

Mods: Myhill-Neode Theorem /  
Table filling method

John Myhill & Anil Neode proposed a algorithm called Myhill-Neode theorem which is used to eliminate useless state from a dfa.

Steps:

- 1) Draw a table for all pairs of states  $(P, Q)$
- 2) Mark all pairs where  $P$  is an element of  $F$  &  $Q$  is not an element of  $F$
- 3) Mark all pairs with one of them as final state & other is not a final state. Do not mark if both of them are final state or both them are non-final state.
- 4) If there are any unmarked pairs  $(P, Q)$  such that  $\delta(P, x), \delta(Q, x)$  is marked. Then ~~no~~ marked ~~(P, Q)~~  $(P, Q)$

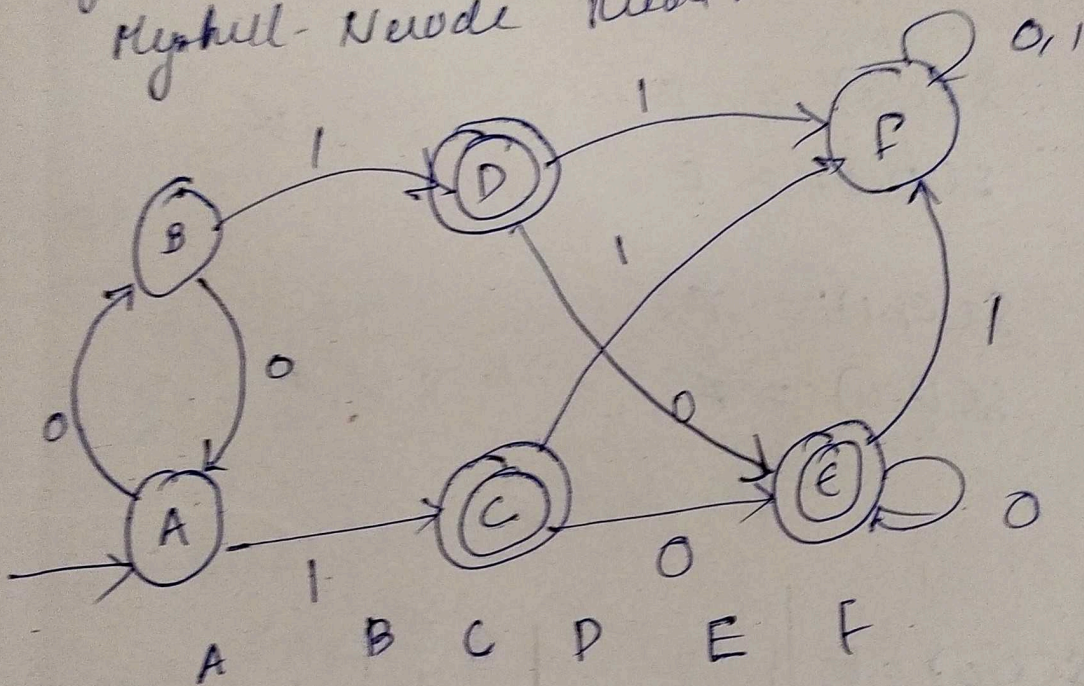


where  $x$  is an input symbol.

Repeat this step until no more marking can be made.

4) Combine all the unmarked pairs & make them a single state in the minimised dfa.

eg: Minimise the following using Myhill-Nerode theorem.



A						
B						
C	✓	✓				
D	✓	✓				
E	✓	✓				
F	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	



AB - unwanted pair

$$S(A,0) = B$$

$$S(B,0) = A$$

(AB)

$$S(A,1) = C$$

$$S(B,1) = D$$

(CD)

CD

$$S(C,0) = E$$

$$S(D,0) = E$$

$$S(C,1) = F$$

$$S(D,1) = F$$

CE

$$S(C,0) = E$$

$$S(E,0) = E$$

$$S(C,1) = F$$

$$S(E,1) = F$$

DE

$$S(D,0) = E$$

$$S(E,0) = E$$



$$\delta(CD, 1) = F$$

$$\delta(CE, 1) = F$$

AF

$$\delta(AB, 0) = B$$

$$\delta(AB, 1) = B$$

$\} (B, F)$

$$\delta(AC, 1) = C$$

$$\delta(AC, 1) = F$$

$\} (C, F)$

marked so  
we can merge  
(A, F)

BF

$$\delta(BA, 0) = A$$

$\} (A, F)$

$$\delta(BA, 0) = F$$

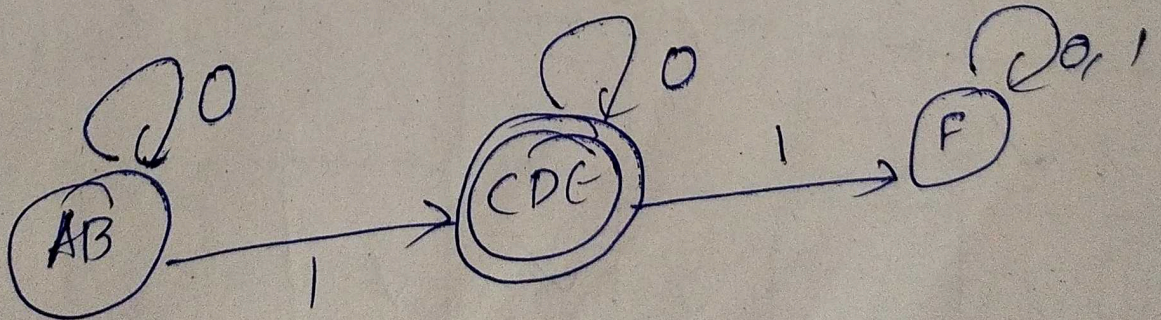
combine unmarked pairs :-

here (A, B)

(C, D)

(C, E)

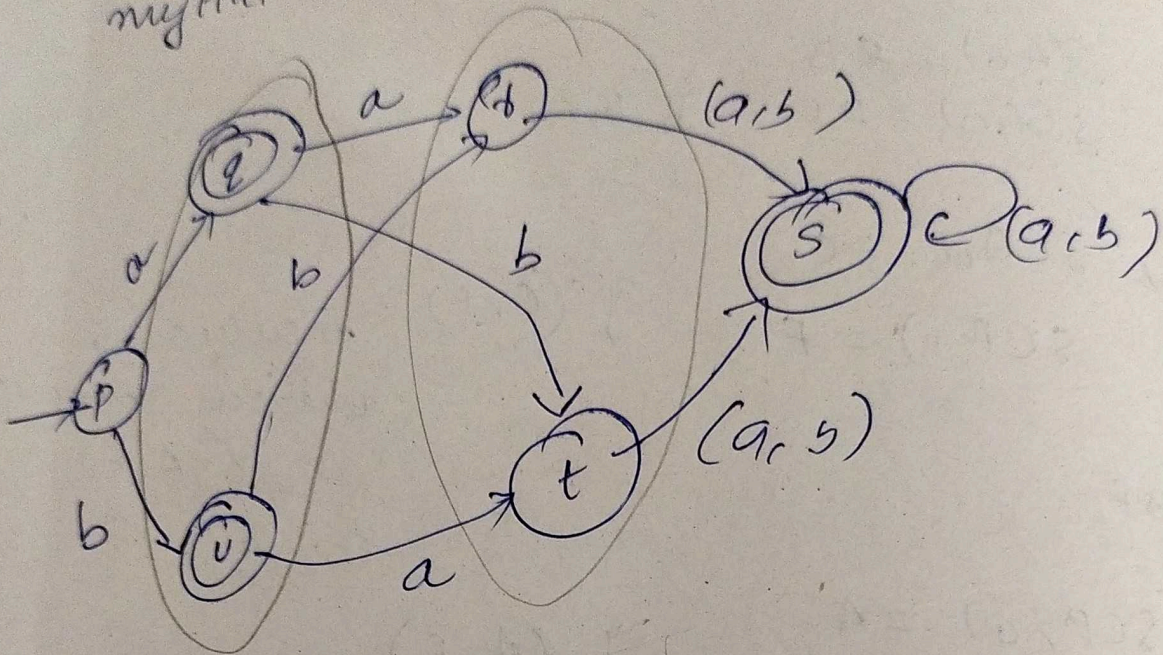
(D, E)





Q Minimize the following DFA using myhill Noodle Theorem

DFA using



	p	q	r	s	t	u
p						
q	✓					
r	✓	✓				
s	✓	✓	✓			
t	✓	✓			✓	
u	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓



PR Pa:

$$\delta(P, a) = q$$

$$(q, s) \text{ -nm}$$

$$\delta(B, a) = s$$

$$\delta(P, b) = u$$

$$(u, s) \text{ -nm}$$

$$\delta(\emptyset, b) = s$$

(if any of them are marked, we can mark PR)

Sq

$$\delta(S, a) = s$$

$$(s, r) \text{ -M}$$

$$\delta(q, a) = q$$

$$\delta(S, b) = s$$

$$(s, t) \text{ -M}$$

$$\delta(q, b) = t$$

(so we can mark SQ)

PE

$$\delta(P, a) = q$$

$$(q, s) \text{ -M}$$

$$\delta(t, a) = s$$

$$\delta(P, b) = u$$

$$(u, s) \text{ -NM}$$

$$\delta(t, b) = s$$

we can mark PE



xt

$$S(x, a) = s$$

$$S(x, b) = s$$

$$S(x, c) = s$$

$$S(x, d) = s$$

$$S(s, s) = NM$$

$$S(s, s) = NM$$

tu

$$S(u, a) = t$$

$$S(u, b) = t$$

$$S(u, c) = t$$

$$S(u, d) = t$$

$$S(t, t) = NM$$

$$S(t, t) = NM$$

su

$$S(s, a) = s$$

$$S(s, b) = s$$

$$S(s, c) = s$$

$$S(s, d) = s$$

$$S(u, a) = t$$

$$S(u, b) = t$$

$$S(u, c) = t$$

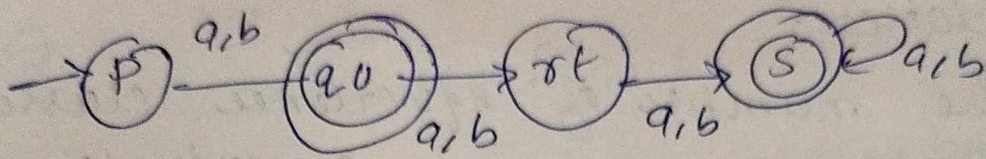
$$S(u, d) = t$$

$$S(s, t) = M$$

$$S(s, t) = M$$



(Pr) can be marked



## Myhill Nerode Theorem (MNR)

Let  $L$  in  $\Sigma^*$  be a regular language &  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  be a DFA for  $L$  with no inaccessible states. The automaton  $M$  induces an equivalence relation  $R$  on  $\Sigma^*$  defined by,  $x \sim y$

$$x R y \Rightarrow \delta(q_0, x) = \delta(q_0, y)$$

This relation  $R$  is an equivalence relation as it is reflexive, symmetric & transitive.

