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Based on Sections 5.1 and 5.4 of HMU. Note: there are many other questions on these topics; this homework is a recommended set.

Help

1. The grammar G :

$$S \rightarrow SS \mid a \mid b$$

is ambiguous. That means at least some of the strings in its language have more than one leftmost derivation. However, it may be that some strings in the language have only one derivation. Identify from the list below a string that has exactly TWO leftmost derivations in G .

- a) a
- b) b
- c) aab
- d) aa

Answer submitted: c)

You have answered the question correctly.

2. Consider the language $L = \{a\}$. Which grammar defines L ?

- a) $G_1: S \rightarrow AB|BC, A \rightarrow b, C \rightarrow a$
- b) $G_1: S \rightarrow ac|a, A \rightarrow c|b|e$
- c) $G_1: S \rightarrow AC|a, A \rightarrow b$
- d) $G_1: S \rightarrow AC|C, A \rightarrow b$

Answer submitted: c)

You have answered the question correctly.

3. Programming languages are often described using an extended form of context-free grammar, where square brackets are used to denote an optional construct. For example, $A \rightarrow B[C]D$ says that an A can be replaced by a B and a D , with an optional C between them. This notation does not allow us to describe anything but context-free languages, since an extended production can always be replaced by several conventional productions.

Suppose a grammar has the extended productions:

$$A \rightarrow 0B[C10D]1EF0 \mid 0BC1[0D1E]F0$$

Convert this pair of extended productions to conventional productions. Identify, from the list below, the conventional productions that are equivalent to the extended productions above.

- a) $A \rightarrow 0BA_1F0$
 $A_1 \rightarrow C10D \mid 0D1E$

- b) $A \rightarrow 0BC10D1EF0 \mid 0B1EF0 \mid 0BC1F0$
- c) $A \rightarrow 0BA_11EF0 \mid 0BC1A_2F0$
 $A_1 \rightarrow C10D$
 $A_2 \rightarrow 0D1E$
- d) $A \rightarrow 0BC10D1EF0 \mid 0B1EF0 \mid 0BC1F0 \mid 0BF0$

Answer submitted: **b)**

You have answered the question correctly.

4. Consider the grammars:

$$G_1: S \rightarrow SaS \mid aa \mid a$$

$$G_2: S \rightarrow SS \mid \varepsilon$$

$$G_3: S \rightarrow SS \mid a$$

$$G_4: S \rightarrow SS \mid aa$$

$$G_5: S \rightarrow Sa \mid a$$

$$G_6: S \rightarrow aSa \mid aa \mid a$$

$$G_7: S \rightarrow SAS \mid \varepsilon$$

Describe the language of each of these grammars. Then, identify from the list below a pair of grammars that define the same language.

- a) G_5, G_7
- b) G_2, G_4
- c) G_1, G_6
- d) G_6, G_2

Answer submitted: **c)**

You have answered the question correctly.

5. Here is a context-free grammar G:

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow 0A1 \mid 2$$

$$B \rightarrow 1B \mid 3A$$

Which of the following strings is in $L(G)$?

- a) 021131021
- b) 21113021
- c) 0211300021
- d) 0002111112

Answer submitted: **b)**

You have answered the question correctly.