

Uncovered Permutation Grammars

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In this paper I show that some permutation grammars are not covered by single permutation groups.

A single permutation group is the permutations generated by a single permutation.

For example:

10423

Generates:

10423 + 01342 + 10234 + 01423 + 10342 + 01234

A permutation grammar is “uncovered” if it can not be generated by any single permutation group.

For example, the permutation grammar:

$(ab)(cd) = abcd + bacd + abdc + badc$

Is not covered by any single permutation group.

Proof: Check every permutation of size 4 and see whether any matches.

abcd
abdc + abcd
acbd + abcd
acdb + adbc + abcd
adbc + acdb + abcd
adcb + abcd
bacd + abcd
badc + abcd
bcad + cabd + abcd
bcda + cdab + dabc + abcd
bdac + dcba + cadb + abcd
bdca + dacb + abcd
cabd + bcad + abcd
cadb + dcba + bdac + abcd
cbad + abcd
cbda + dbac + abcd
cdab + abcd
cdba + badc + dcab + abcd
dabc + cdab + bcda + abcd
dacb + bdca + abcd
dbac + cbda + abcd
dbca + abcd
dcab + badc + cdba + abcd
dcba + abcd

No single permutation group covers the permutation grammar of size 4.

Qed.