

Programmed Grammars

Jiří Techet Tomáš Masopust Alexander Meduna

Department of Information Systems
Faculty of Information Technology
Brno University of Technology
Božetěchova 2, Brno 61266, Czech Republic

Modern Formal Language Theory, 2007

Programmed Grammar

Programmed Grammar

A **programmed grammar** is a pair

$$H = (G, R)$$

where

- $G = (N, T, P, S)$ is a context-free grammar
- R is a finite relation on P

Notation

If $p : A \rightarrow x \in P$, $R(p) = Q$, we write

$$(p : A \rightarrow x, Q)$$

Generated Language

Derivation Step

For $(x, p), (y, q) \in V^* \times P$,

$$(x, p) \Rightarrow (y, q) \text{ in } H$$

if

1 $x \Rightarrow y [p]$ in G

2 $q \in R(p)$

Generated Language

$$L(H) = \{x \in T^* : (S, p) \Rightarrow^* (x, p') \text{ for some } p, p' \in P\}$$

Programmed Grammar – Example

Example

(1 : $S \rightarrow ABC, \{2, 5\}$)

(2 : $A \rightarrow aA, \{3\}$)

(3 : $B \rightarrow bB, \{4\}$)

(4 : $C \rightarrow cC, \{2, 5\}$)

(5 : $A \rightarrow a, \{6\}$)

(6 : $B \rightarrow b, \{7\}$)

(7 : $C \rightarrow c, \{7\}$)

(**S**, 1) \Rightarrow (**A**BC, 2)

\Rightarrow (a**B**C, 3)

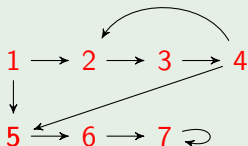
\Rightarrow (aAb**B**C, 4)

\Rightarrow (a**A**bBcC, 5)

\Rightarrow (aab**B**cC, 6)

\Rightarrow (aabb**b**C, 7)

\Rightarrow (aabbcc, 7)



$$L(H) = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 1\}$$

Programmed Grammar with Appearance Checking

Programmed Grammar with Appearance Checking

A **programmed grammar with appearance checking** is a triple

$$H = (G, R, F)$$

where

- $G = (N, T, P, S)$ is a context-free grammar
- R, F are finite relations on P

Notation

If $p : A \rightarrow x \in P$, $R(p) = Q$, and $F(p) = H$, we write

$$(p : A \rightarrow x, Q, H)$$

where Q and H are **success** and **failure fields**, respectively

Derivation Step

Derivation Step

For $(x, p), (y, q) \in V^* \times P$,

$$(x, p) \Rightarrow (y, q) \text{ in } H$$

if

- either $x \Rightarrow y [p]$ in G and $q \in R(p)$
- or $x = y$, $q \in F(p)$, p is not applicable to x

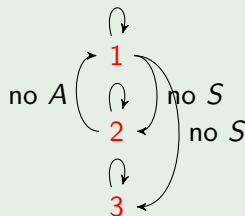
Example I

Example

(1 : $S \rightarrow AA, \{1\}, \{2, 3\}$)

(2 : $A \rightarrow S, \{2\}, \{1\}$)

(3 : $A \rightarrow a, \{3\}, \emptyset$)



$L(H) = \{a^{2^n} : n \geq 1\}$

$(S, 1) \Rightarrow (AA, 1) \Rightarrow (AA, 3)$

$\Rightarrow (Aa, 3)$

$\Rightarrow (aa, 3)$

$\Rightarrow (AA, 2)$

$\Rightarrow (AS, 2)$

$\Rightarrow (SS, 2)$

$\Rightarrow (SS, 1)$

$\Rightarrow (SAA, 1)$

$\Rightarrow (AAAA, 1) \Rightarrow (AAAA, 3)$

$\Rightarrow (AaAA, 3)$

$\Rightarrow (AaaA, 3)$

$\Rightarrow (aaaA, 3)$

$\Rightarrow (aaaa, 3)$

$\Rightarrow (AAAA, 2)$

$\Rightarrow (ASAA, 2) \dots$

Example II

Example

(1 : $S \rightarrow SC, \{1, 2\}, \emptyset$)

(2 : $S \rightarrow AA, \{3\}, \emptyset$)

(3 : $A \rightarrow B, \{4\}, \{5\}$)

(4 : $C \rightarrow D, \{3\}, \{7\}$)

(5 : $C \rightarrow C, \{6\}, \emptyset$)

(6 : $B \rightarrow A, \{6\}, \{3\}$)

(7 : $B \rightarrow A, \{7\}, \{8\}$)

(8 : $D \rightarrow A, \{9\}, \{10\}$)

(9 : $D \rightarrow C, \{9\}, \{3\}$)

(10 : $A \rightarrow a, \{10\}, \emptyset$)

Which language generates this grammar?



J. Dassow and Gh. Păun.

Regulated Rewriting in Formal Language Theory.

Akademie-Verlag, Berlin, 1989.



D. J. Rosenkrantz.

Programmed grammars and classes of formal languages.

Journal of the ACM, 16:107–131, 1969.