

# Recitation 8 - Review of Homework 3 and Turing Machine Example

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- ▶ Homework 3 Questions
- ▶ Turing Machine Example

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Problem 1. Provide CFGs for:

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We can use this rule to generate individual  $x_k$  that don't matter.  
Shouldn't use it to generate  $x_i$  or  $x_j$  though.

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Easier way to end  $T$  when  $x_i \neq x_j$ . A pound separates  $x_i$  and  $x_j$ . If more than this separates them its a pound followed by a series of  $x_k$ s ending in another  $\#$ . So add the rule

$$T \rightarrow \#E$$

So one answer could be:

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$$T \rightarrow 1T1 \mid 0T0 \mid 1 \mid 0 \mid \epsilon \mid \#E$$

Another less structured approach:

$$S \rightarrow T \mid J\#T \mid T\#J \mid J\#T\#J$$

$$J \rightarrow 0J \mid 1J \mid \#J \mid \epsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow 1T1 \mid 0T0 \mid 1 \mid 0 \mid \epsilon \mid \# \mid \#J\#$$

Converting a CFG to a PDA, the last few steps. Consider

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Problem 10. Let  $G$  be a CFG in Chomsky normal form that contains  $b$  variables. Show that, if  $G$  generates some string with a derivation having at least  $2^b$  steps,  $L(G)$  contains an infinite number of strings.



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- ▶ Step 1) Argue why this is the case
- ▶ Step 2) Show that if some parse tree corresponds to  $2^b$  steps in a derivation, than it must have a branch with  $b + 1$  variables.

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Implementation level description:

- ▶ Mark off the first unmarked symbol, if all symbols have been marked then accept.
- ▶ If the first symbol was a 0, scan through the tape and mark off first 1
- ▶ If the first symbol was a 1, scan through the tape and also mark off first 0
- ▶ If a 0 or 1 is not found, reject, else return to beginning of the tape and repeat.

$q010011\sqcup$

$xq10011\sqcup$

$qxx0011\sqcup$

*xqx*0011□



*xxq*0011□

*xxxq*011□

$xxx0q11\sqcup$

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