

CS 321 HW - 4

Assignments:

1. (9 pts) Give context-free grammars that generate the following languages.

a. $L_1 = \{ w \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid w \text{ contains at least three 1s} \}$

Answer:

$G = \{V, T, S, P\};$

$V = \{S\}; T = \{0,1\}; S = \{S\}; P = \{ S \rightarrow S1S1S1S \mid \lambda \mid 0S \mid 1S \};$

b. $L_2 = \{ w \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid w = w^R \text{ and } |w| \text{ is even} \}$

Answer:

$G = \{V, T, S, P\};$

$V = \{S\}; T = \{0,1\}; S = \{S\}; P = \{ S \rightarrow 0S0 \mid 1S1 \mid \lambda \};$

c. $L_3 = \{ a^i b^j c^k \mid i, j, k \geq 0, \text{ and } i = j \text{ or } i = k \}$

Answer:

$G = \{V, T, S, P\};$

$V = \{S, T, Z, Q, A, B\}; T = \{a, b, c\}; S = \{S\}; P = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow T \mid Z \\ T \rightarrow AB \\ A \rightarrow aAb \mid \lambda \\ B \rightarrow cB \mid \lambda \\ Z \rightarrow aZc \mid Q \\ Q \rightarrow bQ \mid \lambda \end{array} \right\};$

2. (5 pts) Consider the set of terminals $T = \{a, b, (,), +, *, \emptyset\}$. Construct a context-free grammar $G = (V, T, S, P)$ that generates all strings in T^* that are regular expressions over $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$. Use the grammar to derive the regular expression $(a+b)^*$.

Recall the rules of regular expressions.

1. \emptyset and each member of Σ is a regular expression.
2. If r_1 and r_2 are regular expressions, then so is $r_1 r_2$
3. If r_1 and r_2 are regular expressions, then so is $r_1 + r_2$.
4. If r_1 is a regular expression, then so is r_1^* .
5. If r_1 is a regular expression, then so is (r_1) .
6. Nothing else is a regular expression.

Answer:

$$G = \{V, T, S, P\};$$

$$V = \{S\}; T = \{a, b, c, (,), +, *, \emptyset\}; S = \{S\}; P = \{ S \rightarrow \emptyset | a|b| S \cdot S | S + S | S^* | (S) \};$$

3. (9 pts) Consider the following grammar $G = (\{S, A\}, \{a, b\}, S, P)$ where P is defined below

$$S \rightarrow SS \mid AAA \mid \lambda$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid Aa \mid b$$

a. Describe the language generated by this grammar.

$$L = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid A_b(w) \bmod 3 = 0, A_b(w) \text{ denote the number of } b\text{'s in } w\};$$

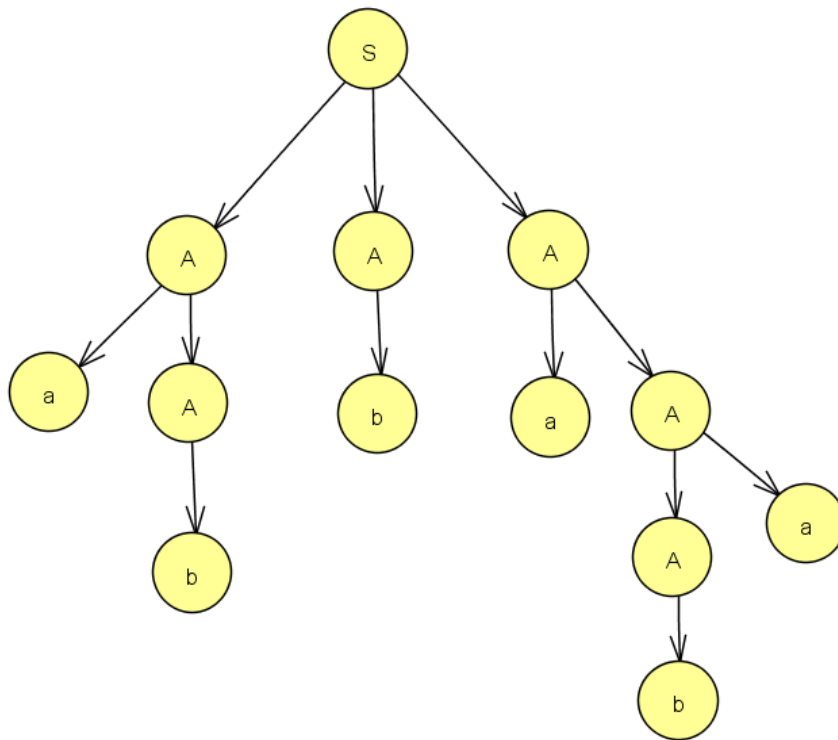
b. Give a left-most derivation for the terminal string abbaba.

