

Consider the language  $L$  that generates strings with twice as many  $a$ 's as  $b$ 's over the input alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ . The language does not care about the order in which the symbols  $a$ 's and  $b$ 's occur.

The CFG for the language  $L$  is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} T &\rightarrow Saab \mid aSab \mid aaSb \mid aabS \mid Saba \mid aSba \mid abSa \mid abaS \mid Sbaa \mid bSaa \mid baSa \mid baaS \\ S &\rightarrow T \mid \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Now, prove the grammar is correct using the induction.

The smallest possible strings that are generated by the grammar are  $\{aab, aba, baa\}$ . Let  $w$  be the string from the set of smallest possible strings, such that  $f_a(w) = 2f_b(w)$ , where  $f_a(w)$  is the number of  $a$ 's in the string  $w$  and  $f_b(w)$  is the number of  $b$ 's in the string  $w$ . Hence, all the smallest possible strings have twice as many  $a$ 's as  $b$ 's.

$$f_a(w_n) = 2f_b(w_n) \quad \dots(1)$$

(where  $w_n$  represents the string of length  $n$ )

Now, show that  $f_a(w_{n+1}) = 2f_b(w_{n+1})$  holds.

Obtain the string  $w_{n+1}$  by inserting any of the strings  $\{\varepsilon, aab, aba, baa\}$  in to  $w_n$ . The insertions may result in addition of 0  $a$ 's and 0  $b$ 's or 2  $a$ 's and 1  $b$ .

Case 1:

When  $\varepsilon$  is inserted, (inserting 0  $a$ 's and 0  $b$ 's)

$$f_a(w_{n+1}) = f_a(w_n) + f_a(\varepsilon) = f_a(w_n) + 0 = f_a(w_n) \quad \dots(2)$$

$$f_b(w_{n+1}) = f_b(w_n) + f_b(\varepsilon) = f_b(w_n) + 0 = f_b(w_n) \quad \dots(3)$$

Now, substitute (2) and (3) in (1).

$$\begin{aligned} f_a(w_n) &= 2f_b(w_n) \\ f_a(w_{n+1}) &= 2f_b(w_{n+1}) \end{aligned}$$

Case 2:

When  $aab$  or  $aba$  or  $baa$  is inserted, (inserting 2  $a$ 's and 1  $b$ )

$$f_a(w_{n+1}) = f_a(w_n) + f_a(w) = f_a(w_n) + 2 \quad \dots(4)$$

$$f_b(w_{n+1}) = f_b(w_n) + f_b(w) = f_b(w_n) + 1 \quad \dots(5)$$

(where  $w$  is  $aab$  or  $aba$  or  $baa$ )

Using (4),

$$\begin{aligned} f_a(w_{n+1}) &= f_a(w_n) + 2 && \text{(from (4))} \\ &= 2f_b(w_n) + 2 && \text{(from (1))} \\ &= 2(f_b(w_n) + 1) \\ f_a(w_{n+1}) &= 2f_b(w_{n+1}) && \text{(from (5))} \end{aligned}$$

From both the cases, it is proved that  $f_a(w_{n+1}) = 2f_b(w_{n+1})$ .

Hence, from the principle of mathematical induction the grammar is correct.

**Therefore, the CFG generates the language of strings with twice as many  $a$ 's as  $b$ 's.**