

CSE 311 Section 08

**Structural Induction, Recursively
Defined Sets, Regular Expressions,
CFGs**



Administrivia



Announcements & Reminders

- Midterm grades will be released shortly
- Homework 6 was due Wednesday (2/26)
- Homework 7 will be due Wednesday (3/5)
- Check your section participation grade on gradescope
 - If it different than what you expect, let your TA know

Structural Induction



Idea of Structural Induction

Every element is built up recursively...

So to show $P(s)$ for all $s \in S$...

Show $P(b)$ for all base case elements b .

Show for an arbitrary element not in the base case, if $P()$ holds for every named element in the recursive rule, then $P()$ holds for the new element (each recursive rule will be a case of this proof).

Structural Induction Template

Let $P(x)$ be “<predicate>”. We show $P(x)$ holds for all $x \in S$ by structural induction.

Base Case: Show $P(x)$

[Do that for every base cases x in S .]

Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose $P(x)$ for an arbitrary x

[Do that for every x listed as in S in the recursive rules.]

Inductive Step: Show $P(y)$ holds for y .

[You will need a separate case/step for every recursive rule.]

Therefore $P(x)$ holds for all $x \in S$ by the principle of induction.

Problem 2 – Structural Induction on Trees

Definition of Tree:

Basis Step: $\bullet$ is a Tree.

Recursive Step: If L is a Tree and R is a Tree then $\text{Tree}(\bullet, L, R)$ is a Tree

Definition of leaves():

$\text{leaves}(\bullet) = 1$

$\text{leaves}(\text{Tree}(\bullet, L, R)) = \text{leaves}(L) + \text{leaves}(R)$

Definition of size():

$\text{size}(\bullet) = 1$

$\text{size}(\text{Tree}(\bullet, L, R)) = 1 + \text{size}(L) + \text{size}(R)$

Prove that $\text{leaves}(T) \geq \text{size}(T)/2 + 1/2$ for all Trees T

Work on this problem with the people around you.

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For $x \in S$, let $P(x)$ be “”.

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Base Case: Show $P(x)$ (for all x in the basis rules)

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a matches only the one-character string a

$A \cup B$ matches all strings that either A matches or B matches (or both)

AB matches all strings that have a first part that A matches followed by a second part that B matches

A^* matches all strings that have any number of strings (even 0) that A matches, one after another ($\epsilon \cup A \cup AA \cup AAA \cup \dots$)

Definition of the *language*
matched by a regular expression

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We will do (a) together, then work on b-c

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base-10 numbers:

Our everyday numbers!

Notice we have 10 symbols (0-9) to represent numbers.

$$256: (2 * 10^2) + (5 * 10^1) + (6 * 10^0)$$

base-2 numbers: (binary)

$$10: (1 * 2^1) + (0 * 2^0)$$

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A context free grammar (CFG) is a finite set of production rules over:

- An alphabet Σ of “terminal symbols”
- A finite set V of “nonterminal symbols”
- A start symbol (one of the elements of V) usually denoted S

