

# Context free grammars & Languages

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## Components of Grammar

- Variables → non-terminals which are used to identify grammar in the lang.
- Terminals
- Productions → Production will be shown with →
- Start symbol

L.H.S

R.H.S

$$\alpha \rightarrow \beta (VUT)^*$$

non-terminals → non-terminal /

'denoted using S' terminals

Grammar: A grammar  $G$  is four tuple or quadruple  $G = (V, T, P, S)$

where,  $V$  is the set of variables / non-terminals

$T$  set of terminals

$P$  set of productions

Each production is of the form  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$

where,  $\alpha$  is a string in  $(VUT)^+$

and hence,  $\alpha$  cannot be  $\epsilon$  and epsilon

cannot occur on the L.H.S of any production.

$\beta$  is a string in  $(VUT)^*$  & hence, it includes  $\epsilon$  also.

$S$  is the start symbol.

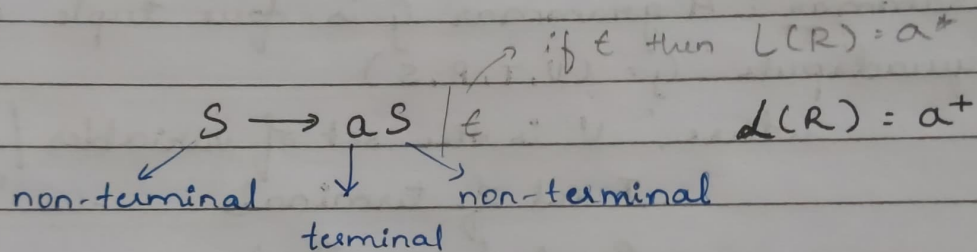
Start

## Terminals

- Can have keyword
- Any value ranging from 0 to 9.
- Symbols +, -, /, %, etc
- Lower case letters at the beginning. a, b, c, ...
- Bold letters **id**

## Non-terminals

- Capital letters
- Letter S has to be used as the start symbol.
- Lower case can be used for statements.



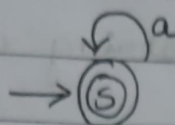
## Chomsky hierarchy

- Type 0 (Phrase structured grammar)
- Type 1 (Context sensitive grammar)
- Type 2 (Context free)
- Type 3 (Regular)

Context free eg:

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aB \mid \epsilon \mid aA \\ A &\rightarrow aS \\ B &\rightarrow aB \end{aligned}$$

⇒



$$\delta(S, a) = S$$

$$S \rightarrow aS$$

accepts  $a^*$ .

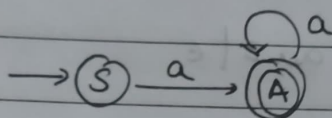
Can also have

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow aS | \epsilon$$

\* Can be used to even create  $\epsilon$  state as  $aS$  state.

⇒



$$\delta(S, a) = A$$

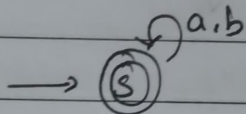
$$\delta(A, a) = A$$

$$S \rightarrow aA$$

$$A \rightarrow aA | \epsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow \epsilon$$

⇒



$$\delta(S, a) = S$$

$$S \rightarrow aS | bS | \epsilon$$

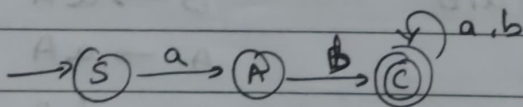
$$\delta(S, b) = S$$

$$S \rightarrow aS$$

$$S \rightarrow bS$$

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$

⇒



$$\delta(S, a) = A$$

$$\delta(A, b) = C$$

$$\delta(C, a) = C$$

$$\delta(C, b) = C$$

$$S \rightarrow aA$$

$$A \rightarrow bC$$

$$C \rightarrow aC$$

$$C \rightarrow bC$$

$$C \rightarrow \epsilon$$



→ Obtain a grammar to generate string consisting of even no of a's.

