Let G = (V,T,P,S) be a context-free grammar.

Prove that there exists a context-free grammar **G**' such that  $L(G') = L(G) - \{\epsilon\}$  and **G**' does not contain redundant symbols and  $\epsilon$ -rules.

Lets define the set **E(G)** as follows:

$$E_0 = \{ A \in V \mid (A \longrightarrow \varepsilon) \in P \}$$

 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \ E_{n+1} = E_n \cup \{ \ A \in V \ | \ \exists \ t \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \ \exists \ X_1, \dots, X_t \in E_n \ , (A \longrightarrow X_1 \dots X_t) \in P \}$  Since the  $E_i$ 's form an ascending chain (i.e.  $E_0 \subseteq E_1 \subseteq E_2 \subseteq E_3 \subseteq \dots \subseteq V$ ) and since V is finite, there is a least i, say  $i_0$  such that  $E_{i_0} = E_{i_0+1}$ , Now we'll define  $E(G) = E_{i_0}$ , it can be shown that  $E(G) = \{ A \in V \ | \ A \Longrightarrow_G^* \varepsilon \}$ .

The set **E(G)** will be called: **The set of erasable variables**, or alternatively: **The set of nullable variables**.

Now we'll define the set of production rules **P**' of the new grammar **G**' as follows:

First we'll define a function  $F : V \cup T \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(V \cup T \cup \{\epsilon\})$  as follows:

$$\forall X \in V \cup T, F(X) = \begin{cases} \frac{\{X\} & X \notin E(G)}{\{\varepsilon, X\} & X \in E(G)} \end{cases}$$

(It is clear that  $\forall a \in T$ ,  $F(a) = \{a\}$  since it cannot be the case that  $a \in E(G)$  since  $E(G) \subseteq V$ )

Now we can define P' as follows:

$$P' = \{ A \longrightarrow \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_t \mid \exists \ t \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \ \exists \ X_1, \dots, X_t \in V \cup T, \ (A \longrightarrow X_1 \dots X_t) \in P \land \\ (\forall \ i \in \{1, \dots, t\}, \ \alpha_i \in F(X_i)) \land \ (\exists \ i \in \{1, \dots, t\}, \ \alpha_i \neq \epsilon) \}$$

Now we can define the grammar G' as: G' = (V, T, P', S)

We'll prove that  $\forall A \in V$ ,  $w \in T^*$ ,  $A \Longrightarrow_{G}^* w \land w \neq \varepsilon \longrightarrow A \Longrightarrow_{G}^{,*} w \equiv \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\forall A \in V$ ,  $w \in T^*$ ,  $A \Longrightarrow_{G}^n w \land w \neq \varepsilon \longrightarrow A \Longrightarrow_{G}^{,*} w$  by induction on n:

#### **Basis**

For n = 1 we must show that  $\forall A \in V, w \in T^*, A \Longrightarrow_{G^1} w \land w \neq \varepsilon \longrightarrow A \Longrightarrow_{G^*} w$ :

Let  $A \in V$  and  $w \in T^*$  be such that  $A \Longrightarrow_{G^1} w$  and  $w \neq \varepsilon$ .

Since  $A \Longrightarrow_{G^1} w$  we get that there must be some production rule of the form  $(A \longrightarrow w) \in P$ , since  $w \ne \varepsilon$  we get that IwI > 0, Now if we let t = IwI then we we'll get that t > 0 and  $\exists X_1, ..., X_t \in T$ ,  $w = X_1 ... X_t$ , and so  $(A \longrightarrow X_1 ... X_t) \in P$ , Now since  $\forall i \in \{1, ..., t\}$ ,  $X_i \in T$  we get that  $\forall i \in \{1, ..., t\}$ ,  $F(X_i) = \{X_i\}$  by definition of F, Now it is clear from the definition of the set P' that  $(A \longrightarrow X_1 ... X_t) \in P$ ' which means that  $(A \longrightarrow w) \in P$ ' and so  $A \Longrightarrow_{G'} w$  which implies that  $A \Longrightarrow_{G'} w$  as was to be shown.

