

On Certain Properties of Intersection Grammars

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Abstract: This paper links up to the papers [1], [2] and [3]. The author deals with the intersections of languages of various types (in the sense of Chomsky) and studies two types of resultant languages. It is proved that the intersection of two languages of the type 2 can be a language of the type 1 and otherwise the intersection of two languages of the type 1 is a language of the type 3. The known definitions and theorems are given in the introductory chapter without proofs.

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1. Preliminaries

1.1 Definition Let V be a set. Then arbitrary element $r = (x, y) \in V^* \times V^*$ is called a *rule* over the set V . The string y is called *left* and the string x *right side* of the rule r .

1.2 Definition Let V be a set, $s \in V^*, t \in V^*$ strings, $(x, y) \in V^* \times V^*$ a rule. We say that the string t was *inferred* from the string s by *the utilizing of the rule* (y, x) and we write $s \Rightarrow t(\{y, x\})$ if there exist strings $u \in V^*, v \in V^*$ so that $s = u y v, u x v = t$.

1.3 Definition Let V be a set, $R \subseteq V^* \times V^*$ the set of rules. $s \in V^*, t \in V^*$ strings. We put $s \Rightarrow t(R)$ if there exists $(x, y) \in R$ such that $s \Rightarrow t(\{y, x\})$. Then we say that the string t is *direct inferred* from the string s *utilizing of the rules of the set* R .

1.4 Definition Let V be a set, $R \subseteq V^* \times V^*$ the set of rules. $s \in V^*, t \in V^*$ strings. Let m be a positive integer and $\{s_i\}_{i=0}^m$ be a finite sequence of strings from the set V^* such that $s = s_0, s_{i-1} \Rightarrow s_i(R)$ for every i with the property $1 \leq i \leq m$ and $s_m = t$. Then we say that the sequence $\{s_i\}_{i=0}^m$ is *the s -derivative of the string t in the set R of the length m* .

1.5 Remark For $m = 0$ the sequence $\{s_i\}_{i=0}^m$ from 1.4 has exactly one member $s = s_0 = t$. We say that this one-member sequence $\{s_i\}_{i=0}^0$ is *a trivial s -derivative of the string t* .

1.6 Definition Let V be a set, $R \subseteq V^* \times V^*$ the set of rules. $s \in V^*, t \in V^*$ strings. We say that the string t can be inferred from the string s and we write $s \xRightarrow{*} t(R)$ if there exists at least one s derivative of the string t in the set R .

1.7 Definition We suppose that a set U and its finite subset V is given. We call the elements from the set V by *terminal symbols*, the elements from the set $U - V$ by *non-terminal symbols*. Further let $R \subseteq U^* \times U^*$ be arbitrary set of rules and a special set $S \subseteq U^*$ which elements are called *initial strings*. The ordered quaternion $G = \langle U, V, S, R \rangle$ is called *generalized grammar*. We put

$$L(G) = \{w \in V^*; \text{there exists } s \in S \text{ such that } s \xRightarrow{*} w(R)\}$$

The pair $(V, L(G))$ is called the *language generated by generalized grammar G*

1.8 Definition Generalized grammar $G = \langle U, V, S, R \rangle$ is called *the grammar* when the sets U, S and R are finite.

1.9 Theorem [4] Let V be nonvoid finite set, W countable set, let $V \cap W = \emptyset$ Then the system of all the grammars of the form $\langle U, V, S, R \rangle$ where $U = V \cup Z$ for some finite $Z \subseteq W$ where further $S \subseteq U^*$ and $R \subseteq U^* \times U^*$ is countable.

1.10 Corollary [4] Let V be a nonvoid finite set. Then the set of all languages of the form (V, L) which can be generated by grammars is countable.

1.11 Theorem [4] Let V be a nonvoid finite set. Then the set of all languages of the form (V, L) is uncountable.

1.12 Theorem [4] Let V be a nonvoid finite set. Then the set of all languages of the form (V, L) which can be not generated by any grammar is uncountable.

2. The Chomsky hierarchy of grammars and languages.

2.1 Definition Let $G = \langle U, V, S, R \rangle$ be a grammar. It is called *the type-0 grammar* if the following conditions are contend:

- (A) There exists $s \in U - V$ such that $S = \{s\}$.
- (B) For every $(y, x) \in R$ $y \in U^*(U - V)U^*$ holds true.

2.2 Remark It is proved that arbitrary language is generated by grammar exactly when it is generated by grammar of the type 0.

2.3 Definition Let $G = \langle U, V, S, R \rangle$ be a type-0 grammar. We say that it is of *the type 1* if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (C) The initial symbol is not contained in x for any $(y, x) \in R$.
- (D) The inequality $|y| \leq |x|$ holds true for every $(y, x) \in R$ where y is different from the initial symbol.

