

**UNIT-III**  
**Subject-Theory of Computation**

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# Reduction of Grammar

Example 1: Find a reduced grammar equivalent to the grammar G whose productions are

$S \rightarrow AB \mid CA$

$B \rightarrow BC \mid AB$

$A \rightarrow a$

$C \rightarrow aB$

$C \rightarrow b$

$G = (VN, \text{sigma}, P, S)$

- Useful Symbol= $\{A, C\}$
- By rule 2
- Useful Symbol= $\{S, B\}$

$S \rightarrow AB \mid CA$

$B \rightarrow BC \mid AB$

$A \rightarrow a$

$C \rightarrow aB$

$C \rightarrow b$



## Example 1 Solution

- Rule 1 the grammar/ symbol that contain only terminal or epsilon is useful grammar or symbol
- By rule 1 we get A & C as useful variable or symbol.

Useful symbol = {A, C}

Rule 2: The grammar that contain combination of useful nonterminal and terminal is useful grammar or symbol.

By rule 2 symbol S is also useful

B  $\rightarrow$  A C

Useful symbol = {A, C, S}

## Example 1 Solution Cont...

- Useful symbol =  $\{A, C, S\}$
- Useless Symbol =  $\{B\}$
- The reduced grammar is

$S \rightarrow CA$

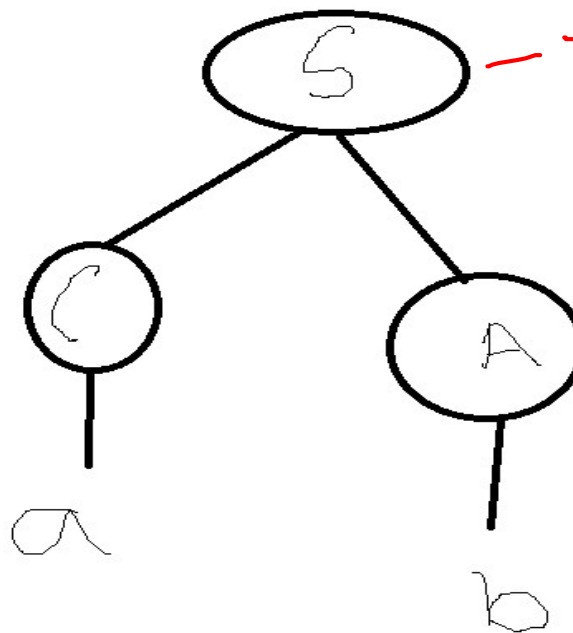
$A \rightarrow a$

$C \rightarrow b$

## Example 1 Solution...

- By reachable condition
- S, A & C is also useful

$S \rightarrow CA, A \rightarrow a, C \rightarrow b$



— root  
Parse Tree

## Example 1 Solution...

- Final Reduced Grammar will be

$S \rightarrow CA$

$A \rightarrow a$

$C \rightarrow b$

- Useful symbol =  $\{A, C, S\}$
- Useless Symbol =  $\{B\}$



Example 2: Find a reduced grammar equivalent to the grammar G whose productions are

$S \rightarrow aAa$      $G = \{S, A, C, D, E\}, \{a, b\}, P, \{S\}$

$A \rightarrow Sb$

$A \rightarrow bCC$  rule2

$A \rightarrow DaA$

$C \rightarrow abb$

$C \rightarrow DD$

$E \rightarrow aC$  rule 2

$D \rightarrow aDA$

After rule 1

Useful Symbol = {C}

By rule 2

Useful Symbol = {S, A, E} Useless = {D}

Reduced grammar After applying rule1 & rule2

$S \rightarrow aAa$

$A \rightarrow Sb$

$A \rightarrow bCC$  rule2

$C \rightarrow abb$

$E \rightarrow aC$  rule 2

$S \rightarrow aAa$

$A \rightarrow Sb$

$A \rightarrow bCC$  rule2

$C \rightarrow abb$

$E \rightarrow aC$  rule 2

## Example 2 Solution

- Rule 1: Grammar that contain only epsilon or terminal symbols are useful grammar or symbol.

