

CS 321 HW 6 – 25 points

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1. Construct an NPDA M such that $L(M) = L(G)$
where $G = (V, T, S, P)$ with $V = \{S, A, B, C\}$, $T = \{a, b, c\}$

and $P = \{$

$S \rightarrow aaAB \mid SBC$

$A \rightarrow aa \mid aCC$

$B \rightarrow bb \mid BB$

$C \rightarrow c$

$\}$

Let M be the NPDA, $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, z, F)$

where Q is a finite set of states,

$$Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$$

Σ is the input alphabet,

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

Γ is a finite set of symbols called the stack
alphabet,

$$\Gamma = \{a, b, Z\}$$

$$\delta : Q \times (\Sigma \cup \{\lambda\}) \times \Gamma$$

\rightarrow set of finite subsets of Q

$\times \Gamma^*$ is the transition

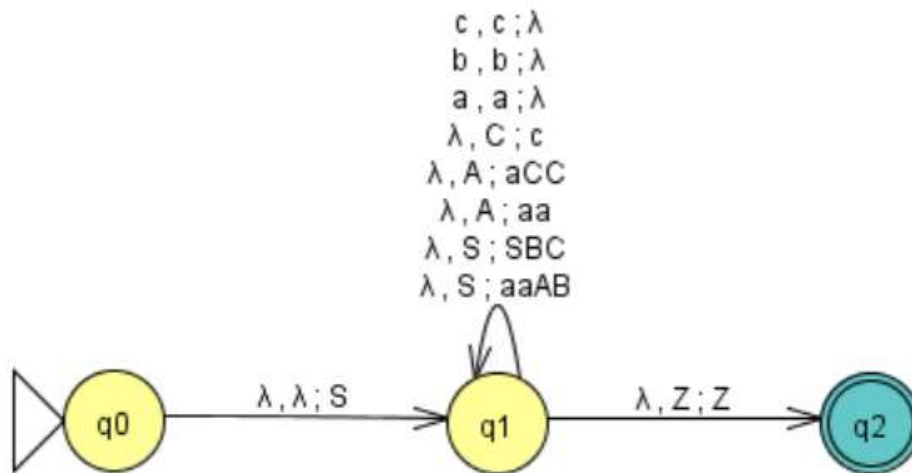
function,

$q_0 \in Q$ is the initial state of the control unit,

$Z \in \Gamma$ is the stack start symbol,

$F \subseteq Q$ is the set of final states

$$F = \{q_2\}$$



Another way:

We can reduce the production as below

$S \rightarrow TD \mid SU$

$A \rightarrow aa \mid aC$

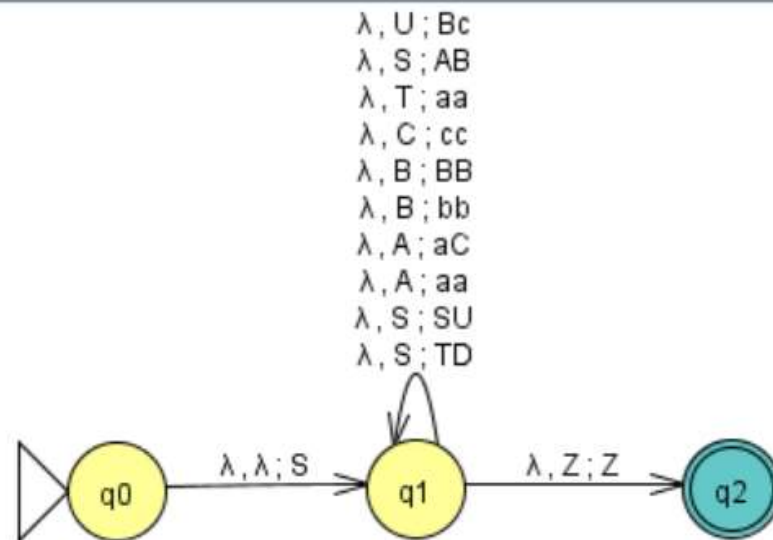
$B \rightarrow bb \mid BB$

$C \rightarrow cc$

$T \rightarrow aa$

$D \rightarrow AB$

$U \rightarrow Bc$



2. Show that the family of context-free languages is closed under reversal.

Let G be the Context free grammar for a language L . Let L^R be the language for the reversal of L and let G' be the grammar for L^R . We construct the G' from G as below :

For every production $V \rightarrow x$ in G , we add the production $V \rightarrow x^R$ in G' where x is a variable and x is a set of variables or terminals. That is we are reversing the body of every productions in L to generate the grammar for L^R .

We could see that a string w is generated in G if and only if the string w^R is generated by grammar G' .

Hence G' generates the language L^R and thus it is context free.

Example:

Let G be a CFL and has production as below

$S \rightarrow aSb \mid ab$

Then the reversal of $L(G)$ is as follows :

$S \rightarrow bSa \mid ba$

For problems 2-5, use the pumping lemma for context-free languages to prove that L is not a CFL.

3. $L = \{a^n b^m; n = 2^m\}$.

Assume for a contradiction that L is context free.

Since L is context free and infinite, we can apply the pumping Lemma.

Let us pick the string $w = a^{2^m} b^m$, which is in the language.

We can write $w = uvxyz$ with lengths $|vxy| \leq m$ and $|vy| \geq 1$

According to pumping lemma, $uv^i xy^i z \in L$ for all $i \geq 0$

We examine all possible locations of string vxy in w

Case 1 - vy is a^k

For $i=2$, $w_2 = a^{2^m+k} b^m$

$$2^m < 2^m + k$$

$$< 2^m + m$$

$$< 2^{m+1}$$

-> Does not belong to the language. It's a contradiction.

