#### **Models of Computation**

1: Basics, Languages

- Alphabet: a finite, non-empty set of symbols/letters.
- Words or strings over V: Finite sequences of the elements of an alphabet V.
- $V^*$ : the **set of words** over V including the **empty word** ( $\epsilon$ ).
- $V^+ = V^* \setminus \{\varepsilon\}$ : the **set of non-empty words** over V.

Example:
 Let V = {a, b}, then ab and baaabb are words over V.

• Let V be an alphabet and let u and v be words over V (i.e.,  $u,v \in V^*$ ). Then the word uv is the **concatenation** of u and v.

• Example:

Let  $V = \{a, b\}$ , u = ab and v = baabb words over V. Then uv = abbaabb.

#### **Properties**

- The concatenation is associative, but in general not commutative.
  - if  $u, v \in V^*$ ,  $u \neq v$ , then uv differs from vu, unless V consists of only one letter (not commutative).
  - if  $u, v, w \in V^*$ , then u(vw) = (uv)w (associative).
- $V^*$  is **closed** for the operation of concatenation (i.e. for any  $u, v \in V^*$ ,  $uv \in V^*$  holds).
- The concatenation is an operation with **identity element**, or **neutral element**, the neutral element is  $\varepsilon$  (i.e., for any  $u \in V^*$ ,  $u = u\varepsilon = \varepsilon u$ ).

- Let i be a non-negative integer and u be a word over V
   (u ∈ V\*). The i-th power u<sup>i</sup> of the word u is the
   concatenation of i instances of u.
- Convention:  $u^0 = \varepsilon$ .

• Example:

Let  $V = \{a, b\}$  and u = abb be a word above V. Then  $u^0 = \varepsilon$ ,  $u^1 = abb$ ,  $u^2 = abbabb$ ,  $u^3 = abbabbabb$ , ...

Let V be an alphabet and u be a word over V (u ∈ V\*).
 The **length** of the word u, denoted by |u|, is the number of letters in u (i.e., considering u as a sequence of letter, the length of u is the length of the sequence).

- Remark:
  - $|\epsilon| = 0$ .
  - If  $u, v \in V^*$ , then |uv| = |u| + |v|.
- Example: Let  $V = \{a, b\}$  and let u = abb be a word over V. Then |u| = 3.

- Let u and v be words over V. The words u and v are **equal**, if as sequences of letters, they are equal element-by-element, i.e., |u|=|v| and for all  $i=1,\ldots,|u|$ , the i-th letter of v are equal.
- Let V be an alphabet and u and v be words over V. The word u is a **subword** (or **substring**) of v, if v = xuy, for some  $x, y \in V^*$ .
- A word u is a **proper subword** (or **proper substring**) of a word v if at least one of x or y is not empty, i.e. if  $xy \neq \varepsilon$ .
- If  $x = \varepsilon$ , then u is the **prefix** of v.
- If  $y = \varepsilon$ , then u is the **suffix** of v.

- Example:
  - Let  $V = \{a, b\}$  and u = abb.
  - Subwords of *u*: ε, a, b, ab, bb, abb.
  - Proper subwords of *u*: ε, a, b, ab, bb.
  - Prefixes of u: ε, a, ab, abb.
  - Suffixes of *u*: *ε*, *b*, *bb*, *abb*.

- Let u be a word over the alphabet V. The **reverse** (or **mirror**) word  $u^{-1}$  of u is the word obtained, s.t. the letters of u are written in reverse order.
- Let  $u = a_1 \dots a_n$ ,  $a_i \in V$ ,  $1 \le i \le n$ . Then  $u^{-1} = a_n \dots a_1$ .
- $(u^{-1})^{-1} = u$ .
- $(u^{-1})^i = (u^i)^{-1}$  also holds, where i = 1, 2, ...

• Example:

Let  $V = \{a, b\}$  and u = abba and v = aabbbaThen  $u^{-1} = abba$  (palindrome) and  $v^{-1} = abbbaa$ .

- Let V be an alphabet and L be an arbitrary subset of  $V^*$ . L is called a **language** over V.
- An **empty language** (a language that does not contain any words) is denoted by  $\varnothing$ .
- A language L over V is a finite language if it has a finite number of words. Otherwise, L
  is an infinite language.

#### Example:

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Let V = \{a, b\} be an alphabet.

L_1 = \{a, b, \epsilon\}.

