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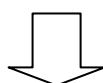
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## Assignment 2 – COMP2270

1.

a. True;

For a finite language  $A$  and another language  $B$ ,  
 where  $|L_1| = \{n_1 : n_1 \text{ is a finite number and } B \subseteq A\}$ ,  
 $\forall B = |B| = \{n_2 : n_2 \leq n_1\}$

b. True;

For a regular language  $L_1$ , where  $L_1$  is composed of strings  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$  or  
 regular expression  $s_1 \cup s_2 \cup \dots \cup s_n$ , every possible subset has an equivalent  
 regular expression.

c. False;

Proof by counter-example:

Where  $B = \{w \in \{a, b\}^* : w \text{ has an } a \text{ followed by zero or more } b\}$  and  
 $A = \{w \in \{a, b\}^* : w \text{ has an optional } a \text{ followed by zero or more } a b\}$

Each string in language  $A$  is a possible string in language  $B$ .

However,  $B$  is regular and  $A$  is not, as shown in Fig. 1.1 and Fig. 1.2.

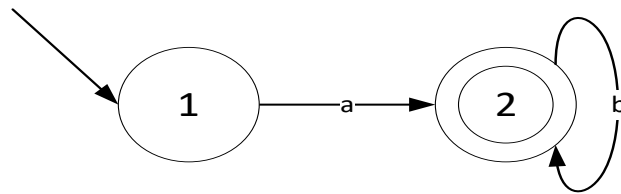


Fig. 1.1: DFSM for language  $B$

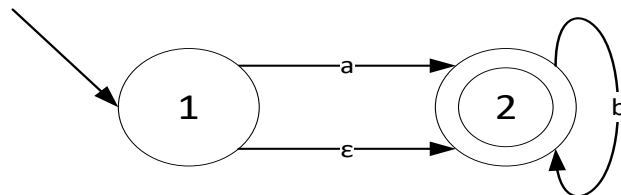


Fig. 1.2: NDFSM for language  $A$

d. False;

2.

a. The context-free grammar  $G$  for language  $L = \{a^i b^k : k = 4i + 2 \text{ and } i, k \geq 0\}$  is:

$G = (\{S, a, b\}, \{a, b\}, R, S)$

where  $R = \{$

$S \rightarrow aSbbbb \mid bb\}$

b. The context-free grammar  $G$  for language  $L = \{a^n b^p : p \geq n, p - n \text{ is odd}\}$  is:

$G = (\{S, T, a, b\}, \{a, b\}, R, S)$

where  $R = \{$

$S \rightarrow Tb \mid Sbb$

$T \rightarrow aS \mid \epsilon\}$

3.

a. The bear shot Fluffy with the rifle:

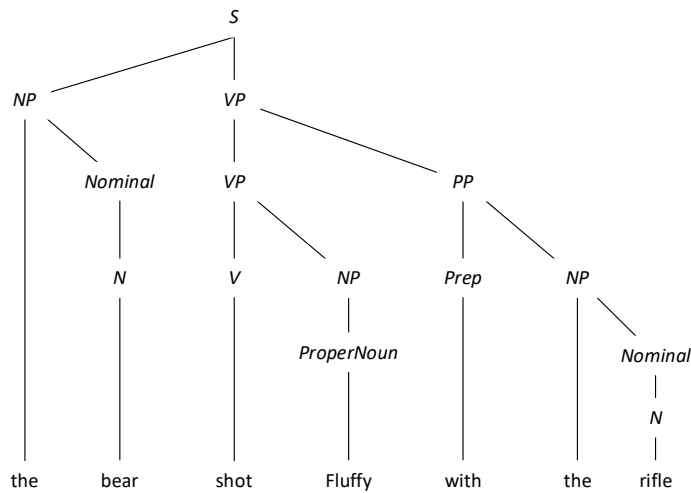


Fig. 3.1: likely parse tree for Q3 a)

