

ch-12. Context-Free Grammars.

Context free grammars :- CFG is a collection of three things:

1. An alphabet Σ of letters called terminals from which we are going to make strings that will be the words of a language.
2. A set of symbols called non-terminals, one of which is the symbol S , standing for "start here".
3. A finite set of productions of the form
one Non-terminal \rightarrow finite string of terminals and/or Nonterminals.

Nonterminals designated by capital letters.
terminals are designated by lower letters.

Context free languages :- A language generated by a CFG is called a context-free language (CFL).

Examples of CFG's

1). $L = a^*$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{Prod 1} & S \rightarrow aS \\
 \text{Prod 2} & S \rightarrow \lambda
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{OR} \quad
 \begin{array}{ll}
 \text{Prod 1} & S \rightarrow SS \\
 \text{Prod 2} & S \rightarrow a \\
 \text{Prod 3} & S \rightarrow \lambda
 \end{array}$$

2). $L = (a+b)^*$ except λ (null string)

$$\begin{array}{l}
 S \rightarrow aS \\
 S \rightarrow bS \\
 S \rightarrow a \\
 S \rightarrow b
 \end{array}$$

3) $(a+b)^*$ [To generate any word].

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow aS \\ S \rightarrow bS \\ S \rightarrow a \quad \underline{\text{OR}} \\ S \rightarrow b \\ S \rightarrow \lambda \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow aS \\ S \rightarrow bS \\ S \rightarrow \lambda \quad \underline{\text{OR}} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow x \\ S \rightarrow y \\ x \rightarrow \lambda \\ y \rightarrow ax \\ y \rightarrow by \\ y \rightarrow a \\ y \rightarrow b \end{array}$$

4) lang. with 'aa' in them somewhere.

[anything aa anything] OR $(a+b)^* aa (a+b)^*$.

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow X aa X \\ X \rightarrow aX \\ X \rightarrow bX \\ X \rightarrow \lambda \end{array} \quad \underline{\text{OR}}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow XY \\ X \rightarrow aX \\ X \rightarrow bX \\ X \rightarrow \lambda \\ Y \rightarrow ya \\ Y \rightarrow Yb \\ Y \rightarrow \lambda \end{array}$$

5) strings that end with 'a'.

$$\begin{array}{l} X \rightarrow aX \\ X \rightarrow bX \\ X \rightarrow \lambda \end{array}$$

CFG for no three consecutive a's.

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow aX \mid bS \mid \lambda \\ X \rightarrow ay \mid bs \mid \lambda \\ Y \rightarrow bS \mid \lambda \end{array}$$

6) strings that start with 'a'

$$\begin{array}{l} Y \rightarrow ya \\ Y \rightarrow Yb \\ Y \rightarrow a \end{array}$$

7). For the language Even-Even.

$$S \rightarrow SS$$

$$S \rightarrow \text{Balanced } S$$

$$S \rightarrow S \text{ Balanced}$$

$$S \rightarrow \lambda$$

$$S \rightarrow \text{Unbalanced } S \text{ Unbalanced}$$

$$\text{Balanced} \rightarrow aa$$

$$\text{Balanced} \rightarrow bb$$

$$\text{unbalanced} \rightarrow ab$$

$$\text{unbalanced} \rightarrow ba$$

8). for the language $\frac{a^n b^n}{a^n}$

$$S \rightarrow aSb$$

$$S \rightarrow \lambda$$

9). Even Palindrome.

$$S \rightarrow aSa$$

$$S \rightarrow bSb$$

$$S \rightarrow \lambda$$

odd Palindrome.

$$S \rightarrow aSa$$

$$S \rightarrow bSb$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

$$S \rightarrow b$$

10). entire Language Palindrome.

$$S \rightarrow aSa$$

$$S \rightarrow bSb$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

$$S \rightarrow b$$

$$S \rightarrow \lambda$$

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for the language $\underline{a^n b a^n}$

$$S \rightarrow aSa$$

$$S \rightarrow b.$$

OR

$$S \rightarrow asa \mid b$$

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Backus-Naur form

following changes are to be made in general form.