L_2 = \{a^i b^i \mid i \ge 0\}.

L_3 = \{u u^{-1} \mid u \in V^*\}.

L_4 = \{(a^n)^2 \mid n \ge 1\}.

L_5 = \{u \mid u \in \{a, b\}^+, N_a(u) = N_b(u)\}, where N_a(u) and N_b(u) denote the number of
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occurrences of symbols a and b in u, respectively.

 $L_1$  is a finite language, the others are infinite.

- A generative grammar G is a 4-tuple (N, T, P, S), where
  - *N* and *T* are disjoint finite alphabets (i.e.  $N \cap T = \emptyset$ ).
  - The elements of *N* are called **nonterminal** symbols.
  - The elements of T are called terminal symbols.
  - $S \in N$  is the **start symbol** (axiom).
  - P is a finite set of ordered (x, y) pairs, where  $x, y \in (N \cup T)^*$  and x contains at least one non-terminal symbol.
  - The elements of P are called **rewriting rules** (**rules** for short) or **productions**.  $x \rightarrow y$  can be used instead of (x, y), where  $y \notin (N \cup T)$ .

- Example:
  - $G_1 = (\{S, A, B\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{S \rightarrow c, S \rightarrow AB, A \rightarrow aA, B \rightarrow \varepsilon, abb \rightarrow aSb\}, S)$  is not a generative grammar.
  - $G_2 = (\{S, A, B, C\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{S \rightarrow a, S \rightarrow AB, A \rightarrow Ab, B \rightarrow \varepsilon, aCA \rightarrow aSc\}, S)$  is a generative grammar.

- Let G = (N, T, P, S) be a generative grammar and let  $u, v \in (N \cup T)^*$ . The word v can be **derived directly** or **in one step** from u in G, denoted as  $u \Rightarrow_G v$ , if  $u = u_1 x u_2$  and  $v = u_1 y u_2$ , where  $u_1, u_2 \in (N \cup T)^*$  and  $x \rightarrow y \in P$ .
- Let G = (N, T, P, S) be a generative grammar and  $u, v \in (N \cup T)^*$ . The word v can be **derived** from u in G, denoted as  $u \Rightarrow^*_G v$ ,
  - if u = v, or
  - there exists a word  $z \in (N \cup T)^*$ , for which  $u \Rightarrow^*_G z$  and  $z \Rightarrow_G y$ .
  - $\Rightarrow$ \* is the reflexive, transitive closure of  $\Rightarrow$ .
  - $\Rightarrow$  is the transitive closure of  $\Rightarrow$ .

- Let G = (N, T, P, S) be a generative grammar and  $u, v \in (N \cup T)^*$ . The word v can be **derived in** k **steps** from u in  $G, k \ge 1$ , if there exists a sequence of words  $u_1, \ldots, u_{k+1} \in (N \cup T)^*$ , s.t.  $u=u_1, v=u_{k+1}$ , and  $u_i \Rightarrow_G u_{i+1}, 1 \le i \le k$ .
- A word v can be **derived** from a word u in G if either u = v, or there is a number  $k \ge 1$ , s.t. v can be derived from u in k steps.

- Let G = (N, T, P, S) be an arbitrary generative grammar. The **generated language** L(G) by the grammar G is:  $L(G) = \{w \mid S \Rightarrow^*_G w, w \in T^*\}$
- This means that the L(G) consists of words that are in  $T^*$  and can be derived from S by grammar G.

#### • Example:

Let G = (N, T, P, S) be a generative grammar, where  $N = \{S, A, B\}, T = \{a, b\}$  and  $P = \{S \rightarrow aSb, S \rightarrow ab, S \rightarrow ba\}.$ Then  $L(G) = \{a^nabb^n, a^nbab^n \mid n \ge 0\}.$ 

#### • Example:

Let G = (N, T, P, S) be a generative grammar, where  $N = \{S, X, Y\}, T = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $P = \{S \rightarrow abc, S \rightarrow aXbc, Xb \rightarrow bX, Xc \rightarrow Ybcc, bY \rightarrow Yb, aY \rightarrow aaX, aY \rightarrow aa\}.$  Then  $L(G) = \{a^nb^nc^n \mid n \geq 1\}.$ 

- Each grammar generates a language, but the same language can be generated by several different grammars.
- Two grammars are equivalent if they generate the same language.
- Two languages are weakly equivalent, if they differ only in the empty word.

