

Chapter-3 Context Free Language:-

Context Free Grammar:-

→ It is a 4-tuple (V, Σ, R, S) where,

V is set of variables

Σ is set of terminals, $\Sigma \subseteq V$.

R is set of rules or productions.

$$R \subseteq (V - \Sigma) \times V^*$$

S is start symbol

$V - \Sigma$ is set of non-terminals.

$A \rightarrow u$, is written when $(A, u) \in R$.

where, $A \in V - \Sigma$, $u \in V^*$

$u \Rightarrow v$ means u derives v if for some $n, y \in V^*$

$u = xAy$ where,

$A \in V - \Sigma$, $A \rightarrow v^i$, $v = x^i y^i$

\Rightarrow^* is reflexive transitive closure of \Rightarrow

$L(G)$ is language generated by G , such that,

$$L(G) = \{ w \in \Sigma^* : S \Rightarrow^* w \}$$

Example:-

Let, language $L = \{ a^m b^n : m \geq n \}$

Then, the grammar G that generates L is;

$G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ such that,

$$V = \{ a, b, S \}$$

$$\Sigma = \{ a, b \}$$

$$R = \{ S \rightarrow e, \}$$

$$S \rightarrow aS,$$

$$S \rightarrow aSb \}$$

Eg② $L = a^n b^n ; n \geq 0$

The grammar G that generates L is,
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$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$R = \{S \rightarrow a, \\ S \rightarrow aSb\}$$

Eg③ $L = a^n b^n ; n > 0$

$$G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$$

such that,

$$V = \{a, b, S\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$R = \{S \rightarrow aSb, \\ S \rightarrow ab\}$$

Eg④ $L = \{w \in \{a, b\}^* ; \text{number of } b \text{ is twice the no. of } a\}$

Corresponding Grammar is;

$$G = (V, \Sigma, R, S) \text{ where,}$$

$$V = \{a, b, S\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$R = \{S \rightarrow a, S \rightarrow aSbb, S \rightarrow bbSa, \\ S \rightarrow bSaSb, S \rightarrow SS\}$$

Deriving string "abbbaabb" using above grammar,

$$S \Rightarrow SS$$

$$\Rightarrow a \underline{S} b b S \Rightarrow a b b \underline{S} a S b \Rightarrow a b b b a \underline{S} b$$

$$\Rightarrow a b b b a a \underline{S} b b b \Rightarrow a b b b a a b b b.$$

Note:-

This is left most derivation

Other examples:-

• $L = a^{2n} b^n ; n \geq 0$

$\hookrightarrow R = \{ S \rightarrow e / a a S b \}$

• $L = a^{2n} b^n ; n > 0$

$\hookrightarrow R = \{ S \rightarrow a a S b / a a b \}$

• $L = a^{2n} b^{n+1} ; n \geq 0$

$\hookrightarrow R = \{ S \rightarrow b / a a S b \}$

• $L = a^{2n+1} b^{3n+2} ; n \geq 0$

$\hookrightarrow R = \{ S \rightarrow a b b / a a S b b b \}$

• $L = \text{Equal number of } a \text{ & equal numbers of } b.$
($\# a = \# b$)

$\hookrightarrow R = \{ S \rightarrow e / a S b / b S a / S S \}$

eg:- for string "ababba"

$$\begin{aligned} S &\Rightarrow \underline{S} S \\ &\Rightarrow a \underline{S} b S \\ &\Rightarrow a b \underline{S} a b S \\ &\Rightarrow a b a b \underline{S} \\ &\Rightarrow a b a b b \underline{S} a \\ &\Rightarrow a b a b b a \end{aligned}$$

Q) Construct a grammar that generates palindrome:-

$$L = \{ w \in \{a, b\}^* : w = w^R \}$$

Sol:-

$G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ where,

$$V = \{a, b, S\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$R = \{ S \rightarrow e, S \rightarrow a S a, S \rightarrow b S b, S \rightarrow a, S \rightarrow b \}$$

for $L = w w^R$

$$R = \{S \rightarrow e \mid aSa/bSb\}$$

for $L = a^n b^m; n, m \geq 0, n \geq m$ for $L = a^n b^m; n, m \geq 0, n < m$

$$R = \{S \rightarrow e/eSb/A \\ A \rightarrow aA/e\}$$

$$R = \{S \rightarrow b/Sb/asb\}$$

or

$$R = \{S \rightarrow e/asb/as\}$$

Q $L = \{w \in \{(),\}\}^*; w$ is balanced parenthesis?

$\Rightarrow G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ where,

$$V = \{(), S, A, B\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{(),\}$$

$$R = \{S \rightarrow e/AB/SS\}$$

$$A \rightarrow ()/AAB$$

$$B \rightarrow)/ABBB\}$$

To derive "((())())"

left most derivation:-

$$S \Rightarrow \underline{SS} \Rightarrow A \underline{BS} \Rightarrow \underline{AAB} \underline{BS} \Rightarrow (A \underline{BB} S$$

$$\Rightarrow ((\underline{B} \underline{BS}) \Rightarrow ((\underline{B} S \Rightarrow ((\underline{))} \underline{S}$$

$$\Rightarrow ((\underline{))} \underline{AB} \Rightarrow ((\underline{))} (\underline{B} \Rightarrow ((\underline{))} (\underline{)).$$

Right most derivation:-

$$S \Rightarrow \underline{SS} \Rightarrow S \underline{AB} \Rightarrow S \underline{A}) \Rightarrow \underline{S} (\underline{)}$$

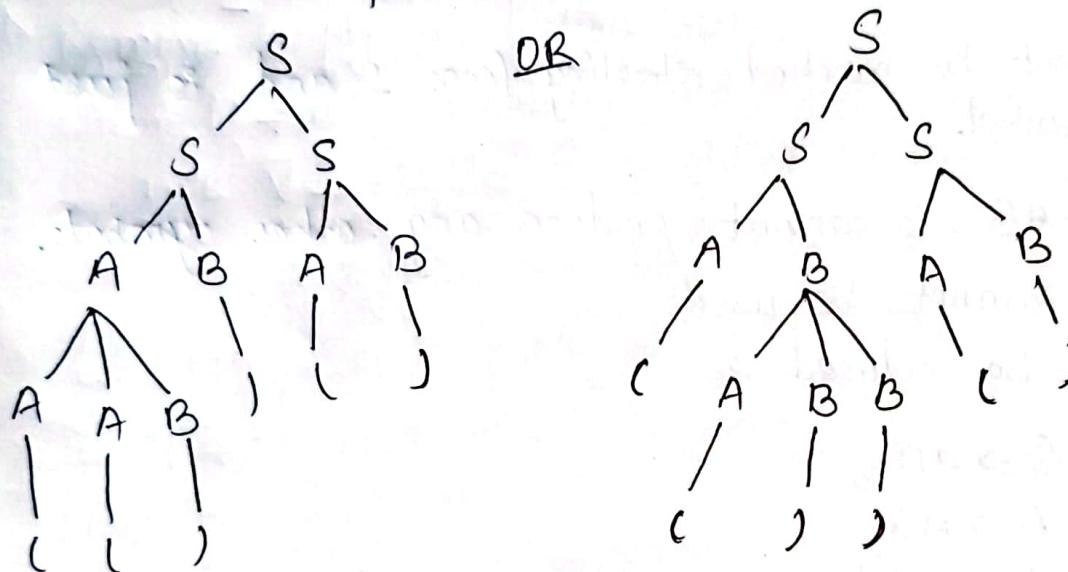
$$\Rightarrow A \underline{B} (\underline{)} \Rightarrow A A B \underline{B} (\underline{)} \Rightarrow A A \underline{B}) (\underline{)}$$