2.4 Remark In the grammar of the type 1 the initial symbol can occur only in the left sides of the rules. The right sides are non void with only one exception which creates the rule (s, λ) in which s is the initial symbol.

2.5 Definition Let $G = \langle U, V, S, R \rangle$ be a grammar of the type 1. We say that it is *of the type 2* if the following condition is satisfied:

(E) It holds $y \in U - V$ for every $(y, x) \in R$.

2.6 Remark The left side of arbitrary rule of the grammar of the type 2 is formed by one nonterminal symbol. Grammars of this type are called noncontext grammars often.

2.7 Definition Let $G = \langle U, V, S, R \rangle$ be a grammar of the type 2 where s is initial symbol and $S = \{s\}$. We say that that this grammar is *of the type 3* if the following condition is satisfied:

(F) If $(y, x) \in R$ and (s, λ) then either $x \in V$ nor $x = vu$ where $v \in V$ and $u \in U - V$

2.8 Theorem If $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ then every grammar of the type i is simultaneously the grammar of the type $i - 1$.

2.9 Definition Let be $i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. The language is called *the language of the type i* if there exist a grammar of the type i which them generates

2.10 Theorem Let be $i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. Then every language of the type i is simultaneously the language of the type $i - 1$.

2.11 Remark It may be that one and the same language can be generated by different grammars. These grammars can be of different types.

3. The constructions of intersection grammars

3.1 Example The intersection of two languages of the type 2 is not a language of the type 2 in full generality.

Proof. Let (V_1, L_1) be the language generated by the grammar $G_1 = \langle U_1, V_1, S_1, R_1 \rangle$ where $U_1 = \{S_1, P, T, a, b\}$ where S_1 is the initial symbol, and $V_1 = \{a, b\}$ the rules are:

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 : S_1 &\rightarrow PT, \\ P &\rightarrow aPb, \\ T &\rightarrow TT, \\ P &\rightarrow ab, \\ T &\rightarrow a. \end{aligned}$$

Analogously let (V_2, L_2) be the language generated by the grammar $G_2 = \langle U_2, V_2, S_2, R_2 \rangle$ where $U_2 = \{S_2, M, N, a, b\}$ where S_2 is the initial symbol, and $V_2 = \{a, b\}$ the rules are:

$$R_2 : S_2 \rightarrow NM,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
M &\rightarrow bMa, \\
N &\rightarrow NN, \\
M &\rightarrow ba, \\
N &\rightarrow a
\end{aligned}$$

The both grammars are of the type 2. The language V_1, L_1 generated by the grammar G_1 contains the sentences of the form $a^n b^n a^r$, where $n, r = 1, 2, \dots$ and the language generated by the grammar G_2 contains the sentences of the form $a^r b^n a^n$ where $n, r = 1, 2, \dots$. We create the language $(V_1, L_1(G_1)) \cap (V_2, L_2(G_2))$.

At first we create the new grammars $\bar{G}_1, \bar{G}_2$ as the modification of G_1 and G_2 . We rewrite the alphabet of G_1 as follows: we put $a = \alpha_1, b = \alpha_2, P = \alpha_3, T = \alpha_4, S_1 = \alpha_5$ such that $\bar{V}_1 = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5\}$ is full vocabulary of $\bar{G}_1$. Analogous to G_1 we rewrite the alphabet of G_2 . We receive $a = \beta_1, b = \beta_2, M = \beta_3, N = \beta_4, S_2 = \beta_5$ such that $\bar{V}_2 = \{\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4, \beta_5\}$ is full vocabulary of $\bar{G}_2$. We enter further set of symbols $\Gamma = \{\gamma_{i,j}\}$ for $i, j = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and we put $\gamma_{ij} = \{\alpha_i, \beta_j\}$. Now we define the intersection grammar G :

$G = (\bar{V}_1 \cup \Gamma \cup \{a, b\} \cup \gamma_{55}, R)$ where γ_{55} defines the initial symbol and system of rules R is divided into four families.

