

Homework 4

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1: One More Grammar

$$S \rightarrow TU \mid cSd$$

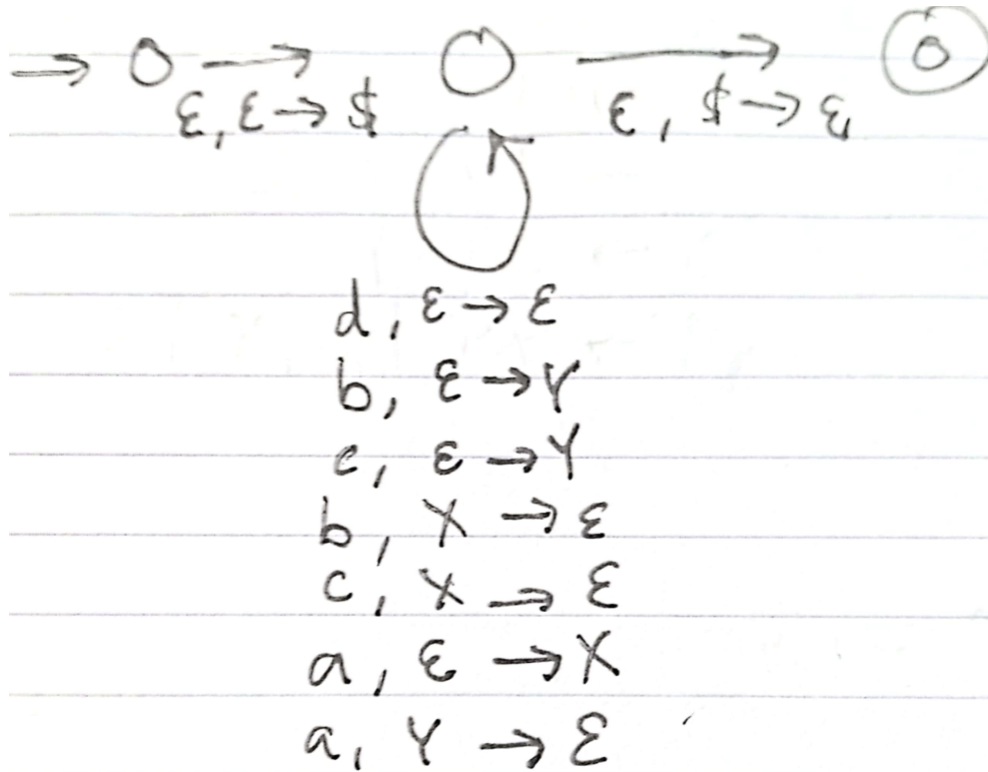
$$T \rightarrow \epsilon \mid cTa$$

$$U \rightarrow aXd \mid aUd$$

$$X \rightarrow bc \mid bXc$$

2: Push It All Down

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3: This One Might Need Context

Suppose, for the sake of contradiction, that C is context-free. Therefore, there is a CFG that describes it with a pumping length p .

Let $s = a^p b^p c^{p+1}$. By the pumping lemma, we can divide s into $uvxyz$ such that $|vy| > 0$ and $|vxy| \leq p$. We proceed by cases on v and y :

Case 1 (all a's): Pumping up, $uv^2xy^2z \notin C$ because the number of a's \geq the number of c's.

Case 2 (all b's): Pumping up, $uv^2xy^2z \notin C$ because the number of b's \geq the number of c's.

Case 3 (all c's): Pumping down, $uxz \notin C$ because the number of c's \leq the number of a's or the number of b's.

Case 4 (mix of a's and b's): Pumping up, $uv^2xy^2z \notin C$ because the number of a's \geq the number of c's and the number of b's \geq the number of c's.

Case 5 (mix of b's and c's): Pumping down, $uxz \notin C$ because the number of c's \leq the number of a's.

All cases result in a contradiction of the pumping lemma, thus L is not context-free.