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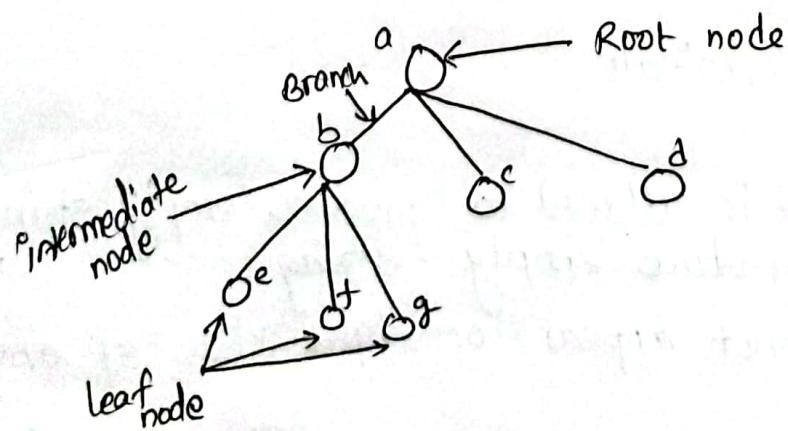
Parse Tree :-

- A tree structure with nodes and branches connecting the nodes.
 - Top node is called root and bottom nodes are called leaves.
 - leaves are labelled with terminals.
 - Connecting the labels of leaves from left to right, we obtain the string of terminals called "the yield of parse tree".

A Parse tree for Balanced Parenthesis string "((())"



- A grammar is said to be "Ambiguous" if there exists two different parse trees that can yield same string.
 - Deciding whether or ^{not} the grammar is ambiguous is undecidable. (or partially decidable).



Content Free Grammar with Redundant Symbols:-

$G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ where,

$V = \{a, b, S\}$

$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

$R = \{S \rightarrow aAb,$

$A \rightarrow AB | aX,$

$X \rightarrow aXab,$

$Y \rightarrow BX,$

$X \rightarrow e$

}

Hence, 'Y' cannot be reached starting from S and is just redundant symbol.

Also,

in $A \rightarrow AB$, B cannot produce any other symbols.

So, $A \rightarrow AB$ cannot be used.

So, R can be reduced as:

$R' = \{S \rightarrow aAb,$

$A \rightarrow AX,$

$X \rightarrow aXab,$

$X \rightarrow e$

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Chomsky Normal Form:

When CFG is in CNF, then every rules has the form,

$A \rightarrow TU$

$A \rightarrow x$

where,

A, T, U are non-terminals

x is terminal

→ Only starting symbol is allowed to produce empty string if the grammar can produce empty string.

→ Starting symbol cannot appear on right side of any rule.

Theorem:-

Context free grammar in chomsky normal form generate context free language.

* For context free grammar,

$$G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$$

The following process converts it to chomsky Normal Form (CNF).

- I) New start variable S_0 is introduced, such that the new rule is $S_0 \rightarrow S$.
- II) Remove empty productions rule.

$U \rightarrow e$ is removed and

rule $V \rightarrow \alpha U \gamma V \delta$ is modified by adding new rules.

$$V \rightarrow \alpha y U \gamma, V \rightarrow \alpha U y \gamma \text{ and } V \rightarrow \alpha y \gamma$$

[substitute e in place of U forming new rules].

If $T \rightarrow U$ then $T \rightarrow e$ is added if $T \rightarrow e$ has not already been removed.

- III) Remove unit productions:-

The rules of form $U \rightarrow T$ is removed so that whenever $T \rightarrow t$ appears, the rule $U \rightarrow t$ is added if it has not been added.

- IV) Remove long rules:-

Rules of form $U \rightarrow U_1 U_2 \dots U_n$ is substituted with

$$U \rightarrow U_1 V_1, V_1 \rightarrow U_2 V_2, V_2 \rightarrow U_3 V_3 \dots V_{n-2} \rightarrow U_{n-1} V_{n-1}$$

Example:-

Convert given CFG to CNF.

$$G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$$

$$V = \{0, 1, S, A, B\}$$

$Z = \{0, 1\}$

$$R = \{ S \rightarrow e \mid AB/SS, \\ A \rightarrow 0/AAB, \\ B \rightarrow 1/ABB \}$$

Introducing new starting symbol S_0 ,

$$R = \{ S_0 \rightarrow S, \\ S \rightarrow e \mid AB/SS, \\ A \rightarrow 0/AAB, \\ B \rightarrow 1/ABB \\ \}$$

Removing $S \rightarrow e$ and $S_0 \rightarrow S$,

$$R = \{ S_0 \rightarrow e \mid AB/SS, \\ S \rightarrow \cancel{AB} \mid SS, \\ A \rightarrow 0/AAB, \\ B \rightarrow 1/ABB \\ \}$$

Removing long rules, $A \rightarrow AAB$ and $B \rightarrow ABB$.

$$R = \{ S_0 \rightarrow e \mid AB/SS, \\ S \rightarrow AB/SS, \\ A \rightarrow 0/MB, \\ M \rightarrow AA, \\ B \rightarrow 1/NB, \\ N \rightarrow AB \}$$

Example 2

Convert given CFG to CNF.

$$S \rightarrow AAA/BA \\ A \rightarrow aB/BB/e \\ B \rightarrow A/ab/s$$

Pushdown Automata:-

→ PDA is a 5-tuple

$$P = (Q, \Sigma, T, \delta, q_0, F)$$

where,

Q is finite set of states

Σ is set of input alphabet

T is the set of stack alphabet.

$$\delta: Q \times (\Sigma \cup \{e\}) \times (T \cup \{e\}) \rightarrow P(Q \times (T \cup \{e\}))$$

q_0 is initial state

[$\because P$ is power set]

$F \subseteq Q$ is set of final states

→ PDA starts with initial state q_0 and empty stack.

→ Transition δ is defined as,

$$\delta(q_i, a, \alpha) = (q_j, \beta)$$

Meaning,

When a PDA is in state q_i , process the input a and pops (reads) α from stack, it goes to q_j , and pushes (writes) β in the stack.

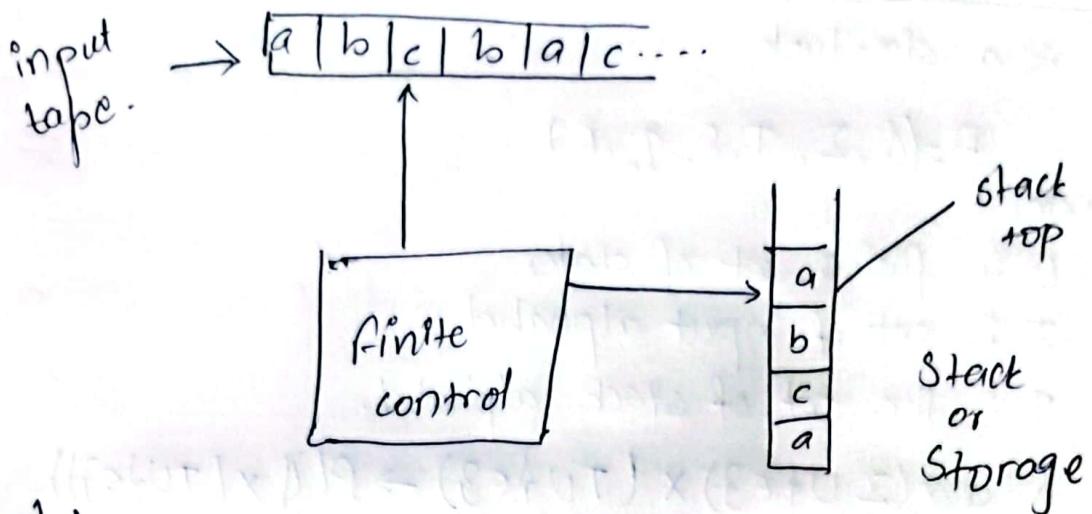
→ The configuration of PDA written as (p, w, t) means PDA is in state p , w is the input string to be read and t is string of stack read top-down.