- Let G = (N, T, P, S) be a generative grammar. G is generative grammar is of i-type, i = 0, 1, 2, 3, if the rule set P satisfies the following:
  - i = 0: no restriction.
  - i = 1: All rules of P have the form  $u_1Au_2 \rightarrow u_1vu_2$ , where  $u_1, u_2, v \in (N \cup T)^*$ ,  $A \in N$ , and  $v \neq \varepsilon$ , except for a rule  $S \rightarrow \varepsilon$ , when such a rule exists in P. If P contains the rule  $S \rightarrow \varepsilon$ , then S does not occur on the right side of any rule.
  - i = 2: All rules of P are of the form  $A \rightarrow v$ , where  $A \in N$  and  $v \in (N \cup T)^*$ .
  - i = 3: All rules of P are of the form either  $A \rightarrow uB$  or  $A \rightarrow u$ , where  $A, B \in N$  and  $u \in T^*$ .

- A language L is of type i, where i = 0, 1, 2, 3, if it can be generated by a type i grammar.
- $\mathcal{L}_i$ , i = 0, 1, 2, 3, denotes the class (family) of type i languages.

- Type 0 grammars are called phrase-structured grammars.
- Type 1 grammars are **context-sensitive** grammars, since some occurrence of the nonterminal A can only be substituted with the word v in the presence of contexts  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ .
- Type 2 grammars are context-free grammars, because the substitution of a nonterminal A with v is allowed in any context.
- Type 3 grammars are regular or finite state grammars.
- The classes of languages of type 0,1,2,3 are called recursively enumerable, context-sensitive, context-free, and regular, respectively.

Linguistic background "The cunning fox hastily ate the leaping frog."

- $S \rightarrow A + B$  (S: sentence, A: noun phrase, B: verb phrase)
- $A \rightarrow C + D + E$  (C : article, D: adjective, E : noun)
- $B \rightarrow G + B (G : adverb)$
- $B \rightarrow F + A (F : verb)$
- *C* → the
- $D \rightarrow \text{cunning}$
- $E \rightarrow fox$
- $G \rightarrow \text{hastily}$
- *F* → ate
- $D \rightarrow leaping$
- $E \rightarrow \text{frog}$

#### Linguistic background

- + (space) terminal symbol
- cunning ← → leaping , fox ← → frog (they are interchangeable, but the meanings are different)
- Sentence is syntactically correct
- It is not possible to describe the complete syntax of natural languages

- It is oblivious that  $\mathcal{L}_3 \subseteq \mathcal{L}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{L}_0$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{L}_0$ .
- It can also be shown that (Chomsky's hierarchy) following hold:
  - $\mathcal{L}_3 \subset \mathcal{L}_2 \subset \mathcal{L}_1 \subset \mathcal{L}_0$ .
- However, the inclusion relation between language class  $\mathcal{L}_2$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is not is oblivious from the definition of the corresponding grammars.

- Let V be an alphabet and  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$  be languages over V (that is,  $L_1 \subseteq V^*$  and  $L_2 \subseteq V^*$ )
  - union:  $L_1 \cup L_2 = \{u \mid u \in L_1 \text{ or } u \in L_2 \}.$
  - intersection:  $L_1 \cap L_2 = \{u \mid u \in L_1 \text{ and } u \in L_2 \}.$
  - **difference**:  $L_1 L_2 = \{u \mid u \in L_1 \text{ and } u \notin L_2 \}.$
- Example:

Let  $V = \{a, b\}$  be an alphabet and  $L_1 = \{a, b\}$  and  $L_2 = \{\epsilon, a, bbb\}$  languages over V. Then

$$L_1 \cup L_2 = \{\varepsilon, a, b, bbb\}$$
  
 $L_1 \cap L_2 = \{a\}$   
 $L_1 - L_2 = \{b\}$ 

- The **complement** of the language  $L \subseteq V^*$  with respect to the alphabet V is the language  $L = V^* L$ .
- Example:

Let  $V = \{a\}$  be an alphabet and let  $L = \{a^{4n} \mid n \ge 0\}$ . Then  $L = V^* - \{a^{4n} \mid n \ge 0\}$ .

• Let V be an alphabet and  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$  be languages over V (i.e.  $L_1 \subseteq V^*$  and  $L_2 \subseteq V^*$ ). The **concatenation** of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  is  $L_1L_2 = \{u_1u_2 \mid u_1 \in L_1, u_2 \in L_2\}$ .

