

01 Different Derivations (Lab)

Consider again grammar G . Give two *different* derivations of **Dave runs**.

First derivation:

$S \rightarrow NP VP \rightarrow PN VP \rightarrow \text{Dave } V \rightarrow \text{Dave runs}$

Second derivation: $S \rightarrow NP VP \rightarrow PN VP \rightarrow PN V \rightarrow PN \text{ runs} \rightarrow \text{Dave runs}$

02 Equivalent Languages (Lab)

Let $G' = (T, N, P, S)$ with $T = \{a\}$, $N = \{S\}$ productions P :

$S \rightarrow$

$S \rightarrow Sa$

Prove that $L(G') = \{a^n \mid n \geq 0\}$, which is the same as $L(G)$ from the course notes.

We prove this formally by inclusion in both directions. By definition of $L(G)$,

$\{T^* \mid S\} = \{a^n \mid n \geq 0\}$

means that for every T^* that is derivable from S there exists an $n \geq 0$ such that $T^* = a^n$. We show this by induction over the length of derivations.

- *Base.* Suppose T^* is derived directly from S by $S \rightarrow$, which leaves only $T^* =$ according to the first production. Then $T^* = a$.
- *Step.* Suppose T^* is derived from S in multiple steps, which leaves only S Sa^* according to the second production. Then T^* must be a to be derivable from Sa . As the derivation $S \rightarrow^* T^*$ is shorter than the derivation of $S \rightarrow^* Sa^*$, by induction assumption there exists an n such that $T^* = a^n$. Therefore $T^* = a = a a^n = a^{n+1}$.

The inclusion in the other direction means that every a^n for $n \geq 0$ can be derived from S :

$\{a^n \mid n \geq 0\} \subseteq \{T^* \mid S\}$

We show this by induction over n .

- *Base.* obviously $a =$ can be generated by the first production, $S \rightarrow$.
- *Step.* Suppose a^n can be generated, $S \rightarrow^* a^n$. We need to show that a^{n+1} can be generated as well. This follows from $S \rightarrow Sa^n \rightarrow a^n a = a^{n+1}$.

Thus, we can conclude $L(G') = \{a^n \mid n \geq 0\}$.

03 Derivation in Copy Language (Lab)

S

→ aAS
 → aAbBS
 → abASb
 → abAbBSb
 → abbABSb
 → abbASbb
 → abbSabb
 → abbabb

04 Ambiguity in English (Lab)

A well-known syntactically ambiguous English sentence is **Time flies like an arrow**. Explain the ambiguity!

[Time flies] like [an arrow], i.e the species of time flies happen to like an arrow
or

Time [flies [like [an arrow]]], i.e time flies figuratively very fast like an arrow.

First interpretation does not semantically make sense.

05 Extending English Grammar (Lab)

Define a new grammar G' by extending G :

- A verb phrase is a verb phrase followed by a prepositional phrase.
- A prepositional phrase is a preposition followed by a noun phrase.
- Prepositions are **in** and **on**.
- Nouns are **park** and **child**.

Give the full definition of G' ! Is G' regular, context-free, or context-sensitive?

Draw the parse tree of **the child eats a banana in the park**! Use draw.io or a similar program to generate an SVG figure and insert that in the cell below.

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= (Kevin, Dave, a, the, banana, apple, eats, runs, park, child, in, on)

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Grammar Definition:

S → NP VP NP → PN NP → D N VP → V VP → VP NP VP → VP PP PP
→ P NP PN → Kevin PN → Dave D → a D → the P → in P → on N → banana N
→ apple N → park N → child V → eats V → runs

0 is not regular, but it is context-free.

Derivation: S → NP VP → D N VP PP → the child VP NP P NP → the child
VP D N P NP → the child V D N P NP → the child eats a banana P NP → the
child eats a banana in D N → the child eats a banana in the park

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06 Generated Language a bc (Lab)

Prove formally that $L(G) = \{a^n bc^n \mid n \geq 0\}$!

We prove this formally by inclusion in both directions. By definition of $L(G_3)$.

$$\{\chi \in T^* \mid S \Rightarrow^+ \chi\} \subseteq \{a^n bc^n \mid n \geq \theta\}$$

means that for every $\chi \in T^*$ that is derivable from S there exists an $n \geq 0$ such that $\chi = a^n bc^n$. We show this by induction over the length of derivations.

- Base. Suppose χ is derived directly from S by $S \Rightarrow \chi$, which leaves only $b\varepsilon = b$ according to the first production. Then $\chi = a^n bc^n$.
- Step. Suppose χ is derived from S in multiple steps, which leaves only $S \Rightarrow Sabc \Rightarrow^* \chi$ according to the second production. Then χ must be $wabc$ to be derivable from $Sabc$. As the derivation $S \Rightarrow^* w$ is shorter than the derivation of $S \Rightarrow^* \chi$, by induction assumption there exists an n such that $w = a^n bc^n$. Therefore $\chi = wa = a^n bc^n = a^{n+1} bc^{n+1}$.

The inclusion in the other direction means that every $a^n bc^n$ for $n \geq 0$ can be derived from S :

$$\{a^n bc^n \mid n \geq \theta\} \subseteq \{\chi \in T^* \mid S \Rightarrow^+ \chi\}$$

We show this by induction over n .

- Base, obviously $a^0 bc^0 = \varepsilon$ can be generated by the first production, $a^+ bc^+ \varepsilon$.
- Step. Suppose $a^n bc^n$ can be generated, $S \Rightarrow^+ a^n bc^n$. We need to show that $a^{n+1} bc^{n+1}$ can be generated as well. This follows from $S \Rightarrow Sa \Rightarrow^+ a^n bc^n a = a^{n+1} bc^{n+1}$.

Thus we can conclude $L(G_3)' = \{a^n bc^n \mid n \geq \theta\}$.