

DERIVATIONS IN REWRITING SYSTEMS

ASSUME STRINGS OVER SOME ALPHABET Γ

FOR GRAMMARS, $\Gamma = V \cup \Sigma$

FOR SEMI-THUE SYSTEMS $\Gamma = \Sigma$

ASSUME RULES $\alpha_i \rightarrow \beta_i \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$

SIMPLE APPLICATION IS, IF $w = \{\alpha_i\}\gamma$
THEN $w \Rightarrow w'$ IF $w' = \{\beta_i\}\gamma$

THIS IS A ONE-STEP DERIVATION.

WE EXTEND TO $\overset{l}{\Rightarrow}$, $\overset{*}{\Rightarrow}$, $\overset{+}{\Rightarrow}$

$w \overset{0}{\Rightarrow} w'$ IFF $w = w'$

$w \overset{l}{\Rightarrow} w'$

IFF $\exists w'', w \overset{l}{\Rightarrow} w'' \Rightarrow w' \quad l > 0$

IFF $\exists w'', w \Rightarrow w'' \overset{l}{\Rightarrow} w' \quad l > 0$

$w \overset{*}{\Rightarrow} w'$

IFF $w \overset{l}{\Rightarrow} w'$ FOR SOME $l > 0$

$\overset{*}{\Rightarrow}$ IS THE REFLEXIVE, TRANSITIVE
CLOSURE OF \Rightarrow

$w \overset{+}{\Rightarrow} w'$

IFF $w \overset{l}{\Rightarrow} w'$ FOR SOME $l > 0$

$\overset{+}{\Rightarrow}$ IS THE TRANSITIVE CLOSURE
OF \Rightarrow

\Rightarrow AND ITS VARIANTS DENOTE THE
OPERATION (OR RELATION) OF
DERIVATION

DERIVATIONS IN GRAMMARS

LET $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ $S \in V$

LET \Rightarrow BE THE DERIVATION OPERATION (RELATION) ASSOCIATE WITH R APPLIED TO STRINGS OVER $V \cup \Sigma$

NOTE: ANY STRING OVER $V \cup \Sigma$ IS

CALLED A SENTENTIAL FORM

ANY STRING OVER Σ IS A SENTENCE

WE CARE MOSTLY ABOUT SENTENCES DERIVABLE FROM THE TRIVIAL SENTENTIAL FORM S

$$L(G) = \{ w \mid w \in \Sigma^* \text{ \& } S \xRightarrow{*} w \}$$

CAN LIMIT TO $\xRightarrow{+}$
SINCE S IS NOT A SENTENCE

DFA TO RIGHT LINEAR

$$Q = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

$$G = (Q, \Sigma, R, q_0)$$

$$R: \begin{array}{ll} q \rightarrow a p & \text{WHENEVER } \delta(q, a) = p \\ q \rightarrow \lambda & \text{WHENEVER } q \in F \end{array}$$

$$\text{PROVE: } \delta^*(q_0, w) \in F \Leftrightarrow q_0 \xrightarrow{*} w$$

$$\text{LEMMA: SHOW } \delta^*(q, w) = p \Leftrightarrow q \xrightarrow{*} w p$$

USE INDUCTION ON $|w|$

$$\text{BASIS: } |w|=0 \quad \delta^*(q, \lambda) = q$$
$$q \xrightarrow{*} \lambda q, \text{ i.e., } q = \lambda q$$

$$\text{IH: } |w|=k. \text{ ASSUME IF } |w|=k \text{ THEN}$$
$$\delta^*(q, w) = p \Leftrightarrow q \xrightarrow{*} w p$$

$$\text{IS: } |w|=k+1. \text{ HENCE } w = xa, |x|=k$$

$$\text{BY IH } \delta^*(q, x) = p \Leftrightarrow q \xrightarrow{*} x p$$

$$\text{LET } \delta^*(q, xa) = \delta(\delta^*(q, x), a) = \delta(p, a) = t$$

$$\text{BY CONSTRUCTION } \delta(p, a) = t \Leftrightarrow p \rightarrow a t \in R$$