By rule 1, We get C as useful symbol

Useful Symbol = {C}

Rule 2: grammar that contain combination of useful nonterminal & terminal is useful grammar or symbol

By rule 2, We get S, A, E as useful symbols.

Useful Symbol = {S, A, E, C}

Useless Symbol = {D}

## Example 2 Solution Conti...

- Reduced grammar

$S \rightarrow aAa$

$A \rightarrow Sb$

$A \rightarrow bCC$

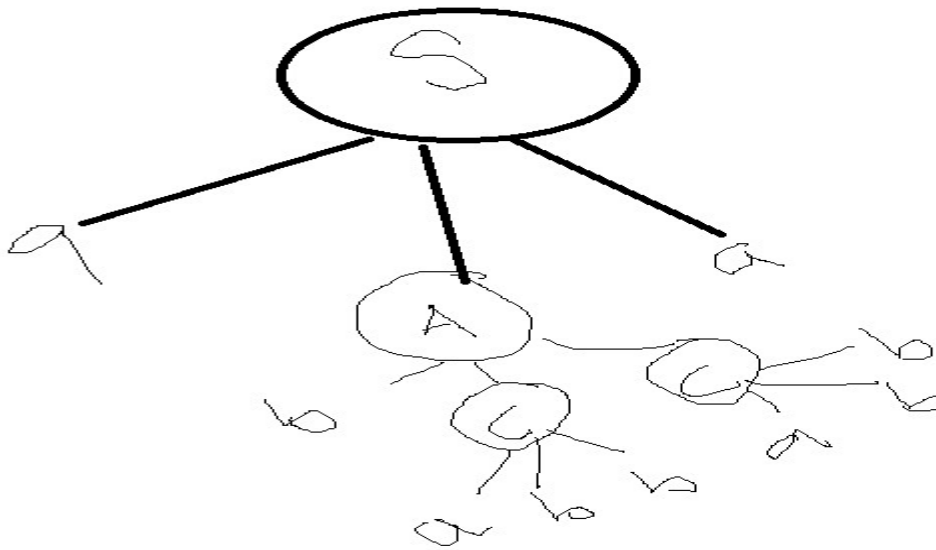
$C \rightarrow abb$

$E \rightarrow aC$

## Example 2 Solution Conti...

- By Reachable condition

$S \rightarrow aAa, A \rightarrow Sb, A \rightarrow \underline{bCC}, C \rightarrow \textcolor{red}{abb}, E \rightarrow aC$



By reachable condition E is also useless symbol.

Useful Symbol = {S, A, C}

Useless Symbol = {D, E}

## Example 2 Solution Conti...

Final Reduced grammar will be:

$S \rightarrow aAa$

$A \rightarrow Sb$

$A \rightarrow bCC$

$C \rightarrow abb$

- Example 3: Find a reduced grammar equivalent to the grammar G whose productions are

$S \rightarrow aAa$

$A \rightarrow bBB$

$B \rightarrow ab$

$C \rightarrow aB$



### Example 3 Solution Conti...

- Rule 1: Grammar that contain only epsilon or terminal symbols are useful grammar or symbol.