ex

$$L = \{w \mid |w| \bmod 2 = 0, w \in \Sigma(a)\}$$

$$L = \{\epsilon, aa, aaaa, aaaaaa, \dots\}$$

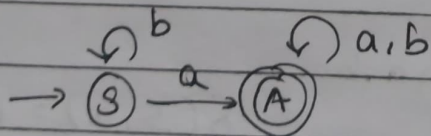
$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow \epsilon \\ S &\rightarrow aaS \end{aligned} \quad \} \quad S \rightarrow aaaS \mid \epsilon$$

$$I \quad aaaS \quad II \quad aaaaaS$$

⇒ what is the lang. accepted by  $\rightarrow \textcircled{S}$  are  $a^* \& b^*$ .

⇒ Obtain a grammar to generate a string consisting of any no of a's & b's with atleast one a.

~~$L = \{w\}$~~



$$S \rightarrow bS$$

$$S \rightarrow aA$$

$$A \rightarrow aA$$

$$A \rightarrow bA$$

$$A \rightarrow \epsilon$$

~~$L = \{w \mid w \in \Sigma^*$~~

$$\delta(S, a) = A$$

$$\delta(S, b) = S$$

$$\delta(A, a) = A$$

$$\delta(A, b) = A$$

- Q. Obtain the grammar to generate strings of a's and b's containing substring ab.

$(a+b)^* ab (a+b)^*$   
 only ab → a number of a's & b's  
 ab can be before the string or in the middle of the string or at the end.  
 Hence, this eq. is considered.

consider this as 3 diff equation

$S \rightarrow A ab A$   
 A can be any no of strings of a & b

$$S \rightarrow AabA$$

$$A \rightarrow \epsilon | aA | bA \quad (\text{Grammar to generate any no of strings})$$

Grammar to accept  $(a+b)^*$

last class → ⑤ a, b

- Q. Obtain a grammar to generate a string of a's & b's ending with ab

$(a+b)^* ab$  → ending with ab  
 a's & b's string

$$S \rightarrow A ab$$

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon \quad S \rightarrow Aab$$

$$A \rightarrow \epsilon | aA | bA$$

Show an example if asked for 6-7 marks.

## Derivation

$$A \rightarrow \alpha \beta \gamma$$

$$B \rightarrow \beta$$

$\Rightarrow$  Let  $(A \text{ produces } \alpha \beta \gamma)$  &  $(B \text{ produces } \beta)$  are productions in grammar  $G$ , where,  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are strings of terminal and/or non-terminals,  $A$  &  $B$  are non-terminals.

$\Rightarrow$  The non-terminal  $A$  produces the string  $\alpha \beta \gamma$  by replacing the non-terminal  $B$  in  $\alpha \beta \gamma$  by the string  $\beta$  by applying the production  $B \text{ produces } \beta$  & can be written as  $A \Rightarrow \alpha \beta \gamma$ .

$\Rightarrow$  This process of obtaining string of terminal & / or non-terminal from the state symbol by applying some / all productions are called derivation.

$\Rightarrow$

$$E \rightarrow E + E$$

$$E \rightarrow E - E \quad \text{obtain string } id + id * id$$

$$E \rightarrow E * E$$

$$E \rightarrow E / E$$

$$E \rightarrow id$$

first we have +

so considering this equation

Sol<sup>n</sup>

$$E \rightarrow E + E$$

$$E \rightarrow id + E$$

$$E \rightarrow id + (E * E)$$

$$E \rightarrow id + id * E$$

$$E \rightarrow id + id * id$$

substituting one  $E$  by  $id$  ( $\because$  given equation)

