

## Content free grammar:-

- Grammars are used to generate the words of a language and to determine whether a word is in a language.

## Formal Def' of CFG:-

- A context free grammar (CFG) is defined by 4-tuples  $(V, T, P, S)$  where,
  - $V$  = set of variables / set of non terminals
  - $T$  = set of terminal symbols
  - $P$  = set of productions (rules)
  - $S$  = start symbol, scv.

## Four components in CFG:-

1. There is a finite set of symbols that form the strings of language being defined. We call this alphabet, the terminal or terminal symbol.
2. There is a finite set of variables, also called non-terminal symbols. Each variable represent a language i.e. set of strings.
3. One of the variable represents the language being defined. It is called the start symbol.
4. There is a finite set of productions or rules that represent the recursive definition of the language.

Each production consists of:

- A variable that is being defined by the production. This is called head of production.
- The production symbol →
- A string of zero or more terminals and variables. This string is called the body of the production, represents one way to form the string in the language of the head.

#### Note:-

The variable symbols are represented by capital letters.  
 The terminal symbols are represented by lowercase letter.  
 One of the variable is designed as a start variable,  
 It usually occurs on the left hand side of the production rule.

#### e.g:-

$$S \rightarrow E$$

$$S \rightarrow OSI$$

This is a CFG defining the grammar of all the strings with equal no. of 0's followed by equal no. of 1's.

Here;

Two rules define the production P,

E, 0, 1 are the terminal defining T,

S is a variable symbol defining V.

& S is a start symbol from where production starts.

## Compact notation of the productions :-

- It is convenient to think of a production as "belonging" to the variable of head. We may use the terms like A-production or production of A to the production whose head is A. We write the production of a grammar by listing each variable once & listing all the variables, separated by |. which is called compact notation.

Eg CFG representing the language over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  which is palindrome language.

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon | a | b$$

$$S \rightarrow a a$$

$$S \rightarrow b b$$

Here, the first production is written in Compact notation form. The detail of the production looks like:

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

$$S \rightarrow b$$

### Derivation:-

CFG generates string according to the following process called a derivation.

- We start by writing down the start symbol of the CFG,  $S$ .
  - At each step of the derivation, we may replace any non-terminal symbol of the string generated so far by the right hand side of any production that has the symbol on the left.
  - The process ends when it is impossible to apply a step of the type described in (b).
- ⇒ If the string at the end of this process consists entirely of terminals, it is a string in the language generated by the grammar called yield.

There are two approaches of derivation

1) Body to head (Bottom up) approach

2) Head to body (Top down)

### Body to head:-

⇒ Here, we take strings known to be in the language of each of the variables of the body, concatenate them, in the proper order, with any terminals appearing in the body, the resulting string is the language of the variable in the head.

Consider grammar,

$$S \rightarrow S + S$$

$$S \rightarrow S / S$$

$$S \rightarrow (S)$$

$$S \rightarrow S - S$$

$$S \rightarrow S * S$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

here, given  $a + (a * a) / a - a$   
now, applying body to head approach;

S.N	String inferred	Variable	Production	String used
1.	a	S	$S \rightarrow a$	
2.	$a * a$	S	$S \rightarrow S * S$	String ①
3.	$(a * a)$	S	$S \rightarrow (S)$	String ②
4.	$(a * a) / a$	S	$S \rightarrow S / S$	String ③ & ①
5.	$(a * a) / a - a$	S	$S \rightarrow S - S$	String ④ & ①
6.	$a + (a * a) / a - a$	S	$S \rightarrow S + S$	String ⑤ & ①

Thus, in this approach we start with any terminal appearing in the body & use the available rules from body to head.

## Head to body :-

Here, we use production from head to body. We expand the start symbol using a production, whose head is the start symbol. Here we expand the resulting string until all strings of terminal are obtained. Here we have two approaches.

### ⇒ Leftmost Derivation:-

Here, leftmost symbol (variable) is replaced first.

### Rightmost Derivation:-

Here, rightmost symbol is replaced first.

e.g:- Consider the previous example of deriving string,  $a + (a * a) / a - a$  with the above grammar

### LMD:-

rules

$$S \rightarrow S + S$$

$$S \rightarrow S * S$$

$$S \rightarrow a + S$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

$$S \rightarrow a + \cancel{S} * S$$

$$S \rightarrow S - S$$

$$S \rightarrow a + S / S - S$$

$$S \rightarrow S / S$$

$$S \rightarrow a + (S) / S - S$$

$$S \rightarrow (S)$$

$$S \rightarrow a + (S * S) / S - S$$

$$S \rightarrow S * S$$

$$S \rightarrow a + (a * S) / S - S$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

$$S \rightarrow a + (a * a) / a - S$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

$$S \rightarrow a + (a * a) / a - a$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

## RMD :-

### Rules

$$S \rightarrow S - S$$

$$S \rightarrow S - S$$

$$S \rightarrow S - a$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

$$S \rightarrow S + S - a$$

$$S \rightarrow S + S$$

$$S \rightarrow S + S / S - a$$

$$S \rightarrow S / S$$

$$S \rightarrow S + S / a - a$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

$$S \rightarrow S + (S) / a - a$$

$$S \rightarrow (S)$$

$$S \rightarrow S + (S + S) / a - a$$

$$S \rightarrow S * S$$

$$S \rightarrow S + (S * a) / a - a$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

$$S \rightarrow S + (a * a) / a - a$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

$$S \rightarrow a + (a * a) / a - a$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

### Direct derivation :-



$$\alpha_1 \rightarrow \alpha_2$$

- If  $\alpha_2$  can be derived directly from  $\alpha_1$ , then it is called direct derivation.



$$\alpha_1 \xrightarrow{*} \alpha_2$$

- If  $\alpha_2$  can be derived from  $\alpha_1$  with zero or more steps of the derivation, then it is just derivation.  
- also called Sentential form for each results derived.

e.g.

$$S \rightarrow a a a / a b / a / b / \epsilon$$

$$S \xrightarrow{*} \alpha$$

$S \rightarrow a b$  ~~is~~ direct derivation.

Sentential  
form

$$S \rightarrow a a a$$

$$S \rightarrow a a a a a$$

$$S \rightarrow a a b a a$$

}

just derivation

### Derivation Tree / Parse tree :-

- Parse tree is a tree representation of strings of terminals using the productions defined by the grammar.
- A parse tree pictorially shows how the start symbol of a grammar derives a string in the language.
- Formally, given CFG  $G = (V, T, P, S)$ , a parse tree is a tree having following properties.
  - The root is labelled by the start symbol.
  - Each interior node of parse tree are variables.
  - Each leaf node of parse tree is labelled by a terminal symbol or  $\epsilon$ .

e.g

Let  $G = (V, T, P, S)$  be a grammar

where

$$V = \{E\}$$

$$T = \{+, *, a, b\}$$

$$S = E$$

P consists of

$$E \rightarrow E + E \mid E * E \mid a \mid b$$

Derive  $w = a + b * a * b$

Using LMD & RMD. Also

construct respective deni-

vation tree.

