

# PROPERTIES OF CONTEXT-FREE LANGUAGES

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## Closure wrt union

### LEMMA

The class of free languages is closed w.r.t. set-union.

- Meaning:
  - If  $\mathcal{L}_1$  and  $\mathcal{L}_2$  are free languages
  - Then  $\mathcal{L}_1 \cup \mathcal{L}_2$  is a free language.

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## Closure wrt union

### PROOF

- Let  $\mathcal{L}_1$  and  $\mathcal{L}_2$  be free languages.
- Then there exist two free grammars  $\mathcal{G}_1 = (V_1, T_1, S_1, \mathcal{P}_1)$  and  $\mathcal{G}_2 = (V_2, T_2, S_2, \mathcal{P}_2)$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_1 = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_1)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_2 = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_2)$ .
- Let  $V'_2$  be a refreshing of  $V_2$  to avoid possible name clashes with non-terminals in  $V_1$ . (No refresh needed when all non-terminals of  $\mathcal{G}_2$  are different from those of  $\mathcal{G}_1$ .)
- Let  $\mathcal{G} = (V_1 \cup V'_2 \cup \{S\}, T_1 \cup T_2, S, \mathcal{P}_1 \cup \mathcal{P}'_2 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1 \mid S'_2\})$  where:
  - $S$  is a new symbol not in  $V_1 \cup V'_2$
  - $S'_2$  stands for the refreshing of  $S_2$
  - $\mathcal{P}'_2$  stands for the refreshing of the productions in  $\mathcal{P}_2$
- Then  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G})$  is free and  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_1) \cup \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_2)$ .

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## Closure wrt union

### PROOF: Why is $\mathcal{G}$ free?

- The productions of  $\mathcal{G}$  are those in  $\mathcal{P}_1 \cup \mathcal{P}'_2 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1 \mid S'_2\}$
- The productions in both  $\mathcal{P}_1$  and  $\mathcal{P}'_2$  have the same form as they do before name refreshing, hence the form  $A \rightarrow \alpha$ .
- The productions  $S \rightarrow S_1$  and  $S \rightarrow S'_2$  also have the form  $A \rightarrow \alpha$ .

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## Closure wrt union

**PROOF:** Why is  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_1) \cup \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_2)$ ?

- $w \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G})$
- iff there exists a derivation  $S \Rightarrow^* w$
- iff  $S \Rightarrow S_1 \Rightarrow^* w$  or  $S \Rightarrow S'_2 \Rightarrow^* w$
- iff  $S_1 \Rightarrow^* w$  or  $S_2 \Rightarrow^* w$
- iff  $w \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_1)$  or  $w \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_2)$
- iff  $w \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_1) \cup \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_2)$ .

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## Closure wrt union

**PROOF:** Why insisting on refreshing non-terminals?

- Take
 
$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{G}_1 : & S_1 \rightarrow aA \\ & A \rightarrow a \end{array} \qquad \mathcal{G}_2 : \begin{array}{ll} S_2 & \rightarrow bA \\ A & \rightarrow b \end{array}$$
- Then  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_1) = \{aa\}$  and  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_2) = \{bb\}$ .
- If, without any refreshing, we define
 
$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{G} : & S \rightarrow S_1 \mid S_2 \\ & S_1 \rightarrow aA \\ & S_2 \rightarrow bA \\ & A \rightarrow a \mid b \end{array}$$
- Then  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}) = \{aa, ab, ba, bb\} \neq \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_1) \cup \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_2)$ .
- What is the problem here?

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## Closure wrt union

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- Then  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_1) = \{aa\}$  and  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_2) = \{bb\}$ .
- By refreshing  $A$  to  $A'$  in  $\mathcal{G}_2$  we rather get

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{G} : & S \rightarrow S_1 \mid S_2 \\ & S_1 \rightarrow aA \\ & S_2 \rightarrow bA' \\ & A \rightarrow a \\ & A' \rightarrow b \end{array}$$

- No mix up of productions now, and  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}) = \{aa, bb\}$ .

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## Closure wrt concatenation

### LEMMA

The class of free languages is closed w.r.t. concatenation.

- Meaning:
  - If  $\mathcal{L}_1$  and  $\mathcal{L}_2$  are free languages
  - Then  $\{w_1w_2 \mid w_1 \in \mathcal{L}_1 \text{ and } w_2 \in \mathcal{L}_2\}$  is a free language.

