

3. CONTEXT FREE GRAMMAR

Based on the Chomsky classification, context free grammar can be presented as (type 2)

$$A \rightarrow \beta,$$

where $A \in V_N, \beta \in (V_N \cup V_T)^*$

The context free grammar is a real model for representation the program languages. The grammars are not always optimized that means the grammar may consist of some extra symbols (non-terminal, epsilon productions) and having the extra symbols, unnecessary increase the length of grammar. Simplification of grammar means reduction of grammar by removing useless symbols as: ϵ – productions, unit productions, inaccessible symbols, non-productive symbols.

One of the simplest and most useful simplified forms of context free grammar is called **Chomsky Normal Form**. Another normal form usually used in algebraic specifications is the **Greibach Normal Form**.

3.1 Elimination of ϵ – productions

If a context free grammar include ϵ productions as

$$A \rightarrow \epsilon,$$

where $A \in V_N$.

In this case the context free grammar can be transformed to the equivalent grammar without ϵ productions.

Algorithm for determination the N_ϵ set:

Step I. $N_\epsilon = \{A | A \rightarrow \epsilon\}$, productions from P.

Step II. For all productions $B \rightarrow \alpha$, for which $\alpha \in V_N$ and $\alpha \in N_\epsilon^*$ we have $N_\epsilon = N_\epsilon \cup \{B\}$.

Step III. The 2nd step is repeating until there are some changes in the set N_ϵ .

Step IV. The algorithm is stopped.

Algorithm for removing the ε - productions

It is given context free grammar $G=(V_N, V_T, P, S)$:

Step I. It is determinate the set N_ε

$$P=\{A \mid A \rightarrow \varepsilon \in P\}$$

Step II. For all productions by type

$A \rightarrow \alpha_1 \beta_1 \alpha_2 \beta_2 \dots \alpha_n \beta_n \in P$, where α_i is a some set, $\alpha_i \in ((V_N \cup V_T) \setminus N_\varepsilon)^*$, $\beta_i \in N_\varepsilon$ it is added to P' all productions that were obtained by the following way $A \rightarrow \alpha_1 x_1 \alpha_2 x_2 \dots \alpha_n x_n \in P$, where $x_i = \beta_i, x_i = \varepsilon$

Step III. It is obtained $G'=(V_N, V_T, P', S)$.

Example:

$G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$V_N = \{ S, A, B \};$

$V_T = \{ a, b \},$

$P = \{ S \rightarrow ACD$

$A \rightarrow a$

$B \rightarrow \varepsilon$

$C \rightarrow ED \mid \varepsilon$

$D \rightarrow BC \mid b$

$E \rightarrow b$

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According to the exposed algorithm:

$$N_\varepsilon = \{ B, C, D \}$$

Removing these productions there are obtained:

$P' = \{ S \rightarrow ACD/AD/AC/A$

$A \rightarrow a$

$C \rightarrow ED/E$

$D \rightarrow BC \mid b/B/C$

$E \rightarrow b$

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Practical Tasks

Remove the ε – productions for the given grammars:

1. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$$V_N = \{ S, A \};$$

$$V_T = \{ a, z \};$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow AzA \\ A \rightarrow a/\varepsilon \}$$

2. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C \};$$

$$V_T = \{ 0, 1 \};$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow S0 \\ S \rightarrow 1 \\ S \rightarrow AB \\ B \rightarrow AC1 \\ A \rightarrow \varepsilon \\ C \rightarrow \varepsilon \}$$

3. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C \};$$

$$V_T = \{ a, b, c \};$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow ABAC \\ A \rightarrow aA|\varepsilon \\ B \rightarrow bB|\varepsilon \\ C \rightarrow c \}$$

3.2 Elimination of the Unit Productions

Production in form of $A \rightarrow B$, where $A, B \in V_N$ is called unit - production.

Algorithm for removing unit productions:

Step I. For all productions $A \rightarrow B$, it is added the new production $A \rightarrow x$, where $B \rightarrow x$ and $x \in (V_N \cup V_T)$.

Step II. Production $A \rightarrow B$ is removed.

Step III. The 2nd step is repeated until all unit productions will be removed.

Example:

$G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C, D, E \};$

$V_T = \{ a, b \},$

$P = \{ S \rightarrow ACD/AD/AC/A$

$A \rightarrow a$

$C \rightarrow ED/E$

$D \rightarrow BC \mid b/B/C$

$E \rightarrow b$

$B \rightarrow a$

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Solution:

The unit productions from P are $S \rightarrow A$, $C \rightarrow E$, $D \rightarrow B$, $D \rightarrow C$.

After elimination of this production therea are obtained:

$P' = \{ S \rightarrow ACD/AD/AC/a$

$A \rightarrow a$

$C \rightarrow ED/b$

$D \rightarrow BC \mid b/a/ED/b$

$E \rightarrow b$

$B \rightarrow a$

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Practical Tasks

Remove the unit productions for the given grammars:

1. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C, D, E \};$

$V_T = \{ a, b \};$

$P = \{ S \rightarrow AB$

$A \rightarrow a$

- $$\begin{aligned}
& B \rightarrow C/b \\
& C \rightarrow D \\
& D \rightarrow E \\
& E \rightarrow a \\
& \} \\
2. & G = (V_N, V_T, S, P): \\
& V_N = \{ S, A, B \}; \\
& V_T = \{ a, b \}; \\
& P = \{ S \rightarrow A/bb \\
& \quad A \rightarrow B/b \\
& \quad B \rightarrow S/a \\
& \} \\
3. & G = (V_N, V_T, S, P): \\
& V_N = \{ S, T, F \}; \\
& V_T = \{ +, *, (,), a \}; \\
& P = \{ S \rightarrow S+T/T \\
& \quad T \rightarrow T*F/F \\
& \quad F \rightarrow (S)/a \\
& \}
\end{aligned}$$

3.3 Elimination of the Inaccessible Symbols

Symbol $x \in (V_N \cup V_T)$ is called inaccessible, if it doesn't exist $S \rightarrow \alpha_1 x \alpha_2$, namely x doesn't appear in any deviation from the start symbol.