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LMD

$$S \rightarrow E$$

$$\rightarrow E + E$$

$$\rightarrow a + E$$

$$\rightarrow a + E * E$$

$$\rightarrow a + b * E$$

$$\rightarrow a + b * E * E$$

$$\rightarrow a + b * a * E$$

$$\rightarrow a + b * a * b$$

RMD

$$S \rightarrow E$$

$$\rightarrow E * E$$

$$\rightarrow E * b$$

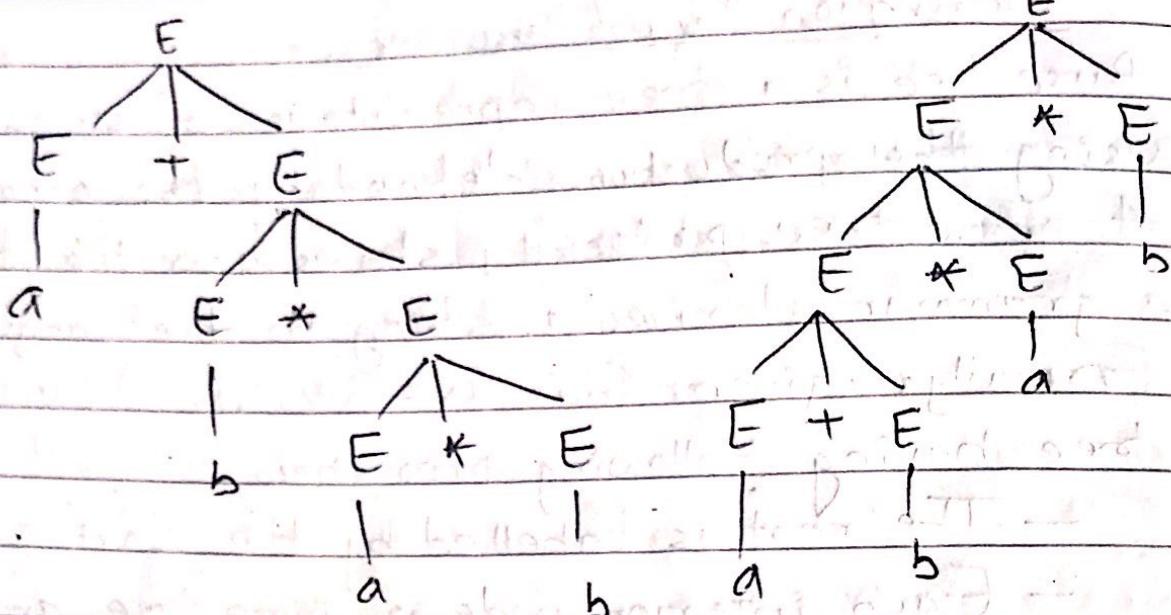
$$\rightarrow E * E * b$$

$$\rightarrow E * a * b$$

$$\rightarrow E + E * a * b$$

$$\rightarrow E + b * a * b$$

$$\rightarrow a + b * a * b$$



LMD parse tree

RMD parse tree

Exercise:-

Q) Consider the grammar G.

$$S \rightarrow A1B$$

$$A \rightarrow 0A1C$$

$$B \rightarrow 0B1B1E$$

1) Construct the parse tree for 00101

LMD

$$S \rightarrow \underline{A1B}$$

$$\rightarrow 0\underline{A1B}$$

$$\rightarrow 00\underline{A1B}$$

$$\rightarrow 00E\underline{1B}$$

$$\rightarrow 0010\underline{B}$$

$$\rightarrow 00101\underline{B}$$

$$\rightarrow 00101E$$

$$\rightarrow 00101$$

RMD

$$S \rightarrow A1\underline{B}$$

$$\rightarrow A10\underline{B}$$

$$\rightarrow A101\underline{B}$$

$$\rightarrow A101E$$

$$\rightarrow OA101$$

$$\rightarrow OOA101$$

$$\rightarrow OOE101$$

$$\rightarrow 00101$$

2) Construct a parse tree for 1001

3) Construct a parse tree for 00011

Q The production of CFG is

$$S \rightarrow 0B|1A$$

$$A \rightarrow 010S|1AA$$

$$B \rightarrow 01|1S|0BB$$

for the string 00110101, find LMD and RMD.  
Also draw respective parse tree

### Ambiguity in Grammar:-

A grammar  $G = (V, T, P, S)$  is said to be ambiguous if there is a string  $w \in L(G)$  for which we can derive two or more <sup>distinct</sup> derivation trees rooted at  $S$  and yielding  $w$ . In other words, a grammar is ambiguous if there exists more than one leftmost derivation or more than one rightmost derivation for the same string.

example:-

$$S \rightarrow AB|aaB$$

$$A \rightarrow a|Aa$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

for any string  $aab$ ;

We have two leftmost derivation as,

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$\rightarrow AaB$$

$$\rightarrow aaB$$

$$\rightarrow aab$$

Also,

$$S \rightarrow aaB$$

$$\rightarrow aab$$



## Simplification of CFG :-

- ⇒ There are mainly 3 simplifications of CFGs.
- 1) Elimination of epsilon production
  - 2) " " Unit "
  - 3) " " Useless symbols.

### Removal of Gepsilon (f)- production | null production

- ⇒ A production of the form  
non-terminal  $\rightarrow$  empty string is called.  
null production.
- Eg:-  $S \rightarrow \epsilon, A \rightarrow \epsilon$  etc.

⇒ To eliminate  $\epsilon$ -production(s) from a CFG, we first find out nullable non-terminal(s) of CFG. A non terminal is nullable if it derives an epsilon in zero or more steps.

$$\text{i.e. } A \xrightarrow{*} \epsilon$$

then A is nullable.

⇒ Then we search for occurrence of the non-terminals that generates empty string. i.e. in all other production rules.

⇒ If such occurrence of the non-terminal exists, then we replace that non terminal with the empty string and add the resulting production

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to the grammar.

→ After adding the new production to the grammar,

we discard the null production from the grammar.  
The process is continued until all the null productions are eliminated.

Eg: Consider the grammar

$$S \rightarrow aA$$

$$A \rightarrow b/E$$

Remove the null production.