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## Closure wrt concatenation

### PROOF

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- Then there exist two free grammars  $\mathcal{G}_1 = (V_1, T_1, S_1, \mathcal{P}_1)$  and  $\mathcal{G}_2 = (V_2, T_2, S_2, \mathcal{P}_2)$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_1 = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_1)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_2 = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_2)$ .
- Notice that, wlog, we can assume that there is no clash between the non-terminals of  $\mathcal{G}_1$  and those of  $\mathcal{G}_2$ . In fact, we can always apply renaming as done in the proof on closure wrt union.
- Let  $\mathcal{G} = (V_1 \cup V_2 \cup \{S\}, T_1 \cup T_2, S, \mathcal{P}_1 \cup \mathcal{P}_2 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1 S_2\})$  where  $S$  is a new symbol not in  $V_1 \cup V_2$ .
- Then  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G})$  is free and  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}) = \{w_1 w_2 \mid w_1 \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_1) \text{ and } w_2 \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_2)\}$ .

## Cleaning up free grammars

### THEOREM

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a context-free language. Then there exists a context-free grammar  $\mathcal{G}$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}) = \mathcal{L} \setminus \{\epsilon\}$  and that has:

- No  $\epsilon$ -production (i.e. no production of the shape  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ )
- No unit production (i.e. no production of the shape  $A \rightarrow B$ )
- No useless non-terminal (i.e. non-terminals that never appear in some derivations of some strings of terminals)

## $\epsilon$ -production elimination

### SKETCH

- Find **nullable** non-terminals, i.e., every non-terminal  $A$  such that  $A \Rightarrow^* \epsilon$ 
  - **Base:** if  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$  is a production, then  $A$  is nullable
  - **Iteration:** if  $A \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_n$  is a production and  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  are all nullable, then  $A$  is nullable
- Substitute each production  $A \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_n$  by a family of productions where combinations of nullable  $Y_i$ s are removed from the body. (Exception: If all of  $Y_i$ s are nullable do not take in the family the production  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ )
- Eliminate every production  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$

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## $\epsilon$ -production elimination

### EXAMPLE

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow ABC \mid abc \\ A &\rightarrow aB \mid \epsilon \\ B &\rightarrow bA \mid C \\ C &\rightarrow \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

- $A$  and  $C$  nullable by  $A \rightarrow \epsilon, C \rightarrow \epsilon$
- $B$  nullable by  $B \rightarrow C$  and  $C$  nullable
- $S$  nullable by  $S \rightarrow ABC$  and  $A, B, C$  nullable
- Then the grammar becomes

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow ABC \mid abc \mid AB \mid AC \mid BC \mid A \mid B \mid C \\ A &\rightarrow aB \\ B &\rightarrow bA \mid C \end{aligned}$$

- Note:  $C$  is useless now

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## Remainder

### THEOREM

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### NOTE

Each production  $A \rightarrow \beta$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  is such that either  $\beta$  is a single terminal or  $|\beta| \geq 2$

## Pumping Lemma for free languages

### LEMMA

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a free language. Then

- $\exists p \in \mathbb{N}^+$  such that
- $\forall z \in \mathcal{L}$  such that  $|z| > p$
- $\exists u, v, w, x, y$  such that
  - $z = uvwxy$  and
  - $|vwx| \leq p$  and
  - $|vx| > 0$  and
  - $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}. uv^iwx^iy \in \mathcal{L}$

## Pumping Lemma for free languages

### PROOF

- Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a free language
- The lemma is about words longer than  $p > 0$ , and hence different from  $\epsilon$
- Then just consider a “cleaned-up” free grammar  $\mathcal{G}$  such that  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G})$
- Note: In any derivation tree, every path from the root to a terminal node traverses as many non-terminal nodes as the length of the path.  
E.g., the length of a path traversing the nodes  $\langle S, B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{k-1}, a \rangle$  is  $k$ .

