

Context Free GrammarIntroduction

Context free grammar, in (front) short CFG, is type 2 grammar according to the chomsky hierarchy. The language generated by the CFG is called context-free language (CFL). Regular grammar is a subset of CFG.

Definition of Context-free Grammar

→ In mathematical description, we can describe it as where all the Production are in the form $\alpha \rightarrow B$

where $\alpha \in V_N$, that is set of non-terminals and $|\alpha|=1$, that is there will be only one non-terminal at the left hand side (LHS).

where $B \in V_N \cup \Sigma$, B is a combination of non-terminals and terminals.

→ The Production rules are in the format of

{ A string consists of at least one non-terminal } →

{ A string of terminals and/or non terminals }.

→ If any symbol is present with the producing non-terminal at the LHS of the Production rule, then that extra symbol is called context.

Context can be of two types: a) Left context

b) Right context

→ In CFG, at the LHS of each production rules, there is only one non-terminal (No context is added with it). For this reason, this type of grammar is called CFG.

Example

① Construct a CFL for the language $L = \{wcw^R \mid w \in (a,b)^*\}$

Sol:

w is a string of any combination of a and b . So, w^R is also a string of any combination of a and b , but it is a string which is reverse of w .

c is a terminal symbol like a, b . Therefore, if we take c as a mirror, we will be able to see the reflection of w in the w^R part, for instance, $c, abcba, abbacabba$, and so on. That means, there is something that is generating symbols by replacing which it adds the same symbol before c and after c .

As $w \in (a,b)^*$, the null symbols are also accepted in the place of a, b . That means, only c is accepted by this language set.

From the previous discussion, the production rules are

$$S \rightarrow aSa / bSb / c$$

The grammar becomes

$$G = \{V_N, \Sigma, P, S\}$$

where

$$V_N: \{S\}$$

$$\Sigma: \{a, b, c\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow aSa / bSb / c$$

$$S: \{S\}$$

Derivation and Parse Tree

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In the process of generating a language from the given Production rules of a grammar, the non-terminals are replaced by the corresponding strings of the right hand side (RHS) of the Production. But if there are more than one non-terminal, then which of the ones will be replaced must be determined.

Depending on this selection, the derivation is divided into two parts:

- 1) Left most derivation: A derivation is called a leftmost derivation if we replace only the leftmost non-terminal by some production rule at each step of the generating process of the language from the grammar.
- 2) Right most derivation: A derivation is called a rightmost derivation if we replace only the rightmost non-terminal by some production rule at each step of the generating process of the language from the grammar.

Example

Construct the string 0100110 from the following grammar by using i) left most derivation ii) Right most derivation.

$$S \rightarrow 0S \mid 1AA$$

$$A \rightarrow 0 \mid 1A \mid 0B$$

$$B \rightarrow 1 \mid 0BB$$

Sol: i) Leftmost Derivation.

$$S \rightarrow 0\underline{S} \rightarrow 01\underline{AA} \rightarrow 010\underline{BA} \rightarrow 0100\underline{BBA} \rightarrow 01001\underline{BA} \rightarrow 010011\underline{A} \rightarrow 0100110$$

(The non-terminals that are replaced are underlined).

ii) Right most Derivation

$$S \rightarrow 0\underline{S} \rightarrow 01\underline{AA} \rightarrow 01\underline{A}0 \rightarrow 010\underline{B}0 \rightarrow 0100\underline{BB}0 \rightarrow 0100\underline{B}10 \rightarrow 0100110$$

(The non-terminals that are replaced are underlined).

Parse Tree

- Parsing a string is finding a derivation for that string from a given grammar.
- A Parse tree is the tree representation of deriving a CFL from a given context grammar.
- A parse tree is an ordered tree in which the LHS of a production represents a Parent node and the RHS of a production represents a children node.

