

FUZZY CONJUNCTIVE GRAMMAR AND FUZZY SYNCHRONIZED ALTERNATING PUSHDOWN AUTOMATA

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ABSTRACT. Inspired by synchronized alternating pushdown automata (SAPDA) in crisp case, we study the fuzzy synchronized alternating pushdown automata (FSAPDA), which accept the fuzzy conjunctive language (FCL) generated by fuzzy conjunctive grammar (FCG).

1. INTRODUCTION

Conjunctive grammars (CG) was introduced by Okhotin [23]. Conjunctive grammars can be naturally considered as an extension of context-free grammars equipped with an explicit intersection operation. The generative capacity of conjunctive grammars covers some important non context-free language constructs, such as $\{a^n b^n c^n / n \geq 0\}$, $\{a^m b^n c^m d^n / m, n \geq 0\}$ and $\{wcw / w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$, where the latter is known to be not in the intersection closure of context-free languages [28]. The language of all computations of any given Turing machine is also known to be conjunctive, which has certain implications on undecidability and descriptonal complexity [23].

Alternating automata models were first introduced by Chandra, et.al [7]. In these models, computations alternate between existential and universal modes of acceptance. Thus, for a word to be accepted it must meet both disjunctive

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and conjunctive conditions. In the case of alternating finite state automata and alternating Turing machines, the alternating models have been shown to be equivalent in expressive power to their non-alternating counterparts [7].

Alternating pushdown automata (APDA) were also considered in [7] and were further explored in [17]. Like conjunctive grammars, APDA add the power of intersection over context-free languages. Therefore, in contrast with finite automata and Turing machines, here alternation increases the expressiveness of the model. In fact, APDA accept exactly the exponential-time languages, [17], and are thus too strong to be a counterpart for CG.

A synchronized version of alternating finite state automata was introduced in [33] and further explored and refined in [13]. Synchronized alternating pushdown automata (SAPDA) was introduced by Aizikowitz and Kaminski [1]. The correspondence between conjunctive grammars and synchronized alternating pushdown automata shown by Aizikowitz and Kaminski in [4].

The mathematical formulation of fuzzy automata was proposed by Wee in 1967 [31]. Thereafter, there were a considerable number of authors having contributed to this field such as Mordeson, Malik [22], and others [6, 14, 19, 21, 24–26, 29, 32, 34]. Notably, fuzzy automata have been used to waste water treatment, color sequence of eye detection, fire-flame detection, VHDL-framework modeling [8, 11, 27, 30]. In recent years their application have been further extended to include parallel processing, image generation and compression, type theory for object-oriented languages, DNA computing, etc.

Fuzzy grammars and fuzzy languages were first discussed by Lee and Zadeh [15]. Many researchers have then contributed in developing the fuzzy theory of grammars from different angles [5, 9, 10, 19, 20]. Lee and Zadeh have proved that the context sensitive fuzzy grammar is always recursive. They have also obtained the Chomsky and the Greibach normal form for a given fuzzy context free grammar. Gerla [9] established that, a fuzzy language is recursive if and only if it is generated by a fuzzy grammar. Generalization of fuzzy grammar namely L-grammars was studied mainly by Li and Pedrycz [18]. Lan and Zhiwen [16] have discussed a relationship between a fuzzy grammar and a fuzzy finite automaton. Malik and Mordeson [16] have introduced a max-min fuzzy language and find a fuzzy automaton that generates this language. Asveld [2, 3] generalized fuzzy context free grammar and used them to model grammatical errors occurs in robust recognizing and parsing algorithm.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: In Setion 2 we study the fuzzy conjunctive grammars (FCG) and their languages. In Setion 3 we study the fuzzy synchronized alternating pushdown automata (FSAPDA) and their languages. In Setion 4 our main aim is to study the equivalence between FSAPDA and FCG: theoretically we present this fact from FCG to FSAPDA and from FSAPDA to FCG.

2. FUZZY CONJUNCTIVE GRAMMAR

Fuzzy conjunctive grammars can be naturally considered as an extension of fuzzy context-free grammars equipped with an explicit intersection operation.

