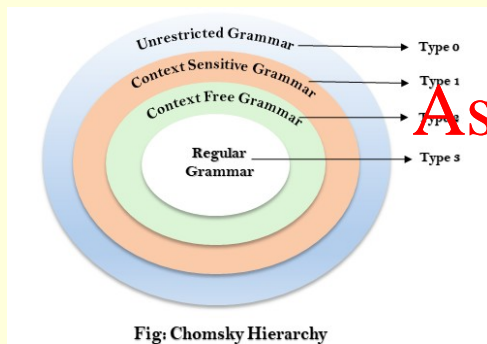


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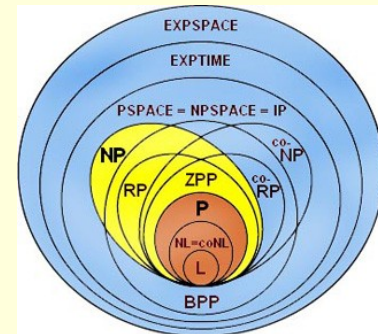
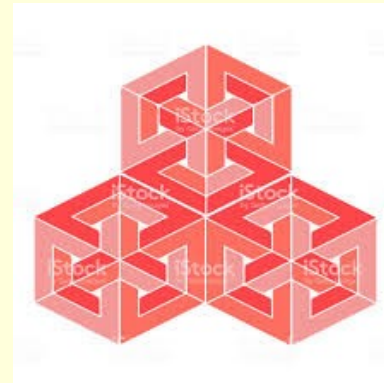
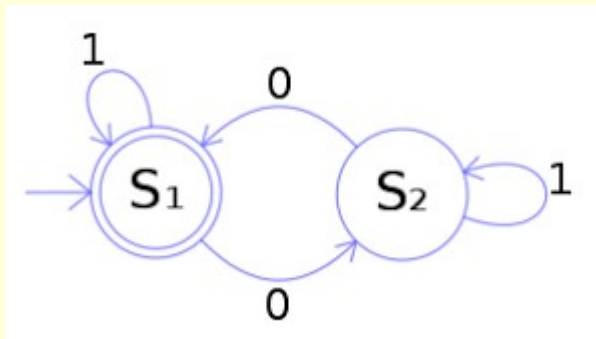
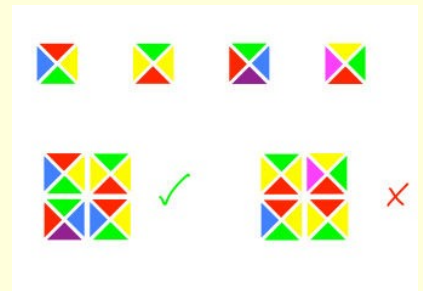
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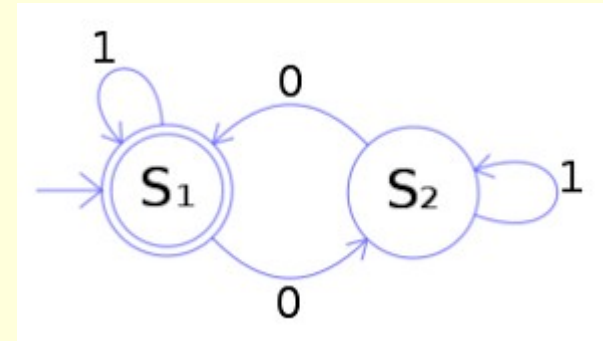
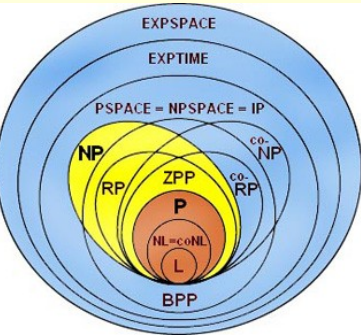


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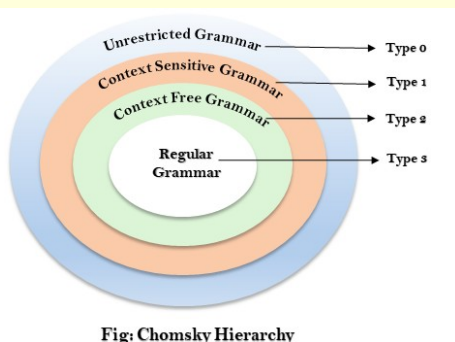
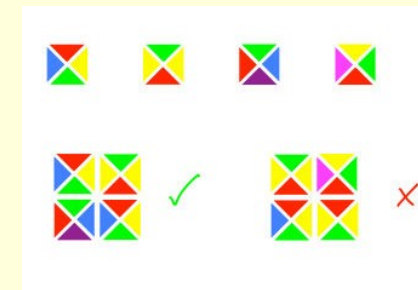


Fig: Chomsky Hierarchy

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Overview

- Questions?
- Grammar normal forms

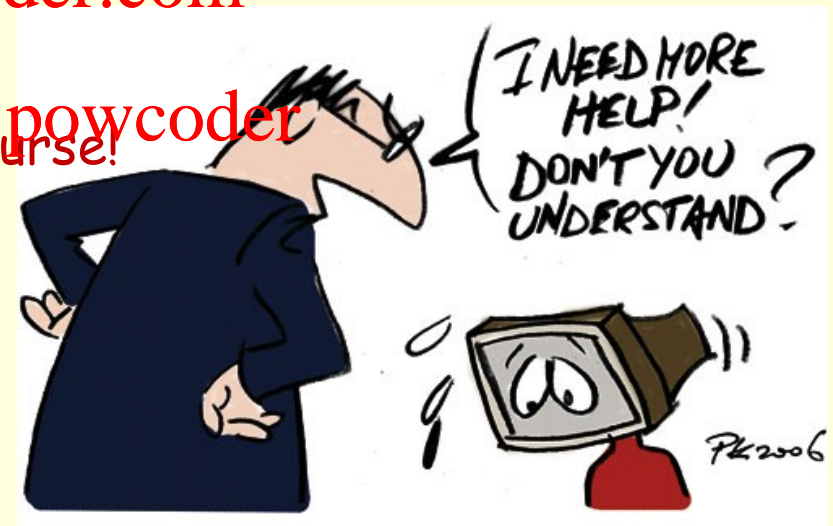
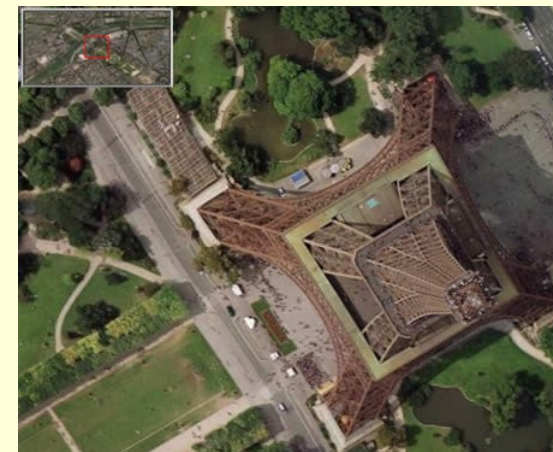
- Questions? Assignment Project Exam Help What can be done

- Pumping Lemma What can't be done
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- Questions?

