

# $D^3$ as a 2-MCFL

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### 1.3 Challenge

[This is not a hand-in exercise. If you can solve it by Dec 5, there will be a present for you!]

Let  $D^n$  be the language over an  $n$ -symbol alphabet, lexicographically ordered  $a_1 < \dots < a_n$ , where words satisfy the following conditions:

1. each word contains an equal number of the  $n$  alphabet symbols
2. for every prefix  $p$  of a word, the number of  $a_i$  in  $p \geq$  the number of  $a_{i+1}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ )

$D^n$  generalizes the familiar language of balanced brackets, in which case you have an alphabet of size 2, say  $\{a, b\}$ , with ‘opening bracket’  $a$  preceding ‘closing bracket’  $b$  in the lexicographic ordering.

The conjecture (Makoto Kanazawa, p.c.) is that for  $n \geq 2$ ,  $D^n$  is the language of a non-wellnested  $(n-1)$ -MCFG.

Give a 2-MCFG for  $D^3$ , i.e. words over a 3-letter alphabet  $\{a, b, c\}$  (with the usual lexicographic order) satisfying conditions (1) and (2) above. Give the ACG encoding of your MCFG for  $D^3$ .

**Reference** M. Moortgat (2014), A note on multidimensional Dyck languages.

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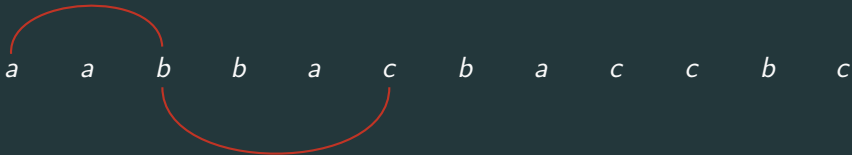
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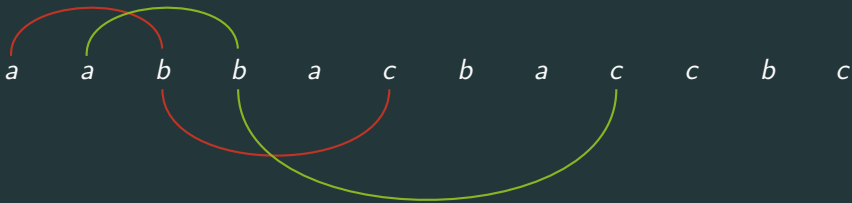
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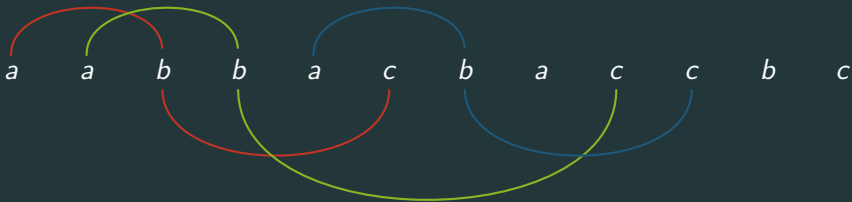
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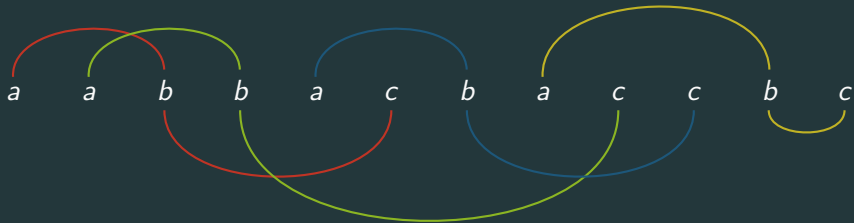
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## G<sub>2</sub>: Adding states

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{O}_2[A^+ \leftarrow \epsilon \mid \{a\}]. \\ \mathcal{O}_2[B^+ \leftarrow \epsilon \mid \{b\}]. \\ \mathcal{O}_2[C^+ \leftarrow \epsilon \mid \{c\}]. \end{array} \right\} \text{BASE CASES}$$

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## $G_3$ : $G_2 +$ Universal triple insertion

$$G_3 = G_2 + \forall K \in \mathcal{S} \setminus W : \\ \mathcal{O}_2[[K \leftarrow K_{xy} \mid \{x < y, a < b < c\}]].$$

A visual representation of nested boxes. It consists of a large black rectangle at the top, followed by a smaller black rectangle, then a white rectangle containing a Gandalf image, and finally a black rectangle at the bottom. The Gandalf image is a meme of Gandalf the White from 'The Lord of the Rings' holding a staff, with the text 'YOU SHALL NOT PARSE!' overlaid on it.

