

Problem

Give an example of an NL-complete context-free language.

Step-by-step solution

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The statement of Ginsburg theorem state that, "Suppose G is used to generate a language $L(G)$ where G is defined as a reducible context free grammar. Then $|L(G) \cap \{0,1\}^n|$ will show a polynomial behavior in n if and only if for each non-terminal z , $l(z)$ and $r(z)$ are commutative".

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Now, suppose $M \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$ be a language which is **context free and exponential** in size. The above context free language shows a *NP-complete* behavior.

- To perform this, suppose, D is defined as a **reduced-free grammar** for M . Here, M_n will not be in polynomial of n because M consists an **exponential size**.
- Now from the above given theorem, it can be said that there exists a nonterminal and for each non-terminal Z , $l(Z)$ and $r(Z)$ are **commutative**.

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Consider, $l(Z)$ (where, $a_1, a_2 \in l(Z)$) is not showing the commutative property and $a_1, a_2 \neq a_2, a_1$. Hence, there exists a position k such that $(a_1, a_2)_k = 0$ and $(a_2, a_1)_k = 1$.

- As from the above explanation, there exists $(b_1, b_2) \in \{0,1\}^*$ in such a way that $Z \xrightarrow{*} a_1 Z b_1$ and $Z \xrightarrow{*} a_2 Z b_2$. An arbitrary 1 s and 0 s can be generated at the position $k + |a_1 a_2| + i$ for any k , by applying either $Z \xrightarrow{*} a_1 a_2 Z b_2 b_1$ or $Z \xrightarrow{*} a_2 a_1 Z b_1 b_2$, k times.
- Now, to reach Z from M_0 , user can use $M_0 \xrightarrow{*} a Z b$. Again, to acquire a word in $\{0,1\}^*$ for some $x, y, w \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$, $Z \xrightarrow{*} w$ can be used.
- Hence from the above discussion, $I := \{|x| + k + |a_1 a_2| + i : 0 \leq k \leq n-1\}$ is of size n can be obtained if N is set as $N := \{|x| + |y| + |w| + n(|a_1 a_2| + |b_1 b_2|)\}$ and also I can be shattered by M_N .
- All the calculations (which are done above) take a time in $O(n)$ and N is linear in n and it is already known that SAT is *NP-hard* and $SAT \in NP$. Hence, it shows *NP-complete* behavior.

Hence the above explanation shows, the context free language $M \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$ is *NP-complete*.

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