

CFL'S GOOD FOR DESCRIBING INFINITE SET OF STRINGS IN FINITE WAY

SYNTAX OF PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE

WELL FORMED ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

WELL-NESTED BEGIN-END BLOCKS

STRINGS OF BALANCED PARENTHESES, ETC.

ALL REGULAR SETS ARE CFLS.

NON REGULAR EXAMPLES

$\{0^m 1^m \mid m \geq 0\}$

$\{\text{PALINDROMES}\}$

$\{\text{BALANCED STRING OF PARENTHESES}\}$

NOT ALL SETS ARE CFLs

$\{a^m b^n a^m \mid m \geq 0\}$

# CONTEXT-FREE GRAMMAR CFG

$$G = (N, \Sigma, P, S) \quad \text{quadruple.}$$

$\begin{matrix} V & R \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ N & \Sigma \end{matrix}$

WHERE

$N$  IS A FINITE SET. (NON TERMINAL SYMBOLS) <sup>VARIABLES</sup>

$\Sigma$  IS A FINITE SET (TERMINAL SYMBOLS) DISJOINT FROM  $N$   
 $N \cap \Sigma = \emptyset$

$P$  IS A FINITE SUBSET OF  $N \times (N \cup \Sigma)^*$  (PRODUCTIONS) <sup>RULES</sup>  
 $\uparrow$  VARIABLE  $\uparrow$  STRING OF VARIABLES AND TERMINALS

$S \in N$  START SYMBOL (START VARIABLE)

$A, B, C, \dots$  FOR NONTERMINALS

$a, b, c, \dots$  FOR TERMINALS

$\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots$  STRINGS IN  $(N \cup \Sigma)^*$

$A \rightarrow \alpha$  FOR  $(A, \alpha)$

$A \rightarrow \alpha_1$

$A \rightarrow \alpha_2$

$A \rightarrow \alpha_3$

$A \rightarrow \alpha_1 \mid \alpha_2 \mid \alpha_3$

~~IF  $\alpha \in (N \cup \Sigma)^*$~~

IF  $\alpha, \beta \in (N \cup \Sigma)^*$

$$\alpha \xrightarrow[G]{1} \beta$$

$\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$  YIELDS

AND  $\beta$  DERIVABLE FROM  $\alpha$  IN ONE STEP. EXTRA 'INERT' PAGE

THIS IS A RELATION  $\subseteq (N \cup \Sigma)^* \times (N \cup \Sigma)^*$

$\xrightarrow[G]{*}$  REFLEXIVE TRANSITIVE CLOSURE OF  $\xrightarrow[G]{1}$   
 $\alpha \xrightarrow[G]{*} \beta$

THAT IS  
 DEFINE

$$\alpha \xrightarrow[G]{0} \alpha \text{ FOR ALL } \alpha$$

$$\alpha \xrightarrow[G]{m+1} \beta \text{ IF THERE EXISTS } \gamma \text{ S.T. } \alpha \xrightarrow[G]{m} \gamma \text{ AND } \gamma \xrightarrow[G]{1} \beta$$

$$\alpha \xrightarrow[G]{*} \beta \text{ IF } \alpha \xrightarrow[G]{m} \beta \text{ FOR SOME } m \geq 0$$

IF  $S \xrightarrow[G]{*} \alpha$  STRING DERIVABLE FROM START SYMBOL  
 $\alpha$  IS A SENTENTIAL FORM

SENTENCE IF ONLY CONSISTS OF TERMINAL SYMBOLS  
 I.E. IF IT IS IN  $\Sigma^*$

$$L(G) = \{ \alpha \in \Sigma^* \mid S \xrightarrow[G]{*} \alpha \}$$

LANGUAGE GENERATED BY G.

SUBSET  $A \subseteq \Sigma^*$  IS A CONTEXT-FREE LANG. CFL  
 IF  $A = L(G)$  FOR SOME CFG G.

"INSERT"

$\beta$  CAN BE OBTAINED FROM  $\alpha$  BY REPLACING  
SOME OCCURRENCE OF A NON-TERMINAL  
~~AND~~ SAY  $A$  IN  $\alpha$  WITH  $\gamma$ , WHERE  
 $A \rightarrow \gamma \in P$ . THAT IS IF THERE EXISTS  
 $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in (N \cup \Sigma)^*$  AND PRODUCTION  $A \rightarrow \gamma$   
SUCH THAT  $\alpha = \alpha_1 A \alpha_2$   $\beta = \alpha_1 \gamma \alpha_2$ .