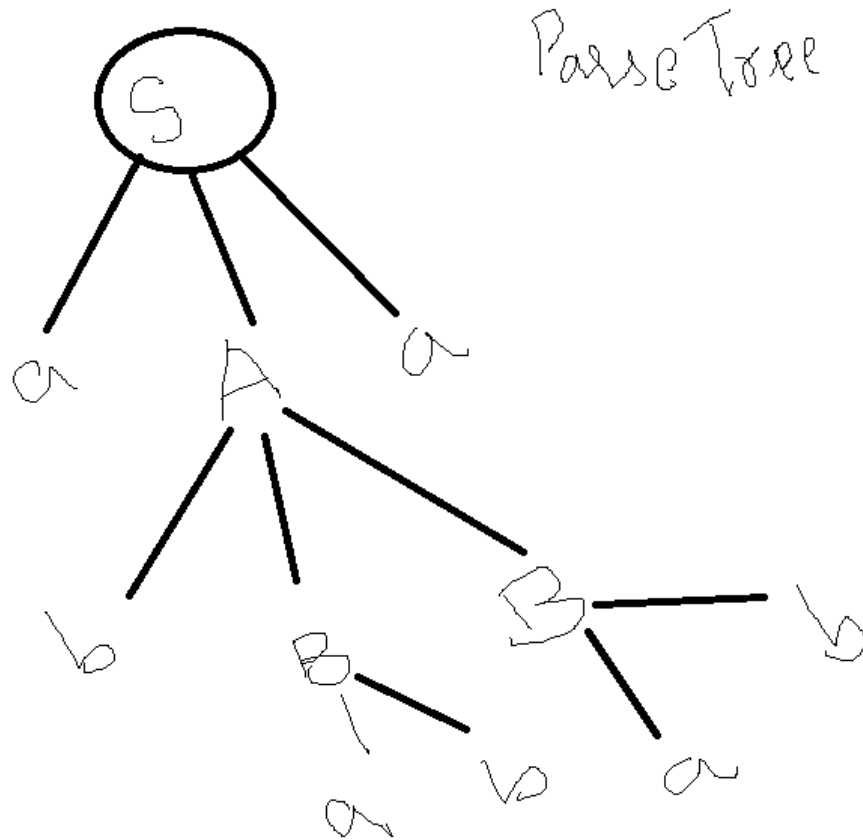
By Rule 1 symbol B is useful

Useful Symbol = {B}

- Rule 2: grammar that contain combination of useful nonterminal & terminal is useful grammar or symbol
- By rule 2 Symbol S, A & C is useful
- Useful Symbol = {B, S, A, C}
- Useless Symbol = {}

### Example 3 Solution Conti...

By reachable condition Symbol C is useless.



Useful Symbol = {B, S, A}

Useless Symbol = {C}

### Example 3 Solution Conti...

Reduced grammar is

$S \rightarrow aAa$

$A \rightarrow bBB$

$B \rightarrow ab$

## Null productions:

- Null productions are of the form  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$
- Non-terminal  $N$  is called nullable, if there is a production  $N \rightarrow \epsilon$

- Steps for eliminating Null production from the grammar
  1. If  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$  is a production to be eliminated
  2. Find all productions, whose right side contains A
  3. Replace each occurrence of A in each of these productions to obtain the non  $\epsilon$ -productions.
  4. Add these resultant non  $\epsilon$ -productions to the grammar to keep the language same.

Ex: 1 Eliminate the null productions from the following grammar

$S \rightarrow ABAC$

$A \rightarrow aA / \epsilon$

$B \rightarrow bB / \epsilon$

$C \rightarrow c$

To eliminate  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$

$S \rightarrow \textcolor{blue}{A}BAC \quad S \rightarrow BAC$

$S \rightarrow AB\textcolor{blue}{A}C \quad S \rightarrow ABC$

$S \rightarrow \textcolor{blue}{A}B\textcolor{blue}{A}C \quad S \rightarrow BC$

$A \rightarrow a\textcolor{blue}{A} \quad \textcolor{blue}{A} \rightarrow a$

To eliminate  $B \rightarrow \epsilon$

$S \rightarrow A\textcolor{blue}{B}AC \quad S \rightarrow AAC$

$B \rightarrow b\textcolor{red}{B} \quad \textcolor{red}{B} \rightarrow b$

After removing  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$

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

$A \rightarrow aA \mid a$

$B \rightarrow bB \mid \epsilon$

$C \rightarrow c$

After removing  $B \rightarrow \epsilon$

- $S \rightarrow ABAC \mid BAC \mid ABC \mid BC \mid AAC \mid AC \mid C$

$A \rightarrow aA \mid a$

$B \rightarrow bB \mid b$

$C \rightarrow c$

Ex: 1 Eliminate the null productions from the following grammar

$S \rightarrow ABAC$

$A \rightarrow aA / \epsilon$

$B \rightarrow bB / \epsilon$

$C \rightarrow c$

To eliminate  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$

$S \rightarrow ABAC$   $S \rightarrow \epsilon BAC$  ,  $S \rightarrow BAC$  ✓

$S \rightarrow ABAC$   $S \rightarrow AB\epsilon C$   $S \rightarrow ABC$  ✓

$S \rightarrow ABAC$   $S \rightarrow \epsilon B\epsilon C$   $S \rightarrow B\epsilon C$  ✓

$A \rightarrow aA$   $A \rightarrow a\epsilon$   $A \rightarrow a$



Ex: 1 Solution Conti...