① Find the Parse tree for generating the string 01000110 from the following grammar.

$$S \rightarrow 0S \mid 1AA$$

$$A \rightarrow 0 \mid 1A \mid 0B$$

$$B \rightarrow 1 \mid 0BB$$

LMD: $S \rightarrow 0S \rightarrow 01AA \rightarrow 010BA \rightarrow 0100BBA \rightarrow 01001BA$
 $\rightarrow 0100110$

RMD: $S \rightarrow 0S \rightarrow 01AA \rightarrow 01A0 \rightarrow 010B0 \rightarrow 0100B0 \rightarrow 0100B10$
 $\rightarrow 0100110$

For this derivation, the Parse tree is

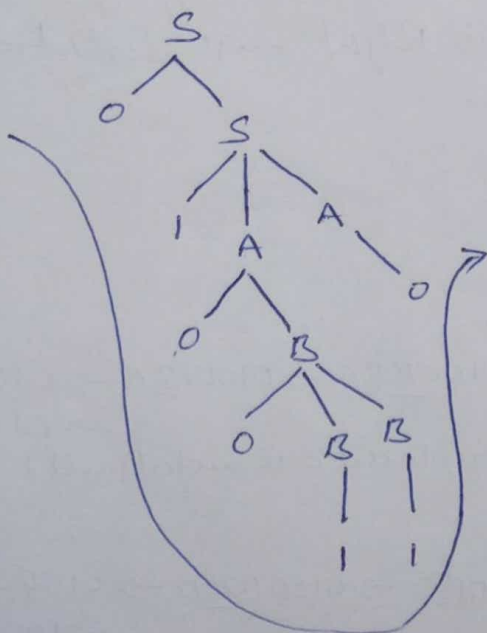


Fig: Parse tree for LMD

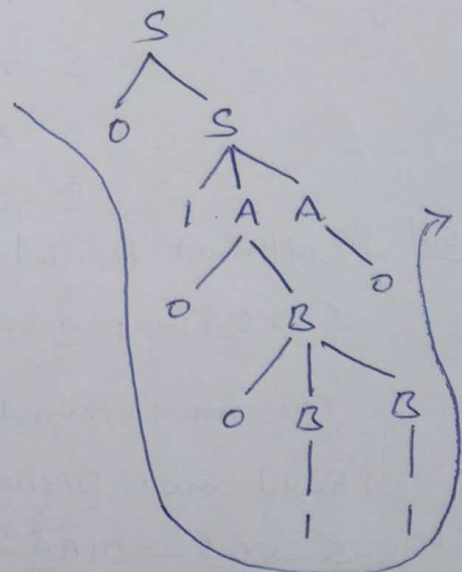


Fig: Parse tree for RMD

Ambiguity in CFL

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- A grammar of a language is called ambiguous if any of the cases for generating a particular string, more than one parse tree can be generated.
- We know ~~to~~ two types of derivations: i) leftmost derivation ii) rightmost derivation. Except these two, there is also another approach called the mixed approach means wherever any of the non-terminals present in the deriving string is replaced by a suitable production rule.

① Check whether the grammar is ambiguous or not

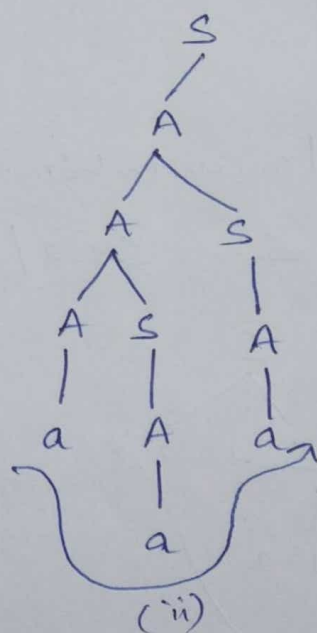
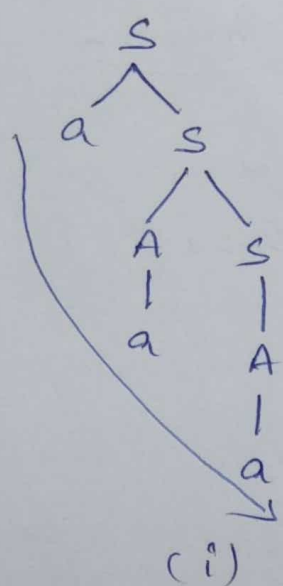
$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aS/AS/A \\ A &\rightarrow AS/a \end{aligned}$$

