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- CFG are used to describe the syntax of programming languages:

```
<definition> → (define <identifier> <expression>)
                  → (define (<identifier> <params>) <expression>)

<params> → ε
                  → <identifier> <parameters>

<expression> → <number>
                  → <identifier>
                  → (+ <expression> <expression>)
                  → (- <expression> <expression>)
                  → (* <expression> <expression>)
                  → (quotient <expression> <expression>)
                  → (remainder <expression> <expression>)
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- $L(G)$ denotes the language generated by G : $\{w \mid w \in \Sigma^* \wedge S \rightarrow_G^* w\}$
- A language, L , is context-free if $L = L(G)$ for some context-free grammar G

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- Generate an a as the first letter in the word, generate a b for the last letter in the word, and use S to generate the rest of the word in the middle

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- Tests

```
; ; Tests for a2nb2n
#:rejects '((b b b) (a b a))
#:accepts '(() (a b) (a a b b) (a a a b b b) (a a a a a b b b b b)
    Both methods are acceptable
(check-not-derive? a2nb2n '(b b b))
(check-not-derive? a2nb2n '(a b a))
(check-derive? a2nb2n '())
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- Illustrate derivation tree using grammar-viz

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- > (grammar-test a2nb2n 10)  
'((b a b b b a) "(b a b b b a) is not in L(G)")  
((() "The word () is too short to test."  
((a a b b) (S -> aSb -> aaSbb -> aabb))  
((a a) "(a a) is not in L(G)")  
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((a b) (S -> aSb -> ab))  
((a) "The word (a) is too short to test."  
((b b b b) "(b b b b) is not in L(G")))
- Be mindful that trying to randomly generate words in the language is not easy
- Most of the time a word that is too short or that is not in the language is generated
- It is important for unit tests to be thorough

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 - ;; word --> Boolean
;; Purpose: Determine if given word is in L(a2nb2n)
(define (S-INV w)
 (let* [(as (takef w (λ (s) (eq? s 'a))))
 (bs (drop w (length as)))]
 (and (equal? w (append as bs))
 (= (length as) (length bs)))))
(check-equal? (S-INV '(a)) #f)
(check-equal? (S-INV '(b b a a)) #f)
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 -> abAaAbAbA -> abbAaAbAbA -> abbbAaAbAbA -> abbbAaAbAbA
 -> abbbbabAbA -> abbbabbA -> abbbabbbA -> abbbabbbbA
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 ((a a b b b)
 (S -> AbA -> AaAbAbA -> aAbAbA -> aAaAbAbAbA -> aaAbAbAbA
 -> aabAbAbA -> aabbAbA -> aabbba -> aabbba))
 (() "The word () is too short to test."
 ((a b b a b a a b) "(a b b a b a a b) is not in L(G)")
 ((a b b b b a b)
 (S -> AbA -> AaAbAbA -> aAbAbA -> abAbA -> abAbAaAbA
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• Be mindful about tests taking very long to run
• Interrupt execution if necessary

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- HOMEWORK: 1, 3, 5, 8

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Proof.

Assume L is a regular language. This means that there exist a regular grammar:

- $G = (\text{make-rg } N \Sigma P S)$,
such that $L = L(G)$. All the production rules in P are of the form:
 1. $A \rightarrow \epsilon$
 2. $A \rightarrow a$, where $a \in \Sigma$
 3. $A \rightarrow aB$, where $a \in \Sigma \wedge B \in N$

This means $P \subset (N \rightarrow (N \cup \Sigma \cup \epsilon)^+)$. That is, $p \in P$ is a valid production rule for a context-free grammar. Given that G 's N , Σ , and S may also be used in a cfg, we may conclude that L is a context-free language. □

