




Theory of Machines and Languages

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Pumping Lemma for Context-Free Languages

□ Exercise

- Show that the language $L = \{a^n b^n : n \geq 0, n \text{ is not a multiple of } 5\}$ is context-free
 - L is the intersection of:
 - $\{a^n b^n : n \geq 0\}$, which is context-free
 - $\{a^n b^m : k \text{ is not a multiple of } 5\}$, which is regular
-  L is context-free

□ Exercise

- Show that the family of context-free languages is closed under reversal
- Show that the family of context-free languages is closed under homomorphism

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- Show that the language $L = \{a^n : n \text{ is a prime number}\}$ is not context-free.
- Show that $L = \{ww^Rw : w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$ is not a context-free language.
- Determine whether or not the following languages are context-free:
 - (a) $L = \{a^n ww^Rb^n : n \geq 0, w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$.
 - (b) $L = \{a^n b^j a^n b^j : n \geq 0, j \geq 0\}$.
 - (c) $L = \{a^n b^j a^j b^n : n \geq 0, j \geq 0\}$.
 - (d) $L = \{a^n b^j a^k b^l : n + j \leq k + l\}$.
 - (e) $L = \{a^n b^j a^k b^l : n \leq k, j \leq l\}$.
 - (f) $L = \{a^n b^n c^j : n \geq j\}$.
 - (g) $L = \{a^n b^n c^k, k = 2n\}$.