## 2D Picture Languages

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## Introduction

## Motivation

- Picture $=$ rectangular two-dimensional (2D) array of symbols
- picture analysis (structure), picture recognition
- tiling patterns, floor designs


## Picture-defining Devices

- Language/picture properties/operations
- 2D regular expressions
- Logic formulas (first-order and monadic second-order)
- Accepting devices
- Four-way automata
- 2D (on-line) tesselation automata (variant of cellular automata)
- 2D grammars
- Isometric - geometric shape of the rewritten portion is preserved
- Array grammars (replaces block of the same size)
- Non-isometric - can alter the geometric shape
- Siromoney Matrix Grammars
- "Image Grammars"


## Picture

Picture (2D array, picture array) $p$ is a rectangular $m \times n$ array over $\Sigma$ of the form

$$
p=\begin{array}{ccc}
p(1,1) & \cdots & p(1, n) \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
p(m, 1) & \cdots & p(m, n)
\end{array}
$$

- where each $p(i, j) \in \Sigma$ (pixel), $1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n$.
- $|p|_{\text {row }},|p|_{\text {col }}$ denote the number of rows/columns of $p$.
- $\Sigma^{* *}=$ set of all rectangular arrays over $\Sigma(\lambda$ for empty picture $)$.
- $\Sigma^{++}=\Sigma^{* *}-\{\lambda\}$
- A picture language $L \subseteq \Sigma^{* *}$


## Operations

- Block (sub-picture)
- Boundary symbol \# $\notin \Sigma$.

Picture/Language Operations

- Projection by mapping $\pi: \Gamma \rightarrow \Sigma$, where $\Gamma, \Sigma$ are alphabets.
- Column concatenation of two pictures $(p \oplus q)$ requires the same number of rows.
- Row concatenation of two pictures $(p \ominus q)$ requires the same number of columns.
- Column/Row closure $L^{* \oplus}$ and $L^{* \ominus}$ such that $L^{* *}=\left(L^{* \Phi}\right)^{* \ominus}=\left(L^{* \ominus}\right)^{* \oplus}$
- Clock-wise rotation of a picture $\left(p^{R}\right)$


## Definitions and Examples

## 2D Regular Expressions

Recursive definition over alphabet $\Sigma$

- Atomic languages: the empty language $\emptyset,\{\mathrm{a}\}$ with $a \in \Sigma$.
- 2D Regular operations $\mathcal{R}=\left\{\ominus, \oplus, * \ominus, * \oplus, \cup, \cap,{ }^{c}\right\}$.
- The result of $\odot \in \mathcal{R}$ applied to regular 2D languge is a regular 2D language.
- Family: RE
- Modifications: complement-free RE (CFRE), star-free RE (SFRE), projection of CFRE (PCFRE)


## 2D Regular Expressions - Example

- Let $\Sigma=\{\mathbf{\square}, \square\}$
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Figure: A rectangular "chessboard" with even side-length

## 4-way Automata

Extension of finite automata for 2D (Blum, Hewitt 1967)
Definition 1.
Non-deterministic (deterministic) 4-way finite automaton (4NFA, 4DFA) is a 7-tuple $\mathcal{A}=\left(\Sigma, Q, \Delta, q_{0}, q_{a}, q_{r}, \delta\right)$ where

- $\Delta=\{R, L, U, D\}$ is a set of directions;
- $q_{a}, q_{r} \in Q$ are accepting and rejecting state;
- $\delta: Q-\left\{q_{a}, q_{r}\right\} \times \Sigma \rightarrow 2^{Q \times \Delta}\left(\delta: Q-\left\{q_{a}, q_{r}\right\} \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q \times \Delta\right)$ is the transition function.
- Starting at position $(1,1)$ in $q_{0}$, finishing in $q_{a}$ or $q_{r}$ (need not to read whole picture)
- "Border sensitive"


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- Moves along the diagonal until the bottom-right corner $\Rightarrow$ square.
- Checks that all positions contain a symbol from $\Sigma$.


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## Theorem 4.

The family of 4DFA is strictly included in 4NFA.

