

Introduction to Formal Language Theory — day 3

Context-free languages

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Equivalence relation

Definition

Let M be a set. A binary Relation $R \subseteq M \times M$ on M is an **equivalence relation** if

- ① R is reflexive ($\forall x \in M : xRx$)
- ② R is symmetric (if xRy , then yRx)
- ③ R is transitive (if xRy and yRz , then xRz)

An equivalence relation R on M , parts M into disjoint subsets (**equivalence classes**) M_i (with $i \in I$), where

- ① for all $i \in I$ and $x, y \in M_i$, the relation xRy holds and
- ② for all $i, j \in I$ with $i \neq j$ and $x \in M_i$ and $y \in M_j$, the relation xRy does not hold.

If $x \in M$, $[x]_R$ determines the equivalence class, that contains x . The number of equivalence classes $|\{[x]_R : x \in M\}|$ is the **index** of the equivalence relation.

Indistinguishability relation

Definition

Let L be a language over the alphabet Σ . We define the **indistinguishability relation** R_L over Σ^* as follows:

xR_Ly holds iff for all $z \in \Sigma^*$ either xz and yz are both in language L or xz and yz are both not in language L .

If two strings x and y are in relation R_L , we call them **indistinguishable** with respect to language L .

Example: a and aa are indistinguishable with respect to the language a^* but they are not indistinguishable with respect to the language $\{a^n b^n\}$.

Lemma

The indistinguishability relation is an equivalence relation.

Myhill-Nerode theorem

Proposition

A language $L \subseteq \Sigma^$ is regular iff the index of the indistinguishability relation R_L is finite.*

Proposition (Corollary)

A language $L \subseteq \Sigma^$ is not regular iff the number of chains in Σ^* , such that they are pairwise distinguishable with respect to L , is infinite.*

Example:

- 1 The index of R_L for $L(a(a|b)^*c)$ is 4, thus L is regular.
($[\epsilon]$, $[a]$, $[ac]$, $[b]$)
- 2 The index of R_L for $L(a^i b^k : i \geq k)$ is infinite, thus L is not regular.
($[a^i]$ for $i \geq 0$ are all different)

Proof of the Myhill-Nerode theorem (I)

(if regular, then finite index)

Let M be a deterministic FSA that accepts the language L . Define a further equivalence relation R_M over Σ^* as follows: xR_My iff the automaton M is in the same state $((\epsilon, q_0, x) \vdash^* (x, q, \epsilon), (\epsilon, q_0, y) \vdash^* (y, q, \epsilon))$ after processing the strings x and y .

- Every equivalence class of R_M is associated with a state in M .
- Since the number of states is finite, the index of R_M has to be finite as well.
- If xR_My holds, then xzR_Myz holds for any $z \in \Sigma^*$.
- If we assume that xR_My holds and $z \in \Sigma^*$, then xz will be accepted by automaton M iff yz is also accepted by the automaton.
- Therefore $xz \in L$ holds iff $yz \in L$.
- Therefore from xR_My follows xR_Ly .
- Thus every equivalence class of R_M is a subset of the equivalence class of R_L .
- Since the index of R_M is finite, the index of R_L has to be finite as well.

Proof of the Myhill-Nerode theorem (II)

(if finite index, then regular)

Let L be a regular language. Thus the index of R_L is finite.

Let $[x_1]_{R_L}, [x_2]_{R_L}, \dots, [x_n]_{R_L}$ be the n equivalence classes of R_L . Then we can define a detFSA M_L that accepts L as follows:

$M_L = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, S, F)$ with:

- $Q = \{[x_1]_{R_L}, [x_2]_{R_L}, \dots, [x_n]_{R_L}\}$,
- $S = [\epsilon]_{R_L}$ ($= [x_i]_{R_L}$ if $\epsilon \in [x_i]_{R_L}$),
- $F = \{[x_i]_{R_L} \mid x_i \in L\}$,
- $\delta([x]_{R_L}, a) = [xa]_{R_L}$.

A detFSA with n ($=$ index of R_L) states is called a **minimal detFSA** for the language L . Every detFSA with n states that accepts the language L , can be derived from M_L by renaming the states.

detFSA minimization (algorithm)

Given a detFSA M (where all states are accessible from initial state).

