

Homework 2

1. 1. True.

$S \rightarrow aSbS \rightarrow aaSbSbS \rightarrow aaaSbSbSbS \rightarrow aaabSbSbS \rightarrow aaabbSbS \rightarrow aaabbbS \rightarrow aaabbb$. (Figure 1)

2. False. $aaabbb$, a prefix of $aaabbb$, has more b 's than a 's.

3. False. abb , a prefix of $abba$, has more b 's than a 's.

4. True.

$S \rightarrow aSbS \rightarrow aaSbSbS \rightarrow aabSbS \rightarrow aabbS \rightarrow aabbaSbS \rightarrow aabbbaSbSbS \rightarrow aabbbaaSbSbSbS \rightarrow aabbbaaabbSbSbS \rightarrow aabbbaaabbSbS \rightarrow aabbbaaabbSbS \rightarrow aabbbaaabbSbS \rightarrow aabbbaaabbSbS$. (Figure 2)

5. False. b , a prefix of $baababba$, has more b 's than a 's.

2. 1. $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, $V = \{S\}$, S is the start variable, R :

▪ $S \rightarrow a|aS|aSb$

2. $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, $V = \{S\}$, S is the start variable, R :

▪ $S \rightarrow b|Sb|aSb$

3. $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, $V = \{S\}$, S is the start variable, R :

▪ $S \rightarrow aaSb|\epsilon$

4. $\Sigma = \{a, b, \$\}$, $V = \{S, X\}$, S is the start variable, R :

▪ $S \rightarrow X\$$

▪ $X \rightarrow aXa|bXb|\$$

5. $L_5 = L_1 \cup L_2 \cup \{\Sigma^*ba\Sigma^*\}$. $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, $V = \{S, S_1, S_2, S_3, X\}$, S is the start variable, R :

▪ $S \rightarrow S_1|S_2|S_3$

▪ $S_1 \rightarrow a|aS_1|aS_1b$

▪ $S_2 \rightarrow b|S_2b|aS_2b$

▪ $S_3 \rightarrow XbaX$

▪ $X \rightarrow XX|a|b|\epsilon$

3. 1. Suppose $L_1 = \{a^k b^m c^n | k \leq m \leq n\}$ is context-free. $\exists p \in \mathbb{N}$, for every $w \in L_1$, if $|w| \geq p$, then w can be partitioned into five parts $w = sxyz^i t$, where $|xz| \geq 1$ and $|xyz| \leq p$, s.t. $sx^i yz^i t \in L_1 \ \forall i \geq 0$. Consider $w = a^k b^k c^k \in L_1$, where $k \geq p$. There are five possible cases of xyz :

▪ **Case 1:** $xyz = a^\alpha$ for some $1 \leq \alpha \leq p$. Consider $i = 2$.

$sx^i yz^i t = a^{k'} b^k c^k$ has $k' \geq k + 1 > k$. So, $sx^i yz^i t \notin L_1$.

▪ **Case 2:** $xyz = a^\alpha b^\beta$ for some $1 \leq \alpha + \beta \leq p$. Consider $i = 2$.

$sx^i yz^i t = a^{k'} b^{k''} c^k$ has either $k' \geq k + 1 > k$ or $k'' \geq k + 1 > k$. So, $sx^i yz^i t \notin L_1$.

▪ **Case 3:** $xyz = b^\beta$ for some $1 \leq \beta \leq p$. Consider $i = 2$.

$sx^i yz^i t = a^k b^{k'} c^k$ has $k' \geq k + 1 > k$. So, $sx^i yz^i t \notin L_1$.

- **Case 4:** $xyz = b^\beta c^\gamma$ for some $1 \leq \beta + \gamma \leq p$. Consider $i = 0$.

$sx^i yz^i t = a^k b^{k'} c^{k''}$ has either $k' < k$ or $k'' < k$. So, $sx^i yz^i t \notin L_1$.

- **Case 5:** $xyz = c^\gamma$ for some $1 \leq \gamma \leq p$. Consider $i = 0$.

$sx^i yz^i t = a^k b^k c^{k'}$ has $k' < k$. So, $sx^i yz^i t \notin L_1$.

◦ **Conclusion:** This is a contradiction to the pumping lemma, so L_1 is not context-free.

- Suppose $L_2 = \{a^n | n \text{ is a prime number}\}$ is context-free. $\exists p \in \mathbb{N}$, for every $w \in L_2$, if $|w| \geq p$, then w can be partitioned into five parts $w = sxyz$, where $|xz| \geq 1$ and $|xyz| \leq p$, s.t. $sx^i yz^i t \in L_2 \forall i \geq 0$. Consider $w = a^n \in L_2$, where $n \geq p + 2$. Consider $i = |sy|$. Then, $|sx^i yz^i t| = |sy| + |xz||sy| = (|xz| + 1)|sy|$, which is not a prime number because $|xz| + 1 \geq 2$ and $|sy| \geq 2$.