## 2D Right-Linear Grammar

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A 2 D right-linear grammar (2DRLIN, [1]) is a 7 -tuple

$$
G=\left(V_{h}, V_{v}, \Sigma_{I}, \Sigma, S, R_{h}, R_{v}\right)
$$

where

- $V_{h}$ and $V_{v}$ is a finite set of horizontal and vertical nonterminals;
- $\Sigma_{I} \subseteq V_{v}$ and $\Sigma$ is a finite set of intermediates and terminals;
- $S \in V_{h}$ is a starting symbol;
- $R_{h}$ is a finite set of horizontal rules: $V \rightarrow A V^{\prime}$ or $V \rightarrow A$ where $V, V^{\prime} \in V_{h}$ and $A \in \Sigma_{I}$;
- $R_{v}$ is a finite set of vertical rules: $A \rightarrow a A^{\prime}$ or $A \rightarrow a$ where $A, A^{\prime} \in V_{v}$ and $a \in \Sigma$.
First, generate string $w \in \Sigma_{I}$ by $R_{h}$.
Second, build a picture by $R_{v}$ in the downward direction.


## Local 2D Languages (LOC)

$B_{h, k}(p)=$ the set of all blocks of $p$ of size $(h, k)$, where $h \leq m, k \leq n$.

## Definition 6.

Let $\Gamma$ be an alphabet. A 2D language $L \subseteq \Gamma^{* *}$ is local if there exists a finite set $\Phi$ of tiles over $\Gamma \cup\{\#\}$ s.t. $L=\left\{p \in \Gamma^{* *} \mid B_{2,2}(p) \subseteq \Phi\right\}$.

- $\Phi$ is the set of allowed blocks or representation by tiles including \#.
- $\lambda \in L(\Phi)$ iff $\begin{array}{ll}\# & \# \\ \# & \#\end{array} \in \Phi$
- The family: LOC


## Local 2D Languages (LOC) - Example

## Example 7.



- $L(\Phi)$ contains squares with 1 s on the main diagonal positions; otherwise 0 .
- Observe that no square language is a local 2D language over unary alphabet.
- Generalization: $(h, k)$-local 2D languages, i.e. LOC is (2,2)-local 2D language.


## Tiling Recognizable Languages

## Definition 8.

A tiling system $(T S)$ is 4 -tuple $\mathcal{T}=(\Sigma, \Gamma, \Phi, \pi)$, where

- $\Sigma$ and $\Gamma$ are two alphabets;
- $\Phi$ is finite set of tiles over $\Gamma \cup \#$;
- $\pi: \Gamma \rightarrow \Sigma$ is a projection.
- $L$ recognizable by TS $\mathcal{T}: L(\mathcal{T})=\pi\left(L^{\prime}\right)$ where $L^{\prime}=L(\Phi) \in L O C$.
- The family: TS or REC
- Domino system works with $B_{1,2}(\hat{p})$ and $B_{2,1}(\hat{p})$ but $\mathrm{DS}=\mathrm{TS}$.


## Example 9.

Take previous example $L(\Phi)$ with $\Gamma=\{0,1\}$ and $\pi(0)=\pi(1)=a$.
Theorem 10.
$L O C \subset T S$

## Pure 2D Context-Free Grammars

## Definition 11.

A pure 2D context-free grammar (P2DCFG, [2]) is a 4-tuple

$$
G=\left(\Sigma, P_{1}, P_{2}, \mathcal{M}_{0}\right)
$$

where
i) $\Sigma$ is a finite alphabet of symbols;
ii) $P_{1}=\left\{c_{i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq s_{c}\right\}$, where $c_{i}$ is called a column rule table, $s_{c} \geq 0$; each $c_{i}$ is a finite set of CF rules: $a \rightarrow \alpha, a \in \Sigma, \alpha \in \Sigma^{*}$ s.t. for any $a \rightarrow \alpha, b \rightarrow \beta$ in $c_{i},|\alpha|=|\beta| ;$
iii) $P_{2}=\left\{r_{j} \mid 1 \leq j \leq s_{r}\right\}$, where $r_{j}$, is called a row rule table, $s_{r} \geq 0$; each $r_{j}$ is a finite set of CF rules: $c \rightarrow \gamma^{R}, c \in \Sigma, \gamma \in \Sigma^{*}$ s.t. for any $c \rightarrow \gamma^{R}$, $d \rightarrow \delta^{R}$ in $r_{j},|\gamma|=|\delta| ;$
iv) $\mathcal{M}_{0} \subseteq \Sigma^{* *}-\{\lambda\}$ is a finite set of axiom arrays.

