $L(M)=B$

- Corollary: M must accept only and all strings in B
 - Must reject on all others

Example: T-Decidable

Show A is T-decidable iff $\neg A$ is T-decidable

$M' =$ "on input s

- Run TM M on s
- Return opposite of result"

Example: T-Recognizable

M

M'

Not True: Show A is T-recognizable iff $\neg A$ is T-recognizable

D = "on input s

- Non det. run s on both M and M'
- return result of whichever terminates"

Recap