- Platypus Game Add WeChat powcoder Of course!

- Questions?



Weekly Schedule



	Lecture/Lectorial	Tutorial	Assessment
1	Formal languages, grammars	Motivations & Mathematical preliminaries	
2	Finite State Machines	Grammars	Quiz 1
3	Pushdown Automata, nondeterminism	NFAs and DFAs	Quiz 2
4	Turing machines	Pushdown automata	Quiz 3
5	Computability, universality	Turing machines	Quiz 4
6	Pumping Lemma, NFA \rightarrow DFA conversion	Computability, universality	Assignment 1, Quiz 5
7	Chomsky Hierarchy	Nondeterminism, Pumping Lemma	Quiz 6
8	Unrestricted grammars		Quiz 7
9	Complexity and intractability	Unrestricted grammars	Quiz 8
10	NP-completeness	Complexity and intractability	Quiz 9
11	Zero-knowledge proofs	NP-completeness	Quiz 10
12	Research and requests	Sample exercise	Assignment 2
14-16	--	--	Final exercise

Foundations

Relationships

Analysis

Assessment

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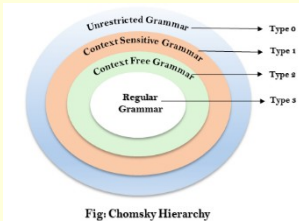
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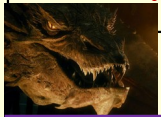
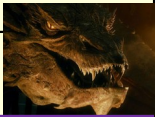


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Chomsky Hierarchy



Automata	Languages	Week 8	Grammars
	Undecidable languages	---	
Turing Machines	↔ Recursively enumerable languages	↔	Unrestricted grammars
Linear Bounded Automata	↔ Context-sensitive languages	↔	Context-sensitive grammars
(Nondeterministic) Pushdown Automata	↔ Context-free languages	↔	Context-free grammars
Deterministic Pushdown Automata	?? (Deterministic CF?)	???	
Nondeterministic Finite Automata & Deterministic Finite Automata	↔ Regular languages	↔	Regular grammars & regular expressions

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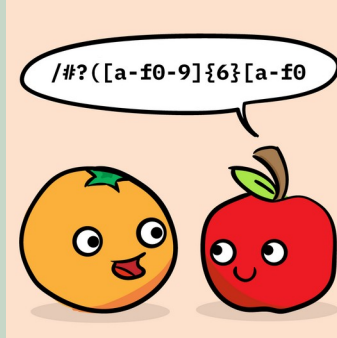
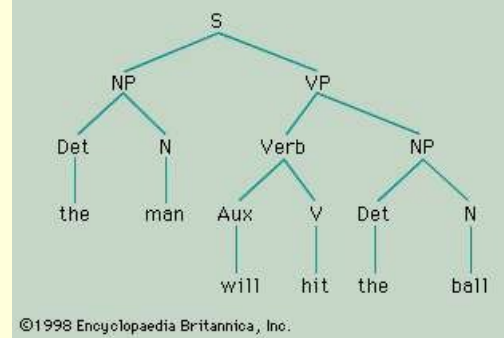
Grammars

What are grammars again?

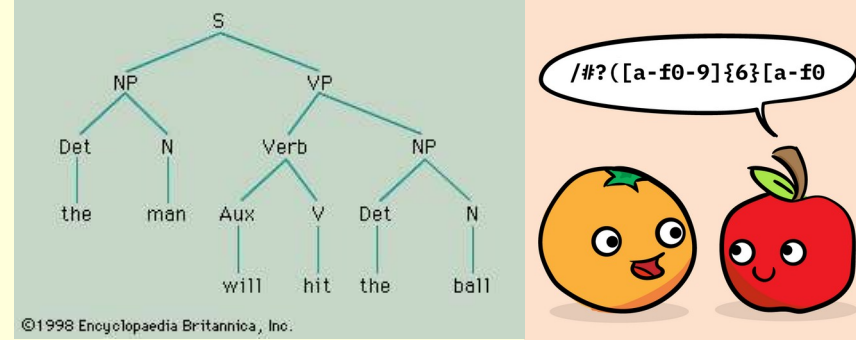
"Around the survivors a perimeter create!"

Much studied by Noam Chomsky in the 1950's

- Similar to rules used in natural language
- Special start symbol S
- Set of rules of the form $X \rightarrow Y$ ("whenever you see X, you can replace it with Y")
- For any string $w_1 X w_2$, can obtain string $w_1 Y w_2$
- Stop when no more rules apply



Grammars



Inherently nondeterministic!

S zN@E.mad
N 1 | 1E
E DD | DDE
D 0 | 1 | 2

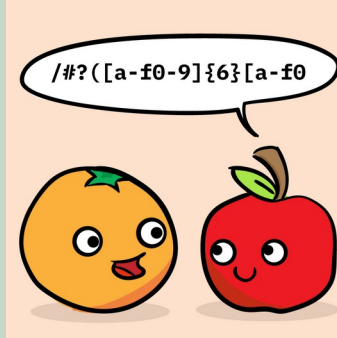
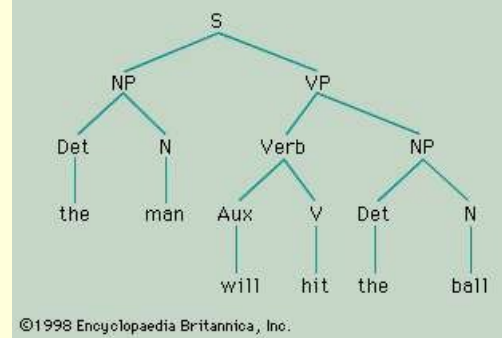
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... z10D@DD.mad z100@DD.mad z100@0D.mad z100@00.mad
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Grammars



Question: What **exactly** is a grammar?