$R :$

I 1) $\alpha_5 \rightarrow \alpha_3 \alpha_4$ 2) $\alpha_3 \rightarrow \alpha_1 \alpha_3 \alpha_2$ 3) $\alpha_4 \rightarrow \alpha_4 \alpha_4$ 4) $\alpha_3 \rightarrow \alpha_1 \alpha_2$ 5) $\alpha_4 \rightarrow \alpha_1$ 6) $\gamma_{55} \rightarrow \alpha_3 \gamma_{45}$ 7) $\gamma_{35} \rightarrow \alpha_1 \alpha_3 \gamma_{25}$ 8) $\gamma_{45} \rightarrow \alpha_4 \gamma_{45}$ 9) $\gamma_{35} \rightarrow \alpha_1 \gamma_{25}$ 10) $\gamma_{45} \rightarrow \gamma_{15}$	II 1) $\alpha_{k_1} \gamma_{k_2 5} \rightarrow \gamma_{k_1 4} \gamma_{k_1 3}$ 2) $\alpha_{k_1} \alpha_{k_2} \gamma_{k_3 3} \rightarrow \gamma_{k_1 2} \gamma_{k_1 3} \gamma_{k_3 1}$ 3) $\alpha_{k_1} \gamma_{k_2 4} \rightarrow \gamma_{k_1 4} \gamma_{k_2 4}$ 4) $\alpha_{k_1} \gamma_{k_2 3} \rightarrow \gamma_{k_1 2} \gamma_{k_2 1}$ 5) $\gamma_{k_1 4} \rightarrow \gamma_{k_1 1}$ where $k_1, k_2, k_3 = 1, 2$ III $\gamma_{ij} \alpha_k \rightarrow \alpha_i \gamma_{kj} \quad i, k = 1, 2$ $\alpha_i \gamma_{kj} \rightarrow \gamma_{ij} \alpha_k \quad j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ IV $\gamma_{11} \rightarrow a$ $\gamma_{22} \rightarrow b$
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Such constructed grammar is the grammar of the language $(V_1, L_1(G_1)) \cap (V_2, L_2(G_2))$ which is of the type 1 and contains the sentences $a^m b^m a^m$ and only such sentences. We utilize the intersection grammar G for derivation of the sentences of the language L .

The utilizing of the fourth rule from the first family on the string xyz with the result uwv will be described as follows: $xyz \xRightarrow{I/4} uwv$, optionally multiple application of rules from the part III as $xyz \xRightarrow{III^*} uwv$.

$$\begin{aligned}
1) \quad & \gamma_{55} \xrightarrow{I/6} \alpha_3 \gamma_{45} \xRightarrow{I/4} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \gamma_{45} \xRightarrow{I/10} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \gamma_{15} \xRightarrow{II/1} \alpha_1 \gamma_{24} \gamma_{13} \xRightarrow{III} \gamma_{14} \alpha_2 \gamma_{13} \xRightarrow{II/5} \gamma_{11} \alpha_2 \gamma_{13} \xRightarrow{II/4} \\
& \xRightarrow{II/4} \gamma_{11} \gamma_{22} \gamma_{11} \xRightarrow{IV^*} aba. \\
2) \quad & \gamma_{55} \xrightarrow{I/6} \alpha_3 \gamma_{45} \xRightarrow{I/2} \alpha_1 \alpha_3 \alpha_2 \gamma_{45} \xRightarrow{I/4} \alpha_1 \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_2 \gamma_{45} \xRightarrow{I/8} \alpha_1 \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_2 \alpha_4 \gamma_{45} \xRightarrow{I/5} \alpha_1 \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_2 \alpha_1 \gamma_{45} \xRightarrow{I/10} \\
& \xRightarrow{I/10} \alpha_1 \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_2 \alpha_1 \gamma_{15} \xRightarrow{II/1} \alpha_1 \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_2 \gamma_{14} \gamma_{13} \xRightarrow{III^*} \alpha_1 \gamma_{14} \alpha_2 \alpha_2 \alpha_1 \gamma_{13} \xRightarrow{II/2} \alpha_1 \gamma_{14} \alpha_2 \gamma_{22} \gamma_{13} \gamma_{11} \xRightarrow{III}
\end{aligned}$$

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& \xRightarrow{III} \alpha_1 \gamma_{14} \gamma_{22} \alpha_2 \gamma_{13} \gamma_{11} \xRightarrow{II/4} \alpha_1 \gamma_{14} \gamma_{22} \gamma_{22} \gamma_{11} \gamma_{11} \xRightarrow{II/3} \alpha_1 \gamma_{14} \gamma_{22} \gamma_{22} \gamma_{11} \gamma_{11} \xRightarrow{II/3} \gamma_{14} \gamma_{14} \gamma_{22} \gamma_{22} \gamma_{11} \gamma_{11} \xRightarrow{II/5^*} \\
& \xRightarrow{II/5^*} \gamma_{11} \gamma_{11} \gamma_{22} \gamma_{22} \gamma_{11} \gamma_{11} \xRightarrow{IV^*} aabbaa = a^2 b^2 a^2
\end{aligned}$$