Definition 2.1. A fuzzy conjunctive grammar is a quadruple $G = (V, \Sigma, P, S)$, where

- (1) V is a finite set of non-terminal symbol(Variables)
- (2) Σ is a finite set of terminal symbols disjoint from V
- (3) $S \in V$ is the designated start symbols
- (4) P is a finite set of production rules of the form

$$A \xrightarrow{r} (\alpha_1/r_1 \& \dots \& \alpha_n/r_n),$$

where $A \in V$, $\alpha_i \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $r = \min\{r_1, \dots, r_n\}$, $r \in (0, 1]$. If $n = 1$ we write it as $A \xrightarrow{r} \alpha_1$ and call it an fuzzy context-free grammar.

Definition 2.2. Let $\{G=(V, \Sigma, P, S)\}$ be a fuzzy conjunctive grammar. Then the set

$$\mu(L, G) = \{(w, \rho) | w \in \Sigma^*, \rho = \max\{r | S \xrightarrow{r} (w/r_1 \& \dots \& w/r_n)\}\}$$

is called fuzzy conjunctive language generated by G with membership grade ρ , where “max” is taken over all derivation chains of S to w and $r \in (0, 1]$.

Example 1. The following fuzzy conjunctive grammar $G = (V, \Sigma, P, S)$ generates the fuzzy non context-free language $\{(a^n b^n c^n, r) | n = 1, 2, \dots\}$, where

- (1) $V = \{S, A, B, C, D\}$,
- (2) $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$, and

(3) The production P defined as

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &\xrightarrow{0.4} (A/0.7 \& C/0.4), \\
 A &\xrightarrow{0.1} aA, \\
 A &\xrightarrow{0.2} B, \\
 B &\xrightarrow{0.3} bBc, \\
 B &\xrightarrow{0.4} \epsilon, \\
 C &\xrightarrow{0.5} Cc, \\
 C &\xrightarrow{0.6} D, \\
 D &\xrightarrow{0.7} aDb, \\
 D &\xrightarrow{0.8} \epsilon.
 \end{aligned}$$

The word $w = aabbcc$ is generated by FCG through the following chain of derivations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &\xRightarrow{0.4}^* (A/0.7 \& C/0.4) \\
 &\xRightarrow{0.1}^* (aA/0.1 \& Cc/0.5) \\
 &\xRightarrow{0.1}^* (aaA/0.1 \& Ccc/0.5) \\
 &\xRightarrow{0.2}^* (aaB/0.2 \& Dcc/0.6) \\
 &\xRightarrow{0.3}^* (aabBc/0.3 \& aDbcc/0.7) \\
 &\xRightarrow{0.3}^* (aabbBcc/0.3 \& aaDbbcc/0.7) \\
 &\xRightarrow{0.4}^* (aabbcc/0.4 \& aabbcc/0.8) \\
 S &\xRightarrow{r=0.1} aabbcc,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $r = \min\{0.4, 0.1, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.3, 0.4\} = 0.1$ and $r \in (0, 1]$.

Hence, $(aabbcc, 0.1) \in \mu(L, G)$, it means that, the word $aabbcc$ generated by G with membership grade 0.1. Therefore, $\mu(L, G) = \{(a^n b^n c^n, 0.1) | n = 1, 2, \dots\}$.

3. FUZZY SYNCHRONIZED ALTERNATING PUSHDOWN AUTOMATA

A fuzzy synchronized alternating pushdown automata can be naturally considered as an extension of fuzzy pushdown automata equipped with an explicit intersection operation.

Definition 3.1. A fuzzy synchronized alternating pushdown automata is a septuple $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F)$, where

- (1) Q is a finite set of states,
- (2) Σ is a input alphabet,
- (3) Γ is the stack alphabet,
- (4) $q_0 \in Q$ is the initial state,
- (5) $Z_0 \in \Gamma$ is the initial stack symbol,
- (6) $F \subseteq Q$ is a final state,
- (7) δ is mapping from $Q \times (\Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}) \times \Gamma$ to finite fuzzy subset of $((q_1, \alpha_1)/r_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge (q_n, \alpha_n)/r_n)/r$, where $r = \min\{r_1, \dots, r_n\}$ and $r \in (0, 1]$;
If $n = 1$, then FSAPDA is called a standard FPDA.

