

1. Give a grammar with no ϵ or unit productions generating the set $L(G) - \{\epsilon\}$ where G is the grammar:

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aSbb \mid T \\ T &\rightarrow bTaa \mid S \mid \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

2. Give grammars in Chomsky Normal form for the following context-free languages:

- (a) $\{a^n b^{2n} c^k \mid k, n \geq 1\}$
 (b) $\{a, b\}^*$ – palindromes

3. Use the pumping lemma to show that the following languages are not context-free:

- (a) $\{w\#x \mid w \text{ is a substring of } x, \text{ where } w, x \in \{a, b\}^*\}$
 (b) $\{a^p \mid p \text{ is prime}\}$

4. Construct NPDA for the set $\{a, b\}^*$ – palindromes. Specify clearly if your NPDA accepts by empty stack or by final state.

5. Let $b(n)$ denote the binary representation of $n \geq 1$, leading zeros omitted. For example, $b(5) = 101$ and $b(12) = 1100$. Let $\$$ be another symbol not in $\{0, 1\}$.

- (a) Show that the set

$$\{b(n)\$b(n+1) \mid n \geq 1\}$$

is not a CFL.

- (b) Suppose we reverse the first numeral; that is, consider the set

$$\{\mathbf{rev} \, b(n)\$b(n+1) \mid n \geq 1\}.$$

Show that this set is a CFL.

6. Closure properties of Context-Free Languages:

A CFL is a language that can be generated by a context-free grammar. Equivalently, a CFL is a language that can be recognized by an NPDA.

- (a) Show that CFLs are closed under union, concatenation and Kleene star.
 (b) Show that CFLs are not closed under intersection and complementation.
 (c) If L is a CFL and R is a regular language, show that $L \cap R$ is a CFL.
 (d) Show that CFLs are closed under homomorphisms and inverse homomorphisms.

7. Recall the *shuffle* operator from Tutorial 2. Show that CFLs are not closed under shuffle.

8. Given a CFG G , provide an algorithm to check if $L(G)$ is empty.