Context-Free Language

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本节目标

- 掌握CFL与CFG特点及解析过程
- 歧义性
- 文法标准化

Context-Free Language的直观概念

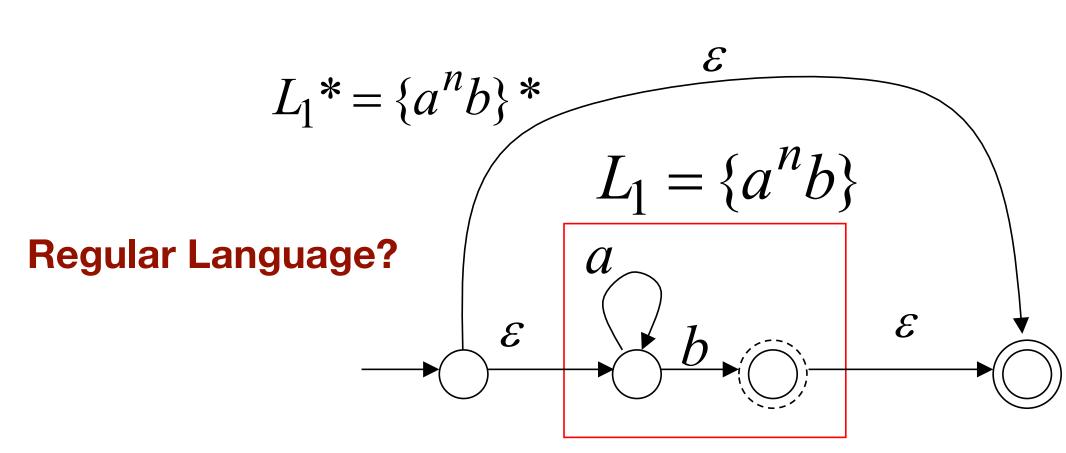
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General idea:

CFLs are languages that can be recognized by automata that have

one single stack:

- $\{0^n1^n \mid n \ge 0\}$ is a CFL
- { 0ⁿ1ⁿ0ⁿ | n≥0} is not a CFL



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Context-Sensitive Language的直观概念

• P="Capital of china" 如何理解?

中国的首都(北京) 或瓷都 (景德镇)

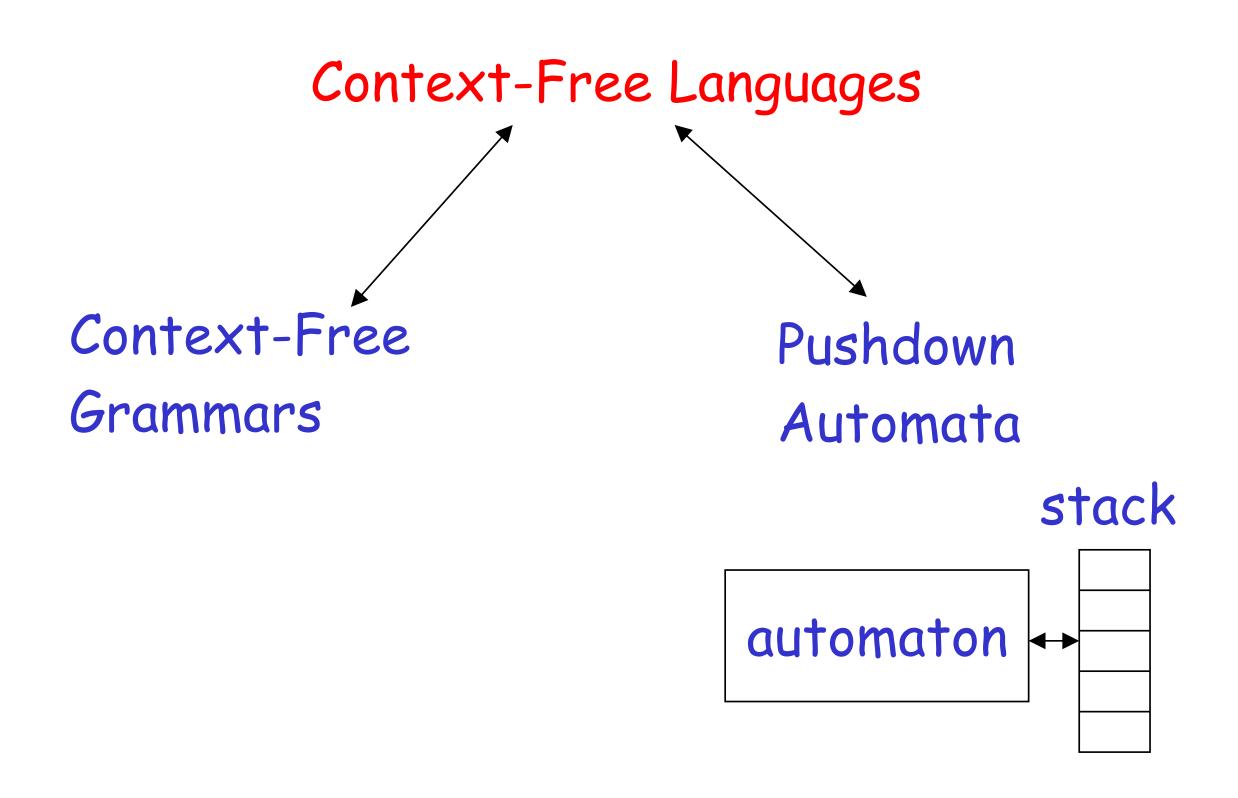
有歧义(ambiguous).....

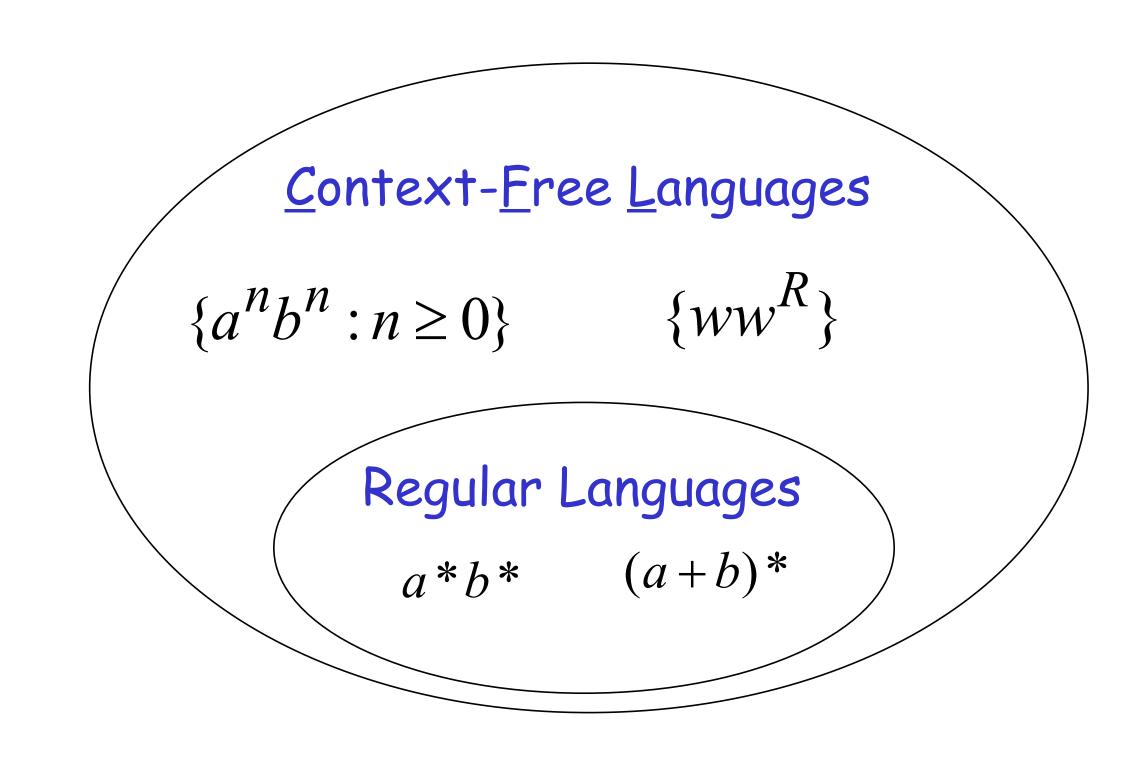
aSb -> aaSb aSc ->aaSc

X china has The Great Wall -> x 中国 ...