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## Pumping Lemma for free languages

### PROOF

- Define  $p$  to be the **length of the longest word** that can be derived by derivation trees whose paths from the root are at most as long as the number of non-terminals in  $\mathcal{G}$
- Let  $z \in \mathcal{L}$  be such that  $|z| > p$
- Then there is a derivation tree for  $z$  which has at least a path whose length is strictly greater than the number of non-terminals

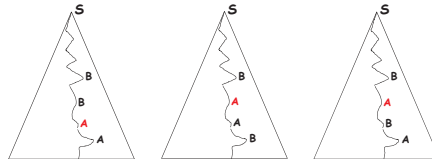
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## Pumping Lemma for free languages

### PROOF

- Consider the longest path in the tree, and the **deepest pair** of occurrences of the same non-terminal along that path
- Where the depth of a pair of non-terminals is the depth of its second occurrence going bottom-up
- For instance, below the deepest pair is always the pair of *As*

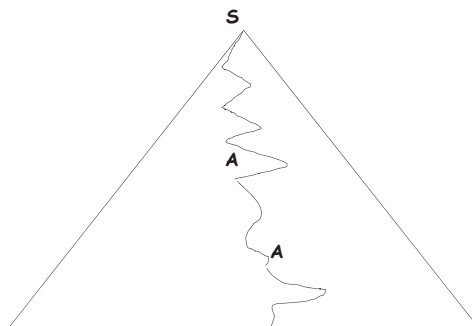


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## Pumping Lemma for free languages

### PROOF

Let *A* be non-terminal of the deepest pair of occurrences of the same non-terminal along the path

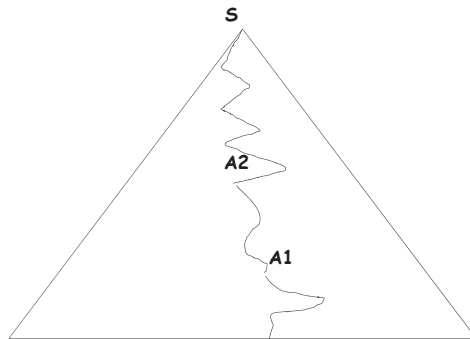


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## Pumping Lemma for free languages

### PROOF

Call  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  the two occurrences of  $A$

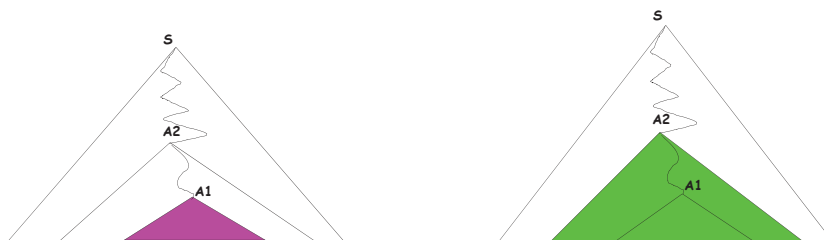


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## Pumping Lemma for free languages

### PROOF

Then there are two distinct subtrees rooted at  $A$ : the “pink subtree” and the “green subtree”

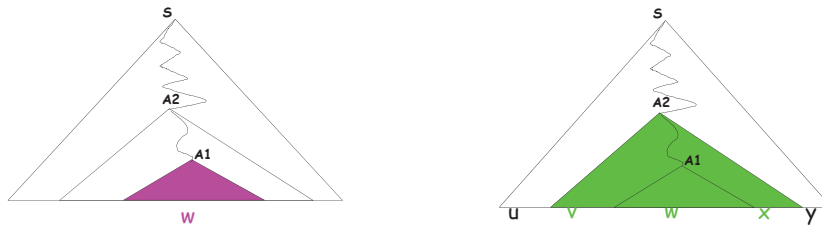


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## Pumping Lemma for free languages

### PROOF

Then  $z = uvwx$

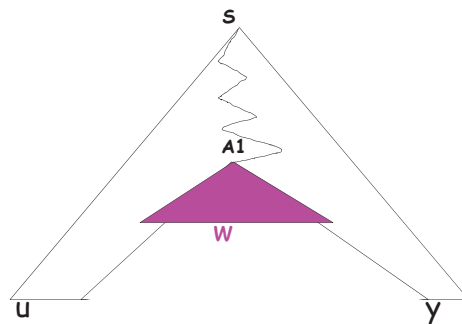


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## Pumping Lemma for free languages

### PROOF

Then  $uv^0wx^0y \in \mathcal{L}$ .