Definition 3.2. Let $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0)$ be an FSAPDA. We define the relation yields in one step on the configurations of M , denoted by $\vdash^r$, as follows.

- (1) If $\delta(q, \sigma, Z) = (q_1, \gamma_1)/r$, then $(q, \sigma\omega, Z\gamma) \vdash^r (q_1, \omega, \gamma_1\gamma)$,
- (2) If $\delta(q, \sigma, Z) = ((q_1, \gamma_1)/r_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge (q_n, \gamma_n)/r_n)/r$, then $(q, \sigma\omega, Z\gamma) \vdash^r (((q_1, w, \gamma_1)/r_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge (q_n, w, \gamma_n)/r_n)\gamma)$, $n \geq 2$, and
- (3) $((q, \omega, \epsilon)/r_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge (q, w, \epsilon)/r_n)\gamma \vdash^r (q, \omega, \gamma)$,

where $\sigma \in \Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}$, $\gamma \in \Gamma^*$, $r = \min\{r_1, \dots, r_n\}$, and $r \in (0, 1]$.

Definition 3.3. Let $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, X_0, F)$ be an FAPDA, then the language accepted by M , by final state is defined as

$$\mu(L, M) = \{(w, \rho) | w \in \Sigma^*, \rho = \max\{r | (q_0, w, Z_0) \vdash^r ((q, \epsilon, \gamma_1)/r_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge (q, \epsilon, \gamma_n)/r_n), q \in F\}\},$$

and another way defined by empty stack as

$$\mu(L, M) = \{(w, \rho) | w \in \Sigma^*, \rho = \max\{r | (q_0, w, Z_0) \vdash^r ((q, \epsilon, \epsilon)/r_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)/r_n), q \in Q\}\},$$

for any input string $w \in \Sigma^*$.

Example 2. The FSAPDA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0)$ defined below accepts the fuzzy non-context free language $\{(|w|_a = |w|_b = |w|_c, r) | w \in \Sigma\}$, where

- (1) $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$,
- (2) $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$,
- (3) $\Gamma = \{a, b, c, Z_0\}$, and
- (4) δ is defined as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta(q_0, \epsilon, Z_0) &= \{(q_1, Z_0)/0.4 \wedge (q_2, Z_0)/0.7\}/0.4, \\
 \delta(q_1, \sigma, Z_0) &= (q_1, \sigma Z_0)/0.1, \sigma \in \{a, b\} \\
 \delta(q_2, \sigma, Z_0) &= (q_2, \sigma Z_0)/0.2, \sigma \in \{b, c\} \\
 \delta(q_1, \sigma, \sigma) &= (q_1, \sigma\sigma)/0.3, \sigma \in \{a, b\} \\
 \delta(q_2, \sigma, \sigma) &= (q_2, \sigma\sigma)/0.4, \sigma \in \{b, c\} \\
 \delta(q_1, \sigma', \sigma'') &= (q_1, \epsilon)/0.1, (\sigma', \sigma'') \in \{(a, b), (b, a)\} \\
 \delta(q_2, \sigma', \sigma'') &= (q_2, \epsilon)/0.2, (\sigma', \sigma'') \in \{(b, c), (c, b)\} \\
 \delta(q_1, c, X) &= (q_1, X)/0.5, X \in \{Z_0, a, b\} \\
 \delta(q_2, a, X) &= (q_2, X)/0.6, X \in \{Z_0, b, c\} \\
 \delta(q_1, \epsilon, Z_0) &= (q_0, \epsilon)/0.7, \\
 \delta(q_2, \epsilon, Z_0) &= (q_0, \epsilon)/0.4.
 \end{aligned}$$