Sol:- Consider the string 'aaa'. The string can be generated in many ways. Here, we are giving two ways.

i) $S \rightarrow aS \rightarrow aAS \rightarrow aaS \rightarrow aaA \rightarrow aaa$

ii) $S \rightarrow A \rightarrow AS \rightarrow ASS \rightarrow aAS \rightarrow aaS \rightarrow aaA \rightarrow aaa$

The Parse trees for derivation (i) and (ii)



Here, for the same string derived from the same grammar we are getting more than one parse tree. So, according to the definition, the grammar is an ambiguous grammar.

Removing Ambiguity

A grammar of a language is called unambiguous if any of the cases for generating a particular string, only one parse tree can be generated.

(i) Associativity Problem

Ex: $w: ((a+a)+a)$ (or)

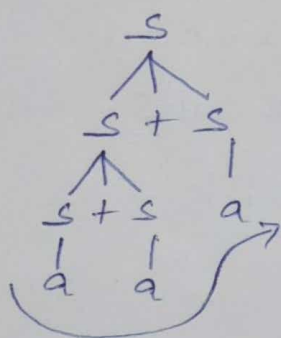
$w: (a+(a+a))$

If grammar has left association operator $(+, -, \times, /)$ then ~~we have to~~ induce the left recursion.

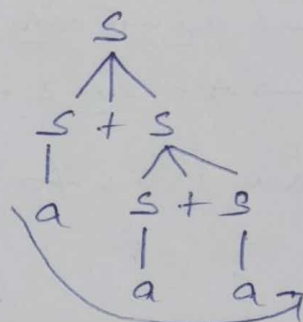
If grammar has right association operation $(+, -, \times, /)$ then induce the right recursion.

$S \rightarrow S + S / a$

Left recursion

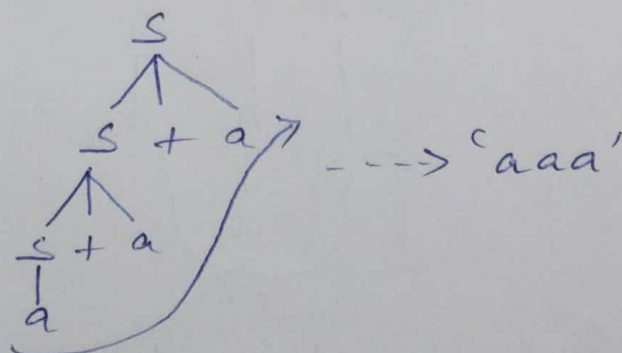


right recursion



To generate unambiguous Parse tree

$S \rightarrow S + a / a$ ($\because S \rightarrow a$)



Then it is only one way to generate 'aaa' string. so according to the definition, the grammar is unambiguous.

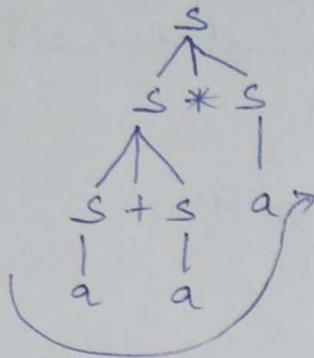
ii) Precedence Problem:

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Ex: $W: a + a * a$

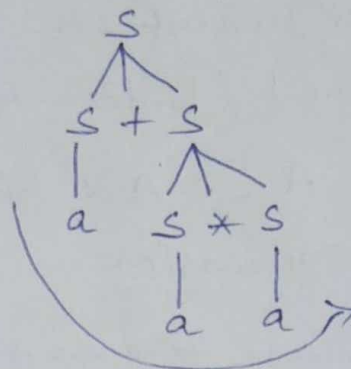
$$S \rightarrow S + S \mid S * S \mid a$$

Left recursion



(i) $a + a * a$

Right recursion



(ii) $a + a * a$

To generate unambiguous grammar.

