

Due: Oct 3

20 points

1. Give context-free grammars for the following languages. Describe the language derived by each variable in your grammar. Is your grammar ambiguous? Why or why not?

- (a)  $\{x\#y : x, y \in \{0, 1\}^*, |x| \neq |y| \vee x = y^R\}$  (Recall that  $y^R$  denotes the reverse of  $y$ ; for example,  $0101^R = 1010$ .)

**Solution:**

$$L = L_1 \cup L_2$$

$$L_1 = \{x\#y : x, y \in \{0, 1\}^*, |x| \neq |y|\}$$

$$L_2 = \{x\#y : x, y \in \{0, 1\}^*, x = y^R\}$$

$$G_1 = (V_1, \Sigma, R_1, S)$$

$$V_1 = \{S_1, L, R, A, B\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$$

$$S = S_1$$

$R_1 :$

$$S_1 \rightarrow BL|RB$$

$S_1$  derives  $x\#y$  where  $|x| \geq |y| \vee |x| \leq |y|$

$$L \rightarrow BL|A$$

$L$  derives  $x\#y$  where  $|x| \geq |y|$

$$R \rightarrow RB|A$$

$R$  derives  $x\#y$  where  $|x| \leq |y|$

$$A \rightarrow BAB|\#$$

$A$  derives  $x\#y$  where  $|x| = |y|$

$$B \rightarrow 0|1$$

$B$  derives 0 or 1

$$G_2 = (V_2, \Sigma, R_2, S)$$

$$V_2 = \{S_2\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$$

$$S = S_2$$

$R_2 :$

$$S_2 \rightarrow 0S_20|1S_21|\#$$

$S_2$  derives  $x\#y$  where  $x = y^R$

$$G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$$

$$V = \{S_1, S_2, L, R, A, B\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$$

$S = S$

$R :$

$S \rightarrow S_1|S_2$

$S_1 \rightarrow BL|RB$

$L \rightarrow BL|A$

$R \rightarrow RB|A$

$A \rightarrow BAB|\#$

$B \rightarrow 0|1$

$S_2 \rightarrow 0S_20|1S_21|\#$

$S_1$  derives  $x\#y$  where  $|x| \geq |y| \vee |x| \leq |y|$

$L$  derives  $x\#y$  where  $|x| \geq |y|$

$R$  derives  $x\#y$  where  $|x| \leq |y|$

$A$  derives  $x\#y$  where  $|x| = |y|$

$B$  derives 0 or 1

$S_2$  derives  $x\#y$  where  $x = y^R$

Then,

$L(G_1) = L_1$  and  $L(G_2) = L_2$  therefore  $L(G) = L(G_1) \cup L(G_2) = L$

(b)  $\{a^m b^n c^p : m + n = p\}$

**Solution:**

$G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$

$V = \{S, T\}$

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

$S = S$

$R :$

$S \rightarrow aSc|T$

$T \rightarrow bTc|\epsilon$

$S$  derives  $a^m b^n c^p : m + n = p$

$T$  derives  $b^n c^n : n \geq 0$