- After elimination of  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ , the G becomes
- $S \rightarrow ABAC \mid BAC \mid ABC \mid BC$   
 $A \rightarrow aA \mid a$   
 $B \rightarrow bB \mid \epsilon$   
 $C \rightarrow c$
- To eliminate  $B \rightarrow \epsilon$ , put  $B \rightarrow \epsilon$  on the RHS of production where B is appearing

# Ex: 1 Solution Conti...

- $S \rightarrow ABAC \mid \overline{BAC} \mid ABC \mid BC$

$A \rightarrow aA \mid a$

$B \rightarrow bB \mid b$

$C \rightarrow c$

- $S \rightarrow ABAC \mid S \rightarrow A \overset{E}{AC}$

$S \rightarrow BAC$   $S \rightarrow AAC \checkmark$   
 $S \rightarrow ABC$   $S \rightarrow \epsilon AC$   $S \rightarrow AC \checkmark$   
 $S \rightarrow A \epsilon C$   $S \rightarrow A \epsilon C \checkmark$   
 $S \rightarrow BC$   $S \rightarrow \epsilon C$   $S \rightarrow C \checkmark$

## Ex: 1 Solution Conti...

- After elimination of  $B \rightarrow \epsilon$ , the G becomes
- $S \rightarrow ABAC \mid BAC \mid ABC \mid BC \mid AAC \mid AC \mid C$   
 $A \rightarrow aA \mid a$   
 $B \rightarrow bB \mid b$   
 $C \rightarrow c$

Example 2: Eliminate the null productions from the following grammar

$S \rightarrow aSb/aAb/ab/a$

- $A \rightarrow \varepsilon$

Example 2: Eliminate the null productions from the following grammar

$S \rightarrow aSb/aAb/ab/a$

- $A \rightarrow \epsilon$
- To eliminate  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ , put  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$  wherever  $A$  is appearing on the R.H.S of productions

- $S \rightarrow aAb$

$S \rightarrow a\epsilon b$        $S \rightarrow ab$   
The new  $G$  will be

$S \rightarrow aSb/ab/a/ab$

Rewrite the  $G$  as

$S \rightarrow aSb/a/ab$

Ex: 2 Solution Conti...

$S \rightarrow aSb/aAb/ab/a$

- $A \rightarrow \epsilon$
- To eliminate  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ , put  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$  wherever  $A$  is appearing on the R.H.S of productions

- Put  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$  in the given production

- $S \rightarrow aAb$

$S \rightarrow a\epsilon b$      $S \rightarrow ab$

After elimination of  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$

1. we get the  $S \rightarrow ab$  as the new production.
2. This new production will be added in the grammar &  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$  will be deleted from the grammar

## Ex: 2 Solution Conti...

- New Grammar After elimination of  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$  is

$S \rightarrow aSb/ab/ab/a$

We can Rewrite the grammar as

$S \rightarrow aSb/ab/a$

Example 3: Eliminate the null productions from the following grammar

$S \rightarrow AB$

$A \rightarrow aAA/\epsilon$

$B \rightarrow bBB/\epsilon$

To eliminate  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$

$A \rightarrow aAA$      $A \rightarrow a\epsilon A \rightarrow aA \checkmark$   
 $A \rightarrow aA\epsilon$      $A \rightarrow aA \checkmark$   
 $A \rightarrow a\epsilon\epsilon$      $A \rightarrow a \checkmark$   
 $S \rightarrow AB$      $S \rightarrow \epsilon B$      $S \rightarrow B \checkmark$



# Elimination of Null Productions

- Grammar After elimination of  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$  ←