1) ::= instead of \rightarrow

2) nonterminals are called variables.

3) use epsilon (ϵ) or lambda (λ) instead of \wedge to denote null string.

4) indicate nonterminals by writing them in angle brackets:
 $\langle S \rangle ::= \langle X \rangle \mid \langle Y \rangle$

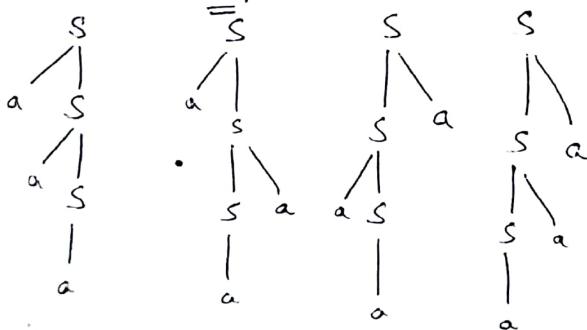
Ambiguity

A CFG is called ambiguous if for at least one word in the language that it generates there are two possible derivations of the word that correspond to different syntax trees. If a CFG is not ambiguous, it is called unambiguous (unique).

e.g. Ambiguous (multiple Paths)

$$S \rightarrow aS \mid Sa \mid a$$

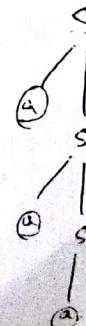
for the word a^3



Unambiguous (unique path)

$$S \rightarrow aS \mid a \quad [\text{same length product}]$$

for the word a^3

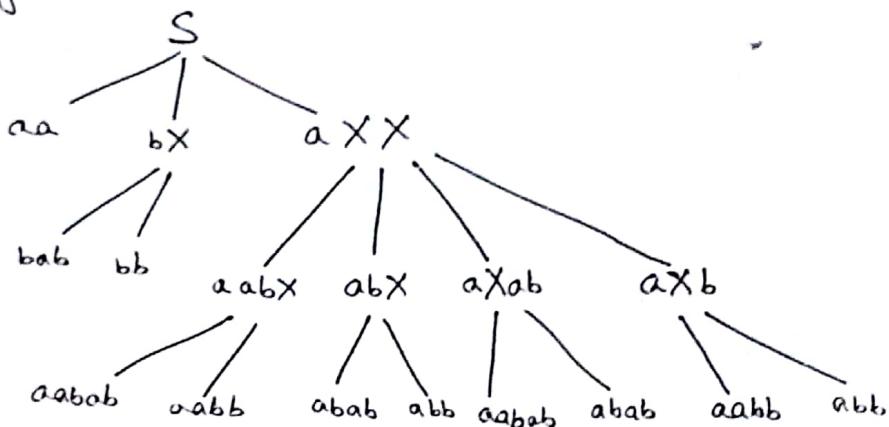


Total Language Tree

For a given CFG, we define a tree with a start symbol S 's as its root and whose nodes are working strings of terminals and non-terminals. The descendants of each node are all the possible results of applying every applicable production to the working strings, one at a time. A string of all terminals is a terminal node in the tree.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{#} \quad S \rightarrow aa \mid bX \mid aXX \\ \quad X \rightarrow ab \mid b \end{array}$$

The total language tree is



Exercise

i) What is the lang. CFG generates :-

$$\begin{array}{ll} S \rightarrow aX & a(a+b)^* \\ X \rightarrow aX \mid bX \mid \lambda & \end{array}$$

2) $S \rightarrow X a X a X$

$$X \rightarrow aX \mid bX \mid \lambda$$

$(a+b)^* a(a+b)^* a(a+b)^*$
[at least two 'a']

Semicword: A semicword is a string of terminals (say $a_1a_2\ldots a_n$) concatenated with exactly one non-terminal (on the right). A semicword has the shape

(terminal) (terminal) ... (terminal) (Non-terminal)

Killing Λ -Productions

Language that has no Λ -productions but generates the same language.

eg 1.

