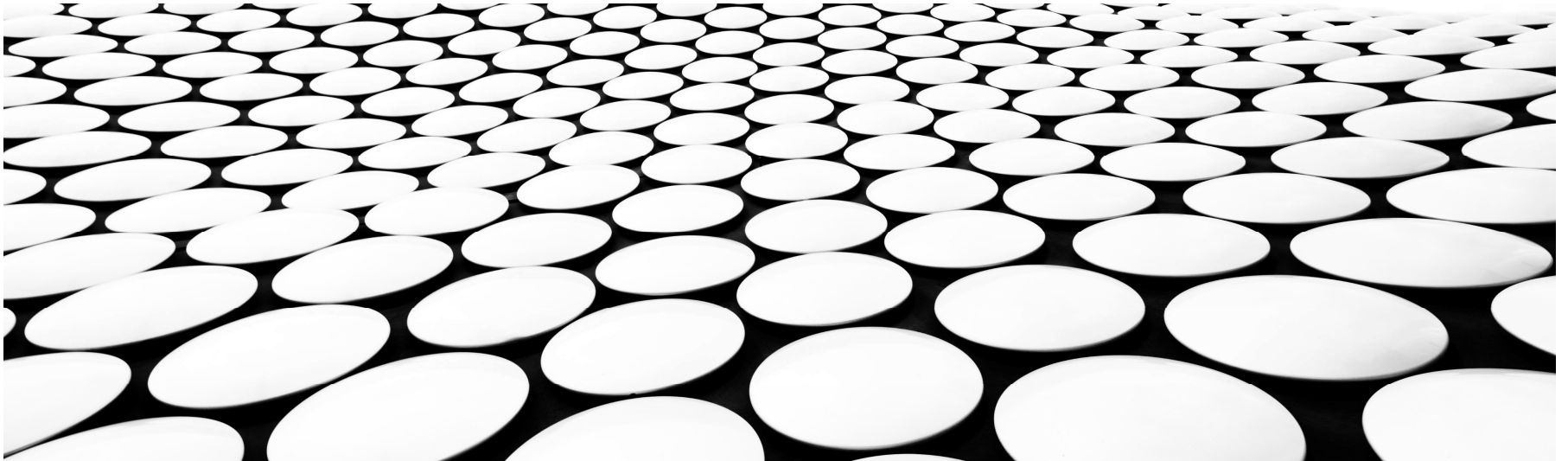

EQUIVALENCE PDA AND CFG

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Equivalence of PDA's and CFG's

A language is

generated by a CFG

if and only if it is

accepted by a PDA by empty stack

if and only if it is

accepted by a PDA by final state



We already know how to go between null stack and final state.

From CFG's to PDA's

Given G , we construct a PDA that simulates $\xRightarrow{*}_{lm}$.

We write left-sentential forms as

$$xA\alpha$$

where A is the leftmost variable in the form.

For instance,

$$\underbrace{(a+}_{x} \underbrace{E}_{A} \underbrace{)}_{\alpha} \\ \text{tail}$$

Let $xA\alpha \xRightarrow{*}_{lm} x\beta\alpha$. This corresponds to the PDA first having consumed x and having $A\alpha$ on the stack, and then on ϵ it pops A and pushes β .

More formally, let y , s.t. $w = xy$. Then the PDA goes non-deterministically from configuration $(q, y, A\alpha)$ to configuration $(q, y, \beta\alpha)$.

At $(q, y, \beta\alpha)$ the PDA behaves as before, unless there are terminals in the prefix of β . In that case, the PDA pops them, provided it can consume matching input.

If all guesses are right, the PDA ends up with empty stack and input.

Formally, let $G = (V, T, Q, S)$ be a CFG. Define P_G as

$$(\{q\}, T, V \cup T, \delta, q, S),$$

where

$$\delta(q, \epsilon, A) = \{(q, \beta) : A \rightarrow \beta \in Q\},$$

for $A \in V$, and

$$\delta(q, a, a) = \{(q, \epsilon)\},$$

for $a \in T$.

Example: On blackboard in class.

Theorem 6.13: $N(P_G) = L(G)$.