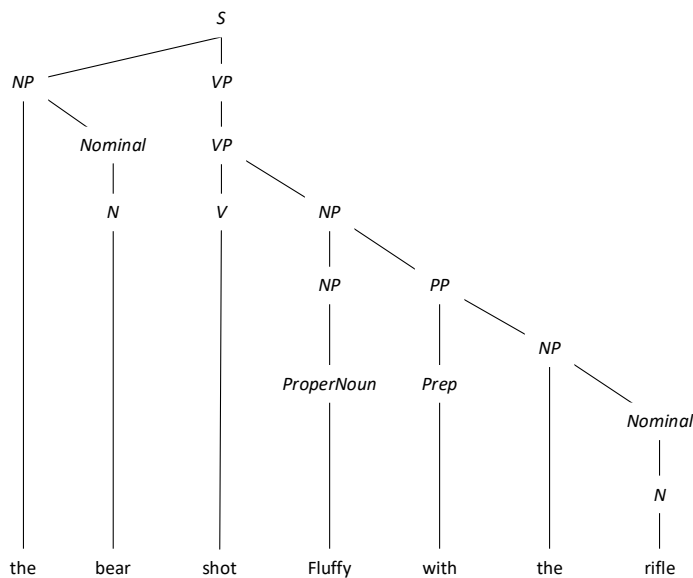


Fig. 3.2: unlikely parse tree for Q3 a)

The likely context is that the bear used the rifle to shoot Fluffy (Fig. 3.1). The less-likely interpretation is that the bear shot Fluffy while Fluffy had the rifle (Fig. 3.2). Hence, the most probable parse tree is **Fig. 3.1**.

b. Fluffy likes the girl with the chocolate:

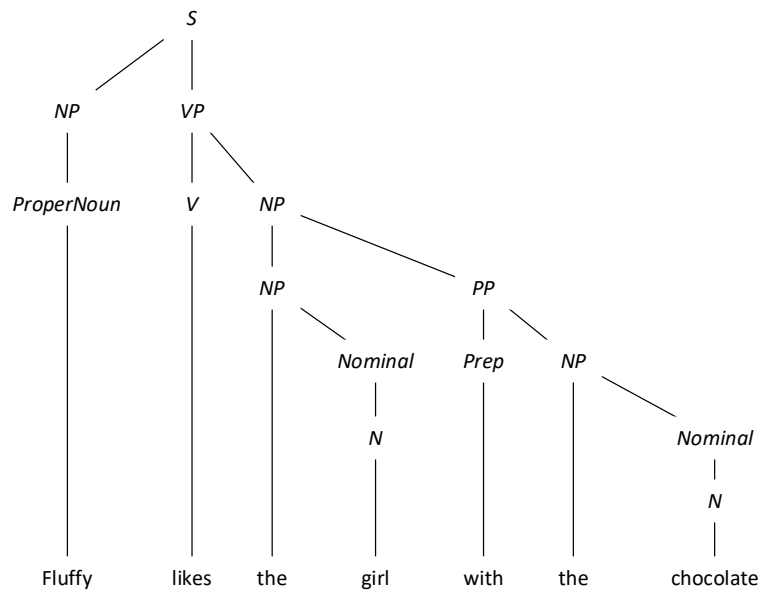


Fig. 3.3: likely parse tree for Q3 b)