- 1 Create a table with all pairs of states $q_i \neq q_j$.
- 2 Mark all pairs (q_i, q_j) with $q_i \in F$ and $q_j \notin F$ (or the other way around).
- 3 Check for every unmarked pair (q_i, q_j) and every symbol $a \in \Sigma$ whether $(\delta(q_i, a), \delta(q_j, a))$ is marked or not. If it is marked, also mark (q_i, q_j) .
- 4 Repeat step 3 as long as you can add new marks.
- 5 Merge all unmarked pairs to one state.

Pumping lemma for regular languages

Lemma (Pumping-Lemma)

If L is a regular language over Σ , then there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that every word $z \in L$ with $|z| \geq n$ can be written as $z = uvw$ such that

- $|v| \geq 1$
- $|uv| \leq n$
- $uv^i w \in L$ for any $i \geq 0$.

proof sketch:

- Any regular language is accepted by a deterministic FSA with a finite number n of states.
- While reading in z with $|z| \geq n$ the detFSA passes at least one state q_j twice.

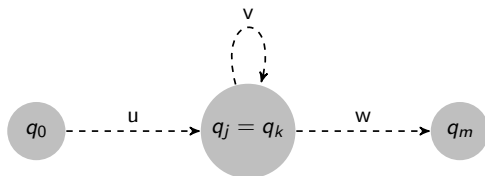
Pumping lemma for regular languages (cont.)

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proof sketch:



Let q_j be the first state that is passed twice, then $|u| < n$ and $|uv| \leq n$

$L = \{a^m b^m : m \geq 0\}$ is not regular

- Suppose L is regular and n is the natural number associated with L by the pumping lemma. Let $z = a^n b^n$ and write $z = uvw$ with $|uv| \leq n$ and $|v| \geq 1$.
- $|uv| \leq n$ implies that u and v can only consist of a 's.
- The pumping lemma implies that $uv^i w \in L$ for any $i \geq 0$, but $uvvw$ has more a 's as uvw (remember $|v| \neq \epsilon$).
- Thus either uvw or $uvvw$ is not an element of L .
- Contradiction to the assumption that L is regular.

Closure properties of regular languages

A language class is **closed** under an operation if its application to arbitrary languages of this class

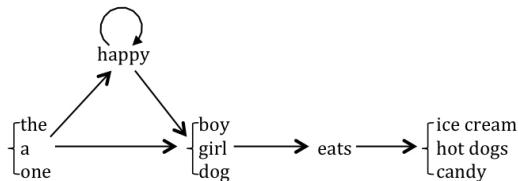
	Type3	Type2	Type1	Type0
union	+ ✓	+	+	+
intersection	+	-	+	+
complement	+	-	+	-
concatenation	+ ✓	+	+	+
Kleene's star	+ ✓	+	+	+
intersection with a regular language	+	+	+	+

complement: construct complementary DFSA

intersection: implied by *de Morgan*

Are natural languages regular?

- Pinker: Finite State Model (Markov Model / word chain device)
 - ▶ a model whereby a sentence is produced one word at a time
 - ▶ each successive word limits the choice of the next word



- it was considered plausible until the 1950's
- problems for modeling natural languages, e.g.:
 - ▶ long-distance dependencies and sentence embedding
 - ▶ the FSM cannot handle hierarchical / tree-like structures
 - ▶ structural ambiguity
 - ▶ recursion (embedding)
- Chomsky (*Syntactic structures*, 1957): English is not a regular language.

Long distance dependencies and embedding

- *if ..., then ... / either ..., or ...* structures
 - (a) Either John_i is sick or he_i is depressed.
 - (b) Either Mary_i knows [that John_j thinks that he_j is sick] or she_i is depressed.
- arbitrary (sentence) embedding possible, e.g.
 - The cheese [that the mouse stole]_S was expensive.
 - The cheese [that the mouse [that the cat caught]_S stole]_S was expensive.
 - The cheese [that the mouse [that the cat [that the dog chased]_S caught]_S stole]_S was expensive.
 - The cheese [that the mouse [that the cat [that the dog [that Peter bought]_S chased]_S caught]_S stole]_S was expensive.

