# **Fundamentele Informatica 3**

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8. Recursively Enumerable Languages
 8.3. More General Grammars
 8.4. Context-Sensitive Languages and The Chomsky Hierarchy

**Definition 8.10.** Unrestricted grammars

An unrestricted grammar is a 4-tuple  $G = (V, \Sigma, S, P)$ , where Vand  $\Sigma$  are disjoint sets of variables and terminals, respectively, S is an element of V called the start symbol, and P is a set of productions of the form

$$\alpha \to \beta$$

where  $\alpha, \beta \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$  and  $\alpha$  contains at least one variable.

#### Theorem 8.13.

For every unrestricted grammar G, there is a Turing machine T with L(T) = L(G).

#### Proof.

- 1. Move past input
- 2. Simulate derivation in G on the tape of a Turing machine
- 3. Equal

**Definition 8.16.** Context-Sensitive Grammars A *context-sensitive grammar* (CSG) is an unrestricted grammar in which no production is length-decreasing. In other words, every production is of the form  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ , where  $|\beta| \ge |\alpha|$ .

A language is a context-sensitive language (CSL) if it can be generated by a context-sensitive grammar.

**Definition 8.18.** Linear-Bounded Automata

A linear-bounded automaton (LBA) is a 5-tuple  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, q_0, \delta)$ that is identical to a nondeterministic Turing machine, with the following exception.

There are two extra tape symbols [ and ], assumed not to be elements of the tape alphabet  $\Gamma$ .

The initial configuration of M corresponding to input x is  $q_0[x]$ , with the symbol [ in the leftmost square and the symbol ] in the first square to the right of x.

During its computation, M is not permitted to replace either of these brackets or to move its tape head to the left of the [ or to the right of the ].

# Theorem 8.19.

If  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  is a context-sensitive language, then there is a linearbounded automaton that accepts L.

# 8.4. Context-Sensitive Languages and the Chomsky Hierarchy

reg. languages	reg. grammar	FA	reg. expression
determ. cf. languages		DPDA	
cf. languages	cf. grammar	PDA	
cs. languages	cs. grammar	LBA	
re. languages	unrestr. grammar	ТМ	

## Theorem 8.14.

For every Turing machine T with input alphabet  $\Sigma$ , there is an unrestricted grammar Ggenerating the language  $L(T) \subseteq \Sigma^*$ .

#### Proof.

1. Generate (every possible) input string for T (two copies), with additional  $(\Delta \Delta)$ 's and state.

2. Simulate computation of T for this input string as derivation in grammar (on second copy).

3. If T reaches accept state, reconstruct original input string.

#### Notation:

description of tape contents:  $x \underline{\sigma} y$  or xy

configuration  $xqy = xqy\Delta = xqy\Delta\Delta$ 

initial configuration corresponding to input x:  $q_0 \Delta x$ 

In the third edition of the book, a configuration is denoted as  $(q, x\underline{y})$  or  $(q, x\underline{\sigma}y)$  instead of xqy or  $xq\sigma y$ . This old notation is also allowed for Fundamentele Informatica 3.



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Ad 2. Move 
$$\delta(p, a) = (q, b, R)$$
 of  $T$   
yields production  $p(\sigma_1 a) \rightarrow (\sigma_1 b)q$ 

Ad 3. Propagate 
$$h_a$$
 all over the string

$$h_a(\sigma_1\sigma_2) 
ightarrow \sigma_1$$
, for  $\sigma_1 \in \Sigma$   
 $h_a(\Delta\sigma_2) 
ightarrow \Lambda$ 

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**Proof.** Much like proof of Theorem 8.14, except

- consider  $h_a(\sigma_1\sigma_2)$  as a single symbol
- no additional  $(\Delta \Delta)$ 's needed
- incorporate [ and ] in leftmost/rightmost symbols of string

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What about recursive languages?

**Theorem 8.22.** Every context-sensitive language *L* is recursive.

## Theorem 8.19.

If  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  is a context-sensitive language, then there is a linearbounded automaton that accepts L.

#### Proof.

- 1. Create second tape track
- 2. Simulate derivation in G on track 2: Write S on track 2

Repeat

- a. Select production  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$
- b. Select occurrence of  $\alpha$  on track 2 (if there is one)
- c. Try to replace occurrence of  $\alpha$  by  $\beta$

until b. fails (caused by ...)

- or c. fails (caused by ...); then reject
- 3. Equal

**Theorem 8.22.** Every context-sensitive language *L* is recursive.

#### Proof.

Let CSG G generate L

Let LBA M accept strings generated by G (as in Theorem 8.19)

Simulate M by NTM T, which

- inserts markers [ and ]
- also has two tape tracks
- maintains list of (different) strings generated so far
- a. Select production  $\alpha \to \beta$
- b. Select occurrence of  $\alpha$  on track 2 (if there is one)
- c. Try to replace occurrence of  $\alpha$  by  $\beta$
- d. Compare new string to strings to the right of ]
- until b. fails (caused by ...); then Equal
- or c. fails (caused by ...); then reject
- or d. finds match; then reject

Corollary.

If L is accepted by a nondeterministic TM T, and if there is no input string on which T can possibly loop forever, then L is recursive.

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$$\mathcal{S}_3 \subseteq \mathcal{S}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{S}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{S}_0$$

(modulo  $\Lambda$ )