### **Induction hypothesis**

Suppose that for some  $n = k \ge 1$  we have:  $\forall j \in \{1, ..., k\}, \forall A \in V, w \in T^*, A \Longrightarrow_{G^j} w \land w \ne \varepsilon \longrightarrow A \Longrightarrow_{G^{j^*}} w$ 

# Induction step

We must prove that  $\forall A \in V$ ,  $w \in T^*$ ,  $A \Longrightarrow_{G^{k+1}} w \land w \neq \varepsilon \longrightarrow A \Longrightarrow_{G^{k+1}} w$ :

Let  $A \in V$  and  $w \in T^*$  be such that  $A \Longrightarrow_{G}^{k+1} w$  and  $w \ne \varepsilon$ . Since  $A \Longrightarrow_{G}^{k+1} w$  we get that  $\exists \beta \in (V \cup T)^*$ ,  $A \Longrightarrow_{G}^{1} \beta \Longrightarrow_{G}^{k} w$  and so  $(A \longrightarrow \beta) \in P$ , Since  $k \ge 1$  and since G is a context-free grammar we get that  $\beta \in (V \cup T)^* V(V \cup T)^*$  and so  $|\beta| \ge 1$ . Now we'll denote  $t = |\beta|$  and we get that

 $\exists X_1, \ldots, X_t \in V \cup T, \beta = X_1 \ldots X_t \text{ and thus } (A \longrightarrow X_1 \ldots X_t) \in P,$  Now we get that  $A \Longrightarrow_{G}^1 X_1 \ldots X_t \Longrightarrow_{G}^k w$  In particular we get  $X_1 \ldots X_t \Longrightarrow_{G}^k w$  and thus  $\forall i \in \{1, \ldots, t\}, \ \exists \ w_i \in T^*, \ (\exists j \in \{1, \ldots, k\}, \ X_i \Longrightarrow_{G}^j w_i) \lor X_i = w_i$  and  $w = w_1 \ldots w_t$ 

Now we will show that (\*)  $\forall i \in \{1, ..., t\}, \alpha_i \Longrightarrow_{G'} w_i$  where

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, t\}, \alpha_i = \begin{cases} X_i & w_i \neq \varepsilon \\ \hline \varepsilon & w_i = \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

Let  $i \in \{1, ..., t\}$ , there are two cases:  $w_i \neq \varepsilon \lor w_i = \varepsilon$ 

- (§1) If  $w_i \neq \varepsilon$  we get that  $\alpha_i = X_i$ , and now there are two cases:  $(\exists j \in \{1,...,k\}, X_i \Longrightarrow_{G^j} w_i) \vee X_i = w_i$ 
  - (§1.1) If  $\exists j \in \{1,...,k\}$ ,  $X_i \Longrightarrow_{G^j} w_i$  then we get by the induction hypothesis that  $X_i \Longrightarrow_{G^{i^*}} w_i$  and so  $\alpha_i \Longrightarrow_{G^{i^*}} w_i$
  - (§1.2) If  $X_i = w_i$ , Since  $w_i \Longrightarrow_{G'} w_i$  we get  $X_i \Longrightarrow_{G'} w_i$  and so  $\alpha_i \Longrightarrow_{G'} w_i$
- (§2) If  $\mathbf{w}_i = \varepsilon$  we get that  $\alpha_i = \varepsilon$  and since  $\varepsilon \Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}^*} \varepsilon$  we get that  $\alpha_i \Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}^*} \mathbf{w}_i$

From cases (§1) and (§2) we can conclude that it is always true that  $\alpha_i \Longrightarrow_{G'}^* \mathbf{w}_i$  as was to be shown.

Now we'll show that  $\mathbf{A} \Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}^{,*}} \mathbf{w}$ .

It is clear that  $(A \longrightarrow \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_t) \in P'$  by definition of P' (Since  $w \neq \varepsilon$  and since

 $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w}_1 \dots \mathbf{w}_t$  we get that  $\exists i \in \{1, \dots, t\}, \mathbf{w}_i \neq \varepsilon$  and so  $\exists i \in \{1, \dots, t\}, \alpha_i \neq \varepsilon$ , also we know that  $(\mathbf{A} \longrightarrow \mathbf{X}_1 \dots \mathbf{X}_t) \in \mathbf{P}$  and we know that

 $\forall$  i $\in$ {1,...,t},  $\alpha_i \in F(X_i)$  and so  $(A \longrightarrow \alpha_1 ... \alpha_t) \in P'$ ).

