

This is a review of context-free grammars from the lecture on Tuesday; in each example, the grammar itself is on the left; the explanation for each non-terminal is on the right.

- Properly nested strings of parentheses.

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon \mid S(S) \quad \text{properly nested parentheses}$$

Here is a different grammar for the same language:

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon \mid (S) \mid SS \quad \text{properly nested parentheses}$$

- $\{0^m 1^n \mid m \neq n\}$ . This is the set of all binary strings composed of some number of 0s followed by a different number of 1s.

$$\begin{array}{ll} S \rightarrow A \mid B & \{0^m 1^n\} m \neq n \\ A \rightarrow 0A \mid 0C & \{0^m 1^n\} m > n \\ B \rightarrow B1 \mid C1 & \{0^m 1^n\} m < n \\ C \rightarrow \epsilon \mid 0C1 & \{0^m 1^n\} m = n \end{array}$$

## 1 Context-free grammars

Give context-free grammars for each of the following languages. For each grammar, describe *in English* the language for each non-terminal, and in the examples above. As usual, we won't get to all of these in section.

- $\{0^{2n} 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$
- $\{0^m 1^n \mid m \neq 2n\}$   
[Hint: If  $m \neq 2n$ , then either  $m < 2n$  or  $m > 2n$ . Extend the previous grammar, but pay attention to parity. This language contains the string 01.]
- $\{0, 1\}^* \setminus \{0^{2n} 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$   
[Hint: Extend the previous grammar. What is missing?]
- All strings in  $\{0, 1\}^*$  whose length is divisible by 5.
- $\{0^i 1^j 2^{i+j} \mid i, j \geq 0\}$
- $\{0^i 1^j 2^k \mid i = j \text{ or } j = k\}$
- $\{w \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid \#(01, w) = \#(10, w)\}$  (function  $\#(x, w)$  returns the number of occurrences of a substring  $x$  in a string  $w$ )

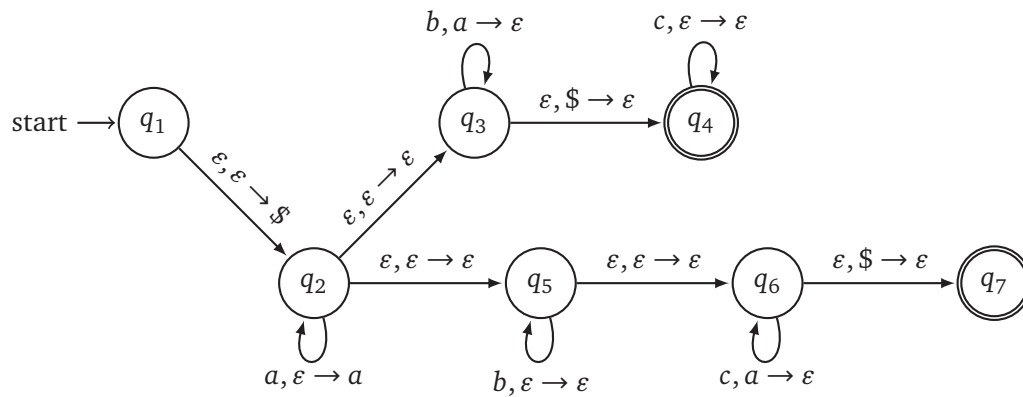
**Work on these later:**

- $\{w \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid \#(0, w) = 2 \cdot \#(1, w)\}$  – Binary strings where the number of 0s is exactly twice the number of 1s.
- $\{0, 1\}^* \setminus \{ww \mid w \in \{0, 1\}^*\}$ .  
[Anti-hint: The language  $\{ww \mid w \in \{0, 1\}^*\}$  is **not** context-free. Thus, the complement of a context-free language is not necessarily context-free!]

## 2 Push-down automata

The next few problems deal with push-down automata (PDA). The goal of these problems is to simply gain an understanding of PDAs which are the machines needed to recognize a context-free language:

1. What language does the following push-down automata recognize (Hint: This is a non-deterministic automata as most PDAs are)?



2. Develop the PDA for the language:

$$L = \{w \text{ is a palidrome and } w \in \{0, 1\}^*\} \quad (1)$$

Work on these later:

3. Convert the following CFG into a PDA:

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow \mathbf{a}B\mathbf{c} \mid \mathbf{ab} \\ B &\rightarrow SB \mid \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$