

CS321 Introduction to Theory of Computation  
Assignment No. 4, Due: Saturday February 24,  
2024

1. Determine whether or not the following languages are regular. If the language is regular then give an NFA or regular expression for the language. Otherwise, use the pumping lemma for regular languages or closure properties to prove the language is not regular.

- (a)  $L = \{a^n b^k : k \leq n \leq 2k\}$
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- (c)  $L = \{a^n : n = 3k \text{ for some } k \geq 0\}$
- (d)  $L = \{a^n : n = k^3 \text{ for some } k \geq 0\}$
- (e)  $L = \{w : n_a(w) > n_b(w), w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$

2. Give context-free grammars that generate the following language

- (a)  $L_1 = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid w \text{ contains at least three 1's}\}.$
- (b)  $L_2 = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i, j, k \geq 0, \text{ and } i = j \text{ or } i = k\}$

3. Consider the following grammar  $G = (\{S, A\}, \{a, b\}, S, P)$  where  $P$  is defined below.

$$S \rightarrow SS|AAA|\lambda$$

$$A \rightarrow aA|Aa|b$$

- (a) Give a left-most derivation for the string abbaba.
  - (b) Show that the grammar is ambiguous by exhibiting two distinct derivation trees for some terminal string.
4. Using the CYK algorithm show that the string baabba is in the context free language generated by the following production rules. Here,  $V = \{S, A, B, C, D\}$  and  $T = \{a, b\}$

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(a)

Assume that  $m=5$  and  $w = a^3 b^2$ , so  $|w| \geq 5$

$$w = \frac{a a a}{x} \frac{b}{y} \frac{b}{z}$$

$$|xy| \leq 5 \text{ and } |y| \geq 1$$

$$w_i = x y^i z$$

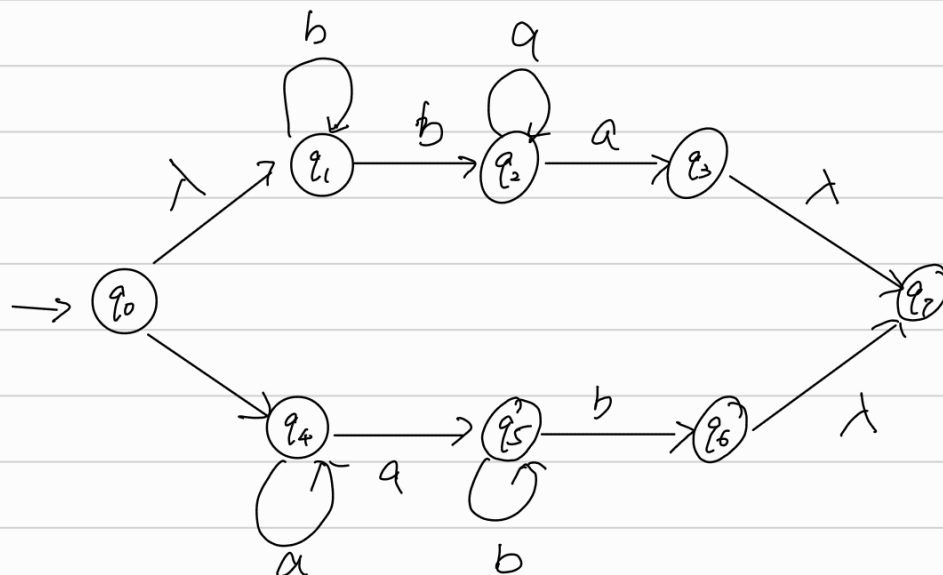
$$w_2 = x y^2 z = a a a b^2 b = a^3 b^3 \quad w_2 \in L$$

$$w_3 = x y^3 z = a a a b^3 b = a^3 b^4 \quad w_3 \notin L$$

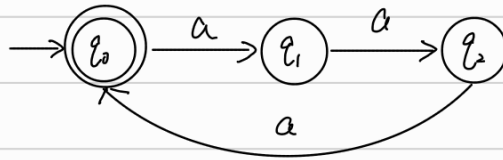
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(b)



(c)



(d)

Assume that  $m=8$ ,  $w = a^8 \in L$

$$w = \underbrace{aaaa}_x \underbrace{a}_y \underbrace{aaa}_z$$

$$|xy| \leq 8 \quad |y| \geq 1$$

$$w_i = xy^i z$$

$$w_2 = xy^2 z = aaaa aa aaa$$

$$= a^9 \notin L, \text{ so } w_2 \notin L$$

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(e)

$$L = \{a, aab, aaabb, \dots\}$$

Assume  $m=y$ ,  $w = aaabb \in L$

$$|w| \geq y$$

$$w = \underbrace{aaa}_x \underbrace{b}_y \underbrace{b}_z$$

$$w_i = xy^i z$$

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a)

$$S \rightarrow A|A|A|A$$

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$$A \rightarrow 1A$$

$$A \rightarrow \lambda$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$S \rightarrow A|A|A|A$$

$$A \rightarrow 0A|1A|\lambda$$

b)