→ we can write $(p, w, t) \xrightarrow{P} (p', w', t')$

if $\delta(p, a, \alpha) = (p', \beta)$, $w = aw'$, $t = \alpha t'$,
 $t' = \beta t$, $t \in T^*$

→ A string w is said to be accepted by PDA

if $(q_0, w, e) \xrightarrow{P} (q, e, e)$; $q \in F$



Example:-

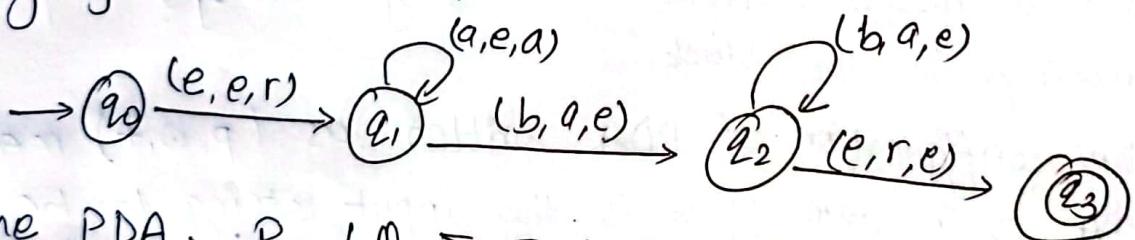
Construct a PDA for language.

$$L = \{a^n b^n ; n \geq 1\}$$

Also, test your PDA for string "aabb".

Soln:-

Let P_n the notation (q, Σ, Γ) , first symbol 'a' denote symbol of read, 'x' denote popped item and 'p' denote pushed item into stack. Then the PDA for language L will be,



The PDA, $P = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, F)$

where,

$Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3\}$ is set of states

$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ is set of input alphabet.

$\Gamma = \{a, b, r\}$ is set of stack alphabet

$\delta = \{(q_0, e, e), (q_1, r)\}, \{(q_1, a, e), (q_1, a)\},$
 $(q_1, b, a), (q_2, e)\}, \{(q_2, b, a), (q_2, e)\}, \{(q_2, e, r),$
 $(q_3, e)\}$ is transition function. q_0 is initial state.

$F = \{q_3\}$ is final state.

The PDA, P accepts string 'aabb' as:-

$$(q_0, aabb, e) \xrightarrow{P} (q_1, aabb, r)$$

$$\xrightarrow{P} (q_1, abb, ar)$$

$$\xrightarrow{P} (q_1, bb, aar)$$

$$\xrightarrow{P} (q_2, b, ar)$$

$$\xrightarrow{P} (q_2, e, r)$$

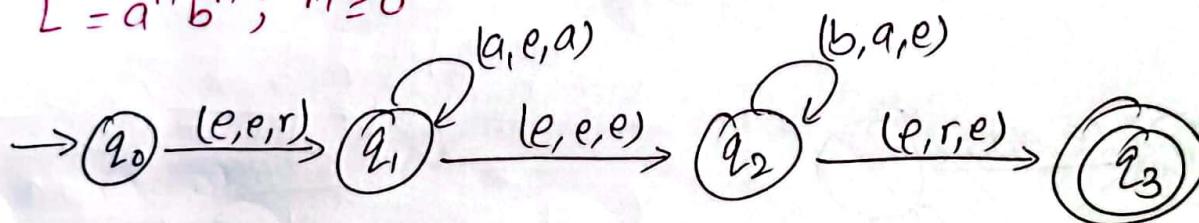
$$\xrightarrow{P} (q_3, e, e)$$

$$\Rightarrow (q_0, aabb, e) \xrightarrow{P^*} (q_3, e, e) \text{ and } q_3 \in F.$$

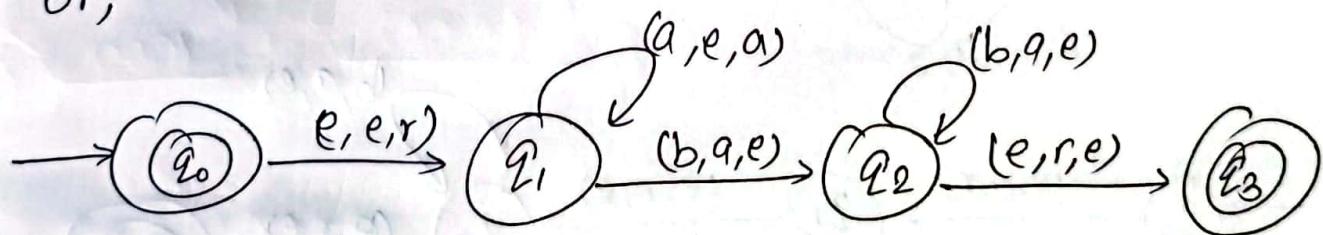
∴ P accepts aabb.