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- (define MULT3-as (make-rg '(S B C)
 '(a b)
 `((S ,ARROW ,EMP)
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  (check-equal? (grammar-derive BP (parensstr->los ""))
    "The word () is too short to test.")
  (check-equal? (grammar-derive BP (parensstr->los ")")())
    "(c c o o) is not in L(G).")
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;; Purpose: Converts given string of parens to a list of parens
(define (parensstr->los s)
 (map (λ (p)
 (cond [(eq? p #\() 'o]
 [(eq? p #\)) 'c]
 [else (error (format "parensstr->los: non-parens symbol in: ~s"
 s))))]
 (string->list s)))
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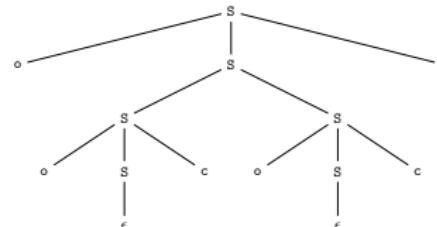
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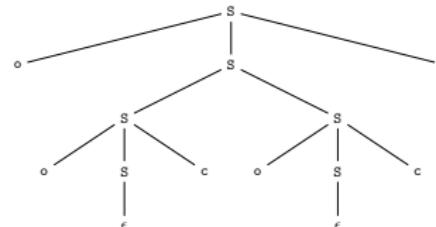
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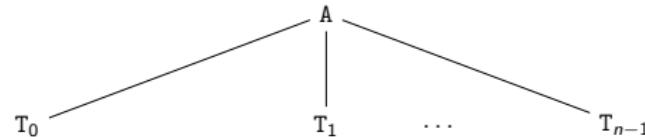
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- A parse tree is formally defined as follows:
  - For each  $a \in \Sigma$  the following is a parse tree:  $a$
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- If  $T_0 T_1 \dots T_{n-1}$  are the parse trees for  $a_0 \dots a_{n-1}$ , where  $a_i$  is a nonterminal or a terminal symbol, then for  $A \rightarrow a_0 a_1 \dots a_{n-1}$  the following is a parse tree:



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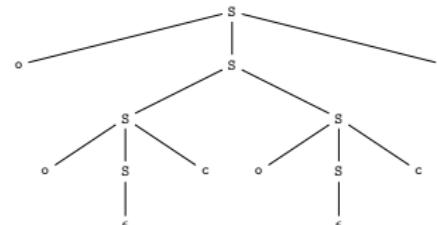
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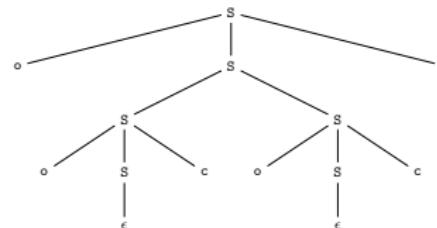


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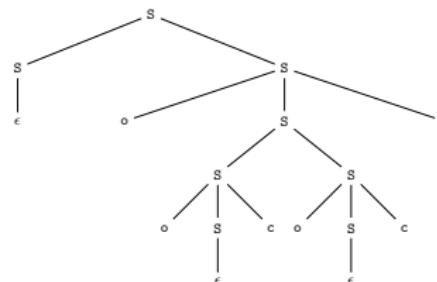
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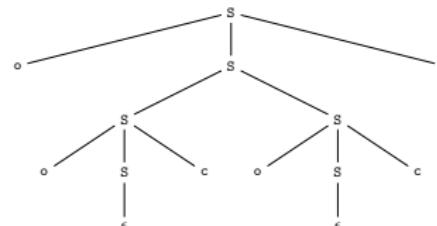


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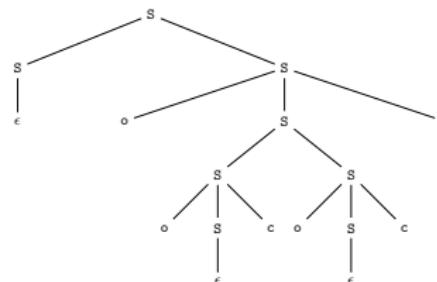


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 'S))
;; Tests for AE
(check-equal? (grammar-derive AE '(x p x))
 '(S -> SpS -> IpS -> xps -> xpI -> xpx))
(check-equal? (grammar-derive AE '(x t z))
 '(S -> StS -> Its -> xts -> xti -> xtz))
(check-equal? (grammar-derive AE '(x t z p y))
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- p stands for +, t stands for \*
- x, y, and z are variables