Constituency

- words can be hierachically grouped to bigger units \Rightarrow phrases / constituents
 - ▶ $[_{NP}$ Felix] $[_{VP}$ slept].
 - ▶ $[_{NP}$ A cat] $[_{VP}$ slept].
 - ▶ $[_{NP}$ A small cat] $[_{VP}$ slept].
 - ▶ $[_{NP}$ A small grey cat] $[_{VP}$ slept].
 - ▶ $[_{NP}$ Rose] $[_{VP}$ $[_V$ admires] $[_{NP}$ Felix]] .
 - ▶ $[_{NP}$ Rose] $[_{VP}$ $[_V$ admires] $[_{NP}$ an actor]] .
 - ▶ $[_{NP}$ Rose] $[_{VP}$ $[_V$ admires] $[_{NP}$ an actor $[_S$ who likes Felix]]] .

Structural ambiguity

- one sentence with two (or more) different syntactic analyses
- two (or more) different phrase structure trees
- e.g. *Sherlock saw the man with the binoculars.*
 - ▶ $[S [NP \text{ Sherlock}] [VP [V \text{ saw}] [NP \text{ the man}] [PP \text{ with the binoculars}]]$.
 - ▶ $[S [NP \text{ Sherlock}] [VP [V \text{ saw}] [NP \text{ the man} [PP \text{ with the binoculars}]]]$.
- other different ambiguities:
 - ▶ lexical ambiguity; e.g. *The fisherman went to the bank.*
 - ▶ scope ambiguity; e.g. *Every student read a book.*

Natural languages are not regular

- see, e.g., the example of nested dependency:
 - ▶ a woman met another woman
 - ▶ a woman **whom another woman hired** hired another woman
 - ▶ a woman **whom another woman whom another woman hired hired** met another woman
 - ▶ ... etc.
- formal proof using closure under intersection and the pumping lemma for regular languages
- recall: $L1_{REG} \cap L2_{REG} = L_{REG}$
- we cannot directly apply the Pumping Lemma to English
- but we can use a common strategy: intersection and homomorphism
- homomorphism f : $f(\text{a woman}) = w$, $f(\text{whom another woman}) = x$, $f(\text{hired}) = y$, $f(\text{met another woman}) = z$
 - ▶ wx^*y^*z is a regular language; and
 - ▶ $f(\text{English}) \cap wx^*y^*z = wx^n y^n z$
- we can apply the Pumping Lemma to $wx^n y^n z$
- $\Rightarrow x^n y^n$ is not regular \Rightarrow English is not regular

Context-free language

Definition

A grammar (N, T, S, R) is **context-free** if all production rules in R are of the form:

$$A \rightarrow \beta \text{ with } A \in N \text{ and } \beta \in (N \cup T)^* \setminus \{\epsilon\}$$

Additionally, the rule $S \rightarrow \epsilon$ is allowed if S does not occur in any rule's right-hand side. A language generated by a context-free grammar is said to be context-free.

Proposition

The set of context-free languages is a strict superset of the set of regular languages.

Proof: Each regular language is per definition context-free. $L(a^n b^n)$ is context-free but not regular ($S \rightarrow aSb, S \rightarrow \epsilon$).

Note: $S \rightarrow \epsilon$ is only allowed if S does not occur in any rule's right-hand side, however the problem can always be eliminated ($S \rightarrow \epsilon, S \rightarrow T, T \rightarrow aTb, T \rightarrow ab$)

Examples of context-free languages

- $L_1 = \{ww^R : w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$
 - ▶ generated by the grammar $G_1 = (\{S\}, \{a, b\}, S, R)$ with $R = \{S \rightarrow \epsilon, S \rightarrow aSa, S \rightarrow bSb\}$
- $L_2 = \{a^i b^j : i \geq j\}$
- $L_3 = \{w \in \{a, b\}^* : \text{more } a\text{'s than } b\text{'s}\}$
- $L_4 = \{w \in \{a, b\}^* : \text{number of } a\text{'s equals number of } b\text{'s}\}$
 - ▶ generated by the grammar $G_4 = (\{a, b\}, \{S, A, B\}, S, R)$ with $R = \{S \rightarrow aB, S \rightarrow bA, A \rightarrow aS, B \rightarrow bS, A \rightarrow bAA, B \rightarrow aBB, A \rightarrow a, B \rightarrow b\}$

Ambiguous grammars and ambiguous languages

Definition

Given a context-free grammar G : A derivation which always replaces the leftmost nonterminal symbol is called **left-derivation**

Definition

A context-free grammar G is **ambiguous** iff there exists a $w \in L(G)$ with more than one left-derivation, $S \rightarrow^* w$.

