



SCS 2112

Automata Theory

Regular Grammars

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What is a Grammar?

He Plays Basketball.



Language that accepts 0 and 1

- $T \rightarrow 0 \mid 1$
- $N \rightarrow$
- $S \rightarrow S$
- $P \rightarrow$



Grammars

- Grammars are used to express languages.
- Definition of Grammar: $G = (N, T, S, P)$
 - N : Set of variables (non terminals)
 - T : Set of terminal symbols
 - S : Start variable
 - P : Set of Production rules



A Simple Grammar

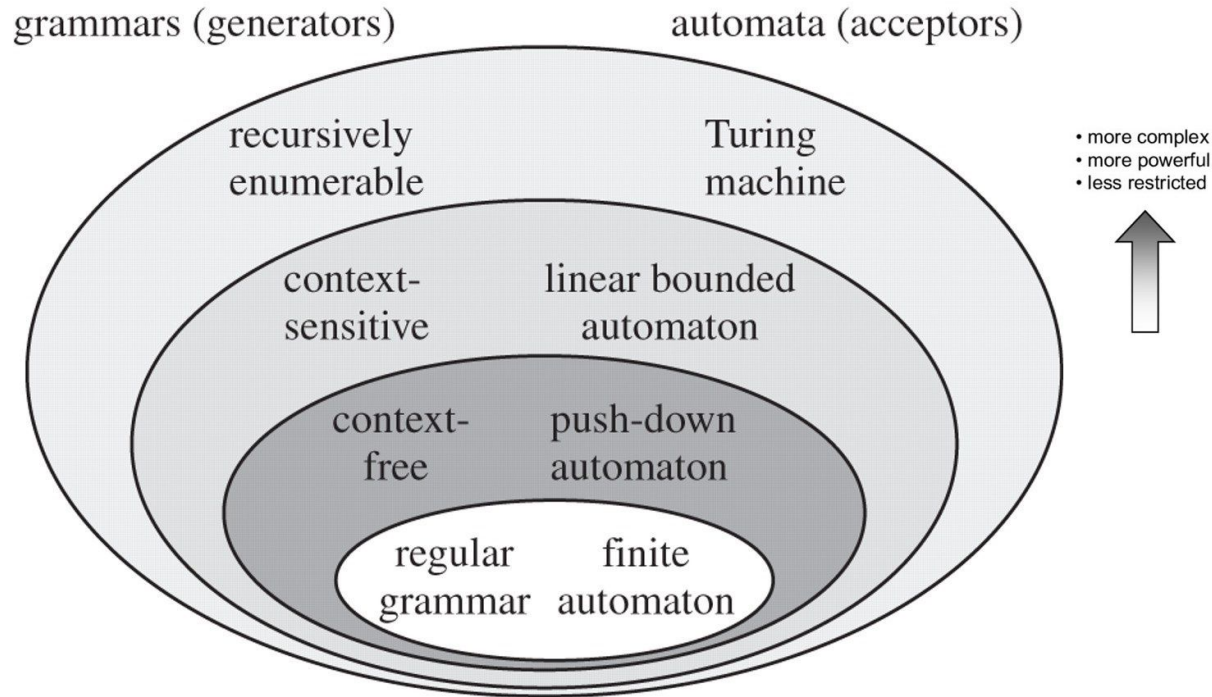
- Grammar

- $N: \{S\}$
- $T: \{a\}$
- $S: S$
- $P: S \rightarrow aS \mid \varepsilon$

- Derivation of sentences

- $S \rightarrow aS \rightarrow a$
- $S \rightarrow aS \rightarrow aaS \rightarrow aa$

Chomsky Hierarchy of Grammars





Linear Grammars

- Grammars with at most one variable at the right side of a production.
- Productions:
 - $S \rightarrow a$
 - $S \rightarrow \epsilon$
 - $S \rightarrow uAv$

Exercise 01



- G1

- $S \rightarrow aAb$
- $A \rightarrow a \mid b \mid \varepsilon$

- G3

- $S \rightarrow aBAb$
- $A \rightarrow a \mid \varepsilon$
- $B \rightarrow b \mid \varepsilon$

- G2

- $S \rightarrow A$
- $A \rightarrow aB \mid \varepsilon$
- $B \rightarrow Ab$

- G4

- $S \rightarrow A \mid bB$
- $A \rightarrow bB \mid a \mid \varepsilon$
- $B \rightarrow Ab$

<https://forms.gle/fuhdJvAKt7JPzAGT8>

Left and Right Linear Grammars

- A grammar $G = (N, T, S, P)$ is said to be right linear if all productions are of the form
 - $A \rightarrow xB \mid x$
where $A, B \in N, x \in T^*$
- A grammar $G = (N, T, S, P)$ is said to be left linear if all productions are of the form
 - $A \rightarrow Bx \mid x$
where $A, B \in N, x \in T^*$

Left Linear Grammars

- Consider this rule from a left linear grammar
 - $A \rightarrow Babc$
- Can that rule be used to recognize this string?
 - abbabc
- We need to check rule for B
 - $B \rightarrow Cb \mid D$
- Now we need to check rules for C and D.

Right Linear Grammars

- Consider this rule from a right linear grammar
 - $A \rightarrow abcB$
- Can that rule be used to recognize this string?
 - `abcabb`
- We immediately see that the first part of the string “abc” matches the first part of the rule.
- Thus, the problem simplifies to this:
Can this rule B be used to recognize “abb” string?

Convert left linear grammar to right linear grammar

1. If the left linear grammar has a rule with the start symbol S on the right hand side, simply add this rule: $S_0 \rightarrow S$
2. If the left linear grammar has a rule $S \rightarrow p$, then make that a rule in the right linear grammar
3. If the left linear grammar has a rule $A \rightarrow p$, then add the following rule to the right linear grammar: $S \rightarrow pA$
4. If the left linear grammar has a rule $B \rightarrow Ap$, add the following rule to the right linear grammar: $A \rightarrow pB$
5. If the left linear grammar has a rule $S \rightarrow Ap$, then add the following rule to the right linear grammar: $A \rightarrow p$

Exercise 02



- G1

- $S \rightarrow Aa$
- $A \rightarrow ab$

- G3

- $S \rightarrow Ab \mid Ba$
- $A \rightarrow a \mid \varepsilon$
- $B \rightarrow b \mid \varepsilon$

- G2

- $S \rightarrow Ab$
- $S \rightarrow Sb$
- $A \rightarrow Aa$
- $A \rightarrow a$

- G4

- $S \rightarrow A \mid Bb$
- $A \rightarrow Bb \mid a \mid \varepsilon$
- $B \rightarrow Ab$



Regular Grammars

- Regular grammars generate regular languages.
- A regular grammar should be either right linear or left linear.



Finite Automata and Regular Grammar

- For every regular language there is a NFA.
- For every regular grammar there is regular grammar.
- We can convert regular grammar into NFA.

Exercise 03



- **G1**

- $S \rightarrow aA$
- $A \rightarrow ab$

- **G2**

- $S \rightarrow aA$
- $A \rightarrow bC$
- $A \rightarrow aA$
- $C \rightarrow bC$
- $C \rightarrow \varepsilon$