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow aAb$$

$$A \rightarrow \lambda$$

$$B \rightarrow cB$$

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$$S \rightarrow C$$

$$C \rightarrow aCc$$

$$C \rightarrow D$$

$$D \rightarrow bD$$

$$D \rightarrow \lambda$$

$\Rightarrow$

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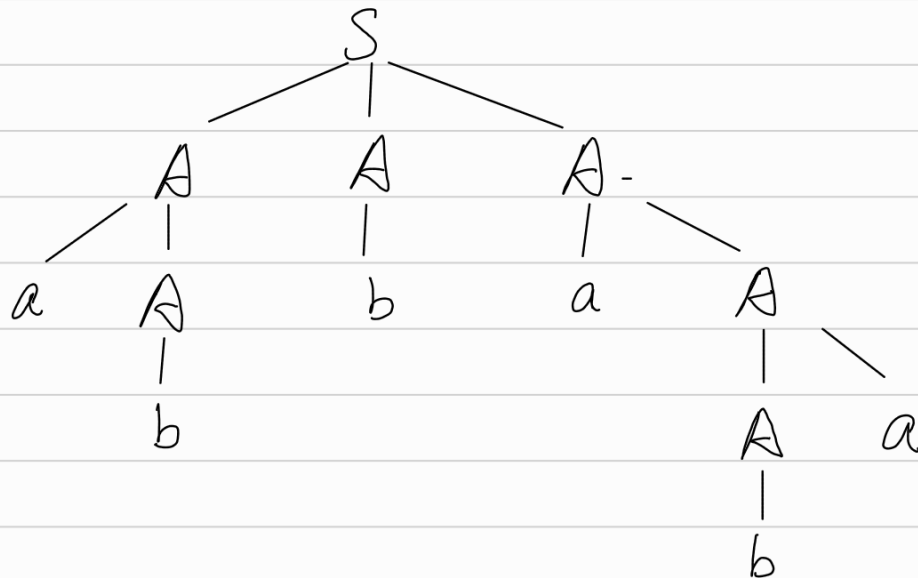
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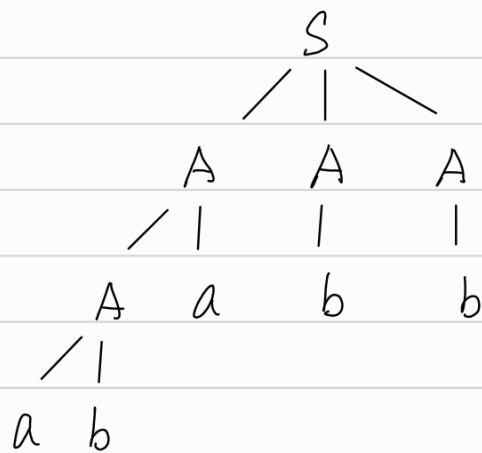
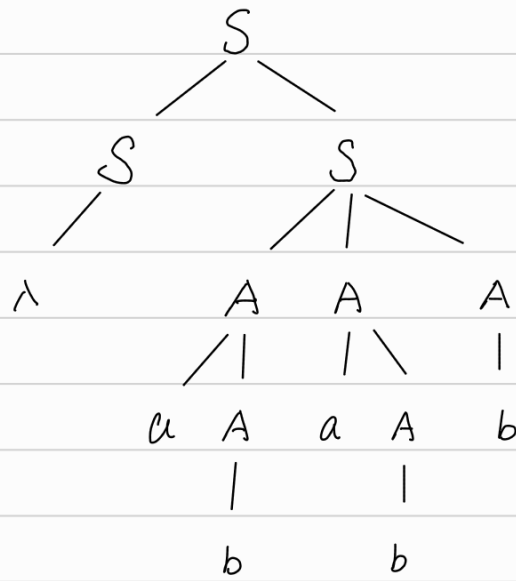
a. Left-most derivation for the string "abbaba"

$$\begin{aligned} S & \\ \Rightarrow AAA & \quad [S \rightarrow AAA] \\ \Rightarrow aAAA & \quad [A \rightarrow aA] \\ \Rightarrow abAA & \quad [A \rightarrow b] \\ \Rightarrow abbA & \quad [A \rightarrow b] \\ \Rightarrow abbaA & \quad [A \rightarrow aA] \\ \Rightarrow abbaAa & \quad [A \rightarrow Aa] \\ \Rightarrow abbaba & \quad [A \rightarrow b] \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} S &\Rightarrow AAA \xrightarrow{4} aAAA \xrightarrow{6} abAA \xrightarrow{5} abAaA \\ &\xrightarrow{6} abbaA \xrightarrow{5} abbaAa \xrightarrow{6} abbaba \end{aligned}$$

b.



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