

Concluding remarks for Part One Outlook on Part Two

Regular languages

- Finite automata, regular expressions and right-linear grammars
- Pumping Lemma and Myhill-Nerode Theorem

Context-free languages

- Non-deterministic push down automata and context-free grammars
- Pumping Lemma for context-free languages

Decidable and recursively enumerable languages

- Turing machines [and unrestricted grammars]
- Halting Problem and other undecidable problems

Language	regular	context-free	semi-decidable/r.e.
Grammar rules	right-linear $A \rightarrow wB, A \rightarrow w$	context-free $A \rightarrow \alpha$	unrestricted $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$
Machine memory	DFA or NFA finite	NPDA finite + one stack	Turing machine unrestricted
Other Descrⁿ	Regular expression Myhill-Nerode-Thm		λ -calculus μ -recursive funct ^s Hugs, Oberon, ...
Example	$\{ w : w \text{ contains } 10 \}$ $\{ 0^n 1^m : n, m \geq 0 \}$	$\{ w w^R \}$ $\{ 0^n 1^n : n \geq 0 \}$	$\{ 0^n 1^m 0^{n+m} : n \geq 0 \}$ $\{ Mx : M \text{ halts on } x \}$ HP
Counterexample	$\{ 0^n 1^n : n \geq 0 \}$	$\{ 0^n 1^n 0^n : n \geq 0 \}$ $\{ w w \}$	$\{ M : M \text{ halts on every } x \}$ TP
Application	Tokenizer Model checker	Parser	General computing

The Pumping Lemma for context-free languages

Pumping Lemma for CFGs. If L is a context free language, then there is a number p – the *pumping length* – such that if $w \in L$ of length at least p , then w may be divided into five pieces, $w = u x y z v$, satisfying:

- (i) for each $i \geq 0$, $u x^i y z^i v \in L$
- (ii) $|xz| > 0$
- (iii) $|xyz| \leq p$.

This can be used to show that the following languages are not context-free

- $\{ w w : w \in \{0, 1\}^* \}$ **Idea:** use $w = 0^p 1^p 0^p 1^p$
- $\{ 0^n 1^n 0^n : n \geq 0 \}$ **Idea:** use $w = 0^p 1^p 0^p$

Regular Operations and Context-Free Languages

Theorem: Context-free languages are closed under the regular operations: union, concatenation and star.

Proof idea. Let $G_1 = (\Gamma_1, \Sigma, \mathcal{R}_1, S_1)$ and $G_2 = (\Gamma_2, \Sigma, \mathcal{R}_2, S_2)$ be context free grammars with $\Gamma_1 \cap \Gamma_2 = \emptyset$. Consider the following context free grammars

$$G_{\text{union}} = (\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \{S\}, \Sigma, \mathcal{R}_1 \cup \mathcal{R}_2 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1, S \rightarrow S_2\}, S)$$

$$G_{\text{concat}} = (\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \{S\}, \Sigma, \mathcal{R}_1 \cup \mathcal{R}_2 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1 S_2\}, S)$$

$$G_{\text{star}} = (\Gamma_1 \cup \{S\}, \Sigma, \mathcal{R}_1 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1 S, S \rightarrow \epsilon\}, S)$$

where S is a fresh variable. Then

$$L(G_{\text{union}}) = L(G_1) \cup L(G_2)$$

$$L(G_{\text{concat}}) = L(G_1) \cdot L(G_2)$$

$$L(G_{\text{star}}) = L(G_1)^*$$

Intersection and context-free languages

1. Context-free languages are not closed under intersection.
2. The intersection of a context-free language with a regular set is context-free.

Proof Idea

1. Both $A = \{0^n 1^n 0^m : n, m \geq 0\}$ and $B = \{0^n 1^m 0^m : n, m \geq 0\}$ are context-free. But $A \cap B = \{0^n 1^n 0^n : n \geq 0\}$ is not context-free.

2. Let A be a regular set accepted by NFA $M = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$ and let B be a context-free language accepted by NPDA

$$N = (Q_2, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta_2, q_2, \perp, F_2).$$

Define the "product"-automaton

$$P = (Q_1 \times Q_2, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, (q_1, q_2), \perp, F_1 \times F_2) \text{ where } \delta \text{ is given by}$$

$$\delta((r, t), a, A) = \{((r', t'), \alpha) : r' \in \delta_1(r, a), (t', \alpha) \in \delta_2(t, a, A)\}$$

then P is a NPDA that accepts $A \cap B$.

Complementation and context-free languages

Context-free languages are not closed under complementation.

Proof Idea The set $A = \{ww : w \in \{0, 1\}^*\}$ is not context-free, but its complement $B = \{0, 1\}^* \setminus A$ is context-free, as it is generated by the grammar $(\{S, A, B, C\}, \{0, 1\}, \mathcal{R}, S)$

$$\text{whith rule set } \mathcal{R} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow AB \mid BA \mid A \mid B, \\ A \rightarrow CAC \mid 0, \\ B \rightarrow CBC \mid 1, \\ C \rightarrow 0 \mid 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

This grammar generates

all strings of odd length starting with productions $S \rightarrow A$ or $S \rightarrow B$ or strings of the form $x0yu1v$ or $u1vx0y$ where $x, y, u, v \in \{0, 1\}^*$, $|x| = |y|$ and $|u| = |v|$. None of these strings can be of the form ww .