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# Context-Free Grammars

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# English Grammar

$\langle \text{sentence} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{noun\_phrase} \rangle \langle \text{predicate} \rangle$

$\langle \text{noun\_phrase} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{article} \rangle \langle \text{noun} \rangle$

$\langle \text{predicate} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{verb} \rangle$

$\langle \text{article} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{a} \rangle \mid \langle \text{an} \rangle \mid \langle \text{the} \rangle$

$\langle \text{noun} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{boy} \rangle \mid \langle \text{dog} \rangle$

$\langle \text{verb} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{runs} \rangle \mid \langle \text{walks} \rangle$

a boy runs

a dog walks

# Palindrome Language

$$L = \{ w \mid w \in \{0,1\}^* \text{ and } w = w^R \}$$

- recursive definition
  - *basis*  $\varepsilon, 0, 1$  are palindromes.
  - *induction* If  $w$  is a palindrome, so is  $0w0$  and  $1w1$ .

# Palindrome Language

$$L = \{ w \mid w \in \{0,1\}^* \text{ and } w = w^R \}$$

- definition with grammars or rules

1.  $\varepsilon$  is a palindrome.
2. 0 is a palindrome.
3. 1 is a palindrome.
4. If  $w$  is a palindrome, so is  $0w0$ .
5. If  $w$  is a palindrome, so is  $1w1$ .

# CFG & Palindrome Language

$$L = \{ w \mid w \in \{0,1\}^* \text{ and } w = w^R \}$$

1.  $\varepsilon$  is a  $P$ .

2. 0 is a  $P$ .

3. 1 is a  $P$ .

4. If  $w$  is a  $P$ , so is  $0w0$ .

5. If  $w$  is a  $P$ , so is  $1w1$ .

1.  $P \rightarrow \varepsilon$

2.  $P \rightarrow 0$

3.  $P \rightarrow 1$

4.  $P \rightarrow 0P0$

5.  $P \rightarrow 1P1$

# Context-Free Grammar

A grammar  $G=(V, T, S, P)$  is said to be context-free if all productions in  $P$  have the form

$$A \rightarrow \alpha, \text{ where } A \in V, \alpha \in (V \cup T)^*$$

# CFG of Palindrome Language

$$L = \{ w \mid w \in \{0,1\}^* \text{ and } w = w^R \}$$

- CFG for palindromes on  $\{0,1\}$

$R = (\{S\}, \{0,1\}, S, P)$ ,  $P$  is defined as follow

$$S \rightarrow \varepsilon, S \rightarrow 0, S \rightarrow 1, S \rightarrow 0S0, S \rightarrow 1S1$$

*Compact notation*

$$S \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid 0 \mid 1 \mid 0S0 \mid 1S1$$



## Example 7.1

$$L = \{ 0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$$

$R = (\{S\}, \{0,1\}, P, S)$ ,  $P$  is defined as follow

$$S \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid 0S1$$

## Example 7.2

$$L = \{ 0^n 1^m \mid n \neq m \}$$

$R = (\{S, A, B, C\}, \{0, 1\}, P, S)$ ,  $P$  is defined as follow

$$S \rightarrow AC \mid CB, \quad C \rightarrow 0C1 \mid \varepsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow A0 \mid 0, \quad B \rightarrow 1B \mid 1$$

## Example 7.3

$L = \{ w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w \text{ contains same number of 0's and 1's} \}$

$R = (\{S\}, \{0,1\}, P, S)$ ,  $P$  is defined as follow

$S \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid 0S1 \mid 1S0 \mid SS$

## Example 7.4

$$L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid n_0(w) = n_1(w) \text{ and } n_0(v) \geq n_1(v)\}$$

where  $v$  is any prefix of  $w$  }

$R = (\{S\}, \{0,1\}, P, S)$ ,  $P$  is defined as follow

$$S \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid 0S1 \mid SS$$

## Example 7.5

$$L = \{a^{2n}b^m \mid n \geq 0, m \geq 0\}$$

$R = (\{S, A, B\}, \{a, b\}, P, S)$ ,  $P$  is defined as follow

$$S \rightarrow AB, A \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid aaA, B \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid Bb$$