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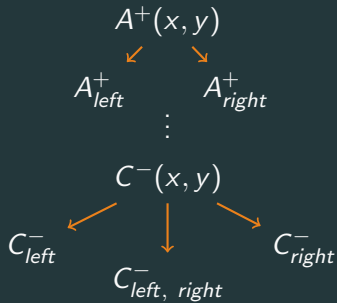
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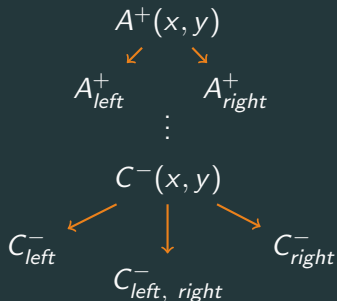
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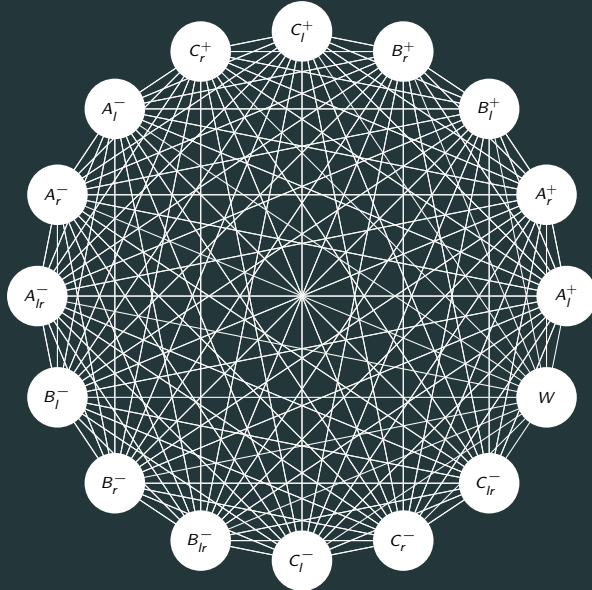


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### NEW ORDERS IN INTERACTIONS

$$C^-(xz, wy) \leftarrow A^+_{left}(x, y), B^+_{left}(z, w).$$

## Refining states: Interactions



## G<sub>4</sub>: Automatic Rule Inference

### STATE DESCRIPTORS $\mathcal{D}$

$$W \mapsto (\epsilon, \epsilon)$$

$$A_l^+ \mapsto (a, \epsilon)$$

$$A_r^+ \mapsto (\epsilon, a)$$

$$B_l^+ \mapsto (b, \epsilon)$$

$$B_r^+ \mapsto (\epsilon, b)$$

$$C_l^+ \mapsto (c, \epsilon)$$

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$$A_l^- \mapsto (bc, \epsilon)$$

$$A_r^- \mapsto (\epsilon, bc)$$

$$A_{lr}^- \mapsto (b, c)$$

$$B_l^- \mapsto (ac, \epsilon)$$

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# Automatic Rule Inference: Example

CASE OF  $A_{lr}^-(x_b, y_c) + B_{lr}^-(x_a, y_c)$

PERMUTATION	DESCRIPTOR	ELIMINATED
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$(zxw, y)$	$\longrightarrow (abc, c)$	$\begin{array}{l} \nearrow (c, \epsilon) \leftarrow C_l^+ \\ \searrow (c, \epsilon) \leftarrow C_r^+ \end{array}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$(xzw, y)$	$\longrightarrow (bac, c)$	$\longrightarrow (bac, c) \notin \mathcal{D}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

# Results