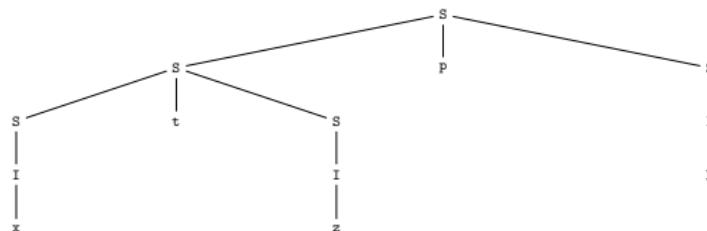
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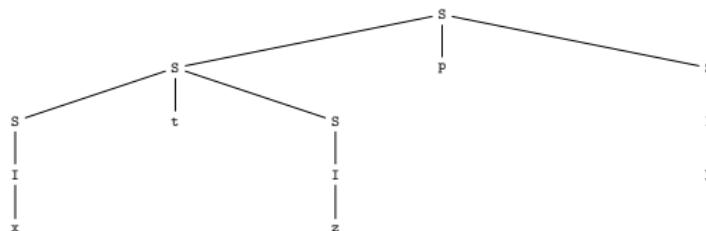
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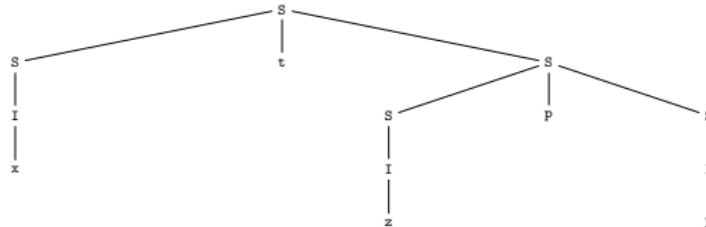
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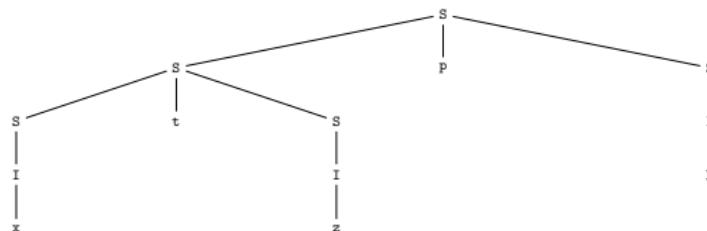
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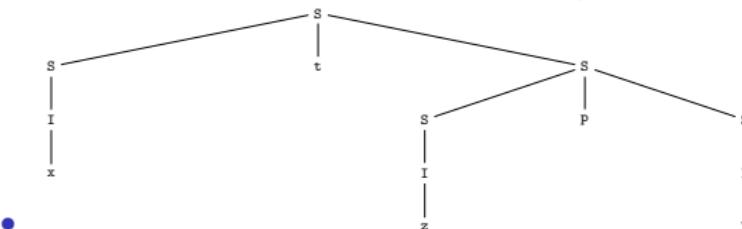
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- Unfortunately, some context-free languages can only be generated by an ambiguous cfg
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- HOMEWORK: 10, 12, 14
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- 3 conditions:
  - ① If the given word is empty then the value from testing if the given accumulator is empty is returned.
  - ② If the first element of the given word is a then false is returned.
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- A word, w , is in the language of M , $L(M)$, if there is a computation from the starting state that consumes w and M accepts
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Part III: Context-Free Languages