Answer: A set of replacement rules for strings

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V: set of **non-terminal** symbols (or variables) (eg **S, A, B, C, ...**)

T: set of **terminal** symbols (eg **a, b, c, 1, 2, ...**)

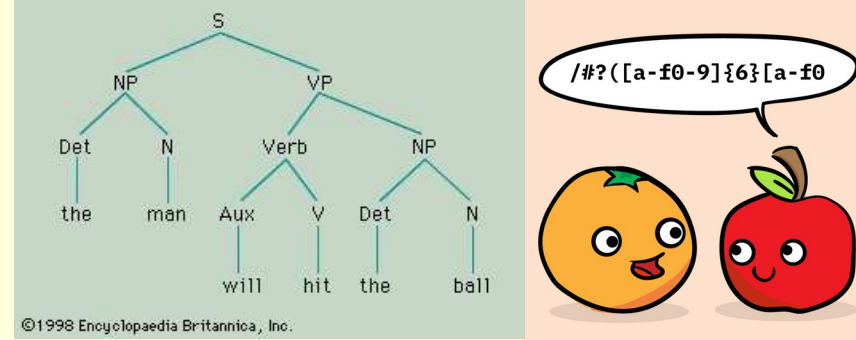
A rule is of the form **$A \rightarrow w$**

A is a non-terminal symbol
 w is a non-empty string over $V \cup T$

Derivation: Given rule $A \rightarrow R_1 \mid R_2 \mid \dots \mid R_n$ and string xLy , a permitted step is $xLy \rightarrow xR_iy$ for any $i = 1 \dots n$

Take transitive closure of steps from **S** ...

Grammars



A rule is of the form $(V \ T)^+ (V \ T)^*$

non-empty string over V T string over V T

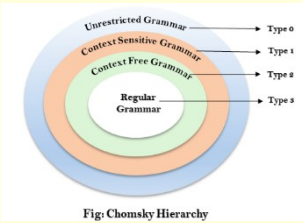
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$L \ R_1 \mid R_2 \mid \dots \mid R_n$ Different types of grammars result from constraints on L and R_i

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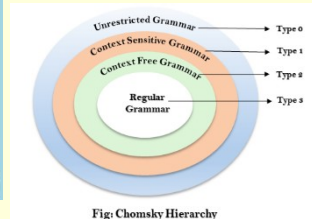
Name	Type	Constraint	Example
Unrestricted	0	--	AbC AC
Context-sensitive	1	$ L \leq R_i $ or S	AbC abc
Context-free	2	$ L = 1$	A AC
Regular	3	$ L = 1$ (ie L V) and $R_i \in \{T, V\}$	A a A bB A

Chomsky Hierarchy



Automata	Languages	Grammars
---	<i>Undecidable languages</i>	---
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Linear Bounded Automata	Context-sensitive languages	Context-sensitive grammars A b C abc
(Nondeterministic) Pushdown Automata	Context-free languages	Context-free grammars A AC
Nondeterministic Finite Automata & Deterministic Finite Automata	Regular languages	Regular grammars & regular expressions A a b B

Chomsky Hierarchy



- Grammars generate languages
- Automata accept languages

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- Given a grammar G , is there an automaton M such that $L(G) = L(M)$?
(so M accepts w iff G generates w)
- Given an automaton M , is there a grammar G , such that $L(M) = L(G)$?
(so G generates w iff M accepts w)

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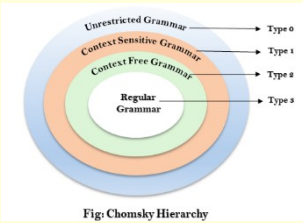
What of grammar is G ?


Regular? Context-free? Context-sensitive? Unrestricted?

What of automaton is M ?

DFA? NFA? PDA? LBA? DTM? NDTM?

Chomsky Hierarchy



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Normal Forms

Grammars are rather free form ...
The rule below is legal!



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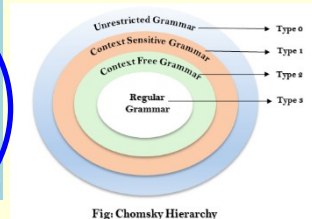


Fig: Chomsky Hierarchy

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For any context-free grammar G ,
there are grammars G_1 and G_2 such that $L(G) = L(G_1) = L(G_2)$ and

G_1 is in Chomsky* normal form and

G_2 is in Greibach* normal form

*Noam Chomsky

*Sheila Greibach

Chomsky normal form

S
 $A \rightarrow BC$
 $A \rightarrow a$

Derived string only
grows by 1

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Greibach normal form

S
 $A \rightarrow aA_1A_2...A_n$ where $n \geq 0$
pop input push
Like PDA

Regular

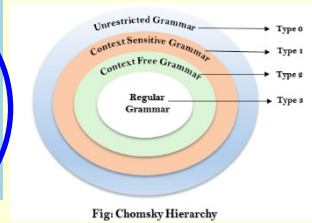
$A \rightarrow aB \mid a \mid$

input state

Like FSA

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Chomsky Normal Form



Grammar is in **Chomsky normal form** if every rule is of the form

S
 $A \rightarrow BC$
 $A \rightarrow a$

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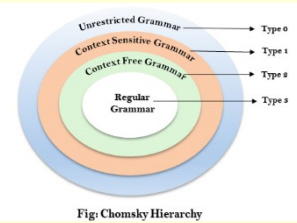
where B, C are variables (non-terminals) other than S

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- S is the only rule with the empty string.
- Otherwise the right hand side has length 1 or 2
- **All context-free grammars can be (efficiently) converted into an equivalent one in CNF**
- String in derivation grows by 1 each step or stops
- Some variants exist

Chomsky Normal Form



S | ASA | BSB | A | B
A 0
B 1

(from week 1 slides)

S aB | bS | cS |
B aB | bC | cS |
C aB | bS |

(from week 1 slides)

S | ASA | BSB | 0 | 1
A 0
B 1

S aB | bS | cS |
B aB | b | bC | cS |
C aB | bS

S | AC | BD | 0 | 1
A 0
B 1
C SA
D SB



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S a | aB | bS | cS |
B a | aB | b | bC | cS
C a | aB | bS

S a | AB | DS | ES |
B a | AB | b | DC | ES
C a | AB | DS

A a
D b
E c

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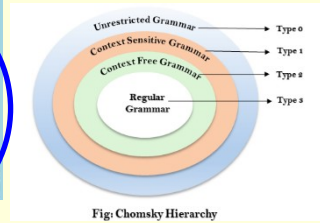