# Derivations and Recursive Inferences

$$L = \{a^{2n}b^m \mid n \geq 0, m \geq 0\}$$

$$S \rightarrow AB, A \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid aaA, B \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid Bb$$

for  $w = aabb$  :

$$S \Rightarrow AB \Rightarrow aaAB \Rightarrow aaABb \Rightarrow aaBb \Rightarrow aaBbb \Rightarrow aabb$$

$S \rightarrow AB$        $A \rightarrow aaA$        $B \rightarrow Bb$        $A \rightarrow \varepsilon$        $B \rightarrow Bb$        $B \rightarrow \varepsilon$

# Context-Free Language

Let  $G=(V, T, S, P)$  be context-free, then

$$L(G) = \{w \mid w \in T^* \text{ and } S \xRightarrow{*} w\}$$

# Left/Right Most Derivations

$$L = \{a^{2n}b^m \mid n \geq 0, m \geq 0\}$$

$$S \rightarrow AB, A \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid aaA, B \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid Bb$$

for  $w = aabb$  :

$$S \Rightarrow AB \Rightarrow aaAB \Rightarrow aaABb \Rightarrow aaBb \Rightarrow aaBbb \Rightarrow aabb$$

Left most :

$$S \Rightarrow AB \Rightarrow aaAB \Rightarrow aaB \Rightarrow aaBb \Rightarrow aaBbb \Rightarrow aabb$$

Right most :

$$S \Rightarrow AB \Rightarrow ABb \Rightarrow ABbb \Rightarrow Abb \Rightarrow aaAbb \Rightarrow aabb$$



# Parse Tree

Let  $G = (V, T, S, P)$  be a CFG. A tree is a parse tree for  $G$  if :

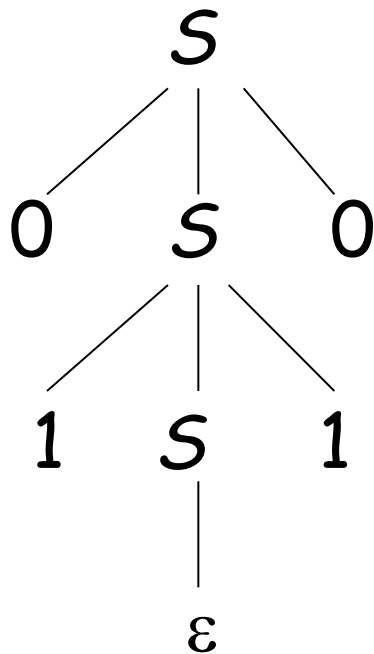
1. Each interior node is labeled by a variable in  $V$
2. Each leaf is labeled by a symbol in  $T \cup \{\varepsilon\}$ . Any  $\varepsilon$ -labeled leaf is the only child of its parent.
3. If an interior node is labeled  $A$ , and its children (from left to right) labeled  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$ ,

Then  $A \rightarrow x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \in P$ .

# Parse Tree

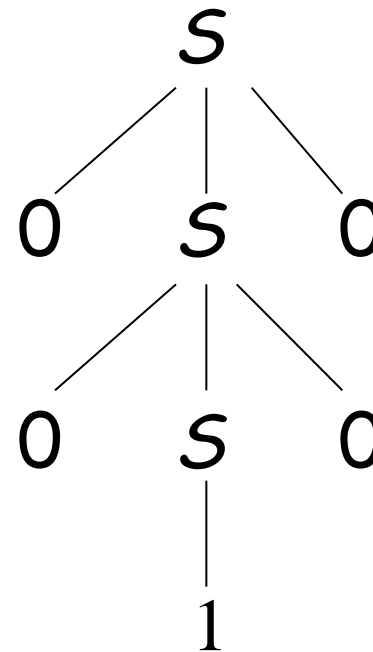
Example 7.6  $L = \{ w \mid w \in \{0,1\}^* \text{ and } w = w^R \}$

$S \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid 0 \mid 1 \mid 0S0 \mid 1S1$