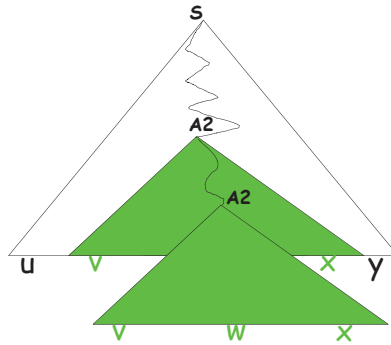


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## Pumping Lemma for free languages

### PROOF

Then  $uv^2wx^2y \in \mathcal{L}$ .

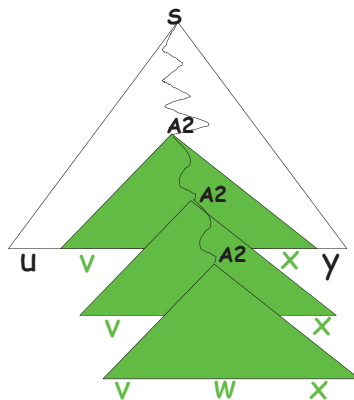


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## Pumping Lemma for free languages

### PROOF

Then  $uv^3wx^3y \in \mathcal{L}$ .



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## Pumping Lemma for free languages

### PROOF

Then

- $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}. uv^i wx^i y \in \mathcal{L}$
- $|vwx| \leq p$ 
  - By the choice of  $(A1, A2)$ , the depth of the tree rooted at  $A2$  is less than the number of non-terminals
  - Hence the length of its yield is bound by  $p$
- $|vx| > 0$ 
  - By  $\mathcal{G}$  cleaned-up
  - If  $A \Rightarrow^* \alpha A \beta$  then at least one symbol is derived by either  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$

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## Pumping Lemma for free languages

### WHAT IS THIS LEMMA GOOD FOR?

- Recall the structure of the statement
- “ Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a free language. Then *PL-THESIS*.”
- **By no means** the lemma can be used to show that a certain language is free
- It is used to show that a **language is not free**
- Schema of such proofs:
  - Assume that language  $\mathcal{L}$  is free
  - Show that *PL-THESIS* is false, i.e., prove *not(PL-THESIS)*
  - By contradiction, conclude that  $\mathcal{L}$  is not free

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## Pumping Lemma for free languages

### PL-THESIS

- $\exists p \in \mathbb{N}^+. \forall z \in \mathcal{L}: |z| > p. \exists u, v, w, x, y. P$
- where
  - $P \equiv P1 \text{ and } P2 \text{ and } P3 \text{ and } P4$
  - $P1 \equiv z = uvwxy$
  - $P2 \equiv |vwx| \leq p$
  - $P3 \equiv |vx| > 0$
  - $P4 \equiv \forall i \in \mathbb{N}. uv^iwx^iy \in \mathcal{L}$

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## Pumping Lemma for free languages

### not(PL-THESIS)

- **not** (  $\exists p \in \mathbb{N}^+. \forall z \in \mathcal{L}: |z| > p. \exists u, v, w, x, y. P$  )
- $\forall p \in \mathbb{N}^+. \text{ not } ( \forall z \in \mathcal{L}: |z| > p. \exists u, v, w, x, y. P )$
- $\forall p \in \mathbb{N}^+. \exists z \in \mathcal{L}: |z| > p. \text{ not } ( \exists u, v, w, x, y. P )$
- $\forall p \in \mathbb{N}^+. \exists z \in \mathcal{L}: |z| > p. \forall u, v, w, x, y. \text{ not } ( P )$
- $\forall p \in \mathbb{N}^+. \exists z \in \mathcal{L}: |z| > p. \forall u, v, w, x, y. \text{ not } ( P1 \text{ and } P2 \text{ and } P3 \text{ and } P4 )$

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## Pumping Lemma for free languages

not (  $P1$  and  $P2$  and  $P3$  and  $P4$  )

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- not ( (  $P1$  and  $P2$  and  $P3$  ) and  $P4$  )
- not (  $P1$  and  $P2$  and  $P3$  ) or not  $P4$
- (  $P1$  and  $P2$  and  $P3$  ) implies not  $P4$
- (  $P1$  and  $P2$  and  $P3$  ) implies not (  $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}. uv^i wx^i y \in \mathcal{L}$  )
- (  $P1$  and  $P2$  and  $P3$  ) implies  $\exists i \in \mathbb{N}. \text{ not } ( uv^i wx^i y \in \mathcal{L} )$

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## Pumping Lemma for free languages

not(PL-THESIS)