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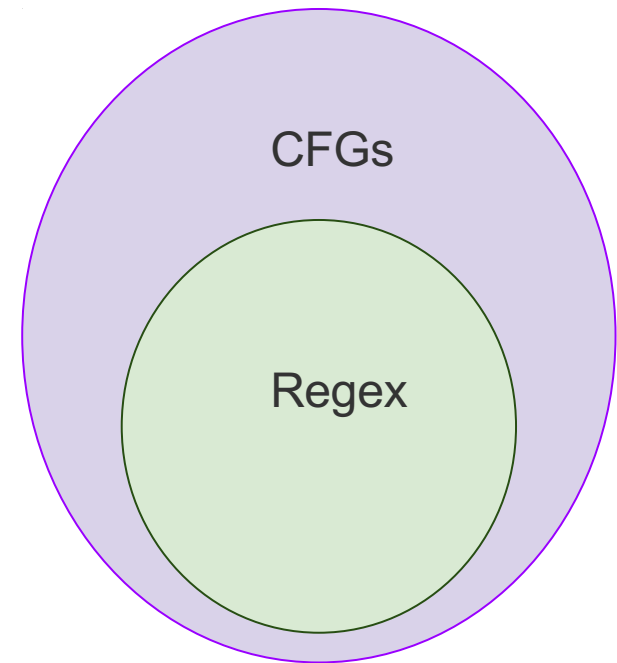
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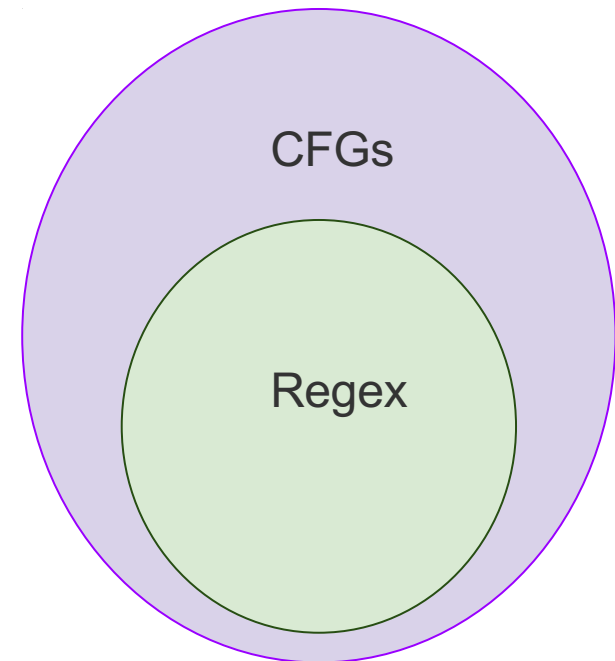
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CFG or Regex?

“equal number of 0’s and 1’s” (ex. 011010)



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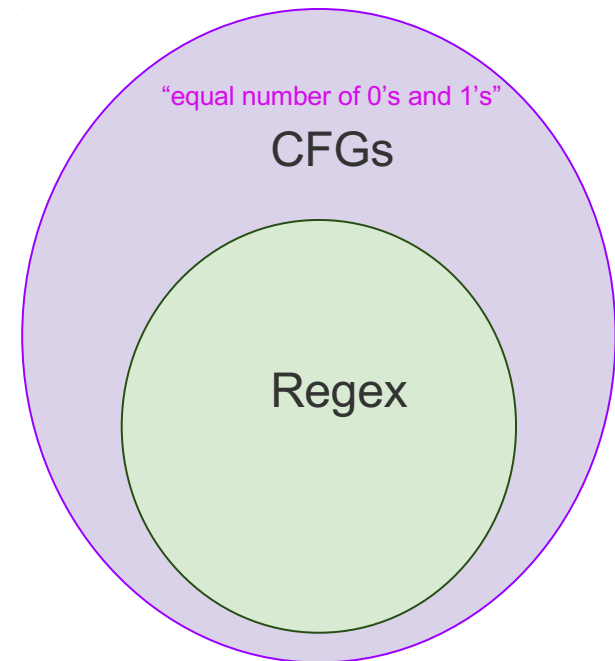
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Problem 5 – CFGs

Write a context-free grammar to match each of these languages.

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S → 11**T**

T → 1**T** | 0**T** | ϵ

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Recursively Defined Sets



Recursive Definition of Sets

Define a set S as follows:

Basis Step:

Describe the basic starting elements in your set

ex: $0 \in S$

Recursive Step:

Describe how to derive new elements of the set from previous elements

ex: If $x \in S$ then $x + 2 \in S$.

Exclusion Rule: Every element of S is in S from the basis step (alone) or a finite number of recursive steps starting from a basis step.

Problem 3 – Recursively Defined Sets

For each of the following, write a recursive definition of the sets satisfying the following properties. Briefly justify that your solution is correct.

- a) Binary strings of even length.
- b) Binary strings not containing 10.
- c) Binary strings not containing 10 as a substring and having at least as many 1s as 0s.
- d) Binary strings containing at most two 0s and at most two 1s.

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All even-length strings can be generated from **a series of substrings of length 2!**

All possible substrings of length 2 are:

10, 01, 11, 00

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That's All, Folks!

Thanks for coming to section this week!
Any questions?