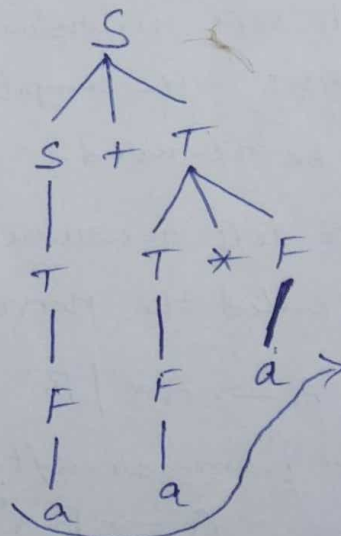
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow S + T \quad (\text{by } S \rightarrow T) \therefore S \rightarrow S + S \\ S \rightarrow T \\ T \rightarrow T * F \quad (\text{by } T \rightarrow F) \therefore S \rightarrow S * S \\ T \rightarrow F \\ F \rightarrow a \quad (\text{by } S \rightarrow T \rightarrow F \rightarrow a) \therefore S \rightarrow a \end{array} \right\} S \rightarrow S + S \mid S * S \mid a$$

\Downarrow

$$S \rightarrow S + T \mid T$$

$$T \rightarrow T * F \mid F$$

$$F \rightarrow a$$



$\therefore a + a * a \Rightarrow$ unambiguous

Left recursion & Left Factoring

A context free grammar is called left recursive if a non-terminal 'A' as a left most symbol appears alternatively at the time of derivation either immediately (called direct left recursion) or through some other non-terminal definitions (called indirect / hidden left recursive).

$$A \xRightarrow{+} A\alpha \text{ for some string } \alpha$$

Direct left recursion

Let the grammar be $A \rightarrow A\alpha / B$, where α and B consists of terminal and/or non-terminals but B does not start with A .

At the time of derivation, if we start from A and replace the A by the production $A \rightarrow A\alpha$, then for all the time A will be the leftmost non-terminal symbol.

Indirect left recursion:

Take a grammar in the form

$$\begin{array}{lcl} A \rightarrow B\alpha / \gamma & \Rightarrow & A \rightarrow \underline{B}\alpha \\ B \rightarrow AB / \delta & & A \rightarrow AB\alpha \text{ (by } B \rightarrow AB) \end{array}$$

Remove left Recursion

Immediate left recursion creates problems in top down parsing of syntax analysis in the compiler design. So, immediate left recursion must be removed.

Immediate left recursion can be removed by the following process. This is called the Moore's proposal. For a grammar in the form.

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow A\alpha / B, \text{ where } B \text{ does not start with } A, \\ \text{the equivalent grammar after removing left recursion becomes} \\ A \rightarrow BA' \\ A' \rightarrow \alpha A' / \epsilon \end{array}$$

⑤ ① Remove the left recursion from the following grammar.

$$E \rightarrow E+T \mid T$$

$$T \rightarrow T * F \mid F$$

$$F \rightarrow id \mid (E)$$

Sol: In the grammar there are two immediate left recursions

$$E \rightarrow E+T \text{ and } T \rightarrow T * F$$

By using Moore's Proposal the left recursion $E \rightarrow E+T \mid T$

is removed as

$$E \rightarrow TE'$$

$$E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$$

The left recursion $T \rightarrow T * F \mid F$ is removed as

$$T \rightarrow FT'$$

$$T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid \epsilon$$

The CFG after removing the left recursion becomes

$$E \rightarrow TE'$$

$$E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow FT'$$

$$T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid \epsilon$$

$$F \rightarrow id \mid (E)$$

Left Factoring

Let us assume that in a grammar there is a production rule in the form $A \rightarrow \alpha B_1 \mid \alpha B_2 \mid \dots \mid \alpha B_n$. The Parser generated from this kind of grammar is not efficient as it requires backtracking. To avoid this problem, we need to left factor the factor.

After left factoring, the previous grammar is transformed into:

$$A \rightarrow \alpha A_1$$

$$A_1 \rightarrow B_1 \mid B_2 \mid \dots \mid B_n$$

① Left Factor the following grammar.

$$A \rightarrow abB / aB / cdg / cdeB / cdfB$$

Sol: In the above grammar, the RHS Productions abB and aB both start with 'a'. So, they can be left factored. In the same way, cdg , $cdeB$, and $cdfB$ all start with 'cd'. So, they can also be left factored.