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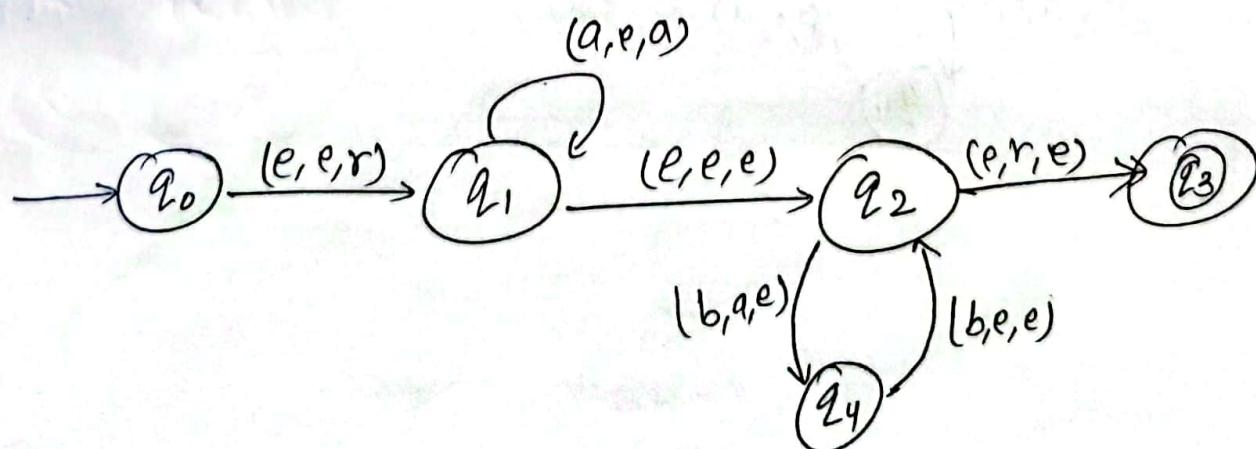
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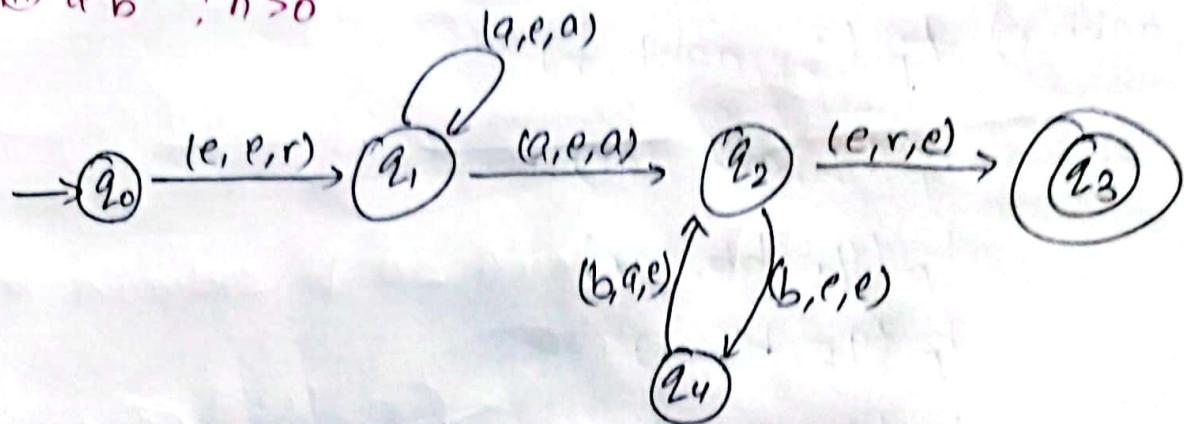
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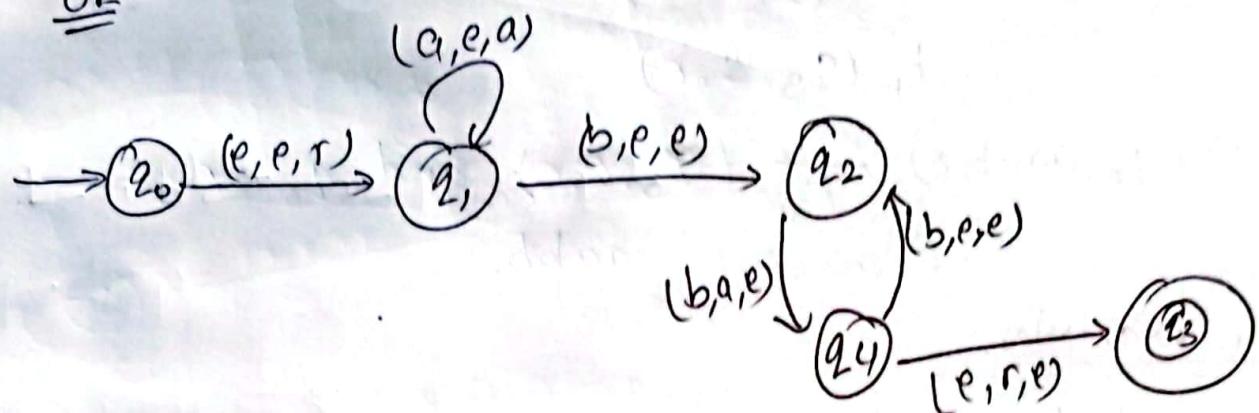
ii) $L = a^n b^{2n}; n \geq 0$



