

Problem 1: Regular and context free languages (20 points)

Fixed point numbers are sequences consisting of digits and a single period to represent a few “real” numbers. The period should **not** be the first or last character of the string. Here are some examples:

- 434.001
- 0.1
- 00.1
- 0.000

(Usually 1. and .1 would be allowed, but we are making the problem easier.)

Use the *grep* expression `[0-9]` in place of `(0+1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9)` in your answers. It's a **lot** easier to write.

Part A: Write a regular expression specifying fixed point numbers.

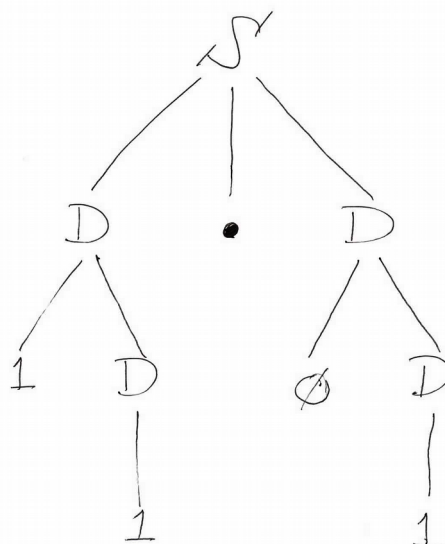
[0-9][0-9]*.[0-9][0-9]*

Part B: Write a context free grammar specifying fixed point numbers.

- **$S \rightarrow D.D$**
- **$D \rightarrow [0-9] \mid [0-9]D$** *or* **$D \rightarrow [0-9] \mid DD$**

Part C: Using your grammar, draw a parse tree for the fixed point number 11.05 .

except this one is actually 11.01



Problem 2: CFG → CNF (20 points)

Convert the following Context Free Grammar to Chomsky Normal Form.

- The alphabet for the language is $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$.
- The start variable for the language is (as usual) **S**.

Here are the rules:

- **S** → **aTa** | **b**
- **T** → **bTb** | ϵ

Avoid creativity and stick with the procedure described in Example 2.10 of the textbook as it was followed in last week's class meetings.

Add **S₀ → S**

- **S₀ → S**
- **S → aTa** | **b**
- **T → bTb** | ϵ

Eliminate ϵ rules, in particular **T → ϵ** , and add new rules with T replaced by ϵ

- **S₀ → S**
- **S → aTa** | **aa** | **b** ;; often the aa was omitted
- **T → bTb** | **bb**

Remove unit rule **S₀ → S** and replace S with its targets.

- **S₀ → aTa** | **aa** | **b**
- **S → aTa** | **aa** | **b**
- **T → bTb** | **bb**

Get rid of unreachable S rule (not part of book's algorithm)

- **S₀ → aTa** | **aa** | **b**
- **T → bTb** | **bb**

Introduce variables for alphabet symbols **a** and **b**

- **S₀ → ATA** | **AA** | **b**
- **T → BTB** | **BB**
- **A → a**
- **B → b**

Introduce variables for **AT** and **BT**

- **S₀ → MA** | **AA** | **b**
- **T → NB** | **BB**
- **M → AT**
- **N → BT**
- **A → a**
- **B → b**

Many solutions were not in CNF! The right side can only be:

- **One letter from the alphabet, such as A → a**
- **Two variables, such as T → NB**
- **ϵ , but only if the left hand side is the starting variable, as in S₀ → ϵ**