The word abc is accepted by FSAPDA M through the following chain of moves:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (q_0, abc, Z_0) &\stackrel{0.4}{\vdash^*} (q_1, abc, Z_0)/0.4 \wedge (q_2, abc, Z_0)/0.7 \\
 &\stackrel{0.1}{\vdash^*} (q_1, bc, aZ_0)/0.1 \wedge (q_2, bc, Z_0)/0.6 \\
 &\stackrel{0.1}{\vdash^*} (q_1, c, Z_0)/0.1 \wedge (q_2, c, bZ_0)/0.2 \\
 &\stackrel{0.2}{\vdash^*} (q_1, \epsilon, Z_0)/0.5 \wedge (q_2, \epsilon, Z_0)/0.2 \\
 &\stackrel{0.4}{\vdash^*} (q_0, \epsilon, \epsilon)/0.7 \wedge (q_0, \epsilon, \epsilon)/0.4 \\
 &\stackrel{r=0.1}{\vdash} (q_0, \epsilon, \epsilon),
 \end{aligned}$$

where $r = \min\{0.4, 0.1, 0.1, 0.2, 0.4\} = 0.1$. Hence, $(abc, 0.1) \in \mu(L, M)$, it means that, the word abc accepted by M with membership grade 0.1. Therefore $\mu(L, M) = \{(|w|_a = |w|_b = |w|_c, 0.1) \mid w \in \Sigma\}$.

4. EQUIVALENCE OF FUZZY CONJUNCTIVE GRAMMAR AND FUZZY SYNCHRONIZED ALTERNATING PUSHDOWN AUTOMATA

Here, we study equivalence between FSAPDA and FCG: theoretically, we present this fact from FCG to FSAPDA and from FSAPDA to FCG.

4.1. Construction. Let $G = (V, \Sigma, P, S)$ be a FCG. Construct the single-state FSAPDA $M = (\{q\}, \Sigma, V \cup \Sigma, \delta, q, S)$ that accepts $\mu(L, G)$ by empty stack, where transition function δ is defined by three rules

(1) For each variable A ,

$$\delta(q, \epsilon, A) = \{(q, \alpha)/r, \text{ if } A \xrightarrow{r} \alpha, \text{ is a production of } P\},$$

(2) For each variable A ,

$$\delta(q, \epsilon, A) = \{((q, \alpha_1)/r_1 \wedge \dots \wedge (q, \alpha_n)/r_n)/r, \text{ if } A \xrightarrow{r} (\alpha_1/r_1 \& \dots \& \alpha_n/r_n), \\ \text{is a production of } P\}, n \geq 2$$

(3) For each terminal σ ,

$$\delta(q, \sigma, \sigma) = (q, \epsilon)/1,$$

where $A \in V$, $q \in Q$, $\sigma \in \Sigma$, and $\alpha, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$, $r = \min\{r_1, \dots, r_n\}$, $r \in (0, 1]$.

Theorem 4.1. Let $\gamma \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$, $w \in \Sigma^*$, $q \in Q$. Then $\gamma \xRightarrow{r} w$, if, and only if,

$$(q, w, \gamma) \vdash^* (q, \epsilon, \epsilon), \text{ where } r \in (0, 1].$$

Proof. Proof of the “only if” part. The proof is by induction on the number of proper conjunctive rules applied in the derivation.

Basis: Assume that no proper fuzzy conjunctive rule was applied in the derivation $\gamma \xRightarrow{r} w$. Let $\gamma = Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_m$ and let $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_m$, where $Y_j \xRightarrow{r_j} w_j$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Then

$$(4.1) \quad (q, w_j, Y_j) \vdash^{r_j} (q, \epsilon, \epsilon), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

If $Y_j \in \Sigma$ and $w_j = Y_j$, then (4.1) follows by the transition $\delta(q, Y_j, Y_j) = (q, \epsilon)/1$. Now, by (4.1),

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 (q, w, \gamma) = (q, w_1 w_2 \dots w_m, Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_m) & \xrightarrow{r_1}^* & (q, w_2 w_3 \dots w_m, Y_2 Y_3 \dots Y_m) \\
 & \xrightarrow{r_2}^* & (q, w_3 w_4 \dots w_m, Y_3 Y_4 \dots Y_m) \\
 & \vdots & \\
 & \xrightarrow{r_{m-1}}^* & (q, w_m, Y_m) \\
 & \xrightarrow{r_m}^* & (q, \epsilon, \epsilon) \\
 (q, w, \gamma) & \xrightarrow{r} & (q, \epsilon, \epsilon),
 \end{array}$$

where $r = \min\{r_1, \dots, r_m\}$ and $r \in (0, 1]$.