Case 2 - vy is b^k

For $i=2$, $w_2 = a^{2^m} b^{m+k}$

$$2^{m+k} = 2^m * 2^k$$

$$> 2^m$$

-> Does not belong to the language. It's a contradiction.

Case 3 - $v = a^k$ and $y = b^p$

For $i=2$, $w_2 = a^{2^m+k} b^{m+p}$

$$2^{m+k} < 2^{m+1}$$

$$\leq 2^{m+p}$$

-> Does not belong to the language. It's a contradiction.

Case 4 -

Overlapping either v or y to contain two different characters will generate strings out of sequence when pumped up.

Since all the cases are a contradiction, our initial assumption is wrong and L is not a CFL.

4. $L_2 = \{ a^n b^n c^j : n \leq j \}$.

Assume for a contradiction that L is context free.

Since L is context free and infinite, we can apply the pumping Lemma.

Let us pick the string $w = a^m b^m c^m$, which is in the language.

We can write $w = uvxyz$ with lengths $|vxy| \leq m$ and $|vy| \geq 1$

According to pumping lemma, $uv^i xy^i z \in L$ for all $i \geq 0$

We examine all possible locations of string vxy in w

Case 1 - vy is a^k

For $i=2$, $w_2 = a^{m+k} b^m c^m$

Number of a 's and b 's are not equal.

-> Does not belong to the language. It's a contradiction.

Case 2 - vy is b^k

For $i=2$, $w_2 = a^m b^{m+k} c^m$

Number of a 's and b 's are not equal.

-> Does not belong to the language. It's a contradiction.

Case 3 - vy is c^k

For $i=0$, $w_0 = a^m b^m c^{m+k}$

Number of a 's and b 's are greater than the number of c 's

-> Does not belong to the language. It's a contradiction.

Case 4 - $v = a^k$ and $y = b^p$

For $i=2$, $w_2 = a^{m+k} b^{m+p} c^m$

- For $k = p$, w_2 would have number of a 's and b 's greater than the number of c 's
- For $k \neq p$, then number of a 's won't be equal to number of b 's.

-> Does not belong to the language. It's a contradiction.

Case 5 - $v = b^k$ and $y = c^p$

For $i=2$, $w_2 = a^m b^{m+k} c^{m+p}$

w_2 would have number of a 's not equal to b 's.

-> Does not belong to the language. It's a contradiction.

Case 6 -

Overlapping either v or y to contain two different characters will generate strings out of sequence when pumped up.

Since all the cases are a contradiction, our initial assumption is wrong, and L is not a CFL.

5. $L_3 = \{ w: w \in \{a,b,c\}^* \text{ and } na(w) < nb(w) < nc(w) \}$

Assume for a contradiction that L is context free.

Since L is context free and infinite, we can apply the pumping Lemma.

Let us pick the string $w = a^m b^{m+1} c^{m+2}$, which is in the language.

We can write $w = uvxyz$ with lengths $|vxy| \leq m$ and $|vy| \geq 1$

According to pumping lemma, $uv^i xy^i z \in L$ for all $i \geq 0$

We examine all possible locations of string vxy in w

Case 1 - vy is a^k

For $i=2$, $w_2 = a^{m+k} b^{m+1} c^{m+2}$

Number of a's greater than or equal to number of b's.

-> Does not belong to the language. It's a contradiction.

Case 2 - vy is b^k

For $i=2$, $w_2 = a^m b^{m+1+k} c^{m+2}$

Number of b's greater than or equal to number of c's.

-> Does not belong to the language. It's a contradiction.

Case 3 - vy is c^k

For $i=0$, $w_0 = a^m b^{m+1} c^{m+2-k}$

Number of c's is lesser than or equal to number of b's.

-> Does not belong to the language. It's a contradiction.

Case 4 - $v = a^k$ and $y = b^p$

$k, p \geq 1$, then pumping up $w_2 = a^{m+k} b^{m+1+p} c^{m+2}$

Number of b's greater than or equal to number of c's.

-> Does not belong to the language. It's a contradiction.

Case 5 – $v = b^k$ and $y = c^p$

$k, p \geq 1$, then pumping down

For $i=0$, $w_0 = a^m b^{m+1-k} c^{m+2-p}$

Number of b's less than or equal to number of a's.

-> Does not belong to the language. It's a contradiction.

Case 6 – $v = a^k b^p$ $y = b^j$

$k, p, j \geq 1$, then pumping up w_2

Number of b's greater than or equal to number of c's.

-> Does not belong to the language. It's a contradiction.

Case 7 – $v = a^k$ $y = b^p c^j$

$k, p, j \geq 1$, then pumping down w_0

Number of b's less than or equal to number of a's.

-> Does not belong to the language. It's a contradiction.

Case 8 – $v = b^k c^p$ $y = c^j$

$k, p, j \geq 1$, then pumping down, for w_0

Number of b's less than or equal to number of a's.

-> Does not belong to the language. It's a contradiction.

Case 8 – $v = b^k$ $y = b^p c^j$

$k, p, j \geq 1$, then pumping down, for w_0

Number of b's less than or equal to number of a's.

-> Does not belong to the language. It's a contradiction.

Since all the cases are a contradiction, our initial assumption is wrong, and L is not a CFL.