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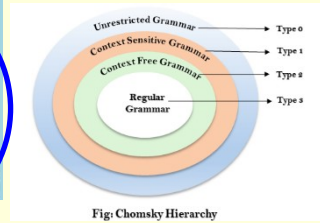
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Conversion Process:

1. Make start state non-recursive
2. Eliminate A rules (other than S)
3. Eliminate 'chain' rules (eg $A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow DE$ becomes $A \rightarrow DE$)
4. Eliminate variables that do not derive strings (eg $A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow A$)
5. Eliminate variables not reachable from S
6. Replace terminals with variables (eg $A \rightarrow bCb$ to $A \rightarrow BCB, B \rightarrow b$)
7. Reduce variables in each rule (eg $A \rightarrow BCB$ to $A \rightarrow BD, D \rightarrow CB$)
(rule with n variables becomes $n-1$ rules with 2 variables)

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Derivations are much simpler to manage in with CNF

S : delete S from the current string
(only time derived string gets shorter)

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$A \rightarrow BC$: replace A with BC
(adds one variable to the string, which grows by 1 in length)

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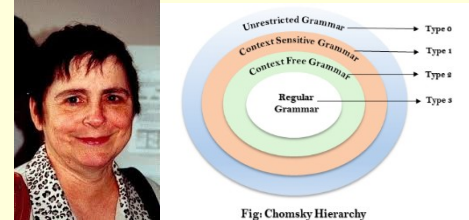
$A \rightarrow a$: replace A with a
(one less variable, one more terminal and string stays the same length)

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So if we have $S \Rightarrow T$, then $|T|$ grows with every application of a rule like $A \rightarrow BC$

Precise relationship between depth of parse tree and $|T|$

Greibach Normal Form



Grammar is in Greibach normal form if every rule is of the form

S

$A \rightarrow a$

$A \rightarrow aA_1A_2 \dots A_n$

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- No rules like $A \rightarrow Ba$ or $A \rightarrow BC$

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- Generalisation of regular grammars (for which $n \leq 1$)
- All context-free grammars can be (efficiently) converted into an equivalent one in GNF
- Conversion is more complex than for Chomsky normal form
- Needs to eliminate 'left' recursions, so that terminals can be made to appear 'predictably from the left'

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Quiz time!

Go to **Canvas** and find the quiz **Lectorial 7 Question set**

- Not worth any marks
- You can consult other students if you wish
- Time limit will be 10 minutes

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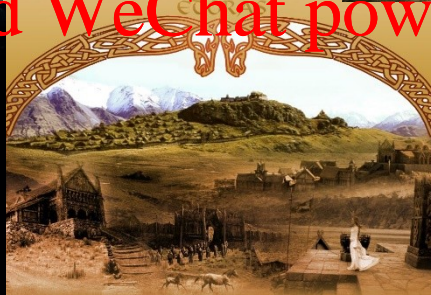


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How did you go?

Question 1: Convert the grammar below to Chomsky normal form.

$S \rightarrow aaSB \mid$
 $B \rightarrow bB \mid b$

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Is the above grammar in Greibach normal form?

$S \rightarrow CD \mid$
 $B \rightarrow AB \mid b$
 $A \rightarrow b$
 $C \rightarrow EE$
 $E \rightarrow a$
 $D \rightarrow SB$

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 $S \rightarrow aaTB \mid$
 $T \rightarrow aaTB \mid$
 $B \rightarrow AB \mid b$
 $A \rightarrow b$
 $C \rightarrow EE$
 $E \rightarrow a$
 $D \rightarrow SB$

How did you go?



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Question 2: Convert the grammar below to Chomsky normal form.

$S \rightarrow aSbb \mid A$
 $A \rightarrow cA \mid c$

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Is the above grammar in Greibach normal form?

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$S \rightarrow EB \mid CA \mid c$

$E \rightarrow FS$

$B \rightarrow DD$

$D \rightarrow b$

$A \rightarrow CA \mid c$

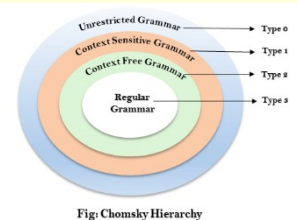
$C \rightarrow c$

$F \rightarrow a$

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Grammars and PDAs

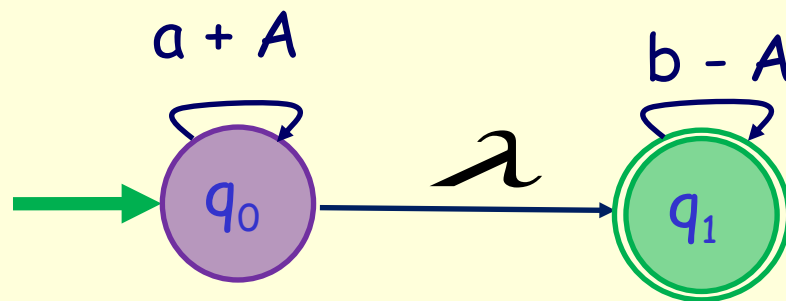


(Nondeterministic) Pushdown Automata	Context-free languages	Context-free grammars A AC
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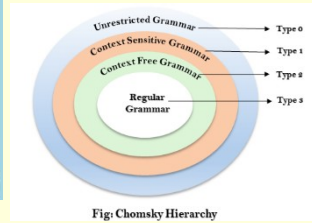
- For every context-free grammar G , there is a PDA M such that $L(G) = L(M)$
- For every PDA M , there is a context-free grammar G such that $L(M) = L(G)$

Consider $L = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$

$S \rightarrow aSb \mid \epsilon$



Grammars and PDAs



Given any grammar, construct an equivalent PDA as follows

- PDA has two states (say p and q)
- Initially push S onto the stack
- For each rule $L \rightarrow R_i$ in G , add a transition $(q, L, L) \rightarrow (q, R_i)$ (replaces L on the stack with R_i)
- For each terminal x , add a transition $(q, x, x) \rightarrow (q, \epsilon)$ (remove non-terminal from top of the stack)

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Lots of these!