Soln:- Here, the null production is

$$A \rightarrow E$$

Since, the occurrence of A exist in the production

$$S \rightarrow aA.$$

Therefore, we replace A by E and add the resulting production rule to the grammar.

$$S \rightarrow aA$$

$$S \rightarrow aE$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

- After adding  $S \rightarrow a$  to the grammar, the grammar becomes,

$$S \rightarrow aA/a$$

$$A \rightarrow b$$

which is desired simplified grammar.

Ex Consider the following grammar G.

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$$S \rightarrow ABAC$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow bB \mid \epsilon$$

$$C \rightarrow c$$

→ Remove the  $\epsilon$ -production from above grammar.

Soln:-

Here, null production are:

$$A \rightarrow \epsilon \text{ and } B \rightarrow \epsilon$$

for  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$

∴ the occurrence of  $A$  exist, in the production

$$\cancel{ABAC} \quad S \rightarrow ABAC$$

∴ We replace ' $A$ ' by ' $\epsilon$ ' in all ways

$$S \rightarrow ABAC$$

$$S \rightarrow ABAC$$

$$S \rightarrow ABAC$$

$$\rightarrow \epsilon BAC$$

$$\rightarrow AB\epsilon C$$

$$\rightarrow \epsilon B\epsilon C$$

$$\rightarrow BAC$$

$$\rightarrow ABC$$

$$\rightarrow B'C$$

and

$$A \rightarrow aA$$

$$\rightarrow a\epsilon$$

$$\rightarrow \epsilon$$

Adding new productions to grammar;

$$S \rightarrow ABAC \mid ABC \mid BAC \mid BC$$

$$A \rightarrow \cancel{aA} \mid aA \mid \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow bB \mid \epsilon$$

$$C \rightarrow C$$

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we apply <sup>n'th</sup> in the new production  
we achieve just

for  $B \rightarrow C$ 

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow ABAC \\ &\rightarrow A\epsilon AC \\ &\rightarrow AAC \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow ABC \\ &\rightarrow AEC \\ &\rightarrow AC \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow BAC \\ &\rightarrow EAC \\ &\rightarrow AC \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow BC \\ &\rightarrow EC \\ &\rightarrow C \end{aligned}$$

and  $B \rightarrow bB$ 

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow bC \\ &\rightarrow b \end{aligned}$$

so final grammar is

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow ABAC \mid ABC \mid BAC \mid BC \mid AAC \mid AC \mid C \\ A &\rightarrow AA \mid a \\ B &\rightarrow bB \mid b \\ C &\rightarrow C \\ &\quad // \end{aligned}$$

ExConsider the grammar : if  $\epsilon$  is later

$$S \rightarrow ABC$$

$$A \rightarrow BB \mid \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow CC \mid a$$

$$C \rightarrow AA \mid b$$

Soln: $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ , A is nullable $C \rightarrow AA \xrightarrow{*} \epsilon$ , C is nullable $B \rightarrow CC \xrightarrow{*} \epsilon$ , B is nullable

$S \rightarrow ABC \longrightarrow *E$ ,  $E$  is nullable

for  $A \rightarrow E$ ,

$$S \rightarrow A \underline{B} C$$

$$\rightarrow BC$$

now Adding these to grammar;

$$S \rightarrow ABC | BC$$

$$A \rightarrow BB$$

$$B \rightarrow CC | a$$

$$C \rightarrow AA | b$$

for  $C \rightarrow AA$ ,

$$C \rightarrow AA$$

$$\rightarrow EA$$

$$\rightarrow A$$

$$C \rightarrow AA$$

$$\rightarrow AE$$

$$\rightarrow A$$

$$C \rightarrow AA$$

$$\rightarrow EE$$

$$\rightarrow E$$

adding these to grammar.

$$S \rightarrow ABC | BC$$

$$A \rightarrow BB$$

$$B \rightarrow CC | a$$

$$C \rightarrow AA | A | E | b$$

$\therefore C \rightarrow E$ ,

$$S \rightarrow ABC$$

$$\rightarrow ABE$$

$$\rightarrow AB$$

$$S \rightarrow BC$$

$$\rightarrow BE$$

$$\rightarrow B$$

$$B \rightarrow CC$$

$$\rightarrow CE$$

$$\rightarrow C$$

$$B \rightarrow CC$$

$$\rightarrow EE$$

$$\rightarrow E$$

now, adding these to grammar.

$$S \rightarrow ABC | BC | AB | B$$

$$A \rightarrow BB$$

$$B \rightarrow CC | C | \epsilon | a$$

$$C \rightarrow AA | A | b$$

again,

for,  $B \rightarrow \epsilon$ ,

$$S \rightarrow ABC$$

$$\rightarrow AEC$$

$$\rightarrow AC$$

$$S \rightarrow BC$$

$$\rightarrow EC$$

$$\rightarrow C$$

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$\rightarrow AE$$

$$\rightarrow A$$

$$S \rightarrow B$$

$$\rightarrow E$$

$$A \rightarrow BB$$

$$\rightarrow BE$$

$$\rightarrow B$$

$$A \rightarrow BB$$

$$\rightarrow EB$$

$$\rightarrow B$$

$$A \rightarrow BB$$

$$\rightarrow EG$$

$$\rightarrow E$$

now, the grammar becomes.

$$S \rightarrow ABC | BC | AB | B | AC | C | A | \epsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow BB | B | \epsilon \quad \text{already eliminated.} \therefore \text{eliminate the}$$

$$B \rightarrow CC | C | a$$

$$C \rightarrow AA | A | b$$

for  $S \rightarrow \epsilon$ , no occurrence of non terminal that generate empty string. i.e- other production rules.

∴ final CFG:-  $S \rightarrow ABC | BC | AB | B | AC | C | A$

$$A \rightarrow BB | B$$

$$B \rightarrow CC | C | a$$

$$C \rightarrow AA | A | b$$

$\Rightarrow$  Lemore E-productions for each of grammar:

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow aAA/E$$

$$B \rightarrow bBB/E$$

## Eliminating unit production:-

- A production of the form  
non-terminal  $\rightarrow$  non-terminal is called unit production.
- Eg:-  $S \rightarrow A, A \rightarrow B$  etc.
- To eliminate such production rules from the given CFG, we first find all the unit production of the form  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \in V$ . Then we search for a production of the form  $\beta \rightarrow a$ , where  $\beta \in V$  and  $a \in T$ .
- If such production rule exists then we replace the right hand side non-terminal of the unit production with respective terminal.  
i.e. we add the production  $\alpha \rightarrow a$ , where  $\alpha \in V$  and  $a \in T$  to the grammar and discard  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  from the grammar.
- We continue the process until all the unit productions are eliminated from the CFG.

Eg

Consider the CFG as:

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow C \mid b$$

$$C \rightarrow D$$

$$D \rightarrow E$$

$$E \rightarrow a$$

Remove the unit production.