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow a \mid X \mid aya \\ X &\rightarrow Y \mid \Lambda \\ Y &\rightarrow b \mid X \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow a \mid X \mid aya \mid b \mid aa \\ X &\rightarrow Y \\ Y &\rightarrow b \mid X \end{aligned}$$

eg 2.

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow Xa \\ X &\rightarrow aX \mid bX \mid \Lambda \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow Xa \mid a \\ X &\rightarrow aX \mid bX \mid a \mid b \end{aligned}$$

eg 3.

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow XY \\ X &\rightarrow Zb \\ Y &\rightarrow bw \\ Z &\rightarrow AB \\ w &\rightarrow z \\ A &\rightarrow aA \mid bA \mid \Lambda \\ B &\rightarrow Ba \mid Bb \mid \Lambda \end{aligned}$$

Nullable are :-

A
B
Z
w.

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow XY \\ X &\rightarrow Zb \mid b \\ Y &\rightarrow bw \mid b \\ Z &\rightarrow AB \mid A \mid B \\ w &\rightarrow z \\ A &\rightarrow aA \mid bA \mid a \mid b \\ B &\rightarrow Ba \mid Bb \mid a \mid b \end{aligned}$$

Killing unit Productions

A production of the form

Non-terminal \rightarrow one terminal

is called a unit production.

eg. $S \rightarrow A | bb$ $S \rightarrow bb | b | a.$
 $A \rightarrow B | b$ \Rightarrow $A \rightarrow b | a | bb.$
 $B \rightarrow S | a.$ $B \rightarrow a | bb | b.$

Chomsky Normal Form (CNF)

If a CFL has only productions of the form

Non-terminal \rightarrow

string of exactly two Non-terminals

Non-terminal \rightarrow

one terminal.

Step-1. first eliminate
null Productions

$S \rightarrow aSa | b.Sb | a | b | aa | bb.$

$S \rightarrow ASA | BSB | \cancel{a} | \cancel{b} | AA | BB$

$A \rightarrow a$

$B \rightarrow b.$

Step-2. Then unit Productions.

Step-3. Then convert to
CNF using
above Rule.

Now, introduce R's,

$S \rightarrow AR_1$

$R_1 \rightarrow SA$

$S \rightarrow a | b | AA | BB. [no changes]$

$S \rightarrow BR_2$

which is required CNF.

$R_2 \rightarrow SB$

=

if convert CFG into CNF.

$$S \rightarrow bA \mid aB$$

$$A \rightarrow bAA \mid aS \mid a$$

$$B \rightarrow aBB \mid bS \mid b$$

Solⁿ.

$$S \rightarrow YA \mid XB$$

$$A \rightarrow YAA \mid XS \mid a$$

$$B \rightarrow XBB \mid YS \mid b$$

$$Y \rightarrow b$$

$$X \rightarrow a$$

introduce R's.

$$S \rightarrow YA \mid XB$$

$$A \rightarrow YR_1 \mid XS \mid a, R_1 \rightarrow AA$$

$$B \rightarrow X R_2 \mid YS \mid b, R_2 \rightarrow BB$$

$$Y \rightarrow b$$

$$X \rightarrow a$$

eg.

$$S \rightarrow X_a X \mid bX$$

$$X \rightarrow X_a X \mid X_b X \mid c$$

$$S \rightarrow XAX \mid BX$$

$$X \rightarrow XAX \mid XBX \mid c$$

$$A \rightarrow a, B \rightarrow b$$

$$S \rightarrow XR_1 \mid BX$$

$$X \rightarrow XR_1 \mid X R_2 \mid c$$

$$A \rightarrow a, B \rightarrow b$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow AX$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow BX$$

Solⁿ.

$$S \rightarrow aaaaS \mid aaaa$$

$$S \rightarrow AR_1$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow AR_2$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow AR_3$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow AS$$

$$S \rightarrow AR_4$$

$$R_4 \rightarrow AR_5$$

$$R_5 \rightarrow AA$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

Left most derivation.