taking  $E \rightarrow E * E$

& considering one  $E$  as  $id$



7-8 marks

Q  $\Rightarrow$

$$S \rightarrow aB \mid bA$$

obtain string aaabbaabba

$$A \rightarrow as \mid bAA \mid a$$

$$B \rightarrow bs \mid aBB \mid b$$

Sol  $\Rightarrow$

$$S \rightarrow aB$$

$$S \rightarrow aaBB$$

(Replaced with aBB)

$$S \rightarrow aaaBBB$$

(with aBB)

$$S \rightarrow aaabbB$$

(Both b's with b)

$$S \rightarrow aaabbbaBB$$

$$S \rightarrow aaabbbaabB$$

$$S \rightarrow aaabbbaabbs$$

$$S \rightarrow aaabbbaabbbA$$

$$S \rightarrow aaabbaabba$$

write all the transitions.

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Left most derivation

eg:

$$a \boxed{B}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$a \boxed{B}$$

\*

Right most derivation

eg:

$$a \boxed{B}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$a \boxed{B}$$

$$E \rightarrow E + E \mid E \cdot E \mid E * E \mid E / E \mid id$$

$$id + id * id$$

$$E \xrightarrow{LM} E + E$$

$$E \xrightarrow{RM} E * E$$

$$E \Rightarrow E id + E$$

$$E \Rightarrow E * id$$

$$E \Rightarrow id + E * E$$

$$E \Rightarrow E + E * id$$

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$$E \Rightarrow id + id * id$$

left most

right most

## Parse Trees (Derivation Tree)

(Context free)

Let  $G = (V, T, P, S)$  be a CFG. The tree is parse tree with the following properties:

- > The root has the label  $S$ .
- > Every vertex has a label which is in  $(V \cup T \cup E)$
- > Every leaf node has a label from  $T$  & an interior vertex has a label from  $V$ .
- > If a vertex is labeled as  $A$  & if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are all children from  $A$  from the left then  $A \rightarrow x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  must be a production in  $P$ .

$$E \rightarrow E + E / E - E / E * E / E / E / id$$

$$E \xRightarrow{RM} E + E$$

$$\Rightarrow E + E * E$$

$$\Rightarrow E + E * id$$

$$\Rightarrow E + id * id$$

$$\Rightarrow id + id * id$$

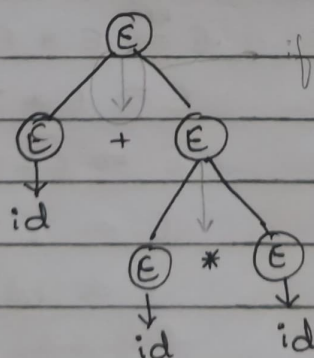
$$E \xRightarrow{LN} E + E$$

$$\Rightarrow id + E$$

$$\Rightarrow id + E * E$$

$$\Rightarrow id + id * E$$

$$\Rightarrow id + id * id$$



$id + id * id \rightarrow$  yield of the tree



## Partial Parse Trees (Partial Derivation Tree)

Let  $G = \{A, T, P, E\}$  be a CFG. The tree is PPT with the following properties:

- > The root has the label  $S$
- > Every vertex has a label which is in  $V \cup T \cup E$
- > Every leaf node has a label from  $V \cup T \cup E$
- > If a vertex is labeled  $A$  & if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are all children of  $A$  from left then  $A$  produces  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  must be in a production in  $P$ .

## Ambiguous Grammar

which has one or more parse trees

Left most derivation } 1+ parse trees  
Right most derivation

eg:  $E \rightarrow E + E \mid E - E \mid E * E \mid E / E \mid id$   
 $id + id * id$

