

### 1. Define: Context Free Grammar & Context Free Language.

#### Context Free Grammar:

A context free grammar is a 4-tuple  $G=(V,\Sigma,S,P)$  where,

$V$  is finite set of non terminals,

$\Sigma$  is disjoint finite set of terminals,

$S$  is an element of  $V$  and it's a start symbol,

$P$  is a finite set formulas of the form  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  where  $A \in V$  and  $\alpha \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$ .

#### Application of Context Free Grammar(CFG):

- 1) CFG are extensively used to specify the syntax of programming language.
- 2) CFG is used to develop a parser.

#### Context Free Language:

Language generated by CFG is called context free language.

Let  $G= (V, \Sigma, S, P)$  be a CFG. The Language generated by  $G$  is

$$L(G) : \{x \in \Sigma^* / S \Rightarrow_G^* x\}$$

A language  $L$  is a context free Language(CFL) if, there is a CFG  $G$  so that  $L=L(G)$

### 2. Define: Regular Grammar.

A grammar  $G=(V,\Sigma,S,P)$  is regular if every production takes one of the two forms,

$$B \rightarrow aC$$

$$B \rightarrow a$$

Where  $B$  and  $C$  are Nonterminals and  $a$  is terminal.

### 3. Give Recursive Definitions for following.

#### I. Recursive Definition of $\{a,b\}^*$

1.  $\epsilon \in L$ .
2. For any  $S \in L$ ,  $Sa \in L$ .
3. For any  $S \in L$ ,  $Sb \in L$ .
4. No other strings are in  $L$ .

#### II. Recursive Definition of Palindrome (pal)

1.  $\epsilon, a, b \in \text{pal}$
2. For any  $S \in \text{pal}$ ,  $aSa \in \text{pal}$  and  $bSb \in \text{pal}$
3. No other string are in  $\text{pal}$

#### III. The language $\{a^n b^n / n \geq 0\}$

1.  $\epsilon \in L$
2. For every  $x \in L$ ,  $axb \in L$
3. No other strings are in  $L$

### 4. Write CFG for following.

#### 1) Write CFG for $ab^*$

$$S \rightarrow aX$$

$$X \rightarrow \epsilon \mid bX$$

#### 2) Write CFG for $a^*b^*$

$S \rightarrow XY$

$X \rightarrow aX | \wedge$

$Y \rightarrow bY | \wedge$

3) Write CFG for  $(011+1)^*(01)^*$

$S \rightarrow AB$

$A \rightarrow 011A | 1A | \wedge$

$B \rightarrow 01B | \wedge$

4) Write CFG which contains at least three times 1.

$S \rightarrow A1A1A1A$

$A \rightarrow 0A | 1A | \wedge$

5) Write CFG that must start and end with same symbol.

$S \rightarrow 0A0 | 1A1$

$A \rightarrow 0A | 1A | \wedge$

6) The language of even & odd length palindrome string over  $\{a,b\}$

$S \rightarrow aSa | bSb | a | b | \wedge$

7) No. of a and no. of b are same

$S \rightarrow aSb | bSa | \wedge$

8) Write CFG for regular expression  $(a+b)^*a(a+b)^*a(a+b)^*$

$S \rightarrow XaXaX$

$X \rightarrow aX | bX | \wedge$

9) Write CFG for  $L = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i=j \text{ or } j=k\}$

For  $i=j$

$S \rightarrow AB$

$A \rightarrow aAb | ab$

$B \rightarrow cB | c$

for  $j=k$

$S \rightarrow CD$

$C \rightarrow aC | a$

$D \rightarrow bDc | bc$

10) Write CFG for  $L = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid j > i+k\}$

$S \rightarrow ABC$

$A \rightarrow aAb | \wedge$

$B \rightarrow bB | b$

$C \rightarrow bCc | \wedge$

11) Write CFG for  $L = \{0^i 1^j 0^k \mid j > i+k\}$

$S \rightarrow ABC$

$A \rightarrow 0A1 | \wedge$

$B \rightarrow 1B | 1$

$C \rightarrow 1C0 | \wedge$

### 5. Define: Types of Derivation & Ambiguity.

There are mainly two types of derivations.

