

Constructing Context-free Grammars

Consider the problem of constructing a context-free grammar for the language described in Sipser Exercise 2.6 (c):

$$\{w\#x \mid w^R \text{ is a substring of } x \text{ for } w, x \in \{0, 1\}^*\}$$

Solution: All strings in this language are of the form $w\#\Sigma^*w^R\Sigma^*$. We can construct a context-free grammar for this language as follows.

$S \rightarrow CB$	▷ Generates $w\#\Sigma^*w^R\Sigma^*$.
$C \rightarrow 0C0 \mid 1C1 \mid \#B$	▷ Generates $w\#\Sigma^*w^R$.
$B \rightarrow AB \mid \varepsilon$	▷ Generates $A^* = \Sigma^*$.
$A \rightarrow 0 \mid 1$	▷ Generates Σ .