

CS3231 Tutorial 5

1. Give a ϵ -NFA for the language generated by the following right-linear grammar.

$$S \rightarrow abA|aaB|\epsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow bbA|bB$$

$$B \rightarrow bS$$

2. The right-linear grammars we studied in class have productions of the form: $V \rightarrow T^*(V \cup \{\epsilon\})$ (that is, the non-terminal on the RHS, if any, is at the right end). A left-linear grammar is one in which the productions are of the form: $V \rightarrow (V \cup \{\epsilon\})T^*$ (that is, the non-terminal on the RHS, if any, is at the left end).

(a) Let $L^R = \{w^R \mid w \in L\}$. We showed in class that if L is regular then so is L^R .

(b.1) Suppose G is a right-linear grammar for L . Show how to produce a left-linear grammar for L^R , using G .

(b.2) Suppose G is a left-linear grammar for L . Show how to produce a right-linear grammar for L^R , using G .

(c) Show using (a) and (b) that left-linear grammars generate exactly the regular languages.

3. Give context free grammars for the following languages:

(a) $L = \{cwcw^Rc \mid w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$.

(b) $L = \{a^m b^n \mid m \leq n\}$.

(c) $L = \{w \mid \text{number of } a\text{'s in } w \text{ is same as number of } b\text{'s in } w\}$.

4. Consider the grammar given in the previous question for $L = \{w \mid \text{number of } a\text{'s in } w \text{ is same as number of } b\text{'s in } w\}$.

Give a derivation tree for $abbaab$.

5. The context free grammar:

$$S \rightarrow aSb|aSa|bSa|bSb|\epsilon$$

is not a right-linear (or left-linear) grammar. However the language generated by above grammar is regular. Determine the language, and give a right-linear grammar for the language.

6. (a) Show that the following grammar is ambiguous:

$$S \rightarrow bA|aB$$

$$A \rightarrow a|aS|bAA$$

$$B \rightarrow b|bS|aBB$$

- (b) Find unambiguous grammar for the language generated by the grammar in part (a).