

Unit Productions

Example 1:

$S \rightarrow 0A \mid 1B \mid C$
 $A \rightarrow 0S \mid 00$
 $B \rightarrow 1 \mid A$
 $C \rightarrow 01$

$S \rightarrow C$ is a unit production. But while removing $S \rightarrow C$ we have to consider what C gives. So, we can add a rule to S .

$S \rightarrow 0A \mid 1B \mid 01$

Similarly, $B \rightarrow A$ is also a unit production so we can modify it as

$B \rightarrow 1 \mid 0S \mid 00$

Thus finally we can write CFG without unit production as

$S \rightarrow 0A \mid 1B \mid 01$

$A \rightarrow 0S \mid 00$

$B \rightarrow 1 \mid 0S \mid 00$

$C \rightarrow 01$

Example 2:

$S \rightarrow AB$

$A \rightarrow a$

$B \rightarrow C \mid b$

$C \rightarrow D$

$D \rightarrow E$

$E \rightarrow a$

Solution:

There are 3 unit production in the grammar

$B \rightarrow C$

$C \rightarrow D$

$D \rightarrow E$

For production $D \rightarrow E$ there is $E \rightarrow a$ so we add $D \rightarrow a$ to the grammar and add $D \rightarrow E$ from the grammar. Now we have $C \rightarrow D$ so we add a production $C \rightarrow a$ to the grammar and delete $C \rightarrow D$ from the grammar. Similarly we have $B \rightarrow C$ by adding $B \rightarrow a$ and removing $B \rightarrow C$ we get the final grammar free of unit production as:

$S \rightarrow AB$

$A \rightarrow a$

$B \rightarrow a \mid b$

$C \rightarrow a$

$D \rightarrow a$

$E \rightarrow a$

We can see that C , D and E are unreachable symbols so to get a completely reduced grammar we remove them from the CFG. The final CFG is :

$S \rightarrow AB$

$A \rightarrow a$

$B \rightarrow a \mid b$

Example 3:

$S \rightarrow S + T \mid T$

$T \rightarrow T * F \mid F$

$F \rightarrow (S) \mid a$

$S \rightarrow T$ and $T \rightarrow F$ are the two unit productions in the CFG.

For productions $T \rightarrow F$ we have $F \rightarrow (S) \mid a$ so we add $T \rightarrow (S) \mid a$ to the grammar and remove $T \rightarrow F$ from the grammar. Now for production $S \rightarrow T$ we have production $T \rightarrow T * F \mid (S) \mid a$ so we add $S \rightarrow T * F \mid (S) \mid a$ to the grammar. So the grammar after removal of unit production is:

$S \rightarrow S + T \mid T * F \mid (S) \mid a$

$T \rightarrow T * F \mid F$

$F \rightarrow (S) \mid a$

Example 4:

Remove unit productions from a grammar (G_1) whose production rule is given by

$P: S \rightarrow XY, X \rightarrow a, Y \rightarrow Z \mid b, Z \rightarrow M, M \rightarrow N, N \rightarrow a$ // Grammar (G_1)

In above grammar (G_1) Unit Productions are

$Y \rightarrow \mid Z$

$Z \rightarrow M$

$M \rightarrow N$

The production unit which is removed easily is considered first. Let see,
 For the Removal of Third Unit Production ($M \rightarrow N$)
 As $N \rightarrow a$ So, Unit Production $M \rightarrow N$ is updated to $M \rightarrow a$.
 For the Removal of Second Unit Production ($Z \rightarrow M$)
 As we derived $M \rightarrow a$ in above case, So, Unit Production $Z \rightarrow M$ is updated to $Z \rightarrow a$
 For the Removal of First Unit Production ($Y \rightarrow Z$)
 As we derived $Z \rightarrow a$, So, Unit Production $Y \rightarrow Z$ is updated to $Y \rightarrow a$
 After Removal Unit Productions the Updated Grammar (G_2) is given below
 $P: S \rightarrow XY, X \rightarrow a, Y \rightarrow a \mid b, Z \rightarrow a, M \rightarrow a, N \rightarrow a$ // Grammar (G_2)
 We can remove the unreachable states from above grammar (G_2). So Finally, Grammar (G_2) is given below
 $P: S \rightarrow XY, X \rightarrow a, Y \rightarrow a \mid b$. // Grammar (G_2)

Example 5:

Remove unit productions from a grammar (G_1) whose production rule is given by

$P: S \rightarrow aA \mid B, A \rightarrow ba \mid bb, B \rightarrow A \mid bba$ // Grammar (G_1)

In above grammar Unit Production is

$S \rightarrow B$

$B \rightarrow A$

The production unit which is removed easily is considered first. Let see,

For the Removal of 2nd Unit Production ($B \rightarrow A$)

As $A \rightarrow ba \mid bb$. So, Unit Production $B \rightarrow A \mid bba$ is updated to $B \rightarrow ba \mid bb$.