If a word w is generated by a CFG by a certain derivation & at each step in the derivation, a rule of production is applied to the leftmost non-terminal in the working string, then this derivation is called a leftmost derivation.

eg. $S \rightarrow aSX \mid b$
 $X \rightarrow XB \mid a$

Soln: Leftmost derivation :-

$$\begin{aligned} S &\Rightarrow a\underline{S}X \\ &\Rightarrow a\underline{aSX}X \\ &\Rightarrow aa\underline{bX}X \\ &\Rightarrow aa\underline{bXb}X \\ &\Rightarrow aa\underline{bab}X \\ &\Rightarrow aa\underline{bab}a. \end{aligned}$$

Eg's of CFG's.

1) even no. of a's (with at least some a's)

$$\begin{array}{l} \cancel{S \rightarrow bS/aM} \\ \cancel{M \rightarrow bM/aF} \\ \cancel{F \rightarrow bF/aM/\lambda} \end{array}$$

OR. ~~$S \rightarrow bax$~~
 ~~$\lambda \rightarrow b\lambda/a\lambda x/\lambda$~~

2) $(aa+bb)^*$

$$S \rightarrow aas/bbs/\lambda$$

3) Even-Even.

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow aaS/bbS/abX/baX/\lambda \\ X \rightarrow aaX/bbX/abs/bas. \end{array}$$

4) $(aa+bb)^+$

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow aA/bB \\ A \rightarrow as/a \\ B \rightarrow bs/b \end{array}$$

OR. $S \rightarrow aas/bbs/aa/bb$.

5) $(a+b)^* bb(a+b)^*$

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow XbbX \\ X \rightarrow aX/bX/\lambda \end{array}$$

6) $aa^* bb^*$

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow XY \\ X \rightarrow XX \\ Y \rightarrow YY \\ X \rightarrow a \\ \dots \end{array}$$

OR

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow axby \\ X \rightarrow ax/\lambda \\ Y \rightarrow by/\lambda \end{array}$$

OR

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow xy \\ X \rightarrow ax/a \\ Y \rightarrow by/b \end{array}$$

~~Ex.~~ Palindrome (except λ) [Non Null Palindrome]

$$S \rightarrow aSa \mid bSb \mid a \mid b \mid aa \mid bb.$$

~~Ex.~~ a^{4n} for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots = \{a^4, a^8, a^{12}, \dots\}.$

$$S \rightarrow AAAAS$$

$$S \rightarrow AAAA$$

$$A \rightarrow a.$$

~~(a)~~ $L = \{a^n b^n a^m \text{ where } n, m = 1, 2, 3, \dots \text{ & } n = m \text{ (not necessarily)}$

$$S \rightarrow XA$$

$$X \rightarrow aXb \mid ab$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid a$$

~~(b)~~ $L = \{a^n b^m d^m \text{ where } n, m = 1, 2, 3, \dots \text{ & } n = m \text{ (not necessarily)}$

$$S \rightarrow AX$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid a$$

$$X \rightarrow bXa \mid ba$$

CFG's for the following languages:-

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1) Lang = $a^n S$ where S starts with 'b' & $\text{length}(S)=n$

$$S \rightarrow aSX$$

$$S \rightarrow ab$$

$$X \rightarrow a/b$$

2) Lang = $a^m b^n c^p d^q$ where $m+n=p+q$

$$S \rightarrow X|Y|^\lambda$$

$$X \rightarrow aXd|Y|^\lambda$$

$$X \rightarrow aAc$$

$$A \rightarrow aAc|z|^\lambda$$

$$Y \rightarrow bYd|bBc|^\lambda$$

$$B \rightarrow bBc|^\lambda$$

$$Z \rightarrow bBc$$

Q R.E. for strings that do not have 'ab' as substring.

