

Due Monday, October 2.

1. Construct a context free grammar that generates each of the following languages.

(a) $\{a^{2n}b^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

(b) $\{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : w \text{ starts and ends with the same symbol.}\}$

(c) $\{w \in \{a, b, c\}^* : \text{length of } w \text{ is odd and its middle symbol is } b\}$

(d) $\{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : w \text{ is a palindrome.}\}$ Hint: *Make sure your grammar generates both even and odd length palindromes.*

2. Identify the parts of the tuple (V, Σ, R, S) in your answer to problem 1 part (b).

3. Let $\Sigma = \{ (,), [,] \}$. That is, Σ is the alphabet consisting of the four symbols $(,), [,]$. Let L be the language over Σ consisting of strings in which both parentheses and brackets are balanced. For example, the string $([] [() ()] ([]))$ is in L but $[(])$ is not. Find a context-free grammar that generates the language L .

4. Show that the following grammar is ambiguous by finding a string that has two different left derivations.

$$S \rightarrow SS$$

$$S \rightarrow aSb$$

$$S \rightarrow bSa$$

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$

5. Draw two different parse trees for the string $ababbaab$ based on the grammar in the previous problem.

6. Suppose that the string $abbcabac$ has the following parse tree, according to some grammar G . Identify 5 production rules that must be rules in the grammar G .