U china burns...-> X 瓷器 burns...

人类语言太丰富,是CSL,比较复杂 ,以后讨论。诡辩术 "断章取义" 的语言学本质: 前后相关语言中,去掉W的前后文,在W的释义集合中,选择有利于自己的意义





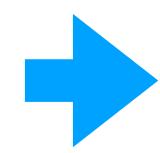
Context-Free Grammars(Inf.)

Which simple machine produces the non-regular language: $\{0^n1^n \mid n \in N\}$

Start symbol S with rewrite rules:

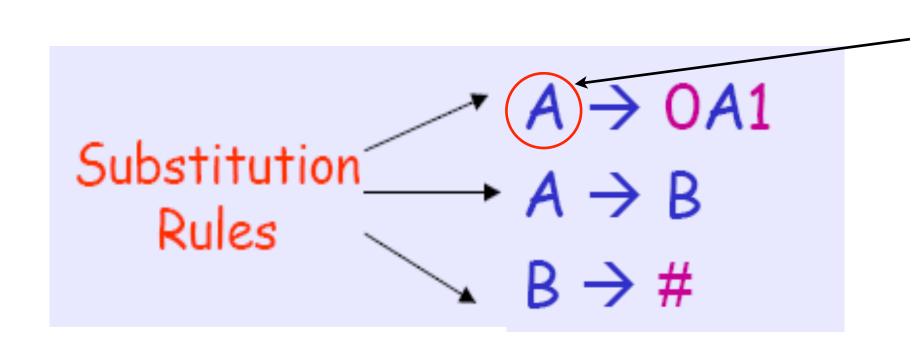
1.
$$S \rightarrow 0S1$$

2.
$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$



$$S \Rightarrow 0S1 \Rightarrow 00S11 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow 0^n S1^n \Rightarrow 0^n 1^n$$

Context-Free Grammars



起始变元(start variable)

变元(Variable): A,B

终结符(Terminals): 输入符号,用小写字母、数字或特殊符号表示: 0,1,#

字符串(变元 + 终结符)

生成式(production): 替换规则

CFG形式定义

上下文无关文法是一个4元组(V, Σ, R, S):

- 1. V是一个有穷集合,称作变元集;
- 2. Σ 是一个与V不相交的有穷集合,称作终结符集;
- $R = \{S \to aSb, \ S \to \varepsilon\}$ $G = (V, \Sigma, S, R)$ $V = \{S\}$ variables $T = \{a, b\}$ start variable

productions

 $S \rightarrow aSb \mid \varepsilon$

- 3. R是一个有穷的规则集,每一条规则是一个变元和一个由变元和终结符组成的字符串;
- 4. $S \in V$ 是起始变元。

△ 起始变元是第一条规则左边的变元

How does CFG generate strings?

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A \rightarrow 0A1
A \rightarrow B
B \rightarrow \#
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- 1. Write down the start symbol;
- 2. Find a variable that is written down, and a rule that starts with that variable; Then, replace the variable with the rule;
- 3. Repeat the above step until no variable is left

How does CFG generate strings?

文法G

 $A \rightarrow 0A1$

 $A \rightarrow B$

 $B \rightarrow \#$

Step 1. A (write down the start variable)

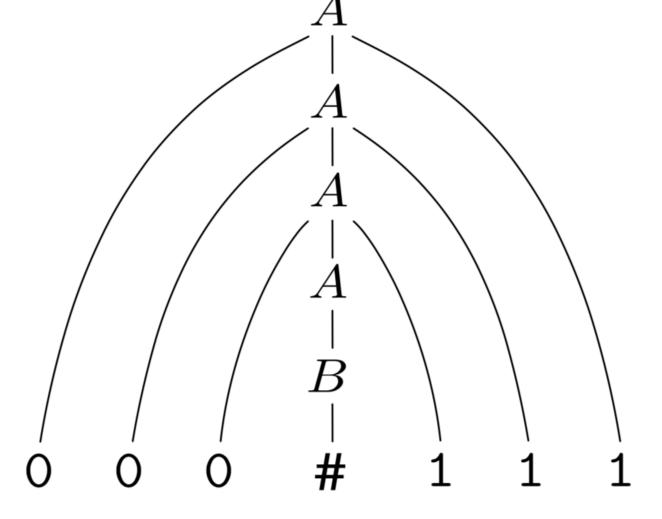
Step 2. OA1 (find a rule and replace)

Step 3. 00A11 (find a rule and replace)

Step 4. 00B11 (find a rule and replace)

Step 5. 00#11 (find a rule and replace)

parse tree:



多步派生

$$A \Rightarrow 0A1 \Rightarrow 00A11 \Rightarrow 000A111 \Rightarrow$$

000#111

派生(derivation): 获取一个字符串的替换序列

Derivation ⇒ 派生, 生成

- If u, v, and w are strings of variables and terminals, and $A \rightarrow w$ is a rule of the grammar, we say that uAv yields uwv, written $uAv \Rightarrow uwv$.
- Say that u derives v, written $u \stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow} v$, if u = v or if a sequence $u_1, u_2, u_3, ..., u_k$ exists for $k \ge 0$ and $u \Rightarrow u_1 \Rightarrow u_2 \Rightarrow ... \Rightarrow u_k \Rightarrow v$.

Context-Free Language

通过派生可得到CFL,For a grammar G with start variable S:

$$L(G) = \{ w : S \Longrightarrow w, w \in T^* \}$$

String of terminals or ϵ

CFG
$$S \rightarrow aSb \mid \varepsilon$$

CFL
$$L(G) = \{a^n b^n : n \ge 0\}$$

Context-Free Language判定

A language L is context-free, if there is a context-free grammar G

with
$$L = L(G)$$

$$L = \{a^n b^n : n \ge 0\}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$S \to aSb \mid \varepsilon$$

$$L(G) = \{ww^{R} : w \in \{a,b\}^{*}\}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$S \to aSa \mid bSb \mid \varepsilon$$

Quick Quiz

实现加法(+), 乘法(*), 括号() 运算文法 G_4 , $G_4 = (V, \Sigma, R, \langle EXPR \rangle)$.