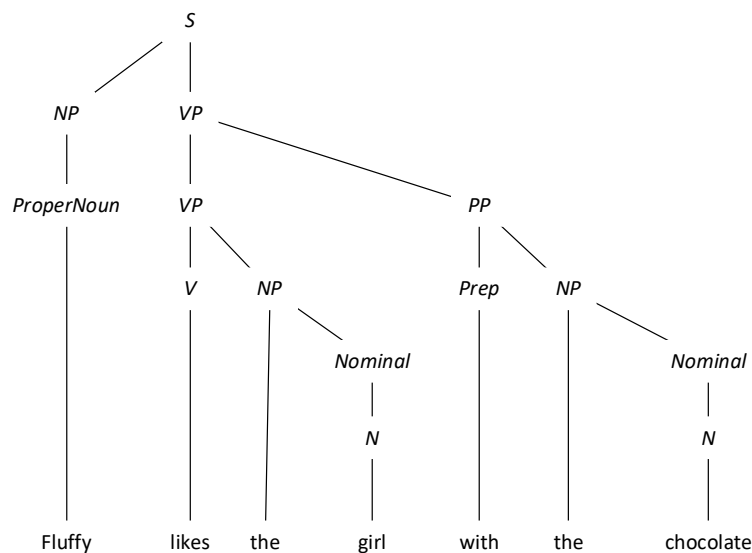


Fig. 3.4: unlikely parse tree for Q3 b)

The likely context is that Fluffy likes the girl who is in possession of the chocolate (Fig. 3.3). The less-likely interpretation is that Fluffy uses the chocolate to like the girl (Fig. 3.4). Hence, the most probable parse tree is **Fig. 3.3**.

4.

- The leftmost derivation of string **ab#cc** is:  

$$S \rightarrow T\#T \rightarrow ABA\#T \rightarrow \mathbf{a} ABA\#T \rightarrow \mathbf{a} BA\#T \rightarrow \mathbf{ab} BA\#T \rightarrow \mathbf{ab} A\#T \rightarrow \mathbf{ab} \#T \rightarrow \mathbf{ab\#} T \rightarrow \mathbf{ab\#} C \rightarrow \mathbf{ab\#c} C \rightarrow \mathbf{ab\#cc}$$
- $G$  can be proven ambiguous by showing that at least one string it produces is ambiguous. The string **a#cc** is ambiguous – two possible parse trees for this string are presented in *Fig 4.1* and *Fig 4.2*:

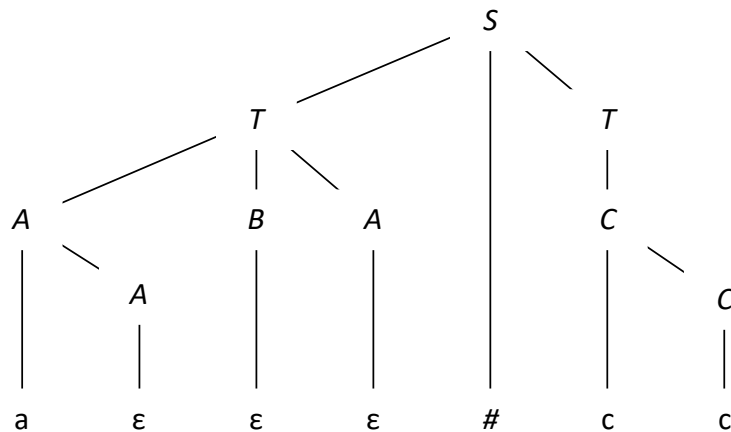


Fig. 4.1: first parse tree for **a#cc**

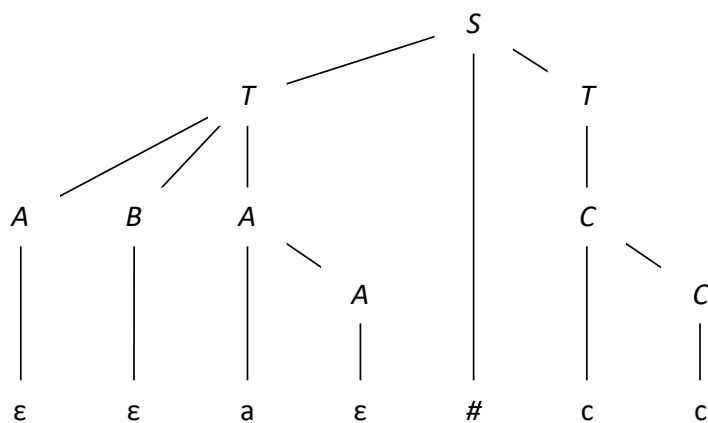


Fig. 4.2: second  
parse tree for **a#cc**

5.

