



1. (5 pts) Let $L(G)$ be the language of the grammar

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And set $M = \{w \in \{a, b\}^* \mid n_a(w) = n_b(w)\}$. Prove that $L(G) \subseteq M$.

♣ We will prove by induction that, after n moves, every sentential form W satisfies $n_a(W) = n_b(W)$.

Base Case: $n = 0$, so the sentential form is S . $n_a(S) = n_b(S) = 0$.

Inductive step. Let $n \geq 0$ be given. Suppose that $S \xRightarrow{n} W$, and $n_a(W) = n_b(W)$. We will show that for all sentential forms with $W \rightarrow W'$, we must have $n_a(W') = n_b(W')$. There are only two types of rules. λ rules, do not change n_a or n_b , in which case $n_a(W') = n_a(W) = n_b(W) = n_b(W')$, as required. The other type of rule adds exactly two a 's and exactly two b 's to the sentential form, in which case $n_a(W') = n_a(W) + 2 = n_b(W) + 2 = n_b(W')$. In either case $n_a(W') = n_b(W')$ for all W' with $S \xRightarrow{n+1} W'$.

So the requirement is satisfied for every sentential form W derivable from S by induction, and hence for all elements of the language. ♣

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And set $N = \{w \in \{a, b\}^* \mid w = a^{2k}b^{2k}a^{2k}b^{2k}a^{2k}b^{2k}\}$. On the back of this page, prove that $N \subseteq L(G)$.

♣ We give a derivation sequence. For $k = 0$, we have $w = \lambda$, and $S \Rightarrow \lambda$ using the S rule. For $k = 1$, we use $S \Rightarrow a^2Bb^2 \Rightarrow a^2b^2Ba^2b^2 \Rightarrow a^2b^2a^2Ab^2a^2b^2 \Rightarrow a^2b^2a^2\lambda b^2a^2b^2$.

For $k \geq 2$, we use $S \Rightarrow a^2Ab^2 \xRightarrow{k-1} a^{2k-2}Ab^{2k-2} \Rightarrow a^{2k}Bb^{2k} \xRightarrow{k} a^{2k}b^{2k}Ba^{2k}b^{2k} \Rightarrow a^{2k}b^{2k}a^2Ab^2a^{2k}b^{2k} \xRightarrow{k-1} a^{2k}b^{2k}a^{2k}Ab^{2k}a^{2k}b^{2k} \Rightarrow a^{2k}b^{2k}a^{2k}b^{2k}a^{2k}b^{2k}$. ♣