$E \xRightarrow{lm} E + E \Rightarrow id + E$

$\Rightarrow id + E * E$

$\Rightarrow id + id * E$

$\Rightarrow id + id * id$

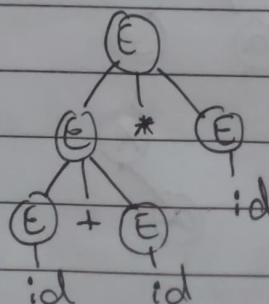
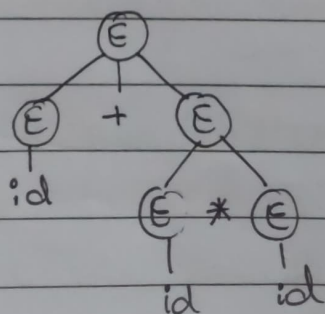
$E \xRightarrow{rm} E * E$

$\Rightarrow E + E * E$

$\Rightarrow id + E * E$

$\Rightarrow id + id * E$

$\Rightarrow id + id * id$



more than one  
parse tree

Q  $\Rightarrow$

$$S \rightarrow as \mid x$$

aaaa

$$x \rightarrow ax \mid a$$

$$S \xRightarrow{lm} as$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{aa} ax$$

$$\Rightarrow aaX$$

$$\Rightarrow aaax$$

$$\Rightarrow aaaa$$

$$\cancel{x \xRightarrow{lm} ax}$$

$$\cancel{\Rightarrow aaX}$$

$$\cancel{\Rightarrow aaax}$$

$$\cancel{\Rightarrow aaaa}$$

$$S \xRightarrow{lm} x$$

$$\Rightarrow ax$$

$$\Rightarrow aax$$

$$\Rightarrow aaax$$

$$\Rightarrow aaaa$$

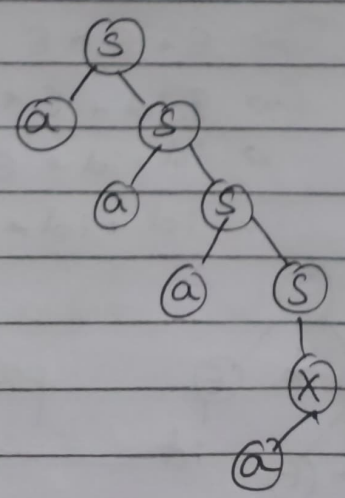
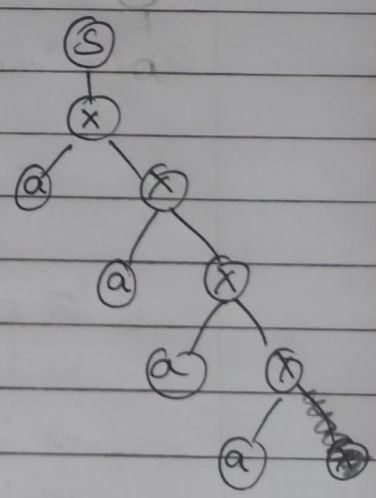
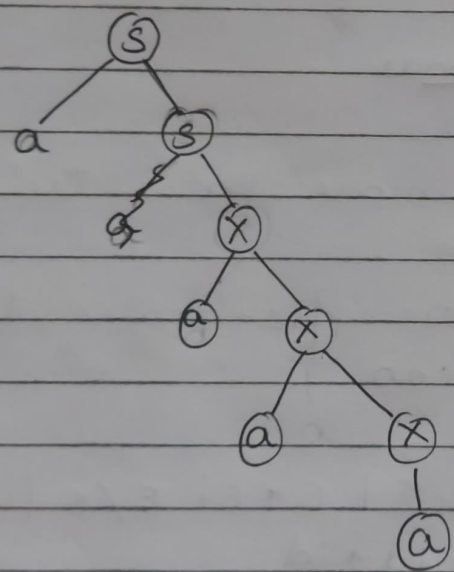
$$S \xRightarrow{lm} as$$

$$\Rightarrow aaS$$

$$\Rightarrow aaas$$

$$\Rightarrow aaax$$

$$\Rightarrow aaaa$$



Q  $\Rightarrow$   $S \rightarrow AB \mid aab$   $aab$ .

