

Homework #3

(Due: Nov 12)

Task 1. [25 Points] Construct CFGs

Construct CFG for each of the following languages.

- (a) [5 Points] $L = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i \geq 0, j \geq 0, k = 2i + 3j\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$
- (b) [5 Points] $L = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i \neq j \text{ or } j \neq k\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$
- (c) [5 Points] $L = \{a^i b^j c^k d^l \mid i + j = k + l\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c, d\}$
- (d) [5 Points] $L = \{ucv \mid u^R \in \{a, b\}^* \text{ is a substring of } v\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$
- (e) [5 Points] $L = \{ucv \mid u^R \in \{a, b\}^* \text{ is a subsequence of } v\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$

Task 2. [25 Points] Construct CFGs from DFAs

You constructed a DFA for each of the following languages in HW1. This task asks you to convert each of those DFAs to an equivalent CFG. Assume that $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ unless specified otherwise.

- (a) [5 Points] $L = \{w \mid n_a(w) \geq 2\}$
- (b) [5 Points] $L = \{w \mid w \text{ starts with } ab\}$
- (c) [5 Points] $L = \{w \mid w \text{ starts and ends with the same symbol}\}$ for $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$
- (d) [5 Points] $L = \{w \mid n_a(w) \bmod 3 = 1 \text{ or } w \text{ contains } ba\}$
- (e) [5 Points] $L = \{w \mid \text{binary number } w \text{ is divisible by } 7\}$ for $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

Task 3. [20 Points] Regular expressions to CFGs

For each of the following regular expressions construct a CFG to accept the language it represents.

- (a) [5 Points] $(0 \cup 1(01^*0)^*1)^*$
- (b) [5 Points] $\epsilon \cup a^+ \cup a^+bb^+(abb^+)^*$
- (c) [5 Points] $a(\epsilon \cup a \cup b(a \cup b \cup \epsilon))$
- (d) [5 Points] $((a \cup b)^6)^*(a \cup b)(a \cup b \cup \epsilon)^4$

Task 4. [30 Points] Non-CFLs

Use the pumping lemma to show that the following languages are not context-free.

(a) [10 Points] $L = \{a^n b^{2n} a^n \mid n \geq 0\}$, $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

(b) [10 Points] $L = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid k > i > 0, k > j > 0\}$, $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$

(c) [10 Points] $L = \{a^{n!} \mid n \geq 0, n! = 1 \times 2 \times \dots \times n, 0! = 1\}$, $\Sigma = \{a\}$