1.  $x R x$
2.  $x R y \Rightarrow y R x$
3.  $x R y$  &  $y R z \Rightarrow x R z$

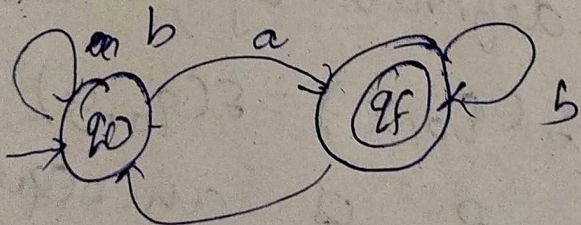


The equivalence relation  $R$ , partitions the strings into classes which are called equivalence classes.

The number of equivalence classes is the index of the equivalence relation.

In the case of myhill Nerode relation, the index is at most the number of states in the finite automata

eg:- Consider the given DFA,  $M$  over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  an equivalence relation  $\alpha R \beta \Rightarrow q_0 \alpha x = q_0 \beta y$



The DFA has 2 states  $q_0$  &  $q_f$ , so the equivalence  $R$  is partitioned into 2 equivalence classes  $c_1$  &  $c_2$  as follows,

$c_1 =$  Set of all strings which satisfies  $\delta(q_0, x) = \delta(q_0, y) = q_0$



$q = \{ b, aa, aba, baa, baba, \dots \}$

$C_2 =$  set of all strings that satisfies  $S(q_0, x) = S(q_0, y) = q_5$

$C_2 = \{ ba, a, ab, abb, abaa, \dots \}$

Here, the index of equivalence relation is 2 (no. of equivalence classes)

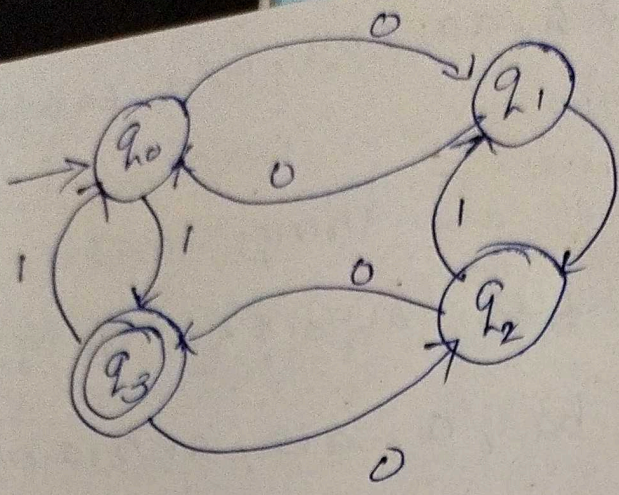
Qm. Show the equivalence classes of the canonical Myhill-Neode Relation for the language of binary strings with odd number of 1's & even no. of 0's

Ans. Write the equivalence classes of the canonical Myhill Neode relation for the language  $L = \{ x \in \{a, b\}^* \mid x \text{ ends with } 3 \text{ consecutive } a \}$

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1.)



This DFA has 4 states, so MNR partitions  $\Sigma^*$  into 4 equivalence classes.

class 1 =  $C_1 = \{ \}$

class 2,  $C_1 = \{ x \in \Sigma^* \mid \delta(q_0, x) = q_0 \}$   
 $C_1 = \{ \epsilon, 00, 0110, \dots \}$

class 2,  $C_2 = \{ x \in \Sigma^* \mid \delta(q_0, x) = q_1 \}$   
 $C_2 = \{ 0, 000, 011, \dots \}$

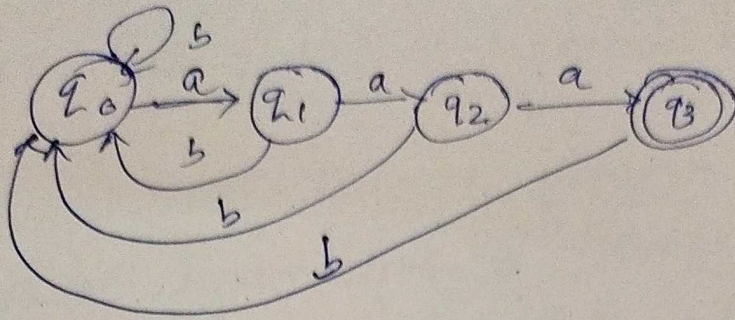
class 3,  $C_3 = \{ x \in \Sigma^* \mid \delta(q_0, x) = q_2 \}$   
 $C_3 = \{ 01, 0100, \dots \}$

class 4,  $C_4 = \{ x \in \Sigma^* \mid \delta(q_0, x) = q_3 \}$   
 $C_4 = \{ 1, 111, 010, \dots \}$

Index = 4.



Q-2.



This DFA has 4 states, so MNR partitions  $\Sigma^*$  into 4 equivalence classes,

class 1,  $C_1 = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid \delta(q_0, x) = q_0\}$

$C_1 = \{b, bbb, bb, bab, ab, \epsilon, \dots\}$

class 2 =  $C_2 = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid \delta(q_0, x) = q_1\}$

$C_2 = \{a, ba, bba, aba, \dots\}$

class 3,  $C_3 = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid \delta(q_0, x) = q_2\}$

$C_3 = \{baa, aa, bbaa, baba, \dots\}$

class 4,  $C_4 = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid \delta(q_0, x) = q_3\}$

$C_4 = \{aaa, ba aa, bbaaa, babaab, aaa, \dots\}$

Index = 4



## Properties of Myhill-Nerode Relations

In addition to the properties, reflexive, symmetric & transitive.

The Myhill-Nerode relation satisfies other properties,

1) It is a right congruence

i.e., for any  $x, y \in \Sigma^*$  and  $a \in \Sigma$

$$xRy \Rightarrow xaRya.$$

To prove this, assume  $xRy$

$$\text{then } S(q_0, xa) = S(S(q_0, x), a)$$

$$= S(S(q_0, y), a)$$

$$= S(q_0, ya)$$

2) It refines  $\sim$  from  $\Sigma^*$ ,

for any  $x, y \in \Sigma^*$ ,

$$xRy \Rightarrow \text{~~not~~ } x \in L \Rightarrow y \in L$$

i.e., if  $x$  is accepted by  $M$ ,

$y$  is also accepted.

if  $x$  is rejected by  $M$

$y$  is also rejected.



3) If  $\Sigma$  is of finite index,  
the Myhill-Nerode relation  
has only finitely many equivalence  
classes because there is exactly  
one equivalence class

$$\{ x \in \Sigma^* \mid \delta(q_0, x) = q \}$$

corresponding to each state  
 $q \in M$ .

### Myhill-Nerode theorem (MNT)

Myhill-Nerode theorem states  
that the following 3 statements  
are equivalent. The set

1. The set  $L$  is in  $\Sigma^*$  is  
accepted by some finite state  
automata.
2.  $L$  is the union of some of  
the equivalence classes of right  
invariant equivalence relations



finite index.

3. let equivalence relation  $R_L$  be defined by  $x R y$  if and only if for all  $z$  in  $\Sigma^+$   $xz$  is in  $L$  exactly when  $yz$  is in  $L$ . Then  $R_L$  is of finite index.

Equivalence of NFA with  $\epsilon$  without  $\epsilon$ -moves:

Theorem:-

If  $L$  is accepted by an NFA with  $\epsilon$ -transitions, then  $L$  is accepted by an NFA without  $\epsilon$ -transitions.

Proof: let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  be an NFA with  $\epsilon$ -transitions. Then construct  $M' = (Q', \Sigma, \delta', q_0, F')$  be an NFA without  $\epsilon$ -transitions where  $Q' = \{FU \mid q_0\}$ , if  $\epsilon$ -closure  $(q_0)$  contains



where  $F_N = \begin{cases} F \cup \{q_0\}, & \text{if } \epsilon\text{-closure}(q_0) \\ & \text{contains a state } q \in F \end{cases}$

and  $\delta(q, a)$  is  $\delta'(q, a)$  for  $q$  in  $Q$  and  $a$  in  $\Sigma$ .

~~We have to prove,  $\hat{\delta}(q_0, w) = \hat{\delta}_N(q_0, w)$~~

By mathematical induction,  
we have to prove that  
 $\hat{\delta}(q_0, w) = \hat{\delta}_N(q_0, w)$ .

Base:  $|w| = 1$ ,

let  $w = a$ .

$$\hat{\delta}_N(q_0, w) = \hat{\delta}(q_0, a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, as we know, } \hat{\delta}(q_0, a) &= \hat{\delta}_N(q_0, a) \\ &= \hat{\delta}_N(q_0, a) \end{aligned}$$

By induction hypothesis

Assume true for all strings of  
length  $n$ ,  $\hat{\delta}_N(q_0, x) = \hat{\delta}(q_0, x) =$

$\{P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_k\}$



Induction steps:-

$$|w| \geq x$$

Let  $w = xa$ .

$$\text{Then, } \hat{S}_N(q_0, w) = \hat{S}_N(q_0, xa) =$$

$$\hat{S}_N(\hat{S}_N(q_0, x), a) =$$

$$S_N(\{P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_k\}, a)$$

$$= \bigcup_{i=1}^k S_N(P_i, a)$$

$$\hat{S}(q_0, w) = \hat{S}(q_0, xa)$$

$$= \hat{S}(\hat{S}(q_0, x), a)$$

$$= S(\{P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_k\}, a)$$

$$= \bigcup_{i=1}^k S(P_i, a)$$

Thus,  $S(q_0, wa) = S_N(q_0, w)$

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## Module - 3

### Context Free Grammars & Languages

Type 2 languages are also called context free languages.