1. Left most derivation
2. Right most derivation

Let Consider the CFG with the Production  $S \rightarrow S+S \mid S-S \mid S^*S \mid S/S \mid (S) \mid a$

Left Most Derivation	Right Most Derivation
A derivation of a string W in a grammar G is a Left most derivation if at every step the left most nonterminal is replaced	A derivation of a string W in a grammar G is a Right most derivation if at every step the right most nonterminal is replaced
Consider string $a^*a-a$ $S \rightarrow S-S$ $S^*S-S$ $a^*S-S$ $a^*a-S$ $a^*a-a$	Consider string: $a-a/a$ $S \rightarrow S-S$ $S-S/S$ $S-S/a$ $S-a/a$ $a-a/a$
Equivalent left most derivation tree	Equivalent Right most derivation tree

Table 3.1 Difference between left most & right most derivation

**An Ambiguous CFG :**

A context free grammar G is ambiguous if there is at least one string in L(G) having two or more distinct derivation tree. (or, equivalently two or more distinct leftmost derivation or rightmost derivation)

1) Prove that given grammar is ambiguous.  $S \rightarrow S+S \mid S-S \mid S*S \mid S/S \mid (S) \mid a$

String :  $a+a+a$

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

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

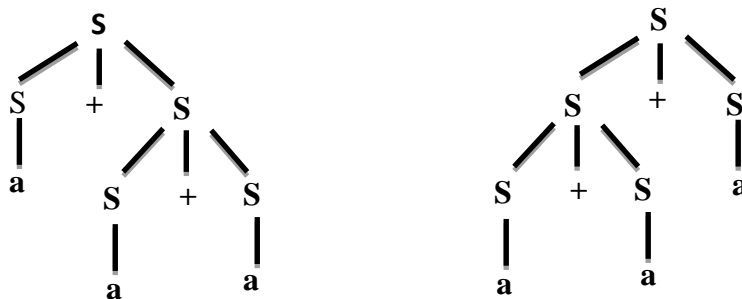


Fig. 3.1 Two left most derivation tree for string  $a+a+a$

- Here, we have two left most derivation for string  $a+a+a$  hence, above grammar is ambiguous.

2) Prove that  $S \rightarrow a \mid Sa \mid bSS \mid SSb \mid SbS$  is ambiguous

String: baaab

$S \rightarrow bSS$	$S \rightarrow SSb$
baS	bSSSb
baSSb	baSSb
baaSb	baaSb
baaab	baaab

- We have two left most derivation for string  $baaab$  hence, above grammar is ambiguous.

### 6. Conversion from Finite Automata to Grammar.

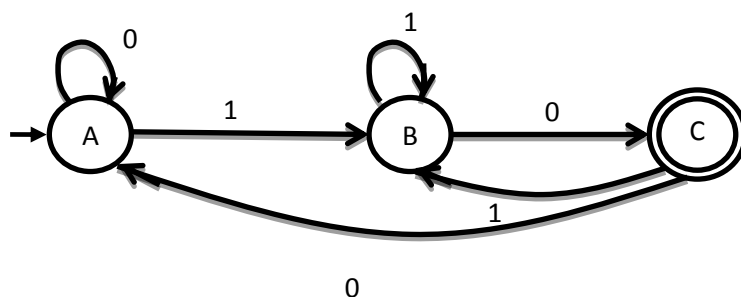


Fig. 3.2 Finite Automata

Equivalent CFG

$A \rightarrow 0A$   
 $A \rightarrow 1B$   
 $B \rightarrow 1B$   
 $B \rightarrow 0C$   
 $B \rightarrow 0$   
 $C \rightarrow 0A$   
 $C \rightarrow 1B$

### 7. Backus-Naur Form (BNF)

- BNF is one of the notation techniques for context free grammar.
- It is often used to describe syntax of the language used in computing.
- BNF is shorthand notation for CFG.
- Following grammar uses the notation known as Backus Naur Form. Here, variables written between  $\langle \dots \rangle$  are non terminals and vertical bar ' $\mid$ ' indicating a alternate choice. Apart from the familiar notation  $=$ ,  $\mid$  and  $\langle \dots \rangle$ , a new element here is  $[ \dots ]$ , which is used to enclosed an optional specification.