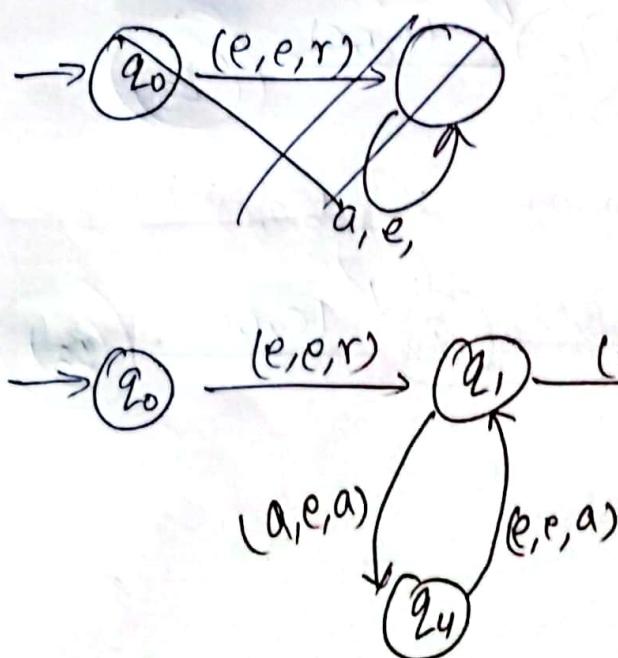
11) $a^n b^n ; n > 0$



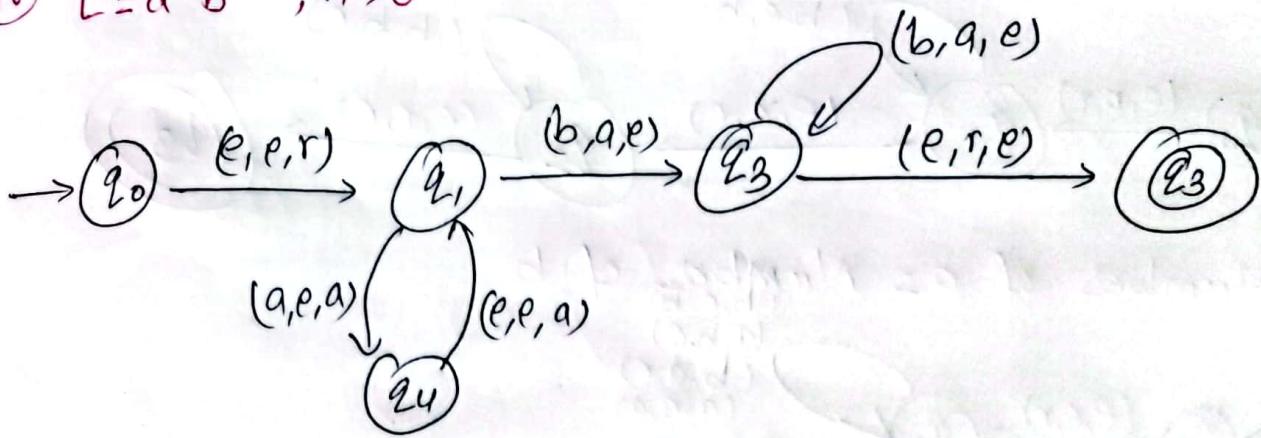
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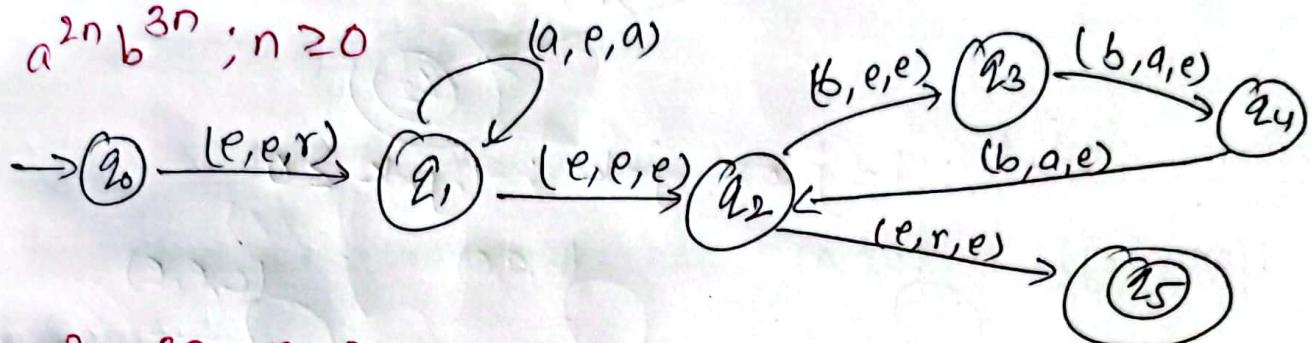
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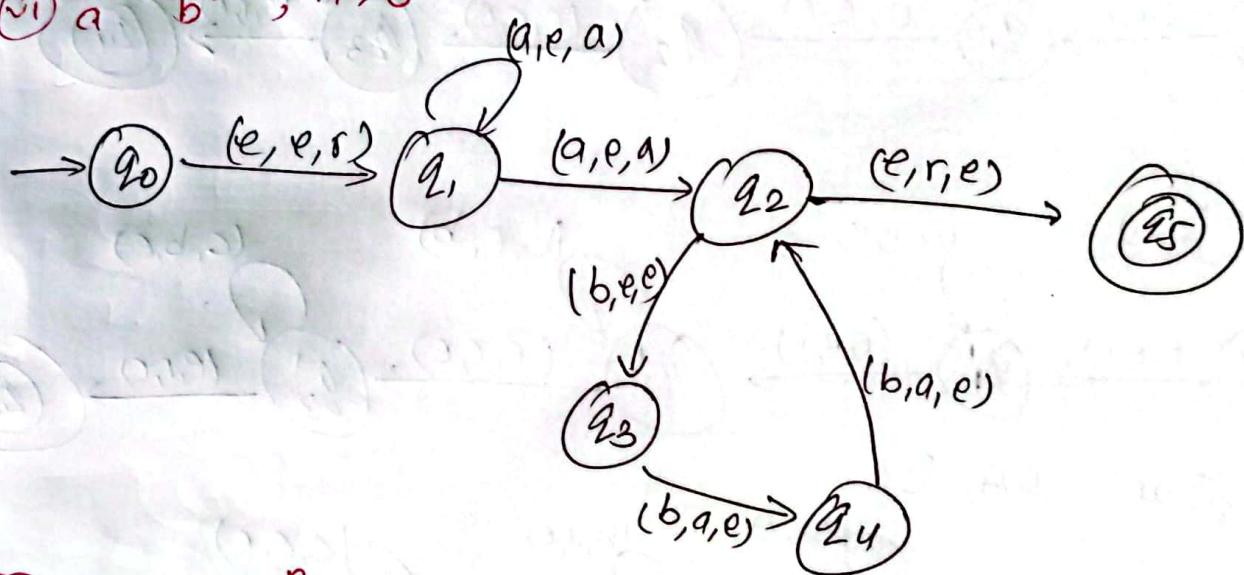
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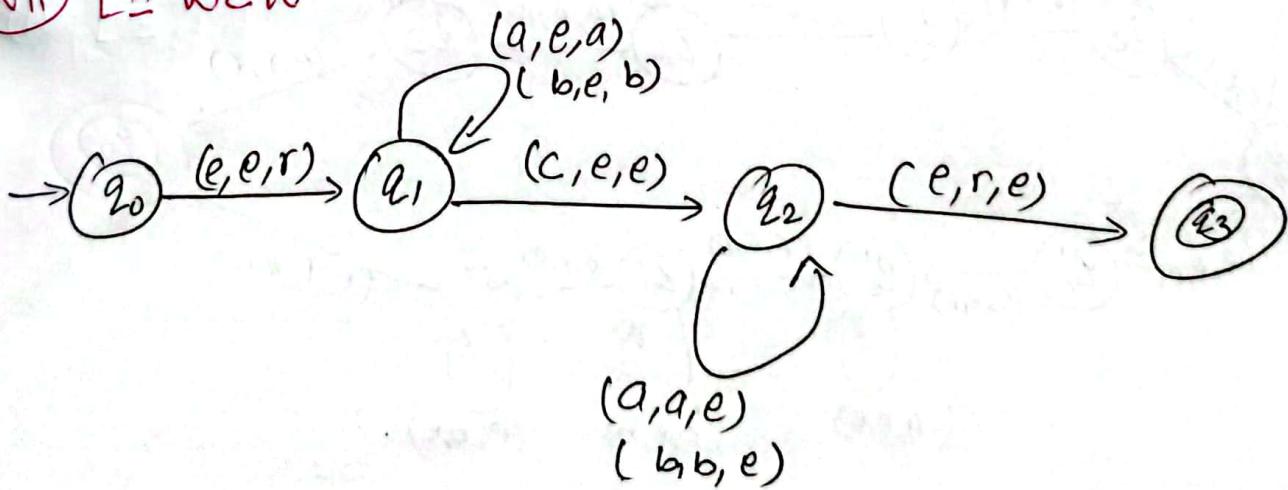
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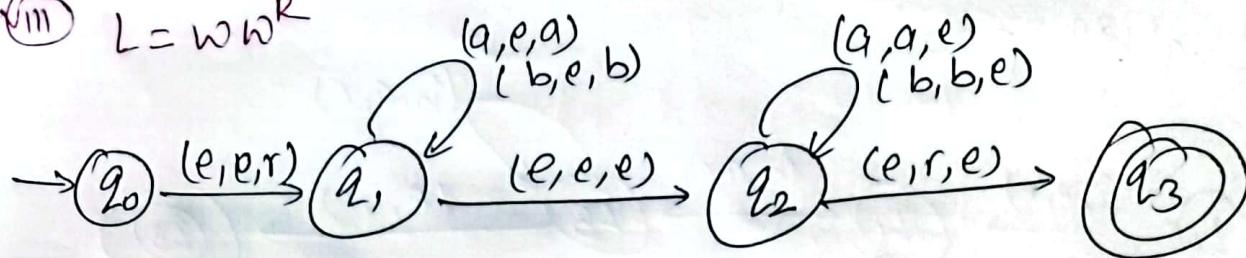
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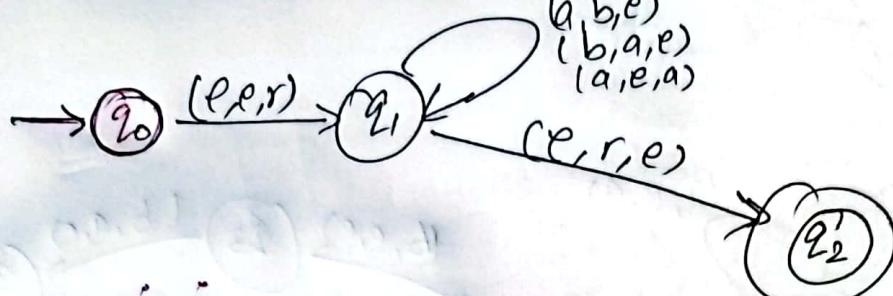
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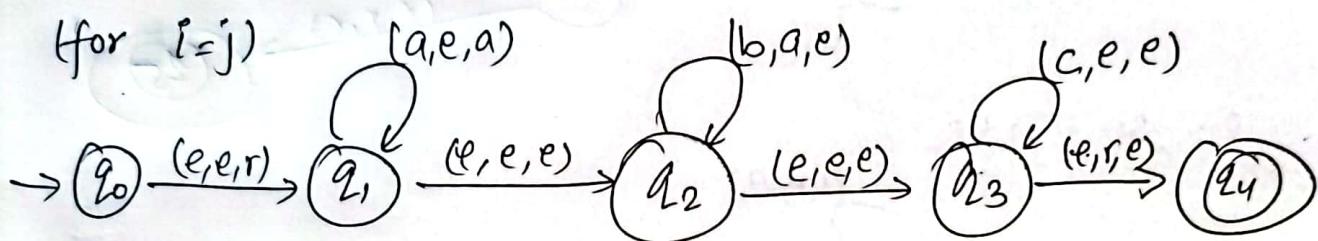
$$VIII \quad L = w w^R$$