## ABBREVIATED FORM FOR CFGs

WRITE ONLY THE RULES / PRODUCTIONS

THE VARIABLES / NONTERMINALS ARE THE THINGS TO THE LEFT OF THE  $\rightarrow$

THE REMAINING SYMBOLS ARE THE TERMINALS

THE START VARIABLE / NONTERMINAL IS THE LEFT SYMBOL OF THE FIRST RULE.

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## CFG EXAMPLES

SET OF EVEN LENGTH STRINGS WITH TWO MIDDLE SYMBOLS EQUAL.

$$S \rightarrow aSa \mid aSb \mid bSa \mid bSb \mid aa \mid bb$$

SET OF ODD LENGTH STRINGS WHOSE FIRST, MIDDLE AND LAST SYMBOLS ARE THE SAME.

$$S \rightarrow aTa \mid bUb$$

$$T \rightarrow aTa \mid aTb \mid bTa \mid bTb \mid a$$

ODD  $\epsilon$  a  
IN MID.

ODD  $\epsilon$  b  
IN MID

$$U \rightarrow aUa \mid aUb \mid bUa \mid bUb \mid b$$

SET OF STRINGS WITH EQUAL # OF a & b

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon \mid aSb \mid bSa \mid SS$$

ALSO

$$S \rightarrow aB \mid bA \mid \epsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow aS \mid bAA$$

$$B \rightarrow bS \mid aBB$$

$\Sigma$  <sup>GENERATED</sup> CFG

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon \mid 0 \mid 1 \mid 0S \mid 1S$$

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ALSO

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon \mid L \mid LS$$

$$L \rightarrow 0 \mid 1$$

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ALSO

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon \mid 0S \mid 1S$$

SIMPLEST.

## CFG EXAMPLES

EVEN LENGTH PALINDROMES OVER  $\{a, b\}$

$$S \rightarrow aSa \mid bSb \mid \epsilon$$

ODD LENGTH PALINDROMES OVER  $\{a, b\}$

$$S \rightarrow aSa \mid bSb \mid a \mid b$$

THE SET OF STRINGS OVER  $\{a, b\}$  SUCH THAT  
 $x^r$  IS  $x$  WITH THE  $a$ 'S AS  $b$ 'S AND THE  $b$ 'S AS  $a$ 'S

$$S \rightarrow aSb \mid bSa \mid \epsilon$$

THE SET OF EVEN LENGTH STRINGS OVER  $\{a, b\}$

$$S \rightarrow aT \mid bT \mid \epsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow aS \mid bS$$

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THE SET OF ODD LENGTH STRINGS WITH  
MIDDLE SYMBOL  $a$

$$S \rightarrow aSa \mid aSb \mid bSa \mid bSb \mid a$$



## EXAMPLES

$\{a^m b^m \mid m \geq 0\}$  is a CFL

$$S \rightarrow aSb \mid \epsilon$$

$G = (N, \Sigma, P, S)$  where

$$N = \{S\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$P = \{S \rightarrow aSb, S \rightarrow \epsilon\}$$

$$S = S$$

DERIVATION OF  $a^3 b^3$  IN  $G$

$$S \xrightarrow{1} aSb \xrightarrow{1} aaSbb \xrightarrow{1} aaaSbbb \xrightarrow{1} aaabbbb$$

$$S \xrightarrow{4} aaabbbb$$

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## PALINDROMES

$$\{ x \in \{a, b\}^* \mid x = x^R \}$$

$$S \rightarrow aSa \mid bSb \mid a \mid b \mid \epsilon$$

## BALANCED PARENTHESES

$$S \rightarrow [S] \mid SS \mid \epsilon$$

EXAMPLE  $\{a^m b^m \mid m \geq 0\}$  IS A CFL

~~STANDARD~~

$G = (N, \Sigma, P, S)$  WHERE

$$N = \{S\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$P = \{S \rightarrow aSb, S \rightarrow \epsilon\}$$

ABBREVIATED FORM

$$S \rightarrow aSb \mid \epsilon$$

DERIVATION OF  $a^3 b^3$  IN  $G$ .

$$S \xrightarrow[G]{1} aSb \xrightarrow[G]{1} aaSbb \xrightarrow[G]{1} aaaSbbb \xrightarrow[G]{1} aaabbbb$$

SO  $S \xrightarrow[G]{4} aaabbbb$  DERIVABLE FROM  $S$  IN 4 STEPS.

