ECE 374 B

This is a review of context-free grammars from the lecture on Tuesday; in each example, the grammar itself is on the left; the explanation for each non-terminal is on the right.

• Properly nested strings of parentheses.

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon \mid S(S)$$

properly nested parentheses

Here is a different grammar for the same language:

 $S \rightarrow \epsilon \mid (S) \mid SS$ properly nested parentheses

• $\{\mathbf{0}^m \mathbf{1}^n \mid m \neq n\}$. This is the set of all binary strings composed of some number of **0**s followed by a different number of **1**s.

$S \rightarrow A \mid B$	$\{0^m1^n\}m\neq n$
$A \to 0A \mid 0C$	$\{0^m1^n\}m>n$
$B \rightarrow B1 \mid C1$	$\{0^m 1^n\} m < n$
$C \rightarrow \epsilon \mid 0C1$	$\{0^m1^n\}m=n$

Give context-free grammars for each of the following languages. For each grammar, describe *in English* the language for each non-terminal, and in the examples above. As usual, we won't get to all of these in section.

- I. $\{\mathbf{0}^{2n}\mathbf{1}^n \mid n \ge 0\}$
- 2. $\{\mathbf{0}^m \mathbf{1}^n \mid m \neq 2n\}$

[Hint: If $m \neq 2n$, then either m < 2n or m > 2n. Extend the previous grammar, but pay attention to parity. This language contains the string **01**.]

3. $\{\mathbf{0},\mathbf{1}\}^* \setminus \{\mathbf{0}^{2n}\mathbf{1}^n \mid n \ge 0\}$

[Hint: Extend the previous grammar. What is missing?]

The next few problems deal with push-down automata (PDA). The goal of these problems is to simply gain an understanding of PDAs which are the machines needed to recognize a context-free language:

4. What language does the following push-down automata recognize (Hint: This is a non-deterministic automata as most PDAs are)?



5. Develop the PDA for the language:

$$L = \{ w \text{ is a palidrome and } w \in \{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\}^* \}$$
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Work on these later:

- 4. $\{w \in \{0, 1\}^*\} \#(0, w) = 2 \cdot \#(1, w)$ Binary strings where the number of 0s is exactly twice the number of 1s.
- 5. $\{0, 1\}^* \setminus \{ww\} w \in \{0, 1\}^*$.

[Anti-hint: The language $\{ww\}w \in 0, 1^*$ is **not** context-free. Thus, the complement of a context-free language is not necessarily context-free!]

6. Convert the following CFG into a PDA:

 $S \rightarrow \mathbf{a}B\mathbf{c} \mid \mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}$ $B \rightarrow SB \mid \varepsilon$