$$\text{THUS, } q \xrightarrow{*} x p \Rightarrow xa t$$

$$\text{AND SO } q \xrightarrow{*} w t$$

FINAL STEP DFA TO RIGHT LINEAR

LEMMA SHOWS $\delta^*(q, w) = p \Leftrightarrow q \xrightarrow{*} wp$

CLEARLY THEN $\delta^*(q_0, w) = p \Leftrightarrow q_0 \xrightarrow{*} wp$

BUT THEN $w \in L(Q) \text{ IFF } \delta^*(q_0, w) \in F$

AND SO $w \in L(Q) \text{ IFF } q_0 \xrightarrow{*} wp, p \in F$
 $\text{IFF } q_0 \xrightarrow{*} w \text{ (} p \rightarrow x \text{)}$

BUT THEN

$w \in L(Q) \Leftrightarrow w \in L(G)$

CONTEXT-FREE GRAMMARS

$$G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$$

V : FINITE SET OF VARIABLES (NON-TERMINALS)

Σ : FINITE SET OF TERMINALS

S : START SYMBOL, $S \in V$

R : RULES, EACH OF FORM

$$A \rightarrow \alpha \quad A \in V \quad \alpha \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$$

EXAMPLE NON-REGULAR CFLS

$$S \rightarrow aSb \mid \lambda \quad L = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$

$$S \rightarrow \lambda \mid a \mid b \mid aSa \mid bSb$$

$$L = \{\text{PALINDROMES OVER } \{a, b\}\}$$

$$S \rightarrow aSbS \mid bSaS \mid \lambda$$

$$L = \{\text{STRINGS OVER } \{a, b\}$$

WITH EQUAL NUMBER
OF a's + b's ?

USING \Rightarrow NOTATION

THIS NOTATION IS USEFUL FOR INDUCTIVE PROOFS

CONSIDER $G = (\{S\}, \{a, b\}, R, S)$ WHERE

$R: S \rightarrow \lambda | a | b | a S a | b S b$

CLAIM: $\mathcal{L}(G) = \{ w \mid w \in \{a, b\}^* \wedge w \text{ IS A PALINDROME} \}$

LEMMA: $S \stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow} \beta$, WHERE β CONTAINS A NON-TERMINAL

IFF $\beta = X S X^R$, WHERE $X \in \{a, b\}^*$. WE ATTACK

BY CONSIDERING $S \stackrel{k}{\Rightarrow} \beta$, SHOWING $\beta = X S X^R$

FOR ANY AND ALL $X \in \{a, b\}^*$, $|X| = k$

BASE: $k=0$, $S \stackrel{0}{\Rightarrow} S$ BY DEFN. OF \Rightarrow . BUT $S = \lambda S X^R$

AND THIS IS ONLY STRING OF FORM $X S X^R$, $|X|=0$

IH: $k=n$. ASSUME $S \stackrel{n}{\Rightarrow} \beta$ IFF $\beta = X S X^R$

$\forall X, X \in \{a, b\}^*$, $|X|=n$

IS: $k=n+1$. SHOW $S \stackrel{n+1}{\Rightarrow} \beta$ IFF $\beta = X S X^R$, $X \in \{a, b\}^*$, $|X|=n+1$

BY DEFN. OF $\stackrel{k}{\Rightarrow}$, $S \stackrel{n+1}{\Rightarrow} \beta$ IFF $S \Rightarrow \alpha \stackrel{n}{\Rightarrow} \beta$

BY RULES IN R AND OUR CONSTRAINT THAT WE RETAIN A VARIABLE (S) IN THE DERIVATION,

$\alpha = a S a$ OR $\alpha = b S b$

BY IH, $\beta = X S X^R$ FOR ANY AND ALL $X \in \{a, b\}^*$, $|X|=n$

COMBINING, WE GET $S \stackrel{n+1}{\Rightarrow} a X S X^R a$ OR $S \stackrel{n+1}{\Rightarrow} b X S X^R b$