CAN SHOW BY INDUCTION ON  $n$  THAT

$$S \xrightarrow[G]{n+1} a^n b^n \quad ? \text{ (DON'T NEED INDUCTION)}$$

SO ALL STRINGS OF THE FORM  $a^n b^n$  ARE IN  $L(G)$ .

# CLOSURE PROPERTIES OF CFLs. (MORE DETAIL IN FOLLOWING PAGES.)

CFLs CLOSED UNDER UNION

GIVEN  $G_1$   $G_2$   $G'$  s.t.  $L(G') = L(G_1) \cup L(G_2)$

$$S' \rightarrow \epsilon_1$$

$$S' \rightarrow \epsilon_2$$

$$R' = R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \{S' \rightarrow \epsilon_1, S' \rightarrow \epsilon_2\}$$

RENAME ANY DUPLICATE ~~SYMBOL~~ VARIABLES.

CFLs CLOSED UNDER CONCATENATION

~~SAVE~~

$$R' = R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \{S' \rightarrow S_1 S_2\}$$

CFLs CLOSED UNDER KLEENE STAR.

GIVEN  $G$

$$R' = R_1 \cup \{S' \rightarrow S_1 S', S' \rightarrow \epsilon\}$$

# SOME CLOSURE PROPERTIES

$$G_1 = (N_1, \Sigma, P_1, S_1) \quad L_1 = L(G_1)$$

$$G_2 = (N_2, \Sigma, P_2, S_2) \quad L_2 = L(G_2)$$

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UNION

$$G_{L_1 \cup L_2} = (N_{L_1 \cup L_2}, \Sigma, P_{L_1 \cup L_2}, S_{L_1 \cup L_2})$$

$$L_1 \cup L_2 = L(G_{L_1 \cup L_2})$$

$$\text{ASSUME } N_1 \cap N_2 = \emptyset$$

$$N_{L_1 \cup L_2} = N_1 \cup N_2 \cup \{S_{L_1 \cup L_2}\}$$

$$P_{L_1 \cup L_2} = P_1 \cup P_2 \cup \{S_{L_1 \cup L_2} \rightarrow S_1, S_{L_1 \cup L_2} \rightarrow S_2\}$$

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## CONCATENATION

$$G_{L_1 L_2} = (N_{L_1 L_2}, \Sigma, P_{L_1 L_2}, S_{L_1 L_2})$$

$$L_1 L_2 = L(G_{L_1 L_2})$$

$$N_{L_1 L_2} = N_1 \cup N_2 \cup \{S_{L_1 L_2}\}$$

$$P_{L_1 L_2} = P_1 \cup P_2 \cup \{S_{L_1 L_2} \rightarrow S_1 S_2\}$$

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CFLs NOT CLOSED UNDER INTERSECTION

$$\{a^m b^m c^m \mid m, m \geq 0\} \cap \{a^m b^n c^m \mid m, m \geq 0\} = \{a^m b^m c^m \mid m \geq 0\}$$

CFL

CFL

NOT CFL

$S = AB$   
 $A = aA \mid \epsilon$   
 $B = cB \mid \epsilon$

~~CFL  $\cap$  RL is CFL~~

~~PROOF: A PRODUCT LIKE CONSTRUCTION BETWEEN NPDA AND DFA~~

$a^m b^m c^m$   
 $\underbrace{\quad}_A \quad \underbrace{\quad}_B$

$a^m b^m c^m$   
 $\underbrace{\quad}_A \quad \underbrace{\quad}_B$

$S = AB$   
 $A = aA \mid \epsilon$   
 $B = bBc \mid \epsilon$

# KLEENE STAR

$$G_{L_i^*} = (N_{L_i^*}, \Sigma, P_{L_i^*}, S_{L_i^*})$$

$$L_i^* = L(G_{L_i})$$

$$N_{L_i^*} = N_i \cup \{S_{L_i^*}\}$$

$$P_{L_i^*} = P_i \cup \{S_{L_i^*} \rightarrow S_i, S_{L_i^*} \rightarrow \epsilon\}$$



