



Chapter 11

A Hierarchy of Formal Languages and Automata

The Chomsky Hierarchy

Recursive and Recursively Enumerable Languages

Unrestricted Grammars

Context –Sensitive Grammars and Languages



The Chomsky Hierarchy

- Each of the four grammar classes has a simple yet powerful automaton
- A useful connection between grammars, automata, and languages
 - Type: 0, 1, 2, 3
 - Languages: r.e.L, CSL, CFL, RL
 - Grammar production restrictions: (X and Y)
 - $X \rightarrow Y$
 - Automata: TM, LBM, PDA, FA



To prove a language to be in certain language class

- You may show the language can be generated from associated grammar class
- For example,
 - $G = 2 \Rightarrow \text{Automata} = \text{PDA}$
 - $G = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Automata} = \text{TM}$

Chomsky Hierarchy of Grammars

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Type	Name of Languages Generated	Production Restrictions $X \rightarrow Y$	Acceptor
0	Phrase-structure = recursively enumerable	X = any string with nonterminals Y = any string	TM
1	Context-sensitive	X = any string with nonterminals Y = any string as long as or longer than X	TM's with bounded (not infinite) TAPE, called linear-bounded automata LBA's‡
2	Context-free	X = one nonterminal Y = any string	PDA
3	Regular	X = one nonterminal $Y = tN$ or $Y = t$ t terminal N nonterminal	FA

‡The size of the tape is a linear function of the length of the input.

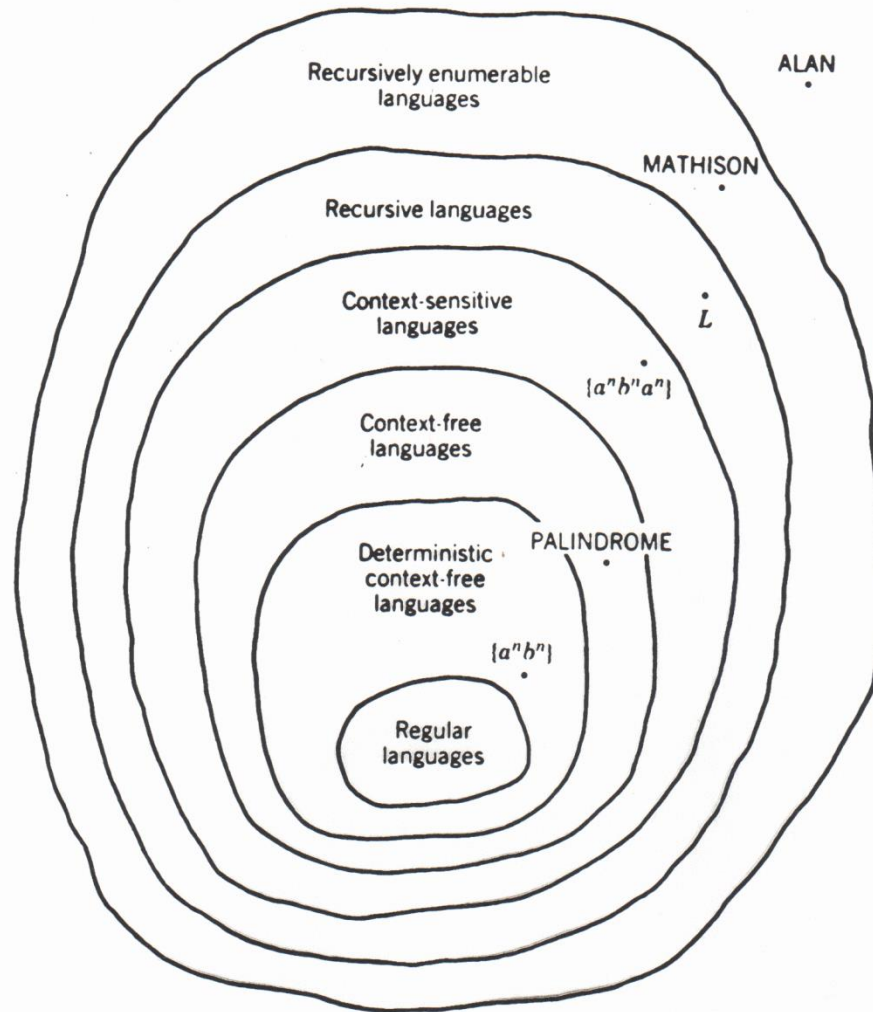


Note: exceptions

- Which type (0, 1, 2, 3) of grammar is the following grammar belong to?
 - $S \rightarrow aSb \mid \lambda$

THE CHOMSKY HIERARCHY

These six classes of languages form a nested set as shown in the Venn diagram below.