其中:

$$V = \{\langle EXPR \rangle, \langle TERM \rangle, \langle FACTOR \rangle\},$$

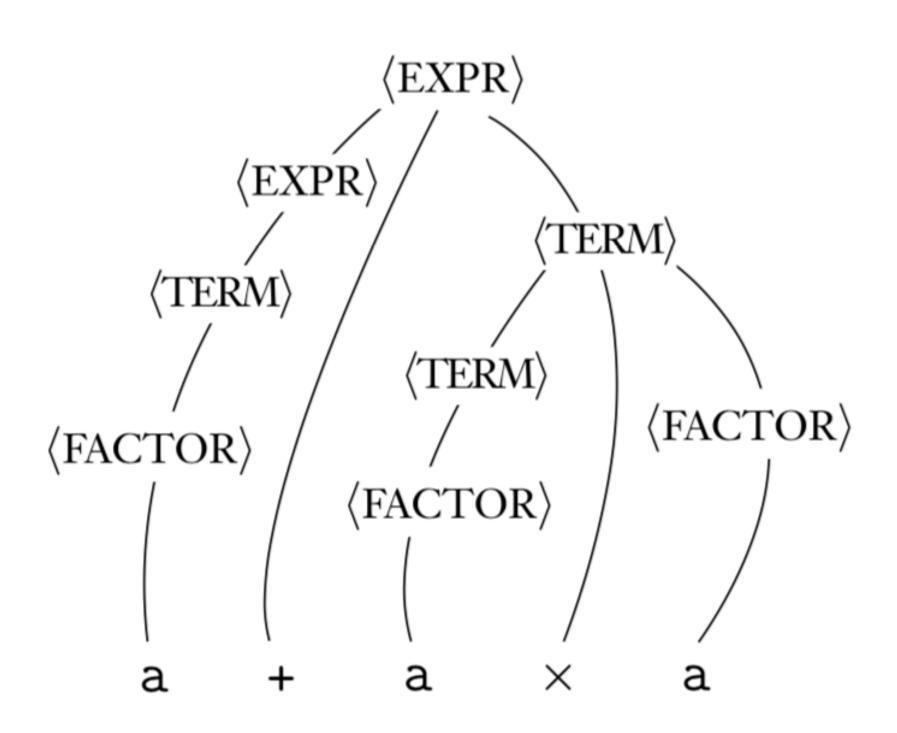
$$\Sigma = \{+, *, (,), [0 - 9a - z]\}$$

? 括号匹配(((()))), 运算优先级

 $\langle EXPR \rangle \rightarrow \langle EXPR \rangle + \langle TERM \rangle | \langle TERM \rangle$ $\langle TERM \rangle \rightarrow \langle TERM \rangle \times \langle FACTOR \rangle | \langle FACTOR \rangle$ $\langle FACTOR \rangle \rightarrow (\langle EXPR \rangle) | CHARS$ $CHARS \rightarrow [0 - 9a - z] +$

Quick Quiz

 \bullet $a + a \times a$



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\langle EXPR \rangle \rightarrow \langle EXPR \rangle + \langle TERM \rangle | \langle TERM \rangle

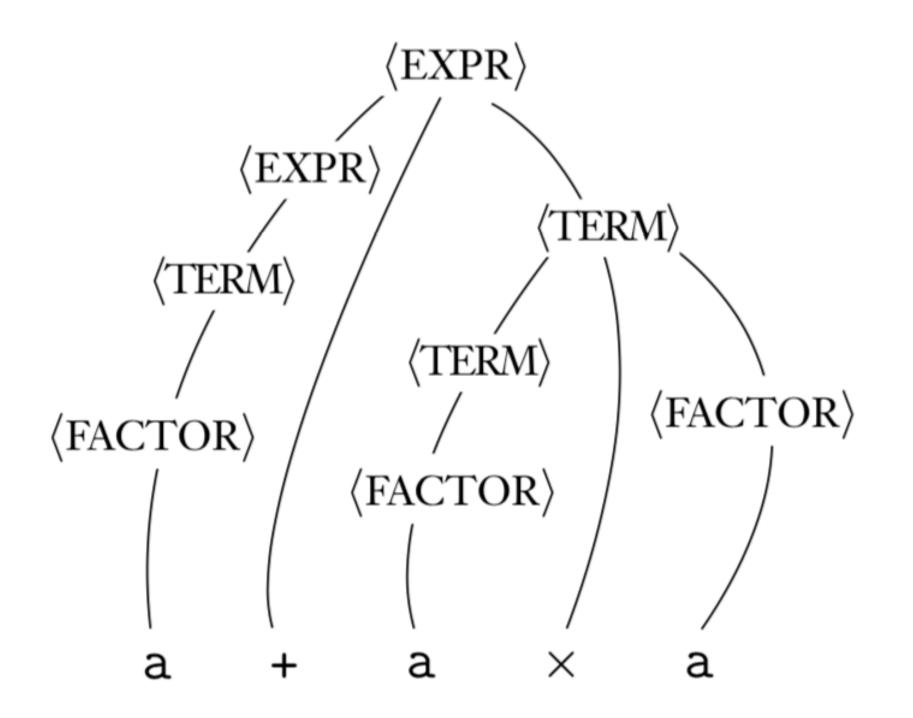
\langle TERM \rangle \rightarrow \langle TERM \rangle \times \langle FACTOR \rangle | \langle FACTOR \rangle

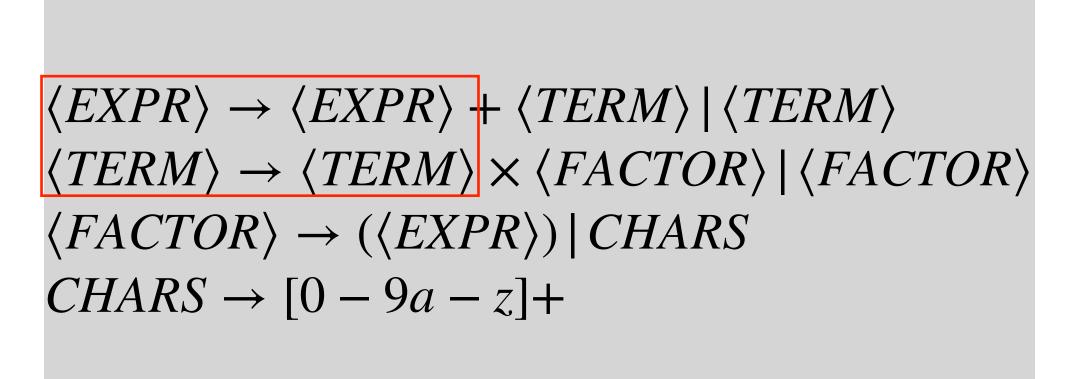
\langle FACTOR \rangle \rightarrow (\langle EXPR \rangle) | CHARS

CHARS \rightarrow [0 - 9a - z] +
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Quick Quiz

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$$(a+a)\times a$$





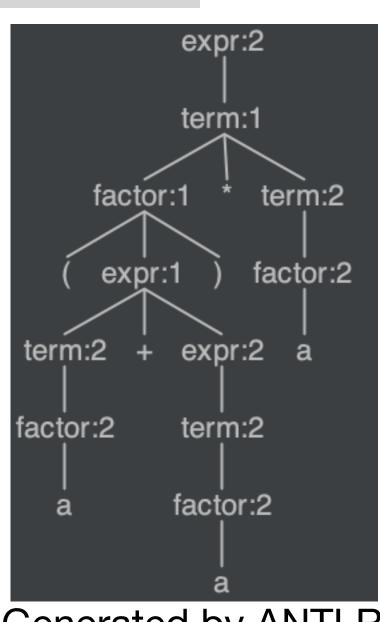


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\langle EXPR \rangle \rightarrow \langle TERM \rangle + \langle EXPR \rangle | \langle TERM \rangle

\langle TERM \rangle \rightarrow \langle FACTOR \rangle \times \langle TERM \rangle | \langle FACTOR \rangle

