

### ⊛ Context free Language:-

⇒ In formal language theory, a Context free language is a language generated by some context free grammar.

⇒ CFL is the language accepted by push down automata.

### ⊛ Pumping lemma for Context free Language:-

⇒ Pumping lemma is used to prove a language is not context free.

#### Statement:-

Let 'L' be the Context free language. Let 'n' be the integer constant. Select a string 'm' from 'L' such that  $|m| \geq n$ . Divide the string 'm' as  $uvwxy$  such that  $|vwx| \leq n$

$$② |vx| \geq 1$$

$$③ uv^iwx^iy \text{ is in } L \text{ for } i \geq 0$$

Example:- Show that  $L = \{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 1\}$  is not a CFL.

Soln:- Let L be the CFL.

$$\text{Let } n=3$$

$$L = \{abc, aabbcc, aaabbbccc, \dots\}$$

Consider  $m = aaabbbccc$

i.e.  $|m| \geq n$ ,  $9 \geq 3$  which is true

Now dividing string  $m$  into five parts as  $uvwx y$

such that  $\underbrace{a a a}_u \underbrace{b}_v \underbrace{b b}_w \underbrace{b}_x \underbrace{c c c}_y$

where  $u = aa$ ,  $v = a$ ,  $w = b$ ,  $x = b$ ,  $y = bccc$

Checking first condition:

$$|vwx| \leq n$$

$$\Rightarrow |abb| \leq 3$$

$3 \leq 3$  which is true.

Checking second condition:

$$|vx| \geq 1$$

$$|ab| \geq 1$$

$2 \geq 1$  which is true

Checking third condition:

$uv^iwx^iy \in L$  for  $i \geq 0$

When  $i=0$ ,

uwy

$\Rightarrow aabbccc \notin L$

$\therefore$  Given language is not context free.

### Decision algorithm for CFL:

$\Rightarrow$  Different decision algorithms are used for CFLs, first is based on emptiness, followed by finiteness, followed by membership determination.

#### 1. Emptiness

$\hookrightarrow$  There are algorithm to test emptiness of a CFL i.e.  $L(G) \neq \emptyset$  or not.

$\hookrightarrow$  For this, remove <sup>useless</sup> symbol of Grammar 'G'.

$\hookrightarrow$  If its start symbol is useless then  $L(G) = \emptyset$  else it's not.

#### 2. Finite Theorem

$\hookrightarrow$  For a given CFG 'G' there exists an algorithm to decide whether  $L(G)$  is finite or infinite.

$\hookrightarrow$  To prove finiteness draw a directed graph whose nodes are variable of 'G' node A to B if there is a production of the form  $A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$

$\hookrightarrow$  If there is cycle in graph language of G infinite otherwise finite

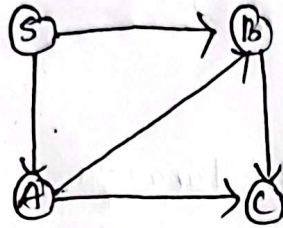


For example:

$S \rightarrow Ab|a$

$A \rightarrow BC|b$

$B \rightarrow CC|c$



↳ There is no cycle, so the grammar is finite.

## ② Membership

- ↳ For CFG 'G' of any string  $w$  there exists an algorithm to determine whether  $w \in L(G)$  or not.
- ↳ If string is accepted by the machine (i.e. reached to the final state) it is one of the member of that language.