These languages are recognized by push down automata.

### Context Free Grammar (CFG)

A grammar  $G = (V, T, P, S)$  is said to be context free if all the productions in  $P$  have the form

$A \rightarrow \alpha$  where  $A$  is a non-terminal or variable,  $\alpha \in V^*$ .

Then  $L(G)$  is the string of symbols from  $(V \cup T)^*$

$V$  &  $T$  are finite set of variables or terminals respectively.

Every regular grammar is a context free grammar.



$$S \rightarrow ASA \mid BSB \mid a \mid b$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

where  $S$  is the start symbol

From the above productions,

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

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

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

$$P = \{S \rightarrow ASA \mid BSB \mid a \mid b, A \rightarrow a, B \rightarrow b\}$$

$$S = S$$

## Context Free Languages (CFL)

The language generated by context free grammar is context free languages.

It is a set of strings that can be derived from a context free grammar.

## Formal Notation

The language generated by ' $G$ ' is

$$L(G) = \{w \mid w \in T^* \text{ and } S^+ \Rightarrow w\}$$

$w$  is a string in  $L(G)$  if

- 1) The string consists of only terminals
- 2) Strings can be derived from  $S$



eg: Consider the following CFL

$$S \rightarrow aA / bB$$

$$A \rightarrow x$$

$$B \rightarrow y$$

Find  $L(G)$ ?

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

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

$$T = \{x, y, a, b\}$$

$$P = \{S \rightarrow aA / bB, A \rightarrow x, B \rightarrow y\}$$

$$S = S$$

$$S \Rightarrow aA$$

$$\Rightarrow ax$$

$$S \Rightarrow bB$$

$$\Rightarrow by$$

$$L(G) = \{ax, by\}$$

Q. Consider the  $G = (\{S\}, \{a, b\}, P, S)$   
with productions  $S \rightarrow aS^a / bS^b / \epsilon$

Find  $L(G)$ ?



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

$$V = \{S\}$$

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

$$P = \{S \rightarrow asa / bsb / \epsilon\}$$

$$S = S$$

$$S \Rightarrow asa \quad | \quad S \Rightarrow bsb \quad | \quad S \Rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow aasaa$$

$$S \Rightarrow bbsbb$$

$$\Rightarrow aaaa$$

$$\Rightarrow bbbb$$

$$S \Rightarrow asa$$

$$S \Rightarrow bsb$$

$$\Rightarrow aa$$

$$\Rightarrow bb$$

~~$$L = \{a^n b^n\}$$~~

$$L = \{a^n, b^n, \epsilon\}$$

$$S \Rightarrow asa$$

$$\Rightarrow aa$$

$$S \Rightarrow asa$$

$$\Rightarrow aasaa$$

$$\Rightarrow aaaSaaa$$

$$\Rightarrow aaabsbaaa$$

$$\Rightarrow aaa bbaaa$$



$S \Rightarrow bsb$   
 $\Rightarrow basbab$   
 $\Rightarrow babsbab$   
 $\Rightarrow babbab$

$S \Rightarrow bsb$   
 $\Rightarrow bbsbb$   
 $\Rightarrow bba sabb$   
 $= bbaabb$

$L(G) = \{\epsilon, aa, bb, aabbaaa, \dots\}$   
 $\therefore L(G) = \{w^k \mid w \in (a,b)^+\}$

• Design a context free grammar for the language.

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

$\rightarrow L = \{\epsilon, ab, a^2b^2, a^3b^3, \dots\}$

$n=0 \quad S \rightarrow \epsilon$

$n \geq 1 \quad S \rightarrow ab \quad S \rightarrow asb$

$S \Rightarrow asb$   
 $\Rightarrow ab$

$S \Rightarrow asb$   
 $\Rightarrow aasbb$   
 $\Rightarrow aabb$

$S \Rightarrow asb$   
 $\Rightarrow aasbb$   
 $\Rightarrow aaasbbb$   
 $\Rightarrow aaaaabbbb$



$$G = (\{s\}, \{a, b\}, \{s \rightarrow \epsilon / s \rightarrow asb^2, s\})$$

Q. Design a CFG for the language  
 $L = \{a^n b^{2n} \mid n \geq 0\}$

$$L = \{\epsilon, ab^2, a^2b^4, a^3b^6, \dots\}$$

$$n=0 \quad s \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$n > 0 \quad s \rightarrow asb^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} s &\Rightarrow asb^2 \\ &\Rightarrow aasb^2b^2 \\ &\Rightarrow aab^2b^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s &\Rightarrow asb^2 \\ &\Rightarrow aasb^2b^2 \\ &\Rightarrow aaaSb^2b^2b^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s &\Rightarrow asb^2 \\ &\Rightarrow ab^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$G = (\{s\}, \{a, b\}, \{s \rightarrow \epsilon / asb^2, s\})$$

$s$

Q. Find CFG for the language  $a^n b^m$  when

$$n \neq m.$$

$$\rightarrow L = \{\epsilon, a, b, ab^2, ba^2b, a^2, b^2, \dots\}$$



→ Case 1

$$S \rightarrow AC$$

$$C \rightarrow acb/\lambda$$

$$A \rightarrow aA/a$$

Case 2

$$S \rightarrow \lambda CB$$

$$C \rightarrow acb/\lambda$$

$$B \rightarrow bB/b$$

Resulting grammar is

$$S \rightarrow AC/\lambda CB$$

$$C \rightarrow acb/\lambda$$

$$A \rightarrow aA/a$$

$$\epsilon : B \rightarrow bB/b$$

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

$$S, \{ AS \rightarrow AC/\lambda CB, C \rightarrow acb/\lambda,$$

$$A \rightarrow aA/a, B \rightarrow bB/b \} \}$$

## Derivations

It is a mechanism to check whether str a string  $w$  belongs to a context-free language.

It is represented by a  $\Rightarrow$ .

In order to restrict the no. of choices of replacement of variables, null is



- 2 types of derivations
- \* leftmost derivation
  - \* Rightmost derivation.

A derivation is said to be leftmost if in each step the leftmost variable in the sentential form is replaced. It is represented by  $\xRightarrow{lm}$  or  $\xRightarrow{*lm}$

A derivation in which rightmost variable is replaced in each step is called rightmost derivation. It is represented by  $\xRightarrow{rm}$  or  $\xRightarrow{*rm}$

Q: Consider the grammar G with productions

$$S \rightarrow aAB$$

$$A \rightarrow bBb$$

$$B \rightarrow A \mid \epsilon$$

\* The leftmost derivation of the string

abbb is  $S \Rightarrow aAB$  (using  $S \rightarrow aAB$ )

$\Rightarrow a \underline{B} b B$

( $A \rightarrow bBb$ )

$\Rightarrow a b \underline{A} b B$

( $B \rightarrow A$ )

$\Rightarrow a b b \underline{B} b b B$

( $A \rightarrow bBb$ )

$\Rightarrow a b b b \underline{B}$

( $B \rightarrow \epsilon$ )

$\Rightarrow a b b b b$

( $B \rightarrow \epsilon$ )

~~AB~~



3) The rightmost derivation abbbb

$$S \Rightarrow a A \underline{B} \quad (S \rightarrow a A B)$$

$$\Rightarrow a A A \underline{\quad} \quad (B \rightarrow A)$$

$$\Rightarrow a A b \underline{B} b \quad (A \rightarrow b B b)$$

$$\Rightarrow a A b b \quad (B \rightarrow \epsilon)$$

$$\Rightarrow a b \underline{B} b b b \quad (A \rightarrow b B b)$$

$$\Rightarrow a b b b b \quad (B \rightarrow \epsilon)$$

Same string ~~for~~ <sup>by</sup> rightmost  $\epsilon$  leftmost derivation.

a- ~~ST~~  $ST \in \{ (E + E) \}$  is a right sentential form.

Prn rules are.

$$E \rightarrow \epsilon \mid E + E \mid E * E \mid (E)$$

$$\rightarrow E \Rightarrow E * E$$

$$\Rightarrow E * (E)$$

$$\Rightarrow E * (E + E)$$

Derivation Tree / Parse Tree / Syntax Tree /  
Derivation Tree / Production Tree

The representation of derivation  
a derivation of context free grammar



is called Parse Tree.

It is another way of showing derivations independent of the order in which the productions are used.

A derivation tree is an ordered tree in which ~~the~~ nodes are labelled with leftside of the pdns & in which the children of a node represent its corresponding rightside of pdn.

In derivation tree, root is labelled with start symbol & the leaves are labelled with terminal.

### Constructing Parse tree

Let  $G = (V, T, P, S)$  be a CFG, An ordered tree is a derivation tree of  $G$ . If it has the following properties,

(1) The root is labelled by a start symbol  $S$ .

(2) Every leaf has a label which is a Terminal or  $\epsilon$ .

(3) Every internal vertex has a label from  $V$ .

(4) If a vertex has a label  $A \in V$  & its children are labelled,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  then  $P$  must contain a



Production of the form:

$$A \rightarrow a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$$

(5) A leaf labelled  $x$  has no siblings.

A tree that has properties (3), (4) & (5) but in which (1) doesn't necessarily hold & in which property (2) is replaced by:

(2a) Every leaf has a label from  $V \cup T \cup \{ \epsilon \}$ . is said to be partial derivation tree.

## Yield of a Derivation Tree

Yield of a derivation tree is a string of symbols obtained by the concatenation of labels of leaves from left to right omitting any  $\epsilon$ 's encountered.

Yield is the string of terminals in the order they are encountered when the tree is traversed in a depth-first manner.

Yield of a derivation tree is a sentential



form in a.

