Grammars

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Grammars express languages

Example: the English language

$$\langle sentence \rangle \rightarrow \langle noun_phrase \rangle \langle predicate \rangle$$

$$\langle noun_phrase \rangle \rightarrow \langle article \rangle \langle noun \rangle$$

$$\langle predicate \rangle \rightarrow \langle verb \rangle$$

$$\langle article \rangle^{\circ}$$
 $\langle article \rangle \rightarrow the$

$$\langle noun \rangle \xrightarrow{len} cat$$
 $\langle noun \rangle \rightarrow dog$

$$\langle verb \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{den}} runs$$

 $\langle verb \rangle \rightarrow walks$

A derivation of "the dog walks":

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\langle sentence \rangle \Longrightarrow \langle noun \quad phrase \rangle \langle predicate \rangle
                         \Rightarrow \langle noun \mid phrase \rangle \langle verb \rangle
                         \Rightarrow \langle article \rangle \langle noun \rangle \langle verb \rangle
                         \Rightarrow the \langle noun \rangle \langle verb \rangle
                         \Rightarrow the dog \langle verb \rangle
                         \Rightarrow the dog walks
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A derivation of "a cat runs":

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\langle sentence \rangle \Rightarrow \langle noun \mid phrase \rangle \langle predicate \rangle
                         \Rightarrow \langle noun \mid phrase \rangle \langle verb \rangle
                         \Rightarrow \langle article \rangle \langle noun \rangle \langle verb \rangle
                         \Rightarrow a \langle noun \rangle \langle verb \rangle
                         \Rightarrow a cat \langle verb \rangle
                          \Rightarrow a cat runs
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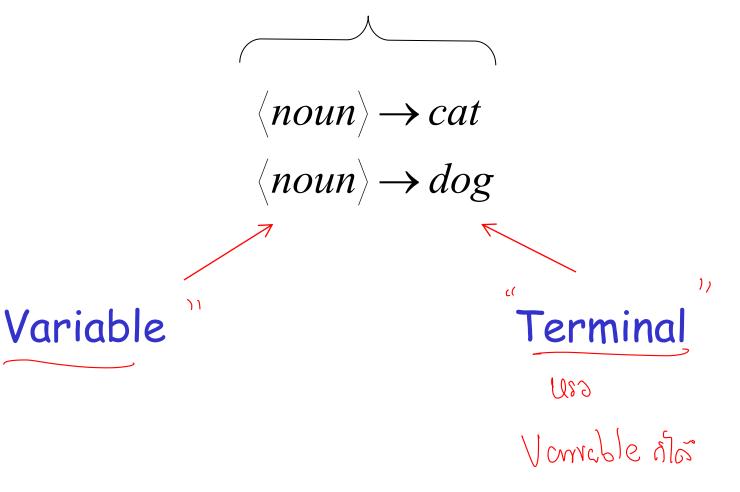
Language of the grammar:

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L = { "a cat runs", string anone viso sentense
      "a cat walks",
     "the cat runs",
      "the cat walks",
     "a dog runs",
     "a dog walks",
      "the dog runs",
      "the dog walks" }
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Notation

Production Rules



Example

Grammar:
$$S \rightarrow aSb$$

$$S \rightarrow \lambda$$

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Derivation of sentence ab:

$$S \Longrightarrow aSb \Longrightarrow ab$$

$$S \longrightarrow aSb \qquad S \longrightarrow \lambda$$

Grammar:
$$S \rightarrow aSb$$

$$S \rightarrow \lambda$$

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Derivation of sentence aabb:

$$S \Rightarrow aSb \Rightarrow aaSbb \Rightarrow aabb$$

$$S \rightarrow aSb \qquad S \rightarrow \lambda$$

Other derivations:

$$S \Rightarrow aSb \Rightarrow aaSbb \Rightarrow aaaSbbb \Rightarrow aaabbb$$

$$S \Rightarrow aSb \Rightarrow aaSbb \Rightarrow aaaSbbb$$

 $\Rightarrow aaaaSbbbb \Rightarrow aaaabbbb$

Language of the grammar

$$S \rightarrow aSb$$

$$S \to \lambda$$

existing material

$$L = \{a^n b^n : n \ge 0\}$$

More Notation

Grammar
$$G = (V, T, S, P)$$
 (Visually)