Soln: Here, the unit production of the given grammar are:-

$$B \rightarrow C$$

$$C \rightarrow D$$

$$D \rightarrow E$$

- Now, we have to search for a production ~~gote~~ rule such that either of C, D or E gives a terminal symbol.

- Among these unit productions, the right hand side non-terminal of unit production  $D \rightarrow E$  gives a terminal symbol 'a'.

i.e.  $E \rightarrow a$  exists in the given grammar.

- Now we replace E by a in the unit production  $D \rightarrow E$  such that a new production  $D \rightarrow a$  is added to the grammar and  $D \rightarrow E$  is discarded from the given grammar.

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow C \mid b$$

$$C \rightarrow D$$

$$D \rightarrow a$$

$$E \rightarrow a$$

$$\text{also, } C \rightarrow D \quad \because D \rightarrow a$$

$$\text{now } S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow C \mid b$$

$$C \rightarrow a$$

$$D \rightarrow a$$

$$E \rightarrow a$$

$\therefore C \rightarrow a$ 

also,  $B \rightarrow C \therefore B \rightarrow a$

- final grammar after removing unit production is:

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

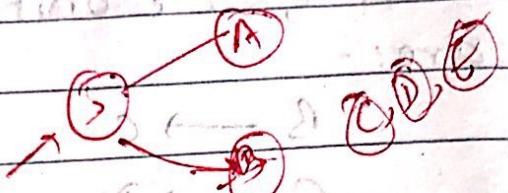
$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow a \mid b$$

$$C \rightarrow a$$

$$D \rightarrow a$$

$$E \rightarrow a$$



$C, D, E$  are unreachable  
i.e. there is no way we  
can reach symbols  $C, D, E$   
from the start symbol.

Eg: Consider the CFG, as:

$$S \rightarrow AA$$

$$A \rightarrow B \mid BB$$

$$B \rightarrow abB \mid b \mid bb$$

Remove the unit production.

Sol:-

The unit production of above grammar is  $A \rightarrow B$

- Now, we have to search for production rule such that B gives a terminal symbol.

Here, the production rule  $A \rightarrow B$ , gives a terminal symbol

$$\text{i.e } B \rightarrow b$$

$$\text{Also, } B \rightarrow bb$$

now,  $A \rightarrow b \mid bb$

so The simplified grammar is

$$S \rightarrow AA$$

$$A \rightarrow b \mid bb \mid BB$$

$$B \rightarrow abB \mid b \mid bb$$

~~A & B also~~ - 2

eg Remove Unit production from the grammar whose production rule is given by

$$⑩ S \rightarrow XY$$

$$X \rightarrow a$$

$$Y \rightarrow Z \mid b$$

$$Z \rightarrow M$$

$$M \rightarrow N$$

$$N \rightarrow a$$

new productions are - for grammar with 2  
increased at manufacturing more about them

$$S \rightarrow A \mid B \mid C$$

$$A \rightarrow a \mid B \mid C$$

$$B \rightarrow b \mid C$$

Q Consider the CFG,  $G$ , given below. Find  
 = a CFG,  $G'$  with no  $\epsilon$ -production and  
 no unit productions.



$$S \rightarrow ABA$$

$$A \rightarrow aA / \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow bB / \epsilon$$

Soln:-

Here,

$$A \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow \epsilon$$

are null productions

$\Rightarrow$  for  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$

The occurrence of  $A$  exists in the production as

$$S \rightarrow ABA$$

$$\rightarrow BA$$

$$S \rightarrow ABA$$

$$\rightarrow AB$$

$$S \rightarrow ABA$$

$$\rightarrow B$$

also,

$$A \rightarrow aA$$

$$\rightarrow a$$

$\therefore$  After removing  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$  production, we add these new productions to grammar.

$$S \rightarrow ABA \mid BA \mid AB \mid B$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid a$$

$$B \rightarrow bB \mid \epsilon$$



$\Rightarrow$  for  $B \rightarrow \epsilon$

$$S \rightarrow ABA$$

$$\rightarrow A\epsilon A$$

$$\rightarrow AA$$

$$S \rightarrow BA$$

$$\rightarrow BA$$

$$\Rightarrow A$$

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$\rightarrow AG$$

$$\rightarrow A$$

$$S \rightarrow B$$

$$\rightarrow \epsilon$$

also

$$B \rightarrow bB$$

$$\rightarrow b\epsilon$$

$$\rightarrow b$$

$\therefore$  After removing  $B \rightarrow \epsilon$ , we add these new productions to grammar.

$$S \rightarrow ABA | BA | AB | B | AA | A | \epsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow AA | a$$

$$B \rightarrow bB | b$$

for  $S \rightarrow \epsilon$ , no occurrence of  $S$ , so simply remove

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$\therefore$  final production after removing null production are :-

$$S \rightarrow ABA | BA | AB | AA | A | B$$

$$A \rightarrow AA | a$$

$$B \rightarrow bB | b$$

again, in the above CFG, unit productions are

$$S \rightarrow A$$

$$S \rightarrow B$$

$\Rightarrow$  Now we have to search a production rule such that either of ~~A, B~~ gives a terminal symbol.

i.e. ~~A~~  $B \rightarrow b$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

Exists in the given grammar.

$\Rightarrow$  Now we replace 'B' by 'b' and 'A' by 'a' in the unit production

$$S \rightarrow A \text{ & } S \rightarrow B$$

Such that  $S \rightarrow a \text{ & } S \rightarrow b$  is added to the grammar and  $S \rightarrow B$  and  $S \rightarrow A$  is discarded from the grammar.

$\Rightarrow$  ii) The final CFG after removal of unit production is:

$$S \rightarrow ABA | BA | AB | AA | a | b$$

$$A \rightarrow aa | a$$

$$B \rightarrow bb | b$$



eg Consider the CFG G given below.

Find a CFG  $G'$  with no  $\epsilon$ -productions & no unit productions!

$$S \rightarrow asa | bsb | \epsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow aBb | bBa$$

$$B \rightarrow aB | bB | \epsilon$$

## Eliminating useless symbols:-

⇒ A symbol  $X$  is said to be useful if  
i)  $X$  is generating, if  $X$  is of the form

$$X \xrightarrow{*} w, w \in T$$

i.e. If  $X$  is generating, It gives a terminal symbol or symbols after using series of production rule.

ii)  $X$  is reachable from start symbol, if  $X$  is of the form

$$S \xrightarrow{*} \alpha X \beta$$

⇒ A symbol that does not satisfy these two conditions is called useless symbol.

⇒ To eliminate useless symbols from the grammar, we first find all the generating symbols in the given grammar.

i.e. all the symbols that generates a terminal symbol or terminal strings.