Definition

A context-free language L is **ambiguous** iff each context-free grammar G with $L(G) = L$ is ambiguous.

Recall: there is a one-to-one correspondence between left-derivations and derivation trees.

Example of an ambiguous grammar

- $G = (N, T, S, R)$ with

$$N = \{D, N, NP, P, PP, PN, V, VP, S\},$$

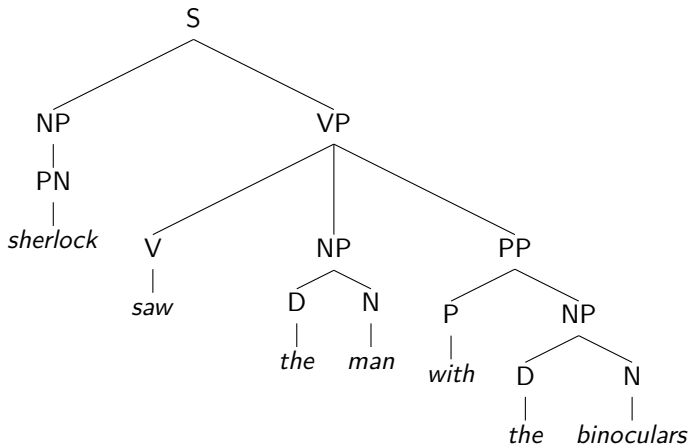
$$T = \{the, man, binoculars, sherlock, with, saw\},$$

$$R = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow NP VP, VP \rightarrow V NP, VP \rightarrow V NP PP, \\ NP \rightarrow PN, NP \rightarrow D N, NP \rightarrow D N PP, PP \rightarrow P NP, \\ V \rightarrow saw, PN \rightarrow sherlock, N \rightarrow man, \\ N \rightarrow binoculars, D \rightarrow the, P \rightarrow with \end{array} \right\}$$

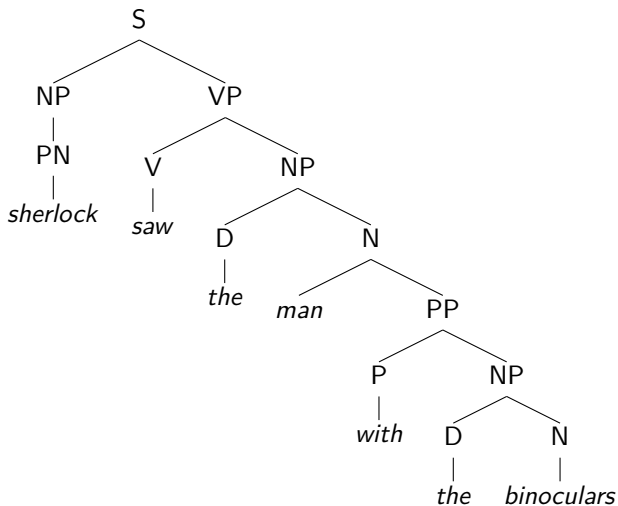
- left-derivations:

- ▶ $S \Rightarrow NP VP \Rightarrow PN VP \Rightarrow Sherlock VP \Rightarrow Sherlock V NP \Rightarrow Sherlock saw NP \Rightarrow \dots$
- ▶ $S \Rightarrow NP VP \Rightarrow PN VP \Rightarrow Sherlock VP \Rightarrow Sherlock V NP PP \Rightarrow Sherlock saw NP PP \Rightarrow \dots$