No two of these categories are really the same

- $\{a^n b^n\}$ is deterministic context-free but not regular
- Palindrome is context free but not deterministic context-free
- $\{a^n b^n C^n\}$ is context-sensitive but not context-free



Chomsky Hierarchy of Grammars

(Make sure that you are able to fill it up!)

Type	Language	Production Restrictions	Acceptor	Representative



Every TM T over the alphabet Σ divides the set of strings Σ^* into **three** classes

1. **ACCEPT** (T) is the set of all strings leading to a final state. This is also called the language accepted by T .
2. **REJECT** (T) is the set of all strings that halt in a non-final state.
3. **LOOP** (T) is the set of all other strings that loop forever while running on T .



Definition 11.1

- A language L is said to be **recursively enumerable** if there exists a **TM** that accepts it



Definition 11.2

- A language L on Σ is said to be **recursive** if there exists a **TM** T that accepts L and that **halts** on every w in Σ^+
- In other words, a language is recursive if and only if there exists a membership algorithm
 - Note, in this case $\text{Loop}(T) = \phi$



Question:

- Is recursive language a subset of recursively enumerable language or the other way around?



Definition 11.3

Unrestricted Grammar

- A grammar $G = (V, T, S, P)$ is called unrestricted if all the productions are of the form
 - $u \rightarrow v$
 - Where u is in $(V \cup T)^+$ and v is in $(V \cup T)^*$
 - u should contain at least one non-terminal

Theorem 11.6

Any language generated by an unrestricted grammar is recursively enumerable

- Proof (highlight)
 - We can simulate the derivations of unrestricted grammar on a TM \Rightarrow it is recursively enumerable



Definition 11.4

- A grammar $G = (V, T, S, P)$ is said to be **context-sensitive** if all productions are of the form
 - $x \rightarrow y$
 - Where $x, y \in (V \cup T)^+$
 - and $|x| \leq |y|$



Definition 11.5

- A language L is said to be **context-sensitive** if there exists a context sensitive grammar G , such that $L = L(G)$.



Context Sensitive Grammar Construction

- None of the examples is easy
- The next fifty years will see natural language processing as a dominant issue



Example 11.2

Show that $L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 1\}$ is CSL

- Construct a CSG for L
 - $S \rightarrow abc \mid aAbc$
 - $Ab \rightarrow bA$
 - $Ac \rightarrow Bbcc$
 - $bB \rightarrow Bb$
 - $aB \rightarrow aa \mid aaA$
- Note: “A” is playing a role of messenger



In-class exercises

(need to be turned in together with HW)

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 - Find context-sensitive grammars for the following language:
 - $L = \{a^n b^n a^{2n} : n \geq 1\}$
- Turing Machine as Computer:
 - (a) 3-interger adder;
 - (b) adder for any number of integers



Definitions Review

- NPDA, DPDA
- Turing Machine
- Chomsky Hierarchy
- CSL, CSG



Review Exercises -1

- Give a formal definition for the following terms: TM, CSG, Chomsky Hierarchy
- Construct a PDA in two steps (algorithm and TG) for the following languages:
 - $L = \{a^n b^m : n \leq m \leq 2n\}$
 - $L = \{a^n b^{3n} : n \geq 0\}$
 - $L = \{wcw^R : w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$



Review Exercises -2

- Construct a TM in TG that will accept the following languages on $\{a, b\}$,
 - $L = \{w: |w| \text{ is multiple of } 2\}$
 - $L = \{a^n b^{3n} : n \geq 0\}$
- Construct a TM in TG that is an adder for any number of integers