Induction step : Assume the result is true for derivations with up to k applications of proper fuzzy conjunctive rules. Let $\gamma \xrightarrow{r}^* w$ be a derivation with $k+1$ applications of proper fuzzy conjunctive rules.

Let $w = uvt$, where $u, v, t \in \Sigma^*$. There is no proper fuzzy conjunctive rules was applied in the derivation $\gamma \xrightarrow{r_u}^* uA\alpha$. That is, $\gamma = \gamma' A\alpha$, where $\gamma' \xrightarrow{r_u}^* u$. Each of the derivation $\alpha_i \xrightarrow{r_{v_i}}^* v$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $\alpha \xrightarrow{r_t}^* t$ has at most k applications of proper conjunctive rules. Therefore, the derivation is of the form

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 \gamma = \gamma' A\alpha & \xrightarrow{r_u}^* & uA\alpha \\
 & \xrightarrow{r_u} & u(\alpha_1/r_{v_1} \& \dots \& \alpha_n/r_{v_n})\alpha \\
 & \xrightarrow{r_v}^* & u(v/r_{v_1} \& \dots \& v/r_{v_n})\alpha \\
 & \xrightarrow{r_v} & uv\alpha, \text{ where } r_v = \min\{r_{v_1}, \dots, r_{v_n}\} \\
 & \xrightarrow{r_t}^* & uvt \\
 \gamma & \xrightarrow{r} & w,
 \end{array}$$

where $r = \min\{r_u, r_v, r_t\}$ and $r \in (0, 1]$.

The derivation $\gamma' \xrightarrow{r_u}^* u$ implies that, $(q, u, \gamma') \vdash^* (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$. Each of the derivation $\alpha_i \xrightarrow{r_{v_i}}^* v$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, has atmost k application of proper fuzzy conjunctive rule. Thus, by induction hypothesis, $(q, v, \alpha_i) \vdash^* (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Similarly, the derivation $\alpha \xrightarrow{r_t}^* t$ implies that, $(q, t, \alpha) \vdash^* (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$. Combining the

above computations of M we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(q, uvt, \gamma) = (q, uvt, \gamma' A\alpha) &\stackrel{r_u}{\vdash^*} (q, vt, A\alpha) \\
&\stackrel{r_u}{\vdash} ((q, vt, \alpha_1)/r_{v_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge (q, vt, \alpha_n)/r_{v_n})\alpha \\
&\stackrel{r_v}{\vdash^*} ((q, t, \epsilon)/r_{v_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge (q, t, \epsilon)/r_{v_n})\alpha \\
&\stackrel{r_v}{\vdash} (q, t, \alpha), \text{ where } r_v = \min\{r_{v_1}, \dots, r_{v_n}\} \\
&\stackrel{r_t}{\vdash^*} (q, \epsilon, \epsilon) \\
(q, uvt, \gamma) &\stackrel{r}{\vdash} (q, \epsilon, \epsilon),
\end{aligned}$$

where $r = \min\{r_u, r_v, r_t\}$ and $r \in (0, 1]$.

Proof of the “if” part. The proof is by induction on the number of proper conjunctive transitions applied in the computation.

Basis: Assume that no proper fuzzy conjunctive transition was applied in the computation $(q, w, \gamma) \stackrel{r}{\vdash^*} (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$. Let $\gamma = Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_m$ and let $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_m$. After reading w_j , $j = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$ and Y_{j+1} is exposed as the top symbol in the stack for the first time. It immediately follows from the definition of w_j , that $(q, w_j, Y_j) \stackrel{r_j}{\vdash^*} (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Therefore,

$$(4.2) \quad Y_j \stackrel{r_j}{\Longrightarrow^*} w_j, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