## SPECIAL TYPES OF CFGs

PRODUCTIONS RESTRICTED TO

RIGHT LINEAR  $A \rightarrow \alpha B$  OR  $A \rightarrow \alpha$

STRONGLY RIGHT LINEAR  $A \rightarrow aB$  OR  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$

LEFT LINEAR  $A \rightarrow B\alpha$  OR  $A \rightarrow \alpha$

STRONGLY LEFT LINEAR  $A \rightarrow B\alpha$  OR  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$

$$\alpha \in \Sigma^* \quad a \in \Sigma$$

EACH GENERATES EXACTLY THE REGULAR SETS.

GIVEN DFA CAN CONSTRUCT A STRONGLY  
RIGHT LINEAR GRAMMAR THAT WILL GENERATE  
THE LANGUAGE THE DFA RECOGNIZES

$$V = \{ V_i \mid q_i \in Q \}$$

$$\Sigma = \Sigma$$

FOR EACH

$$\delta(q_i, a) \rightarrow q_j \quad \text{WHERE } a \in \Sigma$$

MAKE RULE / PRODUCTION

$$V_i \rightarrow a V_j$$

FOR EACH

$$q_i \in F$$

MAKE RULE / PRODUCTION

$$V_i \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$S = V_0 \quad \text{WHERE } q_0 = \text{START STATE.}$$

## DFA TO CFG

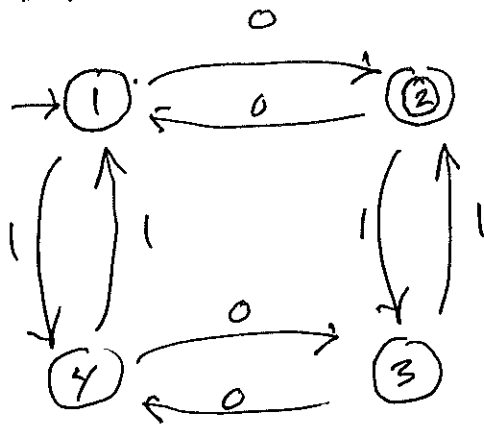
$V_i$  FOR EACH  $q_i$  OF DFA

RULE  $V_i \rightarrow a V_j$  IF  $\delta(q_i, a) = q_j$

RULE  $V_i \rightarrow \epsilon$  IF  $q_i \in F$

MAKE  $V_0$  START VARIABLE WHERE  $q_0$  IS START STATE.

# EXAMPLE



ODD #0  
EVEN #1s

$$V_1 \rightarrow 0 V_2$$

$$V_1 \rightarrow 1 V_4$$

$$V_2 \rightarrow 0 V_1$$

$$V_2 \rightarrow 1 V_3$$

$$V_3 \rightarrow 0 \cancel{V_4}$$

$$V_3 \rightarrow 1 V_2$$

$$V_4 \rightarrow 0 V_3$$

$$V_4 \rightarrow 1 V_1$$

$$V_2 \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$V_1 \rightarrow 0 V_2 \mid 1 V_4$$

$$V_2 \rightarrow 0 V_1 \mid 1 V_3 \mid \epsilon$$

$$V_3 \rightarrow 0 V_4 \mid 1 V_2$$

$$V_4 \rightarrow 0 V_3 \mid 1 V_1$$

GIVEN A STRONGLY RIGHT LINEAR GRAMMAR  $G$   
CAN CONSTRUCT A DFA THAT WILL <sup>ACCEPT</sup> ~~RECOGNIZE~~  
ANY STRING  $G$  CAN GENERATE.