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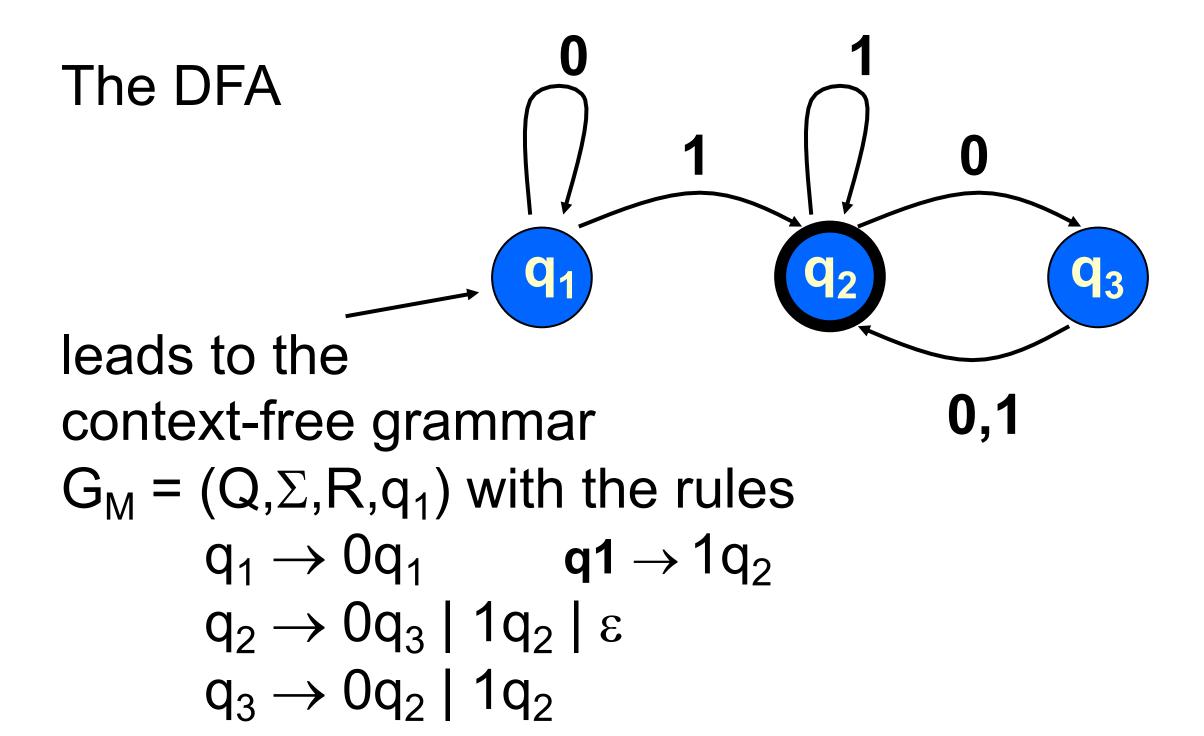


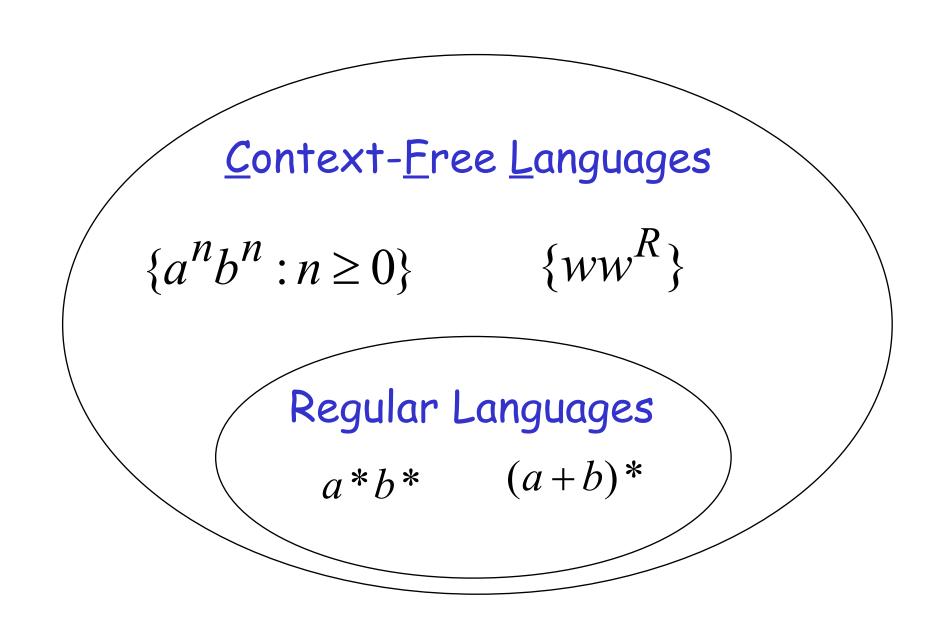
Generated by ANTLR

RL CFL

Every regular language can be expressed by a context-free grammar.

Proof Idea: RL →DFA→造CFG, 使得结果一样





Designing CFG

首先,许多 CFG 是由几个较简单的 CFG 合并成的。如果你要为一个 CFL 构造 CFG,而这个 CFL 可以分成几个较简单的部分,那么就把它分成几部分,并且分别构造每一部分的文法。这几个文法能够很容易地合并在一起,构造出原先那个语言的文法,只需把它们的规则都放在一起,再加入新的规则 $S \rightarrow S_1 \{S_2\} \cdots \{S_k$,其中 S_1 , S_2 , …, S_k 是各个文法的起始变元。解决几个较简单的问题常常比解决一个复杂的问题容易。

$$\{0^{n}1^{n}|n \geq 0\} \cup \{1^{n}0^{n}|n \geq 0\} \longrightarrow S_{1} \rightarrow 0S_{1}1 \mid \varepsilon$$

$$S_{1} \rightarrow 0S_{1}1 \mid \varepsilon$$

$$S_{2} \rightarrow 1S_{2}0 \mid \varepsilon$$

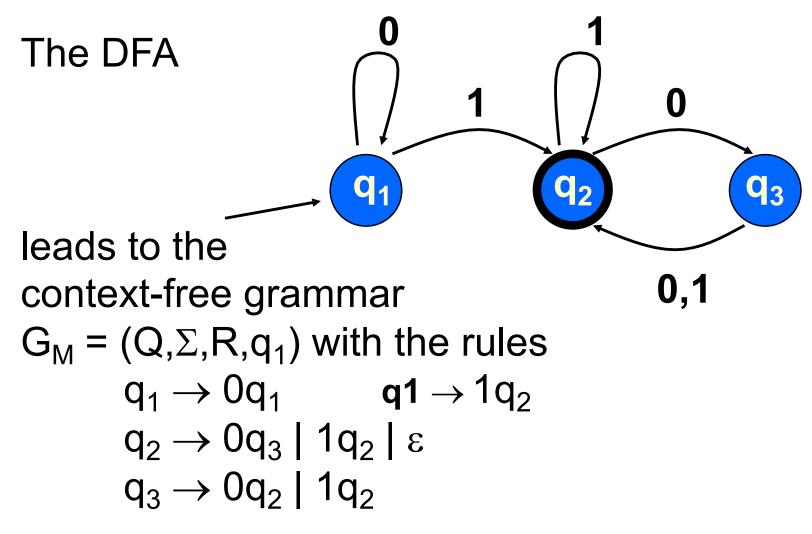
$$S_{2} \rightarrow 1S_{2}0 \mid \varepsilon$$

$$S_{3} \rightarrow 0S_{1}1 \mid \varepsilon$$

$$S_{2} \rightarrow 1S_{2}0 \mid \varepsilon$$

Designing CFG

其次,如果这个语言碰巧是正则的,你可以先构造它的 DFA,然后再构造它的 CFG 就容易了。能够按下述做法把任何一台 DFA 转换成等价的 CFG。对于 DFA 的每一个状态 q_i ,设一个变元 R_i 。如果 $\delta(q_i, \alpha) = q_j$ 是 DFA 中的一个转移,则把规则 $R_i \rightarrow \alpha R_j$ 加入 CFG。如果 q_i 是 DFA 的接受状态,则把规则 $R_i \rightarrow \epsilon$ 加入 CFG。设 q_0 是 DFA 的起始状态,则取 R_0 作为 CFG 的起始变元。能够验证所得到的 CFG 生成的语言与 DFA 识别的语言相同。



