

From PDA to CFG

Let $P = \langle Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F \rangle$ be a PDA. Define a context-free grammar $G = \langle N, \Sigma, P, S \rangle$ as follows:

- $N = \{S\} \cup \{[pXq] : p, q \in Q \wedge X \in \Gamma\}$;

- P contains the following rules:

- for every $p \in Q$:

$$S \rightarrow [q_0 Z_0 p]$$

- for every $(r, \epsilon) \in \delta(q, a, Y)$:

$$[qYr] \rightarrow a$$

where $r_0, r_1, \dots, r_{n-2}, r_{n-1} \in Q$

- for every $(r, Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_n) \in \delta(q, a, Y)$:

$$[qYr_n] \rightarrow a[rY_1 r_1][r_1 Y_2 r_2] \dots [r_{n-1} Y_n r_n]$$

where $r_0, r_1, \dots, r_{n-2}, r_{n-1} \in Q$

PDA example

$P = \langle Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F \rangle$ where

- $Q = \{q, p\}$
- $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$
- $\Gamma = \{Z, A\}$
- $\delta(q, a, Z) = \{(q, AZ)\}$
 $\delta(q, a, A) = \{(q, AA)\}$
 $\delta(q, \epsilon, A) = \{(p, A)\}$
 $\delta(p, b, A) = \{(p, \epsilon)\}$
 $\delta(p, \epsilon, Z) = \{(p, \epsilon)\}$
- $q_0 = q$
- $Z_0 = Z$
- $F = \{p\}$

Corresponding CFG

$$S \rightarrow [qZq]$$

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$$[qZq] \rightarrow a [qAq] [qZq]$$

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$$[pAp] \rightarrow b$$

$$[pZp] \rightarrow \epsilon$$

Reduced CFG (elimination of non-productive rules)

$$S \rightarrow [qZp]$$

$$[qZp] \rightarrow a [qAp] [pZp]$$

$$[qAp] \rightarrow a [qAp] [pAp]$$

$$[qAp] \rightarrow [pAp]$$

$$[pAp] \rightarrow b$$

$$[pZp] \rightarrow \epsilon$$

Paralleling transitions and productions

Automaton

$(q, aabb, Z) \vdash (q, abb, AZ)$
 $\vdash (q, bb, AAZ)$
 $\vdash (p, bb, AAZ)$
 $\vdash (p, b, AZ)$
 $\vdash (p, \epsilon, Z)$
 $\vdash (p, \epsilon, \epsilon)$

Grammar

$S \Rightarrow [qZp] \Rightarrow a [qAp] [pZp]$
 $\Rightarrow aa [qAp] [pAp] [pZp]$
 $\Rightarrow aa [pAp] [pAp] [pZp]$
 $\Rightarrow aab [pAp] [pZp]$
 $\Rightarrow aabb [pZp]$
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