Algorithm for removing inaccessible symbols

Step I. It is given A_c set of accessible symbols. From start

$$A_c = \{S\}.$$

Step II. For all non-terminal symbols $\beta \in A_c$ and all productions $\beta \rightarrow x_1 x_2 x_3 \dots x_n$ the set A_c is changed

$$A_c = \{A_c \cup \{x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots x_n\}\}$$

Step III. If at the 2nd step was some changes in A_c when the 2nd step is repeating, otherwise move to step IV.

Step IV. It is build the set of inaccessible symbols

$$I=(V_N \cup V_T) \setminus A_c.$$

From productions P , there are removed all productions that contain at least one inaccessible symbol.

Example:

$$G = (V_N, V_T, S, P):$$

$$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C, D, E \};$$

$$V_T = \{ a, b \},$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow AC$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

$$C \rightarrow Ea$$

$$D \rightarrow BC / b$$

$$E \rightarrow b$$

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Solution:

$$\text{Step I. } A_c = \{ S \}.$$

$$\text{Step II. } A_c = A_c \cup \{ A, C, D \} = \{ S, A, C \}.$$

$$\text{Step III. } A_c = A_c \cup \{ a, b, C, E \} = \{ S, A, C, E, a, b \}.$$

$$\text{Step IV. } I = (V_N \cup V_T) \setminus A_c = (\{ S, A, B, C, D, E \} \cup \{ a, b \}) \setminus \{ S, A, C, E, a, b \} = \{ D \}.$$

In this case the inaccessible symbol is D and after elimination of this production there are obtained:

$$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C, E \}, V_T = \{ a, b \},$$

$$P'' = \{ S \rightarrow AC$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

$$C \rightarrow Ea$$

$$E \rightarrow b$$

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Practical Tasks

Remove the inaccessible symbols for the given grammars:

1. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C \};$$

$$V_T = \{ a, b \};$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow A/bb$$

$$A \rightarrow B/b$$

$$B \rightarrow S/a$$

$$C \rightarrow a/b$$

2. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C, D, E \};$$

$$V_T = \{ a, b \};$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow C/b$$

$$C \rightarrow ab$$

$$D \rightarrow E$$

$$E \rightarrow a$$

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3.3 Elimination of the Non-Productive Symbols

Non-terminal symbols $A \in V_N$ are called non-productive, if it doesn't exist $A \rightarrow y, y \in V_T^*$.

Algorithm for removing non-productive symbols

Step I. From start $P_r = \emptyset$.

Step II.

a) For all productions $A \rightarrow \alpha$, where $\alpha \in V_T^*$ we change the set P_r :

$$P_r = P_r \cup \{A\}$$

b) For all productions $B \rightarrow \beta$, where $\beta \in (V_T \cup P_r)$, we change P_r :

$$P_r = P_r \cup \{B\}$$

Step II. For all time there are some changes in the set P_r 2nd step is repeating.

Example:

$G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$V_N = \{ S, A, B \};$

$V_T = \{ a, b \},$

$P = \{ S \rightarrow ACD$

$A \rightarrow a$

$C \rightarrow ED$

$D \rightarrow BC / b$

$E \rightarrow b$

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Step I. $P_r = \{\emptyset\}$.

Step II. $P_r = P_r \cup \{A, E, D\} = \{A, E, D\}$.

Step III. $P_r = P_r \cup \{C, S\} = \{A, E, D, C, S\}$.

In this case there are no non-productive symbols.

Practical Tasks

I. Remove the non-productive symbols for the given grammars:

1. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$V_N = \{ S, A, B, D \};$

$V_T = \{ a, b, d \};$

$P = \{ S \rightarrow AB$

$A \rightarrow a$

$B \rightarrow b$

- $$\begin{aligned}
& A \rightarrow ABD \\
& D \rightarrow d \\
& \} \\
2. & G = (V_N, V_T, S, P): \\
& V_N = \{ S, A, B, D \}; \\
& V_T = \{ a, b \}; \\
& P = \{ S \rightarrow AB \\
& \quad A \rightarrow a \\
& \quad B \rightarrow b \\
& \quad A \rightarrow ABD \\
& \quad D \rightarrow aBD \\
& \quad \} \\
3. & G = (V_N, V_T, S, P): \\
& V_N = \{ S, A, B, D \}; \\
& V_T = \{ a, b \}; \\
& P = \{ S \rightarrow AB \\
& \quad A \rightarrow a \\
& \quad B \rightarrow b \\
& \quad A \rightarrow ABD \\
& \quad D \rightarrow BA \\
& \quad \} \\
4. & G = (V_N, V_T, S, P): \\
& V_N = \{ S, A, B, D, E \}; \\
& V_T = \{ a, b \}; \\
& P = \{ S \rightarrow AB \\
& \quad A \rightarrow a \\
& \quad B \rightarrow b \\
& \quad A \rightarrow ABD \\
& \quad D \rightarrow BDA \\
& \quad E \rightarrow A \}
\end{aligned}$$

II. For the given Grammar remove the inacesible symbols and non-productive symbols:

$G = (V_N, V_T, S, P):$
 $V_N = \{ S, A, B, H \};$
 $V_T = \{ 0, 1 \};$
 $P = \{ S \rightarrow 0S1|0SH|0|1B0$
 $\quad B \rightarrow 1H0|SH$
 $\quad H \rightarrow 1AB$
 $\quad A \rightarrow SB$
 $\quad \}$

3.4 Chomsky Normal Form

The Context free grammar G is said to be in **Chomsky normal form** if it doesn't contain :

1. ϵ – productions.
2. Unit productions.
3. Inaccessible Symbols.
4. Non-productive symbols.