Proof:

(\supseteq -direction.) Let $w \in L(G)$. Then

$$S = \gamma_1 \xRightarrow[lm]{\Rightarrow} \gamma_2 \xRightarrow[lm]{\Rightarrow} \cdots \xRightarrow[lm]{\Rightarrow} \gamma_n = w$$

Let $\gamma_i = x_i \alpha_i$. We show by induction on i that if

$$S \xRightarrow[lm]{*} \gamma_i,$$

then

$$(q, w, S) \vdash^* (q, y_i, \alpha_i),$$

where $w = x_i y_i$.

Basis: For $i = 1, \gamma_1 = S$. Thus $x_1 = \epsilon$, and $y_1 = w$. Clearly $(q, w, S) \vdash^* (q, w, S)$.

Induction: IH is $(q, w, S) \vdash^* (q, y_i, \alpha_i)$. We have to show that

$$(q, y_i, \alpha_i) \vdash (q, y_{i+1}, \alpha_{i+1})$$

Now α_i begins with a variable A , and we have the form

$$\underbrace{x_i A \chi}_{\gamma_i} \xRightarrow{lm} \underbrace{x_{i+1} \beta \chi}_{\gamma_{i+1}}$$

By IH $A\chi$ is on the stack, and y_i is unconsumed. From the construction of P_G it follows that we can make the move

$$(q, y_i, \chi) \vdash (q, y_i, \beta\chi).$$

If β has a prefix of terminals, we can pop them with matching terminals in a prefix of y_i , ending up in configuration $(q, y_{i+1}, \alpha_{i+1})$, where $\alpha_{i+1} = \beta\chi$, which is the tail of the sentential $x_i \beta \chi = \gamma_{i+1}$.

Finally, since $\gamma_n = w$, we have $\alpha_n = \epsilon$, and $y_n = \epsilon$, and thus $(q, w, S) \vdash^* (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$, i.e. $w \in N(P_G)$

(\subseteq -direction.) We shall show by an induction on the length of \vdash^* , that

(♣) If $(q, x, A) \vdash^* (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$, then $A \xRightarrow{*} x$.

Basis: Length 1. Then it must be that $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ is in G , and we have $(q, \epsilon) \in \delta(q, \epsilon, A)$. Thus $A \xRightarrow{*} \epsilon$.

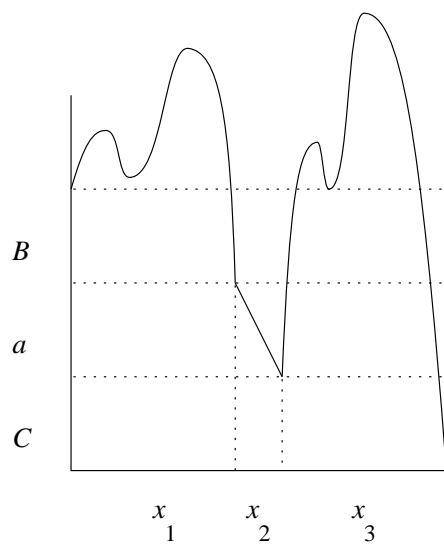
Induction: Length is $n > 1$, and the IH holds for lengths $< n$.

Since A is a variable, we must have

$$(q, x, A) \vdash (q, x, Y_1 Y_2 \cdots Y_k) \vdash \cdots \vdash (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$$

where $A \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \cdots Y_k$ is in G .

We can now write x as $x_1x_2\cdots x_n$, according to the figure below, where $Y_1 = B$, $Y_2 = a$, and $Y_3 = C$.



Now we can conclude that

$$(q, x_i x_{i+1} \cdots x_k, Y_i) \vdash^* (q, x_{i+1} \cdots x_k, \epsilon)$$

is less than n steps, for all $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$. If Y_i is a variable we have by the IH and Theorem 6.6 that