N.F.A.

write

$$Q = \text{[scribbled out]} \cup \text{[scribbled out]}$$

$$\Sigma = \Sigma$$

$$\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$$

$$\delta(V_i, a) \rightarrow \{V_j\} \text{ iff } V_i \xrightarrow{a} V_j \in P$$

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$$s = 5$$

$$F = \{V_i \in Q \mid V_i \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \epsilon \in P\}$$

CHOMSKY NORMAL FORM

ALL PRODUCTIONS ARE OF THE FORM

$$A \rightarrow BC \quad \text{OR} \quad A \rightarrow a$$

WHERE  $A, B, C \in V$  AND  $a \in \Sigma$ GREIBACH NORMAL FORM

ALL PRODUCTIONS ARE OF THE FORM

$$A \rightarrow a B_1 B_2 B_3 \dots B_k \quad \text{FOR SOME } k \geq 0$$

WHERE  $A, B_1, B_2, B_3, \dots, B_k \in V$  AND  $a \in \Sigma$ EXAMPLES: STRINGS OF BALANCED PARENTHESES

$$S \rightarrow [S] \mid SS \mid \epsilon$$

CNF  $S \rightarrow AB \mid AC \mid SS, C \rightarrow SB, A \rightarrow [, B \rightarrow ]$

GNF  $S \rightarrow [B \mid [SB \mid [BS \mid [SBS, B \rightarrow ]$

THM FOR ANY CFG  $G$ , THERE IS A CFG  $G'$  IN CNF <sup>(2)</sup>  
AND A CFG  $G''$  IN GNF SUCH THAT

$$L(G'') = L(G') = L(G) - \{\epsilon\}$$

NOTE NO CNF OR GNF  $G$  CAN GENERATE  $\epsilon$ .

ELIMINATING  $\epsilon$  AND UNIT PRODUCTIONS FROM CFGS.

$\epsilon$  PRODUCTIONS  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$  FOR SOME  $A \in V$

UNIT PRODUCTIONS  $A \rightarrow B$  FOR SOME  $A, B \in V$

THM FOR ANY CFG  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ , THERE IS  
A CFG  $G'$  WITH NO  $\epsilon$  OR UNIT PRODUCTIONS  
SUCH THAT  $L(G') = L(G) - \{\epsilon\}$

PROOF LET  $\hat{R}$  BE THE SMALLEST SET OF PRODUCTIONS  
CONTAINING  $R$  THAT IS CLOSED UNDER  
1. IF  $A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$  AND  $B \rightarrow \epsilon$  ARE IN  $\hat{R}$ , THEN  $A \rightarrow \alpha \beta$  IS IN  $\hat{R}$ .  
2. IF  $A \rightarrow B$  AND  $B \rightarrow \gamma$  ARE IN  $\hat{R}$ , THEN  $A \rightarrow \gamma$  IS IN  $\hat{R}$ .



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CAN CONSTRUCT  $\hat{R}$  RECURSIVELY FROM  $R$

NOTE EACH ADDITIONS RIGHT SIDE IS A SUBSTRING OF A RIGHT SIDE IN  $R$   $\therefore$  ONLY FINITE NUMBER OF RULES WILL BE ADDED

NOW LET  $\hat{G}$  BE THE GRAMMAR

$$\hat{G} = (V, \Sigma, \hat{R}, S)$$

THEN EVERY DERIVATION OF  $G$  IS A DERIVATION OF  $\hat{G}$  SINCE  $R \subseteq \hat{R}$ .

THUS  $L(G) \subseteq L(\hat{G})$

BUT  $L(\hat{G}) \subseteq L(G)$  SINCE ANY RULE IN  $\hat{G}$  THAT IS NOT IN  $G$  CAN BE SIMULATED BY TWO RULES IN  $G$ .

THEREFORE  $L(\hat{G}) = L(G)$

A DERIVATION (4)

FOR ALL  $x \neq \epsilon$   $x \in \Sigma^*$   $S \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{*} x$  IS OF MINIMAL LENGTH IMPLIES IT DOES NOT USE ANY  $\epsilon$  OR UNIT PRODUCTIONS/RULES.

FIRST NO  $\epsilon$  PRODUCTIONS TOWARD CONTRADICTION ASSUME  $x \neq \epsilon$  AND  $S \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{*} x$  IS OF MINIMAL LENGTH AND USES SOME  $\epsilon$  PRODUCTIONS. I.E. A RULE OF FORM  $B \Rightarrow \epsilon$  IS USED AT SOME POINT. SAY

$$S \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{*} \gamma B \delta \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{1} \gamma \delta \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{*} x$$

NOTE  $x \neq \epsilon$  IMPLIES AT LEAST ONE OF  $\gamma$  OR  $\delta \neq \epsilon$ .