V: Set of variables

T: Set of terminal symbols

S: Start variable

P: Set of Production rules

Example

Grammar
$$G: S \to aSb$$

 $S \to \lambda$

$$G = (V, T, S, P)$$

$$V = \{S\} \qquad T = \{a, b\}$$

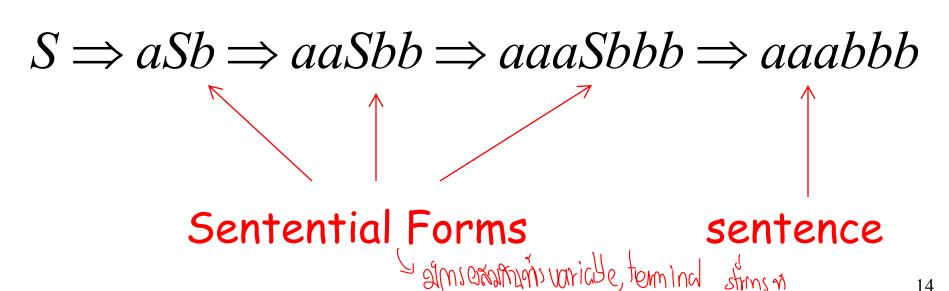
$$P = \{S \rightarrow aSb, S \rightarrow \lambda\}$$

More Notation

Sentential Form:

A sentence that contains variables and terminals

Example:



 $\begin{array}{c} * \text{ simus on a abbb} \\ \hline S \Rightarrow aaabbb \\ \hline \end{array}$

Instead of:

 $S \Rightarrow aSb \Rightarrow aaSbb \Rightarrow aaaSbbb \Rightarrow aaabbb$

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In general we write:

$$w_1 \Rightarrow w_n$$

If:
$$w_1 \Rightarrow w_2 \Rightarrow w_3 \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow w_n$$

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By default:

 $w \Rightarrow w$

Example

Grammar

$$S \rightarrow aSb$$

$$S \rightarrow \lambda$$

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Derivations

$$S \Rightarrow \lambda$$

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$$S \Rightarrow ab$$

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$$S \Rightarrow aabb$$

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$$S \Rightarrow aaabbb$$

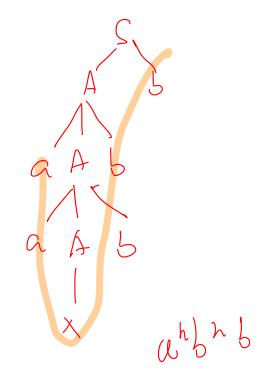
Another Grammar Example

Grammar G:

$$S \rightarrow Ab$$

$$A \rightarrow aAb$$

$$A \rightarrow \lambda$$



Derivations: husam

$$S \rightarrow Ab \rightarrow b$$

$$S \rightarrow Ab \rightarrow aAbb \rightarrow abb$$

$$S \rightarrow Ab \rightarrow aAbb \rightarrow aaAbbb \rightarrow aabbb$$

More Derivations

$$S \Rightarrow Ab \Rightarrow aAbb \Rightarrow aaAbbbb \Rightarrow aaaAbbbbb$$

 $\Rightarrow aaaaAbbbbbb \Rightarrow aaaabbbbbb$

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$$S \Rightarrow aaaabbbbb$$

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 $S \Rightarrow aaaaaaabbbbbbbb$

 $S \Rightarrow a^n b^n b$

Language of a Grammar

For a grammar G with start variable S:

$$L(G) = \{w : S \Rightarrow w\}$$

$$String of terminals$$

Example

For grammar
$$G: S \to Ab$$

$$A \rightarrow aAb$$

$$A \rightarrow \lambda$$

$$L(G) = \{a^n b^n b: n \ge 0\}$$

Since:
$$S \Rightarrow a^n b^n b$$

A Convenient Notation

$$\begin{array}{c} A \to aAb \\ A \to \lambda \end{array} \begin{array}{c} A \to aAb \\ A \to \lambda \end{array}$$

$$\langle article \rangle \rightarrow a$$
 $\langle article \rangle \rightarrow a \mid the$ $\langle article \rangle \rightarrow the$

Linear Grammars

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Linear Grammars

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Grammars with at most one variable at the right side of a production