Designing CFG

第三,某些上下文无关语言中的字符串有两个"相互联系"的子串、为了检查这两个子串中的一个是否正好对应于另一个,识别这种语言的机器需要记住关于这个子串的信息,而这个信息量是无界的。例如,在语言 $\{0^n1^n|n\geq 0\}$ 中就出现这种情况。为了检查字符串中0 的个数是否等于 1 的个数,机器需要记住 0 的个数。对于这种情况,可以使用 $R \rightarrow uRv$ 形式的规则,它产生的字符串中包含 u 的都分对应包含 v 的都分。

- Can we design CFG for $\{0^{2n}1^{3n} \mid n \ge 0\}$?
- Yes, by "linking" the occurrence of 0's with the occurrence of 1's
- · The desired CFG is:

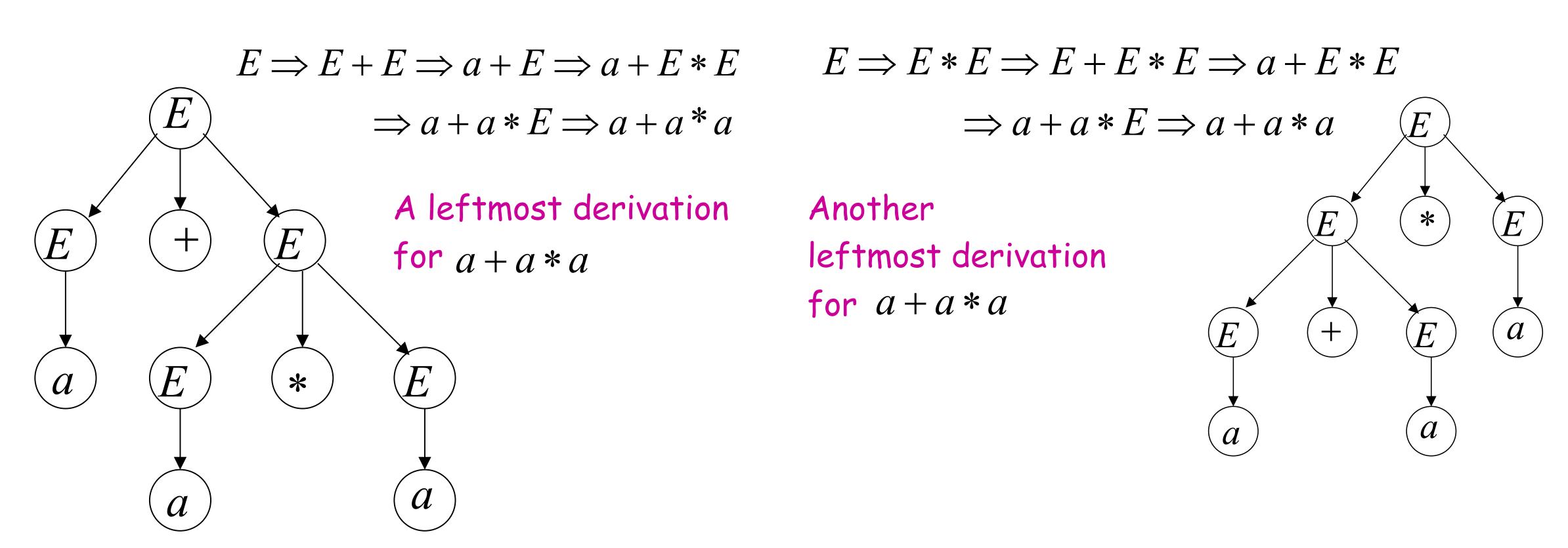
S → 00S111 | ε

歧义性(Ambiguity)