Example:

$\langle \text{exp} \rangle = \langle \text{exp} \rangle + \langle \text{term} \rangle \mid \langle \text{term} \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{term} \rangle = \langle \text{term} \rangle * \langle \text{factor} \rangle \mid \langle \text{factor} \rangle$

$\langle \text{factor} \rangle = \langle \text{factor} \rangle \wedge \langle \text{primary} \rangle \mid \langle \text{primary} \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{primary} \rangle = \langle \text{id} \rangle \mid \langle \text{const} \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{id} \rangle = \langle \text{letter} \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{const} \rangle = [+/-] \langle \text{digit} \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{letter} \rangle = a \mid b \mid c \mid \dots \mid z$   
 $\langle \text{digit} \rangle = 0 \mid 1 \mid \dots \mid 9$

### 8. Simplified forms & Normal forms.

#### Definition: Nullable Variable

A Nullable variable in a CFG  $G=(V, \Sigma, S, P)$  is defined as follows:

- 1) Any variable  $A$  for which  $P$  contains  $A \rightarrow \wedge$  is nullable.
- 2) if  $P$  contains production  $A \rightarrow B_1 B_2 \dots B_n$  where  $B_1 B_2 \dots B_n$  are nullable variable, then  $A$  is nullable.
- 3) No other variables in  $V$  are nullable.

#### Eliminate $\wedge$ production :

1)  $S \rightarrow aX/Yb$

$X \rightarrow S/\wedge$

$Y \rightarrow bY/b$

Grammar after elimination of  $\wedge$  production:

$S \rightarrow aX/Yb/a$

$X \rightarrow S$

$Y \rightarrow bY/b$

2)  $S \rightarrow XaX/bX/Y$

$X \rightarrow XaX/XbX/\wedge$

$Y \rightarrow ab$

Grammar after elimination of  $\wedge$  production:

$S \rightarrow XaX/bX/Y/aX/Xa/a/b$

$X \rightarrow XaX/aX/Xa/a/XbX/Xb/bX/b$

$Y \rightarrow ab$

#### Definition: Unit Production

Unit productions are always in the form of  $A \rightarrow B$ . Where  $A$  &  $B$  are single non terminals.

#### Eliminate Unit Production:

1)  $S \rightarrow ABA/BA/AA/AB/A/B$

$A \rightarrow aA/a$

$B \rightarrow bB/b$

Grammar after elimination of unit production:

Unit production are  $S \rightarrow A$  and  $S \rightarrow B$

$S \rightarrow ABA/BA/AA/AB/aA/a/bB/b$

$S \rightarrow aA/a$

$S \rightarrow bB/b$

2)  $S \rightarrow Aa/B$

$A \rightarrow a/bc/B$

$B \rightarrow A/bb$

Grammar after elimination of unit production:

Unit production are  $S \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow B$  and  $B \rightarrow A$ .

$A \rightarrow a/bc/B$

$A \rightarrow a/bc/A/bb$

$A \rightarrow a/bc/bb$

$B \rightarrow A/bb$

$B \rightarrow a/bc/bb$

$S \rightarrow Aa/B$

$S \rightarrow Aa/a/bc/bb$

So CFG after removing unit production is:

$S \rightarrow Aa/a/bc/bb$

$A \rightarrow a/bc/bb$

$B \rightarrow a/bc/bb$

### Definition: Chomsky Normal Form

A context free grammar is in Chomsky normal form (CNF) if every production is one of these two forms:

$A \rightarrow BC$

$A \rightarrow a$

Where A, B, C are nonterminals and a is terminal.

### Step to convert CFG into CNF:

- 1) Eliminate  $\epsilon$ -Productions.
- 2) Eliminate Unit Productions.
- 3) Restricting the right side of productions to single terminal or string of two or more nonterminals.  
(Replace all mixed string with solid NTs)
- 4) Final step of CNF. (shorten the string of NT to length 2)

## 9. Convert following CFG to CNF:

$S \rightarrow aX/Yb$

$X \rightarrow S/\epsilon$

$Y \rightarrow bY/b$

### Step-1: Eliminate $\epsilon$ -Production:

Nullable production is  $X \rightarrow \epsilon$ , new CFG without  $\epsilon$ -production is:

$S \rightarrow aX/a/Yb$

$X \rightarrow S$

$Y \rightarrow bY/b$

### Step-2: Eliminate Unit Production:

Unit Production is  $X \rightarrow S$ , new CFG without Unit Production is:

$S \rightarrow aX/a/Yb$

$$X \rightarrow aX/a/Yb$$

$$Y \rightarrow bY/b$$

**Step-3: Replace all mixed string with solid NT:**

$$S \rightarrow AX/YB/a$$

$$X \rightarrow AX/YB/a$$

$$Y \rightarrow BY/b$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

**Step-4 : Shorten the string of NT to length 2**

All NT strings on the RHS in the above CFG are already the required length.