## Subtree of a derivation tree

A subtree of a derivation tree  $T$  is a tree:

- 1) whose root is some vertex  $v$  of  $T$
- 2) whose vertices are the descendants of  $v$  together with their labels  $\epsilon$
- 3) whose edges are those connecting the descendants of  $v$

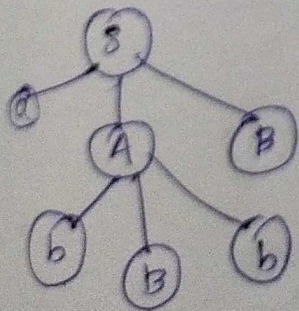
A subtree of a derivation tree looks just like a derivation tree, except that the label of the root may not be the start symbol of the grammar.

Consider the grammar  $G$  with production:

$$S \rightarrow aAB$$

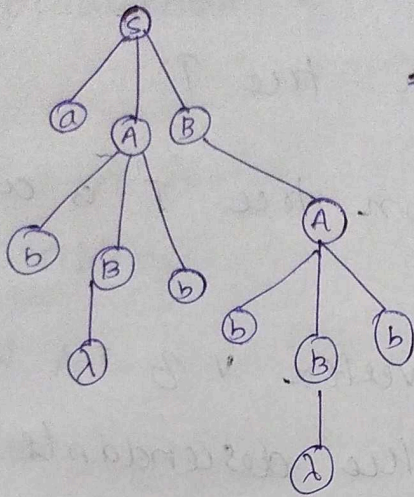
$$A \rightarrow bBb$$

$$B \rightarrow A/\lambda$$

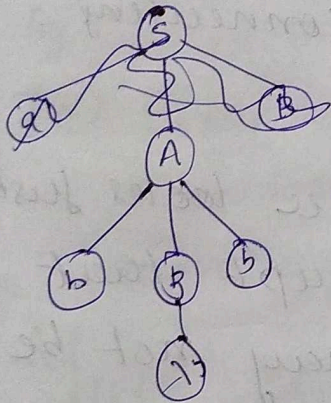


$\Rightarrow$  This is the partial derivation tree for the above grammar. Here  $a b B b B$  is the yield of this tree. This is the sentential form of  $G$ .





$\Rightarrow$  This is the partial derivation tree for the above grammar. Here  $ab\cancel{b}b\cancel{b}$  is the yield of this tree. This is the sentential form of  $L(G)$ .

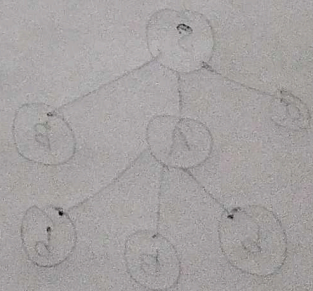


$\Rightarrow$  This is the subtree of the above derivation tree.

(2) Let  $G$  be the grammar with  
 $S \rightarrow 0B1 \mid A$ ,  $A \rightarrow 010S \mid AA$ ,  $B \rightarrow 1 \mid 1S \mid 0B1$   
 For the string 00110101 find -

- leftmost derivation
- Right most derivation
- Derivation tree.

$\rightarrow$  (a)  $S \Rightarrow 0B$   
 $\Rightarrow 00B1$   
 $\Rightarrow 001B$   
 $\Rightarrow 0011S$   
 $\Rightarrow 00110B$   
 $\Rightarrow 001101S$





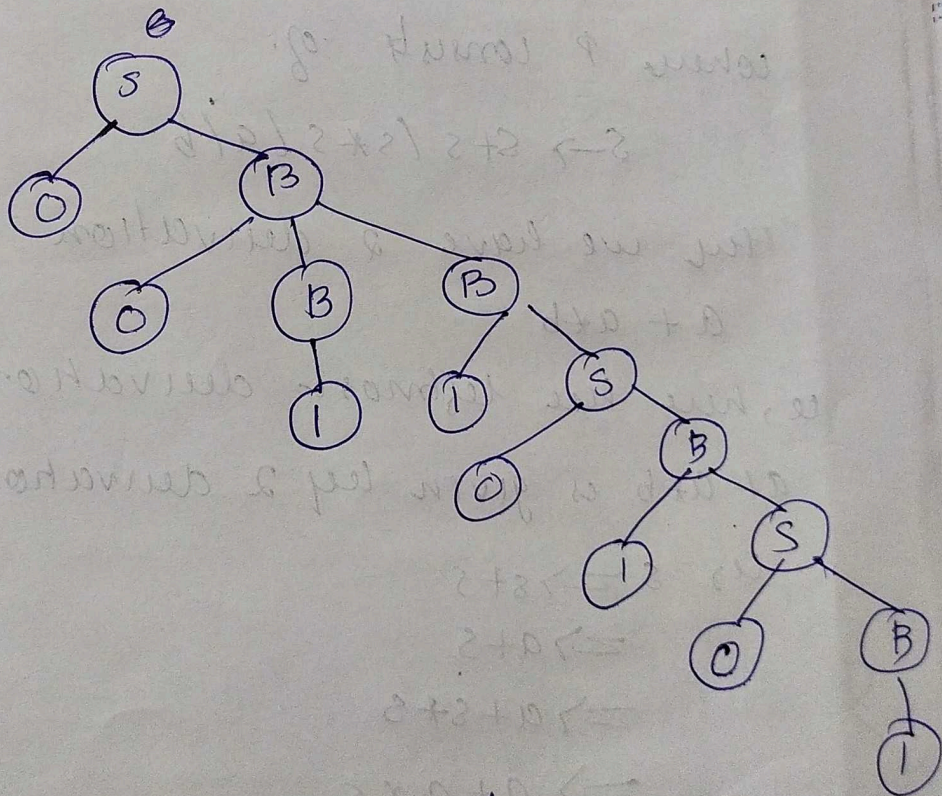
$\Rightarrow 70011010B$

$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{00110101}}$

(a)  $S \Rightarrow 0B$   
 $\Rightarrow 00BB$   
 $\Rightarrow 001B$   
 $\Rightarrow 0011S$   
 $\Rightarrow 00110B$   
 $\Rightarrow 001101S$   
 $\Rightarrow$

(b)  $S \Rightarrow 0B$   
 $\Rightarrow 700BB$   
 $\Rightarrow 700B1S$   
 $\Rightarrow 700B10B$   
 $\Rightarrow 700B101S$   
 $\Rightarrow 700B1010B$   
 $\Rightarrow 700B10101S$   
 $\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{700110101}}$

(c)



yield =  $\underline{\underline{00110101}}$



## Ambiguity in CFG.

A terminal string  $w \in L(G)$  is ambiguous if there exist 2 or derivation trees for  $w$  i.e. word  $w$  has more than one leftmost derivation or rightmost derivation.

A CFG for which every string is ambiguous is said to be an inherently ambiguous CFG.

eg:-  $G = (\{b\}, \{a, b, +, *\}, P, S)$

where  $P$  consists of

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

Here we have 2 derivation trees for

$$a + a * b$$

i.e., here the leftmost derivation of

$a + a * b$  is given by 2 derivation trees.

$$a) \quad S \Rightarrow S+S$$

$$\Rightarrow a+S$$

$$\Rightarrow a+S*S$$

$$\Rightarrow a+a*S$$

$$\Rightarrow a+a*b$$

$$S \Rightarrow S*S$$

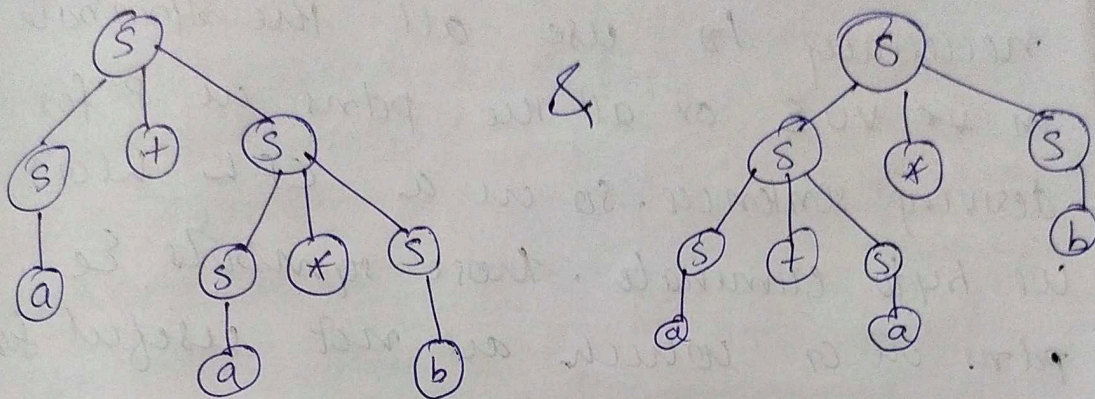
$$\Rightarrow S+S*S$$

$$\Rightarrow a+S*S$$



$\Rightarrow a + a * b$

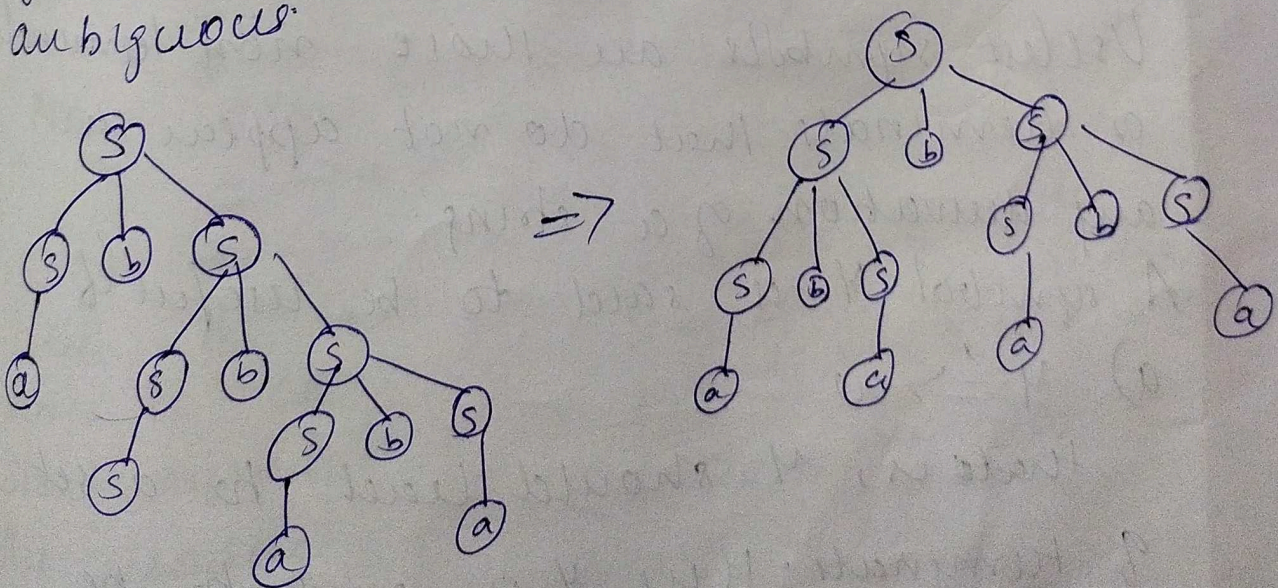
ce derivation trees.