AND  $B$  OCCURED IN SOME PRODUCTION  $A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$

SO WE HAVE FOR SOME  $m, n, k \geq 0$

$$S \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{m} \eta A \theta \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{1} \eta \alpha B \beta \theta \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{n} \gamma B \delta \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{1} \gamma \delta \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{k} x$$

$m+1+n+1+k$

BUT BY CLOSURE PROPERTY 1,  $A \rightarrow \alpha \beta$  IS ALSO IN  $R$

$$S \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{m} \eta A \theta \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{1} \eta \alpha \beta \theta \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{n} \gamma \delta \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{k} x$$

$m+1+n+k$   
STRICTLY LESS  
THAN

CONTRADICTION  $\frac{1}{2}$  Q.E.D.

SECOND NO UNIT PRODUCTIONS.

TOWARD A CONTRADICTION ASSUME  $\alpha \neq \epsilon$  AND  $S \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{*} \alpha$  IS OF MINIMAL LENGTH AND USES SOME UNIT PRODUCTION. SAY  $A \rightarrow B$  IS USED AT SOME POINT.

$$S \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{*} \alpha A B \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{1} \alpha B B \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{*} \alpha$$

SOME PLACE LATTER MUST HAVE  $B \rightarrow \gamma$

$$S \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{m} \alpha A B \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{1} \alpha B B \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{n} \alpha B \theta \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{1} \alpha \gamma \theta \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{k} \alpha$$

$m+1+m+1+k$

BUT BY CLOSURE PROPERTY 2.  $A \rightarrow \gamma$  IS ALSO IN  $\hat{R}$ .

$$S \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{m} \alpha A B \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{1} \alpha \gamma B \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{n} \alpha \gamma \theta \xRightarrow[\hat{G}]{k} \alpha$$

$m+1+m+k$   
STRICTLY LESS  
THAN

CONTRADICTION.

Q.E.D.

SO WE CAN GENERATE  $G'$  WITHOUT  $\epsilon$  OR UNIT PRODUCTIONS FROM  $G$  s.t.  $L(G') = L(G) - \epsilon$

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## GETTING TO CHOMSKY NORMAL FORM AFTER REMOVAL OF $\epsilon$ AND UNIT PRODUCTIONS.

FOR EACH TERMINAL  $a \in \Sigma$

ADD NEW VARIABLE  $V_a$

ADD NEW RULE  $V_a \rightarrow a$

REPLACE ALL  $a$ 's ~~in~~ IN OLD RULES,  
EXCEPT OF THE FORM  $B \rightarrow a$ , WITH  $V_a$

NOW ALL PRODUCTIONS / RULES ARE OF THE FORM

$A \rightarrow a$  OR  $A \rightarrow B_1 B_2 B_3 \dots B_k \quad k \geq 2$

AND THE  $B_i$  ARE ALL VARIABLES.

SAME SET OF TERMINAL STRINGS ARE GENERATED  
BUT TAKES ONE MORE STEP.

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NOW DO THE FOLLOWING UNTIL ALL PRODUCTIONS  
HAVE RIGHT HAND SIDES OF LENGTH 2 OR LESS.

$A \rightarrow B_1 B_2 \dots B_k$  replace with

$A \rightarrow B_1 C$  ,  $C \rightarrow B_2 B_3 \dots B_k$

## EXAMPLES

(7)

$$\{a^m b^m \mid m \geq 0\} - \{\epsilon\}$$

$$\{a^m b^m \mid m \geq 1\}$$

$S \rightarrow aSb \mid \epsilon$   
ADD  $S \rightarrow ab$  RULE 1.  
REMOVE  $\epsilon$  PRODUCTION

$$S \rightarrow aSb \mid ab$$

FOR  $a$  AND  $b$  ADD VARIABLES  $A, B$   
AND PRODUCTIONS  $A \rightarrow a \quad B \rightarrow b$

$$S \rightarrow \underbrace{ASB}_{\sim} \mid AB, A \rightarrow a, B \rightarrow b$$

ADD  $C \rightarrow SB$

$$S \rightarrow AC \mid AB, C \rightarrow SB, A \rightarrow a, B \rightarrow b$$

EXAMPLE: STRINGS OF BALANCED PARENTHESES

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$$S \rightarrow [S] \mid SS \mid \epsilon$$

ADD  $S \rightarrow []$  RULE 1.