And all of its productions rule are of the following form:

$$A \rightarrow BC, \text{ or}$$

$$A \rightarrow a, \text{ or } S \rightarrow \epsilon.$$

Algorithm to convert Context Free Grammar into Chomsky Normal Form

Step 1 – If the start symbol S occurs on some right side, it is created a new start symbol S' and is added a new production

$$S' \rightarrow S.$$

Step 2 – It should be removed ϵ – productions.

Step 3 – It should be removed the unit productions.

Step 4 – It should be removed the inaccessible symbols.

Step 5 – It should be removed the non-productive symbols.

Step 6 – The each production $A \rightarrow B_1 \dots B_n$ is replaced with $A \rightarrow B_1 C$ where $C \rightarrow B_2 \dots B_n$.

This step is repeated for all productions that having two or more symbols in the right side.

Step 7– If the right side of any production is in the form $A \rightarrow aB$, where a is a terminal and A, B are non-terminal, then the production is replaced by $A \rightarrow XB$ and $X \rightarrow a$.

This step is repeated for every production which is in the form $A \rightarrow aB$.

Example:

$G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C, D \}$;

$V_T = \{ a, b \}$,

$P = \{ S \rightarrow aBbAC / AB$

$A \rightarrow a / ABBa$

$B \rightarrow \varepsilon / a$

$C \rightarrow aA$

$D \rightarrow ab$

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Solution:

1. Removing ε productions:

a) $N_\varepsilon = \emptyset$.

b) For the production $B \rightarrow \varepsilon$, $N_\varepsilon = \emptyset \cup \{B\}$,
 $N_\varepsilon = \{B\}$.

Removing this production there are obtained:

$P' = \{ S \rightarrow aBbAC / abAC / AB / A$

$A \rightarrow a / ABBa / ABa / Aa$

$B \rightarrow a$

$C \rightarrow aA$

$$\begin{array}{l} D \rightarrow ab \\ \} \end{array}$$

2. Removing of the unit productions:

The unit production from P' is $S \rightarrow A$.

After elimination of this production therea are obtained:

$$\begin{array}{l} P'' = \{ S \rightarrow aBbAC/abAC/AB/a/ABBa/ABa/Aa \\ A \rightarrow a/ABBa/ABa/Aa \\ B \rightarrow a \\ C \rightarrow aA \\ D \rightarrow ab \\ \} \end{array}$$

3. Elimination of nonproductive symbols.

Step I. $Pr = \{\emptyset\}$.

Step II. $Pr = Pr \cup \{S, A, B\} = \{S, A, B\}$.

Step III. $Pr = Pr \cup \{C, D\} = \{S, A, B, C, D\}$.

4. Elimination of the inaccessible symbols.

Step I. $A_c = \{S\}$.

Step II. $A_c = A_c \cup \{A, B, C, a\} = \{S, A, B, C, a\}$.

Step III. $A_c = \{S, A, B, C, a\}$.

Step IV. $I = (V_N \cup V_T) \setminus A_c = (\{S, A, B, C, D\} \cup \{a, b\}) \setminus \{S, A, B, C, a\} = \{D\}$.

In this case the inaccessible symbol is D and after elimination of this production therea are obtained:

$V_N = \{S, A, B, C\}$, $V_T = \{a, b\}$,

$$\begin{array}{l} P''' = \{ S \rightarrow aBbAC/abAC/AB/a/ABBa/ABa/Aa \\ A \rightarrow a/ABBa/ABa/Aa \\ B \rightarrow a \\ C \rightarrow aA \\ \} \end{array}$$

5. The Chomsky Normal Form

$$P^{IV} = \{ S \rightarrow X_4 X_7 / X_8 X_9 / AB / a / X_2 X_3 / A \ X_3 / A \ X_1$$

$$A \rightarrow a / X_2 X_3 / X_2 \ X_1 / A \ X_1$$

$$B \rightarrow a$$

$$C \rightarrow X_1 A$$

$$X_1 \rightarrow a$$

$$X_2 \rightarrow AB$$

$$X_3 \rightarrow B X_1$$

$$X_4 \rightarrow X_1 B$$

$$X_5 \rightarrow AC$$

$$X_6 \rightarrow b$$

$$X_7 \rightarrow X_6 \ X_5$$

$$X_8 \rightarrow X_1 \ X_6$$

$$X_9 \rightarrow AC$$

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$$V_T = \{a, b\},$$

$$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C, X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6, X_7, X_8, X_9 \}.$$

Practical Tasks

Convert the given context free grammar into Greibach normal form:

$$1. \ G = (V_N, V_T, S, P):$$

$$V_N = \{ S, A, C, D, E \};$$

$$V_T = \{a, b\};$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow aAa$$

$$A \rightarrow Sb/bCC/DaA/\varepsilon$$

$$C \rightarrow abb/DD/\varepsilon$$

$$E \rightarrow aC$$

$$D \rightarrow aDa$$

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$$2. \ G = (V_N, V_T, S, P):$$