- a.  $L = \{a^i b^k : k = 3i + 3\}$   
 $M = (\{1, 2, 3\}, \{a, b\}, \{a\}, \Delta, 1, \{3\})$ , where  
 $\Delta = \{$   
 $((1, a, \epsilon), (1, a)),$   
 $((1, \epsilon, \epsilon), (2, \epsilon)),$   
 $((2, b, aaa), (2, \epsilon)),$   
 $((2, \epsilon, aaa), (3, \epsilon)) \}$

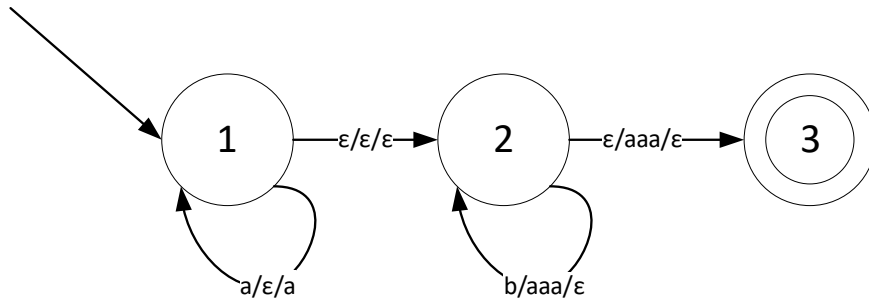


Fig. 5.1: FSM for  
 $L = \{a^i b^k : k = 3i + 3\}$

- b.  $\{a^i b^j c^k, i > k, 0 \leq j < 3, k \geq 0\}$   
 $M = (\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b\}, \Delta, 1, \{6\})$ , where  
 $\Delta = \{$   
 $((1, a, \epsilon), (1, a)),$   
 $((1, a, \epsilon), (2, a)),$   
 $((2, b, \epsilon), (3, b)),$   
 $((2, \epsilon, \epsilon), (5, \epsilon)),$   
 $((3, b, \epsilon), (4, b)),$   
 $((3, \epsilon, b), (5, \epsilon)),$   
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 $((5, \epsilon, a), (6, \epsilon)),$   
 $((6, c, a), (6, \epsilon)) \}$

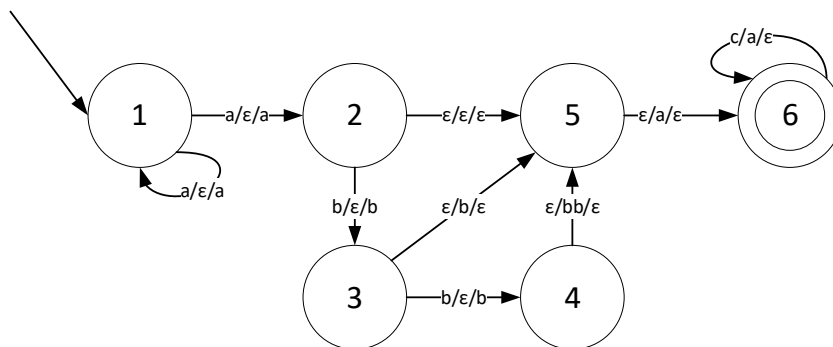


Fig. 5.2: PDA for  
 $L = \{a^i b^j c^k : k = 3i + 3\}$

6.