Answer:

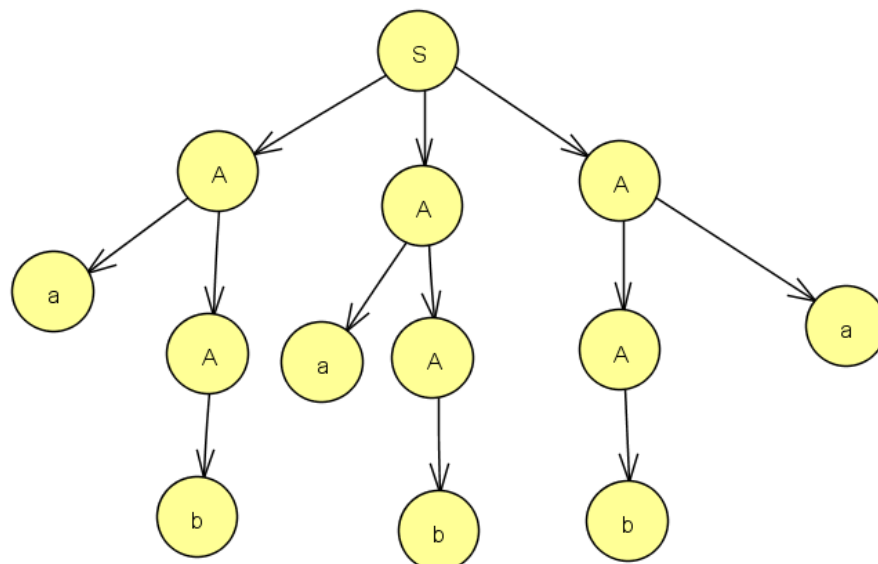
$$S \rightarrow AAA \rightarrow aAAA \rightarrow abAA \rightarrow abbA \rightarrow abbaA \rightarrow abbaAa \rightarrow abbaba;$$

c. Show that the grammar is ambiguous by exhibiting two distinct derivation trees for some terminal string.

Leftmost derivation



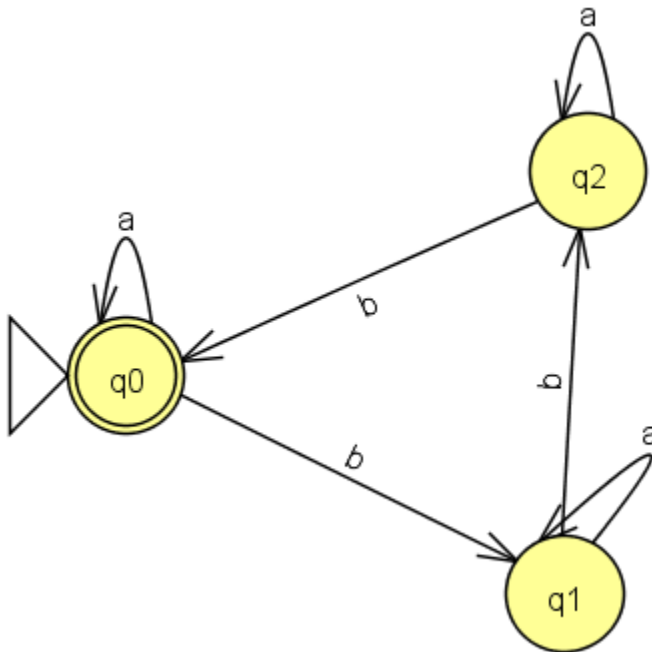
Rightmost derivation



d. If this language is regular, give a regular grammar generating it. If the language is not regular, prove that it is not.

Answer:

We can make NFA for this language, it means that is regular language.



$G = \{V, T, S, P\};$

$V = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}; T = \{a, b\}; S = \{q_0\}; P = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} q_0 \rightarrow aq_0 \mid bq_1 \mid \lambda \\ q_1 \rightarrow aq_1 \mid bq_2 \\ q_2 \rightarrow q_2 \mid bq_0 \end{array} \right\};$

4. (3 pts) Find an s-grammar for $L = \{a^n b^{n+1} : n \geq 1\}$.

Answer:

$G = \{V, T, S, P\};$

$V = \{a, b\}; T = \{S, A, B\}; S = \{S\}; P = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow aAB \\ A \rightarrow aAB \mid b \\ B \rightarrow b \end{array} \right\};$

$S \rightarrow aAB \rightarrow aaABB \rightarrow aaaABBB \rightarrow aaaABBBb \rightarrow aaaABbb \rightarrow aaaAbbb$
 $\rightarrow aaabbbb;$

5. (4 pts) Let $L = \{ a^n b^n : n \geq 0 \}$

a. Show that L^2 is a context-free language.

$G' = \{V', T', S', P'\};$

$V' = \{S, A, B\}; T' = \{a, b\}; S' = \{S\}; P' = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow AB \\ A \rightarrow aAb | \lambda \\ B \rightarrow aBb | \lambda \end{array} \right\}$

b. Show that L^* is a context-free language.

$G' = \{V', T', S', P'\};$

$V' = \{S\}; T' = \{a, b\}; S' = \{S\}; P' = \{ S \rightarrow aSb | \lambda | SS \};$