

**A CFL for $\Sigma^* - \{a^n b^n c^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$
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1 Introduction

$\Sigma^* - \{a^n b^n c^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

Note that this language is the union of the following languages

1. $\Sigma^* ba \Sigma^*$
2. $\Sigma^* ca \Sigma^*$
3. $\Sigma^* cb \Sigma^*$
4. $\{a^{n_1} b^{n_2} c^{n_3} : n_1 < n_2\}$.
5. $\{a^{n_1} b^{n_2} c^{n_3} : n_1 > n_2\}$.
6. $\{a^{n_1} b^{n_2} c^{n_3} : n_2 < n_3\}$.
7. $\{a^{n_1} b^{n_2} c^{n_3} : n_2 > n_3\}$.
8. $\{a^{n_1} b^{n_2} c^{n_3} : n_1 < n_3\}$.
9. $\{a^{n_1} b^{n_2} c^{n_3} : n_1 > n_3\}$.

We give a CFG for each of these and then use closure under union. It would be very easy to use the closure under union construction to get a real CFG for the union.

2 $\Sigma^* ba \Sigma^*$

We give a CFG for $\Sigma^* ba \Sigma^*$. The ones for

$\Sigma^* ca \Sigma^*$

$\Sigma^* cb \Sigma^*$

are similar.

$S \rightarrow TbaT$

$T \rightarrow aT$

$T \rightarrow bT$

$T \rightarrow cT$

$T \rightarrow e$.

Note that T can generate any element of Σ^* . Hence we get $\Sigma^* ba \Sigma^*$.

3 $\{a^{n_1}b^{n_2}c^{n_3} : n_1 < n_2\}$

We give CFG's for $\{a^{n_1}b^{n_2}c^{n_3} : n_1 < n_2\}$. The CFG's for

$$\{a^{n_1}b^{n_2}c^{n_3} : n_1 > n_2\}$$

$$\{a^{n_1}b^{n_2}c^{n_3} : n_2 < n_3\}$$

$$\{a^{n_1}b^{n_2}c^{n_3} : n_2 > n_3\}$$

are similar.

$$S \rightarrow TBC$$

$$T \rightarrow aTb$$

$$T \rightarrow e$$

$$B \rightarrow Bb$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

$$C \rightarrow cC$$

$$C \rightarrow e$$

IDEA: T will generate $a^n b^n$. Then B will generate AT LEAST one b , so there will be more b 's than a 's. C will generate as any number of c 's.

4 $\{a^{n_1}b^{n_2}c^{n_3} : n_1 < n_3\}$

We give CFG's for $\{a^{n_1}b^{n_2}c^{n_3} : n_1 < n_2\}$. The CFG's for

$$\{a^{n_1}b^{n_2}c^{n_3} : n_1 > n_3\}$$

is similar.

$$S \rightarrow aTcC$$

$$T \rightarrow aTc$$

$$T \rightarrow B$$

$$B \rightarrow bB$$

$$B \rightarrow e$$

$$C \rightarrow cC$$

$$C \rightarrow c.$$

IDEA: T will generate $a^n T c^n$. Then C will generate at least one more c . Then T will generate any number of b 's.