If $Y_j \in \Sigma$, then by the definition of δ , $w_j = Y_j$ and (4.2) is $Y_j \stackrel{1}{\Longrightarrow_{(0)}} Y_j$. Now, by (4.2),

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma = Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_m &\stackrel{r_1}{\Longrightarrow^*} w_1 Y_2 Y_3 \dots Y_m \\
&\stackrel{r_2}{\Longrightarrow^*} w_1 w_2 Y_3 Y_4 \dots Y_m \\
&\vdots \\
&\stackrel{r_m}{\Longrightarrow^*} w_1 w_2 \dots w_m. \\
\gamma &\stackrel{r}{\Longrightarrow} w,
\end{aligned}$$

where $r = \min\{r_1, \dots, r_m\}$ and $r \in (0, 1]$.

Induction step: Assume the result is true for computation with up to k proper fuzzy conjunctive transition. Let $(q, w, \gamma) \stackrel{r}{\vdash^*} (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$, be a computation with $k+1$ proper conjunctive transition.

Let $w = uvt$, where $u, v, t \in \Sigma^*$. There is no proper fuzzy conjunctive transition was applied in the computation $(q, w, \gamma) = (q, uvt, \gamma) \xrightarrow{r_u}^* (q, vt, A\alpha)$. That is, $\gamma = \gamma' A\alpha$, where $(q, u, \gamma') \xrightarrow{r_u}^* (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$. Each of the computations $(q, v, \alpha_i) \xrightarrow{r_{v_i}}^* (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $(q, t, \alpha) \xrightarrow{r_t}^* (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$. Therefore, the computation is of the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 (q, w, \gamma) = (q, uvt, \gamma) &= (q, uvt, \gamma' A\alpha) \xrightarrow{r_u}^* (q, vt, A\alpha) \\
 &\xrightarrow{r_u} ((q, vt, \alpha_1)/r_{v_1} \wedge \dots \wedge (q, vt, \alpha_n)/r_{v_n})\alpha \\
 &\xrightarrow{r_v}^* ((q, t, \epsilon)/r_{v_1} \wedge \dots \wedge (q, t, \epsilon)/r_{v_n})\alpha, \\
 &\quad \text{where } r_v = \min\{r_{v_1}, \dots, r_{v_n}\} \\
 &\xrightarrow{r_v} (q, t, \alpha) \\
 &\xrightarrow{r_t}^* (q, \epsilon, \epsilon) \\
 (q, uvt, \gamma) &\xrightarrow{r} (q, \epsilon, \epsilon),
 \end{aligned}$$

where $r = \min\{r_u, r_v, r_t\}$ and $r = (0, 1]$.

The computation $(q, u, \gamma') \xrightarrow{r_u}^* (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$ implies that $\gamma' \xrightarrow{r_u}^* u$. Each of the computations $(q, v, \alpha_i) \xrightarrow{r_{v_i}}^* (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ has at most k applications of proper fuzzy conjunctive transition. Thus, by induction hypothesis, $\alpha_i \xrightarrow{r_{v_i}}^* v$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Similarly the computation $(q, t, \alpha) \xrightarrow{r_t}^* (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$ implies that $\alpha \xrightarrow{r_t}^* t$. Combining the above derivations of G we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma = \gamma' A\alpha &\xrightarrow{r_u}^* uA\alpha \\
 &\xrightarrow{r_u} u(\alpha_1/r_{v_1} \& \dots \& \alpha_n/r_{v_n})\alpha, \\
 &\xrightarrow{r_v}^* u(v\& \dots \& v)\alpha, \text{ where } r_v = \min\{r_{v_1}, \dots, r_{v_n}\} \\
 &\xrightarrow{r_v} uv\alpha \\
 &\xrightarrow{r_t}^* uvt \\
 \gamma &\xrightarrow{r} w,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $r = \min\{r_u, r_v, r_t\}$ and $r \in (0, 1]$. The proof is complete. $\square$

4.2. Construction. Let $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0)$ be an FSAPDA. Construct the FCG $G = (V, \Sigma, P, S)$, where

- $V = Q \times \Gamma \times Q \cup \{S\}$, $S \notin Q \times \Gamma \times Q$, and

