

Formal Languages and Automata Theory

Exercises Languages and Formal Grammars

Unit 4 – Part 1

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1. Create a grammar to generate the following languages:

- a. $\{ a, aa, aaa \}$
- b. $\{ a, aa, aaa, aaaa, aaaaa, \dots \}$
- c. $\{ \lambda, a, aa, aaa \}$
- d. $\{ \lambda, a, aa, aaa, aaaa, aaaaa, \dots \}$

The notation used to denote each one of the languages is:

- a. $\{ a^n \mid n \in [1, 3] \}$
- b. $\{ a^n \mid n > 0 \}$
- c. $\{ a^n \mid n \in [0, 3] \}$
- d. $\{ a^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$

2. Given the grammars $G = (\{c,d\}, \{S,A,T\}, S, P_i)$ where:

$P_1: S \rightarrow \lambda \mid A$ $A \rightarrow AA \mid c$	$P_2: S \rightarrow \lambda \mid A$ $A \rightarrow cAd \mid cd$	$P_3: S \rightarrow \lambda \mid A$ $A \rightarrow AcA \mid c$	$P_4: S \rightarrow cA$ $A \rightarrow d \mid cA \mid Td$ $T \rightarrow Td \mid d$	$P_5: S \rightarrow \lambda \mid A$ $A \rightarrow Ad \mid cA \mid cd$
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Determine the associated language.

3. Create a grammar to generate the following languages:

- a. $\{ a^n b^n \mid n > 0 \}$
- b. $\{ a^n b^m \mid n > 0, 0 < m < n \}$
- c. $\{ a^n b^m \mid n > 0, 0 \leq m < n \}$

4. Determine the type of the following grammars into the Chomsky Hierarchy. Justify your answer.

- a. $G = (\{a,b\}, \{A,B,S\}, S, P)$, $P = \{S ::= aA, A ::= bB, A ::= aA, A ::= a, B ::= \lambda\}$
- b. $G = (\{a,b,c\}, \{A,B,C,S\}, S, P)$, $P = \{S ::= aAb, S ::= Ba, S ::= \lambda, aAbC ::= aAbB, aAbC ::= aabC, BCc ::= AaCc, BCc ::= BaAbc, C ::= Ca, C ::= a\}$
- c. $G = (\{\text{house, garden, cat}\}, \{S, \text{CASTLE, FOREST, TIGER}\}, S, P)$,
 $P = \{S ::= \text{TIGER garden}, S ::= \text{FOREST CASTLE}, \text{FOREST} ::= \lambda, \text{garden CASTLE TIGER house} ::= \text{garden FOREST TIGER house, cat CASTLE FOREST} ::= \text{cat FOREST house TIGER FOREST, FOREST} ::= \text{TIGER house, FOREST} ::= \text{garden}\}$
- d. $G = (\{x,y\}, \{C,A,B,S\}, S, P)$, $P = \{S ::= Cx, S ::= Cy, S ::= By, S ::= Ax, S ::= x, S ::= y, A ::= Ax, A ::= Cx, A ::= x, B ::= By, B ::= yA, C ::= xA\}$
- e. $G = (\{a,b,c\}, \{S,B\}, S, P)$, $P = \{S ::= abc, S ::= aBSc, Ba ::= aB, Bb ::= bb\}$



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5. Given the grammar G,

$$G = (\{a, b, c\}, \{S, A, B\}, S, P), P = \{S ::= \lambda, S ::= aAc, A ::= aA, A ::= Ac, A ::= B, B ::= b, B ::= Bb\}$$

It is required:

- a. Specify the type of G in the Chomsky Hierarchy. Justify your answer.
 - b. Determine the language L generated by the grammar.
 - c. Construct two different derivation trees for a word in L(G).
 - d. Verify if the following sentential forms are valid in G, and write a derivation chain to generate the valid ones.
 - 1) aaAcc
 - 2) ac
 - 3) ababBcc
 - 4) abbccc
6. Obtain the grammar corresponding to the language $L = \{a^n b^m c^p a^q b^n \mid \text{tal que } q = p + m; n, m \geq 1; p \geq 0\}$
7. Obtain a grammar for the language with alphabet $\{a, b, c, d\}$ that consists of all the strings that can be formed by combining these symbols except those that contain the substring "bc".
8. Obtain a grammar for the language $L = \{x^n y^m z^k \mid m, n, k \geq 0, k = m + n\}$
9. Obtain a grammar for the language $\{ab^n a \mid n = 0, 1, \dots\}$
10. Obtain a type-0 grammar for the language $L = \{a^n b^n c^n\}$ where $n \geq 1$.
11. Obtain the language generated by the grammar $G = (\{0, 1\}, \{S, A, B, C\}, S, P)$, where P:
- $$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow BAB \\ BA &\rightarrow BC \\ CA &\rightarrow AAC \\ CB &\rightarrow AAB \\ A &\rightarrow 0 \\ B &\rightarrow 1 \end{aligned}$$
12. Design a grammar to generate natural numbers.