- $\forall p \in \mathbb{N}^+. \exists z \in \mathcal{L}: |z| > p. \forall u, v, w, x, y.$ 
  - (  $z = uvwxy$  and  $|vwx| \leq p$  and  $|vx| > 0$  )
  - implies
  - $\exists i \in \mathbb{N}. uv^i wx^i y \notin \mathcal{L}$
- Operationally:
  - **Whichever** positive natural number  $p$  is
  - **Choose** a word  $z$  longer than  $p$  and belonging to the language
  - Show that, **whichever** unpacking of  $z$  into  $uvwxy$  with  $|vwx| \leq p$  and  $|vx| > 0$  is taken
  - A natural number  $i$  can be **chosen** which is such that  $uv^i wx^i y \notin \mathcal{L}$

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## Pumping Lemma at work

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{G}: \quad S &\rightarrow aSBc \mid abc \\ cB &\rightarrow Bc \\ bB &\rightarrow bb\end{aligned}$$

- $\mathcal{G}$  is context-dependent and  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}) = \{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$ .
- Is  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G})$  a free language?

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## Pumping Lemma at work

### LEMMA

$\mathcal{L} = \{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$  is not free.

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## Pumping Lemma at work

### PROOF

- Suppose  $\mathcal{L}$  is free, and let  $p$  be an arbitrary positive integer
- Take  $z = a^p b^p c^p$
- If ( $z = uvwxy$  and  $|vwx| \leq p$  and  $|vx| > 0$ )
- Then  $vx$  cannot have occurrences of both  $as$  and  $cs$  because the last occurrence of  $a$  and the first occurrence of  $c$  are  $p + 1$  positions far. In fact, for some positive  $k$  and  $j$ 
  - Either  $vwx = a^k$
  - Or  $vwx = a^k b^j$
  - Or  $vwx = b^j$
  - Or  $vwx = b^j c^k$
  - Or  $vwx = c^k$

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## Pumping Lemma at work

### PROOF

- Then  $vx$  has either no occurrences of  $c$  or no occurrences of  $a$
- Then  $uv^0wx^0y$  cannot have the form  $a^n b^n c^n$ , hence  $uv^0wx^0y \notin \mathcal{L}$
- Then, by contradiction wrt the Pumping Lemma,  $\mathcal{L}$  is not free

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## Pumping Lemma at work

### AGAIN ON THE PROOF STRUCTURE

- ... let  $p$  be an arbitrary positive integer  
 $\forall p$ : Any  $p$
- Take  $z = a^p b^p c^p$   
 $\exists z$ : Choose  $z \in \mathcal{L}$  longer than  $p$
- ... If ( $z = uvwxy$  and  $|vwx| \leq p$  and  $|vx| > 0$ ) then ....  
 $\forall u, v, w, x, y : z = uvwxy$  and  $|vwx| \leq p$  and  $|vx| > 0$
- ...  $uv^0wx^0y \notin \mathcal{L}$   
 $\exists i$ : Choose a value for the iterator
- ... contradiction

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## Pumping Lemma at work

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{G} : \quad S &\rightarrow CD \\
 C &\rightarrow aCA \mid bCB \mid \epsilon \\
 AD &\rightarrow aD \\
 BD &\rightarrow bD \\
 Aa &\rightarrow aA \\
 Ab &\rightarrow bA \\
 Ba &\rightarrow aB \\
 Bb &\rightarrow bB \\
 D &\rightarrow \epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathcal{G}$  is context-dependent
- What is  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G})$ ?

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## Pumping Lemma at work

- Derived strings have a bookmark  $D$  initially at rightmost position

$$S \rightarrow CD$$

- Strings can only grow longer by replacing  $C$

$$C \rightarrow aCA \mid bCB \mid \epsilon$$

- Non-terminals close to the rightmost delimiter can be converted to the corresponding terminal

$$AD \rightarrow aD$$

$$BD \rightarrow bD$$

- Non-terminals and terminals can be swapped when the terminal is at the right of the non-terminal

