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"Adversary Argument" script for the CFL Pumping Lemma
Example: $L = \{ a^i b^j c^k : i < j \text{ and } j < k \}$.

Adv: "I have a CFG G st $L(G) = L$."

You: "Give me the $N = 2^{|V|}$ from a CFG G' in ChNF st. $L(G') = L$."

Adv: "N"

You: "We take $x = \dots$. Note $x \in L$ and $|x| > N$. Now give us a breakdown $x = yuvwz$ st. $|uvw| \leq N$ and at least one of u, w is not ϵ ."

Adv: "(you must be prepared for any answer that meets the conditions)"

You: [Break into case analysis and show in each case there is an i such that $x^{(i)} = yu^i v w^i z$ is not in L , because \dots]

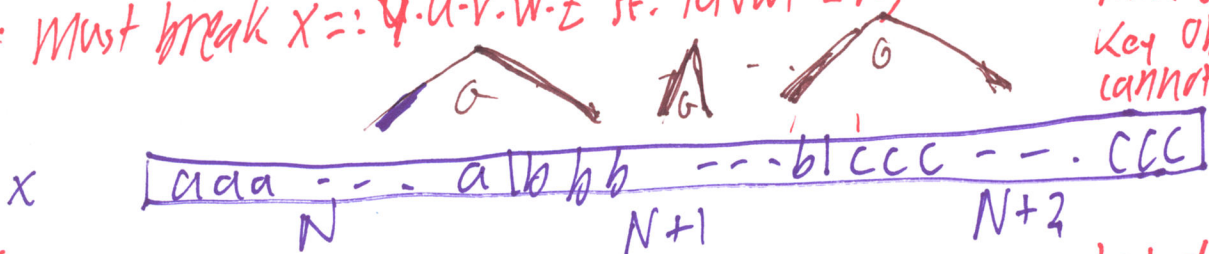
Your report concludes this all contradicts the CFL PL, so G does not exist so L is not a CFL.

Example: Adv says "N"

You take $x = a^N b^{N+1} c^{N+2}$. Then $x \in L$ and $|x| > N$.

Adv: Must break $x = yuvwz$ st. $|uvw| \leq N$, $uw \neq \epsilon$.

Divide into cases with aid of pictures. Key Obs: Compass cannot write in both the a 's and c 's region.



Cases:

① The compass does not write in the a 's region

② The compass does not write in the c 's region.

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In case 1, choose $i = 0$. $x^{(i)} = yvz$ either subtracts at least a 's or subtracts no b 's but a 's.

Thus either the " $i < j$ " condition is violated, or the " $j < k$ " one is violated. Either way, $x^{(i)} \notin L$.

- but does write in the b 's region. or c 's. You state these but the details still belong to Adv. Your cases must however be exhaustive.

In Case (2), you choose $j = 2$.

Then $X^{(2)} = YUVWZ$ either

- adds at least one **b**
- adds at least one **a** and does not add any **b**'s

Then since $X^{(2)}$ cannot add any **c**'s by being in case (2), the $j < k$ condition is violated. The " $i < j$ " is violated.

Again you need to do subcase (2) analysis - though you can say that since the **c**'s are not written in the $N+2$ **c**'s are a "sitting duck" for pumping-up elsewhere.

Then $X^{(2)}$ adds only 1 or more **d**'s, so $X^{(2)} \notin L$ here too. So $X^{(2)} \notin L$ in case (2), so in both major cases we found an i st. $X^{(i)} \notin L$, so L is not a CFL by the CFL PL.

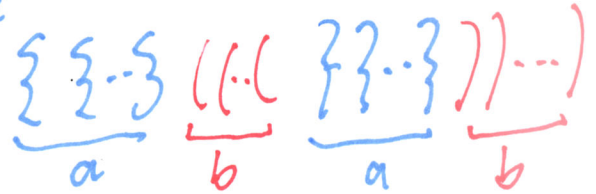
Example: A Three-Way Comparison: Which languages are CFLs?

$$L_1 = \{ 0^a 1^b 0^a 1^b : a, b \geq 1 \}$$

$$L_2 = \{ 0^a 1^a 0^b 1^b : a, b \geq 1 \}$$

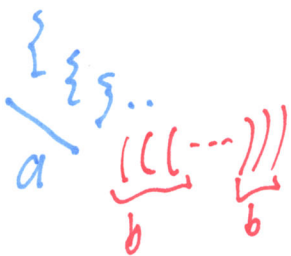
$$L_3 = \{ 0^a 1^b 0^b 1^a : a, b \geq 1 \}$$

L_1 is visually similar to strings like



Unboundedly many crossing dependencies.

L_3 is like



L_2 is like two properly nested program routines side by side. And L_2 is also a CFL (like an HWS).

And L_1 is not a CFL. Intuition



L_3 does obey proper nesting and it is a CFL: $S \rightarrow OS11OT1$ or put the full balanced parentheses grammar here. $T \rightarrow 1T0110$.

Compass cannot touch both 0s intervals, nor both 1s intervals, but must write somewhere.

An aspect of $\{a^n b^n c^n\}$ not being a CFL: A programming language grammar cannot enforce that the number of parameters in a (C++) method is the same

- (a) where it is declared in .h
- (b) where it is defined .cpp
- and (c) where it is called in user code.

Is there a machine model that can check $\{a^n b^n c^n d^n e^n\}$ etc? Yes. A Turing Machine

Multiple calls would be " $d^n \dots e^n$ " etc. END