

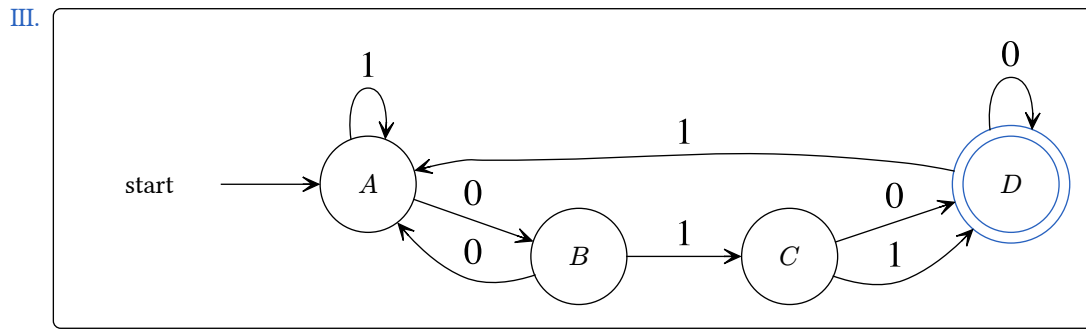
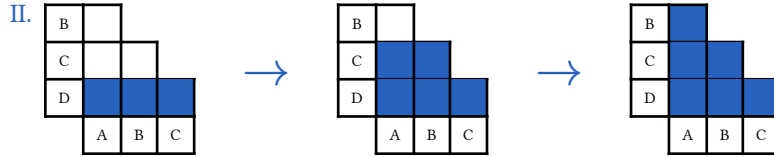


## THEORY OF COMPUTATION WEEK TWO (3)

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### Problem 3.1:

I. Since  $\{E, F, G, H\}$  are not reachable, we can remove them



### Problem 3.2:

*Proof:*

- $B \xrightarrow{*}_G w \Rightarrow$  there exists a derivation tree with root  $B$  and border word  $w$ .

To go from a derivation to a derivation tree, we find a construction:

Let  $B \Rightarrow w_1 \Rightarrow w_2 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow w_n \Rightarrow w$  be intermediate yieldings of productions to  $B$  that result in  $w$ .

1. Start with the initial symbol  $B$  as the root.
2. For every intermediate yielding, attach new nodes (right hand side of the production) as children to the respective node.
3. Repeat step 2 until you reach the desired border word.

- $B \xRightarrow{*}_G w \Leftarrow$  there exists a derivation tree with root  $B$  and border word  $w$ .

In a derivation tree, the immediate children of every inner node is specified by a production, therefore given a root node  $B$ , there exist a sequence of direct derivations that result in the given borderword, i.e.  $B \xRightarrow{*}_G w$ .

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### Problem 3.3:

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*Proof:* We use pumping lemma and show that there is no combination  $uvxyz$  such that you can pump on  $v$  and  $y$  at the same time ( $uv^i xy^i z \in L(G) \forall i \geq 0$ ). For that we can consider all combinations:

- Consider that the number of  $v$  consists only of  $a$ s or  $b$ s and similarly  $y$  consists only of  $b$ s or  $c$ s (but  $v$  and  $y$  don't consist of  $b$ s at the same time). In this case, pumping on  $v$  and  $y$  increases the amount of corresponding symbols while the amount of the excluded one stays the same — the decomposition is not valid.
- $v$  consists of  $k$   $a$ s and  $k$   $b$ s and  $y$  consists of  $k$   $c$ s. Pumping will not result in imbalanced amounts, but it will cause the order of  $a$ s and  $b$ s to change (eg.  $aaabbbccc \rightarrow aaababbbcccc$ ) — the decomposition is not valid.
- The case where either  $v$  or  $y$  contains all three symbols at the same time violates the pumping length restriction. No matter what we pick  $p$  (pumping length) to be, a string that looks like  $a^p b^p c^p$  will violate the length restriction.

These are all sensible decompositions, for others it's very clear that they fail. □