◦ **Conclusion:** This is a contradiction to the pumping lemma, so L_2 is not context-free.

4. ◦ \Rightarrow (only if):

- **IH:** Every prefix of $w \in L(G)$ where $|w| \leq n$ has at least as many a 's as b 's.

- **Basis:** $w \in L(G)$ where $|w| = 0$, i.e., ϵ , is always true for the hypothesis.

- **IS: Assumption:** Given $w \in L(G)$ where $|w| = n + 1$.

w can be generated in either ways: (1) aS , where $S \rightarrow^* w' \in L(G)$ and $|w'| = n$, and (2) $aSbS$, where first $S \rightarrow^* w_1 \in L(G)$, second $S \rightarrow^* w_2 \in L(G)$, and $|w_1| + |w_2| = n - 1$. Consider two cases.

- **Case (1):** Every prefix of w has at least as many a 's as b 's, so every prefix of aw' also has at least as many a 's as b 's.

- **Case (2):** Every prefix of w_1 and w_2 has at least as many a 's as b 's, so every prefix of aw_1bw_2 , including aw_1 , aw_1b and aw_1bw_2 itself, has at least as many a 's as b 's.

- **Conclusion:** The IH is true for $n + 1$, and therefore, for all $n \geq 0$.

◦ \Leftarrow (if):

- **IH:** If every prefix of w where $|w| \leq n$ has at least as many a 's as b 's, then $w \in L(G)$.

- **Basis:** w where $|w| = 0$, i.e., ϵ , has at least as many a 's as b 's and is in $L(G)$, because there is a derivation: $S \rightarrow \epsilon$.

- **IS: Assumption:** Given w where $|w| = n + 1$ s.t. every prefix of w has at least as many a 's as b 's.

There exists a partition of w in either way: (1) aw' , where $|w'| = n$ and every prefix of w' has at least as many a 's as b 's. (2) aw_1bw_2 , where $|w_1| + |w_2| = n - 1$ and every prefix of w_1 and w_2 has at least as many a 's as b 's. Otherwise, w cannot be partitioned in either way. Also, w can never start with b . So, $w = aw'_1bw'_2bw'_3$, s.t. $w'_1, w'_2 \in L(G)$ and both have as many a 's as b 's. However, w has a prefix, $aw'_1bw'_2b$, that has more b 's than a 's, which is a contradiction to the assumption. Therefore, $|w|$ can always be partitioned in either way. Consider two cases.

- **Case (1):** $w' \in L(G)$, so there is a derivation: $S \rightarrow aS \rightarrow^* aw' = w \in L(G)$.

- **Case (2):** $w_1, w_2 \in L(G)$, so there is a derivation: $S \rightarrow aSbS \rightarrow^* aw_1bw_2 = w \in L(G)$.

- **Conclusion:** The IH is true for $n + 1$, and therefore, for all $n \geq 0$.

5. Prove. Let $A_1 = (\Sigma_1, \Gamma_1, Q_1, q_{1,0}, F_1, \delta_1)$ be a PDA that recognizes L_1 and $A_2 = (\Sigma_2, Q_2, q_{2,0}, F_2, \delta_2)$ be a DFA that recognizes L_2 . A PDA $A = (\Sigma, \Gamma, Q, q_0, F, \delta)$ that accepts $L_1 \cap L_2$ is constructed as follows:
 $\Sigma = \Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2$; $\Gamma = \Gamma_1$; $Q = Q_1 \times Q_2$; $q_0 = (q_{1,0}, q_{2,0})$; $F = F_1 \times F_2$;

$$\delta((s_1, s_2), x, a) = \{((s'_1, s'_2), b) \mid (s'_1, b) \in \delta_1(s_1, x, a) \wedge s'_2 = \delta_2(s_2, x)\}$$

$L(A) = L_1 \cap L_2$ is proved by showing that for any $w \in \Sigma^*$, $(q_0, \epsilon) \xrightarrow{w^*}_A ((s_1, s_2), \sigma)$ iff $(q_{1,0}, \epsilon) \xrightarrow{w^*}_{A_1} (s_1, \sigma)$ and $q_{2,0} \xrightarrow{w^*}_{A_2} s_2$.

- $(q_0, \epsilon) \xrightarrow{w^*}_A ((s_1, s_2), \sigma) \Rightarrow (q_{1,0}, \epsilon) \xrightarrow{w^*}_{A_1} (s_1, \sigma)$ and $q_{2,0} \xrightarrow{w^*}_{A_2} s_2$:

- **IH:** Suppose the formula is true for any w of length n .
- **Basis:** Given w where $|w| = 0$, i.e., ϵ . The run of A on ϵ is (q_0, ϵ) . The run of A_1 on ϵ is $(q_{1,0}, \epsilon)$. The run of A_2 on ϵ is $q_{2,0}$. Therefore, the IH is true for $n = 0$.
- **IS: Assumption:** Given w where $|w| = n + 1$ s.t. the run of A on w is

$$(q_0, \epsilon) \xrightarrow{w^*}_A ((s_{1,n}, s_{2,n}), \sigma_n) \xrightarrow{w_{n+1}}_A ((s_{1,n+1}, s_{2,n+1}), \sigma_{n+1})$$

From the assumption, we know there exist $a, b \in \Gamma^*$ s.t. stack σ_{n+1} is obtained from stack σ_n by popping a and pushing b and $((s_{1,n+1}, s_{2,n+1}), b) \in \delta((s_{1,n}, s_{2,n}), w_{n+1}, a)$.