- $$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C \};$$
- $$V_T = \{ 0, 1 \};$$
- $$P = \{ S \rightarrow S0|1|AB$$
- $$B \rightarrow AC$$
- $$A \rightarrow \varepsilon$$
- $$C \rightarrow \varepsilon$$
- $$\}$$
3. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:
- $$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C, D \};$$
- $$V_T = \{ a, b \};$$
- $$P = \{ S \rightarrow aB/bA/A$$
- $$B \rightarrow b/bS/aD/\varepsilon$$
- $$A \rightarrow B/AS/bBAB/b$$
- $$C \rightarrow Ba$$
- $$D \rightarrow AA$$
- $$\}$$
4. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:
- $$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C \};$$
- $$V_T = \{ a, b \};$$
- $$P = \{ S \rightarrow aABC$$
- $$A \rightarrow AB/\varepsilon$$
- $$B \rightarrow CA/a$$
- $$C \rightarrow AA/b$$
- $$\}$$
5. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:
- $$V_N = \{ S, A, B, D \};$$
- $$V_T = \{ a, b \};$$
- $$P = \{ S \rightarrow aB/DA$$
- $$A \rightarrow a/BD/bDAB$$
- $$B \rightarrow b/BA$$
- $$D \rightarrow BA/\varepsilon$$
- $$\}$$
6. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$$V_N = \{ S, A, B, D \};$$

$$V_T = \{ a, b \};$$

$$P = \{ \begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow aB/AC \\ A \rightarrow a/ASC/BC \\ B \rightarrow b/bS \\ C \rightarrow BA/\varepsilon \end{array} \}$$

$$7. G = (V_N, V_T, S, P):$$

$$V_N = \{ S, A, B, D \};$$

$$V_T = \{ a, b \};$$

$$P = \{ \begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow aASAb/aB/b \\ A \rightarrow B \\ B \rightarrow b/\varepsilon \end{array} \}$$

$$8. G = (V_N, V_T, S, P):$$

$$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C, D \};$$

$$V_T = \{ a, b \};$$

$$P = \{ \begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow aBbAC/aAB/abAC/aA \\ A \rightarrow B/ABBa/a/\varepsilon \\ B \rightarrow a \\ C \rightarrow aA \\ D \rightarrow ab \end{array} \}$$

$$9. G = (V_N, V_T, S, P):$$

$$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C \};$$

$$V_T = \{ 0, 1 \};$$

$$P = \{ \begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow S0 \\ S \rightarrow 1 \\ S \rightarrow AB \\ B \rightarrow AC1 \\ A \rightarrow \varepsilon \end{array} \}$$

- $$C \rightarrow \varepsilon \}$$
10. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:
 $V_N = \{ S, A, B, C \};$
 $V_T = \{ a, b, c \};$
 $P = \{ S \rightarrow ABAC$
 $A \rightarrow aA | \varepsilon$
 $B \rightarrow bB | \varepsilon$
 $C \rightarrow c \}$

3.5 Left recursion

Direct recursion

Let G be a context-free grammar and a production of G is said **left recursion**, if it has the form

$$A \rightarrow A\alpha_1\alpha_2 \dots \alpha_n, \text{ where } A \in V_N, \\ \alpha_i \in (V_N \cup V_T)^*.$$

Example:

$$G = (V_N, V_T, S, P):$$

$$V_N = \{ S, A, B \};$$

$$V_T = \{ a, b \},$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow ACD$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$C \rightarrow ED$$

$$D \rightarrow DC / b$$

$$E \rightarrow b$$

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In this case the left recursion is given by the production $D \rightarrow DC$.

Algorithm for removing the left recursion

It is supposed given the context free grammar that contains the following productions:

- 1) $A \rightarrow A\alpha_1, A \rightarrow A\alpha_2, \dots, A \rightarrow A\alpha_n.$
- 2) $A \rightarrow \beta_1, A \rightarrow \beta_2, \dots, A \rightarrow \beta_m.$

where $\alpha_i, \beta_j \in (V_N \cup V_T)^*, i = \overline{1, n}; j = \overline{1, m}.$

There are two methods for removing the left recursion:

1st Method

In this case it is introduced the new non-terminal symbol Y and there are obtained the following productions:

I $A \rightarrow \beta_1 Y, A \rightarrow \beta_2 Y, \dots, A \rightarrow \beta_m Y$

II $Y \rightarrow \alpha_1; Y \rightarrow \alpha_2; \dots Y \rightarrow \alpha_n;$

III $Y \rightarrow \alpha_1 Y; Y \rightarrow \alpha_2 Y; \dots Y \rightarrow \alpha_n Y;$

IV $A \rightarrow \beta_1 ; \dots; A \rightarrow \beta_m .$

Example:

$G=(V_N, V_T, S, P) \quad V_N=\{E, T\} \quad V_T=\{a, +\}$

$P=\{ E \rightarrow E+T/T$

$T \rightarrow a\}$

In this case the left recursion is given by the production $E \rightarrow E+T$.

Solution:

Applying the 1st method there are obtained:

$V_N=\{E, E', T\} \quad V_T=\{a, +\}$

$P=\{ E \rightarrow TE'$

$E \rightarrow T$

$E' \rightarrow +TE'$

$E' \rightarrow +T$

$T \rightarrow a$

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2nd Method:

The productions (1) and (2) can be presented:

1. $A \rightarrow \beta_1 Y \dots \dots A \rightarrow \beta_m Y;$

$$2. Y \rightarrow \alpha_1 Y \dots Y \rightarrow \alpha_n Y;$$

$$3. Y \rightarrow \epsilon.$$

Where Y is new non-terminal symbol.

Example:

$$G = (V_N, V_T, S, P) \quad V_N = \{E, T\} \quad V_T = \{a, +\}$$

$$P = \{ E \rightarrow E+T/T$$

$$T \rightarrow a \}$$

In this case the left recursion is given by the production $E \rightarrow E+T$.

Solution:

Applying the 2nd method there are obtained:

$$V_N = \{E, E', T\} \quad V_T = \{a, +\}$$

$$P = \{ E \rightarrow TE'$$

$$E' \rightarrow +TE'$$

$$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$\}$$

Indirect recursion

A grammar is said to possess indirect left recursion if it is possible, starting from any symbol of the grammar, to derive a string whose head is that symbol.