#### • Remark:

The following equalities hold for every language *L*:

$$\varnothing L = L\varnothing = \varnothing$$
 and  $\{\varepsilon\}L = L\{\varepsilon\} = L$ .

- $L^i$  denotes the **i-th iteration** of L (for the operation of concatenation), where  $i \ge 1$ . By convention,  $L^0 = \{\epsilon\}$ .
- The iterative closure (or Kleene closure) of a language L is:  $L^* = \bigcup_{i \ge 0} L^i$ .
- $L^+ = \bigcup_{i\geq 1} L^i$ .

• Remark: Obviously, if  $\varepsilon \in L$ , then  $L^+ = L^*$ . Otherwise,  $L^+ = L^* - \{\varepsilon\}$ .

• Example (concatenation):

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Let V = \{a, b\} and let L_1 = \{a, b\}, L_2 = \{\epsilon, a, bbb\}, L_3 = \{a^{4n}b^{4n} \mid n \ge 0\} and L_4 = \{a^{7n}b^{7n} \mid n \ge 0\}. Then
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- $L_1L_2 = \{a, b, aa, ba, abbb, bbbb\},$
- $L_3L_4 = \{a^{4n}b^{4n}a^{7m}b^{7m} \mid n \ge 0, m \ge 0\}.$

• Let V be an alphabet and  $L \subseteq V^*$ . Then the language  $L^{-1} = \{u^{-1} \mid u \in L\}$  is the **mirror** (or **reversal**) of L.

- Remarks:
  - $(L^{-1})^{-1} = L,$
  - $(L_1L_2 \ldots L_n)^{-1} = L_n^{-1} \ldots L_2^{-1}L_1^{-1},$
  - $(L^{i})^{-1} = (L^{-1})^{i}$ , where  $i \ge 0$ , and
  - $(L^*)^{-1} = (L^{-1})^*$ .

• Example (mirror, reversal): Let  $V = \{a, b\}$  and  $L = \{\epsilon, a, abb\}$  be a language over V. Then  $L^{-1} = \{\epsilon, a, bba\}$ .

- The **prefix of a language**  $L \subseteq V^*$  is the language  $L \subseteq V^*$  is the language.
- Remark: By definition,  $L \subseteq \text{HEAD}(L)$  for any language  $L \in V^*$ .
- The **suffix of a language**  $L \subseteq V^*$  is the language TAIL(L) = {  $u \mid u \in V^*$  ,  $vu \in L$  for some  $v \in V^*$  }.

- Let  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  be two alphabets. The mapping  $h: V_1^* \to V_2^*$  is called a **homomorphism** if the following conditions hold:
  - for every word  $u \in V_1^*$  there is exactly one word  $v \in V_2^*$  for which h(u) = v.
  - h(uv) = h(u)h(v), for all  $u, v \in V_1^*$ .

#### Remarks:

- It follows from the above conitions that  $h(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon$ . Namely, for all  $u \in V_1^*$  holds  $h(u) = h(\varepsilon u) = h(u\varepsilon)$ .
- For all words u = a<sub>1</sub>a<sub>2</sub>...a<sub>n</sub>, a<sub>i</sub> ∈ V<sub>1</sub>, 1 ≤ i ≤ n, it holds that h(u) = h(a<sub>1</sub>)h(a<sub>2</sub>)...h(a<sub>n</sub>).
  I.e. that it is sufficient to define the mapping h on the elements of V<sub>1</sub> and it is automatically extended to V<sub>1</sub>\*.

- A homomorphism  $h: V_1^* \to V_2^*$  is **\varepsilon-free** if for all  $u \in V_1^+$ ,  $h(u) \neq \varepsilon$ .
- Let  $h: V_1^* \to V_2^*$  be a homomorphism. The **h-homomorphic image** of a language  $L \in V_1^*$  is the language  $h(L) = \{w \in V_2^* \mid w = h(u), u \in L\}$
- Example (homomorphism): Let  $V_1 = V_2 = \{a, b\}$  be two alphabets. Let  $h : V_1^* \rightarrow V_2^*$  be a homomorphism, s.t. h(a) = bbb, h(b) = ab and  $L = \{a, abba\}$ . Then  $h(L) = \{bbb, bbbababbbb\}$ .