$A \rightarrow a \mid Aa$

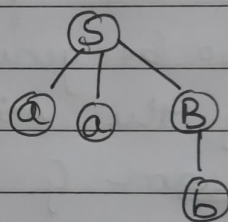
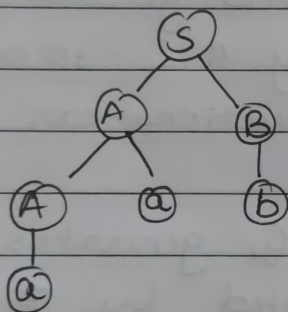
$B \rightarrow b$

$S \xRightarrow{lm} aab$   
 $\Rightarrow aab$

$S \xRightarrow{lm} AB$   
 $\Rightarrow AaB \Rightarrow \cancel{Aa}aB$   
 $\Rightarrow aab$

$S \xRightarrow{lm} AB$   
 $\Rightarrow AB$   
 $\Rightarrow Aab$   
 $\Rightarrow aab$

$S \xRightarrow{lm} aab$   
 $\Rightarrow aab$



Theorem

### Elimination of unit production

Let  $G = \{V, T, P, S\}$  be a CFG & has unit productions, and no  $\epsilon$  production. An equivalent grammar  $G_1$  without unit productions can be obtained such that  $\text{lang. of } L(G) = L(G_1)$ , but the grammar  $G_1$  has no unit production.

A unit production can be deleted using following steps:

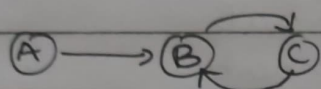
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Remove all the productions of  $A \rightarrow A$ .



- \_/\_/\_
- ② Add all non unit productions  $P_1$ .
  - ③ For each variable  $A$  find all variables  $B$  such that  $A \Rightarrow^* B$  with  $0$  or  $>$  productions.
  - ④ Obtain a dependency graph  $\Rightarrow$

Eg: for  $A \rightarrow B$   
 $B \rightarrow C$   
 $C \rightarrow B$



- ⑤ Note from the dependency graph that productions from  $A \rightarrow B$  i.e.,  $B$  can be obtained by  $A$  so all non unit productions generated by  $B$  can also be generated by  $A$  & so on.
- ⑥ Finally the unit productions can be deleted by gram  $G$ .
- ⑦ The resulting gram  $G_1$  generates the same Lang as accepted by  $B$   $G$ .

~~8-10 marks~~  
 Q  $\Rightarrow$  Similar

$S \rightarrow AB$  non-unit

$A \rightarrow a$

$B \rightarrow C | b$   $B \rightarrow C$  unit  $B \rightarrow b$  non-unit

$C \rightarrow D$  unit

$D \rightarrow E | bC$

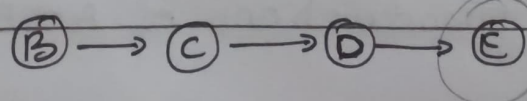
$E \rightarrow d | Ab$

unit productions:  $B \rightarrow C$

$C \rightarrow D$

$D \rightarrow E$

Graph:



$\rightarrow$  independent grammar generator

Replacing the value of E in D.

$$D \rightarrow d | Ab | bC$$

W<sup>3</sup> with D in eq. C

$$C \rightarrow d | Ab | bC$$

$$B \rightarrow d | Ab | bC | b$$

All the unit productions are eliminated

~~$$S \rightarrow a | d | Ab | b$$~~

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow d | Ab | bC | b$$

$$C \rightarrow d | Ab | bC$$

$$D \rightarrow d | Ab | bC$$

$$E \rightarrow d | Ab$$

} have no unit production

$$A \rightarrow B \checkmark$$

$$B \rightarrow \textcircled{a} | aB | \textcircled{C}$$

$$C \rightarrow \textcircled{A} | \textcircled{B} \quad A \rightarrow B$$

By  $B \rightarrow aB \quad B \rightarrow C$   
 $C \rightarrow A$