$$b^* a^*$$

Q CFG for no three consecutive 'a's

$$S \rightarrow aX|bS|^\lambda$$

$$X \rightarrow aY|bS|^\lambda$$

$$Y \rightarrow bS|^\lambda$$

Q. CFG that do not have substring 'baa'

$$S \rightarrow bX|aS|^\lambda$$

$$X \rightarrow aY|bS|^\lambda$$

$$Y \rightarrow bS|^\lambda$$

$$S \rightarrow as|bX|^\lambda$$

$$X \rightarrow ay|bx|^\lambda$$

$$y \rightarrow bx|^\lambda$$

Q. CFG for lang. $a^i b^j c^k$ where $i+j=k$, &
 $i, j, k \geq 0$

$$S \rightarrow X|Y|\lambda$$

$$X \rightarrow aXc|Y|\lambda$$

$$Y \rightarrow bYc|\lambda$$

Q. lang. that contain exactly two or three b's.

$$S \rightarrow ABA$$

$$A \rightarrow aA|\lambda$$

$$B \rightarrow bb|bbb$$

RE.

$$a^* (bb + bbb) a^*$$

① CFG for $(aaa + b)^*$

$$S \rightarrow X \underset{\text{aaa}}{aaa} X \mid Y \mid \lambda$$

$$X \rightarrow \underset{\text{aaa}}{aaa} X \mid Y \mid \lambda$$

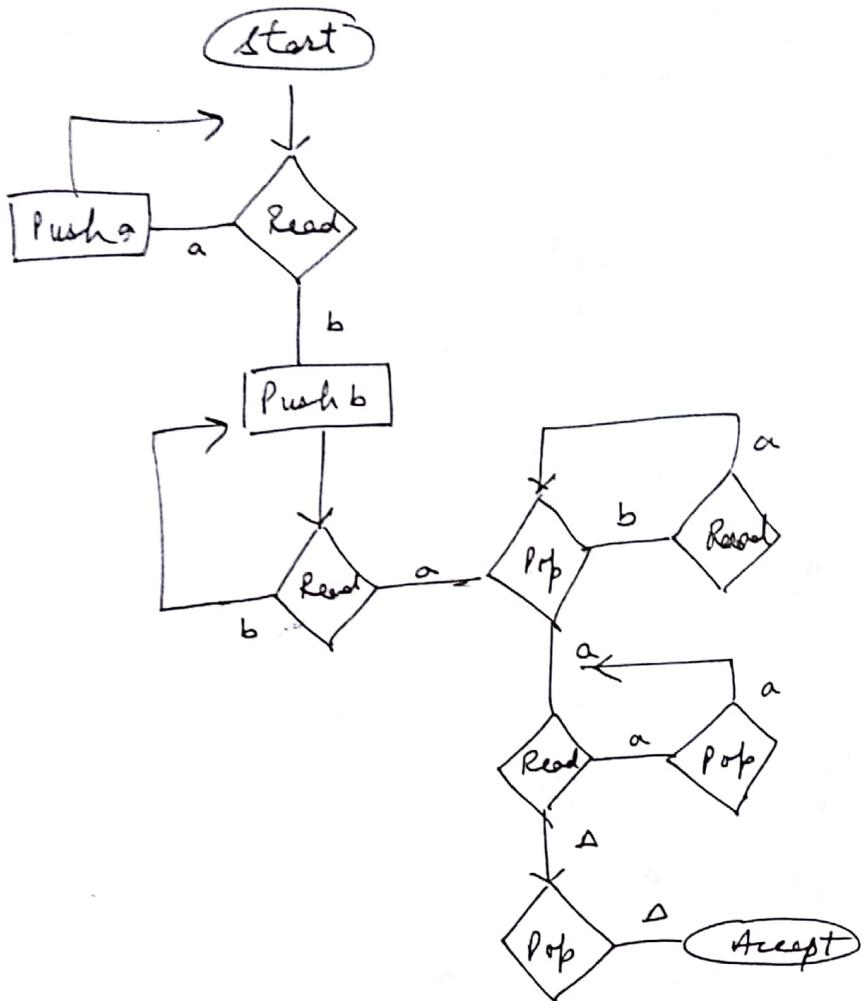
$$Y \rightarrow bY \mid X \mid \lambda$$

$$aaa^* \mid b^*$$

(Include λ in all three rules).