• A homomorphism h is called an **isomorphism** if following holds: for any  $u, v \in V_1^*$ , if h(u) = h(v), then u = v.

 Example (isomorphism – binary representation of decimal numbers):

$$V_1 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}, V_2 = \{0, 1\},$$
  
 $h(0) = 0000, h(1) = 0001, \dots, h(9) = 1001$ 

#### **Programmed Grammars**

- A context-free programmed grammar is a 4-tuple G = (N, T, P, S), where
  - N and T are disjoint finite alphabets,
  - $S \in N$  is the start symbol (axiom),
  - P is a finite set of ordered triples of the form  $r = (p, \sigma, \varphi)$ , where p is a context-free rule,  $\sigma, \varphi \subseteq P$ ,  $\sigma$  is called the success field,  $\varphi$  is called the failure field.

#### **Generated Language**

• Let G = (N, T, P, S) be a programmed grammar. The language L(G) **generated** by the grammar G consists of words  $w \in T^*$ , s.t. there exists a derivation:

$$S = W_0 \Rightarrow_{r_1} W_1 \Rightarrow_{r_2} \dots \Rightarrow_{r_k} W_k = W,$$
  
where  $k \ge 1$  and there exists a sequence of rules  $r_{k+1} \in P$ ,  $r_i = (A_i \rightarrow V_i, \sigma_i, \varphi_i)$ ,  $1 \le i \le k$ ,  
s.t. one of the following conditions is fulfilled:

- $W_{i-1} = W'_{i-1}A_iW''_{i-1}, W_i = W'_{i-1}V_iW''_{i-1}, r_{i+1} \in \sigma_i$ , or
- $A_i$  does not occur in the word  $w_{i-1}$  and then  $w_{i-1} = w_i$ ,  $r_{i+1} \in \varphi_i$ .
- If  $r = (p, \sigma, \emptyset)$  holds for every rule  $r \in P$ , then the grammar is without **appearance checking**, otherwise, with appearance checking.

# **Programmed Grammar**

#### • Example:

Let G = (N, T, P, S) be a programmed grammar, where  $N = \{S, A\}, T = \{a\}, \text{ and } P = \{r_1, r_2, r_3\}, \text{ where}$ 

- $r_1 = (S \rightarrow AA, \{r_1\}, \{r_2\}),$
- $r_2 = (A \rightarrow S, \{r_2\}, \{r_1, r_3\})$ , and
- $r_3 = (S \rightarrow a, \{r_3\}, \varnothing)$ . Then  $L(G) = \{a^{2^n} | n \ge 0\}$ .

# **Programmed Grammar**

Let 
$$G=(\{S,A\},\{a\},S,\{r_1,r_2,r_3\})$$
, where  $r_1=(S o AA,\{r_1\},\{r_2\})$   $r_2=(A o S,\{r_2\},\{r_1,r_3\})$   $r_3=(S o a,\{r_3\},\emptyset)$ 

The derivation for the string aaaa is as follows:

$$egin{aligned} S \Rightarrow_{r_1} AA \Rightarrow_{r_1} AA \Rightarrow_{r_2} SA \Rightarrow_{r_2} SS \Rightarrow_{r_2} SS \ \Rightarrow_{r_1} AAS \Rightarrow_{r_1} AAAA \Rightarrow_{r_1} AAAA \ \Rightarrow_{r_2} SAAA \Rightarrow_{r_2} SSAA \Rightarrow_{r_2} SSSS \Rightarrow_{r_2} SSSS \ \Rightarrow_{r_3} aSSS \Rightarrow_{r_3} aaSS \Rightarrow_{r_3} aaaS \Rightarrow_{r_3} aaaa \Rightarrow_{r_3} aaaa \end{aligned}$$

As can be seen from the derivation and the rules, each time  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  succeed, they feed back to themselves, which forces each rule to continue to rewrite the string over and over until it can do so no more. Upon failing, the derivation can switch to a different rule. In the case of  $r_1$ , that means rewriting all Ss as AAs, then switching to  $r_2$ . In the case of  $r_2$ , it means rewriting all As as Ss, then switching either to  $r_1$ , which will lead to doubling the number of Ss produced, or to  $r_3$  which converts the Ss to ss then halts the derivation. Each cycle through  $r_1$  then  $r_2$  therefore either doubles the initial number of Ss, or converts the Ss to ss. The trivial case of generating ss, in case it is difficult to see, simply involves vacuously applying  $r_1$ , thus jumping straight to  $r_2$  which also vacuously applies, then jumping to  $r_3$  which produces ss.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Controlled\_grammar