Q. If the CFG is  $S \rightarrow SbS | a$ , show that  $a$  is ambiguous.

$\rightarrow$  To prove that  $G$  is ambiguous, we have to find a string  $w \in L(G)$  which is ambiguous.

Consider  $w = abababa \in L(G)$ . Here we get 2 derivation trees for  $w$ . Thus  $G$  is ambiguous.





## Simplification of CFG

In a CFG  $G$ , it may not be necessary to use all the symbols in  $V \cup \Sigma$  or all the pdns in  $P$  for deriving sentences. So in a CFL  $L(G)$ , we try to eliminate those symbols & pdns in  $G$  which are not useful for the derivation of sentences.

We can simplify a CFG & produce an equivalent reduced CFG. This is done by:

- a) Eliminating useless symbols
- b) Eliminating  $\epsilon$  productions
- c) Eliminating unit productions.

### Eliminating useless symbols

Useless symbols are those non-terminals or terminals that do not appear in any derivation of a string.

A symbol  $V$  is said to be useful if

a)  $V \xrightarrow{*} w$

that is,  $V$  should lead to a set of terminals. Here  $V$  is said to be 'generating'.



b) If there is a derivation.

$$S \xRightarrow{*} \alpha \gamma \beta \xRightarrow{*} w$$

then  $\gamma$  is said to be reachable.

Thus a symbol is useful, if it is generating & useful.

Thus a symbol is useless, if it is non-generating & non-reachable.

Consider the CFG,

$$S \rightarrow AB|a$$

$$A \rightarrow b$$

where  $S$  is the start symbol.

$$\rightarrow S \rightarrow AB|a$$

$$A \rightarrow b.$$

Here,  $B$  is non generating. Since  $A$  derives  $b$ ,  $S$  derives  $a$  but  $B$  does not derive any string  $w$ .

So, we can eliminate  $S \rightarrow AB$  from CFG.

Now CFG becomes,

$$S \rightarrow a$$

$$A \rightarrow b.$$

Here  $A$  is non-reachable symbol, since it cannot be reached from the start symbol  $S$ . So we can eliminate the production,  $A \rightarrow b$  from the CFG.

So the reduced grammar is,

$$S \rightarrow a$$

Thus grammar does not contain any useless symbols.



Q.) Consider the CFG,

$$S \rightarrow aB \mid bX$$

$$A \rightarrow BAd \mid bSx \mid a$$

$$B \rightarrow aSB \mid bBx$$

$$X \rightarrow SBD \mid aBx \mid ad.$$

Eliminate useless symbols from this grammar.

→ Here B is ~~unreachable~~ non-generating; eliminating ~~pdns~~ containing B.

$$S \rightarrow bx$$

$$A \rightarrow bsx \mid a$$

$$X \rightarrow ad.$$

Now, A is non-reachable symbol

$$S \rightarrow bx$$

$$X \rightarrow ad.$$

This grammar does not contain any useless symbols.

Q. Consider the CFG

$$A \rightarrow xy \mid xyyz$$

$$x \rightarrow xz \mid xy$$

$$y \rightarrow xy \mid yx$$

$$z \rightarrow zy \mid z.$$

where A is start symbol.

Eliminate useless symbols from this grammar.



A x y non generating symbol.

$$A \rightarrow xy z$$

$$y \rightarrow x y y$$

$$z \rightarrow z y / z$$

y is non generating.

$$A \rightarrow xy z$$

$$z \rightarrow z y / z$$

z is non reachable.

$$\therefore \underline{A \rightarrow xy z}$$

This grammar does not contain any useless symbols.

1) Consider the CFG,

$$S \rightarrow ac / \cancel{S} B$$

$$A \rightarrow b s c a$$

$$B \rightarrow a s B / b B c$$

$$C \rightarrow a B c / a d$$

eliminate useless symbols

$\Rightarrow$  B is non generating.

$$S \rightarrow ac$$

$$A \rightarrow b s c a$$

$$C \rightarrow a d$$

A is non reachable

$$S \rightarrow ac$$

$$\underline{C \rightarrow ad}$$

This grammar does not contain useless symbols.



## Removal of Unit Productions

A unit production is defined as

$$A \rightarrow B$$

where  $A$  is a non-terminal and  $B$  is non-terminal.

Thus both LHS & RHS contain single non-terminals.

eg. Consider the CFG.

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow c/d$$

$$C \rightarrow D$$

$$D \rightarrow E$$

$$E \rightarrow a$$

where  $S$  is the start symbol.

Eliminate unit productions from this grammar.

→ Unit productions here are-

$$B \rightarrow c$$

$$C \rightarrow D$$

$$D \rightarrow E$$

are unit productions

To remove the production  $B \rightarrow c$ ,

check whether there exists a path where LHS is  $C$  & RHS is a terminal.

No such path exists



To remove the pdn,  $C \rightarrow D$ , check whether there exists a pdn. whose LHS is  $D$  & RHS is a terminal.

No such pdn. exists.

To remove the pdn.  $D \rightarrow E$ , check whether

there exists a pdn. whose LHS is

$E$  & RHS is a terminal.

There is a pdn,  $E \rightarrow a$ . So, remove  $D \rightarrow E$

and add the pdn.  $D \rightarrow a$ , CFs become.

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow c/b$$

$$C \rightarrow D$$

$$D \rightarrow a$$

$$E \rightarrow a.$$

Now remove pdn,  $C \rightarrow D$  and add

the pdn,  $C \rightarrow a$  we get

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow c/b$$

$$C \rightarrow a$$

$$D \rightarrow a$$

$$E \rightarrow a$$

Now remove the pdn.  $B \rightarrow c$  &  
add the pdn.  $B \rightarrow a$ , we get,







## Mod-2 Balance

Q.7) Eliminate unit productions from this grammar.

$$S \rightarrow a/b | sa | sb | so | s |$$

$$F \rightarrow s | (E)$$

$$T \rightarrow F | T * F$$

$$E \rightarrow T | E + T$$

where  $h$  is the start symbol

→ Unit pdns are

$$F \rightarrow S$$

$$T \rightarrow F$$

$$E \rightarrow T$$

The unit pdn  $F \rightarrow S$  can be replaced by removed by rewriting it as  $F \rightarrow a/b | sa | sb | so | s |$

Now the cfn is

$$S \rightarrow a | b | sa | sb | so | s |$$

$$F \rightarrow a | b | sa | sb | so | s | (E)$$

$$T \rightarrow F | T * F$$

$$E \rightarrow T | E + T$$



The unit pdm.  $T \rightarrow \epsilon$  can be removed by rewriting it as  $T \rightarrow a|b|sa|sb|so|si$  ( $\epsilon$ )

Now the CFG is

$$S \rightarrow a|b|sa|sb|so|si$$

$$F \rightarrow a|b|sa|sb|so|si$$

$$T \rightarrow a|b|sa|sb|so|si$$

$$E \rightarrow T|E+T$$

The unit pdm  $E \rightarrow T$  can be removed by rewriting it as  $E \rightarrow a$

$$F \rightarrow a|b|sa|sb|so|si$$

Now the CFG is:-

$$S \rightarrow a|b|sa|sb|so|si$$

$$F \rightarrow a|b|sa|sb|so|si$$

$$T \rightarrow a|b|sa|sb|so|si$$

$$E \rightarrow a|b|sa|sb|so|si$$

This is the CFG that does not contain any unit productions

Q. Consider the CFG

$$S \rightarrow A|bb$$

$$A \rightarrow B|b$$

$$B \rightarrow S|a$$



When  $S$  is the start symbol.  
 Eliminate unit pdns from this  
 grammar.

→ Unit pdns are

$$S \rightarrow A$$

$$A \rightarrow B$$

$$B \rightarrow S$$

→  ~~$S \rightarrow A$  generates  $S \rightarrow b$~~

~~$S \rightarrow b / bb$~~

~~$A \rightarrow B / b$~~

~~$B \rightarrow S / a$~~

⇒  ~~$S \rightarrow b / b / b$  ,  $S \rightarrow b / bb$~~

~~$A \rightarrow B / b$~~

~~$B \rightarrow S / a$~~

~~$B \rightarrow b / bb / a$  (for  $S \rightarrow b / b$ )~~

⇒  ~~$S \rightarrow b / bb$~~

$S \rightarrow A$  generates  $S \rightarrow b$   
 $S \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$  generates  $S \rightarrow a$



$A \rightarrow B$  generates  $A \rightarrow a$

$A \rightarrow B \rightarrow s$  generates  $A \rightarrow bb$

$B \rightarrow s$  generates  $B \rightarrow bb$

$B \rightarrow s \rightarrow A$  generates  $B \rightarrow b$

The new CFG is

$S \rightarrow b|a|bb$

$A \rightarrow a|bbb|b$

$B \rightarrow bb|b|a$

which contains  
no unit pdms.

### Removal of $\epsilon$ pdms

Productions of the form  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$  are called  $\epsilon$ -productions.

We can eliminate  $\epsilon$ -production from a grammar in the following way.