Language: $\{a^m b^{2n} a^m \mid m \geq 1 \ \& \ n \geq 0\} \cup \{b\}$

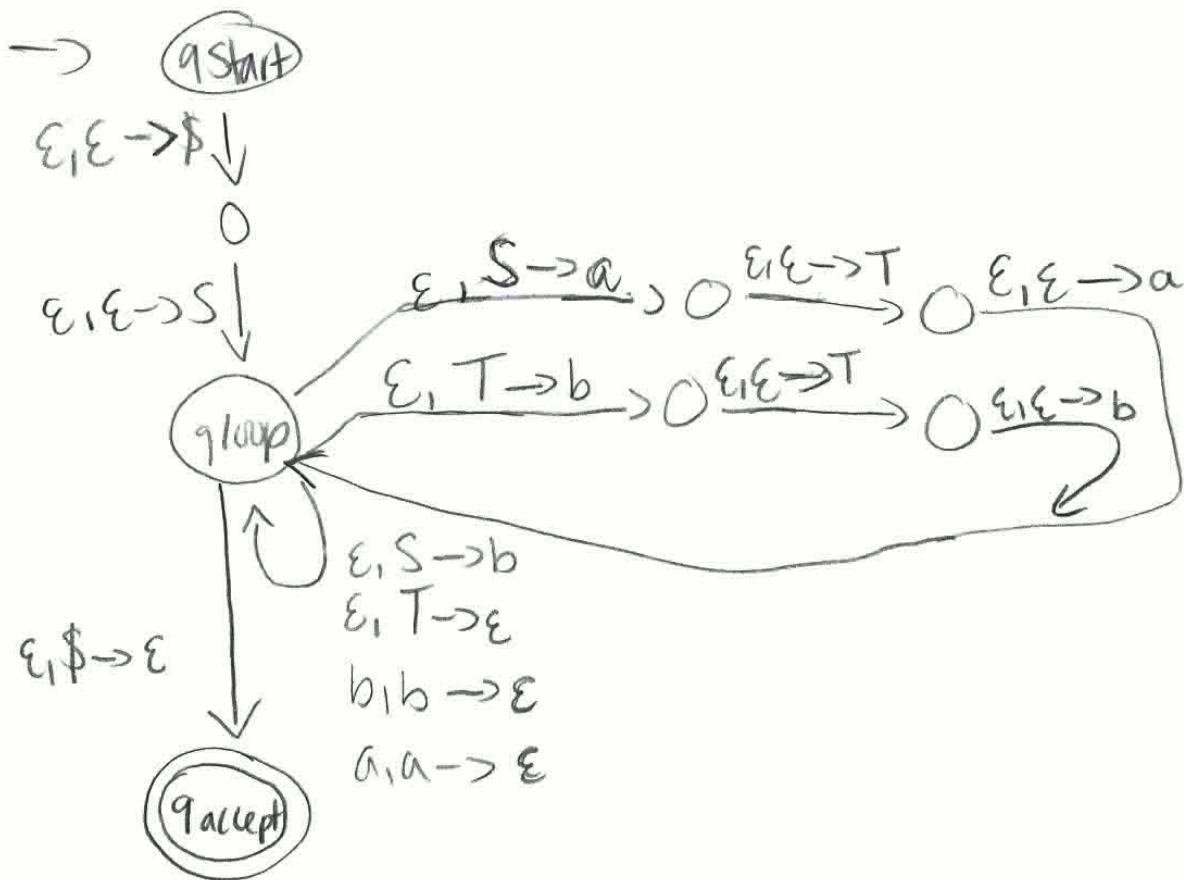
Problem 3: CFG → PDA (20 points)

Generate a PDA that accepts the Context Free Grammar of the previous problem:

- $S \rightarrow aTa \mid b$
- $T \rightarrow bTb \mid \epsilon$

I suggest that you follow the **flower algorithm** presented in Theorem 2.20 of the textbook (which you **must** have used for your solution to Problem 2.12).

Your answer should be a **real** PDA. Don't label transition arcs with short cuts such as ϵ , $T \rightarrow bTb$ if you expect full credit.



Anitra Griffin drew this

Pumping Lemma (Theorem 1.70)

If L is a context free language, then there is a number p (the pumping length) where, if s is any string in L of length at least p , then s may be divided into five pieces $s = uvxyz$, satisfying the following conditions:

- for each $i \geq 0$, $uv^i xy^i z \in A$
- $|v| > 0$ or $|y| > 0$
- $|vxy| \leq p$

Problem 4: Proving Context (20 points)

Show that the language $\{a^i b^j c^k \mid i \geq j \text{ and } i \geq k\}$ is **not** context free.

Note that $aabbcc$ and aac are **in**, but $abbc$ and cab are **out**.

Assume p is the pumping length.

Let s be $a^p b^p c^p$ which is divided into the $uvxyz$ of the pumping lemma.

Important warning: If your s does not use p , **you are doomed!**

Case 1: either v or y contains two different alphabet element

Suppose that one of v or y contain two different alphabet elements. WLOG assume v contains both a and b , i.e., $v = a^m b^n$ with $m > 0$ and $n > 0$. In the case, pumping v once would yield some form of $a^g b^h a^i b^k c^p$ which is **not** in the language.

Case 2: v and y contain only one (or none) type of alphabet element.

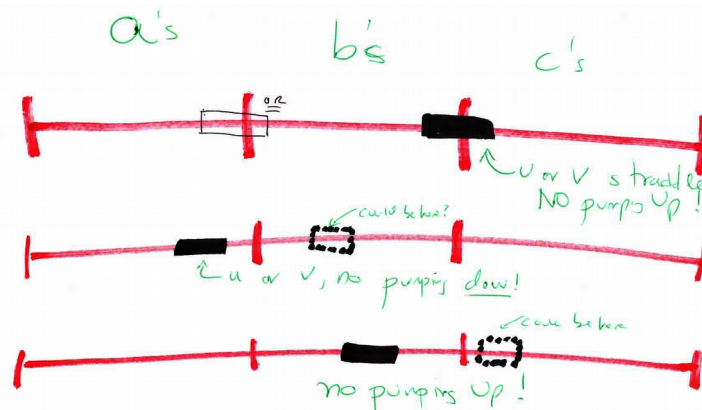
Case 2A: either v or y contains one or more a 's

WLOG, assume v contains an a . In that case, pumping v down to zero, would reduce the number of a 's but cannot reduce the number of c 's, because that is too far away.) In that case, the number of a 's would be reduced, but the number of either b 's or c 's would not. Therefore. the down-pumped string is **not** in the language.