- A context-free matrix grammar with appearance checking is a 5-tuple  $G = (N, T, M, S, \mathcal{F})$ , where
  - N and T are disjoint finite alphabets,
  - $S \in N$  is the start symbol (axiom),
  - $M = \{m_1, m_2, \ldots, m_n\}, n \ge 1$ , is a finite set of sequences  $m_i = (p_{i1}, \ldots, p_{ik(i)}), k(i) \ge 1, 1 \le i \le n$ , where each  $p_{ij}, 1 \le i \le n, 1 \le j \le k(i)$ , is a context-free rule, and
  - $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \{p_{ij} \mid 1 \le i \le n, \ 1 \le j \le k(i)\}$  is a subset of rules of sequences in M.
- Remark:
   The elements of M are called matrices.

• A matrix grammar  $G = (N, T, M, S, \mathcal{F})$  is without appearance checking, if and only if  $\mathcal{F} = \emptyset$ .

• Let  $G = (N, T, M, S, \mathcal{F})$  be matrix grammar and  $w,w' \in (N \cup T)^*$ . Then w' can be derived from w according to a matrix

 $m_i: (A_{i1} \rightarrow V_{i1}, \ldots, A_{ik(i)} \rightarrow V_{ik(i)}) \in M, 1 \leq i \leq n, k(i) \geq 1,$  (denoted as:  $w \Rightarrow_{mi} w'$ ), if and only if there exist words  $w_{i1}, \ldots, w_{ik(i)+1} \in (N \cup T)^*$ , s.t.  $w = w_{i1}, w' = w_{ik(i)+1}$  and for all i and j, where  $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq k(i)$ ,

- either  $w_{ij} = w'_{ij}A_{ij}w''_{ij}$  and  $w_{ij+1} = w'_{ij}v_{ij}w''_{ij}$ ,
- or  $A_{ij}$  does not appear  $w_{ij}$  and  $w_{ij} = w_{ij+1}$ , and  $A_{ij} \rightarrow v_{ij} \in \mathcal{F}$ .

- Let  $G = (N, T, M, S, \mathcal{F})$  be a matrix grammar. The **language** L(G) **generated by** G is:  $L(G) = \{w \in T^* \mid S \Rightarrow_{m_{i}} y_1 \Rightarrow_{m_{i}^2} y_2 \Rightarrow_{m_{i}^3} \ldots \Rightarrow_{m_{i}^s} w, 1 \leq j_i \leq r, 1 \leq i \leq s\}.$
- Example: Let  $G = (N, T, M, S, \varnothing)$  be a matrix grammar without appearace checking, where  $N = \{S, A, B\}$ ,  $T = \{a, b\}$ , and  $M = \{m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4, m_5\}$ , where  $m_1 = (S \rightarrow AB)$ ,  $m_2 = (A \rightarrow bA, B \rightarrow bB)$ ,  $m_3 = (A \rightarrow b, B \rightarrow b)$ ,  $m_4 = (A \rightarrow aA, B \rightarrow aB)$ , and  $m_5 = (A \rightarrow a, B \rightarrow a)$ . Then  $L(G) = \{ww \mid w \in \{a, b\}^+\}$ .

• A random context grammar is a 4-tuple G = (N, T, P, S), where

*N* and *T* are disjoint finite alphabets,

 $S \in N$  is the start symbol (axiom),

*P* is a finite set of ordered triples of the form (p, Q, R), where p is a context-free rule,  $Q, R \subseteq N$ .

• Let G = (N, T, P, S) be a random context grammar. The word y can be **derived** from  $x, x, y \in (N \cup T)^*$ , (notation:  $x \Rightarrow y$ ), if x = x'Ax'', y = x'wx'', for some words  $x', x'' \in (N \cup T)^*$  and  $(A \rightarrow w, Q, R)$  in P, if all symbols of Q appear in x'x'', and no symbol of R appear in x'x''.

Remark:

*Q* is called the **permitting context** and *R* is called the **forbidding context** of  $(A \rightarrow w, Q, R)$ .

