

L4.1 - Conversion of CFG to Chomsky Normal Form

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Steps to convert a given CFG to Chomsky Normal Form:

- Step 1: If the Start Symbol S occurs on some right side, create a new Start Symbol S' and a new Production $S' \rightarrow S$.
- Step 2: Remove Null Productions. (Using the Null Production Removal discussed in previous Lecture)
- Step 3: Remove Unit Productions. (Using the Unit Production Removal discussed in previous Lecture)
- Step 4: Replace each Production $A \rightarrow B_1 \dots B_n$ where $n > 2$, with $A \rightarrow B_1 C$ where $C \rightarrow B_2 \dots B_n$
Repeat this step for all Productions having two or more Symbols on the right side.
- Step 5: If the right side of any Production is in the form $A \rightarrow aB$ where 'a' is a terminal and A and B are non-terminals, then the Production is replaced by $A \rightarrow XB$ and $X \rightarrow a$.
Repeat this step for every Production which is of the form $A \rightarrow aB$

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After Removing $A \rightarrow S$: P: $S' \rightarrow ASA|aB|a|AS|SA,$
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4) Now find out the productions that has more than TWO variables in RHS
 $S' \rightarrow ASA, S \rightarrow ASA$ and $A \rightarrow ASA$ 

After removing these, we get: P: $S' \rightarrow AX|aB|a|AS|SA,$
 $S \rightarrow AX|aB|a|AS|SA,$
 $A \rightarrow b|AX|aB|a|AS|SA,$
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5) Now change the productions $S' \rightarrow aB$, $S \rightarrow aB$ and $A \rightarrow aB$

Finally we get:

P: $S' \rightarrow AX|YB|a|AS|SA$,

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which is the required Chomsky Normal Form for the given CFG



Questions???