I saw that girl with telescope

Grammar for mathematical expressions

$$E \rightarrow E + E \mid E * E \mid (E) \mid a$$



最左派生(leftmost derivation): 每一步都是替换剩下的最左边的变元,则该派生是最左派生。

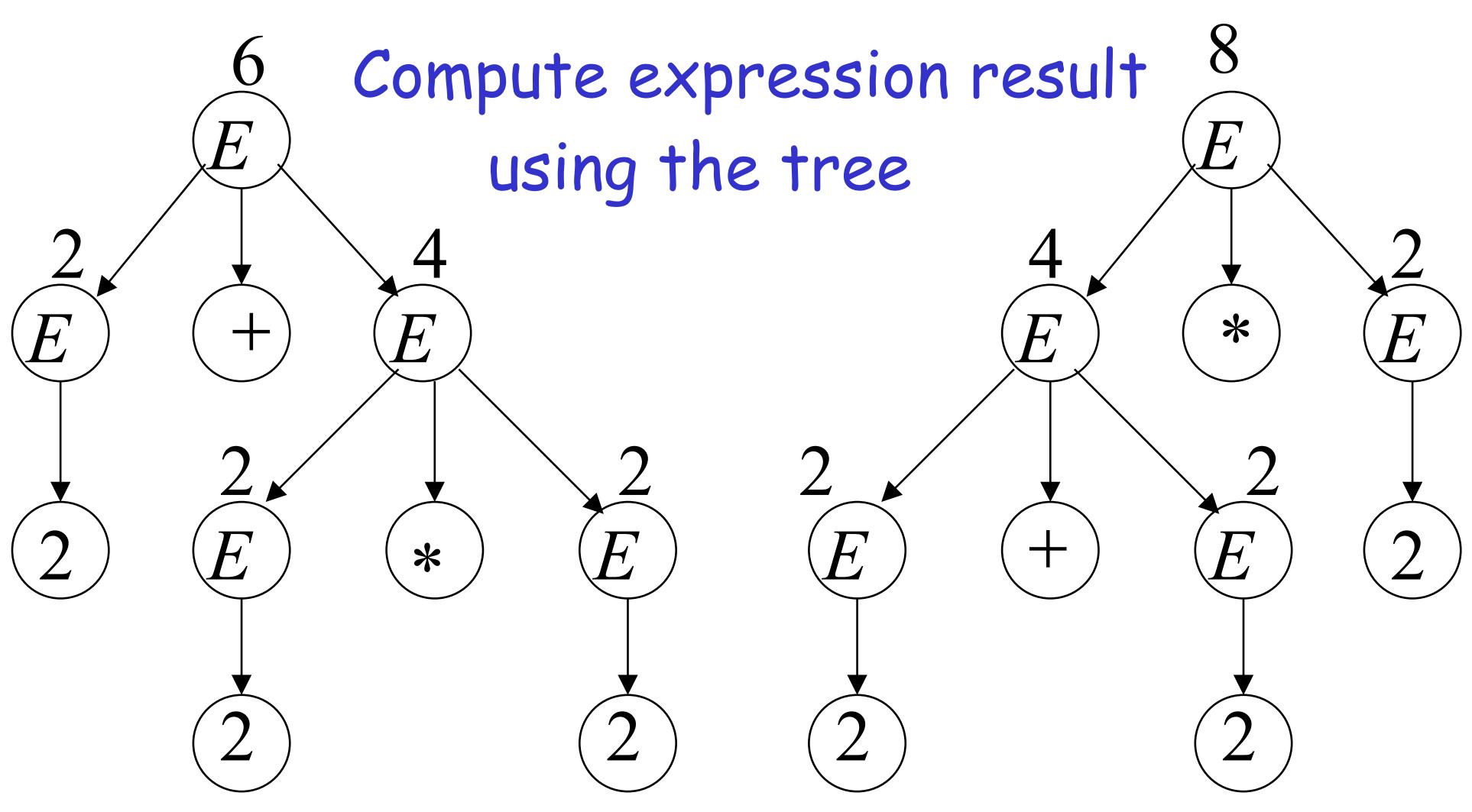
Good Tree

take a=2

Bad Tree

$$2 + 2 * 2 = 6$$

$$2 + 2 * 2 = 8$$



歧义性形式化定义

如果字符串w在上下文无关文法G中有两个或两个以上不同的最左派生,则称在G中歧义的产生字符串w。如果文法G歧义地产生某个字符串,则称G是歧义的。

上下文无关语言只能用歧义文法(Grammar)产生的称做**固有歧义的(inherently** ambiguous)。

固有歧义性举例

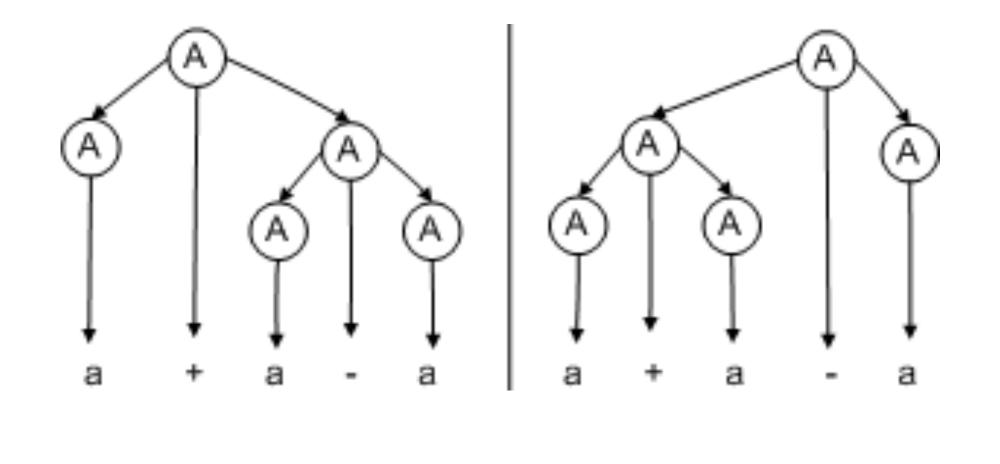
CFG: $A \rightarrow A + A \mid A - A \mid a$

is ambiguous since there are 2 leftmost derivations for the string a+a-a:

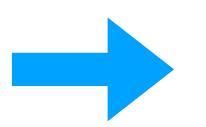
$$A \rightarrow A + A$$
 $A \rightarrow A - A$

$$\rightarrow a + A$$

$$\rightarrow a + A - A$$



等价CFG $A \rightarrow A + a$ A - a a_-



非固有歧义

固有歧义性举例

歧义性带来的问题

Two different derivation trees may cause problems in applications which use the derivation trees:

- Evaluating expressions
 - 2 + 2 * 2 = ?
- In general, in compilers for programming languages
 - IF expr THEN stmt ELSE stmt

Removing Ambiguity

- There is NO algorithm that can tell whether a CFG is ambiguous.
- There are techniques for eliminating ambiguity:
 - Adding non-terminals or dividing the variables into factors(因子), terms(项), and expressions(表达式).

Removing Ambiguity from a + b * c

Removing Ambiguity from a + a * a

Equivalent

Ambiguous Grammar

$$E \to E + E$$

$$E \to E * E$$

$$E \to (E)$$

$$E \to a$$

$$E \to E + T \mid T$$

$$T \to T * F \mid F$$

$$F \to (E) \mid a$$

generates the same language

CFG简化

$$S \rightarrow aB$$

$$A \rightarrow aaA$$

$$A \rightarrow abBc$$

$$B \rightarrow aA$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Equivalent grammar

$$S \rightarrow aB \mid ab$$

$$A \rightarrow aaA$$

$$A \rightarrow abBc \mid abbc$$

$$B \rightarrow aA$$

Substitute

 $B \rightarrow b$

CFG简化

$$S \rightarrow aB \mid ab$$

$$A \rightarrow aaA$$

$$A \rightarrow abBc \mid abbc$$

$$B \rightarrow aA$$

Substitute

$$B \rightarrow aA$$

$$S \to aB \mid ab \mid aaA$$

$$A \to aaA$$

$$A \rightarrow aaA$$

$$A \rightarrow abBc \mid abbc \mid abaAc$$

Equivalent grammar

CFG简化

In general:

$$A \rightarrow xBz$$

$$B \rightarrow y_1$$

$$Substitute$$

$$B \rightarrow y_1$$

$$A \rightarrow xBz \mid xy_1z$$

equivalent grammar

Nullable Variables

$$\lambda$$
 – production: $X \rightarrow \lambda$

Nullable Variable:
$$Y \Rightarrow \ldots \Rightarrow \lambda$$

Example:
$$S \to aMb$$
 $M \to aMb$ $M \to \lambda$ Substitute $M \to \lambda$ $M \to \lambda$ $M \to aMb \mid ab$ Nullable variable λ - production

Unit-Productions

Unit Production:

$$X \to Y$$

(a single variable in both sides)

 $B \rightarrow bb$

Example:

$$S \to aA$$

$$A \to a$$

$$A \to B$$
Unit Productions
$$B \to A$$

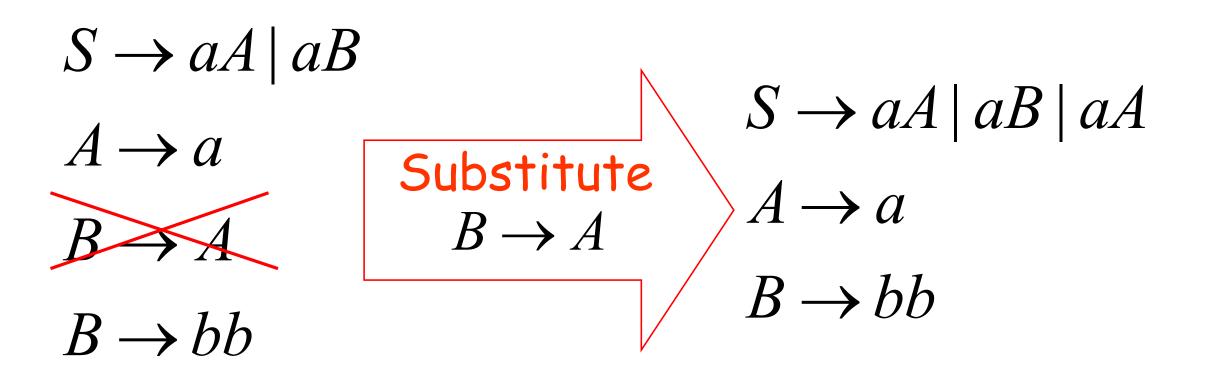
Removal of unit productions:

$$S \rightarrow aA$$
 $A \rightarrow a$
 $A \rightarrow B$
 $B \rightarrow A$
 $B \rightarrow bb$
 $S \rightarrow aA \mid aB$
 $A \rightarrow a$
 $A \rightarrow B$
 $B \rightarrow A \mid B$
 $B \rightarrow bb$

Unit-Productions

Unit productions of form $X \to X$ can be removed immediately

$$S \rightarrow aA \mid aB$$
 $S \rightarrow aA \mid aB$ $A \rightarrow a$ Remove $A \rightarrow a$ $B \rightarrow A \mid B \rightarrow bb$ $B \rightarrow bb$



Unit-Productions

Remove repeated productions

$$S \rightarrow \stackrel{\frown}{aA} | aB | \stackrel{\frown}{aA}$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow bb$$