- Consider the run of A_1 on w : $(q_{1,0}, \epsilon) \xrightarrow{w^*}_{A_1} (s_{1,n}, \sigma_n) \xrightarrow{w_{n+1}}_{A_1} (s_{1,n+1}, \sigma_{n+1})$ because there exist $a, b \in \Gamma^*$ s.t. $(s_{1,n+1}, b) \in \delta_1(s_{1,n}, w_{n+1}, a)$ and stack σ_{n+1} is obtained from stack σ_n by popping a and pushing b .
- Consider the run of A_2 on w : $q_{2,0} \xrightarrow{w^*}_{A_2} s_{2,n} \xrightarrow{w_{n+1}}_{A_2} s_{2,n+1}$ because $s_{2,n+1} = \delta_2(s_{2,n}, w_{n+1})$.

- **Conclusion:** The IH is true for $n + 1$, and therefore, for all $n \geq 0$.

- $(q_0, \epsilon) \xrightarrow{w^*}_A ((s_1, s_2), \sigma) \Leftarrow (q_{1,0}, \epsilon) \xrightarrow{w^*}_{A_1} (s_1, \sigma)$ and $q_{2,0} \xrightarrow{w^*}_{A_2} s_2$:

- **IH:** Suppose the formula is true for any w of length n .
- **Basis:** Given w where $|w| = 0$, i.e., ϵ . The run of A_1 on Σ is $(q_{1,0}, \epsilon)$. The run of A_2 on ϵ is $q_{2,0}$. The run of A on ϵ is (q_0, ϵ) . Therefore, the IH is true for $n = 0$.
- **IS: Assumption:** Given w where $|w| = n + 1$ s.t.

the run of A_1 on w is $(q_{1,0}, \epsilon) \xrightarrow{w^*}_{A_1} (s_{1,n}, \sigma_n) \xrightarrow{w_{n+1}}_{A_1} (s_{1,n+1}, \sigma_{n+1})$, and

the run of A_2 on w is $q_{2,0} \xrightarrow{w^*}_{A_2} s_{2,n} \xrightarrow{w_{n+1}}_{A_2} s_{2,n+1}$.

From the assumption, we know there exist $a, b \in \Gamma^*$ s.t. $(s_{1,n+1}, b) \in \delta_1(s_{1,n}, w_{n+1}, a)$ and stack σ_{n+1} is obtained from stack σ_n by popping a and pushing b , and that $s_{2,n+1} = \delta_2(s_{2,n}, w_{n+1})$. Consider the run of A on w :

$$(q_0, \epsilon) \xrightarrow{w^*}_A ((s_{1,n}, s_{2,n}), \sigma_n) \xrightarrow{w_{n+1}}_A ((s_{1,n+1}, s_{2,n+1}), \sigma_{n+1})$$

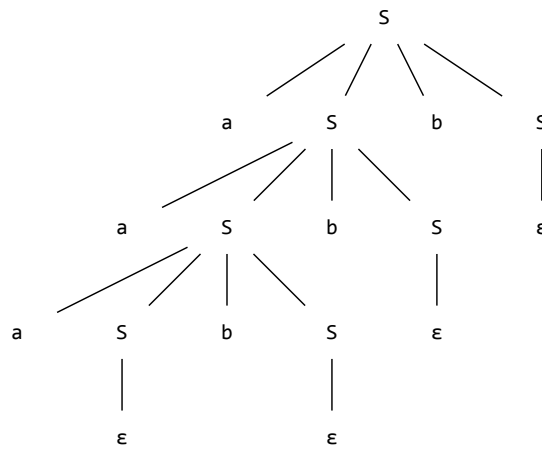
because there exist $a, b \in \Gamma^*$ s.t. stack σ_{n+1} is obtained from stack σ_n by popping a and pushing b and $((s_{1,n+1}, s_{2,n+1}), b) \in \delta((s_{1,n}, s_{2,n}), w_{n+1}, a)$.

- **Conclusion:** The IH is true for $n + 1$, and therefore, for all $n \geq 0$.

- **Conclusion:** $(s_1, s_2) \in F$ iff $s_1 \in F_1$ and $s_2 \in F_2$. For any $w \in \Sigma^*$, w is accepted by A iff w is

accepted by both A_1 and A_2 . Therefore, $L_1 \cap L_2$ is context-free because it is recognized by some PDA.

- Figure 1.



- Figure 2.

