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*Note: The purpose of the following questions is:*

• Enhance learning	• Summarized points	• Analyze abstract ideas
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**Class 5: Grammars**

1. To study languages mathematically, we need a mechanism to describe them. Everyday language is imprecise and ambiguous, so informal descriptions in English are often inadequate. A grammar for the English language tells us whether a particular sentence is well-formed or not. A typical rule of English grammar is “a sentence can consist of a noun phrase followed by a predicate.”

The following examples illustrate the definition of a general concept in terms of simple ones. Start with the top-level concept, here  $\langle sentence \rangle$ , and successively reduce it to the irreducible building blocks of the language. The generalization of these ideas leads us to formal grammars.

Show the derivation by using the grammar to check if the following sentences are properly formed:

“the dog walks”

“a cat runs”

2. What language does the grammar with these productions generate?

$$S \rightarrow aSb$$

$$S \rightarrow \lambda$$

3. A grammar  $G$  is defined as a quadruple

$$G = (V, T, S, P),$$

$V$ : Set of variables

$T$ : Set of terminal symbols

$S$ : Start variable

$P$ : Set of Production rules

Define  $V$ ,  $T$ ,  $S$  and  $P$  in the previous example.

4. What language does the grammar with these productions generate?

$$S \rightarrow Ab$$

$$A \rightarrow aAb$$

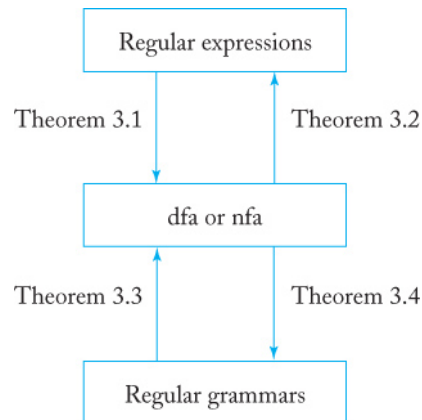
$$A \rightarrow \lambda$$

5. What is Linear Grammars? give example
6. What is Non-Linear Grammars? give example
7. What is Right-Linear Grammars? give example
8. What is Left-Linear Grammars? give example

9. What is **regular grammar**?

10. Consider the following Theorems:

- 3.1 Let  $r$  be a regular expression. Then there exists some nondeterministic finite acceptor that accepts  $L(r)$ . Consequently,  $L(r)$  is a regular language.
- 3.2 Let  $L$  be a regular language. Then there exists a regular expression  $r$  such that  $L = L(r)$ .
- 3.3 Let  $G = (V, T, S, P)$  be a right-linear grammar. Then  $L(G)$  is a regular language.
- 3.4 If  $L$  is a regular language on the alphabet  $\Sigma$ , then there exists a right-linear grammar  $G = (V, \Sigma, S, P)$  such that  $L = L(G)$ .



Show a proof idea for Theorem 3.3

11. For the following right-linear Grammar  $G$ , construct NFA  $M$  for it and find the language such that  $L(M) = L(G)$ .

$S \rightarrow aA/B$

$A \rightarrow aaB$

$B \rightarrow bB/a$

12. Show a proof idea for Theorem 3.3, the case of Left-Linear Grammars.

13. Show a proof idea for Theorem 3.4

14. For the following NFA  $M$ , convert  $M$  to a right-linear grammar  $L$ , such that  $L = L(M)$ .