Case 2B: There are no a 's in either v or y

Then either v or y contains either b 's or c 's. WLOG, assume that y is a non-zero section of b 's. In that case, pumping up will result in there being more b 's than a 's. Therefore. the up-pumped string is **not** in the language.

$a^p b^p c^p$ cannot be pumped: The language is not context free.



Problem 5: Proving context (20 points)

Show that the language $\{a^i b^j c^k \mid i \geq j + k\}$ is context free. I strongly suggest you create a context free grammar to solve this problem.

Note that $aaabbc$ and $aaaab$ are **in**, but $aaabbcc$ and $abba$ are **not**.

You must add comments to your answer! I'll need them.

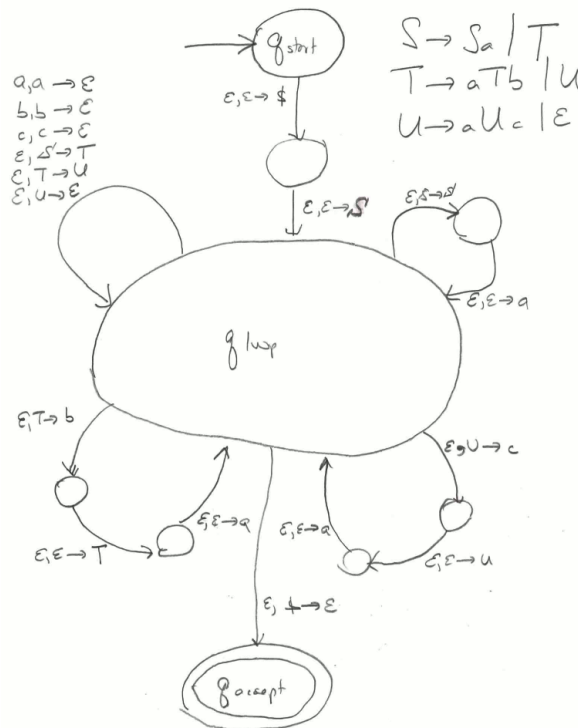
Here is a context free grammar

- $S \rightarrow aS \mid T$
- $T \rightarrow aTc \mid U$
- $U \rightarrow aUb \mid \epsilon$

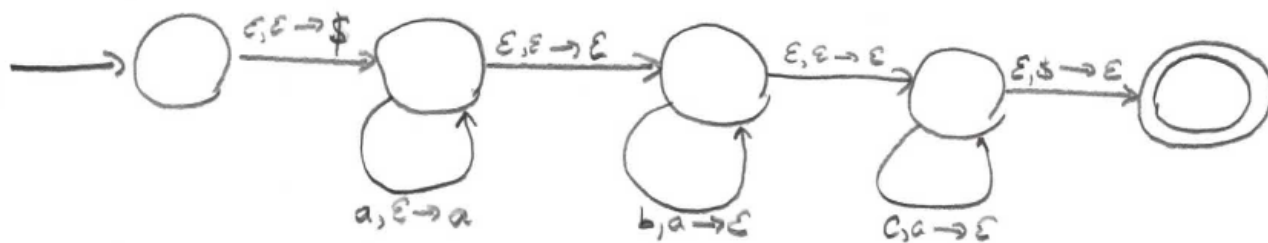
It will be easier to rewrite $a^i b^j c^k$ where $i \geq j + k$ as $a^{u+j+k} b^j c^k$ where $j \geq 0$, $k \geq 0$ and $u \geq 0$, that is, set u to $i - (j + k)$. Now do the following steps:

- Use the $S \rightarrow aS$ rule u times to build up to $a^u S$
- Then use $S \rightarrow T$ to get $a^u T$
- Now use $T \rightarrow aTc$ k times to build up to $a^{u+j} T c^k$
- Then use $T \rightarrow U$ to get to $a^{u+j} U b$
- Now use $U \rightarrow aUc$ k times to build up to $a^{u+j+k} U b^j c^k$
- Finally use $U \rightarrow \epsilon$ to get the desired $a^{u+j+k} b^j c^k$

You could also use a PDA to demonstrate that the language is context free. Here is the complicated PDA you'd get following the book's CFG to PDA algorithm.



However, it would be possible to use a PDA similar to the ones in Figures 2.15 and 2.17 in the textbook.



It can be a little hard to argue how a PDA matches a language when there are all those ϵ transition.

It is possible to implement this language with a determinate PDA which would look like the following, though you really ought to add a trap state.

