




# COCKE-KASAMI-YOUNGER ALGORITHM

A PYTHON IMPLEMENTATION

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## CYK ALGORITHM

In this project, we will implement the Cocke-Kasami-Younger (CYK) Algorithm using the Python programming language. In fact, the CYK Algorithm is a membership algorithm for context-free grammar. Thus, using the CYK algorithm, it is possible to check whether a particular string is generated by the grammar of a language.

## IMPLEMENTATION

We implemented a version of the CYK algorithm using the python programming language and hosted the code source on github (see repository: [https://github.com/kandersonko/cyk\\_algorithm](https://github.com/kandersonko/cyk_algorithm)). The version of the algorithm we implemented is the following:

```
CYK (  $\mathcal{G}, w$  )
     $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \Sigma, \mathcal{R}, S), \Sigma \cup \mathcal{V} = \{X_1, \dots, X_r\}, w = w_1w_2 \dots w_n.$ 
begin
    Initialize the 3d array  $B[1 \dots n, 1 \dots n, 1 \dots r]$  to FALSE
    for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do
        for  $(X_j \rightarrow x) \in \mathcal{R}$  do
            if  $x = w_i$  then  $B[i, i, j] \leftarrow \text{TRUE}$ .
    for  $i = 2$  to  $n$  do /* Length of span */
        for  $L = 1$  to  $n - i + 1$  do /* Start of span */
             $R = L + i - 1$  /* Current span  $s = w_Lw_{L+1} \dots w_R$  */
            for  $M = L + 1$  to  $R$  do /* Partition of span */
                /*  $x = w_Lw_{L+1} \dots w_{M-1}, y = w_Mw_{M+1} \dots w_R$ , and  $s = xy$  */
                for  $(X_\alpha \rightarrow X_\beta X_\gamma) \in \mathcal{R}$  do
                    /* Can we match  $X_\beta$  to  $x$  and  $X_\gamma$  to  $y$ ? */
                    if  $B[L, M - 1, \beta]$  and  $B[M, R, \gamma]$  then
                         $B[L, R, \alpha] \leftarrow \text{TRUE}$  /* If so, then can generate  $s$  by  $X_\alpha$ ! */
    for  $i = 1$  to  $r$  do
        if  $B[1, n, i]$  then return TRUE
    return FALSE
```

Figure 1: The CYK algorithm.

Our code sources can be found in the appendix.

## RESULTS

Using our implementation, we were able to check the membership of different string for the following grammar:

$$S \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid AB \mid XB$$

$$T \rightarrow AB \mid XB$$

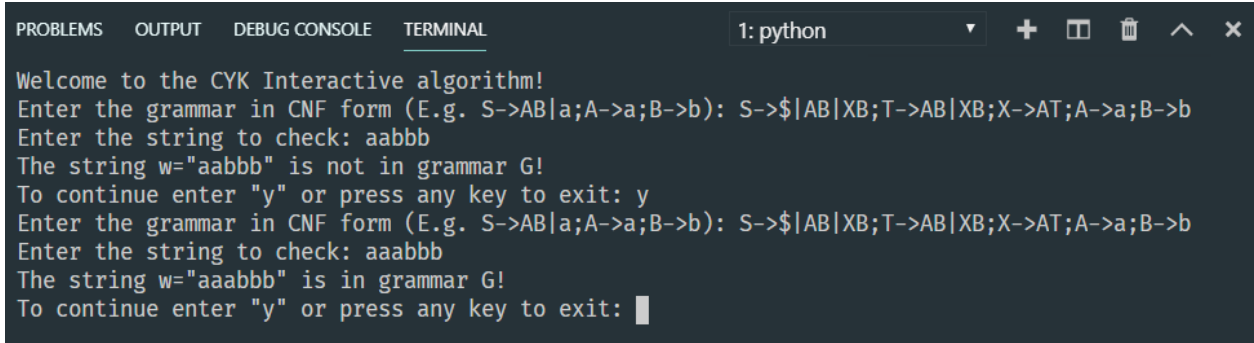
$$X \rightarrow AT$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