Example:

$$G = (V_N, V_T, S, P):$$

$$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C \};$$

$$V_T = \{ e, f \},$$

$$S = \{ A \},$$

$$P = \{ A \rightarrow Cd$$

$$B \rightarrow Ce$$

$$C \rightarrow A / B/f$$

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$C \rightarrow A \rightarrow Cd \Rightarrow$ in this case we obtain the derivation $C \rightarrow Cd$, that represents the indirect recursion.

$C \rightarrow B \rightarrow Ce \Rightarrow$ in this case we obtain the derivation $C \rightarrow Ce$, that represents the indirect recursion.

In this way the context free grammar can be rewritten in the following way:

$P' = \{ A \rightarrow Cd$
 $B \rightarrow Ce$
 $C \rightarrow Cd \mid Ce \mid f$
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In this case it is given the direct left recursion that can be removed in the following way:

$P'' = \{ A \rightarrow Cd$
 $B \rightarrow Ce$
 $C \rightarrow fC'$
 $C' \rightarrow dC' \mid eC' \mid \varepsilon$
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Removing indirect left recursion

Let any ordering of the nonterminals of the given context free grammar be

$$A_1, \dots, A_m,$$

It will be removed the indirect left recursion by constructing an equivalent grammar G' such that

If $A_i \rightarrow A_j \alpha$ is any production of G' , then $i < j$.

Example:

$G = (V_N, V_T, S, P):$

$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C \};$

$V_T = \{ a, b \},$

$S = \{ A \},$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P = \{ & A \rightarrow BC \\
 & B \rightarrow CA/b \\
 & C \rightarrow AA / a \\
 & \}
 \end{aligned}$$

There are introduced the notation:

$$A_1 = A$$

$$A_2 = B$$

$$A_3 = C$$

Ant the equivalent grammar can be rewritten:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P' = \{ & A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3 \\
 & A_2 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 | b \\
 & A_3 \rightarrow A_1 A_1 | a \\
 & \}
 \end{aligned}$$

It is replaced $A_3 \rightarrow A_1 A_1$ by $A_3 \rightarrow A_2 A_3 A_1$ and then replace this by

$$A_3 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 A_3 A_1 \text{ and } A_3 \rightarrow b A_3 A_1$$

Eliminating direct left recursion in the above,

gives: $A_3 \rightarrow a / b A_3 A_1 | a A_3' / b A_3 A_1 A_3'$

$$A_3' \rightarrow A_1 A_3 A_1 | A_1 A_3 A_1 A_3'$$

The resulting grammar is then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P'' = \{ & A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3 \\
 & A_2 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 | b \\
 & A_3 \rightarrow a / b A_3 A_1 | a A_3' / b A_3 A_1 A_3' \\
 & A_3' \rightarrow A A_3 A | A_1 A_3 A_1 A_3' \\
 & \}
 \end{aligned}$$

Or

$$\begin{aligned}
 P'' = \{ & A \rightarrow B C \\
 & B \rightarrow C A | b \\
 & C \rightarrow a / b C A | a A_3' / b C A A_3' \\
 & A_3' \rightarrow A C A | A C A A_3' \\
 & \}
 \end{aligned}$$

Practical Tasks

Remove left recursion for the given grammars and use the both methods:

1. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P):$

$$V_N = \{ S, A, B, D \};$$

$$V_T = \{ a, b, d \};$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

$$A \rightarrow ABD$$

$$D \rightarrow d$$

$$\}$$

2. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P):$

$$V_N = \{ S, A, B, D \};$$

$$V_T = \{ a, b \};$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

$$A \rightarrow AB|AD|A$$

$$D \rightarrow aBD$$

$$\}$$

3. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P):$

$$V_N = \{ S, A, B, D \};$$

$$V_T = \{ a, b \};$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow a|b|D$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

$$A \rightarrow ABD$$

$$D \rightarrow BA$$

$$\}$$

4. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P):$

$$\begin{aligned}
V_N &= \{ S, A, B, D, E \}; \\
V_T &= \{ a, b \}; \\
P &= \{ S \rightarrow AB \\
&\quad A \rightarrow a \\
&\quad B \rightarrow b \\
&\quad A \rightarrow ABD \\
&\quad D \rightarrow DA \\
&\quad D \rightarrow a \}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
5. \ G &= (V_N, V_T, S, P): \\
V_N &= \{ S, A \}; \\
V_T &= \{ a, b \}; \\
P &= \{ S \rightarrow Aa/b \\
&\quad A \rightarrow Sb
\end{aligned}$$

}

$$\begin{aligned}
6. \ G &= (V_N, V_T, S, P): \\
V_N &= \{ S, A, B, C \}; \\
V_T &= \{ a, b \}; \\
P &= \{ S \rightarrow BC \\
&\quad B \rightarrow CA \\
&\quad C \rightarrow S/a \\
&\quad A \rightarrow b
\end{aligned}$$

}

$$\begin{aligned}
7. \ G &= (V_N, V_T, S, P): \\
V_N &= \{ S, A, B, X \}; \\
V_T &= \{ a, b \}; \\
P &= \{ S \rightarrow XA/BB \\
&\quad B \rightarrow b/SB \\
&\quad X \rightarrow b \\
&\quad A \rightarrow a
\end{aligned}$$

}

8. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$$V_N = \{ S, L, R, N \};$$

$$V_T = \{ +, i, p \};$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow L$$

$$L \rightarrow N/NRL$$

$$R \rightarrow +/bR/Rb$$

$$N \rightarrow i/p/+$$

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9. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$$V_N = \{ S, X \};$$

$$V_T = \{ a \};$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow SX/SSb \backslash XS/a$$

$$X \rightarrow Sa/Xb/b$$

$\}$

10. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$$V_N = \{ S, B, C \};$$

$$V_T = \{ a, b \};$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow AB$$

$$B \rightarrow c$$

$$C \rightarrow aA/bB$$

$$C \rightarrow b/SC$$

$\}$

11. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C \};$$

$$V_T = \{ a, b \};$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow BC$$

$$B \rightarrow CA$$

$$C \rightarrow S/a$$

$$A \rightarrow b$$

$\}$

3.6 Greibach Normal Form

The context free grammar is in Greibach normal form (GNF) if all production have the form:

$$A \rightarrow a\alpha,$$

where $A \in V_N$, $a \in V_T$, $\alpha \in V_N^*$.