$w=0110$

derivations



$w=00100$

recursive  
inferences

# Ambiguity

$$G = (\{E, I\}, \{a, b, (, ), +, *\}, E, P)$$

$$E \rightarrow I \mid E + E \mid E * E \mid (E), \quad I \rightarrow a \mid b$$

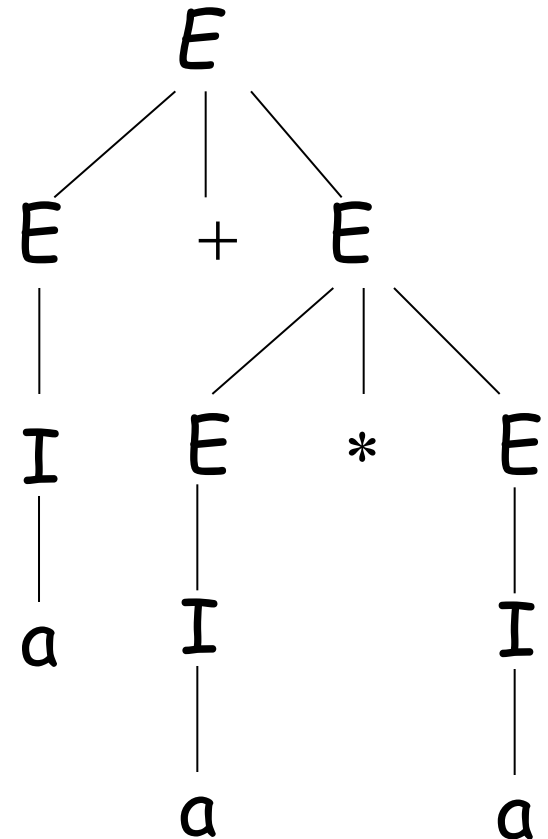
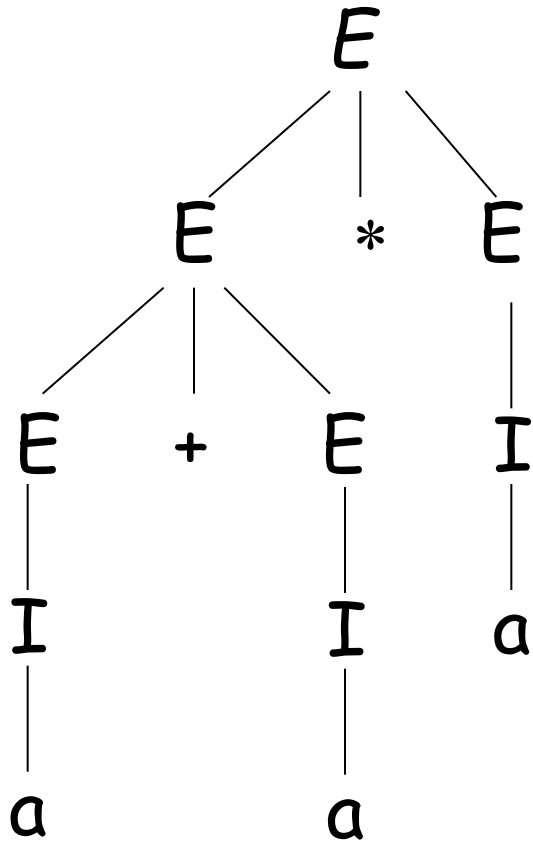
Derivation for  $w = a + a * a$ :

$$E \Rightarrow E * E \Rightarrow E + E * E \Rightarrow I + E * E \Rightarrow a + E * E \xRightarrow{*} a + a * a$$

$$E \Rightarrow E + E \Rightarrow I + E \Rightarrow a + E \Rightarrow a + E * E \xRightarrow{*} a + a * a$$

# Ambiguity

parse-tree for  $w = a + a * a$ :



# Removing Ambiguity

$$E \rightarrow I \mid E + E \mid E * E \mid (E), \quad I \rightarrow a \mid b$$

$$E \rightarrow T \mid E + T, \quad T \rightarrow F \mid T * F, \quad F \rightarrow I \mid (E), \quad I \rightarrow a \mid b \mid Ia \mid Ib$$

Left most derivation for  $w = a + a * a$ :

$$\begin{aligned} E &\Rightarrow E + T \Rightarrow T + T \Rightarrow F + T \Rightarrow I + T \Rightarrow a + T \Rightarrow a + T * F \\ &\Rightarrow a + F * F \Rightarrow a + I * F \Rightarrow a + a * F \Rightarrow a + a * I \Rightarrow a + a * a \end{aligned}$$

$$E \Rightarrow T \Rightarrow T * T \Rightarrow (E) * T \Rightarrow (E + T) * T \stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow} (a + a) * a$$

# Inherent Ambiguity

- What is inherent ambiguity

A CFL  $L$  is said to be *inherently ambiguous* if **all** grammars that generate it is ambiguous.