$a X a$ & $b X b$ GIVE US ALL AND ONLY THOSE STRINGS

OF LENGTH $n+1$ IN $\{a, b\}^*$. THIS PROVES IS

AND HENCE THE ORIGINAL HYPOTHESIS

THEOREM: AS ALL STRINGS IN $\{ w \mid w \in \{a, b\}^*, w \text{ A PALINDROME} \}$

ARE OF FORM $X X^R$, $X a X^R$ OR $X b X^R$

APPLYING $S \rightarrow \lambda$ OR $S \rightarrow a$ OR $S \rightarrow b$ GETS

ALL AND ONLY THESE FORMS AND THE APPLICATION

OF SUCH RULE IS THE ONLY MEANS OF

DERIVING A SENTENCE IN $\mathcal{L}(G)$

A PRACTICAL GRAMMAR (SORT OF)

$$G = (\{E\}, \{a, +, -, *, /, (,)\}, R, E)$$

$$R: E \rightarrow E + E \mid E - E \mid E * E \mid E / E \mid (E) \mid a$$

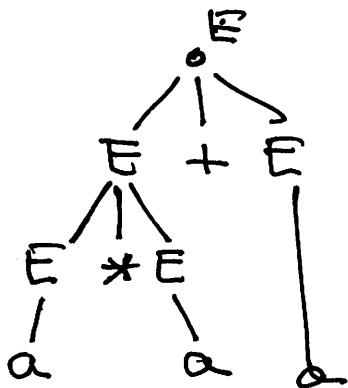


TERMINAL
FOR VARIABLE
OR CONSTANT

A DERIVATION

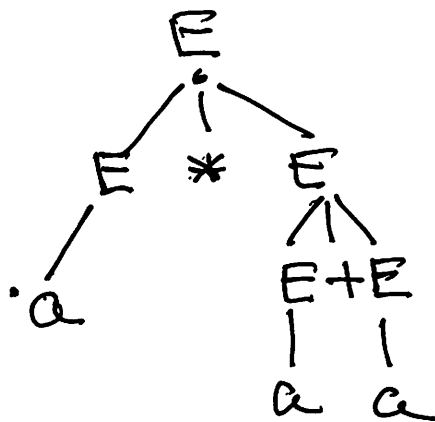
$$\begin{aligned} E &\Rightarrow E + E \Rightarrow E * E * E \\ &\Rightarrow a * E + E \Rightarrow a * a + E \\ &\Rightarrow a * a + a \end{aligned}$$

TREE VERSION



FRONTIER IS
 $a * a + a$

COOPS: CAN GET BY



SAME FRONTIER
 $E \Rightarrow E * E \Rightarrow a * E \Rightarrow a * E + E$
 $\Rightarrow a * a + E \Rightarrow a * a + a$

AMBIGUITY

GRAMMAR IS AMBIGUOUS IF THERE IS A STRING w IN LANGUAGE SUCH THAT

w CAN BE DERIVED FROM S BY TWO DISTINCT LEFTMOST DERIV.
(ALWAYS REWRITE LEFTMOST NON-TERMINAL BEFORE OTHERS)

$S \xrightarrow{LM}^* w \neq S \xrightarrow{LM}^* w$ WHERE INTERMEDIATES DIFFER

w CAN BE DERIVED FROM S BY TWO DISTINCT RIGHTMOST DERIVATIONS

$S \xrightarrow{RM}^* w \neq S \xrightarrow{RM}^* w$ WHERE PATHS DIFFER

w HAS TWO DISTINCT PARSE TREES TOPOLOGICALLY DIFFERENT WITH SAME FRONTIER

A LANGUAGE L IS INHERENTLY AMBIGUOUS

IF ALL GRAMMARS FOR L ARE AMBIGUOUS

ARITHMETIC LANGUAGE IS NOT AMBIGUOUS

ALTERNATIVE GRAMMAR RULES

$$\begin{aligned} R: E &\rightarrow E+T \mid E-T \mid T \\ T &\rightarrow T*F \mid T/F \mid F \\ F &\rightarrow (E) \mid a \end{aligned}$$