If any symbol doesn't terminate then discard this symbol from the grammar.

- ⇒ There may be some symbols that generates terminal symbol or string but they are not reachable from the start symbol. Such symbols have no roles in string generating. Therefore, we have to discard this as well.
- ⇒ To eliminate the non-reachable symbol, we draw a dependency graph using these symbols.
- Any symbol that remains unconnected in a graph is non-reachable symbol and we discard it from the grammar.
- ⇒ Thus after eliminating the non-generating symbols and unreachable symbols, we shall have only the useful symbol left.

Remember that:-

- Whenever we have to simplify any CFG, we first, make sure if the CFG is:
  - $\epsilon$ -production free
  - unit-production free
- Then only we apply elimination of useless symbol.
- We must follow this order of processing for simplification of CFG.

Eg:- Consider the grammar  $G_1$ :

$$S \rightarrow aB \mid bX$$

$$A \rightarrow \underline{B}ad \mid bSX \mid a$$

$$B \rightarrow aSB \mid bBX$$

$$X \rightarrow S\underline{B}d \mid a\underline{B}X \mid ad$$

Eliminate useless symbols :-

Soln:- Here,

$S, A, X$  are only generating symbols.

Therefore remove  $B$  from the grammar. Since  $B$  is non-generating.

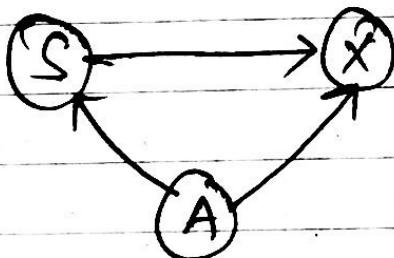
$\Rightarrow$  The new grammar after removing non-generating symbol is

$$S \rightarrow bX$$

$$A \rightarrow bSX \mid a$$

$$X \rightarrow ad$$

$\Rightarrow$  Now, to remove the non-reachable symbol,



$\Rightarrow$  It is seen clearly that from start symbol 'S' we cannot reach A. So A is unreachable.  
∴ the simplified grammar is;

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow bX \\ X &\rightarrow ad \end{aligned}$$

Q) Find a CFG equivalent to

$$S \rightarrow AB|CA$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow BC|AB$$

$$C \rightarrow aB|b$$

with no useless symbols.

Soln:- Here, A and C are generating symbols, since they can directly generate terminal symbol.

Also, 'S' can produce terminals. Since  $S \rightarrow CA$ , where both C & A can produce terminals.

- But B does not produce any terminal symbol. Therefore B is non-generating. Thus we eliminate B from the CFG.

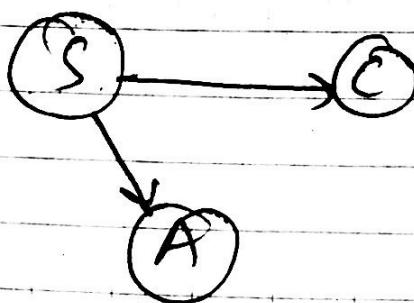
The remaining CFG becomes,

$$S \rightarrow CA$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$C \rightarrow b$$

- Now for removing un-reachable symbol, we draw the dependency graph as,



In the above CFG, there is no any symbol which is unreachable.

∴ final CFG is

$$S \rightarrow cA$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$C \rightarrow b$$



Q Simplify the following grammar:

$$S \rightarrow a | aA | b | c$$

$$A \rightarrow ab | \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow aA$$

$$C \rightarrow aCD$$

$$D \rightarrow dd$$

~~all symbols  
except terminals  
are useless  
symbols~~

Sol'n

~~for A and B~~

for removing  $\epsilon$ -production,

for,  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$

$$S \rightarrow aA$$

$$\rightarrow a$$

and

$$B \rightarrow aA$$

$$\rightarrow a$$

∴ After eliminating null production  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ ,  
grammar will be:

$$S \rightarrow a | aA | b | c$$

$$A \rightarrow ab | a$$

$$B \rightarrow aA | a$$

$C \rightarrow aCD$ 
 $D \rightarrow ddd$ 

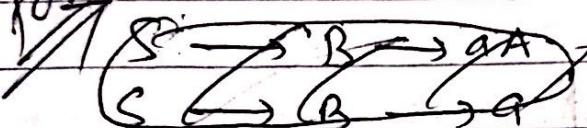
For removing Unit production;

 $S \rightarrow B$ 
 $S \rightarrow C$ 

Basic unit pair

 $(S, S), (B, B), (C, C), (A, A), (D, D)$ 

for  $S \rightarrow B$   $\because (S, B)$  is a unit pair

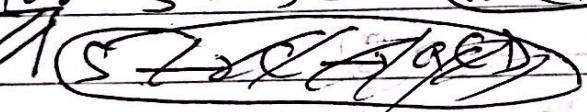


$\therefore S \rightarrow a | aA | C$

 $A \rightarrow aB$ 
 $B \rightarrow aA | a$ 
 $C \rightarrow aCD$  // Here no terminal found for C

 $D \rightarrow ddd$ 

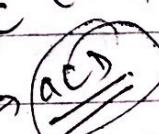
for  $S \rightarrow C$   $\because (S, C)$  is a unit pair



$\therefore S \rightarrow a | aA | aC | aCD$

 $A \rightarrow aB$ 
 $B \rightarrow aA | a$ 
 $C \rightarrow aCD$ 
 $D \rightarrow ddd$ 

We can eliminate  $C \rightarrow aCD$  (unit production)

 $\therefore S \rightarrow C$ 


which is on wrong generativity

for removing useless symbols:

Here, S, B, D can directly generate terminal symbols or strings. So S, B, D are generating symbols.

A is also generating because is production.

$$A \rightarrow aB, B \text{ is generating.}$$

But,

C is non generating. Hence remove all the production of C.

as

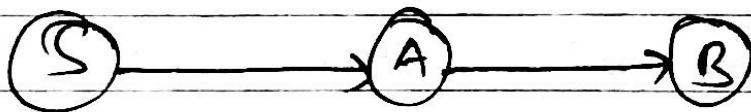
$$S \rightarrow a/aAb$$

$$A \rightarrow aB$$

$$B \rightarrow aA/a$$

$$D \rightarrow ddd$$

for non-reachable,



Here, clearly D is non-reachable. Hence final CFG is;

$$S \rightarrow a/aA$$

$$A \rightarrow aB$$

$$B \rightarrow aA/a$$



$\Leftrightarrow$  Convert the grammar. To GNF  
 $S \rightarrow ababa | aba$

$\Rightarrow$  If we introduce new variables A & B & productions as  $A \rightarrow a, B \rightarrow b$  & substitute into grammar as.  
 $S \rightarrow aBASA | aBA$   
 $A \rightarrow a, B \rightarrow b$  which is in GNF

$\Leftrightarrow$   $S \rightarrow AB$   
 $A \rightarrow aA | bB | b$   
 $B \rightarrow b.$

$\Rightarrow$  we can replace A in S by aa or bb or b  
 $\therefore S \rightarrow aAB | bBB | bB$   
 $A \rightarrow aa | bb | b$   
 $B \rightarrow b$   
which is in GNF

## Normal forms of CFG :-

① Chomsky Normal form (CNF) :-

② Greibach Normal form (GNF)

### Chomsky Normal form (CNF) :-

- A CFG,  $G = (V, T, P, S)$  is said to be in Chomsky normal form (CNF) if every production in  $G$  are in one of the two forms.
  - $A \rightarrow BC$  and
  - $A \rightarrow a$
 Where  $A, B, C \in V$  and  $a \in T$ .
- Thus a grammar in CNF is one which should not have;

E-production

Unit ..

