
Fundamentals of Theoretical Computer Science

S 2023

Exercise Sheet III

Delivery: Friday, 9.6.2023, 10:00 a.m.

Note: Only the (partial) tasks marked with marked (sub-)tasks have to be handed in. A total of 25 points is to be achieved. The tasks will be discussed/solved in the tutorials.

Task 1

Grammars 1

2 + 2 - 1 points

Give context-free grammars for the following languages. In each case, justify the correctness of your grammar.

- (a) The set of all palindromes over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$.
- (b) The language $\{1^n 0^m \mid n \leq m\}$ over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$.
- (c) The language $\{n^h \mid h \geq 0\}$ over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. (+)
- (d) The language $\{0^i 1^j \mid p \leq i \leq q \text{ or } j \leq q\}$ over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2\}$. (+)
- (e) The set of all words containing at least three 1s over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. (+)

Task 2

Derivatives and syntax trees

Give a derivation chain and syntax tree for each of the following words and grammars:

- (a) $w = 01100110$ and your grammar from task 1(a).
- (b) $w = 00111222$ and your grammar from task 1(d).

Task 3

Uniqueness

Is your solution for task 1(c) unique? If no, find an unambiguous grammar for the same language. Justify the uniqueness.

Task 4

Grammars II (+) Prove

5Points

that the grammar G with the productions

generates exactly the words over $Z(n, b)$ which contains the same number of a's as b's. Use double inclusion and induction for both directions.

Task 5 CNF and the CYK algorithm 2 points

- (a) Let G be the grammar from task 4. Give a grammar G' in CNF such that $L(G) = L(G')$. Use the algorithm from the lecture for this. You may make simplifications between the steps of the algorithm, but you must justify them. (+)
- (b) Run the CYK algorithm with the word $nnnbabhb$ and your grammar.

Task 6 Blank word

Let G' be a context-free grammar. Describe a procedure, as simple as possible, to determine whether $e \in L(G')$.

Task 7 Closing properties 3 Points

- (a) Let L_1, L_2 be context-free languages. Prove that then $L_1 \cup L_2$ is also context free.
- (b) Let L_1, L_2 be context-free languages. Prove that then also $L_1 \cap L_2$ is context free.
- (c) Let L be a context-free language. Prove that then L^* is also context-free. (+)
- (d) Find two context-free languages L_1, L_2 such that the concatenation $L_1 L_2$ is not context-free.
- (e) Find a context-free language L over an alphabet Σ such that the complement $\Sigma^* \setminus L$ is context-free.

Task 8 Context-free and non-context-free languages 5 x 2 points

Are the following languages context-free? For each language, either give a context-free grammar, or show context-free using the closure properties, or prove that the language is not context-free.

- (a) $L = \{1^{2^n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$ über $\Sigma = \{1\}$.
- (b) $L = \{1^* \mid p \text{ is a prime number}\}$ over $\Sigma = \{1\}$.

- (c) $L = \{0^p 1^q 0^r \mid p, q, r \in \mathbb{N}_0, p \leq q \leq r\}$ via $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$.
- (d) $L = \{0^p 1^q 0^r \mid p, q, r \in \mathbb{N}_0, p \leq q \leq r\}$ über $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. (?)
- (e) $L = \{0^m 1^n 0^m \mid m, n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$ über $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$.
- (f) $L = \{0^p 1^q 0^r \mid p, q, r \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$ über $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$.
- (g) $L = \{0^p 1^q 0^r \mid p, q, r \in \mathbb{N}_0, q \leq p + r\}$ via $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. (?)
- (h) $L = \{0^p 1^q 0^r \mid p, q, r \in \mathbb{N}_0, q \geq p + r\}$ via $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. (?)
- (i) $L = \{w 1^{|w|} \mid w \in \Sigma^*\}$ über $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. (?)
- (j) $L = \{w \circ w \mid w \in \Sigma^*\}$ über $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. (?)