

Problem 1

30 points

Let CFG G be the following grammar.

$$S \rightarrow aSb \mid bY \mid Ya$$

$$Y \rightarrow bY \mid aY \mid$$

- a. Give a simple description of $L(G)$ in English.

Language $L(G)$ for the G is as follows:

Consider the productions in the grammar

$$S \rightarrow aSb$$

$$S \rightarrow bY$$

$$S \rightarrow Ya$$

$$Y \rightarrow bY$$

$$Y \rightarrow aY$$

$$Y \rightarrow \varepsilon$$

Case 1:

Consider production $S \rightarrow Ya$ to derive the language.

Substitute Y with production $Y \rightarrow \varepsilon$ then

$$S \rightarrow \varepsilon a$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

Case 2:

Consider production $S \rightarrow bY$ to derive the language.

Substitute Y with production $Y \rightarrow \varepsilon$ then

$$S \rightarrow \varepsilon b$$

$$S \rightarrow b$$

Case 3:

Consider production $S \rightarrow aSb$ to derive the language

Substitute S with production $S \rightarrow bY$ then

$$S \rightarrow abYb$$

Substitute Y with production $Y \rightarrow bY$ then

$$S \rightarrow abbYb$$

Substitute Y with production $Y \rightarrow \varepsilon$ then

$$S \rightarrow abb \varepsilon b$$

$$S \rightarrow abbb$$

Case 4:

Consider production $S \rightarrow bY$ to derive the language.

Substitute Y with production $Y \rightarrow bY$ then

$$S \rightarrow bbY$$

Substitute Y with production $Y \rightarrow \varepsilon$ then

$$S \rightarrow bb \varepsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow bb$$

Therefore from the Case 1, Case 2, Case 3 and Case 4 the language obtained is as follows:

$$L(G) = \{a, b, abbb, bb, \dots\}$$

Using the grammar G , many more strings can be generated.

b. Use that description to give a CFG for $\overline{L(G)}$ i.e., the complement of $L(G)$.

Description of the $L(G)$ is as follows:

The grammar G generates a language $L(G)$ consists of the strings which are described as follows:

- Strings with consecutive number of a 's with a length ranging from 1 to infinity.
- Strings with consecutive number of b 's with a length ranging from 1 to infinity.
- String with start symbol a followed by number of b 's.
- Strings with start symbol b followed by number of a 's.
- Strings with a as start symbol and b as end symbol.
- Strings with b as start symbol and a as end symbol.
- Strings that contains the same start and end symbols. For example, aba, bab etc.

From the above description as $L(G)$ is generating all the possible combination of a 's and b 's except $a^i b^i$ where $i \geq 0$. The $L(G)$ does not produce strings like $\epsilon, ab, aabb, aaabbb \dots$

The complements of $L(G)$ i.e. $\overline{L(G)} = \{\epsilon, ab, aabb, aaabbb \dots\}$

The grammar for $\overline{L(G)}$ is $a^i b^i$ where $i \geq 0$.

Therefore, the CFG G' for $\overline{L(G)}$ is as follows:

$S \rightarrow aSb | \epsilon$

Give unambiguous CFGs for the following languages.

- a. $\{w \mid \text{in every prefix of } w \text{ the number of } a\text{'s is at least the number of } b\text{'s}\}$

Let G be the CFG:

$$S \rightarrow aS \mid aSAbA \mid a$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid aAbA \mid \epsilon$$

- b. $\{w \mid \text{the number of } a\text{'s and the number of } b\text{'s in } w \text{ are equal}\}$

Let G be the CFG:

$$S \rightarrow aSbS$$

$$S \rightarrow bSaS$$

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$

This CFG can be also written as:

$$L_{a's=b's} = \{w \mid \text{number of } a\text{'s in } (w) = \text{number of } b\text{'s in } (w)\}$$

$$S \rightarrow aSb$$

$$S \rightarrow bSa$$

$$S \rightarrow SS$$

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$

c. $\{w \mid \text{the number of a's is at least the number of b's in } w\}$

Let G be the CFG:

$$S \rightarrow aS \mid aSbS \mid \epsilon$$

This CFG can be also written as:

$$S \rightarrow aS$$

$$S \rightarrow aSbS$$

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$