**Example 7.7** Let  $L = \{ w \mid w \in \{0,1\}^* \text{ and } n_0(w) = n_1(w) \}$

$L$  is not inherently ambiguous ,because there is an unambiguous CFG :

$$S \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid 0S1 \mid 1S0 \mid 0S11S0 \mid 1S00S1$$

## Example 7.8

$$L = \{a^n b^n c^m d^m \mid n \geq 1, m \geq 1\} \cup \{a^n b^m c^m d^n \mid n \geq 1, m \geq 1\}$$

The CFG for  $L$  is :

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow AB \mid C, & A &\rightarrow aAb \mid ab, & B &\rightarrow cBd \mid cd \\ & & C &\rightarrow aCd \mid aDd, & D &\rightarrow bDc \mid bc \end{aligned}$$

Let  $w = abcd$ , there are two left most derivations

$$S \Rightarrow AB \Rightarrow abB \Rightarrow abcd$$

$$S \Rightarrow C \Rightarrow aDd \Rightarrow abcd$$

# Simplification of CFG

Why & what :

$S \rightarrow A \mid B, A \rightarrow 1CA \mid 1DE \mid \varepsilon, B \rightarrow 1CB \mid 1DF,$   
 $C \rightarrow 1CC \mid 1DG \mid 0G, D \rightarrow 1CD \mid 1DH \mid 0H,$   
 $E \rightarrow 0A, F \rightarrow 0B, G \rightarrow \phi, H \rightarrow 1$

- $\varepsilon$ -productions
- unit productions
- useless symbols and productions



# Eliminating $\varepsilon$ -productions

Variable  $A$  is said to be **nullable** if  $A \xRightarrow{*} \varepsilon$ .

Let  $G=(V,T,P,S)$  is a CFG

If  $A \rightarrow \varepsilon \in P$ , then  $A$  is nullable.

If  $A \rightarrow A_1 A_2 \dots A_k \in P$ , and  $A_i \rightarrow \varepsilon \in P$  for  $i=1, \dots, k$   
then  $A$  is nullable.

**Example 7.9**  $G : S \rightarrow AB, A \rightarrow aAA | \varepsilon, B \rightarrow bBB | \varepsilon$

$A \rightarrow \varepsilon \Rightarrow A$ is nullable.	}	$S \rightarrow AB \Rightarrow S$ is nullable.
$B \rightarrow \varepsilon \Rightarrow B$ is nullable.		

# Eliminating unit productions

Example 7.10  $G : S \rightarrow A|B|0S1, A \rightarrow 0A|0, B \rightarrow 1B|1$

$S \rightarrow 0A|0|1B|1|0S1$

$A \rightarrow 0A|0$

$B \rightarrow 1B|1$

# Eliminating useless productions

A symbol  $X$  is **useful** for a grammar  $G=(V,T,P,S)$ ,

if there is a derivation for some  $w \in T^*$

$$S \xRightarrow{*} \alpha X \beta \xRightarrow{*} w$$

A symbol  $X$  is **generating** if  $X \xRightarrow{*} w$  for some  $w \in T^*$

A symbol  $X$  is **reachable** if  $S \xRightarrow{*} \alpha X \beta$  for  $\{\alpha, \beta\} \subseteq (V \cup T)^*$

**Example 7.11**  $G : S \rightarrow AB|a, A \rightarrow b$

$S$  and  $A$  are generating,  $B$  is not.

Eliminate  $B$ , that eliminate  $S \rightarrow AB$ , leaving

$$S \rightarrow a, A \rightarrow b$$

Now only  $S$  is reachable. So there leaves  $S \rightarrow a$ .

