

To show that a set is not a CFL - use pumping lemma in the contrapositive form.

For all  $k \geq 0$ ,  $\exists z \in A$  s.t.  $|z| \geq k$  and for all split of  $z$  into substrings  $z = uvwxy$  with  $vx \neq \epsilon$  and  $|vwx| \leq k$ , there exists an  $i \geq 0$  s.t.

$$uv^iwx^iy \notin A.$$

$$A = \{w \in \{a, b, c\}^* \mid \#_a(w) = \#_b(w) = \#_c(w)\}$$

Claim.  $A$  is not a CFL.

Theorem. CFLs are closed under intersection with regular sets.

if  $A \subseteq \Sigma^*$  is a CFL and  $B \subseteq \Sigma^*$  is a regular set then  $A \cap B$  is a CFL.

$$B = A \cap L(a^*b^*c^*) = \{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$

if  $A$  is a CFL then by Theorem  $B$  is a CFL which is a contradiction.

Example.

$$A = \{ww \mid w \in \{a,b\}^*\}.$$

Claim.  $A$  is not a CFL.

$$A' = A \cap L(a^*b^*a^*b^*) = \{a^n b^m a^n b^m \mid n, m \geq 0\}$$

Suffices to show that  $A'$  is not a CFL

Consider any  $k$ . Choose  $z = a^k b^k a^k b^k$

We have  $|z| \geq k$ . No matter which way  $z$  is split

$z = uvwxy$  where  $v \neq \epsilon$  and  $|vwx| \leq k$

with  $i=2$  it can be shown that  $uv^iwx^iy \notin A'$ .

By pumping lemma,  $A'$  is not regular.  
so  $A$  is not regular.

Deterministic PDA.

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, \perp, \dashv, s, F)$$

- $\dashv$  is a special symbol not in  $\Sigma$ . Right end marker

$$\delta \subseteq (Q \times (\Sigma \cup \{\dashv\} \cup \{\epsilon\}) \times \Gamma) \times (Q \times \Gamma^*)$$

- For any  $p \in Q$ ,  $a \in \Sigma \cup \{\dashv\}$ ,  $A \in \Gamma$ ,  $\delta$  contains exactly one transition of the form

$$((p, a, A), (q, B)) \text{ or } ((p, \epsilon, A), (q, B))$$

- $\perp$  is always at the bottom of the stack

All transitions involving  $\perp$  should be

$$((p, a, \perp), (q, B\perp))$$

Acceptance is by final state:

$$(s, x\dashv, \perp) \xrightarrow{*}_M (q, \epsilon, B)$$

Properties:

- DCFLs are closed under complementation.
- DCFLs are not closed under union, intersection.

$$\text{DCFLs} \subsetneq \text{CFL}.$$

CFG to NPDA.

Suppose  $G = (N, \Sigma, P, S)$ . To construct NPDA  $M$   
s.t.  $L(M) = L(G)$ .

Assume that all productions of  $G$  are of the form

$$A \rightarrow c B_1 B_2 \dots B_k, c \in \Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}, k \geq 0.$$

Greibach Normal Form.

Construct  $M = (\{q\}, \Sigma, N, \delta, q, S, \phi)$

$M$  has one state and accepts with empty stack

$\Sigma$  - set of terminal symbols in  $G$ : input alphabet  
in  $M$

$N$  - set of nonterminals of  $G$  is the stack alphabet of  
 $M$ .

$S$  - start symbol of  $G$ , the initial stack symbol of  
 $M$ .

Definition of  $\delta$ :

For each production  $A \rightarrow c B_1 B_2 \dots B_k$ , add  
the following to  $\delta$ .

$$((q, c, A), (q, B_1 B_2 \dots B_k))$$

$$M = (\{q\}, \Sigma, N, S, q, S, \phi)$$

$S$ : For each  $A \rightarrow C B_1 B_2 \dots B_k, ((q, C, A), (q, B_1 B_2 \dots B_k)) \in S$ .

Example. Balanced Parentheses.

Production Rules in  $G$

1.  $S \rightarrow [BS$
2.  $S \rightarrow [B$
3.  $S \rightarrow [SB$
4.  $S \rightarrow [SBS$
5.  $B \rightarrow ]$

Transitions in  $M$ .

- $((q, [, S), (q, BS))$ .
- $((q, [, S), (q, B))$
- $((q, [, S), (q, SB))$
- $((q, [, S), (q, SBS))$
- $((q, ], B), (q, \epsilon))$

Leftmost derivation - productions are always applied to the leftmost nonterminal.