There are two way of conversion the CFG into Greibach Normal Form:

I Algorithm

Step 1. CFG is converted the grammar into Chomsky Normal Form.

Step 2. It is eliminated the left recursion from grammar if it exists.

Step 3. It is converted the production rules into Greibach Normal Form form.

Example:

$G = (V_N, V_T, S, P):$

$V_N = \{ S, A \};$

$V_T = \{ a, b \},$

$P = \{ S \rightarrow Ab$

$A \rightarrow aS/Ab/a$

$\}$

Step 1. Conversion into Chomsky Normal Form.

$V_N = \{ S, A, X, Y \};$

$V_T = \{ a, b \},$

$P' = \{ S \rightarrow AY$

$A \rightarrow XS/AY/a$

$X \rightarrow a$

$Y \rightarrow b$

$\}$

Step 2. Removing of the left recursion from grammar.

In this case we have the left recursion that should be removed for productions $A \rightarrow XS|AY|a$ and there are obtained the following productions:

$$V_N = \{ S, A, A', X, Y \};$$

$$V_T = \{ a, b \},$$

$$P' = \{ S \rightarrow AY$$

$$A \rightarrow XSA'|XS|aA'|a$$

$$A' \rightarrow YA'|b$$

$$X \rightarrow a$$

$$Y \rightarrow b$$

$$\}$$

Step 3. Conversion into Greibach Normal Form form.

$$P' = \{ S \rightarrow aSA'Y|aSY|aA'Y|aY$$

$$A \rightarrow aSA'|aS|aA'|a$$

$$A' \rightarrow bA'|b$$

$$X \rightarrow a$$

$$Y \rightarrow b$$

$$\}$$

II Algorithm

Step 1. CFG is converted the grammar into Chomsky Normal Form.

Step 2. All non-terminal symbols are renamed in A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n .

Step 3. It should be modified the rule productions so that

$$A_i \rightarrow A_j \alpha, \text{ then } j > i.$$

Step 4. If $A_i \rightarrow A_j \alpha$ and $j < i$, it is generated a new set of productions with substitution A_j and is obtained

$$A_k \rightarrow A_p \alpha, \text{ then } p \geq k.$$

Step 5. It is eliminated the left recursion from grammar if it exists.

Step 6. It is converted the production rules into Greibach Normal Form form.

Example:

$G = (V_N, V_T, S, P):$

$V_N = \{ S, A \};$

$V_T = \{ a, b \},$

$P = \{ S \rightarrow Aa$

$A \rightarrow aS/a$

$\}$

Step 1. Conversion into Chomsky Normal Form.

$V_N = \{ S, A, X \};$

$V_T = \{ a, b \},$

$P' = \{ S \rightarrow AX$

$A \rightarrow XS/a$

$X \rightarrow a$

$\}$

Step 2. All non-terminal symbols are renamed in $A_1, A_2, \dots A_n$.

$A_1 = S;$

$A_2 = A;$

$A_3 = X.$

$P'' = \{ A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3$

$A_2 \rightarrow A_3 A_1/a$

$A_3 \rightarrow a$

$\}$

Step 3. It is verified all indexes and there are $1 < 2, 2 < 3$ and there is no left recursion. In this case the CFG can be converted in Greibach Normal form.

$P''' = \{ A_1 \rightarrow a A_1 A_3/a A_3$

$A_2 \rightarrow a A_1/a$

$A_3 \rightarrow a$

$\}$

$P^{IV} = \{ S \rightarrow a S X/a X$

$$A \rightarrow a S/a$$
$$X \rightarrow a$$
$$\}$$

Practical Tasks

Convert the given context free grammar into Greibach normal form:

1. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$$V_N = \{ S, A, B, C \};$$
$$V_T = \{ a, b \};$$
$$P = \{ S \rightarrow BC$$
$$B \rightarrow CA$$
$$C \rightarrow S/a$$
$$A \rightarrow b$$
$$\}$$

2. $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$$V_N = \{ E, Y, T, F, Z \};$$
$$V_T = \{ +, *, (,), a \};$$
$$P = \{ E \rightarrow T/TY/+TY$$
$$Y \rightarrow +T$$
$$T \rightarrow F/FZ/*FZ$$
$$Z \rightarrow *F$$
$$F \rightarrow a/(E)$$
$$\}$$

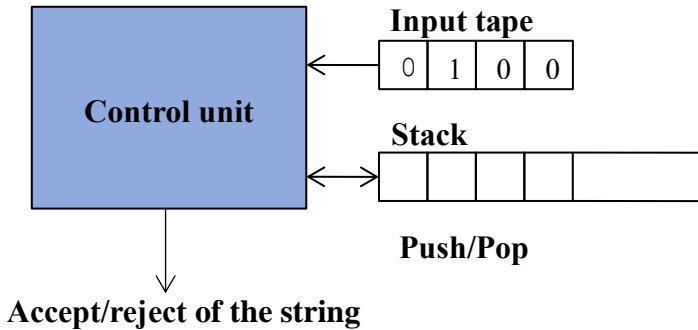
3.7 Pushdown Automata

A pushdown automaton (PDA) is a finite automata with extra memory which is called stack, that permits to recognize a context-free language in a similar way, as DFA or NFA recognize a regular language. A DFA can remember a finite amount of information, but a PDA can remember an infinite amount of information and consists of –

"Finite state machine" + "a stack".

