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Answer 1

a) Write a context-free grammar for the language $L_1 = \{w | w \in \{a,b\}^* \land w \text{ has twise as many b's as a's}\}.$

Let G be the grammar (V, Σ, R, S) for the language L_1 where

$$\begin{split} V &= \{S, a, b\}, \\ \Sigma &= \{a, b\}, \\ R &= \{S \rightarrow aSbSb, \\ S \rightarrow bSaSb, \\ S \rightarrow bSbSa, \\ S \rightarrow e\}. \end{split}$$

b) Write a context-free grammar for the language $L_2 = \{a^n b^m | m, n \in \mathbb{N} \land m \le n \le 2m\}$.

Let G be the grammar (V, Σ, R, S) for the language L_2 where

$$\begin{split} V &= \{S, a, b\}, \\ \Sigma &= \{a, b\}, \\ R &= \{S \rightarrow aSbSa, \\ S \rightarrow aSaSb, \\ S \rightarrow bSaSa, \\ S \rightarrow bSa, \\ S \rightarrow aSb, \\ S \rightarrow e\}. \end{split}$$

c) Formally define and draw a PDA that accepts L_1 .

Let $(K, \Sigma, V, \Delta, p, \{q\})$ be the sextuple for the language L_1 where K, Σ, V, R are defined on part a. Δ contains the following transitions:

- 1) ((p, e, e), (q, S))
- 2) ((p, e, A), (q, x)) for each rule $A \to x$ in R
- 3) ((q, a, a), (q, e)) for each $a \in \Sigma$

Then,

$$\begin{split} \Delta &= \{ ((p,e,e),(q,S)),\\ &\quad ((p,e,S),(q,aSbSa)),\\ &\quad ((p,e,S),(q,bSaSa)),\\ &\quad ((p,e,S),(q,aSaSb)),\\ &\quad ((p,e,S),(q,e)),\\ &\quad ((p,a,a),(q,e)),\\ &\quad ((p,b,b),(q,e)) \}. \end{split}$$

d) Write a context-free grammar for the language $L_3 = L_1 \cup L_2$.

Let $G_1 = (V_1, \Sigma_1, R_1, S_1)$ for the language L_1 and $G_2 = (V_2, \Sigma_2, R_2, S_2)$ for the language L_2 .

Then $G_3 = (V_1 \cup V_2 \cup \{S\}, \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2, R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1, S \rightarrow S_2\})$ for the language L_3 .

$$V_{3} = \{S, S_{1}, S_{2}, a, b\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$R = \{S \to S_{1}, S_{2}, S_{1} \to aS_{1}bS_{1}b, S_{1} \to bS_{1}aS_{1}b, S_{1} \to bS_{1}bS_{1}a, S_{1} \to e, S_{2} \to aS_{2}bS_{2}a, S_{2} \to aS_{2}aS_{2}b, S_{2} \to bS_{2}aS_{2}a, S_{2} \to bS_{2}a, S_{2} \to aS_{2}b, S_{2} \to aS_{2}b, S_{2} \to aS_{2}b, S_{2} \to e\}$$

Answer 2

Given
$$G_1 = \{V, \Sigma, R, S\}$$
 where $V = \{0, 1, S, A\}$, $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$, and $R = \{S \rightarrow AS | e, A \rightarrow A1 | 0A1 | 01\}$

a) Show that G_1 is ambiguous.

For the string 00111, there are more than one possible rightmost derivations.

- 1) $S \rightarrow AS \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0A1 \rightarrow 0A11 \rightarrow 00111$
- 2) $S \rightarrow AS \rightarrow A \rightarrow A1 \rightarrow 0A11 \rightarrow 00111$
- b) Give an unambiguous grammar for $L(G_1)$. (i.e. disambiguate the given grammar.)

The reason why this grammar is ambiguous is that whenever the derivation includes the rules $A \to 0A1$ and $A \to A1$ these rules' application order can be swapped without affecting the final string. This issue can be solved in a way that restricts the application order of the rules. For this purpose, we will define a new nonterminal B, and define a transition from A to B. After some modifications, G_1 is as follows:

$$\begin{split} V &= \{S,A,B,0,1\} \\ \Sigma &= \{0,1\} \\ R &= \{S \rightarrow AS, \\ S \rightarrow e, \\ A \rightarrow 0A1, \\ A \rightarrow B, \\ B \rightarrow B1, \\ B \rightarrow 01\}. \end{split}$$