LOWEST, LEFT TO RIGHT

HIGHER, LEFT TO RIGHT

$a * a + a$ CAN ONLY BE GOTTEN BY

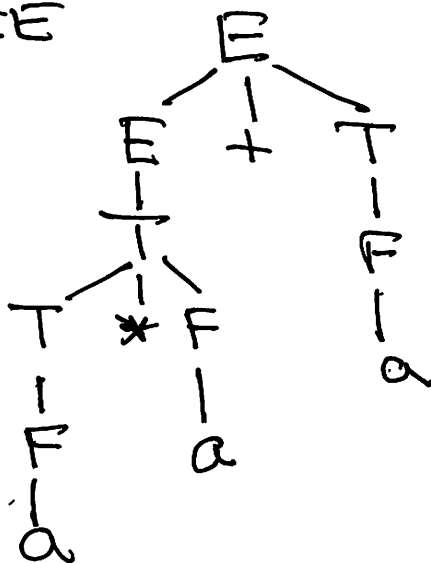
LEFTMOST

$$\begin{aligned} E &\Rightarrow E+T \Rightarrow T+T \Rightarrow T*F+T \\ &\Rightarrow F*F+T \Rightarrow a*F+T \Rightarrow a*a+T \\ &\Rightarrow a*a+F \Rightarrow a*a+a \end{aligned}$$

RIGHTMOST

$$\begin{aligned} E &\Rightarrow E+T \Rightarrow E+F \Rightarrow E+a \Rightarrow T+a \\ &\Rightarrow T*F+a \Rightarrow T*a+a \\ &\Rightarrow F*a+a \Rightarrow a*a+a \end{aligned}$$

TREE



AN INHERENTLY AMBIGUOUS LANGUAGE

$$L = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i=j \text{ OR } j=k\}$$

$$S \rightarrow A \langle BC \rangle \mid \langle AB \rangle C$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid \lambda$$

$$C \rightarrow cC \mid \lambda$$

$$\langle BC \rangle \rightarrow b \langle BC \rangle c \mid \lambda$$

$$\langle AB \rangle \rightarrow a \langle AB \rangle b \mid \lambda$$

CAN GET $i=j=k$ ON TWO
PATHS AND THERE IS NO WAY TO
AVOID THIS

SOME EASY CFL CLOSURES

$$G_1 = (V_1, \Sigma, R_1, S_1) \quad G_2 = (V_2, \Sigma, R_2, S_2) \quad V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$$

UNION $G = (V_1 \cup V_2 \cup \{s\}, \Sigma, R, S)$

$$R = R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \left\{ s \rightarrow \alpha_1(s_1) \mid \alpha_1(s_2) \right\}$$

OR $\{ s \rightarrow s_1 \mid s_2 \}$

CONCATENATION

$$R = R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \{ s \rightarrow s_1 s_2 \}$$

