

COMP 3721

Tutorial 6

- Please contact with me if you find any mistakes in HW1's grading.
- The answers should be subject to the solution posted on course webpage. But Question 1, 2, 3, 4a, 4c have different answers; Question 6 is counted as correct as long as your definitions are reasonable and self-consistent. The detailed proof of Question 5 can be found in the last question in Tutorial 3.
- e and \emptyset^* are both OK in R.E. The occurrence of e didn't result in points deducting. Just ignore my remarks about e in HW1.

Context-Free Language

- Pumping Theorem
- Closure Property

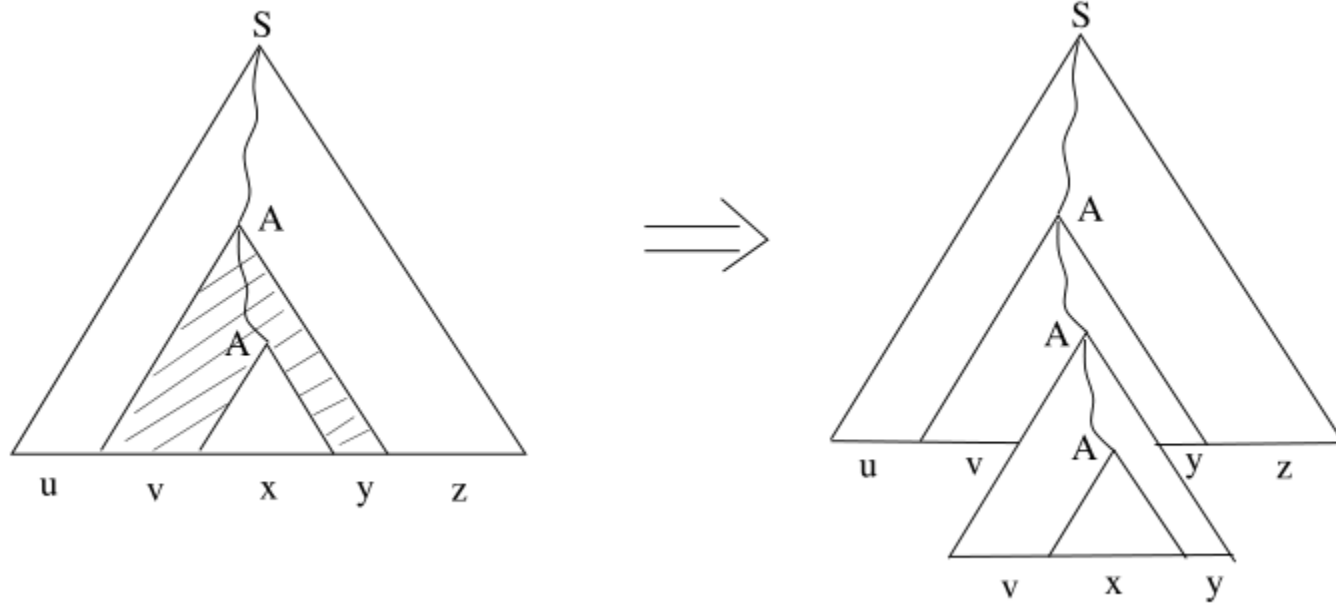
Pumping Theorem

The pumping theorem for CFLs

Theorem 1 *Let L be a context free language. Then there is an integer $N \geq 1$ such that for every $w \in L$ and $|w| \geq N$, w can be split into five parts $w = uvxyz$ such that*

1. $vy \neq \epsilon$ (i.e. v and y cannot both be ϵ)
2. $|vxy| \leq N$
3. $uv^i xy^i z \in L$ for $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

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Justify your answer. If context free show a PA or CFG, if not apply Pumping Theorem for CFL

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$$V = \{a, b, c, S, B\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$$

$$R = \{S \rightarrow aSc, S \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow bBc, B \rightarrow \epsilon\}$$

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b) $L = \{a^i b^i c^{2i} : i \geq 0\}$ Not Context Free.

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Assume L is context-free. Let N be the integer in the Pumping Theorem.

$w = a^N b^N c^{2N} = uvxyz$. $|vy| > 0$, $|vxy| \leq N$.

vxy contains at most 2 alphabet (a or b or c or a,b or b,c).

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Closure Property of CFL

Theorem 1 *CFLs are closed under*

1. *union,*
2. *concatenation,*
3. *Kleene Star.*

Properties of CFLs

Theorem 2 *The intersection of a CFL and a regular language is a CFL.*

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 - a) $\{a^i b^j : i \neq j\}$
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$$L_1 = \{a^i b^j : i > j\}$$

$$L_2 = \{a^i b^j : i < j\}$$

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$$L' = \{ww^R : w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$$

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$$L - R = L \cap \bar{R}$$