Examples:
$$S \to a Sb$$
 $S \to Ab$ $S \to AAb$ $S \to AAb$ $A \to AAb$

A Non-Linear Grammar

Grammar
$$G:$$
 $S o SS$; without nor $S o \lambda$ is supported to $S o \lambda$ in $S o \lambda$ in $S o \lambda$ in $S o \lambda$ in $S o \lambda$ is $S o \lambda$ in S

Number of a in string w

Another Linear Grammar

Grammar
$$G: S \to A$$

$$A \to aB \mid \lambda$$

$$B \to Ab$$

$$L(G) = \{a^n b^n : n \ge 0\}$$

Right-Linear Grammars

All productions have form:
$$A \to xB$$

$$A \rightarrow xB$$

or

$$A \rightarrow x$$

Example:
$$S \rightarrow abS$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

string of terminals

Left-Linear Grammars

$$A \rightarrow Bx$$

or

$$A \rightarrow x$$

$$S \rightarrow Aab$$

$$B \rightarrow a$$

Regular Grammars

Regular Grammars

A regular grammar is any right-linear or left-linear grammar

Examples:

$$G_1$$
 G_2
 $S o ab \widehat{S}$ and $S o Aab$
 $S o Aab \mid B$
 $B o a$

L (regular gramon) = Resular language

Observation

Regular grammars generate regular languages

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Examples:

$$G_1$$

$$S \rightarrow abS$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$
 $S \rightarrow a$
 S

 $L(G_1) = (ab) * a$

$$G_2$$

$$S \rightarrow Aab$$

$$A \rightarrow Aab \mid B$$

$$B \rightarrow a$$

$$L(G_2) = aab(ab)*$$

Regular Grammars Generate Regular Languages

Theorem

Languages
Generated by
Regular Grammars
Regular Grammars

Theorem - Part 1

Languages
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Any regular grammar generates a regular language

Theorem - Part 2

Languages
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Any regular language is generated by a regular grammar

Proof - Part 1

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The language L(G) generated by any regular grammar G is regular

The case of Right-Linear Grammars

Let G be a right-linear grammar

We will prove: L(G) is regular

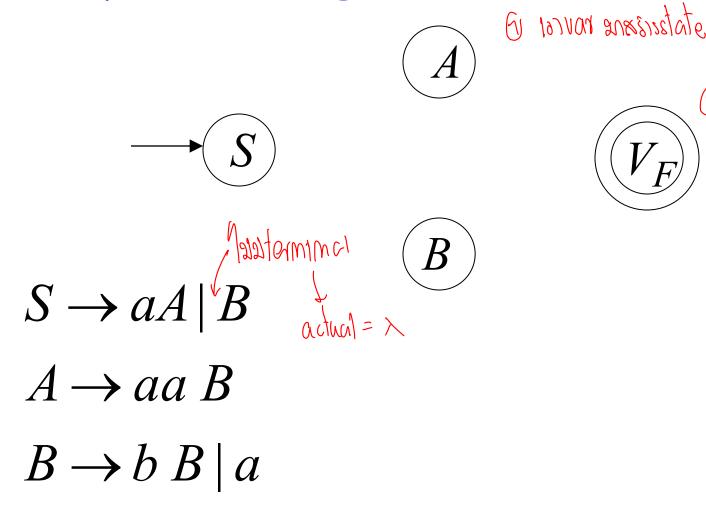
Proof idea: We will construct NFA M



Grammar G is right-linear

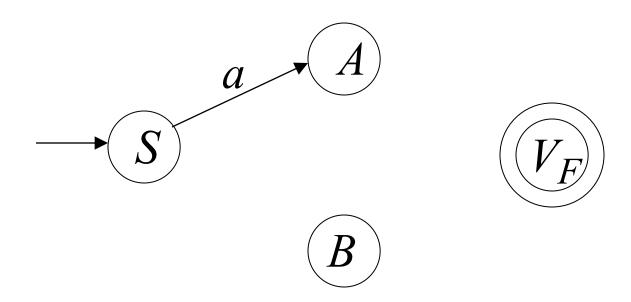
Example:
$$S \rightarrow aA \mid B$$
 $A \rightarrow aa \mid B$ $B \rightarrow b \mid B \mid a$

Construct NFA M such that every state is a grammar variable:

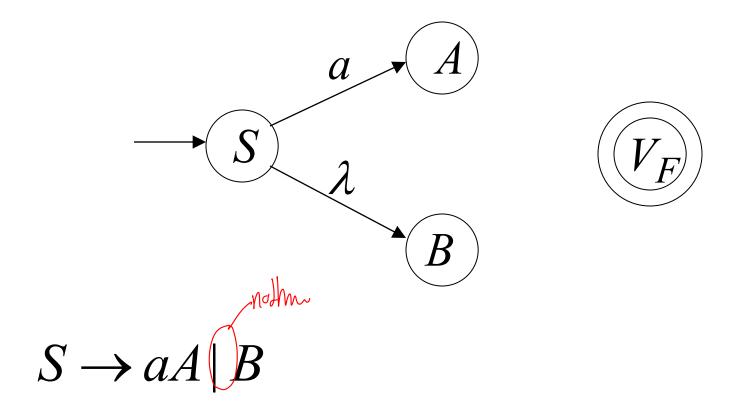


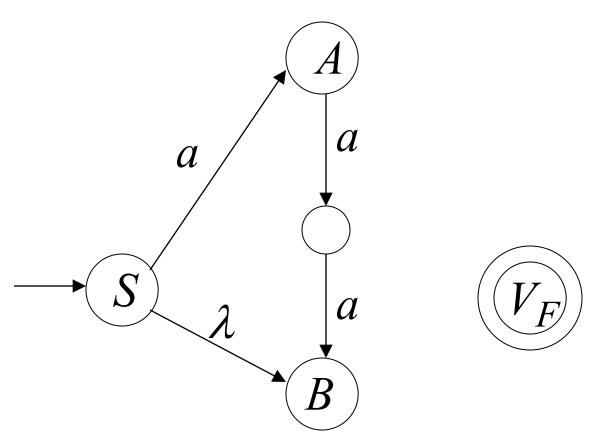


Add edges for each production:



