

## CS 303 - Tut 8

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1) RTP:  $L = (a^n b^j : n \leq j^2)$  is not context free language.

We can prove this with pumping lemma and contradiction.

i) Assume that  $L$  is a context free language.

This means that for a pumping length ' $P$ ', A string from  $L$ , say  $S$ , can be written in form of  $uvwxy$

where  $|vx| \geq 1$ ,  $|vwx| \leq P$  and  $\forall i \geq 0$

$uv^iwx^iy \in L$  where  $|S| \geq P$ .

Consider  $S = a^q b^p$  where  $q = p^2$

Two cases,

Case 1:  $v, x$  contain only one type of symbol, say 'a' here.

$v, x = a^k$  ; Then  $S = uvwxy = \underbrace{a \dots a}_{u \ v \ w \ x} \underbrace{b \dots b}_y$

$$uv^2wx^2y = a^{q+k} b^p$$

we can't say that  $q \leq p^2 \Rightarrow q+k \leq p^2$

$\therefore$  Doesn't hold in case 1

Case (ii)  $vx = a^j b^k$  (contains more than one kind of character  $a, b$ ).

$$S = uvwx^0y, \quad S' = uv^0wx^0y$$

$$\Rightarrow S' = a^{q-j} b^{p-k}$$

now, we know  $q \leq p^2$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{now } q-j \\ = q-j \\ q \leq p^2-j \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} (p-k)^2 \\ = p^2 + k^2 - 2pk \end{array} \right.$$

Consider  $pk-j$ , we know  $1 \leq j \leq p$  (as  $k > 1$  from case)

$$pk-j > pk-p$$

$$= p(k-1) > 0$$

consider  $k^2-kp = k(k-p)$ , we know  $1 \leq k < p$

$$= k(k-p) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow pk-j > k^2-kp$$

$$\Rightarrow -j > k^2-2kp$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2-j > k^2+p^2-2kp \Rightarrow p^2-j > (k-p)^2$$

for the case where  $q=p^2$ , we have

a contradiction.

Contradiction for both cases, Not CFL.

2) RTP:  $L = \{ w : n_a(w) < n_b(w) < n_c(w) \}$  is not CFL  
proof through pumping lemma.

Assume that given language is CFL.

ie) For a pumping length  $p$ , A string from  $L$ , say  $s$   
can be written as  $uvwxy$  where  $|vx| \geq 1$ ,  $|vwx| \leq p$   
and  $\forall i \geq 0$ ,  $uv^iwx^iy \in L$  where  $|s| \geq p$ .

Consider  $S = a^p b^{p+k} c^{p+q}$

case (i)  $vx = b^{k+1}$  (within same character  $b$ .)  
(~~same character is~~ ~~by~~)

ie)  $v = b^k$ ,  $w = b$ ,  $x = b$

$s' = uv^0wx^0y = a^p b^{p-1} c^{p+q}$

$\therefore$  There is a contradiction in first case

case (ii)  $vx = b^k c^q$  (spans across more than one kind)

$s' = uv^0wx^0y = a^p b^p c^p$

$\therefore$  There is a contradiction in second case

$\therefore$  Given language is not context free.

3) RTP:  $L = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid 0 \leq i \leq j \leq k\}$  is not CFL

Assume that  $L$  is indeed a CFL.

(c) For a pumping length 'p'. A string from  $L$ , say  $s$ , can be written in form  $s = uvwxy$  where

$$|vx| \geq 1, |vwx| \leq p \text{ and } uv^iwx^iy \in L$$

$$\forall i \geq 0 \text{ where } |s| \geq p.$$

Let  $s = a^p b^p c^p$ . Since  $|vwx| \leq p$ , it can't contain both  $a, c$  at same time

Case (i)  $vx = b^k c^j$  (no  $a$ 's)  $\left( \begin{matrix} p \leq k+j \leq p \end{matrix} \right)$

$$s' = uv^0wx^0y = a^p b^{p-k} c^{p-j} \notin L$$

$\therefore$  Contradiction.

Case (ii)  $vx = a^k b^j$  (no  $c$ 's)  $\left( \begin{matrix} 0 \leq k, 0 \leq j, \\ k+j \leq p \end{matrix} \right)$

$$s' = uv^0wx^0y = a^{p-k} b^{p-j} c^p$$

In the case where  $k < j$ , there is a contradiction

$\therefore L$  is not a context free grammar.