

## Assignment #3

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1. Let  $A/B = \{w \mid wx \in A \text{ for some } x \in B\}$ . Show that, if  $A$  is context free and  $B$  is regular, then  $A/B$  is context free.
2. For any language  $A$ , let  $SUFFIX(A) = \{v \mid uv \in A \text{ for some string } u\}$ . Show that the class of context-free languages is closed under the  $SUFFIX$  operation.
3. Show that, if  $G$  is a CFG in Chomsky normal form, then for any string  $w \in L(G)$  of length  $n > 1$ , exactly  $2n - 1$  steps are required for any derivation of  $w$ .
4. Let  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, \langle \text{STMT} \rangle)$  be the following grammar.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \text{STMT} \rangle &\rightarrow \langle \text{ASSIGN} \rangle \mid \langle \text{IF} - \text{THEN} \rangle \mid \langle \text{IF} - \text{THEN} - \text{ELSE} \rangle \\
 \langle \text{IF} - \text{THEN} \rangle &\rightarrow \text{if condition then } \langle \text{STMT} \rangle \\
 \langle \text{IF} - \text{THEN} - \text{ELSE} \rangle &\rightarrow \text{if condition then } \langle \text{STMT} \rangle \text{ else } \langle \text{STMT} \rangle \\
 \langle \text{ASSIGN} \rangle &\rightarrow \mathbf{a := 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Sigma = \{\mathbf{if, condition, then, else, a := 1}\}$$

$$V = \{\langle \text{STMT} \rangle, \langle \text{ASSIGN} \rangle, \langle \text{IF} - \text{THEN} \rangle, \langle \text{IF} - \text{THEN} - \text{ELSE} \rangle\}$$

$G$  is a natural-looking grammar for a fragment of a programming language, but  $G$  is ambiguous.

- (a) Show that  $G$  is ambiguous.
  - (b) Give a new unambiguous grammar for the same language.
5. Let  $B$  be the language of all palindromes over  $\{0, 1\}$  containing an equal number of 0s and 1s. Show that  $B$  is not context free.
  6. (Optional) Let  $C = \{x\#y \mid x, y \in \{0, 1\}^* \text{ and } x \neq y\}$ . Show that  $C$  is a context-free language.