

Example 6.33 Remove the ϵ production from the following grammar.

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aS/A \\ A &\rightarrow aA/\epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Solution: In the previous grammar, there is a null production $A \rightarrow \epsilon$. But in the language set generated by the grammar, there is a null string which can be generated by the following way $S \rightarrow A \rightarrow \epsilon$. As null string is in the language set, and so the null production cannot be removed from the grammar.

Example 6.34 Convert the following linear grammar into Regular Grammar.

$$S \rightarrow baS/aA$$

$$A \rightarrow bbA/bb$$

Solution: Consider two non-terminals B and C with production $B \rightarrow aS$ and $C \rightarrow bA$. The grammar becomes

$$S \rightarrow bB/aA$$

$$A \rightarrow bC/bb$$

$$B \rightarrow aS$$

$$C \rightarrow bA$$

Still the production $A \rightarrow bb$ is not a regular grammar. Replace b by a non-terminal D with production $D \rightarrow b$. The grammar becomes

$$S \rightarrow bB/aA$$

$$A \rightarrow bC/bD$$

$$B \rightarrow aS$$

$$C \rightarrow bA$$

$$D \rightarrow b$$

Now the grammar is regular. For a left linear grammar, there exists a right linear grammar and vice versa. Grammar in one form can be converted into another form. The following section describes the process of conversion.