$$Aa \rightarrow aA$$

$$Ab \rightarrow bA$$

$$Ba \rightarrow aB$$

$$Bb \rightarrow bB$$

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## Pumping Lemma at work

$S$	by $S \rightarrow CD$
$\Rightarrow CD$	by $C \rightarrow aCA$
$\Rightarrow aCAD$	by $C \rightarrow aCA$
$\Rightarrow aaCAAD$	by $C \rightarrow bCB$
$\Rightarrow aabCBAAD$	by $C \rightarrow \epsilon$
$\Rightarrow aabBAAD$	by $AD \rightarrow aD$
$\Rightarrow aabBAaD$	by $Aa \rightarrow aA$
$\Rightarrow aabBaAD$	by $Ba \rightarrow aB$
$\Rightarrow aabaBAD$	by $AD \rightarrow aD$
$\Rightarrow aabaBaD$	by $Ba \rightarrow aB$
$\Rightarrow aabaaBD$	by $BD \rightarrow bD$
$\Rightarrow aabaabD$	by $D \rightarrow \epsilon$
$\Rightarrow aabaab$	

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 Bb &\rightarrow bB \\
 D &\rightarrow \epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}) = \{ww \mid w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$
- Is  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G})$  a free language?

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## Pumping Lemma at work

### LEMMA

$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}) = \{ww \mid w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$  is not free.

### Proof

Analogous to the previous one.

A good choice for  $z$  is  $z = a^p b^p a^p b^p$ .

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## Free or not?

- $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$
- Not free, by previous lemma
- $\{a^n b^n c^j \mid n, j > 0\}$
- Free, concatenation of two free languages
- $\{a^n b^n \mid n > 0\}$  and  $\{c^j \mid j > 0\}$
- $\{a^j b^n c^n \mid j, n > 0\}$
- Free, concatenation of two free languages
- $\{a^j \mid j > 0\}$  and  $\{b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

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## Closure wrt intersection does not hold

### LEMMA

The class of free languages is not closed w.r.t. intersection.

### Proof

- By contradiction
- Take two free languages  $\mathcal{L}_1$  and  $\mathcal{L}_2$  whose intersection is not free
- $\mathcal{L}_1 = \{a^n b^n c^j \mid n, j > 0\}$
- $\mathcal{L}_2 = \{a^j b^n c^n \mid n, j > 0\}$
- $\mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2 = \{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

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## Exercise

$$\mathcal{G}: S \rightarrow aSc \mid aTc \mid T$$

$$T \rightarrow bTa \mid ba$$

- Is  $\mathcal{G}$  ambiguous?
- Yes
  - $S \Rightarrow aTc \Rightarrow abac$
  - $S \Rightarrow aSc \Rightarrow aTc \Rightarrow abac$
- What is  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G})$ ?
 
$$\{a^k b^n a^n c^k \mid k \geq 0, n > 0\}$$

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## Exercise

$$\mathcal{G}: S \rightarrow 0B \mid 1A$$

$$A \rightarrow 0 \mid 0S \mid 1AA$$

$$B \rightarrow 1 \mid 1S \mid 0BB$$

- What is  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G})$ ?
 
$$\{w \mid w \in \{0, 1\}^* \text{ and } \#(0, w) = \#(1, w)\}$$

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## Exercise

- Define  $\mathcal{G}$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}) = \{a^k b^n c^{2k} \mid k, n > 0\}$

$$S \rightarrow aScc \mid aBcc$$

$$B \rightarrow bB \mid b$$

- Define  $\mathcal{G}$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}) = \{a^k b^n c^{2k} \mid k, n \geq 0\}$

$$S \rightarrow aScc \mid B$$

$$B \rightarrow bB \mid \epsilon$$

## Exercise

$$\mathcal{G} : \quad S \rightarrow aBS \mid bA$$

$$aB \rightarrow Ac \mid a$$

$$bA \rightarrow S \mid Ba$$

- Is  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}) = \emptyset$ ?

$$\text{No: } \underline{S} \Rightarrow aB\underline{S} \Rightarrow \underline{aB}bA \Rightarrow \underline{abA} \Rightarrow \underline{aBa} \Rightarrow aa$$

## Exercise

- Define a grammar  $\mathcal{G}$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G})$  is the set of all the even binary numbers

$$S \rightarrow 0S \mid 1S \mid 0$$

- Define a grammar  $\mathcal{G}'$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}') = \{1^n 0 \mid n \geq 0\}$

$$S \rightarrow A0 \mid 0$$

$$A \rightarrow 1A \mid 1$$

- Is  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}') = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G})$ ?

No: 000000 is in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G})$  but not in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}')$