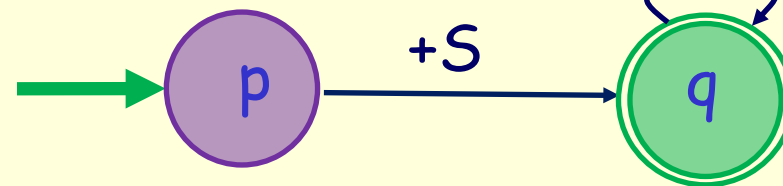
One for each rule case \longrightarrow

$-L+R_i$

One for each terminal \longrightarrow

$x-x$

(Also shows only ever "need" two states in a PDA)

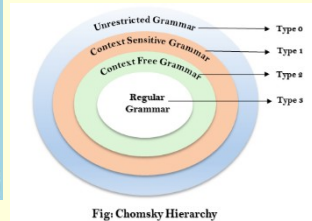


"Use extra states if need be ..."

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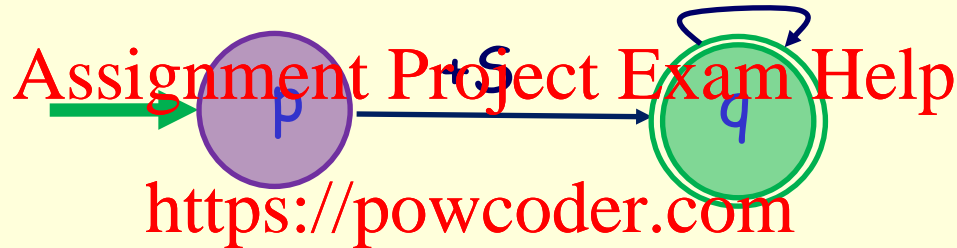
$S \rightarrow aSb \mid$

$-S \rightarrow aSb$

$-S$

$a \rightarrow a$

$b \rightarrow b$



$S \rightarrow aSb \mid aaSbb \mid aaaSbbb \mid aaabbbb$

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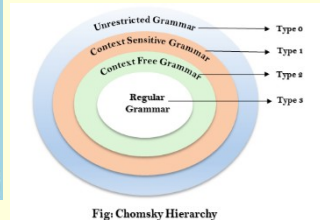
$(p, aaabbbb,) \rightarrow (q, aaabbbb, S) \rightarrow (q, aaabbbb, aSb) \rightarrow (q, aabbbb, Sb)$

$(q, aabbbb, aSbb) \rightarrow (q, abbbb, Sbb) \rightarrow (q, abbbb, aSbbb)$

$(q, bbbb, Sbbb) \rightarrow (q, bbbb, bbb) \rightarrow (q, bb, bb) \rightarrow (q, b, b) \rightarrow (q, ,)$

(Greibach normal form simplifies this process, but is not required)

Grammars and PDAs



Given **any PDA**, construct an **equivalent grammar** as follows
(this is a little trickier than the other way around!) each step in a derivation deletes a symbol ...

- Transform the PDA so that **every transition pops the stack (!!)**
 - $(p, x,) = (q,)$ \rightarrow $(p, x, A) = (q, A)$ for each A
 - $(p, x,) = (q, B)$ \rightarrow $(p, x, A) = (q, AB)$ for each A
- Construct grammar rules which mimic the PDA execution
- Variable $(q_i A q_j)$ represents execution starting in q_i , ending in q_j and popping A
- $S (s Z f)$ where s, f are start and final states of the PDA
- For each $(q_1, x, B) = (q_2, A)$, add rule $(q_1 B p) \times (q_2 A p)$ for all states p
- For each $(q_1, x, A) = (q_2, AB)$, add rule $(q_1 A p) \times (q_2 A r) (r B p)$ for all states p, r
- $(q q)$ for all states q

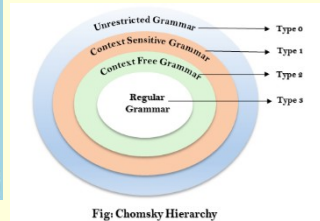
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Week 7 $(q_1 A q_2) * w$ iff $(q_1, w, A) (q_2,)$

Computing Theory

CFGs and PDAs



What can PDAs do?

- For every PDA there is an equivalent CFG
- Recognise regular languages
- Recognise context-free languages
- DPDAs are weaker than PDAs (!)

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What can't PDAs do?

- Recognise context-sensitive languages
- Recognise recursive languages

Questions?



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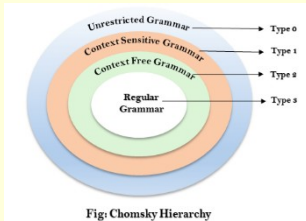


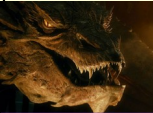
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Chomsky Hierarchy



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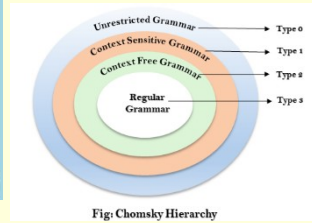
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Limitation of CFGs



Type	Memory Size	Memory access
DFAs	Bounded*	Defined by machine
PDA's (Linear Bounded Automata)	Unbounded ?? (see Week 8)	Top of stack only ?? (see Week 8)
Turing Machines	Infinite https://powcoder.com	Random (ie unlimited)

* bounded means the number is fixed and known in advance

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What happens when a CFG in Chomsky normal form processes a string longer than the number of variables?



"Now you are getting somewhere ..."

Some variable must be repeated!

Limitation of CFGs



Let G be a context-free grammar in Chomsky normal form, and $A \stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow} w$ with (binary) derivation tree T .

If $\text{depth}(T) = n$, then $\text{length}(w) \leq 2^n$.

Proof: By induction on the depth of T .

Base case: $\text{depth}(T) = 1$, so the derivation is either $S \Rightarrow a$ or $A \Rightarrow a$.

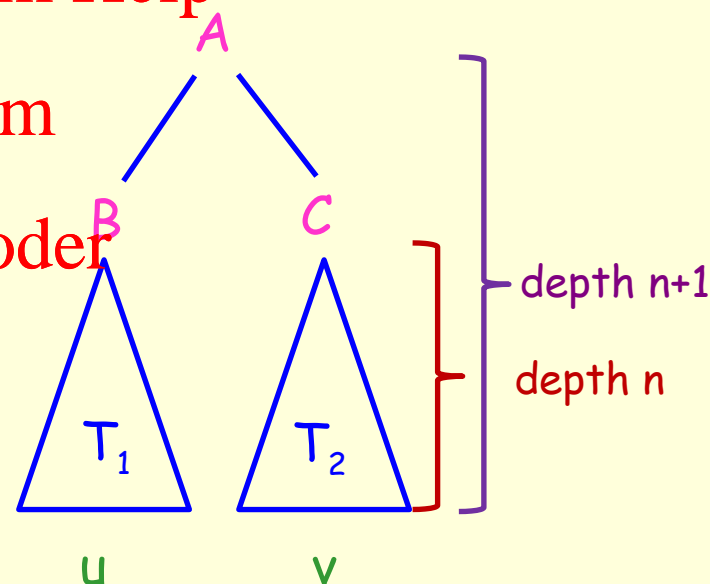
Inductive case: Assume it holds for all derivations of depth n . Let $A \stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow} w$ be a derivation of depth $n+1$. As G is in Chomsky normal form, we must have

$A \Rightarrow BC \stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow} uv$ where $B \stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow} u$ and $C \stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow} v$.