Final grammar

$$S \to aA \mid aB$$

$$A \to a$$

$$B \to bb$$

Useless Productions

$$S oup aSb$$
 $S oup \lambda$
 $S oup A$
 $A oup aA$ Useless Production

Some derivations never terminate...

$$S \Rightarrow A \Rightarrow aA \Rightarrow aaA \Rightarrow ... \Rightarrow aa...aA \Rightarrow ...$$
停不下来

$$S o A$$
 $A o aA$
 $A o \lambda$
 $B o bA$ Useless Production

Not reachable from S 派生不到

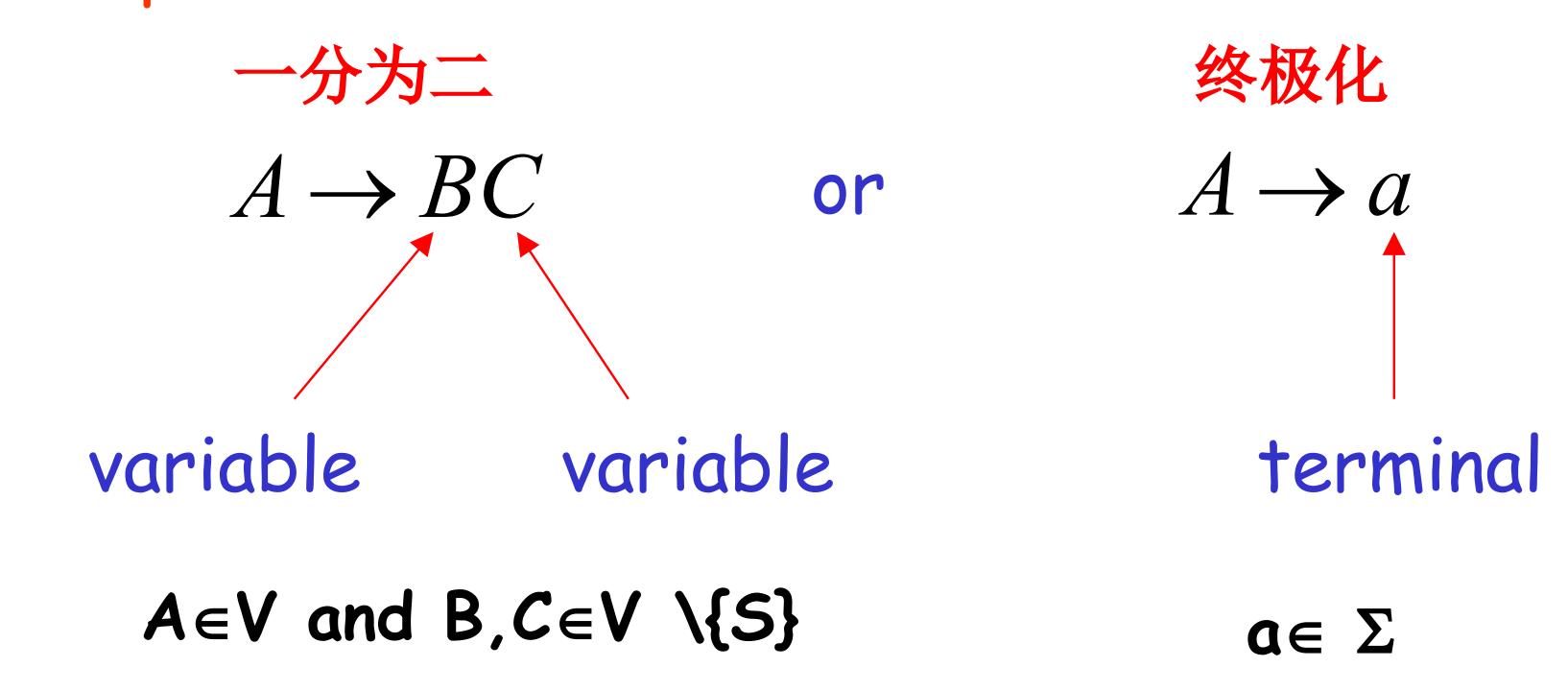
文法标准化(NORMAL FORM)

文法标准化重要性:

- 1. 简化语法规则,便于解析(parseing)支撑其他文法的证明(CNF,BNF...)
 - => 易于程序实现
- 2. 代码易于维护
- 3. ?

乔姆斯基范式(Chomsky Normal Form)

Each productions has form:



For the start variable S we also allow the rule $S \to \epsilon$

CNF-Example

$$S1 \rightarrow AS \mid a$$

$$S \rightarrow AS$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

$$A \rightarrow SA$$

$$A \rightarrow b$$
Chomsky
Normal Form

$$S \to AS$$

$$S \to (AAS)$$

$$A \to (SA)$$

$$A \to (GA)$$

Not Chomsky
Normal Form

CNF-Theorem

任一CFL都可以用乔姆斯基范式的CFG产生。

$$A \rightarrow BC$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$allow S \rightarrow \epsilon$$

Ideas: CFL -> CFG -> CNF-CFG

The only reasons for a CFG not in CNF:

- 1. Start variable appears on right side
- 2. It has ϵ rules, such as $A \rightarrow \epsilon$
- 3. It has unit rules, such as $A \rightarrow A$, or $B \rightarrow C$
- 4. Some rules does not have exactly two variables or one terminal on right side

Outline of Proof: or Key Points of proof

We rewrite every CFG in Chomsky normal form.

♦We do this by replacing, one-by-one, every rule that is not 'Chomsky'.

要点一分为多 通过多个一分为二 实现

1. 添加一个新的起始变元 S_0 和规则 $S_0 \rightarrow S$,避免初始变元出现在规则右边

$$S \rightarrow ASA \mid \alpha B$$

 $A \rightarrow B \mid S$
 $B \rightarrow b \mid \epsilon$

$$S_0 \rightarrow S$$

 $S \rightarrow ASA \mid \alpha B$
 $A \rightarrow B \mid S$
 $B \rightarrow b \mid \epsilon$

- 2. 删除所有 ϵ 规则,删除所有的单一规则,同时添加对应改动的规则。
 - After that, we remove B $\rightarrow \epsilon$

$$S_0 \rightarrow S$$
 $S \rightarrow ASA \mid aB$
 $A \rightarrow B \mid S$
 $B \rightarrow b \mid \varepsilon$

Before removing
 $B \rightarrow \varepsilon$

$$S_0 \rightarrow S$$

 $S \rightarrow ASA \mid \alpha B \mid \alpha$
 $A \rightarrow B \mid S \mid \epsilon$
 $B \rightarrow b$
After removing
 $B \rightarrow \epsilon$

- 2. 删除所有 ϵ 规则,删除所有的单一规则,同时添加对应改动的规则。
 - After that, we remove $A \rightarrow \epsilon$

$$S_0 \rightarrow S$$

 $S \rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid a$
 $A \rightarrow B \mid S \mid \varepsilon$
 $B \rightarrow b$
Before removing
 $A \rightarrow \varepsilon$