Useless ..

Eg:-

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$S \rightarrow AB$  etc are in CNF.

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow E^* \\ S &\rightarrow aS \\ \text{and } S &\rightarrow \text{LHS} \end{aligned}$$

used for Normalizing  
to be used in algos  
than like LALR  
(for parsing)

### Conversion to CNF :-

Convert the following CFG into CNF.

$$S \rightarrow aAB$$

$$A \rightarrow aA$$

$$B \rightarrow bBC$$

$$C \rightarrow bc$$

Soln:- Here, the above CFG is already simplified.

Cycle 1:-

- i) Consider the production,  $S \rightarrow aAB$ . we can rewrite this production as  $S \rightarrow V_1 AB$ , where  $V_1 \rightarrow a$  and  $V_1$  is a new non-terminal.
- ii) Consider the production,  $A \rightarrow aA$ , we can rewrite this production as  $A \rightarrow V_1 A$  ( $\because V_1 \rightarrow a$  from i))
- iii) Consider the production  $B \rightarrow bBC$ , we can rewrite the production as  $B \rightarrow V_2 BC$ , where  $V_2 \rightarrow b$  and  $V_2$  is a new non-terminal.
- iv) Consider the production  $C \rightarrow bc$ , we can re-write this production as,
- $$C \rightarrow V_2 V_3, \text{ where } V_2 \rightarrow c \text{ & } V_3 \rightarrow c$$
- where  $V_3$  is a new non-terminal.

from (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) we get

$$S \rightarrow V_1 AB$$

$$V_1 \rightarrow a$$

$$A \rightarrow V_1 A$$

$$B \rightarrow V_2 BC$$

$$V_2 \rightarrow b$$

$$C \rightarrow V_2 V_3$$

$$V_3 \rightarrow c$$

Cycle 2:-

- v) Productions  $V_1 \rightarrow a$ ,  $A \rightarrow V_1 A$ ,  $V_2 \rightarrow b$ ,  $C \rightarrow V_2 V_3$  are already in CNF.

vii) Consider the production  $S \rightarrow V_1 A B$   ~~$V_1 A B$~~   $S \rightarrow V_1 V_4$   
 We can rewrite this production as  $S \rightarrow V_1 V_4$   
 where  $V_4 \rightarrow AB$  and  $V_4$  is a new non-terminal.

viii) Consider the production  $B \rightarrow V_2 B C$ , we can  
 re-write this production as  $B \rightarrow V_2 V_5$   
 where  $V_5 \rightarrow BC$  and  $V_5$  is a new non-terminal.

∴ the final CNF is as,

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow V_1 V_4 \\ V_4 &\rightarrow AB \\ V_1 &\rightarrow a \\ A &\rightarrow V_1 A \\ B &\rightarrow V_2 V_5 \\ V_2 &\rightarrow b \\ V_5 &\rightarrow BC \\ C &\rightarrow V_2 V_3 \\ V_3 &\rightarrow c \end{aligned}$$

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Q Convert the following CFG into CNF

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aAbB \\ A &\rightarrow aA/a \\ B &\rightarrow bB/b \end{aligned}$$

Soln:- Given CFG is already simplified.

Cycles :

- i) Production  $A \rightarrow a$  and  $B \rightarrow b$  are already in CNF.
- ii) Consider the production  $S \rightarrow aAbB$ , we can  
 re-write as,  $S \rightarrow V_1 A V_2 B$  where  $V_1 \rightarrow a$ ,  $V_2 \rightarrow b$

and  $V_1$  &  $V_2$  are new non-terminals.

iii) Consider the production  $A \rightarrow aA$ , we can re-write as,  

$$A \rightarrow V_1 A$$

iv) Consider the production  $B \rightarrow bB$ , we can re-write as,  

$$B \rightarrow V_2 B$$

Thus, from i), ii), iii) & iv)

$$\begin{array}{l|l} S \rightarrow V_1 A V_2 B & V_1 \rightarrow a \\ A \rightarrow V_1 A | a & V_2 \rightarrow b \\ B \rightarrow V_2 B | b & \end{array}$$

cycle 2 :-

v) Production  $V_1 \rightarrow a$ ,  $V_2 \rightarrow b$ ,  $A \rightarrow V_1 A$  and  $B \rightarrow V_2 B$  are already in CNF.

vi) Consider the production  $S \rightarrow V_1 A V_2 B$ , we can rewrite as  $S \rightarrow V_3 V_4$ , where,  $V_3 \rightarrow V_1 A$  and  $V_4 \rightarrow V_2 B$

Thus, the final CFG in CNF is

$$S \rightarrow V_3 V_4$$

$$V_3 \rightarrow V_1 A$$

$$V_4 \rightarrow V_2 B$$

$$V_1 \rightarrow a$$

$$V_2 \rightarrow b$$

$$A \rightarrow V_1 A | a$$

$$B \rightarrow V_2 B | b$$

Q  
S

Consider an example

$$S \rightarrow AAC$$

$$A \rightarrow aAb | \epsilon$$

C  $\rightarrow aC | a$ , convert the above grammar into CNF

Soln: a) Remove  $\epsilon$ -productions;  
 $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ , hence A is nullable

now,

$$\begin{array}{lll} S \rightarrow AAC & , & S \rightarrow AAC \\ \quad \rightarrow CAC & \quad \rightarrow AEC & \quad \rightarrow EEC \\ \quad \rightarrow AC & \quad \rightarrow AC & \quad \rightarrow C \end{array}$$

also,

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow aAb \\ \rightarrow a\epsilon b \\ \rightarrow ab \end{array}$$

∴ After eliminating  $\epsilon$ -production, we have

$$S \rightarrow AAC / AC | \epsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow aAb / ab$$

$$C \rightarrow ac / a$$

b) Remove unit production

Here, Unit production is  $S \rightarrow C$

Hence, Unit pair is  $(S, \epsilon)$

$$S \rightarrow C \rightarrow ac$$

$$S \rightarrow C \rightarrow a$$

After removing unit production  $S \rightarrow C$ , we have

$$S \rightarrow AAC / AC / ac / a$$

$$A \rightarrow aAb / ab$$

$$C \rightarrow ac / a$$

c) Remove useless symbols.