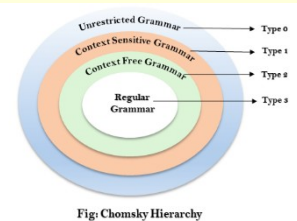
By the hypothesis $\text{length}(u) \leq 2^{n-1}$ and $\text{length}(v) \leq 2^{n-1}$ so $\text{length}(uv) \leq 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-1} = 2^n$.

Chomsky normal form

S
 $A \Rightarrow BC$
 $A \Rightarrow a$



Limitation of CFGs



Let G be a context-free grammar in Chomsky normal form, and $S \xRightarrow{*} w$ a derivation of w . If $\text{length}(w) \geq 2^n$, then the derivation tree has depth at least $n+1$.

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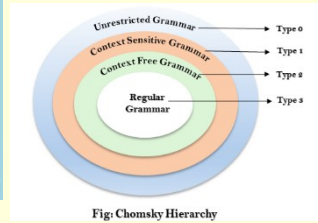
Pumping Lemma for Context-free Languages

For any context-free language L , there is $n \geq 1$ such that for any $w \in L$ with $|w| \geq n$, there exist x, y, z, u, v such that $w = xyzuv$ and

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1. $|yzu| \leq n$
2. y or u
3. $x y^i z v^i u \in L$ for all $i \geq 0$



Let $S \xrightarrow{*} w$ where $|w| = n = 2^{|V|}$ where V is the variables in G .
 So the derivation tree has depth at least $n+1 = |V| + 1$.
 So a path from S contains at least 2 occurrences of some variable ...



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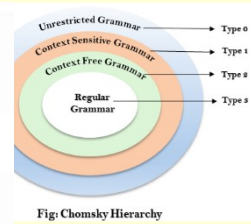
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Computing Theory

Pumping Lemma



Usual use is to show languages not *context-free* by contradiction

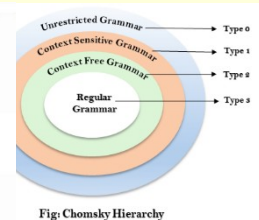
1. Assume L is *context-free*
2. Apply Pumping Lemma
3. Choose string w <https://powcoder.com>
4. Use $|yzu| \leq n$ to get information about y and u
5. Choose i such that [Add WeChat powcoder](#) (usually works)
6. Contradiction!



Conclude that L is not *context-free*

All such proofs the same except steps 3 & 5

Pumping Lemma



The language $L = \{a^i b^i c^i \mid i \geq 0\}$ is not context-free

Proof: Assume L is context-free. Then the Pumping Lemma applies and so there is an $n \geq 1$ such that for all $w \in L$ such that $|w| \geq n$, $w = xyzuv$ where

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Choose $w = a^n b^n c^n$ and so $w \in L$ and $|w| \geq n$. So by the Pumping Lemma $w = xyzuv = a^n b^n c^n$ and $|yzu| \leq n$.

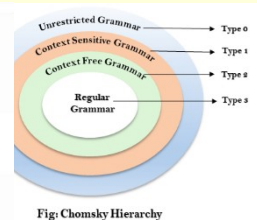
If y or u contains ab or bc , then $xyyzuuuv \notin L$

So both y and u contain only one of a or b or c .

But then also $xyyzuuuv \notin L$ as this will contain unequal numbers of a 's, b 's and c 's.

Hence L is not context-free.

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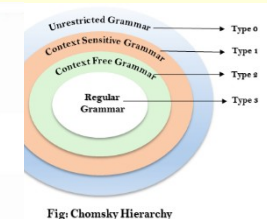
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Pumping Lemma



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Choose $w = a^n b^n a^n b^n$ and so $w \in L$ and $|w| \geq n$. So by the Pumping Lemma $w = xyzuv = a^n b^n a^n b^n$ and $|yzu| \leq n$.

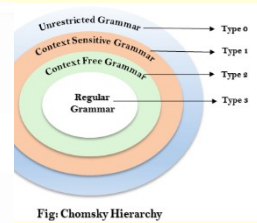
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CFGs



Languages known to be context-free include

$$L = \{a^i b^i \mid i \geq 0\}$$

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

$$L = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i=j \text{ or } j=k\}$$

$$L = \{a^i b^j a^i b^j \mid i, j \geq 0\}$$

$$L = \{w \mid w \in \{a,b\}^*, n_a(w) = n_b(w)\}$$

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Languages known not to be context-free include

$$L = \{a^i b^i c^i \mid i \geq 0\}$$

$$L = \{a^i b^j a^i b^j \mid i, j \geq 0\}$$

$$L = \{xx \mid x \in \{a,b\}^*\}$$

$$L = \{a^m \mid m \text{ is prime}\}$$

$$L = \{a^m \mid m = n^2 \text{ for some } n \geq 0\}$$

$$L = \{w \mid w \in \{a,b,c\}^*, n_a(w) = n_b(w) = n_c(w)\}$$

Questions?



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Week 7

Computing Theory

Properties of Languages

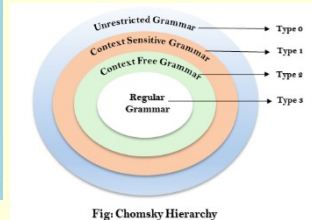


Fig: Chomsky Hierarchy

If L_1 and L_2 are regular languages, then so are

1. $L_1 L_2$
2. $L_1 L_2$
3. L_1^* (and L_2^*)
4. L
5. $L_1 L_2$
6. $L_1 L_2$

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1,2,3: Consider R_1, R_2 such that $L(R_1) = L_1, L(R_2) = L_1$.