PDA for

$$a^m b^n a^{m+n}, n \geq 1, m \geq 1$$



$$a^m b^n, n \geq 1$$

$$a^m b^n, m \neq n$$

$$S \rightarrow aAb \mid aBb$$

$$A \rightarrow aAb \mid aAa$$

$$B \rightarrow aBb \mid bBb$$

CFG for Non-Palindrome

~~S → ABA~~

$$S \rightarrow a^s a \mid acb \mid b \mid ab \mid b^s b \mid bca$$

$$C \rightarrow aC \mid bC \mid \lambda$$

~~B → abBb | bca | ba | ab | aBa~~

$$a^m b^n, m \neq n, m, n \geq 1$$

~~S → aSb | B | C~~

~~B → bB | b~~

~~C → aC | a~~

$$a^m b^n, m > n$$

~~S → aSb + B~~

$$S \rightarrow aBb \\ B \rightarrow aBb \mid aB \mid a$$

~~B → aBb | aB | a~~

$$S \rightarrow aBb$$

~~B → aBb | aB | a~~

Derivation Tree (Parse Trees).

- used to represent derivations.

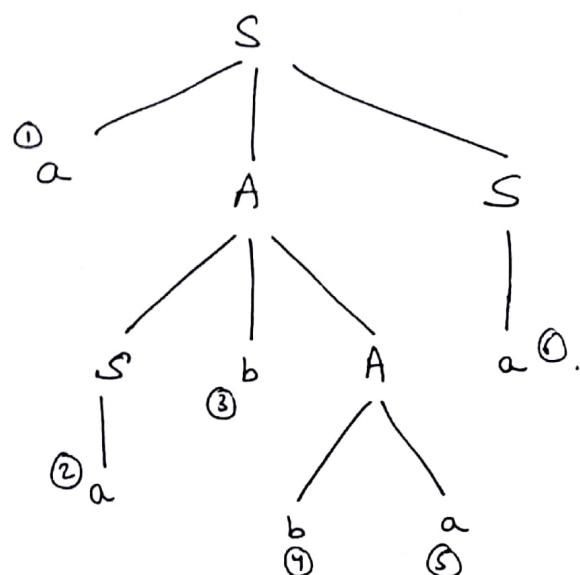
Q. Consider CFG whose Productions are

$$S \rightarrow aAS \mid a$$

$$A \rightarrow SbA \mid SS \mid ba.$$

Show that $S \xrightarrow{*} aabbaa$ & construct derivation tree whose yield is 'aabbaa'.

1 2 3 4 5
a a b b a a .



$$\begin{aligned}
 S &\Rightarrow a \underline{A} S \\
 &\Rightarrow a \underline{S} b A S \\
 &\Rightarrow a a b \underline{A} S \\
 &\Rightarrow a a b b \underline{A} S \\
 &\Rightarrow a a b b a a \\
 &= .
 \end{aligned}$$

Leftmost derivation.

A derivation $A \xrightarrow{*} w$ is called a leftmost derivation if we apply a production only to the leftmost variable at every step.

Rightmost derivation

A derivation $A \xrightarrow{*} w$ is called a rightmost derivation if we apply production to the rightmost variable at every step.

e.g. Let CFG be $S \rightarrow 0B \mid 1A$

$$A \rightarrow 0 \mid 0S \mid 1AA$$

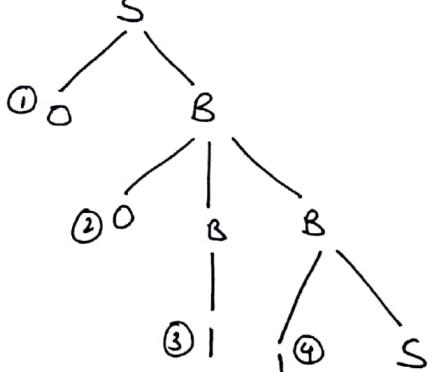
$$B \rightarrow 1 \mid 1S \mid 0BB$$

for the string '00110101' find @ Leftmost @ Rightmost derivations.

