

★ Chomsky hierarchy of Grammars & Languages

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Type 0 : Recursively Enumerated Grammars : REL \leftrightarrow Turing Machine (TM) : computer application

Type 1 : Context Sensitive Grammars : CSL \leftrightarrow Linear Bounded Automata (LBA) : system semantics checking

Type 2 : Context Free Grammar : CFL \leftrightarrow PDA (Push Down Automata) : syntax check

Type 3 : Regular Grammar : RL \leftrightarrow Finite Automata (FA) : Pattern matching

Type-0 / Recursively enumerated / Unrestricted Grammar

V: Variables

T: Terminals

S: start symbol

in REG

$\alpha \rightarrow \beta, \alpha \in (V+T)^*$

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in REL: $L = \{a^n \mid n \geq 0\}$

ex

$S \rightarrow aAB$

$aA \rightarrow aAb$

$Ba \rightarrow b$

Type-1 / Context Sensitive Grammar

$\alpha \rightarrow \beta, \alpha \in (V+T)^*$

$\beta \in (V+T)^+$

CSL / LBA

CSG should satisfy:

$$1) |\alpha| \leq |\beta|$$

2) $\beta \neq \epsilon \Rightarrow$ CSG can't generate ϵ



ex:

CSL $\Rightarrow L = \{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 1\}$

CSG: $S \rightarrow aAB$

$aA \rightarrow aB \mid bb$

$Ba \rightarrow bb$

$(Ba \rightarrow b) \times$ not allowed as $|\alpha| \leq |\beta|$



* Type-2 / Context Free Grammar

CFL/PDA

$$\alpha \rightarrow \beta, \quad \alpha \in V$$

$$\beta \in (V+T)^*$$

ex. $S \rightarrow aS \mid \epsilon$
(CFG)

$(bB \rightarrow bb)$ \times not allowed
 $\alpha \in V$
 $\beta \in T$

CFL
ex. $L = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1\}$

* Type-3 / Regular Grammar

$$A \rightarrow xB$$

$$A, B \in V$$

$$A \rightarrow x$$

$$x \in T^*$$

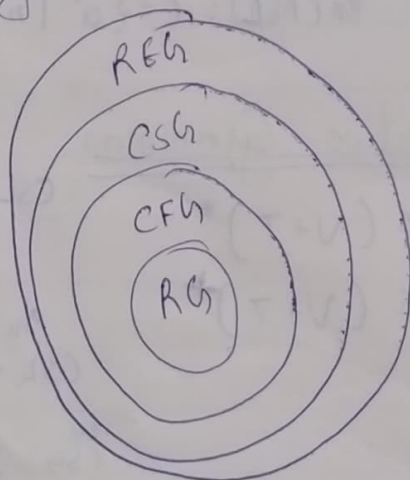
$$A \rightarrow Bx$$

\rightarrow string of terminals

ex. $S \rightarrow 001S \mid 01 \mid \epsilon$

* By ignoring ϵ 's

As CSG can't generate ϵ whereas CFG & RG can



Similar for languages & machines.