Example of an ambiguous grammar

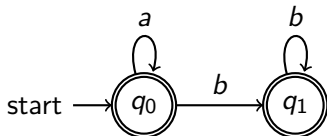


Example of an ambiguous grammar



Push-down automaton

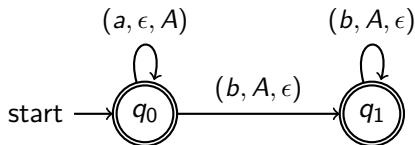
- we saw, that the regular language a^*b^* can be accepted by an FSA



- take now the language $a^n b^n$ → we cannot create an FSA that accepts $a^n b^n$, since the ‘loops’ do not ‘remember’ how many a ’s are read at a given moment ⇒ we need some kind of “memory”
- Push-down Automaton** (PDA)
 - a PDA is essentially an FSA augmented with an *auxiliary tape* or *stack* on which it can read, write, and erase symbols
 - ‘last in – first out’ (LIFO) system
 - the stack can be seen as a kind of “memory”
- context-free languages are accepted by Push-down Automata

Example PDAs

- a PDA for language $a^n b^n$
- a PDA $M = \langle Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, F \rangle$ with
 - $Q = \{q_0, q_1\}$ (set of states)
 - $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ (input alphabet)
 - $\Gamma = \{A\}$ (stack alphabet)
 - q_0 (initial state)
 - $F = \{q_0, q_1\}$ (set of final states)
 - $\delta = \{(q_0, a, \epsilon) \rightarrow (q_0, A), (q_0, b, A) \rightarrow (q_1, \epsilon), (q_1, b, A) \rightarrow (q_1, \epsilon)\}$



Push-down automaton

Definition

A **nondeterministic push-down automaton** is a 6-tuple $(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, F)$ with:

- 1 a finite, nonempty set of **states** Q
- 2 an alphabet Σ with $Q \cap \Sigma = \emptyset$
- 3 a stack alphabet Γ with $\Sigma \cap \Gamma = \emptyset$
- 4 a **transition** relation $\delta : (Q \times \Sigma^* \times \Gamma^*) \times (Q \times \Gamma^*)$
- 5 an **initial state** $q_0 \in Q$ and
- 6 a set of **final states** $F \subseteq Q$.

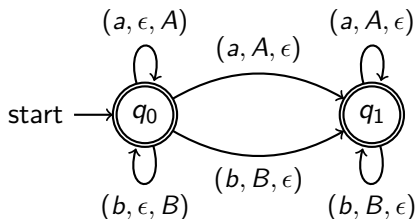
- nondeterministic and deterministic PDAs are **not** equivalent!

Push-down automaton

- transition rules of the form $(q_i, x, \alpha) \rightarrow (q_k, \beta)$
- the transitions include not only change of state but also operations on the stack: *pop and push*
- transition rules from state q_1 to state q_2 , while reading a , and
 - ▶ pop A from the stack: $(q_1, a, A) \rightarrow (q_2, \epsilon)$
 - ▶ push B to the stack: $(q_1, a, \epsilon) \rightarrow (q_2, B)$
 - ▶ pop A and push B : $(q_1, a, A) \rightarrow (q_2, B)$
 - ▶ no stack operation: $(q_1, a, \epsilon) \rightarrow (q_2, \epsilon)$
- according to the definition A and B can also be strings over Γ
- a PDA accepts an input string iff
 - ▶ the entire input string has been read
 - ▶ the PDA is in a final (accepting) state
 - ▶ the stack is empty

Example PDAs

- a PDA for language ww^R
- a PDA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, F)$ with
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 - q_0 (initial state)
 - $F = \{q_0, q_1\}$ (set of final states)
 - $\delta = \{(q_0, a, \epsilon) \rightarrow (q_0, A), (q_0, b, A) \rightarrow (q_1, \epsilon), (q_1, b, A) \rightarrow (q_1, \epsilon)\}$



Chomsky Normal Form

Definition

A grammar is in **Chomsky Normal Form (CNF)** if all production rules are of the form

- 1 $A \rightarrow a$
- 2 $A \rightarrow BC$

with $A, B, C \in T$ and $a \in \Sigma$ (and if necessary $S \rightarrow \epsilon$ in which case S may not occur in any right-hand side of a rule).

Proposition

Each context-free language is generated by a grammar in CNF.

Proposition

No node in a derivation tree of a grammar in CNF has more than two daughters.

