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**CONVERTING CFG
to
CHOMSKY NORMAL FORM**

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CHAPTER ONE

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In this assignment, it is requested to convert “CFG.txt” in Context free grammar form to Chomsky normal form.

A context free grammar (CFG) is in Chomsky Normal Form (CNF) if all production rules satisfy one of the following conditions:

- A non-terminal generating a terminal (e.g.; $X \rightarrow x$)
- A non-terminal generating two non-terminals (e.g.; $X \rightarrow YZ$)
- Start symbol generating ϵ . (e.g.; $S \rightarrow \epsilon$)

So, to convert a context-free grammar (CFG) to Chomsky normal form, you can follow these steps:

Step 1: Eliminate null, unit and useless productions. If CFG contains null, unit or useless production rules, eliminate them.

Step 2: Eliminate terminals from RHS if they exist with other terminals or non-terminals. e.g.,; production rule $X \rightarrow xY$ can be decomposed as:

$X \rightarrow ZY, Z \rightarrow x$

Step 3: Eliminate RHS with more than two non-terminals. e.g.,; production rule $X \rightarrow XYZ$ can be decomposed as:

$X \rightarrow XP, P \rightarrow YZ$

CHAPTER TWO

PSEUDO CODE

❖ **printTable()**

```
foreach (traverse lines)
    for (i traverse length of each lines)
        print element
```

❖ **deleteElement take parameter as elementToDelete**

```
foreach (traverse all lines)
    foreach (traverse elements of one line)
        if(element = elementToDelete))
            element.remove();
        return lineName;

return null;
```

❖ **isContainElement take parameter as elementToFind**

```
for (traverse all lines)
    foreach(traverse element of one line)
        if(element = elementToFind))
            return true;

return false;
```

❖ **addEpsilonAndCreateVariation take parameter as elementToCheck**

```
foreach (traverse for all lines)
    for (k traverse length of each line)
        if(element = elementToCheck))
            add "€" to enf of the line
        if(element contains elementToCheck))
            let n integer variable for number of nullable value inside element
            for (i traverse length of element)
                if(element.charAt(i) = elementToCheck )
                    n++
            let flag boolean variable which check in how many steps the value to
            be added to an array will change
```

let cnt integer variable for count of how many steps the value to be added to an array will change ex: last digit every step, second to last every two steps

let numberOfFromTheEnd variable for count of nullable value from the end

let allCombinations that is string array which length 2^n

for (i traverse length of allCombinations)

allCombinations[i] = ""

for (i traverse length of element)

cnt=0

for (j traverse length of allCombinations)

if (flag = true) and
element.charAt(element.length-i-1) =
elementToCheck))

allCombinations[j] +=
element.charAt(element.length-i-1)

cnt++

if(cnt == $2^{\text{numberOfFromTheEnd}}$)

flag=!flag

cnt=0

else if((flag=false) &&
(element.charAt(element.length-i-1) =
elementToCheck)))

allCombinations[j] += ""

cnt++

if(cnt == $2^{\text{numberOfFromTheEnd}}$)

flag=!flag;

cnt=0;

else

allCombinations[j] +=
element.charAt(element.length-i-1)))

if(element.charAt(element.length-i-1) = elementToCheck))

numberOfFromTheEnd++;

for (i traverse length of allCombinations)

let str string variable which is equal to allCombinations[i]

let nstr string variable which is equal "" -> (null)

for (j traverse length of str)

char ch = str.charAt(j)

nstr = ch + nstr;

if(i is not equal to 0)
line.addElement(nstr);

❖ **removeUnitProduction**

```
foreach (traverse for all lines)
    create a list for elements at the line (name as lineElements)
    for (k traverse lineElements size)
        let element variable as string equal to lineElements(k)
        if(line.getName = element))
            remove element from the lineElements
        else if(length of element = 1) and (present alphabet doesn't contain element))
            remove element from the lineElements
        let temp_k is temporary variable
        for (i traverse length of line)
            let lineName2 string variable which is equal to ith element
            of the present lines list
            if(lineName2 = element)
                let lineSize integer variable which is equal to length
                of the ith element of the present lines list
                for (j traverse in lineSize)
                    add element to lineElement
                    temp_k++
```

❖ **eliminateMoreThanTwoNonTerminal**

```
for (i traverse list of lines)
    for (j traverse length of line)
        let element string variable which is equal to jth element of the lineElements
        let countNonTerminalValues integer variable which is equal to 0
        let toChange string variable which is equal to "" (null)
        for (k traverse length of element)
            if(present alphabet contains kth character of element)
                countNonTerminalValues++
            if(countNonTerminalValues >= 2)
                add kth character of element to toChange
        if(length of toChange >= 2)
            let lineSize2 integer value which is equal to size of list of lines
            for (k traverse length of lineSize2)
                create list name as lineElements2 which elements of kth
                line
```

for (l traverse in lineElements2)

let element2 string variable which is equal to lth
element of lineElements2

if(element2 ends with toChange and element2 is
equal to toChange)

remove element2 from lineElements2

add element to lineElements2

add element to list of lines

❖ **eliminateTerminals**

foreach (traverse all alphabet)

let isTerminalNearNonTerminal boolean variable which is false

for (traverse all line)

create list name as lineElements and fill with element which is in the line

for (i traverse in lineElements)

let element which is equal to ith element of lineElements

if((element contains terminal) and (element is equal to terminal))

let newElement string variable which is replace element oth
character of terminal and oth character of oth element of
newLineNames

remove ith element from lineElements

add element to lineElements

isTerminalNearNonTerminal=true

if(isTerminalNearNonTerminal = true)

add element to list of lines

❖ **removeUselessProduction**

for (i traverse all lines)

let Line line variable which is equal to ith element of list of line

let lineName string variable which is equal to name of line

let isReachable boolean variable which is false

foreach (traverse list of lines)

create a list of elements in a row

foreach (traverse in lineElements)

if(element contains lineName)

isReachable = true

break

if(isReachable = true)

break;

if ((isReachable = false) and lineName is not equal to "S")

remove line from list of lines

CHAPTER THREE

SCREENSHOTS OF THE PROGRAM

```
CFG Form
S-A1A
A-0B0|€
B-A|10

Eliminate €
S-A1A|A1|1A|1
A-0B0|00
B-A|10

Eliminate unit production
S-A1A|A1|1A|1
A-0B0|00
B-0B0|00|10
|
Eliminate useless production
S-A1A|A1|1A|1
A-0B0|00
B-0B0|00|10

Eliminate terminals
S-AYA|AY|YA|1
A-XX|XX
B-XX|XX|YX
X-0
Y-1
```

```
Break variable strings longer than 2 (eliminate More Than Two Non Terminal)
S-AZ|AY|YA|1
A-XQ|XX
B-XQ|XX|YX
X-0
Y-1
Z-YA
Q-BX

CNF
S-AZ|AY|YA|1
A-XQ|XX
B-XQ|XX|YX
X-0
Y-1
Z-YA
Q-BX
```


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