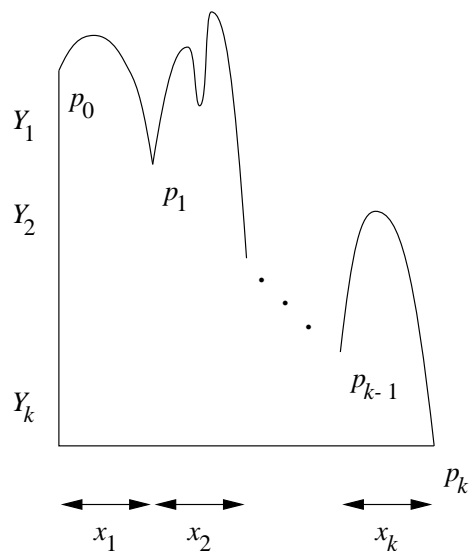
$$Y_i \xRightarrow{*} x_i$$

If Y_i is a terminal, we have $|x_i| = 1$, and $Y_i = x_i$. Thus $Y_i \xRightarrow{*} x_i$ by the reflexivity of $\xRightarrow{*}$.

The claim of the theorem now follows by choosing $A = S$, and $x = w$. Suppose $w \in N(P)$. Then $(q, w, S) \vdash^* (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$, and by (\clubsuit), we have $S \xRightarrow{*} w$, meaning $w \in L(G)$.

From PDA's to CFG's

Let's look at how a PDA can consume $x = x_1x_2\cdots x_k$ and empty the stack.

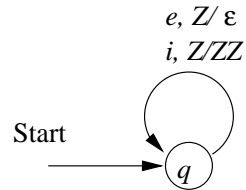


We shall define a grammar with variables of the form $[p_{i-1}Y_i p_i]$ representing going from p_{i-1} to p_i with net effect of popping Y_i .

Formally, let $P = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0)$ be a PDA.
Define $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$, where

$$\begin{aligned}
V &= \{[pXq] : \{p, q\} \subseteq Q, X \in \Gamma\} \cup \{S\} \\
R &= \{S \rightarrow [q_0Z_0p] : p \in Q\} \cup \\
&\quad \{[\mathbf{q}Xr_k] \rightarrow a[\mathbf{r}Y_1r_1] \cdots [r_{k-1}Y_kr_k] : \\
&\quad \quad a \in \Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}, \\
&\quad \quad \{r_1, \dots, r_k\} \subseteq Q, \\
&\quad \quad (\mathbf{r}, Y_1Y_2 \cdots Y_k) \in \delta(\mathbf{q}, a, X)\}
\end{aligned}$$

Example: Let's convert



$$P_N = (\{q\}, \{i, e\}, \{Z\}, \delta_N, q, Z),$$

where $\delta_N(q, i, Z) = \{(q, ZZ)\}$,

and $\delta_N(q, e, Z) = \{(q, \epsilon)\}$ to a grammar

$$G = (V, \{i, e\}, R, S),$$

where $V = \{[qZq], S\}$, and

$R = \{[qZq] \rightarrow i[qZq][qZq], [qZq] \rightarrow e\}$.

If we replace $[qZq]$ by A we get the productions

$S \rightarrow A$ and $A \rightarrow iAA|e$.

Example: Let $P = (\{p, q\}, \{0, 1\}, \{X, Z_0\}, \delta, q, Z_0)$,
where δ is given by

1. $\delta(q, 1, Z_0) = \{(q, XZ_0)\}$

2. $\delta(q, 1, X) = \{(q, XX)\}$

3. $\delta(q, 0, X) = \{(p, X)\}$

4. $\delta(q, \epsilon, X) = \{(q, \epsilon)\}$

5. $\delta(p, 1, X) = \{(p, \epsilon)\}$

6. $\delta(p, 0, Z_0) = \{(q, Z_0)\}$

to a CFG.

We get $G = (V, \{0, 1\}, R, S)$, where

$$V = \{[pXp], [pXq], [pZ_0p], [pZ_0q], S\}$$

and the productions in R are

$$S \rightarrow [qZ_0q][qZ_0p]$$

From rule (1):

$$[qZ_0q] \rightarrow 1[qXq][qZ_0q]$$

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From rule (2):

$$[qXq] \rightarrow 1[qXq][qXq]$$

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From rule (3):

$$\begin{aligned}[qXq] &\rightarrow 0[pXq] \\ [qXp] &\rightarrow 0[pXp]\end{aligned}$$

From rule (4):

$$[qXq] \rightarrow \epsilon$$

From rule (5):

$$[pXp] \rightarrow 1$$

From rule (6):

$$\begin{aligned}[pZ_0q] &\rightarrow 0[qZ_0q] \\ [pZ_0p] &\rightarrow 0[qZ_0p]\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 6.14: Let G be constructed from a PDA P as above. Then $L(G) = N(P)$

Proof:

(\supseteq -direction.) We shall show by an induction on the length of the sequence \vdash^* that

(♠) If $(q, w, X) \vdash^* (p, \epsilon, \epsilon)$ then $[qXp] \xRightarrow{*} w$.