A pushdown automaton has three components –

- an input tape;
- a control unit;
- a stack with infinite size.



The stack head scans the top symbol of the stack.

A stack does two operations –

- **Push** – a new symbol is added at the top.
- **Pop** – the top symbol is read and removed.
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A pushdown automaton is $(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, F)$ where:

- Q is a finite set of states;
- Σ is the input alphabet;
- Γ is the stack alphabet
- q_0 in Q is the initial state;
- $F \subseteq Q$ is a set of final states;
- δ is the transition function

$\delta: Q \times (\Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}) \times (\Gamma \cup \{\epsilon\}) \rightarrow \text{subsets of } Q \times (\Gamma \cup \{\epsilon\})$.

A PDA is nondeterministic and the language of a PDA is the set of all strings in Σ^* that can lead the PDA to an accepting state.

Instantaneous Description

The instantaneous description (ID) of a PDA is represented by a triplet (q, w, s) where

- q is the state;
- w is input string;
- s is the stack contents.

The Transition Function

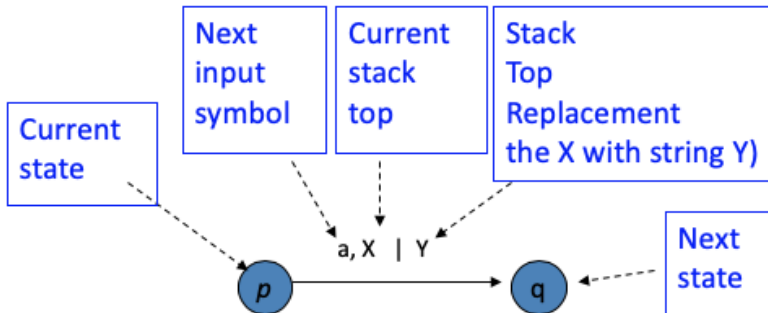
This function takes three arguments:

1. A state, in Q .
2. An input, which is either a symbol in Σ or ϵ .
3. A stack symbol in Γ .

$$\delta(p, a, X) = \{(q, Y)\}$$

This describes the transition from p state to q state, reading the input symbol a , where the pop symbol from stack is X and the push symbol in stack is Y .

The following diagram shows a transition in a PDA from a state p to state q .



Turnstile Notation

The "turnstile" notation is used for connecting pairs of ID's that represent one or many moves of a PDA. The process of transition is denoted by the turnstile symbol " \vdash ".

Consider a given PDA, a transition can be mathematically represented by the following turnstile notation

$$(p, wa, \beta) \vdash (q, a, \alpha)$$

This implies that while taking a transition from state p to state q , the input symbol w is consumed, and the top of the stack β is replaced by a new string α .

There are three forms of representation of the PDA:

- Table representation.
- Analytical form.
- Graphical representation.

Acceptance of the string

There are two different ways to define PDA acceptability:

1. Final State Acceptability

For the given PDA P , the language accepted by P , is denoted by $L(P)$ by *final state*, is:

$$\{w \mid (q_0, w, Z_0) \vdash (q, \varepsilon, \varepsilon)\}, \text{ s.t., } q \in F$$

2. Empty Stack Acceptability

For a PDA P , the language accepted by P , denoted by $N(P)$ by *empty stack*, is:

$$\{w \mid (q_0, w, Z_0) \vdash (q, \varepsilon, \varepsilon)\}, \text{ for any } q \in Q.$$

Example:

For the given PDA in the analytical form:

- present table and graph representation.
- analyze the word *aaaa*.

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F)$$

$$Q = \{q_0, q_1\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}, \Gamma = \{a, b, A, B\}, q_0 = \{q_0\}, Z_0 = \{\lambda\}, F = \{q_1\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, a, \varepsilon) = \{(q_0, A)\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, b, \varepsilon) = \{(q_0, B)\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, \varepsilon, \varepsilon) = \{(q_1, \varepsilon)\}$$

$$\delta(q_1, a, A) = \{(q_1, \varepsilon)\}$$

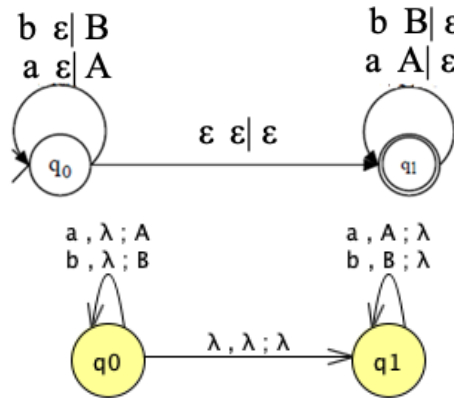
$$\delta(q_1, b, B) = \{(q_1, \varepsilon)\}$$

Solution:

- Tabel representation

δ	a	b	ε
$\rightarrow q_0$	$q_0 \ \varepsilon \mid A$	$q_0 \ \varepsilon \mid B$	$q_1 \ \varepsilon \mid \varepsilon$
$* \ q_1$	$q_0 \ A \mid \varepsilon$	$q_0 \ B \mid \varepsilon$	-

- Graphical representation



Curent state	Input	Pop string	Push String	New state
q0	ε	ε	ε	q1
q0	a	ε	A	q0
q0	ε	ε	ε	q1
q1	a	A	ε	q1
q1	a	A	ε	q1

$[q_0, aaaa, \epsilon] \vdash [q_0, aaa, A] \vdash [q_0, aa, AA] \vdash [q_1, aa, AA] \vdash [q_1, a, A] \vdash [q_1, \epsilon, \epsilon]$

Conversion a Context free grammar into a PDA

Every CFG can be converted to an equivalent PDA. The constructed PDA will perform a leftmost derivation of any string accepted by the CFG.

