

## Chomsky Normal Form (CNF)

- Implementation: branching factor remains homogeneous
- Production Rule (Parse Tree): siblings hold same properties

**A.** Length of the Production Rule body should be within 2

**B.** No Variable, Terminal mixed up

### **Prerequisite to construct CNF**

1. Eliminate  $\epsilon$  transitions
2. Eliminate Unit productions
3. Eliminate useless symbols

▪ **Unit Productions:** 1 Variable to 1 Variable

$$V \rightarrow X$$

▪ **Useless Symbols:**

- Variable does not generate any Production Rule
- Not reachable Variable(s)

**Example:**

$$S \rightarrow AB \mid \epsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow aAb \mid aAa \mid \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow A \mid bB \mid \epsilon$$

$$D \rightarrow Aa \mid bB \mid Eb$$

**Example:** $S \rightarrow AB$  $A \rightarrow aAb | aAa | \epsilon$  $B \rightarrow bB | D | \epsilon$  $E \rightarrow a$ **Step 1: Eliminate  $\epsilon$  Transitions****Nullable symbols  $\{A, B\}$** 

Production rules		Combination of Nullable symbols		
$S \rightarrow AB$	$S \rightarrow AB$	$\{A, B, AB, \emptyset\}$	$S \rightarrow AB$ $S \rightarrow A B AB \emptyset$	$S \rightarrow AB$ $S \rightarrow A B AB$
$A \rightarrow aAb   aAa   \epsilon$	$A \rightarrow aAb$	$\{A, \emptyset\}$	$A \rightarrow aAb$	$A \rightarrow aAb$ $A \rightarrow ab$
	$A \rightarrow aAa$		$A \rightarrow aAa$	$A \rightarrow aAa$ $A \rightarrow aa$
$B \rightarrow bB   D   \epsilon$	$B \rightarrow bB$	$\{B, \emptyset\}$	$B \rightarrow bB$	$B \rightarrow bB$ $B \rightarrow b$
	$B \rightarrow D$		$B \rightarrow D$	$B \rightarrow D$
$E \rightarrow a$				$E \rightarrow a$

 $\therefore S \rightarrow A|B|AB$  $A \rightarrow aAb | ab | aAa | aa$  $B \rightarrow bB | b | D$  $E \rightarrow a$ **Step 2: Eliminate Unit Productions**

$S \rightarrow A B AB$ $A \rightarrow aAb   ab   aAa   aa$ $B \rightarrow bB   b   D$ $E \rightarrow a$	$S \rightarrow aAb   ab   aAa   aa   bB   b   D   AB$ $A \rightarrow aAb   ab   aAa   aa$ $B \rightarrow bB   b   D$ $E \rightarrow a$
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### Step 3: Eliminate Useless symbols

- Not generating rules further {D}
- Not reachable {E}

$S \rightarrow aAb ab aAa aa bB b D AB$ $A \rightarrow aAb ab aAa aa$ $B \rightarrow bB b D$ $E \rightarrow a$	$S \rightarrow aAb ab aAa aa bB b AB$ $A \rightarrow aAb ab aAa aa$ $B \rightarrow bB b$
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### Step 4: Length of the Production rule body should be within 2

$S \rightarrow aAb ab aAa aa bB b AB$ $A \rightarrow aAb ab aAa aa$ $B \rightarrow bB b$	$S \rightarrow Xb ab Xa aa bB b AB$ $X \rightarrow aA$ $A \rightarrow Xb ab Xa aa$ $B \rightarrow bB b$
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### Step 5: No Variable, Terminal mixed up

$S \rightarrow Xb ab Xa aa bB b AB$ $X \rightarrow aA$ $A \rightarrow Xb ab Xa aa$ $B \rightarrow bB b$	$Y \rightarrow a$ $Z \rightarrow b$ $S \rightarrow XZ ab XY aa ZB b AB$ $X \rightarrow YA$ $A \rightarrow XZ ab XY aa$ $B \rightarrow ZB b$
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▪ **CYK Algorithm: The membership problem**

- To test a string is accepted or not
- J. Cocke, D. Younger, T. Kasami

*The membership problem:*

– Problem:

- Given a context-free grammar **G** and a string **w**
  - **G** = ( $V, \Sigma, P, S$ ) where
    - »  $V$  finite set of variables
    - »  $\Sigma$  (the alphabet) finite set of terminal symbols
    - »  $P$  finite set of rules
    - »  $S$  start symbol (distinguished element of  $V$ )
    - »  $V$  and  $\Sigma$  are assumed to be disjoint
  - **G** is used to generate the string of a language

– Question:

- Is **w** in  $L(\mathbf{G})$ ?