The left factored grammar is

$$A \rightarrow aA'$$

$$A' \rightarrow bB / B$$

$$A \rightarrow cdA''$$

$$A'' \rightarrow g / eB / fB$$

Simplification of Context free Grammar

CFG may contain different types of useless symbols, unit productions, and null productions. These types of symbols and productions increase the number of steps in generating a language from a CFG.

Reduced grammar contains less number of non-terminals and productions, so the time complexity for the language generating process becomes less from the reduced grammar.

CFG can be simplified in the following three processes.

1) Removal of useless symbols

a) Removal of non-generating symbols

b) Removal of non-reachable symbols

2) Removal of unit productions

3) Removal of null productions.

Removal of Useless Symbols

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Useless symbols are of two types.

1. Non-generating symbols are those symbols which do not produce any terminal string.
2. Nonreachable symbols are those symbols which cannot be reached at any time starting from the start symbol.

Example

① Remove the useless symbols from the given CFG.

$$S \rightarrow AC$$

$$S \rightarrow BA$$

$$C \rightarrow CB$$

$$C \rightarrow AC$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow ac/b$$

Sol: First, we are finding non-generating symbols.

Those symbols which do not produce any terminal string are non-generating symbols.

Here, C is a non-generating symbol as it does not produce any terminal string. So, we have to remove the symbol C .

To remove C , all the productions containing C as a symbol (LHS or RHS) must be removed. By removing the productions, the minimized grammar will be

$$S \rightarrow BA$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Now, we have to find non-reachable symbols, the symbols which can not be reached at any time starting from the start symbol. There is no non-reachable symbol in the grammar. So, the minimized form of the grammar by removing useless symbols is

$$S \rightarrow BA$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Removal of unit productions

Production in the form non terminal \rightarrow Single non-terminal is called unit production.

Unit production increases the number of steps as well as the complexity at the time of generating language from the grammar. This will be clear if we take an example.

Let there be a grammar

$$S \rightarrow AB, A \rightarrow E, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, D \rightarrow b, E \rightarrow a$$

From here, if we are going to generate a language, then it will be generated by the following way

$$S \rightarrow \underline{AB} \rightarrow \underline{EB} \rightarrow a\underline{B} \rightarrow a\underline{C} \rightarrow a\underline{D} \rightarrow ab$$

The number of steps is 6.

The grammar, by removing unit productions and as well as minimizing, will be

$$S \rightarrow AB, A \rightarrow a, B \rightarrow b$$

From this, the language will be generated by the following way

$$S \rightarrow AB \rightarrow aB \rightarrow ab$$

The number of steps is 3.

Removal of Null productions

A Production in the form $NT \rightarrow \epsilon$ is called null production.

Procedure to remove Null production:

Step I: If $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ is a production to be eliminated, then we look for all productions whose right side contains A.

Step II: Replace each occurrence of A in each of these productions to obtain the non- ϵ production.

Step III: These non-null productions must be added to the grammar to keep the language generating power the same.

Example

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① Remove the ϵ production from the following grammar

i) $S \rightarrow aA$
 $A \rightarrow b/\epsilon$
by replacing $A \rightarrow \epsilon$

$$S \rightarrow aA/a$$
$$A \rightarrow b$$

ii) $S \rightarrow ax/bx$
 $x \rightarrow a/b/\epsilon$
by replacing $x \rightarrow \epsilon$

$$S \rightarrow ax/bx/a/b$$
$$x \rightarrow a/b$$

Linear Grammar

A grammar is called linear grammar if it is context free, and the RHS of all productions have at most one non-terminal.

As an example, $S \rightarrow abSc/\epsilon$, the grammar of $(ab)^n c^n$, $n \geq 0$

There are two types of linear grammar:

1. Left linear grammar: A linear grammar is called left linear if the RHS non-terminal in each productions are at the left end. In a linear grammar if all productions are in the form $A \rightarrow B\alpha$ or $A \rightarrow \alpha$, then that grammar is called left linear grammar. Here, A and B are non-terminals and α is a string of terminals.