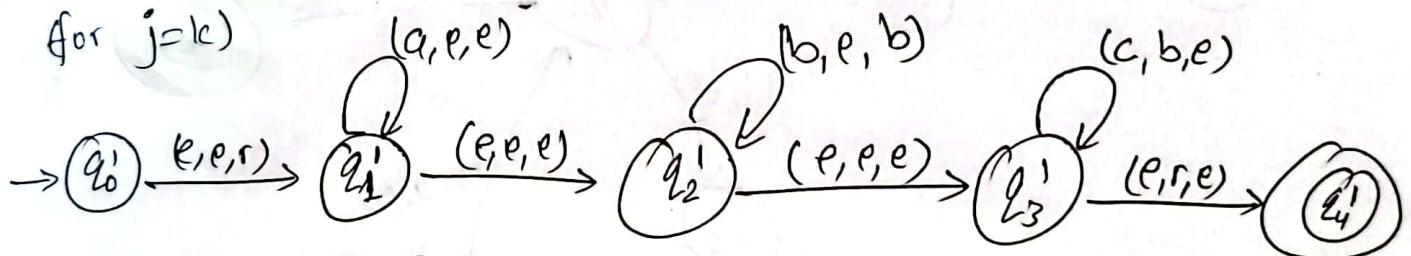
② Number of $a = \text{Number of } b$



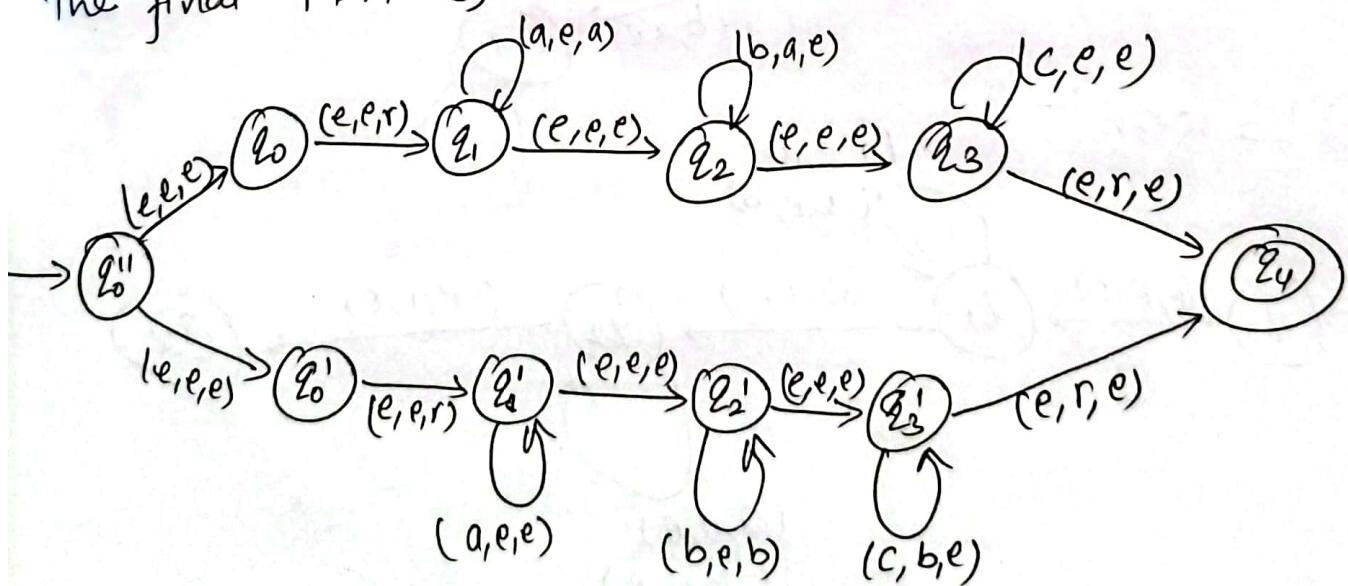
③ $L = a^i b^j c^k$; $i = j$ or $j = k$; $i, j, k \geq 0$



for $j = k$



The final PDA is,



Equivalence of context free language (CFL) and Push Down Automata (PDA)

Theorem:

The language is context free iff some PDA recognize it.

To prove it, we show that

(i) If language is context free, then some PDA recognize it.

(ii) If a PDA recognize a language, then it is context free.

(i) If language is context free, then some PDA recognize it.

We know languages that ~~are~~ content free grammar (CFG) can generate are context free language (CFL)

Let, $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ be a CFG such that language generated by G , $L(G)$ is context free.

For this grammar G , we construct a PDA that simulates left most derivation of G .

Let the PDA be,

$$P = (Q, \Sigma, T, \delta, q_0, F)$$

Q has three states, $Q = \{q_0, q_i, q_f\}$
where,

q_0 is initial state

q_i is intermediate state

q_f is final state; $F = \{q_f\}$

Let P be capable of pushing entire string using transition function $\delta'(p, a, \beta) = (q, \beta)$

where,

$$\beta = \beta_1 \beta_2 \dots \beta_n.$$

$$\delta(p, a, \beta) = (q_1, \beta_n), \delta(q_1, e, e) = (q_2, \beta_{n-1}), \dots$$

$$\delta(q_{n-1}, e, e) = (q, \beta_1)$$

- Initialize stack with string S_r ,

$$\text{i.e. } \delta'(q_0, e, e) = (q_i, S_r)$$

If the top of stack has non-terminal 'A' and $(A \rightarrow w) \in R$, $w \in V^*$ then,

$$\delta'(q_i, e, A) = (q_i, w)$$

- If the top of stack has terminal 'a' then,

$$\delta(q_i, a, a) = (q_i, e)$$

- If 'r' is at the top of stack, then

$$\delta(q_i, e, r) = (q_f, e)$$

Example:-

$$G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$$

Where,

$$V = \{S, A, a, b\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

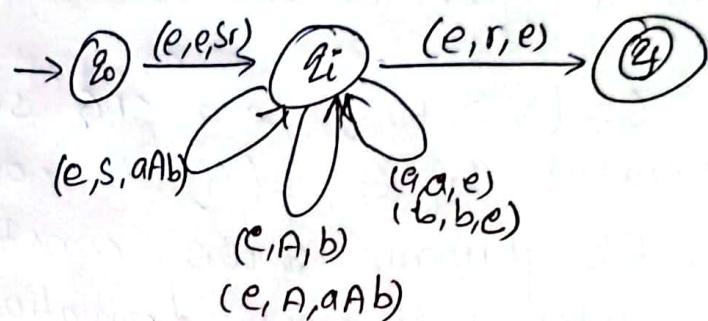
$$R = \{S \rightarrow aAb\}$$

$$A \rightarrow b/aAb$$

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S is start symbol.