$$S \rightarrow aA$$

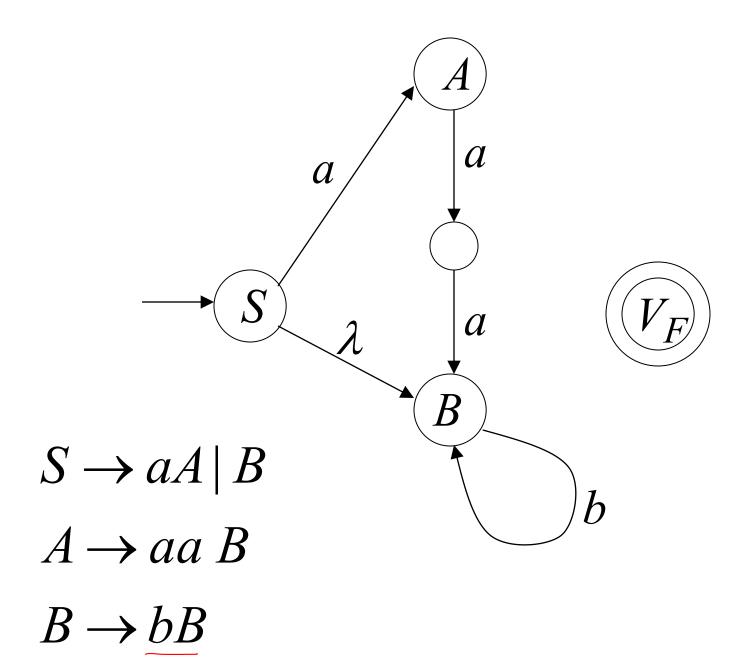


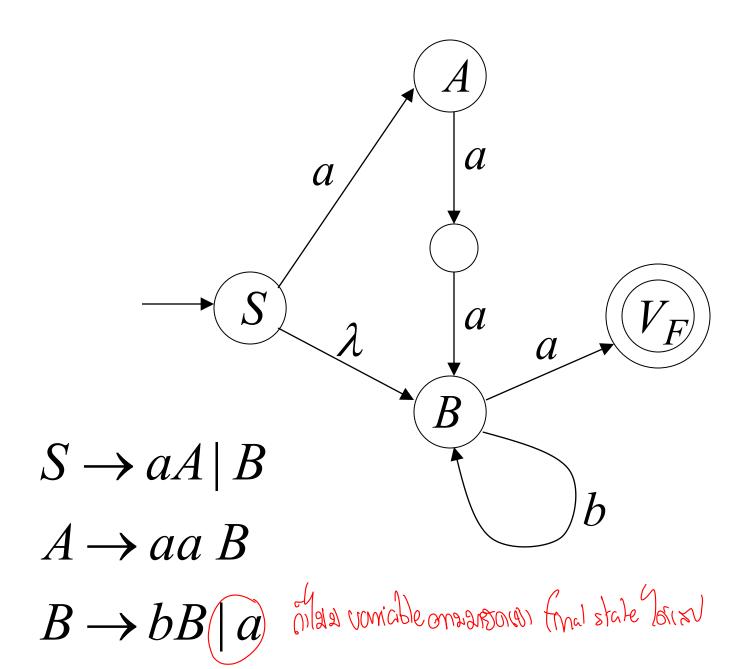


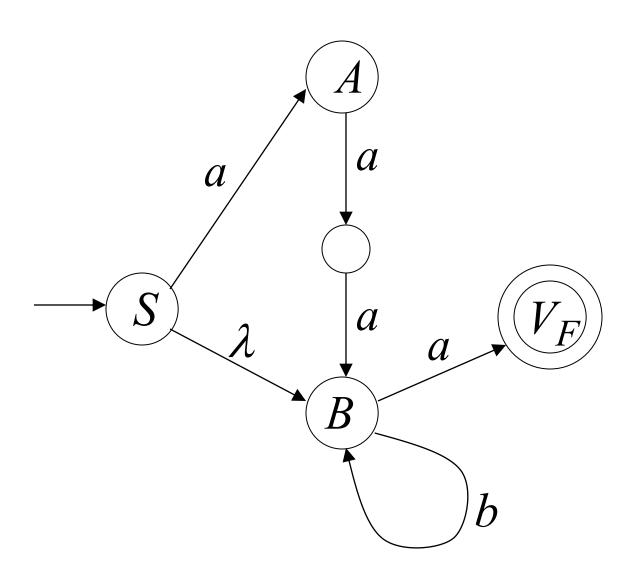
$$S \rightarrow aA \mid B$$

$$A \rightarrow aa B$$

A aa B







 $S \Rightarrow aA \Rightarrow aaaB \Rightarrow aaabB \Rightarrow aaaba$

NFA M a a

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Grammar

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$$S \rightarrow aA \mid B$$

$$A \rightarrow aa B$$

$$B \rightarrow bB \mid a$$

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$$L(M) = L(G) =$$

$$aaab*a + b*a$$

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A right-linear grammar G

has variables:
$$V_0, V_1, V_2, \dots$$

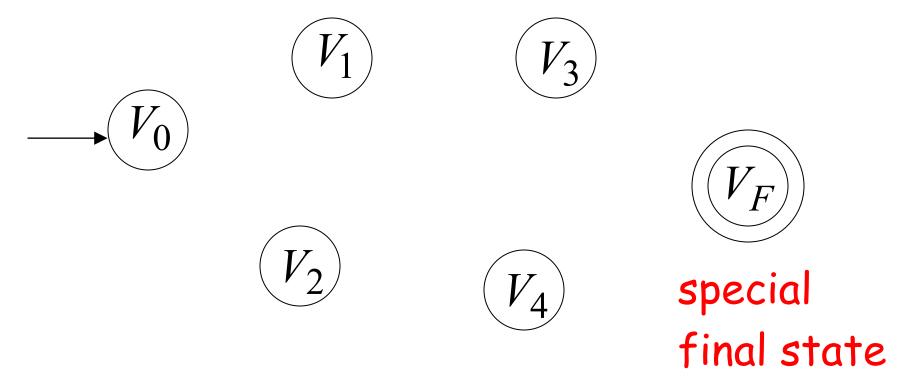
and productions:
$$V_i \rightarrow a_1 a_2 \cdots a_m V_j$$

or

$$V_i \rightarrow a_1 a_2 \cdots a_m$$

We construct the NFA $\,M\,$ such that:

each variable V_i corresponds to a node:



