

Formal Languages and Automata Theory

Exercise sheet 1: Pumping Lemma and Closure Properties for CFLs

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Exercise 1 (4 points) Is the language $a^i b^k c^i d^n$ context free? If yes, provide a grammar. If no, use the pumping lemma to show it is not.

Exercise 2 (6 points) Is the language $a^i b^k c^i d^i$ context free? If yes, provide a grammar. If no, use the pumping lemma to show it is not.

Exercise 3 (4 points for union+concatenation+closure, 6 points for intersection+complement). Explore whether CFGs are closed under

1. union
2. concatenation
3. closure
4. intersection
5. complement

Hint: if yes, you should provide an algorithm to construct a CFG that accepts the resulting language. If no, you should provide a proof that ultimately goes back to the pumping lemma.