- a.  $aa, bb, aaaa, abba$   
 b.  $G = (\{S, T, a, b\}, \{a, b\}, R, S)$ , where  $R =$   
 $\{ S \rightarrow aSa \mid aTa \mid bTb$   
 $T \rightarrow bTb \mid \epsilon \}$

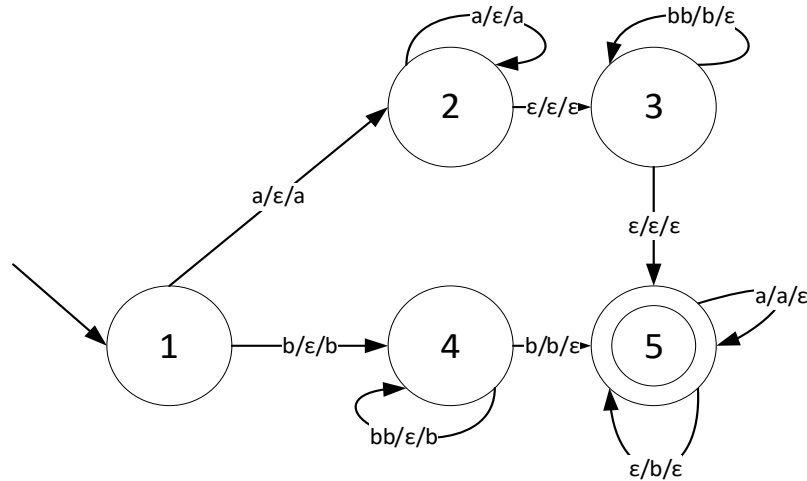


Fig. 6.1: PDA for  $L = L_1 \cap L_2$ , where  $L_1 = \{ww^R : w \in \{a,b\}^*\}$ ,  $L^2 = \{a^n b^* a^n : n \geq 0\}$

- c.  
 d.  $L$  is not regular;  
 With Pumping Theorem and proof by construction,  
 let  $L = \{w \in \{a^n(b \cup b)^* a^n\} : n \geq 0, |w| \geq 2\}$  where  $L = L_1 \cap L_2$ , and  $w = a^k b^k b^k a^k$ .  
 Also let  $w = xyz$ ,  $|xy| \leq k$ ,  $y \neq \epsilon$  and  $y = \{a^p : p > 0\}$  and  $y \in (aa)^+$ .  
 Where  $w_{q=0} = a^{k-p} b^k b^k a^k$ ,  $w \notin L$ , therefore  $L$  is not regular.

7.

- a. True; if the Kleene plus of a language is context-free, then it is trivially obvious that the language itself is context-free. In other words, if  $L^1 \cup L^2 \cup \dots \cup L^n$  is context-free, then all elements of  $L^+$  must be context-free, including  $L$ .
- b. True;
- c. False;

8.

- a.  $L = \{ww : w \in (ab)^n : n \geq 0\}$  is a regular language. Through proof by construction of a DFSM:

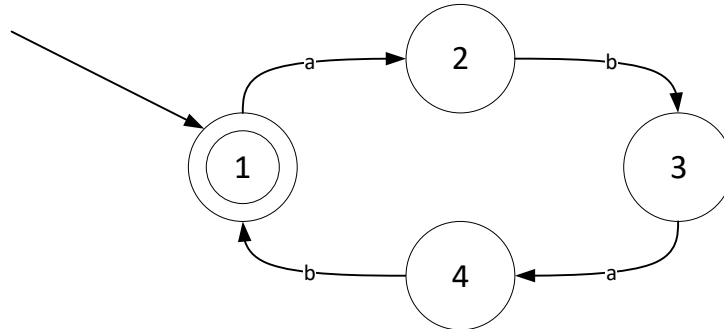


Fig. 8.1: DFSM for  
 $L = \{ww : w \in (ab)^n : n \geq 0\}$

- b.  $L = \{a^i b^k c^j d^k : i, k \geq 0\}$  is not context-free.

Through proof by contradiction and the Pumping Theorem, assume  $L$  to be a context-free language.

Let  $w = a^k b^k c^k d^k$ .

Where can be written  $w = uvxyz$ ,  $|vxy| \leq k$ ,  $|vy| \neq \epsilon$  **and**  $(uv^n xy^n z \in L \forall n \geq 0)$ , we designate sections  $|a^k|b^k|c^k|d^k$  to be respectively 1 | 2 | 3 | 4.

If we pump section 1, the string  $a^{k+n} b^k c^k d^k$  is not in  $L$ .