– The Structure of the rules in a Chomsky Normal Form grammar

– Uses a “dynamic programming” or “table-filling algorithm”

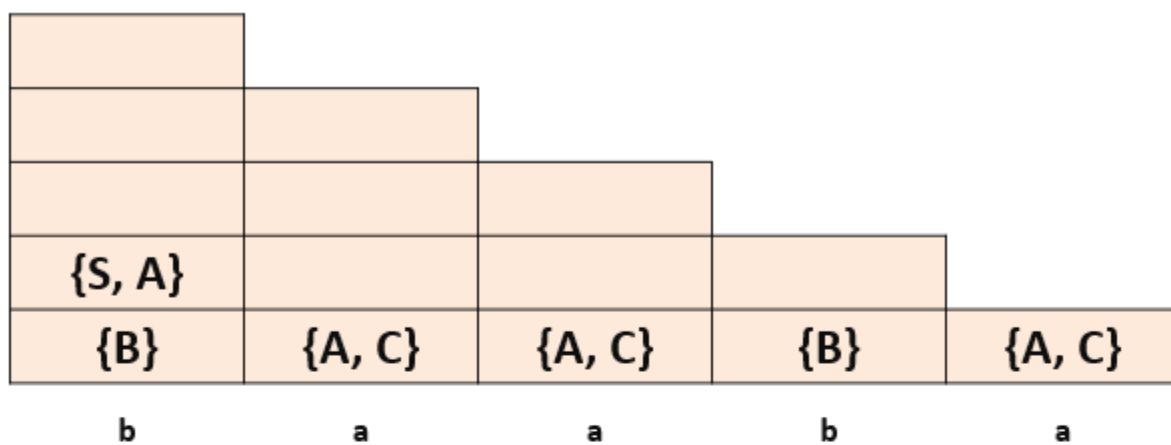
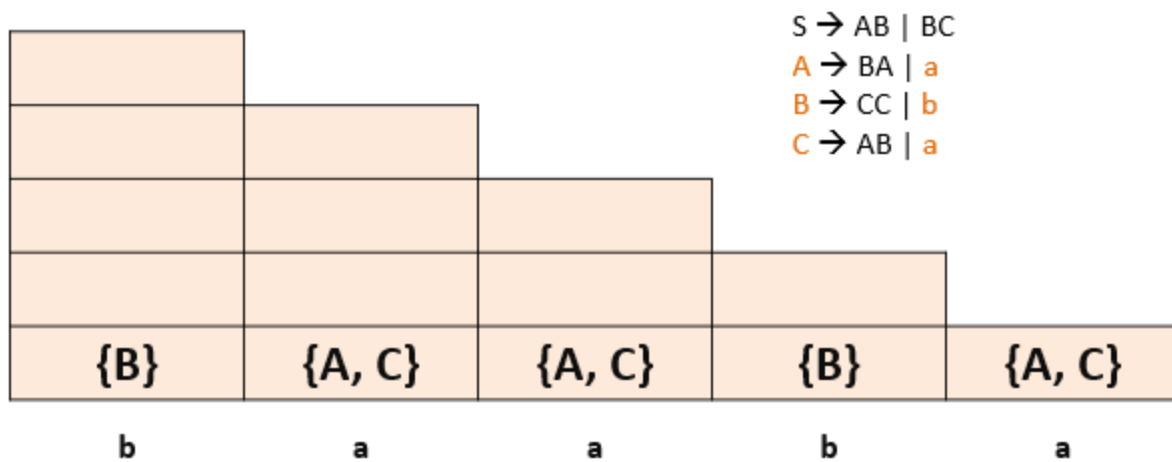
- Each row corresponds to one length of substrings
  - Bottom Row – Strings of length 1
  - Second from Bottom Row – Strings of length 2
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  - .
  - Top Row – string 'w'
- $X_{i,i}$  is the set of variables A such that  $A \rightarrow w_i$  is a production of G
- Compare at most n pairs of previously computed sets:  
 $(X_{i,i}, X_{i+1,j}), (X_{i,i+1}, X_{i+2,j}) \dots (X_{i,j-1}, X_{j,j})$

$X_{1,5}$				
$X_{1,4}$	$X_{2,5}$			
$X_{1,3}$	$X_{2,4}$	$X_{3,5}$		
$X_{1,2}$	$X_{2,3}$	$X_{3,4}$	$X_{4,5}$	
$X_{1,1}$	$X_{2,2}$	$X_{3,3}$	$X_{4,4}$	$X_{5,5}$
$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_4$	$w_5$

Table for string 'w' that has length 5

example:

- CNF grammar G
  - $S \rightarrow AB \mid BC$
  - $A \rightarrow BA \mid a$
  - $B \rightarrow CC \mid b$
  - $C \rightarrow AB \mid a$
- w is baaba
- Question Is baaba in  $L(G)$ ?



