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Problem 1

The language consisting of strings of the form $a^i b^j$ where $i \neq j$ requires the grammar to capture the imbalance between the number of a 's and b 's.

We will re-write $i \neq j$ as $i < j$ or $i > j$.

$$L = \{a^i b^j ; i < j \text{ or } i > j\}$$

$$S \rightarrow A_{i < j} \mid A_{i > j}$$

$$A_{i < j} \rightarrow a A_{i < j} b \mid b B$$

$$B \rightarrow b B \mid \epsilon$$

$$A_{i > j} \rightarrow a A_{i > j} b \mid a X$$

$$X \rightarrow a X \mid \epsilon$$

Problem 3

A context free grammar (CFG) is in Chomsky Normal Form (CNF) if all production rules satisfy one of the following conditions:

- A non-terminal generating a terminal (e.g.; $X \rightarrow x$)
- A non-terminal generating two non-terminals (e.g.; $X \rightarrow YZ$)
- Start symbol generating ϵ . (e.g.; $S \rightarrow \epsilon$)

Step 1: As start symbol S appears on the RHS, we will create a new production rule $S_0 \rightarrow S$. Therefore, the grammar will become:

$$S_0 \rightarrow S$$

$$S \rightarrow aSb \mid c \mid SS$$

Step 2: The grammar does not contain any null production.

Step 3: The rule $S \rightarrow aSb$ violates CNF because it has a unit production (a single terminal "a") on the right-hand side and rewrites to a non-terminal (S) followed by two symbols (a terminal "b"). After eliminating unit productions:

$$S_0 \rightarrow aSb \mid c \mid SS$$

$$S \rightarrow aSb \mid c \mid SS$$

Step 4: In production rule $S_0 \rightarrow aSb$ and $S \rightarrow aSb$, RHS has more than two symbols, removing it from grammar yields:

$$S_0 \rightarrow XB \mid c \mid SS$$

$$S \rightarrow XB \mid c \mid SS$$

$$X \rightarrow aS$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Step 5: After eliminating terminals from RHS since they exist with other terminals or non-terminals yields:

$$S_0 \rightarrow XB \mid c \mid SS$$

$$S \rightarrow XB \mid c \mid SS$$

$$X \rightarrow AS$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Problem 4

Context-free grammar: $S \rightarrow SS \mid aSb \mid bSa \mid \epsilon$ 