So, CFG is in CNF.

### 10. Convert following CFG to CNF

$$S \rightarrow AACD$$

$$A \rightarrow aAb/\Lambda$$

$$C \rightarrow aC/a$$

$$D \rightarrow aDa/bDb/\Lambda$$

**Step-1: Eliminate  $\Lambda$ -Production:**

Nullable production is  $A \rightarrow \Lambda$  and  $D \rightarrow \Lambda$ , new CFG without  $\Lambda$ -production is:

apply for  $A \rightarrow \Lambda$

$$S \rightarrow AACD/ACD/CD$$

$$A \rightarrow ab/aAb$$

$$C \rightarrow aC/a$$

$$D \rightarrow aDa/bDb/\Lambda$$

apply for  $D \rightarrow \Lambda$

$$S \rightarrow AACD/ACD/CD/AAC/AC/C$$

$$A \rightarrow ab/aAb$$

$$C \rightarrow aC/a$$

$$D \rightarrow aDa/bDb/aa/bb$$

**Step-2: Eliminate Unit Production:**

Unit Production is  $S \rightarrow C$ , new CFG without Unit Production is:

$$S \rightarrow AACD/ACD/CD/AAC/AC/aC/a$$

$$A \rightarrow ab/aAb$$

$$C \rightarrow aC/a$$

$$D \rightarrow aDa/bDb/aa/bb$$

**Step-3: Replace all mixed string with solid NT:**

$$S \rightarrow AACD/ACD/CD/AAC/AC/PC/a$$

$$A \rightarrow PQ/PAQ$$

$$C \rightarrow PC/a$$

$$D \rightarrow PDP/QDQ/PP/QQ$$

$$P \rightarrow a$$

$Q \rightarrow b$

**Step-4 : Shorten the string of NT to length 2**

$S \rightarrow AT_1, T_1 \rightarrow AT_2, T_2 \rightarrow CD$

$S \rightarrow AU_1, U_1 \rightarrow CD$

$S \rightarrow AV_1, V_1 \rightarrow AC$

$S \rightarrow CD/AC/PC/a$

$A \rightarrow PQ$

$A \rightarrow PW_1, W_1 \rightarrow AQ$

$C \rightarrow PC/a$

$D \rightarrow PP/QQ \quad D \rightarrow PY_1, Y_1 \rightarrow DP$

$D \rightarrow QZ_1, Z_1 \rightarrow DQ$

$P \rightarrow a$

$Q \rightarrow b$

### 11. Convert following CFG to CNF

$S \rightarrow S(S)/\wedge$

**Step-1: Eliminate  $\wedge$ -Production:**

Nullable production is  $S \rightarrow \wedge$ , new CFG without  $\wedge$ -production is:

$S \rightarrow S(S)/(S)/S()/()$

**Step-2: Eliminate Unit Production:**

Here, there is no unit production,

$S \rightarrow S(S)/(S)/S()/()$

**Step-3: Replace all mixed string with solid NT:**

$S \rightarrow SXS Y/XSY/SXY/XY$

$X \rightarrow ($

$Y \rightarrow )$

**Step-4 : Shorten the string of NT to length 2**

$S \rightarrow ST_1, \quad T_1 \rightarrow XT_2, T_2 \rightarrow SY$

$S \rightarrow XV_1 \quad V_1 \rightarrow SY$

$S \rightarrow SU_1 \quad U_1 \rightarrow XY$

$S \rightarrow XY$

$X \rightarrow ($

$Y \rightarrow )$

### 12. Unions, Concatenations and Kleen's of Context free language.

**Theorem:-** If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are context - free languages, then the languages  $L_1 \cup L_2$ ,  $L_1 L_2$ , and  $L_1^*$  are also CFLs.