- $X_{1,2} = (X_{i,i}, X_{i+1,j}) = (X_{1,1}, X_{2,2})$
- $\rightarrow \{B\}\{A,C\} = \{BA, BC\}$
- Steps:
  - Look for production rules to generate BA or BC
  - There are two: S and A
  - $X_{1,2} = \{S, A\}$

$S \rightarrow AB \mid BC$   
 $A \rightarrow BA \mid a$   
 $B \rightarrow CC \mid b$   
 $C \rightarrow AB \mid a$

{S, A}	{B}			
{B}	{A, C}	{A, C}	{B}	{A, C}
b	a	a	b	a

- $X_{2,3} = (X_{i,i}, X_{i+1,j}) = (X_{2,2}, X_{3,3})$
- $\rightarrow \{A, C\}\{A, C\} = \{AA, AC, CA, CC\} = Y$
- Steps:
  - Look for production rules to generate Y
  - There is one: B
  - $X_{2,3} = \{B\}$

$S \rightarrow AB \mid BC$   
 $A \rightarrow BA \mid a$   
 $B \rightarrow CC \mid b$   
 $C \rightarrow AB \mid a$

{S, A}	{B}	{S, C}		
{B}	{A, C}	{A, C}	{B}	{A, C}
b	a	a	b	a

- $X_{3,4} = (X_{i,i}, X_{i+1,j}) = (X_{3,3}, X_{4,4})$
- $\rightarrow \{A, C\}\{B\} = \{AB, CB\} = Y$
- Steps:
  - Look for production rules to generate Y
  - There are two: S and C
  - $X_{3,4} = \{S, C\}$

$S \rightarrow AB \mid BC$   
 $A \rightarrow BA \mid a$   
 $B \rightarrow CC \mid b$   
 $C \rightarrow AB \mid a$

{S, A}	{B}	{S, C}	{S, A}	
{B}	{A, C}	{A, C}	{B}	{A, C}
b	a	a	b	a

- $X_{4,5} = (X_{i,i}, X_{i+1,j}) = (X_{4,4}, X_{5,5})$
- $\rightarrow \{B\}\{A, C\} = \{BA, BC\} = Y$
- Steps:
  - Look for production rules to generate Y
  - There are two: S and A
  - $X_{4,5} = \{S, A\}$

$S \rightarrow AB \mid BC$   
 $A \rightarrow BA \mid a$   
 $B \rightarrow CC \mid b$   
 $C \rightarrow AB \mid a$

$\emptyset$				
{S, A}	{B}	{S, C}	{S, A}	
{B}	{A, C}	{A, C}	{B}	{A, C}
b	a	a	b	a

- $X_{1,3} = (X_{i,i}, X_{i+1,j}) (X_{i,i+1}, X_{i+2,j})$   
 $= (X_{1,1}, X_{2,3}), (X_{1,2}, X_{3,3})$
- $\rightarrow \{B\}\{B\} \cup \{S, A\}\{A, C\} = \{BB, SA, SC, AA, AC\} = Y$
- Steps:
  - Look for production rules to generate Y
  - There are NONE: S and A
  - $X_{1,3} = \emptyset$
  - no elements in this set (empty set)

$S \rightarrow AB \mid BC$   
 $A \rightarrow BA \mid a$   
 $B \rightarrow CC \mid b$   
 $C \rightarrow AB \mid a$



$\emptyset$	{B}			
{S, A}	{B}	{S, C}	{S, A}	
{B}	{A, C}	{A, C}	{B}	{A, C}
b	a	a	b	a

- $X_{2,4} = (X_{i,i}, X_{i+1,j}) (X_{i,i+1}, X_{i+2,j})$   
 $= (X_{2,2}, X_{3,4}), (X_{2,3}, X_{4,4})$
- $\rightarrow \{A, C\}\{S, C\} \cup \{B\}\{B\} = \{AS, AC, CS, CC, BB\} = Y$
- Steps:
  - Look for production rules to generate Y
  - There is one: B
  - $X_{2,4} = \{B\}$

$S \rightarrow AB \mid BC$   
 $A \rightarrow BA \mid a$   
 $B \rightarrow CC \mid b$   
 $C \rightarrow AB \mid a$

$\emptyset$	{B}	{B}		
{S, A}	{B}	{S, C}	{S, A}	
{B}	{A, C}	{A, C}	{B}	{A, C}
b	a	a	b	a

- $X_{3,5} = (X_{i,i}, X_{i+1,j}) (X_{i,i+1}, X_{i+2,j})$   
 $= (X_{3,3}, X_{4,5}), (X_{3,4}, X_{5,5})$
- $\rightarrow \{A, C\}\{S, A\} \cup \{S, C\}\{A, C\}$   
 $= \{AS, AA, CS, CA, SA, SC, CA, CC\} = Y$
- Steps:
  - Look for production rules to generate Y
  - There is one: B
  - $X_{3,5} = \{B\}$

$S \rightarrow AB \mid BC$   
 $A \rightarrow BA \mid a$   
 $B \rightarrow CC \mid b$   
 $C \rightarrow AB \mid a$

$\{S, A, C\}$	$\leftarrow X_{1,5}$			
$\emptyset$	$\{S, A, C\}$			
$\emptyset$	$\{B\}$	$\{B\}$		
$\{S, A\}$	$\{B\}$	$\{S, C\}$	$\{S, A\}$	
$\{B\}$	$\{A, C\}$	$\{A, C\}$	$\{B\}$	$\{A, C\}$
b	a	a	b	a

We can see the S in the set  $X_{1n}$  where 'n' = 5

We can see the table

the cell  $X_{15} = (S, A, C)$  then

**if  $S \in X_{15}$  then baaba  $\in L(G)$**

Homework:

- CNF grammar **G**
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