For the Removal of first Unit Production ($S \rightarrow B$)

As $B \rightarrow A \mid ba \mid bb$ and $A \rightarrow ba \mid bb$ Therefore $B \rightarrow ba \mid bb \mid bba$. So, Unit Production $S \rightarrow B$ is updated to $S \rightarrow ba \mid bb \mid bba$.

After Removal Unit Productions the Updated Grammar (G_2) is given below

$P: S \rightarrow aA \mid ba \mid bb \mid bba, A \rightarrow ba \mid bb, B \rightarrow A \mid bba$ // Grammar (G_1)

We can remove the unreachable states from above grammar (G_2). So Finally, Grammar (G_2) is given below

$P: S \rightarrow aA \mid ba \mid bb \mid bba, A \rightarrow ba \mid bb$ // Grammar (G_2)

Example 6:

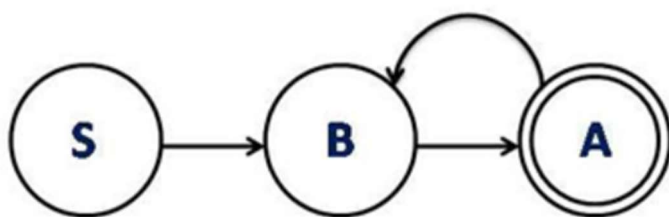
consider a grammar as an example.

$G_1: S \rightarrow Aa \mid B, B \rightarrow A \mid bb, A \rightarrow a \mid bc \mid B$

Step 1:

First, we create a dependency graph of all unit production.

$S \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow A$ and $A \rightarrow B$



So, $SB, SA, B \Rightarrow A$ and $A \Rightarrow B$

Step 2:

Now we write grammar without unit production:

$S \rightarrow Aa \mid bb \mid S \rightarrow a \mid bc$ [Reason $S \Rightarrow B, S \Rightarrow A$]

$B \rightarrow bb \mid B \rightarrow a \mid bc$

[Reason $B \Rightarrow A$]

$A \rightarrow abc \mid A \rightarrow bb$

[Reason $A \Rightarrow B$]

Whatever we derive from B, we same way derive from A because $A \Rightarrow B$, and same things happen for all production.

New grammar:

$G_2: S \rightarrow Aa \mid bb \mid a \mid bc$

$A \rightarrow a \mid bc \mid bb$

$B \rightarrow bb \mid a \mid bc$

So, $G_1 = G_2$ and $L(G_1) = L(G_2)$

Example 7:

$S \rightarrow Aa \mid B$

$A \rightarrow b \mid B$

$B \rightarrow A \mid a$

Lets add all the non-unit productions of 'G' in 'Guf'. 'Guf' now becomes –

$S \rightarrow Aa$

$A \rightarrow b$

$B \rightarrow a$

Now we find all the variables that satisfy ' $X \Rightarrow Z$ '. These are ' $S \Rightarrow B$ ', ' $A \Rightarrow B$ ' and ' $B \Rightarrow A$ '. For ' $A \Rightarrow B$ ', we add ' $A \rightarrow a$ ' because ' $B \rightarrow a$ ' exists in 'Guf'. 'Guf' now becomes

$S \rightarrow Aa$

$A \rightarrow b \mid a$

$B \rightarrow a$

For ' $B \Rightarrow A$ ', we add ' $B \rightarrow b$ ' because ' $A \rightarrow b$ ' exists in 'Guf'. The new grammar now becomes

$S \rightarrow Aa$

$A \rightarrow b \mid a$

$B \rightarrow a \mid b$

We follow the same step for ' $S \Rightarrow B$ ' and finally get the following grammar –

$S \rightarrow Aa \mid b \mid a$

$A \rightarrow b \mid a$

$B \rightarrow a \mid b$

Now remove $B \rightarrow a \mid b$, since it doesn't occur in the production 'S', then the following grammar becomes,

$S \rightarrow Aa \mid b \mid a$

$A \rightarrow b \mid a$