Basis: Length 1. Then w is an a or ϵ , and $(p, \epsilon) \in \delta(q, w, X)$. By the construction of G we have $[qXp] \rightarrow w$ and thus $[qXp] \xRightarrow{*} w$.

Induction: Length is $n > 1$, and \spadesuit holds for lengths $< n$. We must have

$$(q, w, X) \vdash (r_0, x, Y_1 Y_2 \cdots Y_k) \vdash \cdots \vdash (p, \epsilon, \epsilon),$$

where $w = ax$ or $w = \epsilon x$. It follows that $(r_0, Y_1 Y_2 \cdots Y_k) \in \delta(q, a, X)$. Then we have a production

$$[qXr_k] \rightarrow a[r_0Y_1r_1] \cdots [r_{k-1}Y_kr_k],$$

for all $\{r_1, \dots, r_k\} \subset Q$.

We may now choose r_i to be the state in the sequence \vdash^* when Y_i is popped. Let $w = w_1 w_2 \cdots w_k$, where w_i is consumed while Y_i is popped. Then

$$(r_{i-1}, w_i, Y_i) \vdash^* (r_i, \epsilon, \epsilon).$$

By the IH we get

$$[r_{i-1}, Y, r_i] \xRightarrow{*} w_i$$

We then get the following derivation sequence:

$$\begin{aligned}
[qXr_k] &\Rightarrow a[r_0Y_1r_1] \cdots [r_{k-1}Y_kr_k] \xRightarrow{*} \\
aw_1[r_1Y_2r_2][r_2Y_3r_3] \cdots [r_{k-1}Y_kr_k] &\xRightarrow{*} \\
aw_1w_2[r_2Y_3r_3] \cdots [r_{k-1}Y_kr_k] &\xRightarrow{*} \\
&\dots \\
aw_1w_2 \cdots w_k &= w
\end{aligned}$$

(\supseteq -direction.) We shall show by an induction on the length of the derivation \Rightarrow^* that

(\heartsuit) If $[qXp] \Rightarrow^* w$ then $(q, w, X) \vdash^* (p, \epsilon, \epsilon)$

Basis: One step. Then we have a production $[qXp] \rightarrow w$. From the construction of G it follows that $(p, \epsilon) \in \delta(q, a, X)$, where $w = a$. But then $(q, w, X) \vdash^* (p, \epsilon, \epsilon)$.

Induction: Length of \Rightarrow^* is $n > 1$, and \heartsuit holds for lengths $< n$. Then we must have

$$[qXr_k] \Rightarrow a[r_0Y_1r_1][r_1Y_2r_2] \cdots [r_{k-1}Y_kr_k] \Rightarrow^* w$$

We can break w into $aw_2 \cdots w_k$ such that $[r_{i-1}Y_ir_i] \Rightarrow^* w_i$. From the IH we get

$$(r_{i-1}, w_i, Y_i) \vdash^* (r_i, \epsilon, \epsilon)$$

From Theorem 6.5 we get

$$\begin{aligned} (r_{i-1}, w_i w_{i+1} \cdots w_k, Y_i Y_{i+1} \cdots Y_k) &\vdash^* \\ (r_i, w_{i+1} \cdots w_k, Y_{i+1} \cdots Y_k) \end{aligned}$$

Since this holds for all $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (q, a w_1 w_2 \cdots w_k, X) &\vdash \\ (r_0, w_1 w_2 \cdots w_k, Y_1 Y_2 \cdots Y_k) &\vdash^* \\ (r_1, w_2 \cdots w_k, Y_2 \cdots Y_k) &\vdash^* \\ (r_2, w_3 \cdots w_k, Y_3 \cdots Y_k) &\vdash^* \\ (p, \epsilon, \epsilon). \end{aligned}$$