Chomsky Normal Form

- Each context-free language is generated by a grammar in CNF.
- Given a context-free grammar G with $\epsilon \notin L(G)$

3 steps

- 1 Eliminate complex terminal rules.
- 2 Eliminate chain rules.
- 3 Eliminate $A \rightarrow B_1 B_2 \dots B_n$ ($n > 2$) rules.

CNF: eliminate complex terminal rules

Aim: Terminals only occur in rules of type $A \rightarrow a$

- 1 Introduce a new non-terminal X_a for each terminal a occurring in a complex terminal rule.
- 2 Replace a by X_a in all complex terminal rules.
- 3 For each X_a add a rule $X_a \rightarrow a$.

$$S \rightarrow ABA|B$$

$$A \rightarrow aA|C|a$$

$$B \rightarrow bB|b$$

$$C \rightarrow A$$

 \Rightarrow

$$S \rightarrow ABA|B$$

$$A \rightarrow X_aA|C|a$$

$$B \rightarrow X_bB|b$$

$$C \rightarrow A$$

$$X_a \rightarrow a$$

$$X_b \rightarrow b$$

CNF: eliminate chain rules

Aim: No rules of the form $A \rightarrow B$

- For each circle $A_1 \rightarrow A_2, \dots, A_{k-1} \rightarrow A_k, A_k \rightarrow A_1$ replace in all rules each A_i by a new non-terminal A'_i and delete all $A'_i \rightarrow A'_i$ -rules.
- Remove stepwise all rules $A \rightarrow B$ and add for each $B \rightarrow \beta$ a rule $A \rightarrow \beta$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 S \rightarrow ABA|B \\
 A \rightarrow X_a A|C|a \\
 B \rightarrow X_b B|b \\
 C \rightarrow A \\
 X_a \rightarrow a \\
 X_b \rightarrow b
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow
 \begin{array}{l}
 S \rightarrow A'BA'|X_b B|b \\
 A' \rightarrow X_a A'|a \\
 B \rightarrow X_b B|b \\
 X_a \rightarrow a \\
 X_b \rightarrow b
 \end{array}$$

CNF: $A \rightarrow B_1 B_2 \dots B_n$ ($n > 2$)

Aim: not more than two non-terminals in one rule's right-hand side

- For each rule of the form $A \rightarrow B_1 B_2 \dots B_n$ introduce a new non-terminal $X_{B_2 \dots B_n}$.
- Remove the rule and add two new rules:
 - ▶ $A \rightarrow B_1 X_{B_2 \dots B_n}$
 - ▶ $X_{B_2 \dots B_n} \rightarrow B_2 \dots B_n$

$$S \rightarrow A' B A' | X_b B | b$$

$$A' \rightarrow X_a A' | a$$

$$B \rightarrow X_b B | b$$

$$X_a \rightarrow a$$

$$X_b \rightarrow b$$

 \Rightarrow

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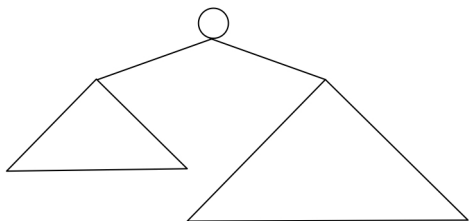
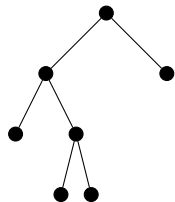
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binary trees



Proposition

If T is an arbitrary binary tree with at least 2^k leafs, then $\text{height}(T) \geq k$.

Proof by induction on k . The proposition is true for $k = 0$. Given the proposition is true for some fixed k , let T be a tree with $\geq 2^{k+1}$ leafs. T has two subtrees of which at least one has 2^k leafs. Thus the height of T is $\geq 2^{k+1}$.

Corollary

If a context-free grammar is in CNF, then the height of a derivation tree of a word of length $\geq 2^k$, then $\text{height}(T)$ is greater than k (note that the last derivation step is always a unary one).

