

## Practical No. 08

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Title :- Write a C program to check whether a string belong to grammar or not

## Theory :-

A context-free grammar (CFG) is a set of recursive rules (or productions) used to generate patterns of strings

A CFG consists of the following components

- A set of terminal symbols, which are the characters of the alphabet that appears in the strings generated by the grammar
- A set of non-terminal symbols which are placeholders for patterns of terminal symbols that can be generated by the non-terminal symbols
- A set of productions which are rules for replacing (or rewriting) non-terminal symbols (on the left side of the production)
- A start symbol, which is a special non-terminal symbol that appears in the initial strings generated by the grammar.



Defn:- A context-free grammar (CFG) consisting of a finite set of grammar rules is a quadruple  $(N, T, P, S)$  where

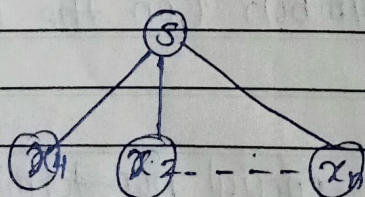
- $N$  is a set of non-terminal symbols
- $T$  is a set of terminal where  $N \cap T = \text{Null}$
- $P$  is a set of rule  $P, N \rightarrow (NUT)^*$  i.e. the left hand side of the production rule  $P$  does not have any right context
- $S$  is the start symbol.

Example:-

- The grammar  $(\{A\}, \{a, b, c\}, P, A) \Rightarrow aA, A \rightarrow abc$
- the grammar  $(\{S, a, b\}, \{a, b\}, P, S \rightarrow aSaS \rightarrow bSb, S \rightarrow \epsilon)$
- the grammar  $(\{S, f\}, \{0, 1\}, P, S) \quad P: S \rightarrow 00S / 11f; f \rightarrow 00f$

Representation Technique

- Root-vertex - must be labeled by the start symbol
- Vertex - labeled by a non-terminal symbol
- leaves - labeled by a terminal symbol or  $\epsilon$



There are two different approaches to draw a derivation tree.



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Top-down approach.

- starts with the starting symbol  $S$ .
- Goes down to tree leaves using production.

Bottom-up approach.

- starts from tree leaves
- proceeds upward to the root which is the starting symbol  $S$ .

Derivation or yield of a tree.

The derivation or the yield of a parse tree is final string obtained by concatenating the labels of the leaves of the tree from left to right ignoring the nulls. However if all the leaves are null derivation is null.

Ex.

Let a CFG  $(N, T, P, S)$  be

$N = \{S\}$ ,  $T = \{a, b\}$  starting symbol =  $S$ ,  $P = S \rightarrow SS \mid asb \mid \epsilon$

one derivation from the above CFG is 'abacabb'.

$S \rightarrow SS \rightarrow asbs \rightarrow abasb \rightarrow abacabb \rightarrow abacabb$ .