- Let G = (N, T, P, S) be a random context grammar. The language L(G) **generated** by the grammar G is:  $L(G) = \{w \in T^* \mid S \Rightarrow^* w\}$ .
- Example:

Let 
$$G = (N, T, P, S)$$
 be a random context grammar, where  $N = \{S, X, Y, A\}, T = \{a\}, \text{ and } P = \{r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4, r_5\}, \text{ where } r_1 = (S \rightarrow XX, \varnothing, \{Y, A\}), r_2 = (X \rightarrow Y, \varnothing, \{S\}), r_3 = (Y \rightarrow S, \varnothing, \{X\}), r_4 = (S \rightarrow A, \varnothing, \{X, Y\}), r_5 = (A \rightarrow a, \varnothing, \{S\}).$  Then  $L(G) = \{a^{2^n} | n > 0\}.$ 

• A random context grammar generating the language  $\{a^{2^n}|n\geq 0\}$  .

Let 
$$G=(\{S,X,Y,A\},\{a\},S,\{r_1,r_2,r_3,r_4,r_5\})$$
, where  $r_1=(S \to XX,\emptyset,\{Y,A\})$   $r_2=(X \to Y,\emptyset,\{S\})$   $r_3=(Y \to S,\emptyset,\{X\})$   $r_4=(S \to A,\emptyset,\{X,Y\})$   $r_5=(A \to a,\emptyset,\{S\})$ 

Consider now the production for aaaa:

$$S \Rightarrow_{r_1} XX \Rightarrow_{r_2} YX \Rightarrow_{r_2} YY \Rightarrow_{r_3} SY \Rightarrow_{r_3} SS$$

$$\Rightarrow_{r_1} XXS \Rightarrow_{r_1} XXXXX \Rightarrow_{r_2} YXXXX \Rightarrow_{r_2} YYXXX \Rightarrow_{r_2} YYYX \Rightarrow_{r_2} YYYY$$

$$\Rightarrow_{r_3} SYYY \Rightarrow_{r_3} SSYY \Rightarrow_{r_3} SSSY \Rightarrow_{r_3} SSSS$$

$$\Rightarrow_{r_4} ASSS \Rightarrow_{r_4} AASS \Rightarrow_{r_4} AAAS \Rightarrow_{r_4} AAAA$$

$$\Rightarrow_{r_5} aAAA \Rightarrow_{r_5} aaAA \Rightarrow_{r_5} aaaA \Rightarrow_{r_5} aaaa$$

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Controlled\_grammar

# Language families

- $\mathcal{L}(PR_{ac})$  denotes the class of programmed grammars with  $\epsilon$ -free rules with apearance checking.
- $\mathcal{L}(PR^{\epsilon}_{ac})$  denotes the class of arbitrary programmed grammars with apearance checking.
- If the grammar is without appearance checking, the index ac is omitted.
- $\mathcal{L}(MAT_{ac})$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(MAT_{ac}^{\epsilon})$  are the **classes of matrix grammars** with and without  $\epsilon$ -free rules with apearance checking, respectively.
- $\mathcal{L}(RC_{ac})$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(RC_{ac}^{\epsilon})$  are the **classes of random context grammars** with and without  $\epsilon$ -free rules with apearance checking, respectively.
- Theorem 1 [Dassow, Paun, 2012]: The following relations hold:  $\mathcal{L}_2 \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathsf{PR}_{\mathsf{ac}}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathsf{MAT}_{\mathsf{ac}}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathsf{RC}_{\mathsf{ac}}) \subset \mathcal{L}_1$  and  $\mathcal{L}(\mathsf{PR}^{\epsilon}_{\mathsf{ac}}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathsf{MAT}^{\epsilon}_{\mathsf{ac}}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathsf{RC}^{\epsilon}_{\mathsf{ac}}) = \mathcal{L}_0$ .

#### L-system

- A OL-system (non-interacting Lindenmayer system, or L-system) is a triple G = (V, P, w), where
  V is a finite alphabet,
  P is a finite set of context-free rewriting rules (or production rules), and w ∈ V<sup>+</sup> is the start state (or axiom or initiator).
  For every a ∈ V, there exists the rule a → x ∈ P (We say P is complete).
- Remark: For any symbol a ∈ V, which does not appear on the left hand side of a production in P, the identity production
   a → a is assumed; these symbols are called constants or terminals.