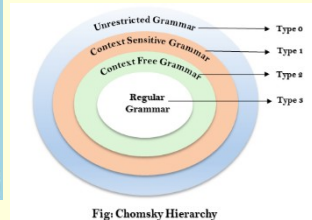
Then consider $R_1, R_2, R_1 R_2, R_1^*$ and R_2^*

4: Get a DFA for L . Swap the final and non-final states to get a DFA for L

5: Follows from 1 and 4, as $L_1 L_2 = L_1 L_2$

6: Follows from 1 and 5, as $L_1 L_2 = L_1 L_2$

Properties of Languages



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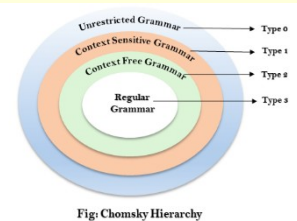
Let S_i be the start symbol for a context-free grammar for L_i .

Language	Grammar
$L_1 L_2$	$S \ S_1 \mid S_2$
$L_1 L_2$	$S \ S_1 S_2$
L_1^*	$S \ S_1 S \mid$

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Example Language



$L = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i j \text{ or } j k\}$ Is L context-free?

$L = L_1 L_2$ where $L_1 = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i j\}$ and $L_2 = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid j k\}$

So L is context-free if L_1 and L_2 are context-free

One of i and j must be the maximum

L_1 :

maximum is i

↓

$S \rightarrow TC$

$T \rightarrow aTb \mid A \mid B$

$A \rightarrow aA \mid a$

$B \rightarrow bB \mid b$

$C \rightarrow cC \mid$

↑

maximum is j

L_2 :

$S \rightarrow AT$

$T \rightarrow bTc \mid B \mid C$

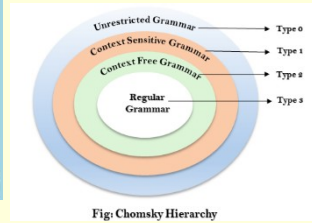
$A \rightarrow aA \mid$

$B \rightarrow bB \mid b$

$C \rightarrow cC \mid c$

So L is context-free

Properties of Languages



If R is a regular language and L is context-free, $L \cap R$ is context-free
(**Think:** still only have to count one thing in $L \cap R \dots$)

Build 'composite' PDA as follows.

Let the PDA that recognises L be $M_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta_1, q_0, F_1)$

Let the DFA that recognises R be $M_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_0, F_2)$

Construct new PDA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, F)$

So what is Q ??

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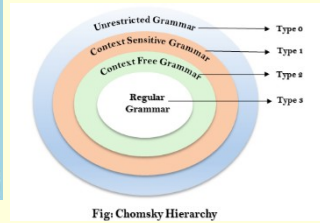
composite state of new PDA

$([p, q], a, A) \in \delta$ where $(p, a, A) \in \delta_1$ and $(q, a) \in \delta_2$

$([p, q], \epsilon, A) \in \delta$ where $(p, \epsilon, A) \in \delta_1$ and $(q, \epsilon) \in \delta_2$

Then show that $([p_0, q_0], w, \epsilon) \in M^*$ iff $(p_0, w, \epsilon) \in M_1^*$ and $(q_0, w) \in M_2^*$

Properties of Languages



If L_1 and L_2 are context-free languages, then $L_1 L_2$, and \overline{L} may not be!

Consider $L_1 = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i = j\}$ and $L_2 = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid j = k\}$

$L_1 L_2 = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i = j = k\}$ which is not context-free

It is true though that if R is a regular language and L is context-free, LR is context-free (!!)

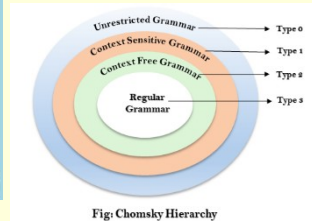
(Think: still only have to count one thing in LR)

Consider $L = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i = j \text{ or } j = k\}$

Is \overline{L} context-free? $\overline{L} = L_3 L_4$ where $L_3 = \{w \mid w \text{ contains } ba, ca \text{ or } cb\}$ and $L_4 = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i = j = k\}$

Now $\overline{L} a^* b^* c^* = L_4$ which is not context-free. So \overline{L} cannot be context-free!

PDAs vs DPDAs



If L can be recognised by a **deterministic PDA**, so can \bar{L}

- Take DPDA for L
- Swap accepting and non-accepting states
- New machine is a DPDA for \bar{L}

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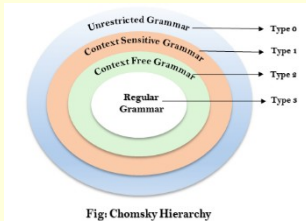
This means that DPDAs are less powerful than PDAs (!!!)
Assume the opposite, ie every PDA has an equivalent DPDA

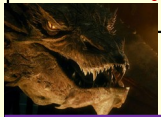
1. Let L be a context-free language
2. Then there is a PDA for L
3. By our assumption, there must be a DPDA for L
4. This means that there is a DPDA for \bar{L}
5. Then there is a PDA for \bar{L}
6. Then \bar{L} is context-free for any language L



