

Exercise

Let G be the grammar whose productions are: $S ::= a S S \mid b$.

Let L be the language:

$$L = \{a^{n_0} b^{m_0} \dots a^{n_k} b^{m_k} \mid C1 \ \& \ C2 \ \& \ C3\} \cup \{b\}$$

where: $C1 \equiv n_i \cdot m_i > 0 \ \& \ k \geq 0$

$$C2 \equiv \sum_{0 \leq i \leq j < k} a^{n_i} \geq \sum_{0 \leq i \leq j < k} b^{m_i}$$

$$C3 \equiv \sum_{0 \leq i \leq k} a^{n_i} = (\sum_{0 \leq i \leq k} b^{m_i}) - 1$$

Prove that $L(G) = L$. In particular, prove each of (1),(2),(3),(4) below:

- (1) $L(G)$ contains all the $\gamma \in L$;
- (2) $\gamma \equiv a^{n_0} b^{m_0} \dots a^{n_k} b^{m_k} \in L(G)$ only if $C1$ holds
- (3) $\gamma \equiv a^{n_0} b^{m_0} \dots a^{n_k} b^{m_k} \in L(G)$ only if $C2$ holds
- (4) $\gamma \equiv a^{n_0} b^{m_0} \dots a^{n_k} b^{m_k} \in L(G)$ only if $C3$ holds

(1) Let $Z = \{a\} \times Z \times Z + \{b\}$ be the equation defined by the grammar productions. We show that the following is an identity: $L = \{a\} \times L \times L + \{b\}$. To prove it: Let $C \equiv C1 \ \& \ C2 \ \& \ C3$

$$\begin{aligned} \{a^{n_0} b^{m_0} \dots a^{n_k} b^{m_k} \mid C\} \cup \{b\} &= \{a\} \times \{a^{n_0'} b^{m_0'} \dots a^{n_{k'}} b^{m_{k'}} \mid C\} \times \{a^{n_0''} b^{m_0''} \dots a^{n_{k''}} b^{m_{k''}} \mid C\} + \{b\} \\ &= \{a^{n_0'+1} b^{m_0'} \dots a^{n_{k'}} b^{m_{k'}} a^{n_0''} b^{m_0''} \dots a^{n_{k''}} b^{m_{k''}} \mid C\} + \{b\} \end{aligned}$$

Putting $k = k' + k''$ and $n_0 = n_0' + 1, m_0 = m_0', \dots, n_k = n_{k'}, m_k = m_{k''}$, makes conditions C true (as proved below*) and proof ends.

We show here, that conditions hold for the parameter assignment above. Condition $C1$: We have to prove only, $(n_0' + 1) \cdot m_0' > 0$ (but it follows straightforwardly from $n_0' \cdot m_0' > 0$) and $k' + k'' > 0$ (but it is a very trivial consequence of $k', k'' > 0$). Condition $C2$: It trivially, follows from the fact that $n_0 = n_0' + 1$ adds one “a” to the summation on the left hand side. Eventually, Condition $C3$: It follows from the fact that $\sum_{0 \leq i \leq k'} a^{n_i} = 1 + \sum_{0 \leq i \leq k''} a^{n_i}$.

(2)-(4) Complete the proofs for the necessary conditions.