Now we can get by applying (\*) multiple times:  $\mathbf{A} \Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}^{,1}} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_t \Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}^{,*}} \mathbf{w}_1 \mathbf{w}_2 \dots \alpha_t \Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}^{,*}} \mathbf{w}_1 \mathbf{w}_2 \dots \mathbf{w}_t = \mathbf{w}$  and so  $\mathbf{A} \Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}^{,*}} \mathbf{w}$  as was to be shown.

Now we'll prove that  $\forall A \in V$ ,  $w \in T^*$ ,  $A \Longrightarrow_{G^{,*}} w \longrightarrow A \Longrightarrow_{G^{,*}} w \land w \neq \varepsilon$  in two parts: First we'll prove that  $\forall A \in V$ ,  $w \in T^*$ ,  $A \Longrightarrow_{G^{,*}} w \longrightarrow w \neq \varepsilon$  and then we'll prove that  $\forall A \in V$ ,  $w \in T^*$ ,  $A \Longrightarrow_{G^{,*}} w \longrightarrow A \Longrightarrow_{G^{,*}} w$ .

We'll prove that  $\forall A \in V$ ,  $w \in T^*$ ,  $A \Longrightarrow_{G^{,*}} w \longrightarrow w \neq \varepsilon$ : by proving the following propositions in order:

- (§1)  $\forall A \in V, \alpha \in (V \cup T)^*, (A \longrightarrow \alpha) \in P' \longrightarrow \alpha \neq \varepsilon$
- (§2)  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in (V \cup T)^*, \alpha \Longrightarrow_{G'} \beta \longrightarrow \beta \neq \varepsilon$
- (§3)  $\forall A \in V, w \in T^*, A \Longrightarrow_{G^*} w \longrightarrow w \neq \varepsilon$

Proof of (§1):

Let  $A \in V$  and  $\alpha \in (V \cup T)^*$  be such that  $(A \longrightarrow \alpha) \in P'$ ,

(we must show that  $\alpha \neq \varepsilon$ )

Now we get by definition of P' that

 $\exists \ \ t \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \ \exists \ \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_t \in V \cup T \cup \{\varepsilon\}, \ \alpha = \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_t \ \text{and so}$ 

 $(A \longrightarrow \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_t) \in P'$ , Again, by definition of P' we get that

 $\exists i \in \{1, ..., t\}, \alpha_i \neq \varepsilon$  and so  $|\alpha| = |\alpha_1| ... \alpha_t| = |\alpha_1| + ... + |\alpha_t| + ... + |\alpha_t| > 0$  and so  $\alpha \neq \varepsilon$  as was to be shown.

Proof of (§2):

Let  $\alpha, \beta \in (V \cup T)^*$  be such that  $\alpha \Longrightarrow_{G'} \beta$ , (We must show that  $\beta \neq \varepsilon$ )

Since  $\alpha \Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}'} \mathbf{\beta}$  we get by definition of the  $\Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}'}$  relation that

 $\exists \psi, \chi, \gamma \in (V \cup T)^*, A \in V, \alpha = \psi A \chi \land \beta = \psi \gamma \chi \land (A \longrightarrow \gamma) \in P'$ 

Now since  $A \in V$ ,  $\gamma \in (V \cup T)^*$  and  $(A \longrightarrow \gamma) \in P$  we get by (§1) that  $\gamma \neq \varepsilon$  and so  $|\beta| = |\psi| + |\gamma| + |\gamma| + |\gamma| \ge |\gamma| > 0$  and so  $\beta \neq \varepsilon$  as was be shown.

Proof of (§3)

Let  $A \in V$  and  $w \in T^*$  be such that  $A \Longrightarrow_{G'} w$  (we must show that  $w \neq \varepsilon$ )

It is clear that  $\mathbf{A} \Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}'}^{\mathbf{+}} \mathbf{w}$  and so  $\exists \mathbf{j} \in \mathbb{Z}^{\mathbf{+}}$ ,  $\mathbf{A} \Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}'}^{\mathbf{j}} \mathbf{w}$  and thus  $\exists \boldsymbol{\beta} \in (\mathbf{V} \cup \mathbf{T})^*$ ,  $\mathbf{A} \Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}'}^{\mathbf{j}-1} \boldsymbol{\beta} \Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}'} \mathbf{w}$ , in particular  $\boldsymbol{\beta} \Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}'} \mathbf{w}$  and by (§2) we get that  $\mathbf{w} \neq \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  as was to be shown.

