

# Parallel Communicating Grammar Systems

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## PC Grammar System

A **parallel communicating (PC) grammar system** of degree  $n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , is a construct

$$\Gamma = (N, K, T, (S_1, P_1), \dots, (S_n, P_n))$$

where

$K$  is a finite set of **query symbols**,  $K = \{Q_1, \dots, Q_n\}$

$P_i$  is a finite set of productions of the form

$$A \rightarrow x$$

with  $A \in N$  and  $x \in (N \cup T \cup K)^*$ , for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$

$S_i$  is the start symbol of the  $i$ th component,  $S_i \in N$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$

$N, T$  are defined as usual,  $N, K, T$  are pairwise disjoint

## Two Kinds of Derivation Steps

- generating
- communicating

## g-Step

If

- either  $x_i \Rightarrow y_i$  in  $G_i = (N \cup K, T, P_i, S_i)$ ,
- or  $x_i = y_i \in T^*$

for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , then

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \xRightarrow{g} (y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

## c-Step

- set  $z_i = x_i$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$

For each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , if

$$\text{alph}(x_i) \cap K \neq \emptyset$$

and for each  $Q_j$  in  $x_i$ ,

$$\text{alph}(x_j) \cap K = \emptyset,$$

then for each  $Q_j$  in  $x_i$

- 1 set  $z_j = S_j$ ,
- 2 replace  $Q_j$  with  $x_j$  in  $x_i$ ,
- 3 set  $z_i$  to the string resulting from (2)

Perform

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \xrightarrow{c} (y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

with  $y_i = z_i$ , for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$

## Direct Derivation

If either

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \xrightarrow{g} (y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

or

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \xrightarrow{c} (y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

then

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \Rightarrow (y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

## Generated Language

$$L(\Gamma) = \{x \in T^* : (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n) \Rightarrow^* (x, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n), \\ \alpha_i \in (N \cup T \cup K)^*, \text{ for all } i = 2, \dots, n\}$$

# Centralized PC Grammar Systems

- only  $P_1$  can produce query symbols

## Centralized PC Grammar System

Let

$$\Gamma = (N, K, T, (S_1, P_1), \dots, (S_n, P_n))$$

be a PC grammar system.  $\Gamma$  is **centralized** if for all  $A \rightarrow x \in P_i$ , where  $i = 2, \dots, n$ ,

$$\text{alph}(x) \cap K = \emptyset$$

# Returning and Non-Returning PC Grammar Systems

## Returning PC Grammar System

After communicating, each component that has sent its string to another component **returns** to its axiom.

- generated language denoted by  $L_r(\Gamma)$

## Non-Returning PC Grammar System

After communicating, each component that has sent its string to another component **continues** to process the current string. That is, remove (1) in the basic definition.

- generated language denoted by  $L_{nr}(\Gamma)$

## Example

$$\Gamma = (\{S_1, S'_1, S_2, S_3\}, K, \{a, b\}, (S_1, P_1), (S_2, P_2), (S_3, P_3))$$

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$$L_r(\Gamma) = L_{nr}(\Gamma) = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 1\}$$



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$XPC_nY$

$X$

$N$  – non-returning mode

$C$  – centralized PC grammar systems

$n$  number of components (by analogy with CD grammar systems)

$Y$  specification of the type of productions ( $REG$ ,  $LIN$ ,  $CF$ )

## Example

$CPC_2REG$ ,  $NPC_2LIN$ ,  $NCPC_\infty$

## Theorem

- $PC_nREG - \mathcal{L}(LIN) \neq \emptyset$ , for  $n \geq 2$
- $PC_nREG - \mathcal{L}(CF) \neq \emptyset$ , for  $n \geq 3$
- $PC_nLIN - \mathcal{L}(CF) \neq \emptyset$ , for  $n \geq 2$

## Theorem

$$\mathcal{L}(LIN) - CPC_{\infty}REG \neq \emptyset$$

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$PC_n REG \subset PC_{n+1} REG$ , for  $n \geq 1$

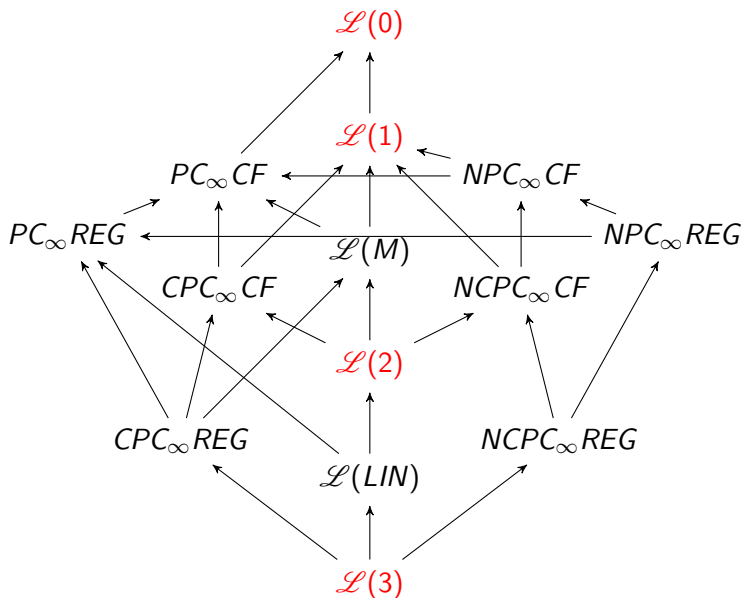
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## Theorem

- $NPC_\infty CF \subseteq PC_\infty CF$
- $\mathcal{L}(M) \subset PC_\infty CF$
- $\mathcal{L}(LIN) \subset PC_\infty REG$

# PC Grammar Systems – The Hierarchy



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