2. Right linear grammar: A linear grammar is called right linear if the RHS non-terminal in each productions are at the right end. In a grammar if all productions are in the form $A \rightarrow \alpha B$ or $A \rightarrow \alpha$, then that grammar is called right linear grammar. Here A and B are non-terminals and α is a string of terminals.

Example

① Convert the following linear grammar into Regular Grammar

$$S \rightarrow baS/aA$$
$$A \rightarrow bbA/bb$$

Sol:- Consider two non-terminals B and C with production $B \rightarrow aS$ and $C \rightarrow bA$. The grammar becomes

$$S \rightarrow bB | aA$$

$$A \rightarrow bC | bb$$

$$B \rightarrow aS$$

$$C \rightarrow bA$$

Still the production $A \rightarrow bb$ is not a regular grammar.

Replace b by a non-terminal D with production $D \rightarrow b$.

The grammar becomes

$$S \rightarrow bB | aA$$

$$A \rightarrow bC | bD$$

$$B \rightarrow aS$$

$$C \rightarrow bA$$

$$D \rightarrow b$$

Now the grammar is regular.

Normal Form

For a grammar, the RHS of a production can be any string of variables and terminals, i.e., $(V_N \cup \Sigma)^*$. A grammar is said to be in normal form when every production of the grammar has some specific form.

When a grammar is made in normal form, every production of the grammar is converted in some specific form.

Then helps us to design some algorithm to answer certain questions,
→ Such as if a CFA is converted into Chomsky normal form (CNF), one can easily answer whether a particular string is generated by the grammar or not.

→ if a CFA is converted into Greibach normal form (GNF), then a PDA accepting the language generated by the grammar can easily be designed.

We have two types of normal forms:

- a) CNF (Chomsky Normal Form)
- b) GNF (Greibach Normal Form)

Chomsky Normal Form

A CFG is said to be in CNF if all the productions of the grammar are in the following form.

Non-terminal \rightarrow string of exactly two non-terminals

Non-terminal \rightarrow single terminal

A CFG can be converted into CNF by the following process.

- Step I :-
1. Eliminate all the ϵ -production
 2. Eliminate all the unit production
 3. Eliminate all the useless symbols.

- Step II :-
1. If all the productions are in the form

$$NT \rightarrow \text{string of exactly two NTs}$$
 (or)

$$NT \rightarrow \text{single terminal}$$

Declare the CFG is in CNF and stop.

2. else (follow step III and/or IV and/or V).

Step III :- Elimination of terminals on the RHS of length two or more.

Step IV :- Restriction of the number of variables on the RHS to two.

Step V :- conversion of the string containing terminals and non-terminals to the string of non-terminal on the RHS.

Example

① Convert the following grammar into CNF.

$$S \rightarrow bA | aB$$

$$A \rightarrow bAA | aS | a$$

$$B \rightarrow aBB | bS | a$$

Sol! The productions $S \rightarrow bA$

$$S \rightarrow aB$$

$$A \rightarrow bAA$$

$$A \rightarrow aS$$

$$B \rightarrow aBB$$

$$B \rightarrow bS$$

are not in CNF.

So, we have to convert these into CNF.

$$C_a \rightarrow a$$

$$C_b \rightarrow b$$

By Replacing a and b by new non-terminals and including the two productions, the modified grammar will be

$$S \rightarrow C_b A$$

$$S \rightarrow C_a B$$

$$A \rightarrow C_b A A \mid C_a S \mid a$$

$$B \rightarrow C_a B B \mid C_b S \mid a$$

$$C_a \rightarrow a$$

$$C_b \rightarrow b$$

Two new productions will be added to the grammar

$$D \rightarrow A A \text{ and } E \rightarrow B B.$$

So, the new modified grammar will be

$$S \rightarrow C_b A \mid C_a B$$

$$A \rightarrow C_b D \mid C_a S \mid a$$

$$B \rightarrow C_a E \mid C_b S \mid a$$

$$D \rightarrow A A$$

$$E \rightarrow B B$$

$$C_a \rightarrow a$$

$$C_b \rightarrow b$$

② Convert the following grammars into CNF.

$$S \rightarrow A B a$$

$$A \rightarrow a a b$$

$$B \rightarrow A c$$

Greibach Normal Form

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A grammar is said to be in GNF if every production of the grammar is of the form.