Now we'll prove that (§4)  $\forall A \in V$ ,  $w \in T^*$ ,  $A \Longrightarrow_{G^*} w \longrightarrow A \Longrightarrow_{G^*} w \equiv \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\forall A \in V$ ,  $w \in T^*$ ,  $A \Longrightarrow_{G^*} w \longrightarrow A \Longrightarrow_{G^*} w$  by induction on n:

#### Basis

For n = 1 we must show that  $\forall A \in V$ ,  $w \in T^*$ ,  $A \Longrightarrow_{G}^{1} w \longrightarrow A \Longrightarrow_{G}^{*} w$ :

Let  $A \in V$  and  $w \in T^*$  be such that  $A \Longrightarrow_{G^{,1}} w$ , Since  $A \Longrightarrow_{G^{,1}} w$  we get that  $(A \longrightarrow w) \in P'$  and  $A \Longrightarrow_{G^{,*}} w$ , Now by (§3) we get that  $w \ne \varepsilon$ .

Let's denote  $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{IwI}$  and we will get that  $\exists \ \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_t \in T$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_t$ , thus  $(\mathbf{A} \longrightarrow \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_t) \in \mathbf{P}$ , and by definition of  $\mathbf{P}$ ' we will get that  $\exists \ \mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_t \in \mathbf{V} \cup \mathbf{T}$ ,  $(\mathbf{A} \longrightarrow \mathbf{X}_1 \dots \mathbf{X}_t) \in \mathbf{P}$  and  $\forall \ \mathbf{i} \in \{1, \dots, t\}, \ \alpha_i \in \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}_i)$  and  $\exists \ \mathbf{i} \in \{1, \dots, t\}, \ \alpha_i \neq \epsilon$ .

We'll prove that (§4.1)  $\forall$  i  $\in$  {1, ..., t},  $X_i \in T$  by contradiction:

Suppose that  $\exists i \in \{1, ..., t\}$ ,  $X_i \notin T$ , Since  $X_i \in V \cup T$  we get that it must be the case  $X_i \in V$ , Now since  $E(G) \subseteq V$  we get that there are two cases:  $X_i \in E(G) \vee X_i \notin E(G)$ :

(§4.1.1) If  $X_i \in E(G)$  we get that  $F(X_i) = \{\varepsilon, X_i\}$  and since  $\alpha_i \in F(X_i)$  we get that  $\alpha_i \in \{\varepsilon, X_i\}$ , Now there are two additional cases:  $\alpha_i = \varepsilon \vee \alpha_i = X_i$ :

(§4.1.1.1) If  $\alpha_i = \varepsilon$ , Since  $\alpha_i \in T$  we get that  $\varepsilon \in T$  which contradicts the fact that  $\varepsilon \notin T$ .

(§4.1.1.2) If  $\alpha_i = X_i$ , Since  $X_i \in V$  we get that  $\alpha_i \in V$  and since  $\alpha_i \in T$  we get that  $\alpha_i \in V \cap T$  and so  $V \cap T \neq \emptyset$  which contradicts the fact that  $V \cap T = \emptyset$ .

(§4.1.2) If  $X_i \not\in E(G)$  we get that  $F(X_i) = \{X_i\}$  and so  $\alpha_i \in \{X_i\}$  which implies that  $\alpha_i = X_i$ , Since  $X_i \in V$  we get that  $\alpha_i \in V$  and since  $\alpha_i \in T$  we get that  $\alpha_i \in V \cap T$  and so  $V \cap T \neq \emptyset$  which contradicts the fact that  $V \cap T = \emptyset$ .

From cases (§4.1.1) and (§4.1.2) we get a contradiction, And so (§4.1) must be true.