Here, S, A, C are non-terminals and all are generating. ∴ they all provide terminal productions.  
 also all these non-terminal symbols are reachable.

Hence, we do not have any useless symbols.

Now, we can convert the grammar into CNF.

### Cycle 1:

- i) Productions  $S \rightarrow AC/a$  &  $C \rightarrow a$  are already in CNF.
- ii) Consider the production  $S \rightarrow aC$ , we can rewrite as,  $S \rightarrow V_1 C$ , where  $V_1 \rightarrow a$   
also,  $A \rightarrow aAb$ , we can rewrite as,  
 $A \rightarrow V_1 AV_2$ , where  $V_2 \rightarrow b$   
also,  $A \rightarrow ab$  can be written as,  
 $A \rightarrow V_1 V_2$   
also,  $C \rightarrow ac$  can be rewritten as,  
 $C \rightarrow V_1 C$

Thus

$$S \rightarrow AAC / AC / V_1 C / a$$

$$V_1 \rightarrow a$$

$$A \rightarrow V_1 AV_2 / V_1 V_2$$

$$V_2 \rightarrow b$$

$$C \rightarrow V_1 C / a$$

### Cycle 2:

- iii) for  $S \rightarrow AAC$ , we can rewrite as

$$S \rightarrow V_3 C, V_3 \rightarrow AA$$

for  $A \rightarrow V_1 AV_2$ , we can rewrite as

~~$$A \rightarrow V_4 V_2, V_4 \rightarrow AV_2$$~~

$$A \rightarrow V_4 V_2, V_4 \rightarrow V_1 A$$

Thus the final grammar in CNF will be as.

$$S \rightarrow V_3 C \mid A C \mid V_1 C \mid a$$

$$V_3 \rightarrow AA$$

$$V_1 \rightarrow a$$

$$A \rightarrow V_4 V_2 \mid V_1 V_2 \quad V_4 \rightarrow V_1 A$$

$$V_2 \rightarrow b$$

$$C \rightarrow V_1 C \mid a$$

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Greibach normal form:- (GNF)

⇒ A Grammar  $G = (V, T, P, S)$  is said to be in GNF if its production rules are of the form

$$\alpha \rightarrow a\beta^*$$

Where,  $a \in T \& \beta \in V^*$

i.e.

non-terminal  $\rightarrow$  exactly one terminal OR

non-terminal  $\rightarrow$  one terminal followed by any no. of non-terminals.



eg CNF Q Convert the following grammar into CNF

$$S \rightarrow ASB \mid \epsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow aAS \mid a$$

$$B \rightarrow sbs \mid A \mid bb$$

Q       $S \rightarrow ABCD$

$$A \rightarrow aAb \mid \epsilon$$

$$C \rightarrow aC \mid a$$

$$D \rightarrow aDa \mid bDb \mid \epsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow aaaaS \mid aaaa$$

## Regular Grammar:-

- ⇒ A context free grammar  $G = (V, T, P, S)$  is called a regular grammar if each production contains atmost one non-terminal on the right hand side of its production.
- ⇒ If the non-terminal appears as the leftmost symbol on the right side of production, then the regular grammar is said to be ~~left linear~~ <sup>Left</sup> linear.
- ⇒ If the non-terminal appears as the rightmost symbol on the right side of production, then the regular grammar is said to be right linear.

- Left linear (Allowed types of production in left linear grammar)

$$A \rightarrow Bw$$

$$A \rightarrow w$$

$$A \rightarrow \epsilon$$

Where  $A \& B \in V$

i.e.  $A, B$  belongs to ~~non-terminal~~ non-terminal

$w \in T$

i.e.  $w$  belongs to strings of terminals.

e.g:-

$$S \rightarrow Ca \mid Bb$$

$$C \rightarrow Bba$$

$$B \rightarrow Bab \mid b$$

- Allowed types of productions in right linear grammar are:-

$$A \rightarrow wB$$

$$A \rightarrow w$$

$$A \rightarrow \epsilon$$

Where A & B are nonterminals, w is a string of terminals.

eg:-  $S \rightarrow 0A|1B$

$$A \rightarrow 01A|ε$$

$$B \rightarrow 110$$

do later

Conversion of Right linear grammar to left linear grammar :-

⇒ Steps:-

- ① Represent the right linear grammar by a transition diagram..
- ② Interchange the position of start & final states.
- ③ Reverse the directions of all the transitions keeping the positions of all intermediate states unchanged.
- ④ Re-write the grammar from transition graph in left linear fashion.

e.g. Convert following right linear grammar to left linear grammar.