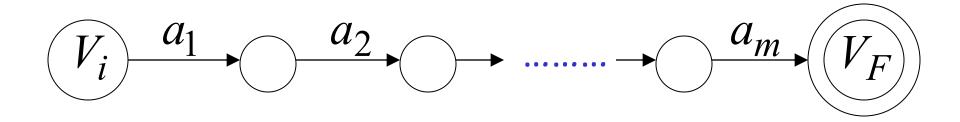
For each production: $V_i \rightarrow a_1 a_2 \cdots a_m V_j$

we add transitions and intermediate nodes

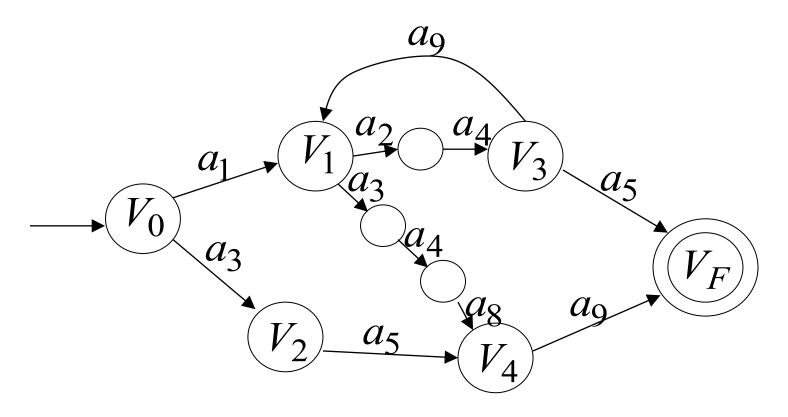
$$(V_i)$$
 a_1 a_2 a_2 a_m (V_j)

For each production: $V_i \rightarrow a_1 a_2 \cdots a_m$

we add transitions and intermediate nodes



Resulting NFA M looks like this:



It holds that: L(G) = L(M)

The case of Left-Linear Grammars

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Let G be a left-linear grammar

We will prove: L(G) is regular

Proof idea:

We will construct a right-linear grammar G' with $L(G) = L(G')^R$

Since G is left-linear grammar the productions look like:

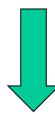
$$A \rightarrow Ba_1a_2 \cdots a_k$$

$$A \rightarrow a_1 a_2 \cdots a_k$$

Construct right-linear grammar G'

$$A \rightarrow Ba_1a_2\cdots a_k$$

$$A \rightarrow Bv$$



Right
$$G'$$

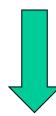
$$A \rightarrow a_k \cdots a_2 a_1 B$$

$$A \rightarrow v^R B$$

Construct right-linear grammar G'

$$A \rightarrow a_1 a_2 \cdots a_k$$

$$A \rightarrow v$$



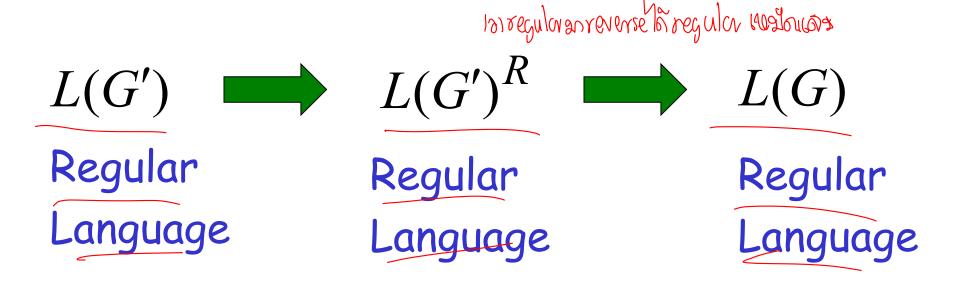
Right
linear
$$G^{\prime}$$

$$A \rightarrow a_k \cdots a_2 a_1$$

$$A \rightarrow v^R$$

It is easy to see that:
$$L(G) = L(G')^R$$

Since G' is right-linear, we have:



Proof - Part 2

Languages
Generated by
Regular Grammars

Application
Regular
Languages

Any regular language $\,L\,$ is generated by some regular grammar $\,G\,$

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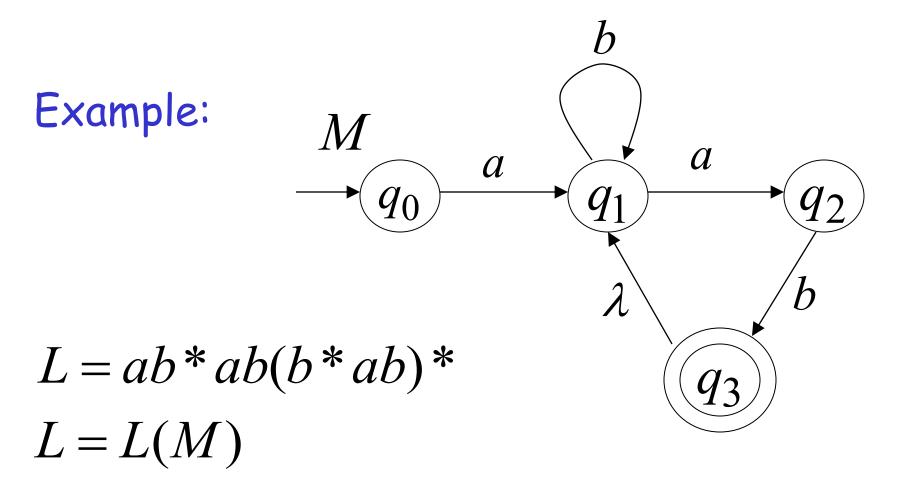
Proof idea:

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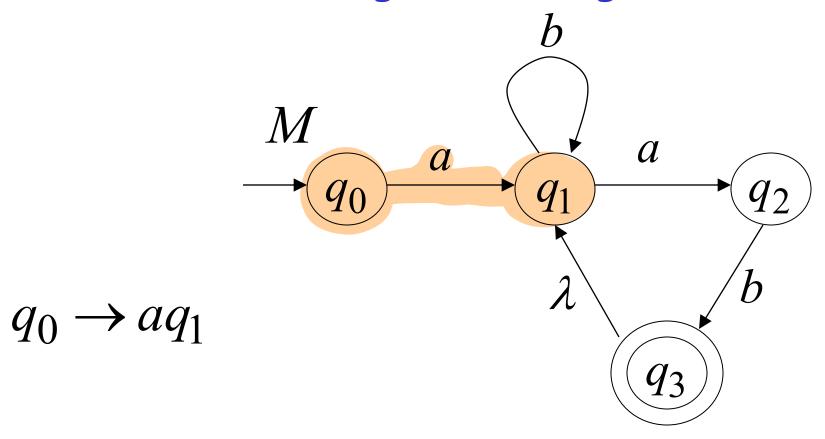
Let M be the NFA with L = L(M).

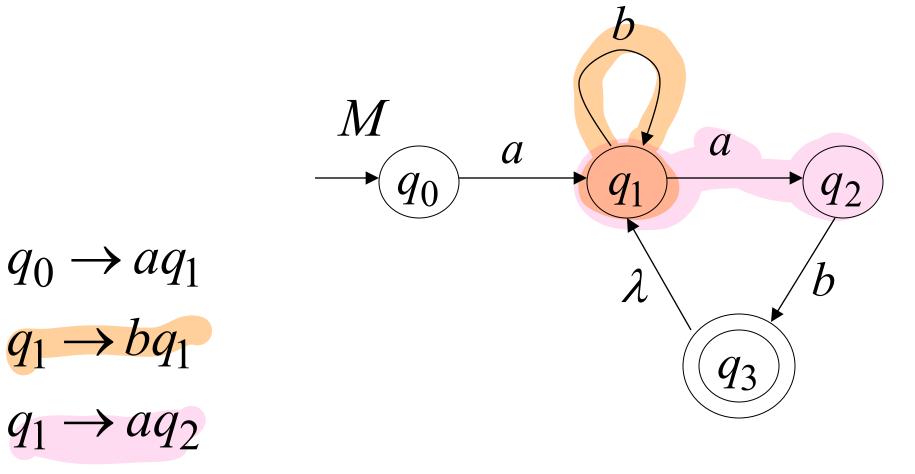
Construct from M a regular grammar G such that L(M) = L(G)

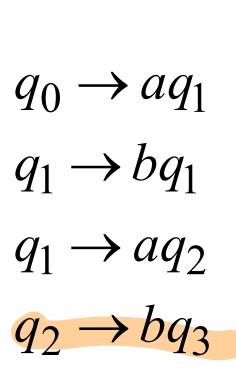
Since L is regular there is an NFA M such that L = L(M)