If  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$  is a pdm. to be eliminated, then we look for all pdms whose RHS contains  $A$ .  $\epsilon$  replace every



occurrence of A in each these  
 pdns. to be obtain non-ε-pdns.  
 The result of non-ε pdns are added  
 to grammar.

eg:- Consider the CFG

$$S \rightarrow aA$$

$$A \rightarrow b/\epsilon$$

where S is the start symbol.

Eliminate epsilon pdns from the  
 grammar.

→ Here  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$  is an epsilon  
 pdn.

By the following, the above  
 procedure, put ε in place of A at  
 RH of pdns, we get.

The pdn  $S \rightarrow aA$  becomes  $S \rightarrow a$   
 Then the CFG is

$$S \rightarrow aA$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

$$A \rightarrow b$$

OR

$$S \rightarrow aA/a$$

$$SA \rightarrow b$$

OR This CFG does not  
 contain any ε-pdns



2. Consider the CFG,

$$S \rightarrow ABAC$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow bB \mid \epsilon$$

$$C \rightarrow c$$

where  $S$  is the start symbol

Eliminate epsilon prodns. from this grammar.

→ Epsilon products in this CFG

$$\text{are } A \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow \epsilon$$

To eliminate  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ , replace  $A$  with epsilon in the RHS of the prodns.  $S \rightarrow ABAC$ ,  $A \rightarrow aA$ .

For the prodn  $S \rightarrow ABAC$ , replace  $A$  with  $\epsilon$  one by one as we get

$$S \rightarrow BAC$$

$$S \rightarrow TABC$$

$$S \rightarrow BC$$

For prodn  $A \rightarrow aA$ , we get

$$A \rightarrow a$$



Now the grammar become,  
 $S \rightarrow ABAC \mid ABC \mid BAC \mid BC$   
 $A \rightarrow aA \mid a$   
 $B \rightarrow bB \mid \epsilon$   
 $C \rightarrow aC$

To eliminate  $B \rightarrow \epsilon$ , replace  $A$  with epsilon on the RHS of the pdn,  
 $S \rightarrow ABAC, B \rightarrow bB,$

For pdn  $S \rightarrow ABAC \mid ABC \mid BAC \mid BC$ ,  
 replace  $B$  with epsilon as,  
 we get

$S \rightarrow AAC \mid AC \mid C$

For the pdn,  $B \rightarrow bB$ , we get

$B \rightarrow b$

Now the grammar becomes.

$S \rightarrow ABAC \mid ABC \mid BAC \mid BC \mid AAC \mid AC \mid C$

$A \rightarrow aA \mid a$

$B \rightarrow bB \mid b$

$C \rightarrow aC$

This grammar does not contain any  $\epsilon$ -pdn //



Q.) Consider the CFG

$$S \rightarrow asa$$

$$S \rightarrow bSb \mid \epsilon$$

where  $s$  is the start symbol  
Eliminate epsilon prod from the  
grammar.

→  $\epsilon$ -prod are :-

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$

So  $S \rightarrow asa$  becomes

$$S \rightarrow aa$$

So  $S \rightarrow bSb$  becomes

$$S \rightarrow bb$$

So the prod are

$$S \rightarrow asa \mid bsb \mid aa \mid bb$$

This grammar contains no  
 $\epsilon$ -prod



Q.2) Consider the CFG

$$S \rightarrow a/xb/aya$$

$$x \rightarrow y/\epsilon$$

$$y \rightarrow b/x$$

where  $s$  is the start symbol

Eliminate epsilon prodns. from  
this grammar.

$\rightarrow \epsilon$ -prodns are.

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$x \rightarrow \epsilon$$

So,  $y \rightarrow bx$  become  $y \rightarrow b.$

$$x \rightarrow y/\epsilon$$

$$x \rightarrow y$$

$$S \rightarrow axb$$

$$x \rightarrow b$$

$$S \rightarrow aya$$

$$S \rightarrow aa$$

( $x \rightarrow y \rightarrow \epsilon$ )

So, prodns are.

$$S \rightarrow a/xb/aya/b/aa$$

$$x \rightarrow y$$

$$y \rightarrow b/x$$



Now this ~~parser~~ grammar  
does not contain epsilon pairs.

## Exercises

1) Simplify the context free grammar



## Normal forms for CFG

When the pdns in  $G$  satisfy certain restrictions then  $G$  is said to be in a normal form.

Two most common normal forms of CFG are

- (1) Chomsky Normal Form (CNF)
- (2) Greibach Normal Form (GNF)

## Chomsky Normal Form (CNF)

Any CFG without  $\epsilon$  is generated by a grammar in which all pdns are of the form

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

$$A \rightarrow a$$

Here,  $A, B, C$  are the non-terminals  
 $\epsilon$  'a' is a terminal symbol.

This is said to be CNF.



## Basic Procedure for reduction to Chomsky Normal Form

Items

Step 1 :-

Elimination of null pdns & unit pdns.

Let the grammar thus obtained be  $G = (V, T, P, S)$

Step 2 :-

Elimination of terminals on RHS :-

We define  $G_c = (V_c, T, R, S)$  where  $P, \epsilon \in V_c$  are construction as follows.

1) All pdns in  $P$  of the form  $A \rightarrow BC$  &  $A \rightarrow a$  are reduced in  $P_c$

\* All variables in  $V$  are included in  $V_c$

2) Consider the pdn  $A \rightarrow x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$  with some terminals on R-H-S.



If  $x_i$  is a terminal say  $a_i$ , add a new variable.  $C_{a_i}$  to  $V$  so  $C_{a_i} \rightarrow a_i$  to  $P_1$

In the pdn  $A \rightarrow x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  every terminal on RHS is replaced by the corresponding new variable & the other variables on RHS are retained. The resulting pdn is added to  $P_1$ . ~~Thus~~ Thus, we get  $G_1 = (V_1, T_1, P_1, S)$

Step 3

Restricting the no. of variables on the RHS.

For any pdn in  $P_1$ , the RHS consists of either of 2 or more variables. We define.

$G_2 = (V_2, T_2, P_2, S)$  as follows.

a) All pdns in  $P_1$  are added to  $P_2$ . If they are in the required form



b) Consider  $A \rightarrow A_1 A_2 \dots A_m$  where  $m \geq 3$ .

We introduce new pdns  $A \rightarrow A_1 c_1$ ,  
 $c_1 \rightarrow A_2 c_2 \dots c_{m-2} \rightarrow A_{m-1} A_m \epsilon$   
add new variables  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{m-2}$ .  
These are added to  $P_2 \in V_2$   
respectively. Thus we get  $G_2$  in  
CNF.

1. Reduce the following grammar  $G_1$   
into CNF.

$G_1 = (\{S, A, B, D\}, \{a, b, d\}, P_1, S)$   
where  $P_1$  is given as follows.

$S \rightarrow aA$

$A \rightarrow aB / bAB$

$B \rightarrow b$

$D \rightarrow d$ .

→ Step 1: No null pdns & unit pdns.

Step 2: Let  $G_1 = (V_1, T, P_1, S)$  where  
 $P_1 \in \mathcal{P}(V_1)$  are constructed as  
follows.

a)  $P_1 = \{ B \rightarrow b, D \rightarrow d \}$

$V_1 = \{ S, A, B, D \}$



b)  $s \rightarrow aAD$  give rise to  
 $s \rightarrow CaAD$   
 $Ca \rightarrow a$

$A \rightarrow aB \Rightarrow A \rightarrow CaB$

$A \rightarrow bAB \Rightarrow A \rightarrow C_bAB$   
 $C_b \rightarrow b$

Now  $V_1 = \{s, A, B, D, C_a, C_b\}$

$P_1 = \{s \rightarrow CaAD, A \rightarrow CaB,$   
 $A \rightarrow C_bAB, B \rightarrow b, D \rightarrow d,$   
 $C_a \rightarrow a, C_b \rightarrow b\}$

Step 3:

Let  $G_2 = (V_2, T, P_2, s)$

a)  $P_2 = \{ A \rightarrow CaB$

$B \rightarrow b$

$D \rightarrow d$

$C_a \rightarrow a$

$C_b \rightarrow b \}$

b)  $s \rightarrow CaAD$  is replaced by

$s \rightarrow CaC_1$

$C_1 \rightarrow AD$



$A \rightarrow c_1 AB$  is replaced by

$A \rightarrow c_1 c_2$

$c_2 \rightarrow AB$

let  $G_0 = (\{S, A, B, D, c_1, c_2\}, \{a, b, c_1, c_2\}, T, P, S)$

where  $P$  consists of

$S \rightarrow c_1 c_1$

$c_1 \rightarrow a$

$A \rightarrow c_1 AB \mid c_2 c_2$

~~$c_1 \rightarrow a$~~   $c_2 \rightarrow b$

$B \rightarrow b$

$c_1 \rightarrow AD$

$D \rightarrow d$

$c_2 \rightarrow AB$

2. Reduce the following grammar into CNF.  $G = (\{S, A\}, \{a, b\}, P, S)$  where  $P$  is the given as follows,

$S \rightarrow a \mid ab \mid b \mid aAB$

$A \rightarrow b \mid aAA$

→ Step 1 :-

No unit pdms & null pdms.