* $R = R_1 \cup \{ s \rightarrow s_1 s \mid \lambda \}$

WE WILL SEE CLOSURE UNDER

INTERSECTION WITH REGULAR
SUBSTITUTION/HOMOMORPHISM

BUT LACK OF CLOSURE UNDER

INTERSECTION WITH CFL

COMPLEMENT

AN INTERESTING CFL

WE WILL PROVE THAT $\{ww \mid w \in \{a,b\}^*\}$
IS NOT A CFL

THE COMPLEMENT OF ABOVE HAS TWO PARTS

(a) ODD LENGTH STRINGS OVER $\{a,b\}$

Clearly REGULAR

$S \rightarrow aT \mid bT$

$T \rightarrow \lambda \mid aS \mid bS$

(b) $\{xy \mid x,y \in \{a,b\}^+ \& |x|=|y| \& x \neq y\}$

LOOKING AT (b) WE NEED ONE
TRANSCRIPTION ERROR FROM X TO Y

IT IS A \exists RATHER THAN A \forall
AS IS ww

VIEWING THE STRINGS

IN $\{xy \mid x, y \in \{a, b\}^+, |x|=|y|, x \neq y\}$

View 1

$x_1 a x_2 y_1 b y_2$ OR

$x_1 b x_2 y_1 a y_2$

$|x_1| = |y_1| \quad |x_2| = |y_2|$

View 2

$x_1 a y_1 x_2 b y_2$ OR

$x_1 b y_1 x_2 a y_2$

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MID

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MID

$S \rightarrow AB \mid BA$

$A \rightarrow CAC \mid a$

$B \rightarrow CBC \mid b$

$C \rightarrow a \mid b$

BOTTOM UP VS TOP DOWN PARSING

BOTTOM UP USES INPUT TO DRIVE PROCESS

IT IS DRIVEN BY SHIFT/REDUCE

SHIFT IS PUSH CHARACTER ON A STACK

REDUCE IS REPLACE "HANDLE" OF TOP OF STACK WITH VARIABLE A WHERE $A \rightarrow$ "HANDLE".

THIS IS A REDUCE.

BOTTOM UP HATES RIGHT RECURSION
BUT LOVES LEFT RECURSION

EXAMPLE $E \rightarrow E+T \dots T \rightarrow F \dots F \rightarrow a$

$a + a$

SHIFT	a		
REDUCE	a	TO	F
REDUCE	F	TO	T
REDUCE	T	TO	E
SHIFT	+		
SHIFT	a		
REDUCE	a	TO	F
REDUCE	F	TO	T
REDUCE	E+T	TO	E

TOP DOWN VS BOTTOM UP PARSING

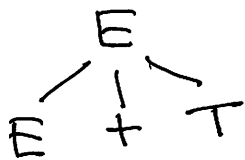
TOP DOWN IS PREDICTIVE AND COMMONLY

IMPLEMENTED USING RECURSIVE DESCENT

IF HAVE $E \rightarrow E+T \mid E-T \mid E$

WHICH RHS DO WE USE?

LET'S SAY INPUT IS $a+a$, THE PLUS
COULD HELP US PREDICT



THE PROBLEM IS WHEN SEE E AGAIN
WE WOULD DETERMINISTICALLY MAKE
SAME PREDICTION AND GET INFINITE
DESCENT ON E

TOP DOWN HATES LEFT RECURSION
BUT LOVES RIGHT RECURSION

... LINKED PAGES ON
OTHER DIRECTED PARSING

BACK TO ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

$$E \rightarrow E+T \mid E-T \mid T$$

$$T \rightarrow T * F \mid T / F \mid F$$

$$F \rightarrow (E) \mid a$$

IS LEFT RECURSIVE, THIS IS DISASTROUS FOR TOP DOWN

CONSIDER ANY NON-TERMINAL A

WHERE $A \rightarrow A\alpha_1 \mid A\alpha_2 \mid \dots \mid A\alpha_k \mid \underbrace{\beta_1 \mid \dots \mid \beta_j}_{\text{NOT LEFT REC. IN A}}$

NOT LEFT REC. IN A

CAN SEE WE GET

$$A \xrightarrow{*} (\beta_1 + \beta_2 + \dots + \beta_j) (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_k)^*$$

CAN RE DO AS

$$A \rightarrow \beta_1 A' \mid \dots \mid \beta_j A'$$

$$A' \rightarrow \alpha_1 A' \mid \dots \mid \alpha_k A' \mid \lambda$$

$$E \rightarrow T E' \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} E' \rightarrow + T E' \mid - T E' \mid \lambda \end{array} \right\}$$

$$T \rightarrow F T' \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} T' \rightarrow * F T' \mid / F T' \mid \lambda \end{array} \right\}$$

$$F \rightarrow (E) \mid a$$