The proof is constructive: Starting with CFGs

$$G_1 = (V_1, \Sigma, S_1, P_1) \text{ and } G_2 = (V_2, \Sigma, S_2, P_2),$$

Generating  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , respectively, we show how to construct a new CFG for each of the three cases.

**A grammar  $G_u = (V_u, \Sigma, S_u, P_u)$  generating  $L_1 \cup L_2$ .** First we rename the element of  $V_2$  if necessary



so that  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$  and we define

$$V_u = V_1 \cup V_2 \cup \{S_u\}$$

Where  $S_u$  is a new symbol not in  $V_1$  or  $V_2$ . Then we let

$$P_u = P_1 \cup P_2 \cup \{S_u \rightarrow S_1 \mid S_2\}$$

On the one hand, if  $x$  is in either  $L_1$  or  $L_2$ , then  $S_u \Rightarrow^* x$  in the grammar  $G_u$ , because we can start a derivation with either  $S_u \rightarrow S_1$  or  $S_u \rightarrow S_2$  and continue with the derivation of  $x$  in  $G_1$  or  $G_2$ . Therefore,

$$L_1 \cup L_2 \subseteq L(G_u)$$

On the other hand, if  $x$  is derivable from  $S_u$  in  $G_u$ , the first step in any derivation must be

$$S_u \Rightarrow S_1 \text{ or } S_u \Rightarrow S_2$$

In the first case, all subsequent productions used must be productions in  $G_1$ , because no variables in  $V_2$  are involved, and thus  $x \in L_1$ ; in the second case,  $x \in L_2$ . Therefore,

$$L(G_u) \subseteq L_1 \cup L_2$$

**A grammar  $G_c = (V_c, \Sigma, S_c, P_c)$  generating  $L_1 L_2$ .** Again we relabel variables if necessary so that  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$  and define

$$V_c = V_1 \cup V_2 \cup \{S_c\}$$

This time we let

$$P_c = P_1 \cup P_2 \cup \{S_c \rightarrow S_1 S_2\}$$

If  $x \in L_1 L_2$  then  $x = x_1 x_2$ , where  $x_i \in L_i$  for each  $i$ . we may then derive  $x$  in  $G_c$  as follows:

$$S_c \Rightarrow S_1 S_2 \Rightarrow^* x_1 S_2 \Rightarrow^* x_1 x_2 = x$$

Where the second step is the derivation of  $x_1$  in  $G_1$  and the third step is the derivation of  $x_2$  in  $G_2$ . Conversely, if  $x$  can be derived from  $S_c$ , then since the first step in the derivation must be  $S_c \Rightarrow S_1 S_2$ ,  $x$  must be derivable from  $S_1 S_2$ . Therefore,  $x = x_1 x_2$ , where for each  $i$ ,  $x_i$  can be derived from  $S_i$  in  $G_c$ . Since  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ , being derivable from  $S_i$  in  $G_c$  means being derivable from  $S_i$  in  $G_i$ , and so  $x \in L_1 L_2$ .

**A grammar  $G^* = (V, \Sigma, S, P)$  generating  $L_1^*$ .** Let

$$V = V_1 \cup \{S\}$$

Where  $S \notin V_1$ . The language  $L_1^*$  contains strings of the form  $x = x_1 x_2 \dots x_k$ , where each  $x_i \in L_1$ . Since each  $x_i$  can be derived from  $S_1$ , then to derive  $x$  from  $S$  it is enough to be able to derive a string of  $k$   $S_1$ 's. We can accomplish this by including the productions

$$S \rightarrow S_1 S \mid \Lambda$$

In  $P$ . Therefore, let

$$P = P_1 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1 S \mid \Lambda\}$$

The proof that  $L_1^* \subseteq L(G^*)$  is straightforward. If  $x \in L(G^*)$ , on the other hand, then either  $x = \Lambda$  or  $x$  can be derived from some string of the form  $S_1^k$  in  $G^*$ . In the second case, since the only production in  $G^*$  beginning with  $S_1$  are those in  $G_1$ , we may conclude that

$$x \in L(G_1)^k \subseteq L(G_1)^*$$