REMOVING  $\epsilon$  PRODUCTION

$$S \rightarrow [S] \mid SS \mid []$$

FOR  $[$  AND  $]$  ADD  $A \rightarrow [$  AND  $B \rightarrow ]$

$$S \rightarrow ASB \mid SS \mid AB, A \rightarrow [, B \rightarrow ]$$

ADD  $C \rightarrow SB$

$$S \rightarrow AC \mid SS \mid AB, C \rightarrow SB, A \rightarrow [, B \rightarrow ]$$

Example 2.10 in Sipser (2ed).

$$S \rightarrow ASA|aB \quad (1)$$

$$A \rightarrow B|S \quad (2)$$

$$B \rightarrow b|\epsilon \quad (3)$$

$A \rightarrow B$  and  $B \rightarrow b$ , so add  $A \rightarrow b$ .

$$S \rightarrow ASA|aB \quad (4)$$

$$A \rightarrow B|S|b \quad (5)$$

$$B \rightarrow b|\epsilon \quad (6)$$

$A \rightarrow S$  and  $S \rightarrow ASA$ , so add  $A \rightarrow ASA$ .

$$S \rightarrow ASA|aB \quad (7)$$

$$A \rightarrow B|S|b|ASA \quad (8)$$

$$B \rightarrow b|\epsilon \quad (9)$$

$A \rightarrow S$  and  $S \rightarrow aB$ , so add  $A \rightarrow aB$ .

$$S \rightarrow ASA|aB \quad (10)$$

$$A \rightarrow B|S|b|ASA|aB \quad (11)$$

$$B \rightarrow b|\epsilon \quad (12)$$

$A \rightarrow B$  and  $B \rightarrow \epsilon$ , so add  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ .

$$S \rightarrow ASA|aB \quad (13)$$

$$A \rightarrow B|S|b|ASA|aB|\epsilon \quad (14)$$

$$B \rightarrow b|\epsilon \quad (15)$$

$S \rightarrow ASA$  and  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ , so add  $S \rightarrow AS|SA$ .

$$S \rightarrow ASA|aB|AS|SA \quad (16)$$

$$A \rightarrow B|S|b|ASA|aB|\epsilon \quad (17)$$

$$B \rightarrow b|\epsilon \quad (18)$$

$S \rightarrow aB$  and  $B \rightarrow \epsilon$ , so add  $S \rightarrow a$ .

$$S \rightarrow ASA|aB|AS|SA|a \quad (19)$$

$$A \rightarrow B|S|b|ASA|aB|\epsilon \quad (20)$$

$$B \rightarrow b|\epsilon \quad (21)$$

$A \rightarrow ASA$  and  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ , so add  $A \rightarrow AS|SA$ .

$$S \rightarrow ASA|aB|AS|SA|a \quad (22)$$

$$A \rightarrow B|S|b|ASA|aB|\epsilon|AS|SA \quad (23)$$

$$B \rightarrow b|\epsilon \quad (24)$$

$A \rightarrow aB$  and  $B \rightarrow \epsilon$ , so add  $A \rightarrow a$ .

$$S \rightarrow ASA|aB|AS|SA|a \quad (25)$$

$$A \rightarrow B|S|b|ASA|aB|\epsilon|A|SA|a \quad (26)$$

$$B \rightarrow b|\epsilon \quad (27)$$

Now closed so drop all  $\epsilon$  and unit productions.

$$S \rightarrow ASA|aB|AS|SA|a \quad (28)$$

$$A \rightarrow b|ASA|aB|AS|SA|a \quad (29)$$

$$B \rightarrow b \quad (30)$$

Add variables for terminals in strings of two or more symbols.

$$S \rightarrow ASA|V_aB|AS|SA|a \quad (31)$$

$$A \rightarrow b|ASA|V_aB|AS|SA|a \quad (32)$$

$$B \rightarrow b \quad (33)$$

$$V_a \rightarrow a \quad (34)$$

Reduce remaining productions to no more than two variables each.

$$S \rightarrow AC|V_aB|AS|SA|a \quad (35)$$

$$A \rightarrow b|AC|V_aB|AS|SA|a \quad (36)$$

$$B \rightarrow b \quad (37)$$

$$V_a \rightarrow a \quad (38)$$

$$C \rightarrow SA \quad (39)$$