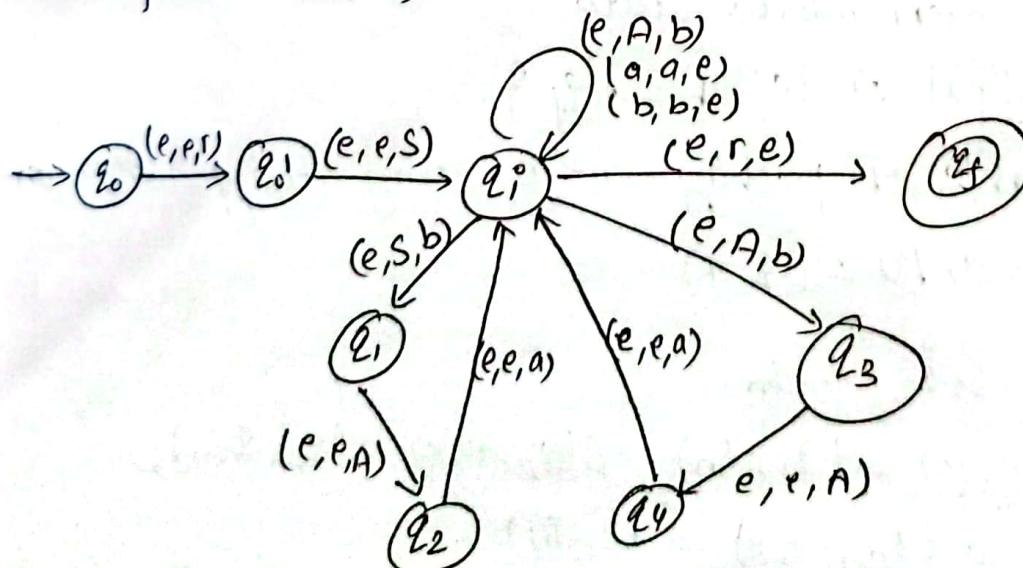
PDA equivalent to grammar G is,



The transition functions are:-

$$\delta = \{(q_0, e, e), (q_i, S_r)\}, \{(q_i, e, S), (q_i, aAb)\}, \{(q_i, e, A), (q_i, b)\}, \{(q_i, e, A), (q_i, aAb)\}, \{(q_i, a, a), (q_i, e)\}, \{(q_i, b, b), (q_i, e)\}, (q_i, e, r), (q_f, e)\}\}$$

* The final PDA is;



(ii) If a PDA recognizes a language, it is context free.

Let PDA, $P = (Q, \Sigma, T, \delta, q_0, F)$ be PDA (with only one final state).

Let G be CFG, $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$

$$V - \Sigma = \{ A_{pq} ; P, q \in Q \}$$

$$S = A_{q_0 q_f}$$

$$a, b \in \Sigma, t \in T$$

$$R = \{ A_{pq} \rightarrow a A_{p'q'} b \text{ if } \delta(p, a, t) = (p', t)$$

$$\delta(q', b, t) = (q, e)$$

$$P, q, p', q' \in Q$$

$$A_{pq} \rightarrow A_{p'q'} \text{ when } p, p', q \in Q$$

$$A_{pq} \rightarrow e \text{ when } p \in Q$$

Then if A_{pq} generates string w , w by construct will take PDA from P with empty stack to q with empty stack, which means if PDA recognize some language then there is a CFG that generates the language. So, the language is context free.

Pumping Lemma for CFL:-

For a context free language L , there is a number n for string $w \in L$, $|w| \geq n$ such that, the string will be divided into five parts.

$w = uvnyz$, fulfilling the condition,

for $i \geq 0$, $uv^i ny^i z \in L$

$$|vy| > 0$$

$$|vny| \leq n$$

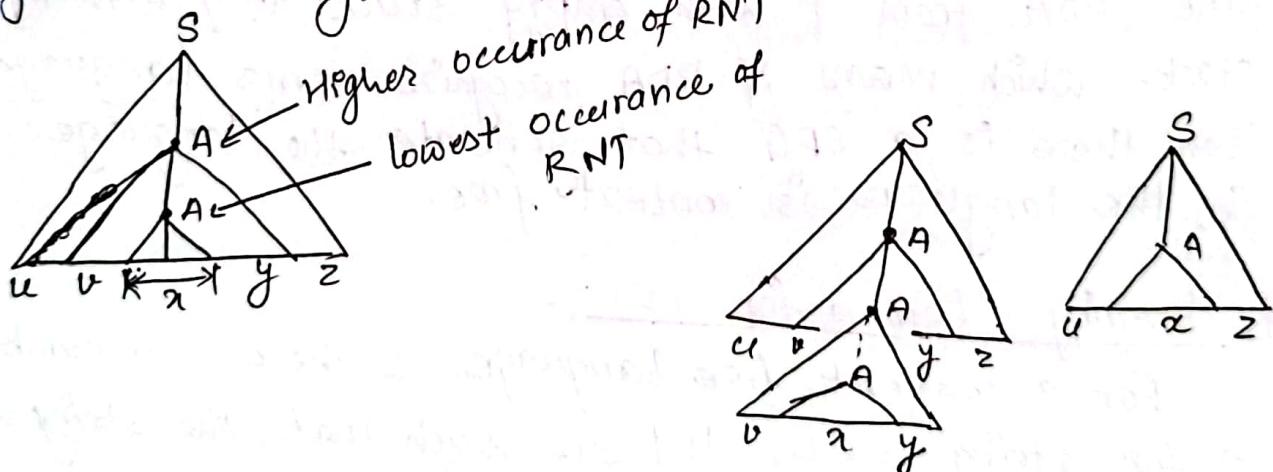
Proof:

Let l be maximum number of symbols on the right hand side of the rule. $|V-\Sigma|$ be the number of non-terminals, then if pumping length

$$n = l^{|V-\Sigma|} + 1$$

Then any string of length n or greater will have a parse tree with path length atleast $(|V-\Sigma| + 1)$ long. If we choose path with path length $|V-\Sigma| + 1$, it will have $|V-\Sigma| + 2$ nodes. As the final node is terminal, there will be $|V-\Sigma| + 1$ non-terminals. But, there are only $|V-\Sigma|$ non-terminals. Therefore, at least one non-terminals must be a repeat non-terminal (RNT).

Now, dividing w into $uvxyz$ and considering lowest occurrence of RNT, we see that it has subtree, that generates vz and the higher occurrence of RNT generates vxy .



Since, each subtree has been generated by same variable, we can substitute one subtree with another and still have valid parse tree. Therefore, RNT can be substituted many times and still parse tree would be valid which means, $uv^iwy^i z$ will be strings generated by such substitutions.

Also, when small as subtree substitutes larger one, then we get uvz , which is also part of language.

If v and y are both empty strings, then we will have smaller parse tree, which is not possible because we started with smallest parse tree. Therefore,

$$|vy| > 0.$$

Also, from construction, there can be almost n branches between two occurrence of RNT

$$\therefore |vny| \leq n$$

Q Using pumping lemma for CFL, show whether the language $L = \{a^n b^n c^n ; n \geq 0\}$ is context free or not.

→ Let L be CFL, then for any string, $w \in L$, $|w| \geq n$, $n = \text{pumping length}$.

Then, using pumping lemma for CFL,
 w can be divided into five parts,

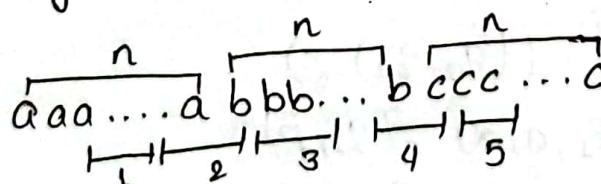
$$w = uvxyz \text{ such that}$$

$$uv^i y^i z \in L ; i \geq 0$$

$$|vy| > 0$$

$$|vny| \leq n$$

Let us choose a string $w = a^n b^n c^n$ and try to find u, v, x, y, z such that pumping lemma holds for w .



