

# Hw7

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$A = \{0^n \# 0^{2n} \# 0^{3n} \mid n \geq 0\}$ . Hint: consider  $s = 0^p \# 0^{2p} \# 0^{3p}$ .

Assume that  $A$  is a context free language and let  $p$  be the pumping length for the language. Choose the string  $s = 0^p \# 0^{2p} \# 0^{3p} \in A$  so that clearly  $|s| > p$ . By condition 1 of the PL for CFLs, we can partition  $s = uvxyz$  such that for all  $i \geq 0$ ,  $uv^i xy^i z \in A$ . In order to show that  $s$  cannot be pumped, let's consider the ramifications of Condition 1 of the PL for CFLs for the contents of  $v$  and  $y$ .

If either  $v$  or  $y$  contain the '#' symbol.  $S' = uv^2 xy^2 z \notin A$  as the resulting string would now contain greater than 2 '#' symbols, therefore  $s'$  condition 1 of the PL for CFLs is violated.

By condition 3 of the PL for CFLs we know that  $|vxy| \leq p$ , therefore we can choose  $vxy$  to consist of entirely 0's in the second segment ( $0^{2p}$ ). This means that both  $v$  and  $y$  also consist entirely of 0's. If we then pump up  $uv^2 xy^2 z$ , the resulting string  $s' \notin A$ , as the second segment would now contain more than  $2n$  0's, while the other sections (including '#' symbols would remain the same), violating the constraint originally laid out ( $0^n \# 0^{2n} \# 0^{3n}$ ). We can also consider the case where either  $v$  or  $y$  contains the '#' symbol, keeping the same  $s' = uv^2 xy^2 z$  we now violate the strict ordering of 0's and #'s by introducing additional # symbols between 0's. Therefore  $s' \notin A$  and condition 1 of the PL for CFLs is violated, and we can conclude that  $A$  is not a CFL.

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$C = \{w \mid \text{the number of 1s equals the number of 2s and the number of 3s equals the number of 4s}\}$  and  $\Sigma = \{1,2,3,4\}$ . Hint: consider  $s = 1^p 3^p 2^p 4^p$ .

Assume that  $C$  is a context free language and let  $p$  be the pumping length for the language. Choose the string  $s = 1^p 3^p 2^p 4^p \in C$  so that clearly  $|s| > p$ . By condition 1 of the PL for CFLs, we can partition  $s = uvxyz$  such that for all  $i \geq 0$ ,  $uv^i xy^i z \in A$ . In order to show that  $s$  cannot be pumped, let's consider the ramifications of Condition 1 of the PL for CFLs for the contents of  $v$  and  $y$ .

When both  $v$  and  $y$  contain only one type of symbol (terminal), then  $s' = uv^2 xy^2 z$  cannot contain equal numbers of 1's and 2's, or 3's and 4's, because one symbol would be present more times than the other in its pairing. Therefore  $s' \notin C$  and condition 1 of the PL for CFLs is violated, and we can conclude that  $C$  is not a CFL. #

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$B = \{w\#t \mid w \text{ is a substring of } t, \text{ where } w, t \in \{a, b\}^*\}$ . Hint: consider  $s = a^p b^p \# a^p b^p$ .

Assume that  $B$  is a context free language and let  $p$  be the pumping length for the language. Choose the string  $s = a^p b^p \# a^p b^p \in B$  so that clearly  $|s| > p$ . By condition 1 of the PL for CFLs, we can partition  $s = uvxyz$  such that for all  $i \geq 0$ ,  $uv^i xy^i z \in B$ . In order to show that  $s$  cannot be pumped, let's consider the ramifications for Condition 1 of the PL for CFLs for the contents of  $v$  and  $y$ .

When  $v$  and  $y$  contain only one type of symbol (not '#'), and  $v/y$  occupy the beginning of the string (substring  $w$ ), then  $s' = uv^2 xy^2 z \notin B$  because the  $w$  would no longer be a substring of  $t$  as it contains either more  $a$ 's or  $b$ 's and  $t$ . Therefore  $s' \notin B$  and condition 1 of the PL for CFLs is violated.

When either  $v$  or  $y$  contain the '#' symbol (terminal).  $S' = uv^2 xy^2 z \notin B$  due to the fact that the '#' symbol is now repeated more than once. Hence  $s' \notin B$ , because condition 1 of the PL for CFLs is violated.

Since one of the above case must apply for any  $s \in B$ , we can conclude that  $B$  is not a CFL.  $\#$