We construct a new grammar $\mathcal{G}$ specialized in the language with the sentences $a^n b^n a^n$. with the alphabet of nonterminals $\mathcal{U} - \mathcal{V} = \{S, A, B, C, D\}$ where S is the initial symbol, with the alphabet of terminal symbols $\mathcal{V} = \{a, b\}$, database vocabulary $\mathcal{U}$ and with the rules

$$\begin{array}{ll}
\text{R:} & 1) S \rightarrow ABC, & 2) AB \rightarrow AAD, \\
& 3) DC \rightarrow BBCC, & 4) DB \rightarrow BD, \\
& 5) A \rightarrow a & 6) aB \rightarrow ab \\
& 7) bB \rightarrow bb & 8) bC \rightarrow bc \\
& 9) cC \rightarrow cc
\end{array}$$

what can be written $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}, S, R)$. We show that the derivations building by the grammar $\mathcal{G}$ is more simple than the building by the intersection grammar G . We infer also the sentences aba and $a^2 b^2 a^2$.

$$\begin{aligned}
S & \xrightarrow{1} ABC \xRightarrow{5,6,7,8,9^*} abc \\
S & \xrightarrow{1} ABC \xRightarrow{2} AADC \xRightarrow{3} AABBC \xRightarrow{5,6,7,8,9^*} a^2 b^2 a^2
\end{aligned}$$

A more complex is the derivation of the sentence $a^3 b^3 a^3$. We apply also the fourth rule in this derivation. We receive:

$$\begin{aligned}
S & \xrightarrow{1} ABC \xRightarrow{2} AADC \xRightarrow{3} AABBC \xRightarrow{2} AAADBCC \xRightarrow{4} AAABDCC \xRightarrow{3} \\
& \xRightarrow{3} AAABBBCCC \xRightarrow{5,6,7,8,9^*} a^3 b^3 a^3
\end{aligned}$$

3.2 Assertion

The language $a^n b^n a^n$ is not the language of the type 2.

Proof. We suppose that G is a type 2 grammar of the language $(V, L) = a^n b^n a^n$. Language (V, L) contains infinitely many sentences, but the grammar G has a finite vocabulary. Therefore we can find an $A \in U - V$ which is included in infinitely many terminal derivations in their penultimate string. There exists a string of maximal length z containing only terminal symbols among the the set of rules of the form $A \rightarrow v$ which is finite. Let be $|z| = q$ where q is natural number. There exist out of number terminal strings for which $A \xRightarrow{*} w$ and $|w| > q$

Let us suppose the sentence $a^n b^n a^n$ such that $n > q$. This sentence arose from the string xAy using the rule $A \rightarrow z$. Applying on the string xAy overwrite mode $A \xRightarrow{*} w$ instead of $A \rightarrow z$ we receive sentences which do not attach to the language (V, L) . In particular: The penultimate string ahead of the application of the rule $A \rightarrow z$, $|z| < q$ acquires some of the following forms:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
1) xAy = a^s A a^t b^n a^n, & 4) xAy = a^n b^s A a^t, \\
2) xAy = a^s A b^t a^n, & 5) xAy = a^n b^n a^s A a^t, \\
3) xAy = a^n b^s A b^t a^n, & \text{where } s, t = 0, 1, \dots, n \text{ and } A^0 = B^0 = \lambda.
\end{array}$$

We choose some of overwrites $A \xRightarrow{*} w$ where $|w| > q$ and we receive strings which do not

belong to the language (V, L) generated by intersection grammar G . Hence the grammar of the type 2 does not generate the language with sentences of the form $a^n b^n a^n$.

3.3 Remark There exist languages $(V, L_1), (V, L_2)$ of the type 1 for whose the intersection language $(V, L_1) \cap (V, L_2)$ is of the type 3.

Let $(V, L_1) = \{a^m b^n a^m b^n ccc\}$, $m, n \geq 1$ and $(V, L_2) = \{ccca^m b^m a^m b^n \cup ababccc\}$, $m, n \geq 1$ both this languages are of the type 1 [1]. The intersection language $(V, L_1) \cap (V, L_2)$ contains one and only one sentence $ababccc$ which can be generated by grammar $G = \langle U, V, S, R \rangle$, where $U = \{A, B, C, D, M, N, S, a, b, c\}$, $V = \{a, b, c\}$, S is the initial symbol and

$$\begin{array}{lll} R : & S \rightarrow aA & D \rightarrow cM, \\ & A \rightarrow bB & M \rightarrow cN, \\ & B \rightarrow aC & N \rightarrow c, \\ & C \rightarrow bD & \end{array}$$

The system of rules R of the grammar G satisfies the condition F from the definition 2.7. Hence G is of the type 3 and the intersection language (V, L) is also of the type 3.

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