- Is  $S \rightarrow AB \mid B$

$A \rightarrow aAA/aA \mid aA \mid a$

$B \rightarrow bBB/\epsilon$

To eliminate  $B \rightarrow \epsilon$  ←

$S \rightarrow AB \Rightarrow A \leftarrow S \rightarrow A \checkmark$   
 $S \rightarrow B \Rightarrow S \rightarrow \epsilon \checkmark$   
 $B \rightarrow bBB \Rightarrow B \rightarrow b \epsilon B \Rightarrow B \rightarrow bB \checkmark$   
 $B \rightarrow b \epsilon B \Rightarrow B \rightarrow b \epsilon \checkmark$   
 $B \rightarrow b \epsilon \epsilon B \Rightarrow B \rightarrow b \epsilon B \checkmark$   
 $B \rightarrow b \epsilon \epsilon \epsilon B \Rightarrow B \rightarrow b \epsilon \epsilon B \checkmark$

$S \rightarrow ABCd$

$A \rightarrow BC$

$B \rightarrow bB \mid \lambda$

$C \rightarrow cC \mid \lambda$

To eliminate  $B \rightarrow \lambda$

Put  $B \rightarrow \lambda$  in the RHS of production wherever its appearing.

$S \rightarrow A\lambda Cd \rightarrow ACd$

**Put  $B \rightarrow \lambda$  in  $A \rightarrow BC$**

$A \rightarrow \lambda C \rightarrow C$

**Put  $B \rightarrow \lambda$  in  $B \rightarrow bB$**

$B \rightarrow b \lambda \rightarrow b$

**After eliminating  $B \rightarrow \lambda$ , the grammar becomes**

$S \rightarrow ABCd \mid ACd$

$A \rightarrow BC \mid C$

$B \rightarrow bB \mid b$

$C \rightarrow cC \mid \lambda$

- To eliminate  $C \rightarrow \Lambda$
- Put  $C \rightarrow \Lambda$  in the RHS of production wherever its appearing
- Put  $C \rightarrow \Lambda$  in  $S \rightarrow ABCd$
- $S \rightarrow AB^d \rightarrow Abd$
- Put  $C \rightarrow \Lambda$  in  $S \rightarrow ACd$
- $S \rightarrow A^d \rightarrow Ad$

Put  $C \rightarrow \Lambda$  in  $A \rightarrow BC \mid C$

$A \rightarrow B,$

Put  $C \rightarrow \Lambda$  in  $C \rightarrow cC$  it will generate  $C \rightarrow c$

- $S \rightarrow ABCd \mid Acd \mid Abd \mid Ad$
- $A \rightarrow BC \mid C \mid B$
- $B \rightarrow bB \mid b$
- $C \rightarrow cC \mid c$

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## Unit Production:

Unit productions are the productions in which one non-terminal gives another non-terminal.

Use the following steps to remove unit production:

$$A \rightarrow B$$

# Steps for Elimination Unit Productions

- **Step 1:** To remove  $X \rightarrow Y$ , add production  $X \rightarrow a$  to the grammar rule whenever  $Y \rightarrow a$  occurs in the grammar.
- **Step 2:** Now delete  $X \rightarrow Y$  from the grammar.
- **Step 3:** Repeat step 1 and step 2 until all unit productions are remove

Example 1: Eliminate Unit productions from the following grammar.

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

$$A \rightarrow 0S \mid 00$$

$$B \rightarrow 1 \mid A$$

$$C \rightarrow 01$$

$S \rightarrow 0A \mid 1B \mid \mathbf{01}$

$A \rightarrow 0S \mid 00$

$B \rightarrow 1 \mid A$

$C \rightarrow 01$

Put  $C \rightarrow 01$  in  $S \rightarrow C$

**$S \rightarrow 01$**

**To remove  $B \rightarrow A$**

**Put  $A \rightarrow 0S, A \rightarrow 00$  in  $B \rightarrow A$**

**$B \rightarrow 0S, B \rightarrow 00, B \rightarrow 1$**



- After removal of unit production the grammar becomes
- $S \rightarrow 0A \mid 1B \mid \mathbf{01}$
- $A \rightarrow 0S \mid 00$
- $B \rightarrow 1 \mid 0S \mid 00$
- $C \rightarrow 01$

