

# 1 CFLs

**note 1:**  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

**note 2:**  $n_x(a)$  means the number of a's in the string x.

- $\{x | n_x(a) = n_x(b)\}$   
corresponding CFG :

$$S \rightarrow aSbS | bSaS | \epsilon$$

- $\{x | n_x(a) \geq n_x(b)\}$   
corresponding CFG:

$$S \rightarrow SS | aSb | bSa | a | \epsilon$$

not surely right version :

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow SaS | T \\ T &\rightarrow aTbT | bTaT | \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

- $\{x | n_x(a) = 2n_x(b)\}$   
corresponding CFG:

$$S \rightarrow SaSaSbS | SaSbSaS | SbSaSaS | \epsilon$$

using similar method, we can easily generalize this into k.

important lemma needed in the proof: substring  $a^x b a^y$ ,  $(x + y = k)$  can always be found in any non-empty string s in the language.

- complement of  $a^n b^n$   
corresponding CFG:

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aSb | bY | Ya \\ Y &\rightarrow bY | aY | \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

- $\{a^i b^j | i \neq j \wedge i \neq 2j\}$   
corresponding CFG(not surely right):

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow A | B | N \\ E &\rightarrow aEb | \epsilon \\ A &\rightarrow Eb | aAb | Ab \\ B &\rightarrow aaabb | aBb | aaBb \\ M &\rightarrow aaMb | \epsilon \\ N &\rightarrow aM | aNb | aN \end{aligned}$$

- $\{a^i b^j | i \leq j \leq 2i\}$

With the idea of previous problem, it's easy to construt a CFG to recognize this language.

But it's also elegant to use PDA to solve this problem.

While PDA read 'a', it randomly push one 'a' or two 'a's into stack and pop two 'a's while reading 'b'. And PDA accepts while stack is empty.

Using this idea, it's also easy to show  $\{x | n_x(a) \leq n_x(b) \leq 2n_x(a)\}$  is CFL.

- $\{xyz | x, z \in \Sigma^*, y \in \Sigma^* b \Sigma^* \text{ and } |x| = |z| \geq |y|\}$   
corresponding CFG (not surely right):

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow A | B | C \\ A &\rightarrow EEEbEE | EAE | EEAE \\ B &\rightarrow EEbEEE | EBE | EBEE \\ C &\rightarrow EbE | ECE \\ E &\rightarrow a | b \end{aligned}$$

- convert NFA/DFA into CFG  
 let  $D = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  be a NFA, and WLOG,  $F = \{p\}$ .  
 let  $C = (V, T, R, S)$  be a CFL, and
  - $V = Q$
  - $T = \Sigma$
  - $S = q_0$
  - $\forall x, y \in Q, c \in \Sigma, y \in \delta(x, c)$ , insert “ $x \rightarrow cy$ ” into  $R$
  - insert “ $p \rightarrow \epsilon$ ” into  $R$

Also, one can construt  $D = (V', T', R', S')$  be a CFL, and

- $V' = Q'$
- $T' = \Sigma$
- $S' = p$
- $\forall x, y \in Q, c \in \Sigma, y \in \delta(x, c)$ , insert “ $y \rightarrow xc$ ” into  $R'$
- insert “ $q_0 \rightarrow \epsilon$ ” into  $R'$

Using similar idea, it's obvious that if  $R$  in arbitrary CFG contains only transitions of type  $A \rightarrow cB$  where  $A, B \in V, c \in T^*$  or only transitions of type  $A \rightarrow Bc$ , this CFG generates regular language.

But if  $R$  contains both type  $A \rightarrow cB$  and type  $A \rightarrow Bc$ , thus this CFG might generate CFL.

For example, consider this CFG

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow Bb| \epsilon \\ B &\rightarrow aS \end{aligned}$$

The language of this CFG may not be regular(hint: use pumping lemma of regular language).

It also can be shown that there are some CFLs cannot be recognize by this CFG type.

First we need to formalize this type of CFG,  $G = (V, T, R, S)$   $R$  contains transitions of **both** type  $A \rightarrow cB$  and type  $A \rightarrow Bc$ , while it also contains type of  $A \rightarrow c$  where  $A, B \in V, c \in T^*$ .

And we can simply this type into “standard type” with same ability, that  $R$  contains transitions of **both** type  $A \rightarrow cB$  and type  $A \rightarrow Bc$ , while it also contains type of  $A \rightarrow c$  where  $A, B \in V, c \in T$ , especially, only  $S$  could yields  $\epsilon$ . (hint: implement Chomsky normal form).

Pumping lemma for “standard type”, for any string in language  $L$  whose length is larger than  $p$ , can be rewrite into  $xyuvw$ ,  $x, y, u, v, w \in T^*$  such that.

1.  $|xyvw| \leq p$
2.  $|yv| \geq 1$
3.  $\forall 0 \leq i, xy^iuv^iw \in L$

(hint: consider parsing tree of “standard type”)

With this lemma, it can be shown that  $\{a^n b^n a^m b^m | n, m \geq 0\}$  cannot be recognize by “standard type”.