Pumping lemma for context-free languages

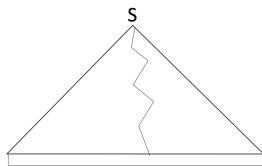
Lemma (Pumping Lemma)

For each context-free language L there exists a $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for any $z \in L$: if $|z| \geq n$, then z may be written as $z = uvwxy$ with

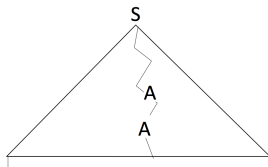
- $u, v, w, x, y \in T^*$,
- $|vwx| \leq p$,
- $vx \neq \epsilon$ and
- $uv^iwx^iy \in L$ for any $i \geq 0$.

Pumping lemma: proof sketch

Let $k = |N|$ and $n = 2^k$. Be $z \in L$ with $|z| \geq n$.



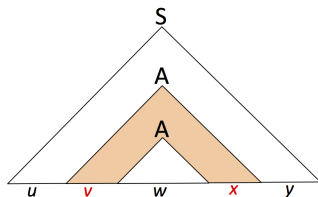
Because of $|z| \geq 2^k$ there exists a path in the binary part of the derivation tree of z of length $\geq k$.



At least one non-terminal symbol occurs twice on the path.

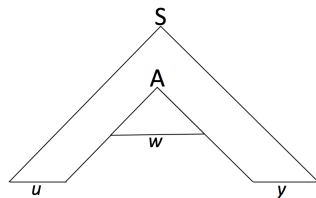
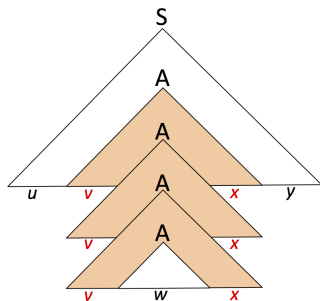
Starting from the bottom of the path, let A be the first non-terminal occurring twice.

Pumping Lemma: proof sketch



$|vwx| \leq n$ (A is chosen such that no non-terminal occurs twice in the trees spanned by the upper of the two A 's)
 $vx \neq \epsilon$ (a binary rule $A \rightarrow BC$ must have been applied to the upper A).

Pumping Lemma: proof sketch



$uv^iwx^iy \in L$ for any $i \geq 0$.

Pumping Lemma: application

The language $L(a^k b^m c^k d^m)$ is not context-free

- Assume that $L(a^k b^m c^k d^m)$ is context-free then there is a $n \in \mathbb{N}$ as specified by the Pumping Lemma.
- Choose $z = a^n b^n c^n d^n$, and $z = uvwxy$ in accordance with the Pumping Lemma.
- Because of $|vwx| \leq n$ the string vwx consists either of only a 's, of a and b 's, only of b 's, of b and c 's, only of c 's,
- It follows that the pumped word uv^2wx^2y cannot be in L .
- That contradicts the assumption that L is context-free.

Closure properties of context-free languages

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Kleene's star	+	+	+	+
intersection with a regular language	+	+	+	+

union: $G = (N_1 \uplus N_2 \cup \{S\}, T_1 \cup T_2, S, P)$ with
 $P = P_1 \cup_{\uplus} P_2 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1, S \rightarrow S_2\}$

intersection: $L_1 = \{a^n b^n a^k\}$, $L_2 = \{a^n b^k a^k\}$, but $L_1 \cap L_2 = \{a^n b^n a^n\}$

complement: *de Morgan*

concatenation: $G = (N_1 \uplus N_2 \cup \{S\}, T_1 \cup T_2, S, P)$ with
 $P = P_1 \cup_{\uplus} P_2 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1 S_2\}$

Kleene's star: $G = (N_1 \cup \{S\}, T_1, S, P)$ with $P = P_1 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1 S, S \rightarrow \epsilon\}$

decision problems

Given: grammars $G = (N, \Sigma, S, P)$, $G' = (N', \Sigma, S', P')$, and a word $w \in \Sigma^*$

word problem Is w derivable from G ?

emptiness problem Does G generate a nonempty language?

equivalence problem Do G and G' generate the same language
($L(G) = L(G')$)?

Results for the decision problems

	Type3	Type2	Type1	Type0
word problem	D	D	D	U
emptiness problem	D	D	U	U
equivalence problem	D	U	U	U

D: decidable; U: undecidable