## L-rewriting

For words  $z_1, z_2 \in V^*$ ,  $z_1$  can be **rewritten** to  $z_2$  regarding G, denoted by  $z_1 \Rightarrow z_2$ , if  $z_1 = a_1 a_2 \dots a_r$ ,  $z_2 = x_1 x_2 \dots x_r$ , for some  $a_i \rightarrow x_i \in P$ ,  $1 \le i \le r$ .

 Remark: As many rules as possible are applied simultaneously. This differentiates an L-system from a language generated by a classical formal grammar.

## L-system, generated language

Let G = (V, P, w) be a 0L-system. The language L(G) generated by G is:

 $L(G) = \{z \in V^* | w \Rightarrow^* z\}, \text{ where}$ 

 $\Rightarrow$ \* is the reflexive transitive closure of  $\Rightarrow$ .

## L-system, generated language

• Example: Let G=(V,P,w) be a 0L-system, where  $V=\{a\},$   $P=\{a\rightarrow a^2\},$  and  $w=a^3.$  Then  $L(G)=\{a^{3\cdot 2^n}|i\geq 0\}$ 

## L-system, generated language

• Example (fractal, binary tree): Let G = (V, P, w) be a 0L-system, where  $V = \{0, 1, [, ]\},$   $P = \{1 \rightarrow 11, 0 \rightarrow 1[0]0\},$  and w = 0.

It produces the sequence:

 $w = w_0 = 0$   $w_1 = 1[0]0$   $w_2 = 11[1[0]0]1[0]0$  $w_3 = 1111[11[1[0]0]1[0]0]11[1[0]0]1[0]0$ 

. . .

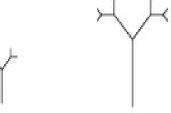
This string can be drawn as an image by interpreting the symbols as follows:

0: draw a line segment ending in a leaf

1: draw a line segment

[: push position and angle, turn left 45 degrees

]: pop position and angle, turn right 45 degrees



# Family of languages generated by 0L-systems

•  $\mathcal{L}(0L)$  denotes the family of languages generated by 0L-systems.

### **E0L-systems**

- An E0L-system (Extened 0L-system) is a 4-tuple
   G = (V, T, P, w), where G = (V, P, w) is a 0L-system and T is an alphabet of terminal symbols.
- **Derivation**  $\Rightarrow_G$  (short  $\Rightarrow$ ) and  $\Rightarrow$ \* are defined similarly to 0L-systems.
- The **language** L(G) generated by G is:  $L(G) = \{z \in T^* \mid w \Rightarrow^* z\}.$
- $\mathcal{L}(E0L)$  denotes the **family of languages** generated by E0L-systems.

# **E0L**-systems, generated language

#### • Example:

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Let G = (V, T, P, w) be an E0L-system, where V = \{a, b\}, T = \{b\}, P = \{a \rightarrow b, a \rightarrow bb, b \rightarrow b\}, and w = a.
Then L(G) = \{b, bb\}.
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### **D0L-systems**

- A **D0L-system** (**deterministic 0L-system**) is a 0L-system, if for every  $a \in V$  there is exactly one rule  $a \rightarrow x$ ,  $x \in V^*$ .
- If the axiom is replaced by a finite language, then we obtain 0L-system (D0L-system) with a finite number of axioms, denoted as F0L-system (FD0L-system).
- Remark: Since the set of production rules P of a D0L-system
   G = (V, P, w) defines a homomorphism h : V → V\*, the
   notation G = (V, h, w) is also used.

### **T0L-systems**

- A **T0L-system** is an (n+2)-tuple  $G = (V, P_1, \ldots, P_n, w)$ ,  $n \ge 1$ , where each  $G_i = (V, P_i, w)$ ,  $1 \le i \le n$ , is a 0L-system.
- The language L(G) **generated** by G is:  $L(G) = \{z \in V^* \mid w \Rightarrow_{Gi1} w_1 \Rightarrow_{Gi2} \ldots \Rightarrow_{Gim} w_m = z, 1 \le i_i \le n, 1 \le j \le m\}.$
- ∠(T0L) denotes the **family** of languages generated by T0L-systems

### **T0L-systems**

- Example: Let  $G = (V, P_1, P_2, w)$  be a T0L-system, where  $V = \{a\}$ ,  $P_1 = \{a \rightarrow a^2\}$ ,  $P_2 = \{a \rightarrow a^3\}$ , and w = a.
- Then  $L(G) = \{a^i | i = 2^m 3^n, m, n \ge 0\}.$

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