

CS375 HW 7 Solution Set (20 points)

Due date: April 5, 2025

1. (5 points)

The language generated by the following grammar is
(2 points)

$$\{abd^m, abcd^n \mid m, n \in N\}$$

$$S \rightarrow abcD \mid abD$$

$$D \rightarrow dD \mid \Lambda$$

This grammar is LL(3). (1 point)

Use **left-factoring** we can find an equivalent LL(k) grammar for this grammar where k is the smallest choice for such an integer. In the following, fill out the blank in the middle portion to make the resulting grammar such an LL(k) grammar.

$$S \rightarrow abT$$

$$T \rightarrow cD \mid D$$

or

$$T \rightarrow cD \mid D \mid \Lambda$$

or

$$T \rightarrow cD \mid D \mid d \mid \Lambda$$

$$D \rightarrow dD \mid \Lambda$$

(1 point)

What is the value of k? k = 1 (1 point)

2. (6 points)

The language generated by the following grammar is
(2 points)

$$\{b(aaab)^n \mid n \in N\}$$

$$S \rightarrow SaaaS \mid b$$

This grammar is **left recursive**, hence, it is not LL(k) for any k.

Fill out the blank below to make the resulting grammar an equivalent grammar of the above grammar but with **no left-recursion**.

$$S \rightarrow bT$$

$$T \rightarrow aaaST \mid \Lambda$$

or

$$T \rightarrow aaabTT \mid \Lambda$$

(2 points)

Is the resulting grammar LL(k)? ☒ Yes ☐ No (1 point)

If your answer is YES, then what is the value of k? k = (1 point)

For any given string of this language, say 'baaabaaab', the left most letter is always 'b'. Since the first production of the new grammar ' $S \rightarrow bT$ ' is the unique first step, we don't need to scan any thing to use this production. Once this production is applied, we would automatically get a match for the first letter of the input screen. So our first scan starts with the second letter of the input string. The 2nd letter would be an 'a', so the production to use would be ' $T \rightarrow aaaST$ ' or ' $T \rightarrow aaabTT$ '. The first option gives a match of 'aaa', the 2nd through the 4th letters of the input string. So our next scan would be the 5th letter which would be a 'b' and we would have to use the production ' $S \rightarrow bT$ ' and get a match of the input letter, so the next scan would be the sixth letter 'a'. If the second option ' $T \rightarrow aaabTT$ ' is used for the second scan, we get a match of 'aaab', the 2nd through the 5th letters. So our next scan would be the 6th letter of the input string like the first option. As we can see, no matter which option is used for the 'a' scanned from the input queue after the first step, we will either get a match for 'aaab' or a match for 'aaa' first and then a match for 'b', so our next scan would again be an 'a' and we again will repeat the same matching pattern. So, each time, we only need to scan one letter to determine the production needed for the next derivation step, so that is why it is LL(1).

3. (5 points; 1 point each blank)

The following given grammar is a **left recursive** grammar

$$S \rightarrow Sabcd \mid abc \mid ab$$

The language generated by this grammar is $L = \{ abc(abcd)^m, ab(abcd)^n \mid m, n \in N \}$.

This left recursive grammar can be transformed to a right recursive grammar as follows:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} S & \rightarrow & \boxed{abcT} \mid \boxed{abT} \\ T & \rightarrow & \boxed{abcdT} \mid \boxed{\Lambda} \\ & & \boxed{3} \end{array}$$

This right recursive grammar is an LL() grammar.

4. (7 points)

The following grammar is an **indirect left recursive** grammar

$$S \rightarrow Babc \mid aa \quad B \rightarrow Sabc \mid b$$

The language generated by this grammar is

$$\{aa(abc)^{2n}, b(abc)^{2m+1} \mid n, m \in N\}$$

(2 points)

This indirect left recursive grammar can be transformed to a right recursive grammar as follows:

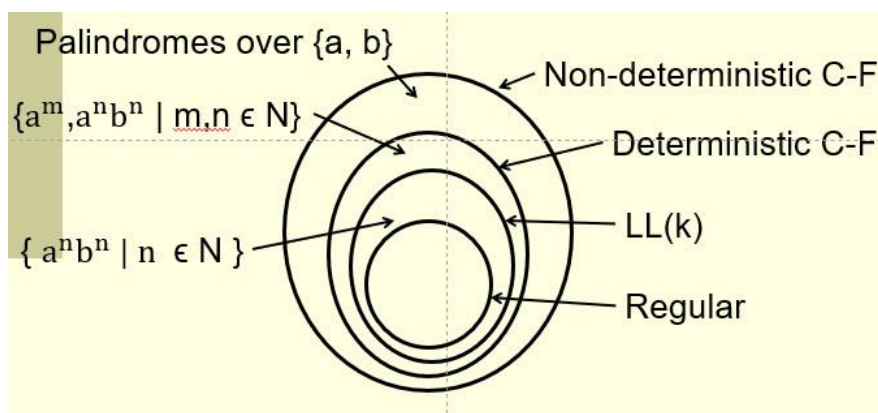
$$S \rightarrow aaT \mid b(abc)T \quad (2 \text{ points})$$

$$T \rightarrow (abc)^2T \mid \Lambda \quad (2 \text{ points})$$

This right recursive grammar is an LL(**1**) grammar. (1 point)