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S_0 \rightarrow S

S \rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid a \mid

SA \mid AS \mid S

A \rightarrow B \mid S

B \rightarrow b

After removing

A \rightarrow \epsilon
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- 2. 删除所有 ϵ 规则,删除所有的单一规则,同时添加对应改动的规则。
 - Then, we remove $S \rightarrow S$ and $S_0 \rightarrow S$

$$S_0 \rightarrow S$$

 $S \rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid a \mid$
 $SA \mid AS$
 $A \rightarrow B \mid S$
 $B \rightarrow b$
After removing
 $S \rightarrow S$

```
S_0 \rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid a \mid
SA \mid AS
S \rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid a \mid
SA \mid AS
A \rightarrow B \mid S
B \rightarrow b

After removing
S_0 \rightarrow S
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- 2. 删除所有 ϵ 规则,删除所有的单一规则,同时添加对应改动的规则。
 - Then, we remove $A \rightarrow B$

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S_0 \rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid a \mid
SA \mid AS
S \rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid a \mid
SA \mid AS
A \rightarrow B \mid S
B \rightarrow b

Before removing
A \rightarrow B
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S_0 \rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid a \mid
SA \mid AS
S \rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid a \mid
SA \mid AS
A \rightarrow b \mid S
B \rightarrow b

After removing
A \rightarrow B
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 - Then, we remove $A \rightarrow S$

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S_0 \rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid a \mid
SA \mid AS
S \rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid a \mid
SA \mid AS
A \rightarrow b \mid S
B \rightarrow b

Before removing
A \rightarrow S
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S_0 \rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid a \mid
SA \mid AS
S \rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid a \mid
SA \mid AS \mid AS
A \rightarrow b \mid ASA \mid aB \mid
a \mid SA \mid AS
B \rightarrow b

After removing
A \rightarrow S
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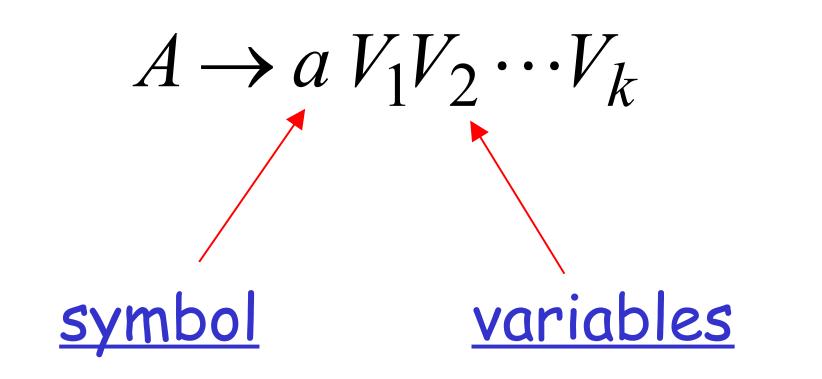
3. 转换规则为合适的形式

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S_0 \rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid a \mid
       SA | AS
S \rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid a \mid
       SA | AS
A \rightarrow b \mid ASA \mid aB \mid
       a | SA | AS
B \rightarrow b
   Before Step 4
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S_0 \rightarrow AA_1 \mid UB \mid a \mid SA \mid
          AS
S \rightarrow AA_1 \mid UB \mid a \mid SA \mid AS
A \rightarrow b \mid AA_1 \mid UB \mid a \mid SA \mid
       AS
B \rightarrow b
A_1 \rightarrow SA
                            After Step 4
                        Grammar is in CNF
U \rightarrow a
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Greinbach Normal Form

All productions have form:



$$k \ge 0$$

$$S \to cAB$$

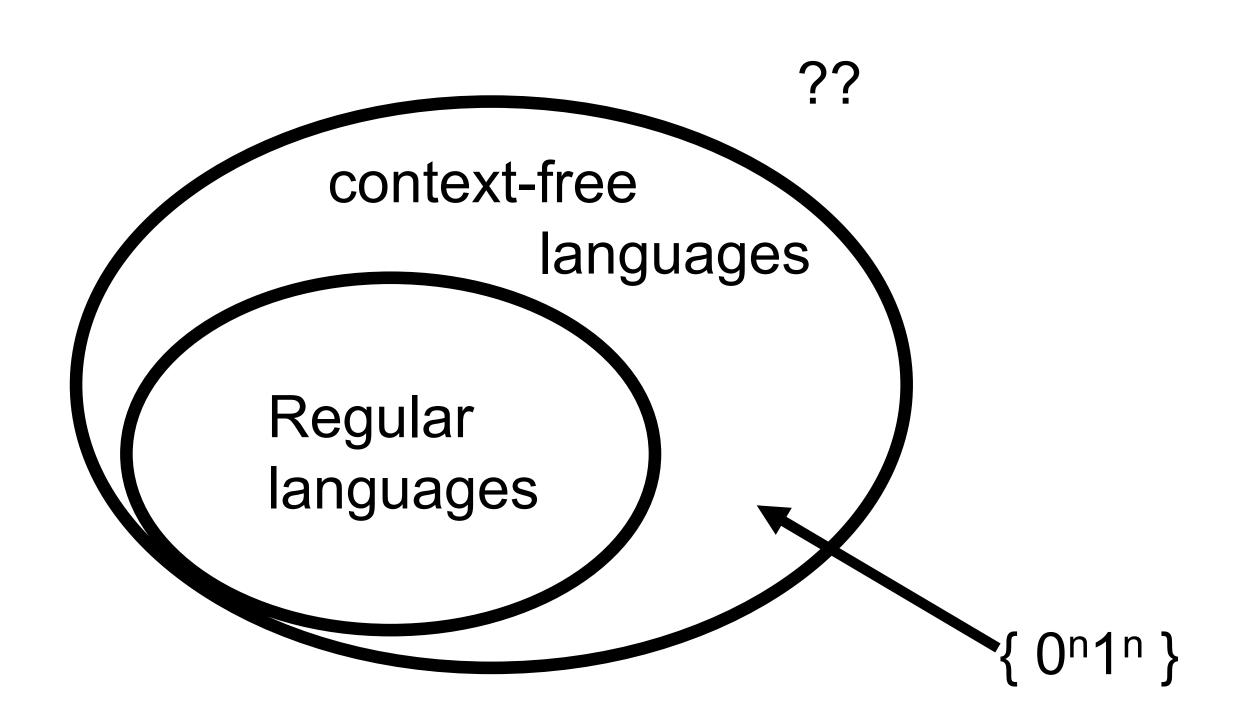
$$A \to aA \mid bB \mid b$$

$$B \to b$$

$$S \to abSb$$
$$S \to aa$$

Greinbach Normal Form

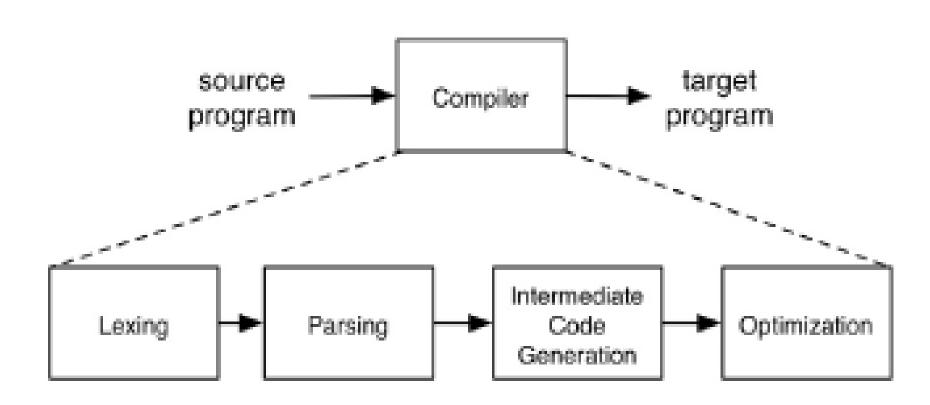
Not Greinbach Normal Form



小结

REs turn raw text into a stream of tokens

- · E.g., "if", "then", "identifier", etc.
- · This process is calling scanning or lexing
- · Whitespace and comments are simply skipped
- These tokens become the input for the parser CFGs turn tokens into parse trees
- This process is called parsing
- · Parse trees become the input for the code generator



Any Questions?