Step 2 :-

let  $G_1 = (V, T, P, S)$  where  $V, P$

are constructed as follows,



$$a) P_1 = \{ s \rightarrow ay, v_1 = \{ s, A \} \}$$

$$b) s \rightarrow absb \Rightarrow s \rightarrow c_a c_b s c_b$$

$$c_a \rightarrow a$$

$$c_b \rightarrow b$$

$$s \rightarrow aAb \Rightarrow s \rightarrow c_a A c_b$$

$$A \rightarrow bs \Rightarrow A \rightarrow c_b s$$

$$A \rightarrow aAAb \Rightarrow A \rightarrow c_a A A c_b$$

$$V_1 = \{ s, A, c_a, c_b \}$$

$$P_1 = \{ s \rightarrow a, s \rightarrow c_a c_b s c_b, s \rightarrow c_a A c_b \}$$

$$A \rightarrow c_b s, A \rightarrow c_a A A c_b,$$

$$c_a \rightarrow a, c_b \rightarrow b \}$$

Step 3

$$\text{let } G_2 = (V_2, T, P_2, s)$$

$$a) P_2 = \{ s \rightarrow a, A \rightarrow c_b s, c_a \rightarrow a, c_b \rightarrow b \}$$

$$b) s \rightarrow c_a c_b s c_b \Rightarrow s \rightarrow c_a c_1$$

$$c_1 \rightarrow c_b c_2$$

$$c_2 \rightarrow s c_b$$

$$s \rightarrow c_1 A c_b \Rightarrow s \rightarrow c_a c_3$$

$$c_3 \rightarrow A c_b$$



$$A \rightarrow (aAA) \Rightarrow A \rightarrow C_1 C_4$$

$$C_4 \rightarrow A C_3$$

let  $G_2 = (\{S, A, C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4\}, \{a, b\}, P_2, S)$

where  $P_2$  consists of

$$S \rightarrow a | C_1 C_2 \quad C_1 \rightarrow C_3 C_2$$

$$A \rightarrow C_2 S | C_3 C_4$$

$$C_2 \rightarrow S C_3$$

$$C_3 \rightarrow A C_4$$

~~Step 3~~

let  $G_1$   $C_1 \rightarrow a$

$$C_2 \rightarrow b$$

$$C_4 \rightarrow A C_3$$

3. Find the grammar in CNF equivalent to the grammar  $S \rightarrow WS | [S]S | a | b$  ( $S$  being the only variable)

→ Step 1 :-

No null or unit prod.

Step 2 :

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



$$a) P_1 = \{s \rightarrow P, s \rightarrow Q\}$$

$$V_1 = \{s\}$$

$$b) s \rightarrow \sim s \Rightarrow s \rightarrow AS$$

$$A \rightarrow \sim$$

$$s \rightarrow [S \cup S] \Rightarrow s \rightarrow BSCSD$$

$$B \rightarrow C$$

$$C \rightarrow \cup$$

$$D \rightarrow \cup$$

$$\text{Now } P_1 = \{s \rightarrow P/Q, A \rightarrow \sim, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow \cup, D \rightarrow \cup\}$$

$$A \rightarrow \sim, B \rightarrow C,$$

$$C \rightarrow \cup, D \rightarrow \cup\}$$

$$V_1 = \{s, A, B, C, D\}$$

Step 3 :-

$$\text{let } G_0 = (V_2, T, P_2, s)$$

$$a) P_2 = \{s \rightarrow P/Q + AS, A \rightarrow \sim, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow \cup, D \rightarrow \cup\}$$



$$b) B S \rightarrow B S C S D \Rightarrow S \rightarrow B C_1$$

$$C_1 \rightarrow S C_2$$

$$C_2 \rightarrow C C_3$$

$$C_3 \rightarrow S D$$

NOW  $G_2 = (\{S, A, B, C_1, D, C, C_2, C_3\},$   
 $\{P/Q/R, L, \cup, \cap\}, P_2, S)$

$P_2$  consists of

$$S \rightarrow P/Q / AS / BC,$$

$$A \rightarrow \sim \quad C_1 \rightarrow S C_2$$

$$B \rightarrow L \quad C_2 \rightarrow C C_3$$

$$C \rightarrow \cup \quad C_3 \rightarrow S D$$

$$D \rightarrow \cap$$

4. Change the following grammar into CNF

$$S \rightarrow bA / aB$$

$$A \rightarrow bAA / aS / a$$

$$B \rightarrow aBB / bS / a$$

Step 1 :-

No null pdns & unit pdns.



~~step~~  
step 2:

let  $G_1 = (V_1, T_1, P_1, S)$

$$a) V_1 = \{ S, A, B \}$$

$$P_1 = \{ S \rightarrow A \rightarrow a, B \rightarrow a \}$$

$$b) S \rightarrow bA \Rightarrow S \rightarrow C_b A$$
$$C_b \rightarrow b$$

$$S A \rightarrow a B \Rightarrow S \rightarrow C_a B$$
$$C_a \rightarrow a$$

$$A \rightarrow a S \Rightarrow A \rightarrow C_a S$$

$$A \rightarrow b A A \Rightarrow A \rightarrow C_b A A$$

$$B \rightarrow a B B \Rightarrow B \rightarrow C_a B B$$

$$B B \rightarrow b S \Rightarrow B \rightarrow C_b S$$

Now,

$$V_1 = \{ S, A, B, C_a, C_b \}$$

$$P_1 = \{ S \rightarrow C_b A \mid C_a B, A \rightarrow C_b A A \mid C_a S \mid a,$$

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

$$C_b \rightarrow b \}$$



step 3 :-

let  $G_2 = (V_2, T, P_2, S)$

a)  $P_2 = \{ S \rightarrow C_b A \mid C_a B, A \rightarrow C_a S \mid a, B \rightarrow C_b S \mid a, C_a \rightarrow a, C_b \rightarrow b \}$

b)  $A \rightarrow C_b A A \Rightarrow A \rightarrow C_b C_1$   
 $C_1 \rightarrow AA$

$B \rightarrow C_a B B \rightarrow A B \rightarrow C_a C_2$   
 $C_2 \rightarrow B B$

Now,  $G_2 = (\{ S, A, B, C_a, C_b, C_1, C_2 \}, \{ a, b \}, P_2, S)$

$P_2 = \{ S \rightarrow C_b A \mid C_a B, A \rightarrow C_b C_1 \mid C_a S \mid a, B \rightarrow C_a C_2 \mid C_b S \mid a, C_a \rightarrow a, C_b \rightarrow b, C_1 \rightarrow AA, C_2 \rightarrow B B \}$ .

$C_{12}$  is CNF & equivalent to the given grammar.



## Greibach Normal Form.

If every pdm of CFG is of the form  $A \rightarrow a\alpha a$ , then it is in GNF where  $a \in T$  &  $\alpha \in V^+$  is a string of non-terminals with no restrictions on length of  $V^+$ .

### Procedure for reduction to GNF

#### Step 1 :-

Eliminate all null pdms & then construct a grammar  $G$  in CNF.

Rename the variables of  $G$  as

$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  with  $S \rightarrow A_1$ . We

write  $G$  as  $(\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}, T, P, A_1)$ .

The pdms  $P$  are of the form.

$A_i \rightarrow A_j \alpha$  where  $i > j$  or  $i = j$  or  $i < j$

#### Step 2

For the pdms of the form  $A_i \rightarrow A_j \alpha$  where  $i > j$ , apply lemma 1. so that all



pdns will be in the form  $A_i \rightarrow A_j$   
where  $i < j$  or  $i = j$ .

Step 3

for the pdns of the form  $A_i \rightarrow A_j$ ,  
where  $i = j$ , apply lemma 2, so that  
all pdns will be in the form  
 $A_i \rightarrow A_j$  where  $i < j$ .

Step 4

Starting from the highest no.,  
if non-terminal replace the RHS  
of the pdn with its alternative  
until all are in CNF.

Lemma 1 :-

If we have pdns of the  
form  $A \rightarrow B_1 \gamma$  and  $B \rightarrow B_1 / B_2 \dots / B_s$ .

This is replaced as

$$A \rightarrow B_1 \gamma / B_2 \gamma / \dots / B_s \gamma$$

This lemma is useful for deleting  
a variable  $B$  appearing as the first



symbol on the RHS of some  
A-pdms provided no. of B pdms  
has B as the 1<sup>st</sup> symbol on RHS.

Lemma 2

If we have the pdms of the form  
 $A \rightarrow Ad_1 / Ad_2 / \dots / Ad_r / B_1 / B_2 / \dots / B_s$

let 'z' be a new variable.

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1. The  $\phi$  set of A pdms are

$A \rightarrow B_1 / B_2 / \dots / B_s$

$A \rightarrow B_1 z / B_2 z / \dots / B_s z$



2. The set of  $n$  pdns are

$$z \rightarrow \alpha_1 / \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_n$$

$$z \rightarrow \alpha_1 z / \alpha_2 z / \dots \alpha_n z$$

### Problems

1. Reduce the following  $G$  into GNF.

$$S \rightarrow AB, A \rightarrow BS / b, B \rightarrow SA / a$$

→ step 1

As the given  $G$  is in CNF & has no null pdns, we can omit step 1 & proceed to step 2 after renaming  $S, A, B$  as  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  respt.

The pdns are,

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 / b$$

$$A_3 \rightarrow A_2 A_1 / a$$

Step 2:

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 / b$$

$$A_3 \rightarrow a$$

} These pdns are in reg. form ( $\alpha_i \alpha_j$ )



Apply lemma 1 to  $A_3 \rightarrow A_1 A_2$   
 $A_3 \rightarrow A_2 A_3 A_2$  ( $\because A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3$ )

$i > j$

$A_3 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 A_3 A_2 / b A_3 A_2$  ( $\because$  ~~same~~  
 $A_2 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 / b$ )

$i = j$

Now pdms are:-

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 / b$$

$$A_3 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 A_3 A_2 / b A_3 A_2 / a$$

Step 3

As we have

$$A_3 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 A_3 A_2$$

Apply lemma 2

$i = j$

$$A_3 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 A_3 A_2 / b A_3 A_2 / a$$

let  $\tau$  be a new variable.