If eliminate non-reachable symbol first :

$$S \rightarrow AB|a, A \rightarrow b \Rightarrow S \rightarrow AB|a, A \rightarrow b$$

Then eliminate non-generating symbol :

$$S \rightarrow AB|a, A \rightarrow b \Rightarrow S \rightarrow a, A \rightarrow b$$

**Example 7.12**  $G : S \rightarrow A \mid B, A \rightarrow 1CA \mid 1DE \mid \varepsilon$

$B \rightarrow 1CB \mid 1DF, C \rightarrow 1CC \mid 1DG \mid 0G, D \rightarrow 1CD \mid 1DH \mid 0H,$

$E \rightarrow 0A, F \rightarrow 0B, G \rightarrow \phi, H \rightarrow 1$

- eliminating  $\varepsilon$ -productions

the only one :  $A \rightarrow \varepsilon$

$S \rightarrow A \mid B, A \rightarrow 1CA \mid 1C \mid 1DE, B \rightarrow 1CB \mid 1DF,$

$C \rightarrow 1CC \mid 1DG \mid 0G, D \rightarrow 1CD \mid 1DH \mid 0H,$

$E \rightarrow 0A \mid 0, F \rightarrow 0B, G \rightarrow \phi, H \rightarrow 1$

$S \rightarrow A \mid B$ ,  $A \rightarrow 1CA \mid 1C \mid 1DE$ ,  $B \rightarrow 1CB \mid 1DF$ ,  
 $C \rightarrow 1CC \mid 1DG \mid 0G$ ,  $D \rightarrow 1CD \mid 1DH \mid 0H$ ,  
 $E \rightarrow 0A \mid 0$ ,  $F \rightarrow 0B$ ,  $G \rightarrow \phi$ ,  $H \rightarrow 1$

- eliminating unit productions

the only two :  $S \rightarrow A$  and  $S \rightarrow B$

$S \rightarrow 1CA \mid 1C \mid 1DE \mid 1CB \mid 1DF$ ,

$A \rightarrow 1CA \mid 1C \mid 1DE$ ,  $B \rightarrow 1CB \mid 1DF$ ,

$C \rightarrow 1CC \mid 1DG \mid 0G$ ,  $D \rightarrow 1CD \mid 1DH \mid 0H$ ,

$E \rightarrow 0A \mid 0$ ,  $F \rightarrow 0B$ ,  $G \rightarrow \phi$ ,  $H \rightarrow 1$

$S \rightarrow 1CA \mid 1C \mid 1DE \mid 1CB \mid 1DF,$

$A \rightarrow 1CA \mid 1C \mid 1DE, B \rightarrow 1CB \mid 1DF,$

$C \rightarrow 1CC \mid 1DG \mid 0G, D \rightarrow 1CD \mid 1DH \mid 0H,$

$E \rightarrow 0A \mid 0, F \rightarrow 0B, G \rightarrow \phi, H \rightarrow 1$

- eliminating useless symbols and productions

$S \rightarrow 1DE, A \rightarrow 1DE, D \rightarrow 1DH \mid 0H, E \rightarrow 0A \mid 0, H \rightarrow 1$

# Chomsky Normal Form(CNF)

1.  $A \rightarrow BC$  ;

2.  $A \rightarrow a$  .

$S \rightarrow 1DE$  ,  $A \rightarrow 1DE$  ,  $D \rightarrow 1DH \mid 0H$  ,  $E \rightarrow 0A \mid 0$  ,  $H \rightarrow 1$

Chomsky normal form :

$S \rightarrow IE$  ,  $A \rightarrow IE$  ,  $D \rightarrow IH \mid EH$  ,  $E \rightarrow EA \mid 0$  ,  $I \rightarrow HD$  ,  $H \rightarrow 1$

$D \rightarrow IH \mid FH$  ,  $E \rightarrow FA \mid 0$  ,  $F \rightarrow 0$



# Chomsky Normal Form(CNF)

Example 7.13 Convert following grammar to CNF

$$S \rightarrow ABa, A \rightarrow aab, B \rightarrow Ac$$

## Greibach Normal Form(GNF)

$$A \rightarrow ax, \text{ where } a \in T, x \in V^*$$

**Example 7.14** Convert following grammar to GNF

$$S \rightarrow AB, A \rightarrow aA | bB | b, B \rightarrow b$$

**Example 7.15** Convert following grammar to GNF

$$S \rightarrow 01S1 | 00$$

■ ???

- eliminating  $\varepsilon$ -productions :  $\varepsilon \in L$  ?

- Greibach normal form :

➤  $A \rightarrow a\alpha$       *advantage ?*

- Chomsky normal form :

➤  $A \rightarrow a \mid BC$       *advantage ?*

Good good study  
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