It is given a CFG and let V_T and V_N be its sets of terminal and non-terminal symbols respectively. Let S be the start symbol. Then the steps for the obtaining the PDA are the following:

- The input alphabet of the PDA is V_T .
- There are only three states, that are denoted with q_1, q_2, q_3 , where q_1 is the start state, q_3 is the only one final state, in this way $Q = \{q_1, q_2, q_3\}$, $S = \{q_1\}$, $F = \{q_3\}$.
- The stack alphabet is $\Gamma = V_T \cup V_N$.
- There are added the transitions as follows:
 - $\delta(q_1, \epsilon, \epsilon) = \{(q_2, \$S)\}$
 - For each grammar rule of the form $A \rightarrow \alpha$, there is a

$$\delta(q_2, \epsilon, A) = \{(q_2, \alpha)\}$$
 where $\alpha \in (V_T \cup V_N)^*$.
 - For each terminal symbol a from V_T , it adds the transition

$$\delta(q_2, a, a) = \{(q_2, \epsilon)\}$$
 - In final it adds the transition

$$\delta(q_2, \$, \epsilon) = \{(q_3, \epsilon)\}$$
 where $\$$ is a marker, which means end and start of the string.

Example:

It is given the context free grammar and it is necessary to convert this grammar to the PDA.

$G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$:

$V_N = \{A, B\}$;

$V_T = \{0, 1, \#\}$;

$S = \{A\}$.

$P = \{ A \rightarrow 0A1$

$A \rightarrow B$

$B \rightarrow \#$

$\}$

Solution:

$$M=(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F)$$

$$Q=\{q_0, q_1, q_2\}, \Sigma =\{0,1, \#\}, \Gamma=\{0,1,\#, A, B\}, q_0=\{q_0\}, Z_0=\{\lambda\}, F=\{q_2\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, \varepsilon, \varepsilon) = \{(q_0, \$A)\}$$

$$\delta(q_1, \varepsilon, A) = \{(q_1, 1A0)\}$$

$$\delta(q_1, \varepsilon, B) = \{(q_1, B)\}$$

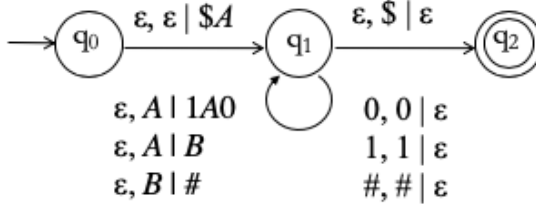
$$\delta(q_1, \varepsilon, \#) = \{(q_1, \#)\}$$

$$\delta(q_1, 0, 0) = \{(q_1, \varepsilon)\}$$

$$\delta(q_1, 1, 1) = \{(q_1, \varepsilon)\}$$

$$\delta(q_1, \#, \#) = \{(q_1, \varepsilon)\}$$

$$\delta(q_1, \varepsilon, \$) = \{(q_2, \varepsilon)\}$$



Practical Tasks

1. Construct pushdown automata and present the analysis of the word for the following languages :

- $L=\{a^ncb^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, a, b, c \in \Sigma\}$
- $L=\{a^ncb^m \mid n, m \in \mathbb{N}, a, b, c \in \Sigma\}$
- $L=\{ac^mb \mid n, m \in \mathbb{N}, a, b, c \in \Sigma\}$
- $L=\{a^ncb^{n+1} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, a, b, c \in \Sigma\}$
- $L=\{a^{n-1}c^nb \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, a, b, c \in \Sigma\}$
- $L=\{a^{n+1}cb^{n+1} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, a, b, c \in \Sigma\}$
- $L=\{a^nc^{n+1}b \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, a, b, c \in \Sigma\}$
- $L=\{a^mc^nb^{n+1} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, a, b, c \in \Sigma\}$

- i) $L = \{da^ncb^{n+1}d \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, a, b, c, d \in \Sigma\}$
- j) $L = \{a^nc^mb \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, a, b, c \in \Sigma\}$
2. For the given Push Down Automaton $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F)$,
 $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$, $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, $\Gamma = \{a, b, A, B\}$, $q_0 = \{q_0\}$, $Z_0 = \{\epsilon\}$, $F = \{q_2\}$
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| $\delta(q_0, a, \epsilon) = \{(q_1, A)\}$ | $\delta(q_1, b, \epsilon) = \{(q_1, B)\}$ |
| $\delta(q_1, \epsilon, \epsilon) = \{(q_2, \epsilon)\}$ | $\delta(q_2, a, A) = \{(q_2, \epsilon)\}$ |
| $\delta(q_2, b, B) = \{(q_2, \epsilon)\}$ | $\delta(q_2, a, \epsilon) = \{(q_2, \epsilon)\}$ |
- a) Present the PDA in the graph form. Present the PDA in the graph form.
- b) Present the PDA in the table form.
- c) Analyze the word: *abbabba*.
3. Convert the given CFG to PDA
- a) $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$, $V_N = \{S, B, C\}$, $V_T = \{a, b\}$,
 $P = \{S \rightarrow aSBC; BC \rightarrow B; C \rightarrow a; B \rightarrow b\}$.
- b) $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$, $V_N = \{S, C, D\}$, $V_T = \{0, 1\}$,
 $P = \{S \rightarrow CD; C \rightarrow 0C|0; D \rightarrow 1D|1\}$.
- c) $G = (V_N, V_T, S, P)$, $V_N = \{S, B, C\}$, $V_T = \{a, b\}$,
 $P = \{S \rightarrow aSBC; BC \rightarrow Bab; C \rightarrow a; B \rightarrow b \mid \epsilon\}$.