The resulting pdms are

$$A_3 \rightarrow a / b A_3 A_2$$

$$A_3 \rightarrow a \tau / b A_3 A_2 \tau$$



$$\Sigma \rightarrow A_1 A_3 A_2$$

$$\Sigma \rightarrow A_1 A_3 A_2 \Sigma$$

step 4

a)  $A_3$  pairs are:

$$A_3 \rightarrow a / b A_3 A_2 \quad (a \Sigma / b A_3 A_2 \Sigma) \text{--- (1)}$$

b) Among  $A_2$  pairs retain  $A_2 \rightarrow b$   
& eliminate

$$A_2 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 \text{ using lemma 1}$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow a A_1 / b A_3 A_2 A_1 / a \Sigma A_1 / b A_3 A_2 \Sigma A_1$$

Modified  $A_2$  pairs are:-

$$A_2 \rightarrow a A_1 / b A_3 A_2 A_1 / a \Sigma A_1 / b A_3 A_2 \Sigma A_1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

c) Eliminate  $A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3$  using lemma 1

The resulting pairs are,

$$A_1 \rightarrow a A_1 A_3 / b A_3 A_2 A_1 A_3 / a \Sigma A_1 A_3 / b A_3 A_2 \Sigma A_1 A_3 / b A_3 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

d) The  $\Sigma$ -pairs to be modified are.

$$\Sigma \rightarrow A_1 A_3 A_2 / A_1 A_3 A_2 \Sigma$$



We apply lemma 1. we get,  
modified 2 pdns

$$z \rightarrow a A_1 A_3 A_2 A_3 / a A_1 A_3 A_3 A_2 z$$

$$z \rightarrow b A_3 A_2 A_1 A_3 A_3 A_2 / b A_3 A_2 A_1 A_3 A_3 A_2 z$$

$$z \rightarrow a z A_1 A_3 A_3 A_2 / a z A_1 A_3 A_3 A_2 z$$

$$z \rightarrow b A_3 A_2 z A_1 A_3 A_3 A_2 / b A_3 A_2 z A_1 A_3 A_3 A_2 z$$

$$z \rightarrow b A_3 A_3 A_2 / b A_3 A_3 A_2 z$$

The ~~required~~ grammar in CNF is  
given by eqns. ①  $\rightarrow$  ④

2. Construct a grammar in GNF  
equivalent to the grammar

$$S \rightarrow AA \quad | \quad a, \quad A \rightarrow SS \quad | \quad b.$$

$\rightarrow$  step 1 :-

As the given G is in CNF & has no null pdns, we can omit step ① & proceed to step 2. After

renaming S & A as  $A_1$  &  $A_2$  respectively  
Now the pdns are :-

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_2 \quad | \quad a$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow A_1 A_1 \quad | \quad b$$



Step 2 :-

Following pdns are in the required form.

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_2 \quad (a ; i < j)$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow b$$

Apply lemma 1  $\rightarrow A_2 \rightarrow A_1 A_1$  (12)

$$A_2 \rightarrow A_2 A_2 A_1 / a A_1$$

Thus  $A_2$  pdns are

$$A_2 \rightarrow A_2 A_2 A_1 / a A_1 \quad | b$$

Step 3

We have to apply lemma 2 to  $A_2$  pdns  $A_2 \rightarrow A_2 A_2 A_1 / a A_1 \quad | b$ .

Let  $z'$  be a new variable.

The resulting pdns are :-

$$A_2 \rightarrow a A_1 \quad | b$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow z' a A_1 \quad | b z'$$

$$z' \rightarrow A_2 A_1$$

$$z' \rightarrow A_2 A_1 z'$$



step 4 :-

a)  $A_2$  pdns are.

$$A_2 \rightarrow aA_1 \mid b \mid aA_1z \mid bz \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

b) Among  $A_1$  pdns, retain  $A_1 \rightarrow a$ .

Eliminate  $A_1 \rightarrow A_2A_2$  using lemma.

The resulting pdns are:

$$A_1 \rightarrow aA_1A_2 \mid bA_2 \mid aA_1zA_2 \mid bzA_2 \mid a \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

c)  $z$ -pdns to be modified are

$$z \rightarrow A_2A_1 \mid A_2A_1z.$$

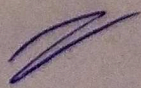
Apply lemma 1, we get,

$$z \rightarrow aA_1A_1 \mid bA_1 \mid aA_1zA_1 \mid bzA_1$$

$$z \rightarrow aA_1A_1z \mid bA_1z \mid aA_1zA_1z$$

$$bzA_1z \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

The eq. grammar in GNF is given by eqn (1)  $\rightarrow$  (3)





3. Consider CFG.  $S \rightarrow xy$ ,  $x \rightarrow ysl$ ,  
 $y \rightarrow sx$  to convert to CNF.

→ step 1:

The given CFG is in CNF & here no null prodns.

∴ The prodns are.

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 //$$

$$A_3 \rightarrow A_1 A_2 \text{ to}$$

step 2:-

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 //$$

$$A_3 \rightarrow \emptyset$$

} = all in eq. form as

Apply lemma 1 to  $A_3 \rightarrow A_1 A_2$ .

$$A_3 \rightarrow A_2 A_3 A_2 \quad (\because A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3)$$

$i > j$

$$A_3 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 A_3 A_2 // A_3 A_2 \quad (\because A_2 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 //)$$

$i = j$



Now pdms are :-

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 \mid \epsilon$$

$$A_3 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 A_3 A_2 \mid \epsilon \mid A_3 A_2 \mid \epsilon$$

Step 3

As we have)

$$A_3 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 A_3 A_2 \quad \cancel{A_3 A_2} \quad \text{apply Lemma 2}$$

$$i=j$$

$$A_3 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 A_3 A_2 \mid \epsilon \mid A_3 A_2 \mid \epsilon$$

Let  $z$  be a new variable,

pdms are :-

$$A_3 \rightarrow \epsilon \mid A_3 A_2 \mid \epsilon$$

$$A_3 \rightarrow \epsilon \mid A_3 A_2 z \mid \epsilon \mid z$$

$$z \rightarrow A_1 A_3 A_2$$

$$z \rightarrow A_1 A_3 A_2 z$$

Step 4

a)  $A_3$  pdms are :-



$$A_3 \rightarrow 0 \mid 1A_3A_2 \mid 0Z \mid 1A_3A_2Z \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

b) In  $A_2$  pdns, return  $A_2 \rightarrow 1$

& modify  $A_2 \rightarrow A_3A_1$  using lemma 1.

$$A_2 \rightarrow 0A_1 \mid 1A_3A_2A_1 \mid 0ZA_1 \mid 1A_3A_2ZA_1$$

$\therefore$  Now  $A_2$  pdns are.

$$A_2 \rightarrow 0A_1 \mid 1A_3A_2A_1 \mid 0ZA_1 \mid 1A_3A_2ZA_1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

c) In  $A_1$  pdns, modify  $A_1 \rightarrow A_2A_3$  using lemma 1

pdns are.

$$A_1 \rightarrow 0A_1A_3 \mid 1A_3A_2A_1A_3 \mid 0ZA_1A_3 \mid 1A_3A_2ZA_1A_3 \mid 1A_3 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

d) Modifying 2 pdns:-

$$Z \rightarrow A_1A_3A_2 \mid A_1A_3A_2Z$$

$$Z \rightarrow 0A_1A_3A_3A_2 \mid 0A_1A_3A_3A_2Z \mid 1A_3A_2A_1A_3A_2$$

$$A_3A_2 \mid 1A_3A_2A_1A_3A_3A_2Z \mid 0ZA_1A_3A_3A_2$$

$$0ZA_1A_3A_3A_2Z \mid 1A_3A_2ZA_1A_3A_3A_2 \mid$$



$1A_3A_2Z A_1A_3A_3A_2Z / 1A_3A_3A_2 /$   
 $1A_3A_3A_2Z$

The eq. grammar in CNF's  
given by eqns  $\textcircled{1} \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$

Pumping lemma for context free  
languages

Let 'L' be a CFL. Then we can  
find a natural no n such that

i) Every  $z \in L$  with  $|z| \geq n$  can  
be written as  $uv^iwx^iy$  for  
some strings  $u, v, w, x, y$ .

ii)  $|vx| \geq 1$

iii)  $|vwx| \leq n$

iv)  $uv^iwx^iy \in L$  for all  $i \geq 0$ .



## Application of pumping lemma.

It is used to prove certain languages are not context free.

Steps for proving the given language is not context free.

First we take a language  $L$  is CFL. By applying pumping lemma, we get contradiction.

The steps considered for this are:

Assume  $L$  is CFL. Let  $n$  be a natural no obtained by using pumping lemma.

2. Choose a string  $z \in L$  such that  $|z| \geq n$ . Using pumping lemma

principle,  $z = uv^iwx^iy$ .

3. Find a suitable integer  $i$ , so that

that  $uv^iwx^iy \notin L$ . This is a contradiction.

So  $L$  is not a CFL.



2. Show that  $w = \{ a^i b^i c^i \mid i \geq 1 \}$  is not a CFL.

→ Step 1 :-

Suppose  $w$  is a CFL &  $n$  is a constant.

Step 2 :-

Assume  $w = a^n b^n c^n$  where  
where  $|w| = |a^n b^n c^n| = 3n > n$ .

Let  $w = uvwx$  where  $|vx| \geq 1$  &  
 $|vwx| \leq n$ .

Here  $v \in w$  are strings that get pumped could lie in  $a^n b^n c^n$ . Since  $|vwx| \leq n$ , it is not possible for  $vx$  to contain instances of  $a^i$  &  $c^i$ . If  $v \in w$  consists of  $a^i$  only, then  $uv^iwx$  has  $n$   $b^i$  &  $n$   $c^i$  but fewer than  $n$   $a^i$ . Since  $|vx| \geq 1$



Step 3:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } z &= uv^iwx^i y \\ &= \underbrace{a^i}_{u} \underbrace{a}_{v} \underbrace{a^{n-j-2}}_w \underbrace{a}_x \underbrace{b^n c^n}_y \end{aligned}$$

let  $i=2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} uv^2wx^2y &= a^2 a^2 a^{n-j-2} a^2 b^n c^n \\ &= a^{n+2} b^n c^n \notin L \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction

$L = \{ a^i b^i c^i \mid i \geq 1 \}$  is not CFL

2. show that  $L = \{ a^p \mid p \text{ is prime} \}$  is not CFL.

→ step 1

Assume that  $L$  is context free.  
let  $n$  be a natural no.  
obtained by using pumping lemma.

step 2

consider a string

$$z = a a a a a \epsilon h$$

$$\text{where } |z| = |a a a a a| = 5 \geq n$$



Using pumping lemma principle

$$z = uv^iwx^iy$$

step 3 ↓

let  $i=3$ , then

$$uv^iwx^iy = uv^3wx^3y = aa^3aa^3a.$$

Here  $|aa^3aa^3a|$ , which is not a prime no.  $\uparrow$

This is a contradiction. So,

$L = \{a^p \mid p \text{ is a prime no}\}$  is not a CFL.