$$S \rightarrow bB$$

$$B \rightarrow bC$$

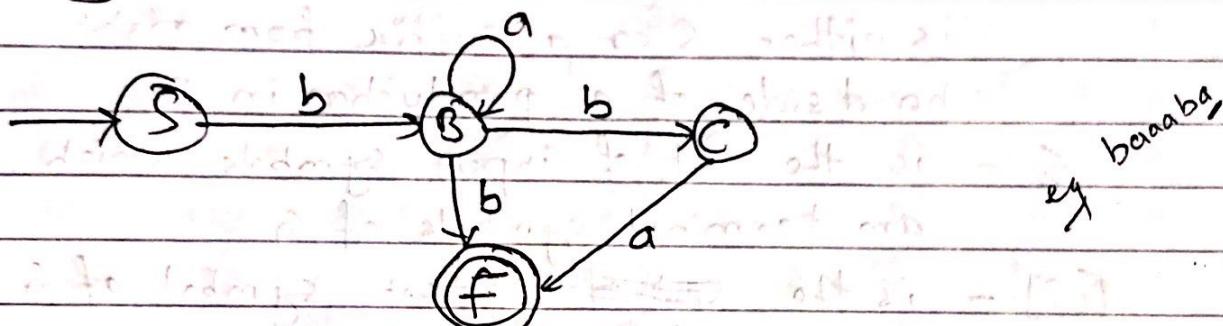
$$B \rightarrow aB$$

$$C \rightarrow a$$

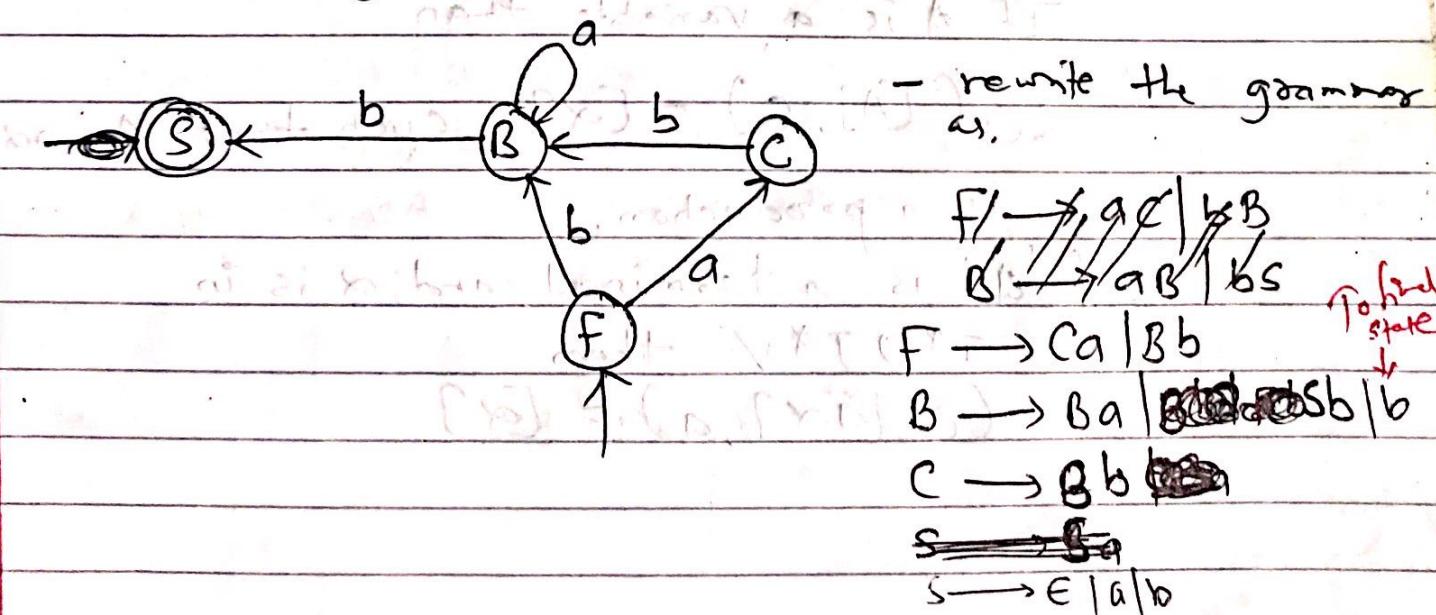
$$B \rightarrow b$$

↳ to first state

Soln: Representing the right linear grammar by transition diagram as,



- Interchanging the position of start & final states, also, reversing the directions of all the transitions.



Another way:-

- If the regular grammar is of the form in which all the productions are in the form as;

$$A \rightarrow aB \text{ or } A \rightarrow a,$$

where

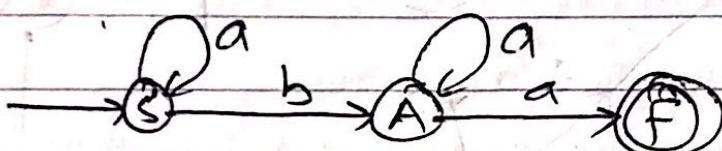
$$A, B \in V \text{ and } a \in T$$

eg

$$S \rightarrow aS \mid bA$$

$$A \rightarrow aAa$$

variable then  
n+1 states

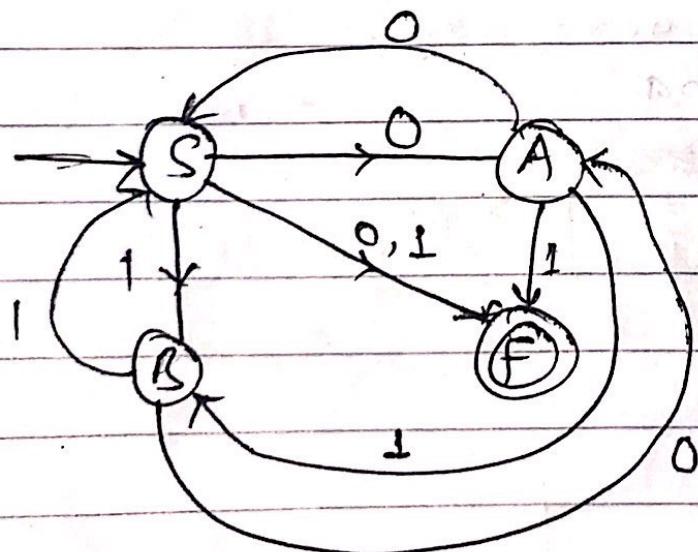


eg

$$S \rightarrow 0A \mid 1B \mid 0 \mid 1$$

$$A \rightarrow 0S \mid 1B \mid 1$$

$$B \rightarrow 0A \mid 1S$$



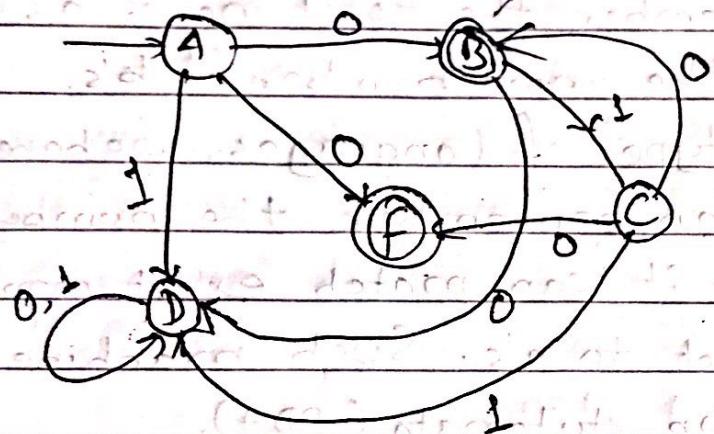
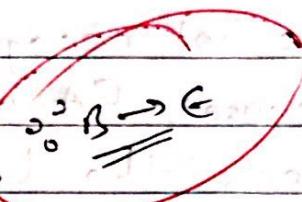
eg

$$A \rightarrow OB|ID|O$$

$$B \rightarrow OD|IC|E$$

$$C \rightarrow OB|LD|O$$

$$D \rightarrow OD|ID$$



eg

$$A \rightarrow OB|E|IC$$

$$B \rightarrow OA|F|G$$

$$C \rightarrow OC|IA|O$$

$$E \rightarrow OC|IA|In$$

$$F \rightarrow OA|IB|E$$