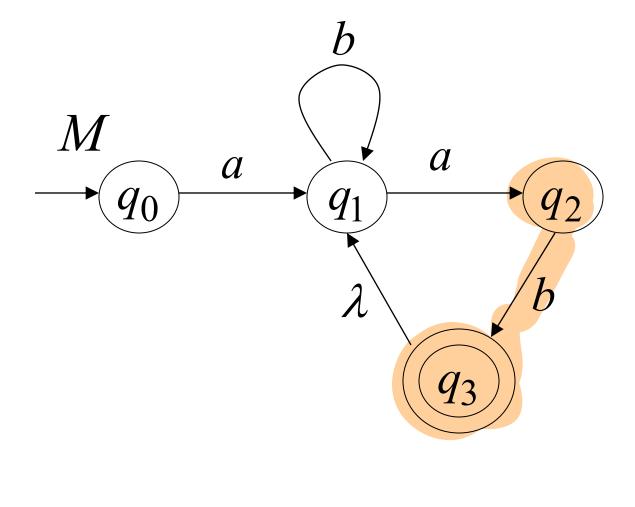


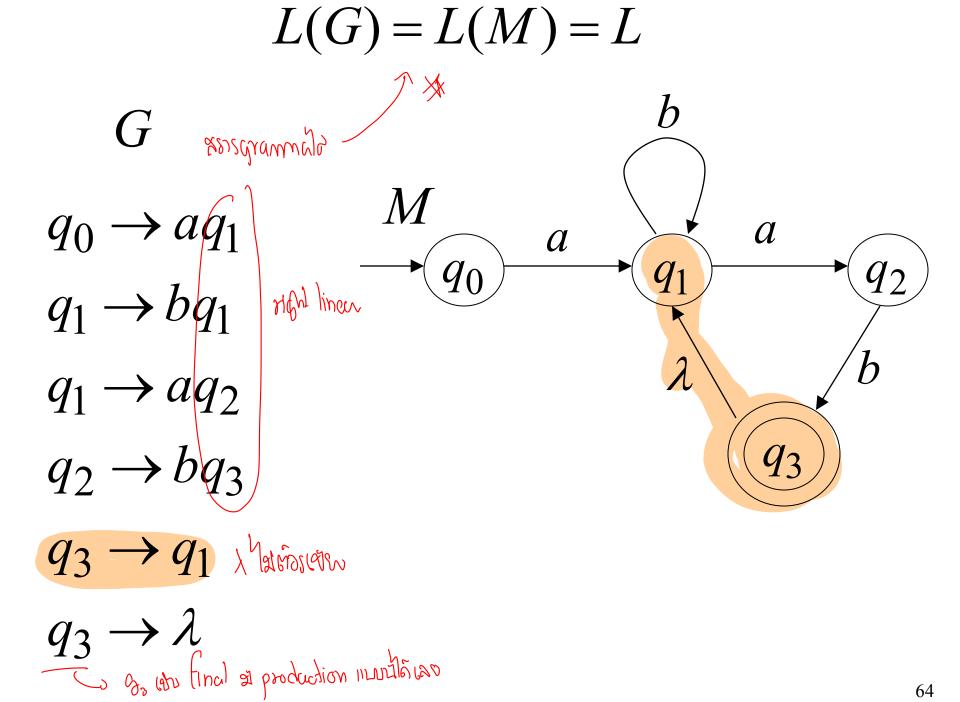
Convert M to a right-linear grammar





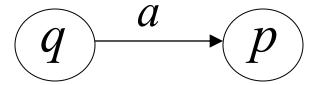


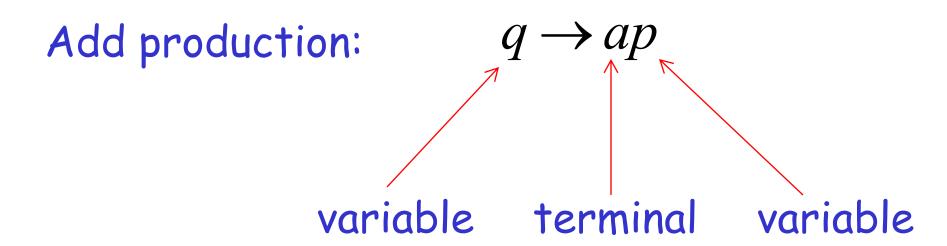




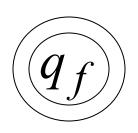
In General

For any transition:





For any final state:



Add production:

$$q_f \to \lambda$$

Since G is right-linear grammar

G is also a regular grammar

with
$$L(G) = L(M) = L$$