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

Example 1 Solution Conti...

$$A \rightarrow 0S \mid 00$$

$$B \rightarrow 1 \mid A$$

$$C \rightarrow 01$$

To remove  $S \rightarrow C$

We will put  $C \rightarrow 01$  in  $S \rightarrow C$

We will get new production  $S \rightarrow 01$

So G after removal of unit production  $S \rightarrow C$  will be:

$$S \rightarrow 0A \mid 1B \mid 01$$

$$A \rightarrow 0S \mid 00$$

$$B \rightarrow 1 \mid A$$

$$C \rightarrow 01$$

### Example 1 Solution Conti...

- To remove the unit production  $B \rightarrow A$ , we will put all the production of variable  $A$  i.e.

$A \rightarrow 0S \mid 00$  in the above production.

So the new production will be

$B \rightarrow 0S \ \& \ B \rightarrow 00$

This new production will be added to the grammar.

After removal of Unit production  $B \rightarrow A$

The  $G$  will be:

$S \rightarrow 0A \mid 1B \mid 01$

$A \rightarrow 0S \mid 00$

$B \rightarrow 1 \mid 0S \mid 00$

$C \rightarrow 01$

## Example 1 Solution Conti...

- Grammar after elimination of  $B \rightarrow A$

$$S \rightarrow 0A \mid 1B \mid 01$$

$$A \rightarrow 0S \mid 00$$

$$B \rightarrow 1 \mid 0S \mid 00$$

$$C \rightarrow 01$$

Example 2:  $T \rightarrow T+R \mid R$

$R \rightarrow R*V \mid V$

$V \rightarrow ( T ) \mid u$

To remove Unit production  $R \rightarrow V$ , Put  
 $V \rightarrow ( T ) \mid u$  in  $R \rightarrow V$

New productions of  $R \rightarrow ( T ) \mid u$

After removal of unit production  $R \rightarrow V$  the  
grammar becomes

$T \rightarrow T+R \mid R$

$R \rightarrow R*V \mid ( T ) \mid u$

$V \rightarrow ( T ) \mid u$

$$T \rightarrow T+R \mid R$$
$$R \rightarrow R*V \mid (T) \mid u$$
$$V \rightarrow (T) \mid u$$

To remove Unit production  $T \rightarrow R$ , Put

$$R \rightarrow R*V \mid (T) \mid u \text{ in } T \rightarrow R$$

We will get new productions of T as

$$T \rightarrow R*V \mid (T) \mid u$$

After removal of unit production  $T \rightarrow R$  the grammar becomes

$$T \rightarrow T+R \mid R*V \mid (T) \mid u$$
$$R \rightarrow R*V \mid (T) \mid u$$
$$V \rightarrow (T) \mid u$$

Eliminate Unit productions from the following grammar

Example 2:  $T \rightarrow T+R \mid R$

$R \rightarrow R*V \mid V$

$V \rightarrow (T) \mid u$

To eliminate  $T \rightarrow R$

$T \rightarrow T+R \mid R*V \mid V$

Grammar will be:

$T \rightarrow T+R \mid R*V \mid V$

$R \rightarrow R*V \mid V$

$V \rightarrow (T) \mid u$

## Example 2 Solution Conti...

- To eliminate  $T \rightarrow V$  put RHS of  $V$  in this production.
- $T \rightarrow (T) | u$  this new production will be generated  
G will be after removal of  $T \rightarrow V$

$T \rightarrow T+R | R*V | (T) | u$

$R \rightarrow R*V | V$

$V \rightarrow (T) | u$

To eliminate  $R \rightarrow V$  put RHS of  $V$  in this production

New production we will get as below

$R \rightarrow (T) | u$

And this will be added in the grammar &  $R \rightarrow V$  will be deleted



### Example 2 Solution Conti...

Grammar after removal of  $R \rightarrow V$  will be

$$T \rightarrow T + R \mid R * V \mid (T) \mid u$$
$$R \rightarrow R * V \mid (T) \mid u$$
$$V \rightarrow (T) \mid u$$
$$G = (\{T, R, V\}, \{u, +, *, (, )\}, P, \{T\})$$