**To show.** Leftmost derivation of  $x$  in  $G$  corresponds to an accepting computation of  $M$  on input  $x$ .

Example: Input  $x = [[[]][[]]$

Rule

Configurations of  $M$

	$S$	$(q, [[[]][[]], S)$
3	$[SB$	$(q, [[]][[]], SB)$
4	$[[SBSB$	$(q, []][[]], SBSB)$
2	$[[[BB]SB$	$(q, ]][[]], BB]SB)$
5	$[[[[]]BSB$	$(q, ]][[]], BSB)$
5	$[[[[]]]SB$	$(q, [[]], SB)$
2	$[[[[]]]BB$	$(q, []], BB)$
5	$[[[[]]]]B$	$(q, ], B)$
5	$[[[[]]]]$	$(q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$ .

Lemma 1. For any  $z, y \in \Sigma^*$ ,  $\gamma \in N^*$  and  $A \in N$ ,

$A \xrightarrow{n}_G z\gamma$  by a leftmost derivation iff  $(q, zy, A) \xrightarrow{n}_M (q, y, \gamma)$

Proof. Induction on  $n$ .

Base case,  $n=0$ : Straight forward.

Induction Step.

Suppose  $A \xrightarrow{n+1}_G z\gamma$  using a leftmost derivation.

$\rightarrow C \in \Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}, \beta \in N^*$

Suppose  $B \rightarrow C\beta$  was the last production applied.

$A \xrightarrow{n}_G uB\alpha \xrightarrow{1}_G uC\beta\alpha = z\gamma$ . /  $z = uC$  and  $\gamma = \beta\alpha$

By induction hypothesis,  $(q, ucy, A) \xrightarrow{n}_M (q, cy, B\alpha)$ .

By definition of  $M$ ,  $((q, c, B), (q, \beta)) \in \delta$ .

therefore,  $(q, cy, B\alpha) \xrightarrow{1}_M (q, y, \beta\alpha)$

Thus we have

$(q, zy, A) = (q, ucy, A) \xrightarrow{n+1}_M (q, y, \beta\alpha) = (q, y, \gamma)$ .

Conversely, Suppose  $(q, zy, A) \xrightarrow{M^{n+1}} (q, y, \gamma)$

let  $((q, c, B), (q, \beta)) \in S$  be the last transition taken by  $M$ .

Then  $z = uc$  for some  $u \in \Sigma^*$ ,  $\gamma = \beta\alpha$  for some  $\alpha \in \Gamma^*$  and

$$(q, ucy, A) \xrightarrow{M^n} (q, cy, B\alpha) \xrightarrow{M^1} (q, y, \beta\alpha)$$

By induction hypothesis  $A \xrightarrow{G^n} uB\alpha$  by a leftmost derivation in  $G$ .

By definition of  $S$  in  $M$ ,  $B \rightarrow c\beta$  is a production of  $G$ .

Then,  $A \xrightarrow{G^n} uB\alpha \xrightarrow{G^1} uc\beta\alpha = z\gamma$  by a leftmost derivation.

Theorem  $L(G) = L(M)$ .

Proof.

$x \in L(G)$  iff  $S \xrightarrow{G^*} x$  by a leftmost derivation  
[Defn of  $L(G)$ ]

iff  $(q, x, S) \xrightarrow{M^*} (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$  [Lemma 1]

iff  $x \in L(M)$  [Definition of  $L(M)$ ]



NPDA's accept only CFL's.

Step 1. Every PDA can be simulated by a PDA with one state.

Step 2. Every PDA with one state has an equivalent CFG.

→ "Invert" the construction in the previous lecture.

Suppose  $M = (\{q\}, \Sigma, \Gamma, S, \delta, \perp, \phi)$

Define  $G = (\Gamma, \Sigma, P, \perp)$  as follows.

For every transition  $((q, c, A), (q, B_1 \dots B_k)) \in \delta$ ,

add the production  $A \rightarrow cB_1B_2 \dots B_k$  in  $P$ .

Lemma 1. For any  $z, y \in \Sigma^*$ ,  $x \in N^*$  and  $A \in N$ ,

$A \xrightarrow{n}_G zyx$  by a leftmost derivation iff  $(q, zyx, A) \xrightarrow{n}_M (q, y, x)$

Theorem  $L(G) = L(M)$ .