So our assumption is wrong, **ie some PDAs have no equivalent DPDA (!!!)**

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Chomsky Hierarchy

Undecidable

Undecidable

$L(G) =$

Turing machines

Linear
bounded TM

ND Pushdown
automata

Finite state
machines

Regular
expressions
even 1^s

Context-free
 wcw^R

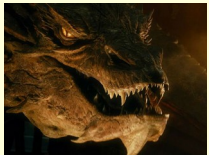
Context sensitive
 $a^n b^n c^n$

Unrestricted
 $\{(M, w) \mid M \text{ accepts } w\}$

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$L(G_1) = L(G_2)$

Halting problem

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Chomsky Hierarchy

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Problem Reduction

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Closure properties

Pumping Lemma

The Platypus Game

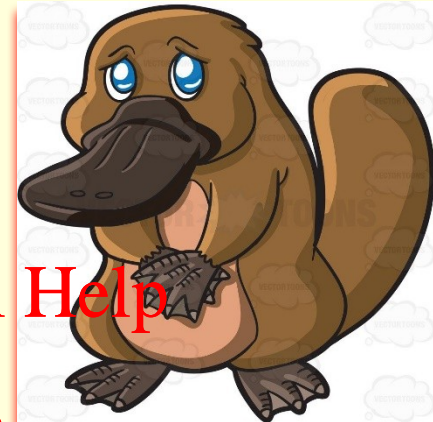


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The Platypus Game

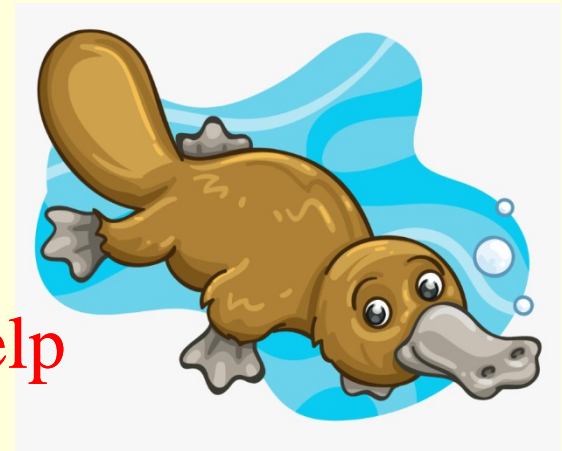


Assignment 2

Variations

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- Standard (as previously)
- Variable length (50, 200 vs 100 steps)
- Green - score 2 points for changing green to yellow
- Tree - score 5 points for reaching either tree
- Tiebreak - plays an extra match on a random tape for up to 200 steps



Report on your results with 2,500 machines (!!)

OneDrive folder will be shared with you (find the file matching your student number)

Top 10 from each of you will go into the 'knockout' phase

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Still coming!

The Platypus Game



3 player tournament

1 vs 1 vs 1

1 vs 1 vs 2

1 vs 1 vs 3

1 vs 2 vs 2

1 vs 2 vs 3

...

1 vs n vs n

2 vs 2 vs 2

2 vs 2 vs 3

...

3 vs 3 vs 3

...

(n-1) vs (n-1) vs (n-1)

(n-1) vs (n-1) vs n

n vs n vs n

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i(i+1)/2 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n i \right) / 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Assignment Project Exam Help} &= n(n+1)(2n+1)/12 + n(n+1)/4 \\ &= n(n+1)(n+2)/6 \end{aligned}$$

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When $n=268$,
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this is 3,244,140



Around 100 times more than a 2-player tournament!

The Platypus Game

4 player tournament

1 vs 1 vs 1 vs 1

1 vs 1 vs 1 vs 2

...

1 vs 1 vs 1 vs n

1 vs 1 vs 2 vs 2

...

1 vs 2 vs 2 vs 2

...

1 vs n vs n vs n

2 vs 2 vs 2 vs 2

2 vs 2 vs 2 vs 3

...

2 vs n vs n vs n

...

3 vs 3 vs 3 vs n

...

(n-1) vs (n-1) vs (n-1) vs n

n vs n vs n vs n

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$$\sum_{i=1}^n i(i+1)(i+2)/6$$

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$$= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 + 3 \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n i \right) / 6$$

$$= n^2(n+1)^2/4 + n(n+1)(2n+1)/2 + n(n+1)$$

$$= n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)/24$$

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When n = 268,

this is 219,790,485

Around 10,000 times more than a 2-player tournament!

When n = 90, this is 2,919,735

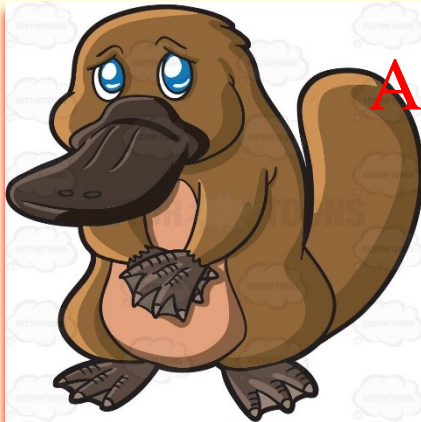


Assignment 2



- Detailed specification will be released soon
- Platypus tournament for 2,500 machines
- 'Second version' of Universality task from Assignment 1
- Research on **Assignment 2 Project Exam Help**

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A close-up, low-angle shot of a dinosaur's head, likely a T-Rex, with its mouth wide open, revealing sharp, white teeth and a dark interior. The dinosaur's skin is dark and textured, with visible scales and ridges. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting an indoor setting like a museum or a film set.

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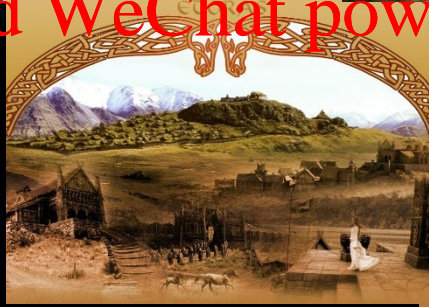
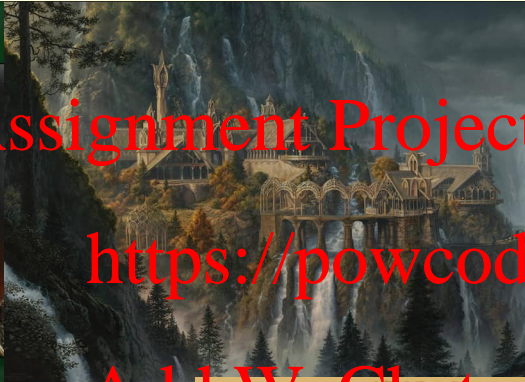
Break time! (We resume when all the pictures are gone! This will take 3 minutes!)



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I AM BACK!

A detailed illustration of a dragon breathing fire. The dragon's head is in the center, with its mouth wide open, revealing sharp teeth and a bright orange and yellow flame. The dragon's body is covered in dark, scaly armor, and its wings are partially visible. The background is a dark, smoky environment with a large, intense fire at the top, casting a warm glow over the scene.

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Alternative Scheme?



Troll	Dreadful	Poor	Acceptable	Exceeds Expectations	Outstanding
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Outstanding - CONGRATULATIONS! Your exemplary powers of deduction and a formidable knowledge of the inner workings of the magical world reveal you to be a witch or wizard of genuine skill and learning.

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Exceeds Expectations - Well done - a most creditable performance!

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Acceptable - demonstrates real magical potential.

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Poor - Alas - we regret to inform you that you have narrowly failed. This may have been due to factors outside your control (eg: poltergeist intervention, examination nerves or a malfunctioning quill.) Please do not disconsolate.

Dreadful - We are sorry to inform you that you have failed.

Troll - You would appear either to have abandoned the test due to factors outside your control (eg, earthquake, poltergeist attack), or else you are a troll, in which case you are to be congratulated on being able to use a computer and have achieved the grade of O.F.T. (Outstanding for Trolls).

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