5. (7 points)

In slide 41 of the notes “Context-free Languages and Pushdown Automata IV”, it is shown that the set of LL(k) languages is a proper subset of the set of deterministic C-F languages (or see the following figure). In particular, it points out that the language $\{a^m, a^n b^n \mid m, n \in N\}$ is a deterministic C-F, but not LL(k) for any k.



To show the language is not LL(k) for any k, note that a grammar for this language is

$$S \rightarrow A \mid B \quad A \rightarrow \boxed{aA} \mid \boxed{\Lambda} \quad B \rightarrow \boxed{aBb} \mid \boxed{\Lambda}$$

or

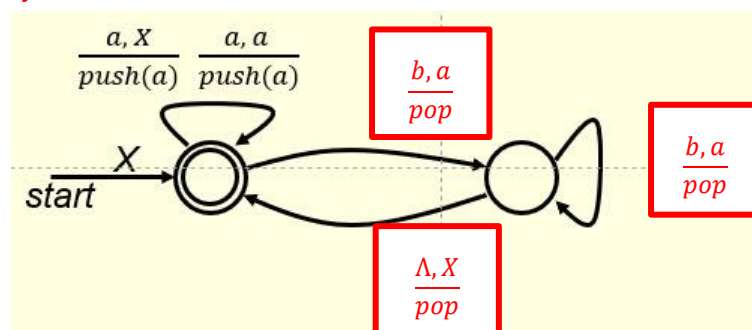
$$S \rightarrow A \mid B \quad A \rightarrow \boxed{aAb} \mid \boxed{\Lambda} \quad B \rightarrow \boxed{aB} \mid \boxed{\Lambda}$$

(4 points)

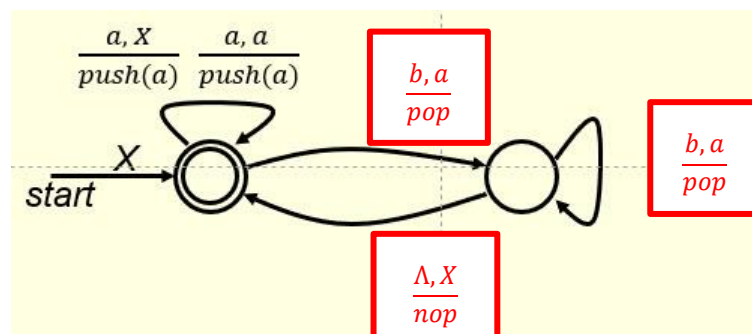
(you only need to answer one case here, either one). The language contains Λ as an element. Now consider the case $k = 1$ and consider the input string ab . When the first symbol is scanned, we get an 'a'. This information alone is not enough for us to make a proper choice. So we don't even know what to do with the first step in the parsing process.

For $k = 2$, if we consider the input string $aabb$, we face the same problem. For any $k > 2$, the input string $a^k b^k$ would cause exactly the same problem. So this grammar is not $LL(k)$ for any k .

On the other hand, by putting proper instructions into the blanks of the following figure, we get a deterministic final-state PDA that accepts the language $\{a^m, a^n b^n \mid m, n \in N\}$.



or



(3 points)

(again, you only need to answer one case here, either one). Hence, this language is indeed deterministic C-F, but not $LL(k)$ for any k .

6. (4 points)

Fill out the following blanks for the instructions of a Turing machine that **accepts** the language $\{b^n a \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Use smallest possible non-negative integers to represent the states of the TM.

(	0	,	b	,	b	,	R	,	0	)
(	0	,	a	,	a	,	R	,	1	)
(	1	,	Λ	,	Λ	,	S	,	halt	)

7. (6 points)

Fill out the following blanks for the instructions of a Turing machine that **accepts** the language $\{b^n aa \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Use smallest possible non-negative integers to represent the states of the TM.

(	0	,	b	,	b	,	R	,	0	)
(	0	,	a	,	a	,	R	,	1	)
(	1	,	a	,	a	,	R	,	2	)
(	2	,	Λ	,	Λ	,	S	,	halt	)