② Leftmost derivation:-

$$\begin{matrix} ① & ② & ③ & ④ & ⑤ & ⑥ & ⑦ \\ 0 & 0 & !! & 0! & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &\Rightarrow 0B \\ &\Rightarrow 00B \\ &\Rightarrow 001B \\ &\Rightarrow 0011S \\ &\Rightarrow 00110B \\ &\Rightarrow 001101S \\ &\Rightarrow 0011010B \\ &\Rightarrow 00110101 \end{aligned}$$



derivation Tree

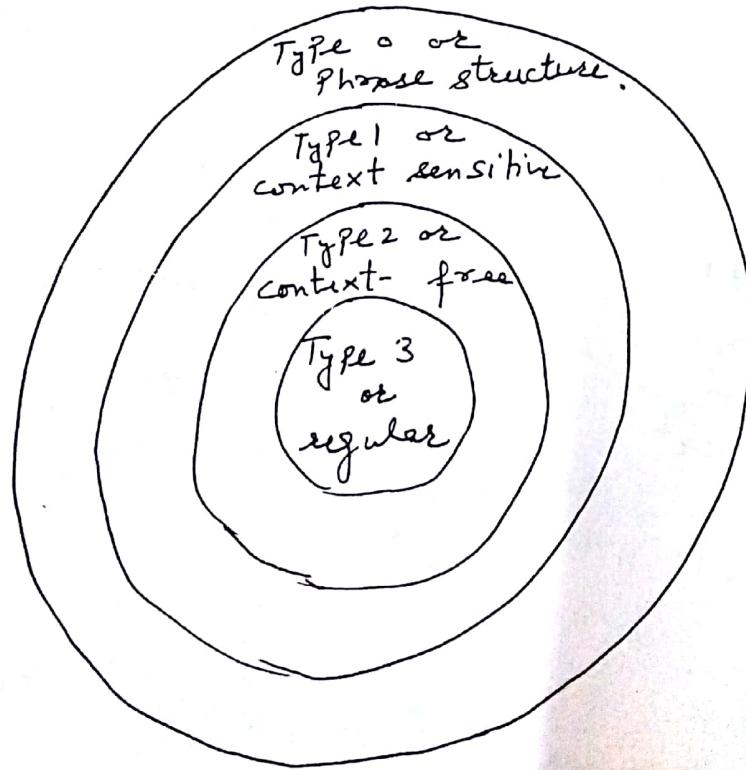
③ Rightmost derivation.

$$\begin{aligned} S &\Rightarrow 0B \\ S &\Rightarrow 0 0B \\ &\Rightarrow 00B \\ &\Rightarrow 00B1S \quad \{ \text{Imp.} \} \quad [\text{Here 'B' will yield '1' in future so leave it}] \\ &\Rightarrow 00B10B \\ &\Rightarrow 00B101S \\ &\Rightarrow 00B1010B \\ &\Rightarrow 00B10101 \\ &\Rightarrow 00110101 \end{aligned}$$

& move from rightmost direction in search of '0' ie no. ⑤.]

Types of grammars.

Type	grammar	Rules. ($X \rightarrow Y$)
0	Phrase structure. [Acceptor - TM]	\Rightarrow NO restriction on Productions $X =$ Any string with NT and Terminals (at least one NT) $Y =$ any string.
1	context sensitive [TM with bounded (not infinite) Tape called LBA]	\Rightarrow of the form $w_1 \rightarrow w_2$ where $\text{length}(w_2) \geq \text{length}(w_1)$ OR $w_1 \rightarrow \lambda$ and w_1 is any string with NT.
2	context free [Acceptor - PDA]	\Rightarrow of the form $w_1 \rightarrow w_2$ where w_1 is a single Nonterminal symbol. OR $w_2 = \lambda$ and w_2 is any string.
3	regular grammar. [Acceptor - FA]	\Rightarrow of the form $w_1 \rightarrow w_2$ where $w_1 =$ Single NonTerminal, $w_2 =$ Terminal , OR $w_2 =$ Terminal NonTerminal OR $w_2 = \lambda$.



Phrase structure