Non-terminal \rightarrow (Single terminal)(string of NTs)

Non-terminal \rightarrow Single terminal.

In one line, it can be said that all the productions will be in the form

Non-terminal \rightarrow (Single terminal)(non-terminal)*

Step I:- check if the given CFG has any unit productions or null productions and remove if there are any.

Step II:- check whether the CFG is already in CNF and convert it to CNF if it is not.

Step III:- Change the names of the NT symbols into some A_i in ascending order of i .

Step IV:- After the rules so that the NT's are in ascending order such that if the production is of the form $A_i \rightarrow A_j^*$ then $i < j$ and should never be $i \geq j$.

Step V:- If there is no combination of single terminal with string of NT's, we can apply "remove left recursion".

Example

① Convert the following grammar into GNF

$S \rightarrow CA / BB$

$B \rightarrow b / SB$

$C \rightarrow b$

$A \rightarrow a$

Sol:-

Step I:- There are no unit productions and no null productions in the grammar.

Step II:- The given grammar is in CNF.

Step III:- change the names of the NT symbols into some

A_i in ascending order of i .

$$S \rightarrow CA/BB$$

$$B \rightarrow b/SB$$

$$C \rightarrow b$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

Rename the non-terminals as

$$S \rightarrow A_1$$

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3 / A_4 A_4$$

$$C \rightarrow A_2$$

then

$$A_4 \rightarrow b / A_1 A_4$$

$$A \rightarrow A_3$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow b$$

$$B \rightarrow A_4$$

$$A_3 \rightarrow a$$

Step IV:- After the rule, the non-terminals are in ascending order or not.

$A_4 \rightarrow b / A_1 A_4$ not in ascending order.

$$A_4 \rightarrow b / A_2 A_3 A_4 / A_4 A_4 A_4 (\because A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3 / A_4 A_4)$$

$$A_4 \rightarrow b / b A_3 A_4 / A_4 A_4 A_4 (\text{by } A_2 \rightarrow b)$$

Step V:- There is no combination of single terminal with string of NT's, we can apply "remove left recursion".

$$A_4 \rightarrow b / b A_3 A_4 / A_4 A_4 A_4$$

$$Z \rightarrow A_4 A_4 Z / A_4 A_4 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Apply left recursion}}$$

$$A_4 \rightarrow b / b A_3 A_4 / b Z / b A_3 A_4 Z$$

Now the grammar is

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3 / A_4 A_4$$

$$A_4 \rightarrow b / b A_3 A_4 / b Z / b A_3 A_4 Z$$

$$Z \rightarrow A_4 A_4 Z / A_4 A_4$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow b$$

$$A_3 \rightarrow a$$

In CNF,

$$A_1 \rightarrow bA_3 \mid \underline{A_4} A_4 \quad (\text{by } A_2 \rightarrow b)$$

$$A_1 \rightarrow bA_3 \mid bA_4 \mid bA_3 A_4 A_4 \mid bZA_4 \mid bA_3 A_4 ZA_4$$

$$A_4 \rightarrow b \mid bA_3 A_4 \mid bZ \mid bA_3 A_4 Z \quad (\text{replaced by } A_4)$$

$$Z \rightarrow bA_4 Z \mid bA_3 A_4 A_4 Z \mid bZA_4 Z \mid bA_3 A_4 ZA_4 Z \mid bA_4 \mid bA_3 A_4 A_4 \mid bZA_4 \mid bA_3 A_4 ZA_4$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow b$$

$$A_3 \rightarrow a$$

Closure Properties of Context-Free Language

→ A Set is closed (under an operation) if and only if the operation on two elements of the set produces another element of the set. If an element outside the set is produced, then the operation is not closed.