We'll prove that (§4.2)  $\forall$  i  $\in$  {1, ..., t},  $\alpha$ <sub>i</sub> = X<sub>i</sub>:

Let  $i \in \{1, ..., t\}$ , Since  $\alpha_i \in F(X_i)$  and since by (§4.1)  $X_i \in T$  we get that  $F(X_i) = \{X_i\}$  and so  $\alpha_i \in \{X_i\}$  which implies that  $\alpha_i = X_i$  as was to be shown.

Now we'll show that  $\mathbf{A} \Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}}^{*} \mathbf{w}$ :

Since  $(A \longrightarrow X_1 ... X_t) \in P$  we get by (§4.2) that  $(A \longrightarrow \alpha_1 ... \alpha_t) \in P$  and so  $(A \longrightarrow w) \in P$  which implies that  $A \Longrightarrow_{G}^{1} w$  and so  $A \Longrightarrow_{G}^{*} w$  as was to be shown.

# **Induction hypothesis**

Suppose that for some  $n = k \ge 1$  we have:  $\forall j \in \{1, ..., k\}, \forall A \in V, w \in T^*, A \Longrightarrow_{G}^{j} w \longrightarrow A \Longrightarrow_{G}^{*} w$ 

### Induction step

We must prove that  $\forall A \in V$ ,  $w \in T^*$ ,  $A \Longrightarrow_{G^*} k+1 \ w \longrightarrow A \Longrightarrow_{G^*} w$ :

Let  $A \in V$  and  $w \in T^*$  be such that  $A \Longrightarrow_{G'}^{k+1} w$ , Therefore we get that  $\exists \beta \in (V \cup T)^*$ ,  $A \Longrightarrow_{G'}^1 \beta \Longrightarrow_{G'}^k w$  and  $(A \longrightarrow \beta) \in P'$ , Therefore we get that  $\exists t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,

$$\exists \alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_t \in V \cup T \cup \{\varepsilon\}, \beta = \alpha_1 \ldots \alpha_t \land$$

$$\exists X_1, ..., X_t \in V \cup T, (A \longrightarrow X_1 ... X_t) \in P$$
  $\land$ 

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, t\}, \ \alpha_i \in F(X_i)$$

$$\exists i \in \{1, ..., t\}, \alpha_i \neq \varepsilon$$

Therefore we get that  $A \Longrightarrow_{G}^{1} X_{1} \dots X_{t}$  and  $\alpha_{1} \dots \alpha_{t} \Longrightarrow_{G}^{,k} w$  and so

$$\forall i \in \{\ 1\ , \ \dots, \ t\ \}, \ \exists\ w_i \in T^*, \ (\exists j \in \{1\ , \ \dots, \ k\}, \ \alpha_i \Longrightarrow_{G^{,j}} w_i) \ \lor \ \alpha_i = w_i$$

We'll prove that (§5)  $\forall$  i  $\in$  {1, ..., t},  $\alpha_i \Longrightarrow_{G}^* w_i$ :

Let  $i \in \{1, ..., t\}$ , There are two cases  $(\exists j \in \{1, ..., k\}, \alpha_i \Longrightarrow_{G^{ij}} w_i) \vee \alpha_i = w_i$ 

(§5.1) If  $\exists j \in \{1, ..., k\}$ ,  $\alpha_i \Longrightarrow_{G^{,j}} w_i$  then it must be the case that  $\alpha_i \in V$ , Thus we get by the induction hypothesis that  $\alpha_i \Longrightarrow_{G^*} w_i$ .

(§5.2) If  $\alpha_i = w_i$  we get that  $\alpha_i \Longrightarrow_{G} w_i$  and so  $\alpha_i \Longrightarrow_{G} w_i$ .

Therefore, by (§5.1) and (§5.2) we get that it is always the case that  $\alpha_i \Longrightarrow_{G}^* \mathbf{w}_i$  as was to be shown.