## Pure 2D Context-Free Grammars - Derivation

A derivation in a $P 2 D C F G G$ is defined as follows: Let $p, q \in \Sigma^{* *}$.

$$
p \Rightarrow q
$$

i) either by rewriting in parallel all the symbols in a column of $p$, each symbol by a rule in some column rule table
ii) or rewriting in parallel all the symbols in a row of $p$, each symbol by a rule in some row rule table.
All the rules used to rewrite a column (or row) have to belong to the same table.

- Picture language: $L(G)=\left\{M \in \Sigma^{* *} \mid M_{0} \Rightarrow^{*} M\right.$ for some $\left.M_{0} \in \mathcal{M}_{0}\right\}$.
- The family: P2DCFL.


## Pure 2D Context-Free Grammars - Example

## Example 12.

$P 2 D C F G G_{1}=\left(\Sigma, P_{1}, P_{2},\left\{M_{0}\right\}\right)$ where $\Sigma=\{a, b, e\}, P_{1}=\{c\}, P_{2}=\{r\}$, where

$$
c=\{a \rightarrow b a b, e \rightarrow a e a\}, r=\left\{e \rightarrow \begin{array}{c}
e \\
a
\end{array}, a \rightarrow \begin{array}{l}
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b
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a & e & a \\
b & a & b
\end{array}
$$

$L\left(G_{1}\right)=$ pictures of size $(m, 2 n+1), m \geq 2, n \geq 1$.

| $a$ | $a$ | $a$ | $e$ | $a$ | $a$ | $a$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $b$ | $b$ | $b$ | $a$ | $b$ | $b$ | $b$ |
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Figure: A picture in $L\left(G_{1}\right)$

## Controlled Pure 2D Context-Free Grammars

## Definition 13.

A Controlled P2DCFG is $G^{c}=(G, C)$ where

- $G=\left(\Sigma, P_{1}, P_{2}, \mathcal{M}_{0}\right)$ is a P2DCFG,
- $C \subseteq\left(P_{1} \cup P_{2}\right)^{*}$ is a control language (regular or context-free) consisting of control strings over labels of tables.
- Derivations $M_{1} \Rightarrow_{w} M_{2}$ in $G^{c}$ as in $G$ except that if $w \in\left(P_{1} \cup P_{2}\right)^{*}$ and $w=l_{1} l_{2} \ldots l_{m}$, then the tables of rules with labels $l_{1}, l_{2}, \ldots$, and $l_{m}$ are successively applied starting with $M_{1}$ to finally yield $M_{2}$.
- The families: $(R) P 2 D C F L$ and $(C F) P 2 D C F L$


## Leftmost/Uppermost Pure 2D Context-Free Grammars

## Definition 14.

- A $(l / u) P 2 D C F G$ is $P 2 D C F G G=\left(\Sigma, P_{1}, P_{2}, \mathcal{M}_{0}\right)$ with $\Rightarrow_{(l / u)}$ derivations.
- $M_{1} \Rightarrow{ }_{(l / u)} M_{2}$ means only the leftmost column or the uppermost row of $M_{1}$ is rewritten.
- The family: $(l / u) P 2 D C F L$


## Leftmost/Uppermost P2DCFG - Example

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Figure: A sample derivation under $(l / u)$ mode in $G_{2}$

## Survey

## Language Families Hierachy (Recognizing devices)



Figure: Red edge = incomparable, Green edge = open problem

## Closure Properties (Recognizing devices)

| Operations | 4DFA | 4NFA | 2OTA | TS |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Union | + | + |  | + |
| Intersection | + | + |  | + |
| Projection |  |  | + | + |
| Row concatenation | - | - | + | + |
| Column concatenation | - | - | + | + |
| Row/Column Closure | - | - | + | + |
| Complement | + | $?$ |  | - |
| Clock-wise rotation |  |  |  | + |

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## Closure Properties (Grammars)

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- But rule tables with these rules can be mixed and generate pictures not in $L\left(G_{1}\right) \cup L\left(G_{2}\right)$.


## Closure Properties of (I/u)P2DCFL

Theorem 18.
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## Language Families Hierachy (Grammars)



Figure: Red edge = incomparable but not disjoint

## Thanks for your attention!

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