Deterministic PDA's

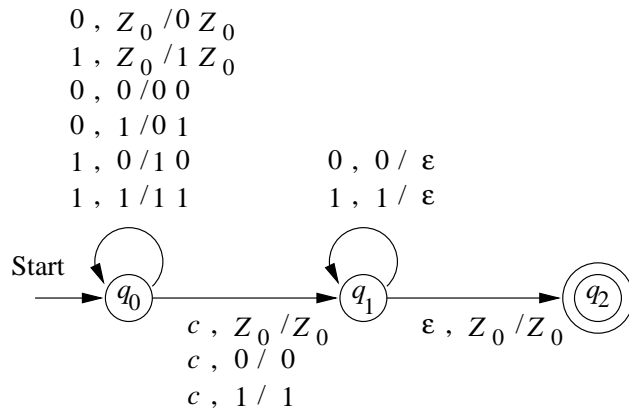
A PDA $P = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F)$ is *deterministic* iff

1. $\delta(q, a, X)$ is always empty or a singleton.
2. If $\delta(q, a, X)$ is nonempty, then $\delta(q, \epsilon, X)$ must be empty.

Example: Let us define

$$L_{w c w^R} = \{w c w^R : w \in \{0, 1\}^*\}$$

Then $L_{w c w^R}$ is recognized by the following DPDA



We'll show that $\text{Regular} \subset L(\text{DPDA}) \subset \text{CFL}$

Theorem 6.17: If L is regular, then $L = L(P)$ for some DPDA P .

Proof: Since L is regular there is a DFA A s.t. $L = L(A)$. Let

$$A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta_A, q_0, F)$$

We define the DPDA

$$P = (Q, \Sigma, \{Z_0\}, \delta_P, q_0, Z_0, F),$$

where

$$\delta_P(q, a, Z_0) = \{(\delta_A(q, a), Z_0)\},$$

for all $p, q \in Q$, and $a \in \Sigma$.

An easy induction (do it!) on $|w|$ gives

$$(q_0, w, Z_0) \vdash^* (p, \epsilon, Z_0) \Leftrightarrow \hat{\delta}_A(q_0, w) = p$$

The theorem then follows (why?)

What about DPDA's that accept by null stack?

They can recognize only CFL's with the prefix property.

A language L has the *prefix property* if there are no two distinct strings in L , such that one is a prefix of the other.

Example: $L_{w c w r}$ has the prefix property.

Example: $\{0\}^*$ does not have the prefix property.

Theorem 6.19: L is $N(P)$ for some DPDA P if and only if L has the prefix property and L is $L(P')$ for some DPDA P' .

Proof: Homework

- We have seen that $\text{Regular} \subseteq L(\text{DPDA})$.
- $L_{wcr} \in L(\text{DPDA}) \setminus \text{Regular}$
- Are there languages in $\text{CFL} \setminus L(\text{DPDA})$.

Yes, for example L_{wwr} .

- What about DPDA's and Ambiguous Grammars?

L_{wwr} has unamb. grammar $S \rightarrow 0S0|1S1|\epsilon$
but is not $L(\text{DPDA})$.

For the converse we have

Theorem 6.20: If $L = N(P)$ for some DPDA P , then L has an unambiguous CFG.

Proof: By inspecting the proof of Theorem 6.14 we see that if the construction is applied to a DPDA the result is a CFG with unique leftmost derivations.

Theorem 6.20 can actually be strengthened as follows

Theorem 6.21: If $L = L(P)$ for some DPDA P , then L has an unambiguous CFG.

Proof: Let $\$$ be a symbol outside the alphabet of L , and let $L' = L\$$.

It is easy to see that L' has the prefix property.

By Theorem 6.20 we have $L' = N(P')$ for some DPDA P' .

By Theorem 6.20 $N(P')$ can be generated by an unambiguous CFG G'

Modify G' into G , s.t. $L(G) = L$, by adding the production

$$\$ \rightarrow \epsilon$$

Since G' has unique leftmost derivations, G' also has unique lm's, since the only new thing we're doing is adding derivations

$$w\$ \xRightarrow{lm} w$$

to the end.