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Now we'll prove that (§6)  $\forall$  i  $\in$  {1, ..., t},  $X_i \Longrightarrow_G^* w_i$ :

Let  $i \in \{1, ..., t\}$ , Therefore  $\alpha_i \in F(X_i)$ , By (§5) we get that  $\alpha_i \Longrightarrow_{G}^* w_i$ , Now since  $X_i \in V \cup T$  there are two cases:  $X_i \in V \vee X_i \in T$ 

(§6.1) If  $X_i \in V$ , There are two cases:  $X_i \in E(G) \vee X_i \notin E(G)$ 

(§6.1.1) If  $X_i \in E(G)$  then  $F(X_i) = \{\varepsilon, X_i\}$ , Now since  $\alpha_i \in F(X_i)$  we get that  $\alpha_i \in \{\varepsilon, X_i\}$ , Now there are two cases:  $\alpha_i = \varepsilon \vee \alpha_i = X_i$ 

(§6.1.1.1) If  $\alpha_i = \varepsilon$  then we get that  $\varepsilon \Longrightarrow_{G}^* \mathbf{w}_i$  and now it must be the case that  $\varepsilon \Longrightarrow_{G}^0 \mathbf{w}_i$  and so  $\varepsilon = \mathbf{w}_i$ , Now since  $\mathbf{X}_i \in \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{G})$  we get that  $\mathbf{X}_i \Longrightarrow_{G}^* \varepsilon$  and so  $\mathbf{X}_i \Longrightarrow_{G}^* \mathbf{w}_i$ .

(§6.1.1.2) If  $\alpha_i = X_i$ , Since  $\alpha_i \Longrightarrow_{G}^* w_i$  we get that  $X_i \Longrightarrow_{G}^* w_i$ .

(§6.1.2) If  $X_i \not\in E(G)$  then  $F(X_i) = \{X_i\}$ , Now since  $\alpha_i \in F(X_i)$  we get that  $\alpha_i \in \{X_i\}$  and so  $\alpha_i = X_i$ , Now since  $\alpha_i \Longrightarrow_{G}^* w_i$  we get that  $X_i \Longrightarrow_{G}^* w_i$ .

(§6.2) If  $X_i \in T$  then we get that  $F(X_i) = \{X_i\}$ , Now since  $\alpha_i \in F(X_i)$  we get that  $\alpha_i \in \{X_i\}$  and so  $\alpha_i = X_i$ , Now since  $\alpha_i \Longrightarrow_{G}^* w_i$  we get that  $X_i \Longrightarrow_{G}^* w_i$ .

Therefore we got that  $X_i \Longrightarrow_{G}^* w_i$  as was to be shown.

Now we'll show that  $\mathbf{A} \Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}}^{*} \mathbf{w}$ :

 $A \Longrightarrow_G^1 X_1 \dots X_t \Longrightarrow_G^* w_1 \dots w_t = w$ 

And so  $\mathbf{A} \Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}^*} \mathbf{w}$  as was to be shown.

Now by combining (§3) and (§4) we get:

 $\forall A \in V, w \in T^*, A \Longrightarrow_{G^*} w \longrightarrow A \Longrightarrow_{G^*} w \land w \neq \varepsilon$  as was to be shown.

From the two proofs we get:

$$\forall A \in V, w \in T^*, A \Longrightarrow_{G^{,*}} w \longleftrightarrow A \Longrightarrow_{G^{,*}} w \land w \neq \varepsilon$$

Now we'll show that  $L(G') = L(G) - \{\epsilon\}$ :

Let **w∈T**\*:

$$\mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{G}') \iff \mathbf{S} \Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}'}^{*} \mathbf{w} \iff \mathbf{S} \Longrightarrow_{\mathbf{G}}^{*} \mathbf{w} \land \mathbf{w} \neq \varepsilon \iff \mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{G}) - \{\varepsilon\}.$$
 and so  $\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{G}') = \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{G}) - \{\varepsilon\}.$ 

Now we can build a new grammar G'' = (V'',T'',P'',S) by using **Theorem 7.3** on the grammar G'. The grammar G'' does not contain redundant symbols and  $L(G'') = L(G') = L(G) - \{\epsilon\}$ , Now since the grammar G'' is a sub grammar of the grammar G'' and since G' does not contain  $\epsilon$ -rules we get that the grammar G'' does not contain  $\epsilon$ -rules and so:

There exists grammar **G**" that satisfies  $L(G'') = L(G) - \{\varepsilon\}$  and **G**" does not contain redundant symbols and  $\varepsilon$ -rules as was to be shown.

Q.E.D.