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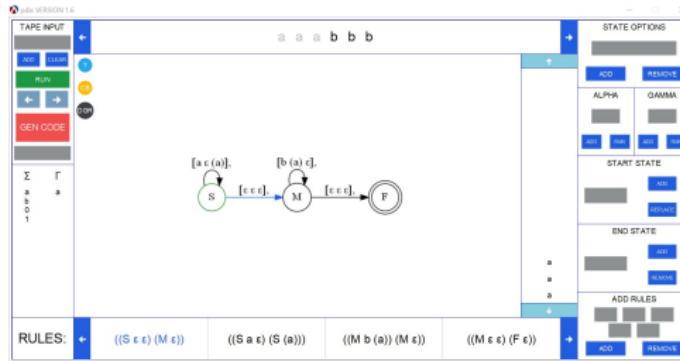
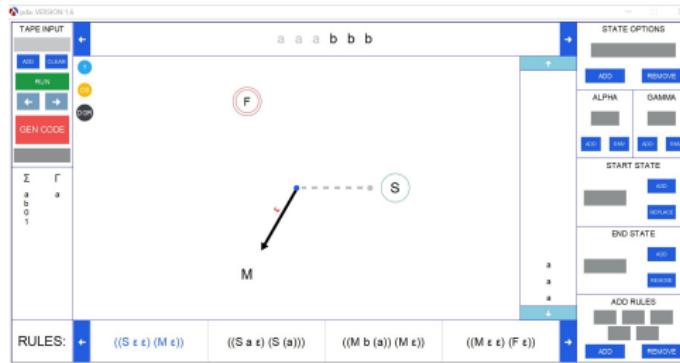
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 (bs (takef (drop ci (length as)) (λ (s) (eq? s 'b))))]
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;; Tests for F-INV  
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 $F = (\text{sm-finals } M) P = a^n b^n$

## Theorem

*The state invariants hold when P is applied to w.*

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- The proof is by induction on, n, the number of transitions to consume w

# Pushdown Automata

- Base Case

- When P starts, S-INV holds because  $ci = '()$  and the stack =  $'()$
- Observe that empty transitions into M and F may lead to accept and, therefore, we must establish that the invariants for these states also hold
- After using  $((S \text{ EMP } EMP) \text{ (M EMP)})$ , M-INV holds because  $ci='()$  and the stack= $'()$
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  - After consuming a b and popping an a, P may reach M or nondeterministically reach F because it may eventually accept
  - M-INV holds because ci continues to be as followed by bs, the stack can only contain as, and the number of as in ci remains equal to the sum of the number of bs in ci and the length of the stack.
  - F-INV holds because for a computation that ends with an accept the read b is the last symbol in the given word and popping an a makes the stack empty, ci continues to be the read as followed by the read bs, and, given that the stack is empty, the number of as equals the number of bs in the consumed input.

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- $w \neq a^n b^n$ 
  - 3 possibilities for the structure of  $w$ : not  $a^n b^m$ ,  $w$  in  $a^n b^m$ , where  $n > m$ , or  $w$  in  $a^n b^m$ , where  $n < m$
  - In the first case,  $w$  either starts with a b or has at least one a after a b: cannot transition out of S or cannot transition out of M
  - In the second case, never transition into F with an empty stack
  - In the third case, can't read all the input

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- If all the elements after the c match all the elements on the stack then the machine accepts.

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 (let* [(w (takef ci (λ (s) (not (eq? s 'c)))))])
 (v (if (member 'c ci)
 (drop ci (add1 (length w)))
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 (and (equal? ci (append w (list 'c) v))
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  - By reading and pushing a  $b$ ,  $c_i$  still does not contain  $c$  and we still have that  $c_i = (\text{reverse } s)$
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- HOMEWORK: 1–5, 8
- In class quiz (1 week from today)

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- We ought to be able to build a **pda** from an **ndfa**

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- For each  $a \in \Sigma_G$ ,  $P$  reads  $a$  from the tape and pops  $a$  off the stack

