

CSC 360 Example Context-Free Grammar

The alphabet of our miniature language is the set:

$\{a, the, John, Jill, hamburger, car, drives, eats, slowly, frequently, big, juicy, brown\}$.

$\langle sentence \rangle$	$\rightarrow \langle noun - phrase \rangle \langle verb - phrase \rangle$
$\langle sentence \rangle$	$\rightarrow \langle noun - phrase \rangle \langle verb \rangle \langle direct - object - phrase \rangle$
$\langle noun - phrase \rangle$	$\rightarrow \langle proper - noun \rangle$
	$\rightarrow \langle determiner \rangle \langle common - noun \rangle$
$\langle proper - noun \rangle$	$\rightarrow John$
	$\rightarrow Jill$
$\langle common - noun \rangle$	$\rightarrow car$
	$\rightarrow hamburger$
$\langle determiner \rangle$	$\rightarrow a$
	$\rightarrow the$
$\langle verb - phrase \rangle$	$\rightarrow \langle verb \rangle \langle adverb \rangle$
	$\rightarrow \langle verb \rangle$
$\langle verb \rangle$	$\rightarrow drives$
	$\rightarrow eats$
$\langle adverb \rangle$	$\rightarrow slowly$
	$\rightarrow frequently$
$\langle adjective - list \rangle$	$\rightarrow \langle adjective \rangle \langle adjective - list \rangle$
	$\rightarrow \lambda$
$\langle adjective \rangle$	$\rightarrow big$
	$\rightarrow juicy$
	$\rightarrow brown$
$\langle direct - object - phrase \rangle$	$\rightarrow \langle adjective - list \rangle \langle proper - noun \rangle$
	$\rightarrow \langle determiner \rangle \langle adjective - list \rangle \langle common - noun \rangle$

Following sentences (strings) can be generated by this grammar:

John eats a hamburger

John eats a big hamburger

John eats a big juicy hamburger

John eats a big brown juicy hamburger

John eats a big big brown juicy hamburger

And so is the sentence:

the car eats slowly