

COMP2270/6270 – Theory of Computation
Seventh week

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Note: Some exercises belong to Chapters 11 and 12 of Ref [1]

Exercise 1) Give an example of a language that is not regular but that it can be generated by a context-free grammar. Can you give another three examples? Justify your answers.

Exercise 2) Let G be the ambiguous expression grammar given below (Example 11.14 of Ref. [1]). Show at least three different parse trees that can be generated from G for the string $id+id*id*id$.

$G = \{ \{E, id, +, *, (,)\}, \{ id, +, *, (,) \}, R, E \}$, where:

$$R = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} E \rightarrow E + E \\ E \rightarrow E * E \\ E \rightarrow (E) \\ E \rightarrow id \end{array} \right\}$$

Exercise 3) Consider the expression grammar G' given below (Example 11.19 of Ref. [1]).

$G' = \{ \{E, T, F, id, +, *, (,)\}, \{ id, +, *, (,) \}, R, E \}$, where:

$$R = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} E \rightarrow E + T \\ E \rightarrow T \\ T \rightarrow T * F \\ T \rightarrow F \\ F \rightarrow (E) \\ F \rightarrow id \end{array} \right\}$$

- a) Trace a derivation of the string $id+id*id*id$ in G' .
- b) Add exponentiation ($**$) and unary minus ($-$) to G' , assigning the highest precedence to unary minus, followed by exponentiation, multiplication, and addition, in that order.

Exercise 4) Let G be the grammar given below (Example 11.12 of Ref [1]). Show a third parse tree that G can produce for the string $(())()$.

$G = \{ \{S,), (, \{ \}, \{ \}, R, S \}$, where:

$$R = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow (S) \\ S \rightarrow SS \\ S \rightarrow \varepsilon \end{array} \right\}$$

Exercise 5) Consider the following grammar G : $S \rightarrow 0S1 \mid SS \mid 10$
Show a parse tree produced by G for each of the following strings:

- a) 010110
- b) 00101101

Exercise 6) Convert each of the following grammars to Chomsky Normal Form:

- a) $S \rightarrow ABC$
 $A \rightarrow aC \mid D$
 $B \rightarrow bB \mid \varepsilon \mid A$
 $C \rightarrow Ac \mid \varepsilon \mid Cc$
 $D \rightarrow aa$
- b) $S \rightarrow aTVa$
 $T \rightarrow aTa \mid bTb \mid \varepsilon \mid V$
 $V \rightarrow cVc \mid \varepsilon$

Exercise 7) Build a PDA to accept each of the following languages L :

- a) $\text{BalDelim} = \{w : \text{where } w \text{ is a string of delimiters: } (,), [,], \{, \}, \text{ that are properly balanced}\}.$
b) $\{a^i b^j : 2i = 3j + 1\}.$
c) $\{w \in \{a, b\}^* : \#_a(w) = 2 \cdot \#_b(w)\}.$
d) $\{a^n b^m : m \leq n \leq 2m\}.$
e) $\{w \in \{a, b\}^* : w = w^R\}.$

REFERENCES

[1] Elaine Rich, Automata Computability and Complexity: Theory and Applications, Pearson, Prentice Hall, 2008.