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## Lemma

$L$  is a context-free language  $\Rightarrow \exists$  pda that accepts  $L$

- Design Idea
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- Read the input from left to right: simulate the leftmost derivation of  $w$
- To start,  $P$  pushes  $S_G$  onto the stack
- For each cfg-rule,  $A \rightarrow x$ ,  $P$  pops  $A$  off the stack and pushes  $x$  onto the stack
- For each  $a \in \Sigma_G$ ,  $P$  reads  $a$  from the tape and pops  $a$  off the stack
- Suggests that  $P$  only needs two states:
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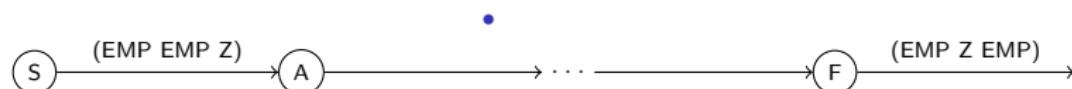
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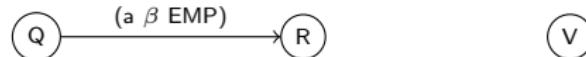
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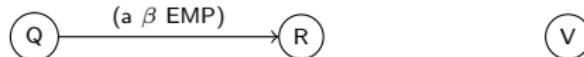
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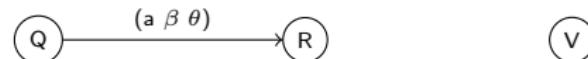
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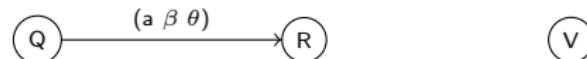
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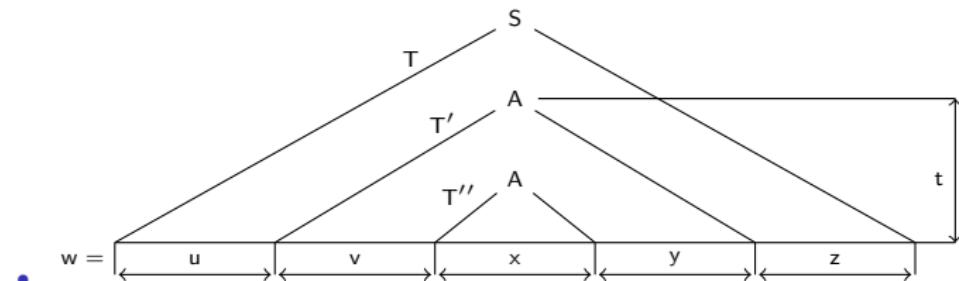
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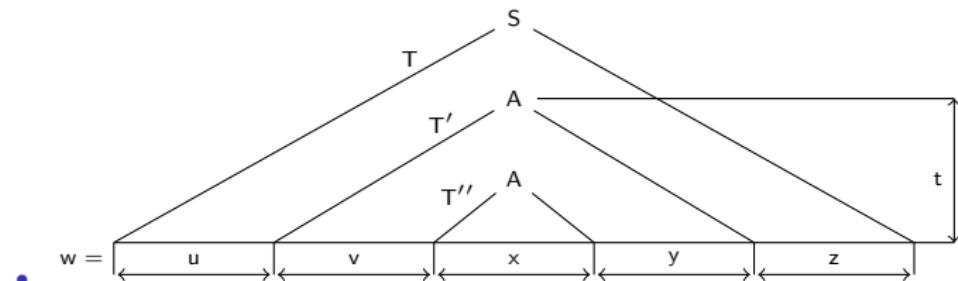


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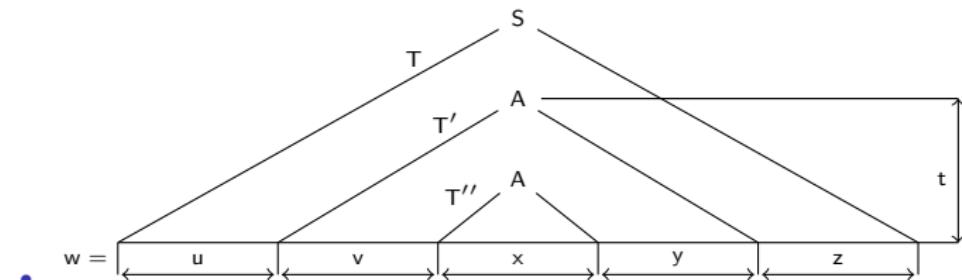
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- HOMEWORK: 12–14

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- HOMEWORK: 8, 10
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