

1.

Proof:

If  $L$  is context-free language, then  $L^R$  is also a context-free language.

For context-free language  $L$  has grammar  $G$  as its grammar.

If  $G_1 =$  context free grammar, so  $G_1$  creates  $L_1$  (of language).

Form  $G_1$  we can get a new grammar  $G'$  as follows:

For every production  $X \rightarrow V$  of  $G_1$ , we add the production  $X \rightarrow V^R$  in  $G'$ .

Where  $X$  is a variable and  $V$  is string of terminals and variables (non terminals)

Then

It is easy to see that a string  $W$  is generated by grammar  $G$ , if string  $W^R$  is generated by  $G'$

Therefore, grammar  $G'$  generates language  $L^R$ , and the language  $L^R$  is context-free.

Therefore, context-free language is closed under reversal.

2.

Proof:

As  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are context-free languages. The difference is  $L_1 - L_2 = L_1 \cap \bar{L}_2$

Because  $L_1$  is CFL,  $L_2$  is CFL, but  $L_2'$  need not be CFL because complementation is not closed.

Then intersection and complement are not closed for context-free language.

Therefore, context-free language is not closed under difference.

3.

Proof:

$L_1 = \{a^n b^m, : n = 2^m\}$ .

If  $L_1$  is context-free language, then by pumping lemma,

For  $w \in L_1$ , with  $|w| \geq m$  can decomposed into  $w = uvxyz$ ,

Such as  $|vy| \geq 1$ ,  $|vxy| \leq m$ , and  $w^i = uv^i xy^i z \in L_1$ , for  $i=0,1,2,\dots$

Pick  $a^{2^m} b^m$ ,  $|w| \geq m$

case1:

$v$  and  $y$  are all  $a$ 's  $|vy|=K$ ,

$w_0 = a^{2^m} b^m$   $|w| \geq m$ ,

case 2:

v and y are all b's  $|vy|=K$ ,

$$w_0 = a^{2^m-k} b^m, \notin L$$

case 3:

v and y are all contain a's, b's

w are out of order.

Case 4:

V is all a's, y is all b's,  $|v|=k_1$ ,  $|y|=k_2$ ,  $2 \leq k_1+k_2 \leq m$ ,

$$W2 = a^{2^m+k} b^{m+k},$$

Then,  $2^m + 1 \leq 2^m + k_1 \leq 2^m + m$ ,

$$2^{m+k_2} = 2^m * 2^{k_2}, 1 \leq k_1 \leq m, 1 \leq k_2 \leq m,$$

Therefore,

$$2^m + k_1 < 2^{m+k_2}$$

So,  $W2 = a^{2^m+k} b^{m+k} \notin L$ .

All case lead to a contradiction, L is not a CFL.

4.

Proof:

$$L2 = \{ a^n b^n c^j, : n \leq j \}.$$

If L2 is context-free language, then by pumping lemma,

For  $w \in L2$ , with  $|w| \geq m$  can be decomposed into  $w = uvxyz$ ,

Like  $|vy| \geq 1$ ,  $|vxy| \leq m$ , and  $w^i = uv^i xy^i z \in L1$ , for  $i=0,1,2,\dots$

Pick  $a^m b^m c^{m+1}$ ,  $|w| \geq m$

Case 1:

v and y and all a's,  $|vy|=k$ .

$$w_0 = a^{m-k} b^m c^{m+1} \notin L$$

Case 2:

v and y and all b's,  $|vy|=k$ .

$$w_0 = a^m b^{m-k} c^{m+1} \notin L$$

Case 3:

V and y all is c's,  $|vy| = k$ ,

$$w_0 = a^m b^m c^{m+1-k} \notin L, \text{ since } k \geq 1$$

Case 4:

For either v or y both is a's and b's.

W are out of order.

Case 5:

For either v or y both contain b's and c's.

W are out of order.

Case 6:

V is all b's, y is all b's,  $|v|=k_1$ ,  $|y|=k_2$ ,

$w_2 = a^{m+k_1}b^{m+k_2}c^{m+1} \notin L$ , since  $k_1 \geq 1$ ,  $k_2 \geq 1$

Case 7:

V is b's, y is c's,  $|v|=k_1$ ,  $|y|=k_2$ ,

$w_2 = a^m b^{m+k_1} c^{m+1+k_2} \notin L$ , since  $k_1 \geq 1$ ,  $k_2 \geq 1$

All case lead to a contradiction, therefor L is not CFL.

5.

Proof:

$L_3 = \{ w : w \in \{a,b,c\}^* \text{ and } na(w) < nb(w) < nc(w) \}$ .

$L \cap a^*b^*c^* = \{a^n b^{2n} c^{3n}\}$

Then, we just need prove  $L' = \{a^n b^{2n} c^{3n}\}$  is not a context-free language.

If  $a^n b^{2n} c^{3n}$  is a CFL,  $L'$  is an infinite language, then by the pumping lemma,

For  $w \in L'$ , with  $|w| \geq m$  can be decomposed into  $w = uvxyz$ ,

Like  $|vy| \geq 1$ ,  $|vxy| \leq m$ , and  $w^i = uv^i x y^i z \in L$ , for  $i=0,1,2,\dots$

Pick  $a^n b^{2n} c^{3n}$ ,  $|w| \geq m$ ,

Case 1:

v and y and all a's,  $|vy|=k$ .

$w_0 = a^{m-k} b^{2m} c^{3m} \notin L'$

Case 2:

v and y and all b's,  $|vy|=k$ .

$w_0 = a^m b^{2m-k} c^{3m} \notin L'$

Case 3:

V and y all is c's,  $|vy| = k$ ,

$$w_0 = a^m b^{2m} c^{3m-k} \notin L'$$

Case 4:

For either v or y both is a's and b's.

W are out of order.

Case 5:

For either v or y both contain b's and c's.

W are out of order.

Case 6:

V is all b's, y is all b's,  $|v|=k_1$ ,  $|y|=k_2$ ,

$$w_2 = a^{m+k_1} b^{2m+k_2} c^{3m} \notin L, \text{ since } 3(m+k_1) > 3m$$

Case 7:

V is b's, y is c's,  $|v|=k_1$ ,  $|y|=k_2$ ,

$$w_2 = a^m b^{2m+k_1} c^{3m+k_2} \notin L, \text{ since } 3m < 3m+k_2$$

All cases lead to a contradiction, therefor  $L'$  is not a CFL.

Therefor,

$$\text{Based on } L \cap a^* b^* c^* = \{a^n b^{2n} c^{3n}\}$$

Because  $a^* b^* c^*$  is a regular language, since  $L' = \{a^n b^{2n} c^{3n}\}$  is not CFL,

So L is not CFL.