→ closure is a property which describes the application of the property on any two elements of the set; the result is also included in the set.

i) closed under union:

$$L = L_1 \cup L_2 \text{ is also in CFL}$$

Let us construct a grammar $G = (V_N, \Sigma, P, S)$ using the two grammars G_1 and G_2 as follows

$$V_N = V_{N1} \cup V_{N2} \cup \{S\}$$

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

$$P = P_1 \cup P_2 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1 / S_2\}$$

ii) closed under concatenation:

$$L = L_1 L_2 \text{ is in CFL}$$

$$V_N = V_{N1} \cup V_{N2} \cup \{S\}$$

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

$$P = P_1 \cup P_2 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1 S_2\}$$

iii) closed under star closure:

$$L^* \in CFL$$

$$V_N = V_N \cup \{S\}$$

$$P = S \rightarrow S, S/\lambda$$

iv) closed under Intersection:

$$L = L_1 \cap L_2$$

$$\text{so, } L = \underbrace{a^{n+1} b^{n+1} c^n}_{L_1} \cap \underbrace{a^n b^n c^{n+k}}_{L_2} = a^n b^n c^n, \text{ when } n \geq 0$$

$a^n b^n c^n$ is a context sensitive language not a context free.

v) Not closed Under complementation:

$$L_1 \cap L_2 = L_1 \cup L_2. \text{ (De Morgan's Law)}$$

we are getting contradiction here, so, CFLs are not closed under complementation.

Decision Problems

Pumping Lemma for CFL

we have become familiar with the term 'pumping lemma' in the regular expression chapter. The pumping lemma is also related to a CFL.

- The Pumping lemma for CFL is used to prove that certain sets are not context free.
- Every CFL fulfills some general properties. But if a set or language fulfills all the properties of the pumping lemma for CFL, it cannot be said that the language is not context free.

Pumping Lemma for CFL: Let L be a CFL. Then, we can find a natural number n such that

1. Every $z \in L$ with $|z| \geq n$ can be written as $w = uv^kxy$,
2. $|vx| \geq 1$
3. $|vwx| \leq n$
4. $uv^kwx^ky \in L$ for all $k \geq 0$

Pumping Lemma (for CFL) is used to Prove that a Language is NOT Content Free.

If L is a Content Free Language, then L has a Pumping Length 'P' such that any string 'S', where $|S| \geq P$ may be divided into 5 pieces $S = uvxyz$ such that the following conditions must be true:

$$(1) uv^i xy^i z \text{ is in } L \text{ for every } i \geq 0$$

$$(2) |vy| > 0$$

$$(3) |vxy| \leq P$$

Example

① Show that L is ^{not} Content Free

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

Sol: \rightarrow Assume that L is Content Free

\rightarrow L must have a pumping length (say P)

\rightarrow Now we take a string S such that $S = a^P b^P c^P$

\rightarrow we divide S into parts $uvxyz \in L$

Pumping Length $P = 4$

$$\text{So, } S = a^4 b^4 c^4$$

Case 1: v and y each contain only one type of symbol

$$S = a^4 b^4 c^4 = \underbrace{aaaa}_{u \ v} \underbrace{bbbb}_{x} \underbrace{cccc}_{y \ z}$$

$$i) uv^i xy^i z \quad (i=2)$$

$$uv^2 xy^2 z = aaaaaa bbbbbb ccccc$$

$$a^6 b^4 c^5 \notin L$$

$$ii) |vy| > 0 \Rightarrow 3 > 0,$$

$$iii) |vxy| \leq P \Rightarrow 9 \leq 4 \notin L$$

Case 2: Either v or y has more than one kind of symbols.

$$S = uvxy^2$$

$$S = a^4 b^4 c^4 = \underbrace{aaaa}_u \underbrace{bbbb}_v \underbrace{ccccc}_y \underbrace{c}_z$$

$$(i) uv^2xy^2 \quad (l=2)$$

$$uv^2xy^2 \Rightarrow aaaaaabbaabbbbbbcccc \notin L$$

$$ii) |vy| > 0 \Rightarrow 5 > 0$$

$$iii) |vxy| \leq p \Rightarrow 6 \leq 4 \notin L$$

Hence our assumption of L being CFG is wrong.

This Proves that given language L is not Context Free.