

# CS 143 2020 - Written Assignment 2

Due Monday, May 4, 2020 at 11:59 PM

This assignment covers context free grammars and parsing. You may discuss this assignment with other students and work on the problems together. However, your write-up should be your own individual work, and you should indicate in your submission who you worked with, if applicable. Assignments can be submitted electronically through Gradescope as a PDF by 11:59 PM PDT. A L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X template for writing your solutions is available on the course website.

1. Give the context-free grammar (CFG) for each of the following languages. Any grammar is acceptable - including ambiguous grammars - as long as it has the correct language.

- (a) The set of all strings over the alphabet  $\{2, -, +\}$  representing valid arithmetic expressions where each integer in the expression is a single digit and the expression evaluates to some value  $\geq 0$ .

Example Strings in the Language:

2+2                      2-2+2                      -2-2+2+2

Strings not in the Language:

+2                      -2                      -2+22                      2++2-2                       $\epsilon$

- (b) The set of all strings over the alphabet  $\{string | \%s|arg|",\}$  representing valid arguments to the c printf() function. For the purposes of this problem, treat *string* and *arg* as tokens of your language where *string* represents an arbitrary length sequence of characters [A-Z][a-z] and *arg* represents any arbitrary char\*. printf() replaces each %s with the contents of arg. For instance, printf("Test %s %s", foo, bar) will print "Test (contents of foo) (contents of bar)". See [the c printf\(\) documentation](#) for further detail. Although printf() ignores unused args, your grammar should produce strings **with an equal number of %s and arg tokens**. Note that ', ' and ' ' are in the alphabet.

Example Strings in the Language (surrounded by printf() for clarity, do not include printf() in the grammar):

printf( "" )                      printf(" string %s%s", arg, arg)  
printf("        %s        stringstring        ", arg        )

Strings not in the Language (surrounded by printf() for clarity, do not include printf() in the grammar):

printf("%s")                      printf("arg string")                      printf(string %s, arg)

- (c) The set of all strings over the alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$  in the language  $L : \{0^i 1^j 0^k \mid j \leq i + k\}$ .  
Example Strings in the Language:

00000                      000111100                       $\epsilon$

Strings not in the Language:

1                      000111101

- (d) The set of all strings over the alphabet  $\{[, ], \{, \}, ,, \}$  which are sets. We define a set to be a collection of zero or more comma-separated arrays enclosed in an open brace and a close brace. Similarly, we define an array to be a collection of zero or more comma-separated sets enclosed in an open bracket and a close bracket. **Note** that “,” is in the alphabet. Example Arrays:

$[\{\}, \{\}]$        $[\{\}]$        $[\{\{\}, \{\}\}]$

Example Sets:

$\{\{\}\}$        $\{\}$        $\{\{\{\}\}, \{\}\}$

Example Strings in the Language:

$\{\}$        $\{\{\}, \{\{\}\}\}$        $\{\{\{\}, \{\}, \{\}\}, \{\}\}$

Strings not in the Language:

$[\{\}]$        $\{\{\}\}$        $\{\{\{\}\}$

2. (a) Left factor the following grammar:

$$S \rightarrow I \mid I - J \mid I + K$$

$$I \rightarrow (J - K) \mid (J)$$

$$J \rightarrow K1 \mid K2$$

$$K \rightarrow K3 \mid \epsilon$$

- (b) Eliminate left recursion from the following grammar:

$$S \rightarrow STS \mid ST \mid T$$

$$T \rightarrow Ta \mid Tb \mid U$$

$$U \rightarrow T \mid c$$

3. Consider the following CFG, where the set of terminals is  $\{a, b, \#, \%, !\}$ :

$$S \rightarrow \%aT \mid U!$$

$$T \rightarrow aS \mid baT \mid \epsilon$$

$$U \rightarrow \#aTU \mid \epsilon$$

- (a) Construct the FIRST sets for each of the nonterminals.
  - (b) Construct the FOLLOW sets for each of the nonterminals.
  - (c) Construct the LL(1) parsing table for the grammar.
  - (d) Show the sequence of stack, input and action configurations that occur during an LL(1) parse of the string “#abaa%aba!”. At the beginning of the parse, the stack should contain a single S.
4. What advantage does left recursion have over right recursion in shift-reduce parsing?  
**Hint:** Consider left and right recursive grammars for the language  $a^*$ . What happens if your input has a million a's?

5. Consider the Following Grammar G over the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ :

$$S' \rightarrow S$$

$$S \rightarrow Aa$$

$$S \rightarrow Bb$$

$$A \rightarrow Ac$$

$$A \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow Bc$$

$$B \rightarrow \epsilon$$

You want to implement G using an SLR(1) parser (note that we have already added the  $S' \rightarrow S$  production for you).

- (a) Construct the first state of the LR(0) machine, compute the FOLLOW sets of A and B, and point out the conflicts that prevent the grammar from being SLR(1)
- (b) Show modifications to production 4 ( $A \rightarrow Ac$ ) and production 6 ( $B \rightarrow Bc$ ) that make the grammar SLR(1) while having the same language as the original grammar G. Explain the intuition behind this result.