**Figure 2:** Grammar G

We found that the string  $w = \text{"aabbb"}$  is not in  $L(G)$ , but the string  $w = \text{"aaabbb"}$  is in  $L(G)$  (see figure 3).



```
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL 1: python
Welcome to the CYK Interactive algorithm!
Enter the grammar in CNF form (E.g. S->AB|a;A->a;B->b): S->$|AB|XB;T->AB|XB;X->AT;A->a;B->b
Enter the string to check: aabbb
The string w="aabbb" is not in grammar G!
To continue enter "y" or press any key to exit: y
Enter the grammar in CNF form (E.g. S->AB|a;A->a;B->b): S->$|AB|XB;T->AB|XB;X->AT;A->a;B->b
Enter the string to check: aaabbb
The string w="aaabbb" is in grammar G!
To continue enter "y" or press any key to exit: █
```

This result agrees with our findings when we apply manually the algorithm.

## CONCLUSION

In this project, we implemented the CYK Algorithm in Python programming language. Our implementation can correctly check the membership of a string in the language generated by a grammar. The importance of the CYK Algorithm clearly be seen as it can be applied to check whether a keyword in a programming language.

## APPENDIX

### main.py

```
from grammar import Grammar
from CYKAlgo import CYKAlgo

def main():

    print("Welcome to the CYK Interactive algorithm!")

    command = "y"
    while(command == "y"):
        grammar_text = input("Enter the grammar in CNF form (E.g. S->AB|a;A->a;B->b): ")
        if grammar_text == "": break
        G = Grammar(grammar_text.strip())

        w = input("Enter the string to check: ")

        cykAlgo = CYKAlgo(G)
        if (cykAlgo.membership(w.strip())):
            print("The string w=\"{}\" is in grammar G!".format(w))
        else:
            print("The string w=\"{}\" is not in grammar G!".format(w))

        command = input("To continue enter \"y\" or press any key to exit: ")
        print("Bye!")

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
```

### grammar.py

```
class Grammar(object):

    def __init__(self, G):
        """ __init__ takes a string G
            and parses the productions into an array of productions
        """
        self.rules = G.split(';');
        self productions = dict()
        for rule in self.rules:
            startVar = rule.split('->')[0]
            varSet = rule.split("->")[1]
            variables = [x for x in varSet.split('|') if x.isupper()]
            terminals = [x for x in varSet.split('|') if x.islower()]
            self productions[startVar] = {"variables": variables,
"terminals": terminals}
```

### CYKAlgo.py

```
class CYKAlgo:

    def __init__(self, G):
        """ initilizes with the grammar G
        """
        self.G = G

    def membership(self, w):
        B = dict()
        X = dict()
        V = [i for i in self.G productions.keys()]
        for k,v in enumerate(self.G productions.keys()):
            X[v]=k
        n = len(w)
        r = len(X)

        # case where S->a is the only production
        if(r==1 and w in self.G productions[V[0]]["terminals"]):
            return True

        # initialize all items in B to false
        for i in range(n):
            for j in range(n):
                for k in range(r):
                    B[i, j, k] = False
```

```

# production A->a
for i in range(n):
    for j,v in enumerate(X):
        if w[i] in self.G productions[v]["terminals"]:
            B[i, i, j] = True

# production A -> BC
for i in range(1, n):
    for L in range(n-i+1):
        R = L + i - 1
        for M in range(L+1, R):
            for v in range(r):
                P=self.G productions[V[v]]
                variables = P["variables"]
                if(len(variables)):
                    b, c = tuple(variables[0])
                    s, t = X[b],X[c]
                    if(B[L, M-1, s] and B[M, R, t]):
                        B[L, R, v] = True

r = n-1
for i in range(r):
    if(B[r, n-1, i]):
        return True
return False

```



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