Case I:

as $|vny| \leq n$, taking vny part in a 's only,

$$v = a^p ; y = a^q ; p, q \leq n, |vy| > 0$$

Then for $i > 1$, No. of a exceeds no. of b and c.

i.e., $uv^{i-1}y^i z \notin L$ for $i > 1$.

Case II:

Taking vay part in the border between a's and b's.

Then for $i > 1$,

No. of a and no. of b will increase but no. of c can't increase. So, $uv^{i-1}y^i z \notin L$ for $i > 1$.

Similarly, for cases when vay part lies totally in b, border between b's and c's and totally in c, $uv^{i-1}y^i z \notin L$ for $i > 1$.

Therefore, ω cannot be pumped.

So, L is not context free.

Intersection of CFL, L and Regular language L , is a CFL.
(CFL \cap Regular Language = CFL).

→ Let PDA corresponding to CFL, L be $P_1 = (\mathcal{Q}_1, \Sigma_1, T_1, \delta_1, q_0', F_1)$ and DFA corresponding to R be $D = (\mathcal{Q}_2, \Sigma_2, T_2, \delta_2, q_0'', F_2)$.

Then, we construct PDA,

$$P = (\mathcal{Q}, \Sigma, T, \delta, q_0, F)$$

such that,

$$\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{Q}_1 \times \mathcal{Q}_2$$

$$F = F_1 \times F_2$$

$$\delta((P_1, P_2), a, \alpha) = ((q_1, q_2), \beta)$$

$$\text{iff } \delta_1(P_1, a, \alpha) = (q_1, \beta)$$

$$\delta_2(P_2, a) = q_2$$

Then, the string will take P from start state to final state iff it simultaneously takes P_1 and D from initial state to final state (with empty stack of P_1).

This means, P will recognize language which is intersection of L and $R(L \cap R)$. Since, a PDA recognizes $L \cap R$, therefore $L \cap R$ is context free language.

For eg:-

$$\text{CFL, } L_1 = a^n b^n = \{e, ab, aabb, aaabb, \dots\}$$

$$\text{R.L, } L_2 = a^* b^* = \{e, a, b, ab, aa, bb, aabb, \dots\}$$

$$L_1 \cap L_2 = \{e, ab, aabb, aaabb, \dots\} \\ = a^n b^n ; n \geq 0$$

So, it is CFL.

Closure Property of CFL:-

① CFL is closed under UNION operation:-

Let L_1, L_2 be CFL's and G_1, G_2 be their corresponding grammars, such that,

$$L_1 = L(G_1), \quad L_2 = L(G_2),$$

$$G_1 = (V_1, \Sigma_1, R_1, S_1) \text{ and } G_2 = (V_2, \Sigma_2, R_2, S_2)$$

Let G be grammar,

$$G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$$

such that,

$$V = V_1 \cup V_2 \cup \{S\}$$

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$$

$$R = R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1, S \rightarrow S_2\}$$

for any string $w \in (L_1 \cup L_2)$

$S \xrightarrow{G} w$ because,

$$S \xrightarrow{G} S_1 \xrightarrow{G_1} w_1; w_1 \in L$$

$$S \xrightarrow{G} S_2 \xrightarrow{G_2} w_2; w_2 \in L$$

Since, there is CFG that generates $w \in (L_1 \cup L_2)$, $(L_1 \cup L_2)$ is also CFL.

Hence, CFL are closed under union operation.

⑩ CFL are closed under concatenation operation :-

Let L_1 and L_2 be CFL's and G_1, G_2 be their corresponding grammars, such that,

$$L_1 = L(G_1) ; G_1 = (V_1, \Sigma_1, R_1, S_1)$$

$$L_2 = L(G_2) ; G_2 = (V_2, \Sigma_2, R_2, S_2)$$

Let, G be grammar,

$$G = (V, \Sigma, R, S) \text{ such that,}$$

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$$R = R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1 S_2\}$$

for any string $w \in L$, $L = L_1 L_2$

$$S \Rightarrow_G^* w \text{ because,}$$

$$S \Rightarrow_G S_1 S_2, S_1 \Rightarrow_{G_1}^* w_1, S_2 \Rightarrow_{G_2}^* w_2$$

$$\therefore S \Rightarrow_G^* w_1 w_2$$

$$\text{i.e. } S \Rightarrow_G^* w ; w = w_1 w_2 \in L_1 L_2$$

Since, G is CFG that generates $L = L_1 L_2$, L is CFL.

Hence, CFL are closed under concatenation operation.

⑪ CFL are closed under Kleene star operation :-

Let L_1 be CFL and G_1 be its CFG.

$$\text{i.e. } L_1 = L(G_1) \text{ & } G_1 = (V_1, \Sigma_1, R_1, S_1)$$

Let us define a grammar G ,

$$G = (V, \Sigma, R, S) \text{ such that,}$$

$$V = V_1 \cup \{S\}, \Sigma = \Sigma_1$$

$$R = R_1 \cup \{S \rightarrow e, S \rightarrow S S_1\}$$

then, for any string,

$$w = w_1 w_2 w_3 \dots w_n ; w \in L, n \geq 0$$

for $1 \leq i \leq n, w_i \in L_1$

i.e., $L = (L_1)^*$

$S \Rightarrow_{G_1}^* w$ because,

$S \Rightarrow_{G_1} S S_1 \Rightarrow_{G_1} S S_1 S_1 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow S S_1 S_1 \dots S_1$
(1) (2) ... (n)

Since,

$S_1 \Rightarrow_{G_1}^* w_2, \dots, S_1 \Rightarrow_{G_1}^* w_1, \dots, S_1 \Rightarrow_{G_1}^* w_n$

Therefore,

$S \Rightarrow_{G_1}^* S w_1 w_2 \dots w_n \Rightarrow_{G_1} w_1 w_2 \dots w_n$

i.e., $S \Rightarrow_{G_1}^* w$

Since, there is CFG that generate $L = (L_1)^*$. Therefore, L is also CFL.

Hence,

CFL are closed under Kleene Star operation.

⑩ CFL are not closed under intersection operation

Let L_1 and L_2 be context free languages, such that,

$L_1 = \{a^n b^n c^m : m, n \geq 0\}$

$L_2 = \{a^m b^n c^n : m, n \geq 0\}$

then, $L_1 \cap L_2 = \{a^n b^n c^m : m, n \geq 0\} \cap \{a^m b^n c^n : m, n \geq 0\}$
 $= \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$

But,

$\{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$ is not context free.

(can be proved using pumping lemma)

$\therefore L_1 \cap L_2$ is not context free.

Hence, CFL are not closed under operation of intersection.

⑪ CFL are not closed under complementation:-

Let L_1 and L_2 be context free languages, then

$L_1 \cap L_2$ is given by,

$L_1 \cap L_2 = \Sigma^* - ((\Sigma^* - L_1) \cup (\Sigma^* - L_2))$

$= \overline{L_1 \cup L_2}$ [$A \cap B = \overline{A \cup B}$ (De-morgan's law)]

Here, we know,

$LHS = L_1 \cap L_2$ is not context free \Rightarrow RHS is not context free.

RHS has union & complementation operations. As, CFL are closed under union operation & RHS is not context free, thus leads to the conclusion that complementation is the reason for RHS not being context free.

Hence, CFL are not closed under complementation.

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