- P consists of the following rules:

- (1) $S \xrightarrow{1} [q_0, Z_0, p]$, for all $p \in Q$,
- (2) $[q, Y, p] \xrightarrow{r} \sigma[q_1, Y_1, q_2] \dots [q_m, Y_m, p]$, for all $\sigma \in \Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}$, all $p \in Q$, all ordinary transitions $\delta(q, \sigma, Y) = (q_1, Y_1 \dots Y_m)/r$, and all choices of $q_2, \dots, q_m \in Q$ and $Y, Y_1 \dots, Y_m \in \Gamma$,
- (3) $[q, Y, p] \xrightarrow{r} ([q_1, Y_1, p]/r_1 \& \dots \& [q_n, Y_n, p]/r_n)$, for all $p \in Q$ and all proper conjunctive transitions $\delta(q, \epsilon, Y) = ((q_1, Y_1)/r_1 \wedge \dots \wedge (q_n, Y_n)/r_n)/r$, where $r = \min\{r_1, \dots, r_n\}$ and $r \in (0, 1]$.

Lemma 4.1. Let $m \geq 1$, $p, q, q_1, \dots, q_m \in Q$, $Y, Y_1, \dots, Y_m \in \Gamma^*$, and $u \in \Sigma^*$.

If, $[q, Y, p] \xRightarrow{r_u}^* u[q_1, Y_1, q_2] \dots [q_m, Y_m, p]$, then

$(q, u, Y) \vdash^* (q_1, \epsilon, Y_1 \dots Y_m)$, where $r_u \in (0, 1]$.

Lemma 4.2. Let $m \geq 1$, $q, q_1 \in Q$, $Y, Y_1, \dots, Y_m \in \Gamma^*$, $u \in \Sigma^*$.

If $(q, u, Y) \vdash^* (q_1, \epsilon, Y_1 \dots Y_m)$,

then for all $p, q_1, q_2, q_3, \dots, q_m \in Q$,

$[q, Y, p] \xRightarrow{r_u}^* u[q_1, Y_1, q_2] \dots [q_m, Y_m, p]$, where $r_u \in (0, 1]$.

Theorem 4.2. Let $p, q \in Q$, $Y \in \Gamma^*$, and $w \in \Sigma^*$, then

$$(4.3) \quad [q, Y, p] \xRightarrow{r}^* w$$

if and only if

$$(4.4) \quad (q, w, Y) \vdash^* (p, \epsilon, \epsilon), \text{ where } r \in (0, 1].$$

Proof. Proof of the “only if” part. The proof is by induction on the number of proper fuzzy conjunctive rules applied in the derivation.

Basis: If no proper fuzzy conjunctive rule was applied in the derivation (4.3), then (4.4) is by the “only if” part of Theorem 4.1 [12].

Induction Step: Assume the implication holds for derivations with up to k applications of proper fuzzy conjunctive rules. Let $[q, Y, p] \xRightarrow{r}^* w$ be a derivation

with $k + 1$ applications of proper fuzzy conjunctive rule. Let $w = uv t_1 t_2 \dots t_m$, where $u, v, t_1, \dots, t_m \in \Sigma^*$. Each of the derivations

$$\begin{aligned} [p_i, X_i, q_1] &\xRightarrow{r_{v_i}}^* v, \text{ for each } i = 1, 2, \dots, n; \\ [q_j, Y_j, q_{j+1}] &\xRightarrow{r_{t_j}}^* t_j, \text{ for each } j = 1, 2, \dots, m-1; \\ \text{and } [q_m, Y_m, p] &\xRightarrow{r_{t_m}}^* t_m, \end{aligned}$$

has at most k applications of proper conjunctive rules. Hence, the derivation is of the form

$$\begin{aligned} [q, Y, p] &\xRightarrow{r_u}^* u[q', X, q_1][q_1, Y_1, q_2] \dots [q_m, Y_m, p] \\ &\xRightarrow{r_u} u([p_1, X_1, q_1]/r_{v_1} \& \dots \& [p_n, X_n, q_1]/r_{v_n})[q_1, Y_1, q_2] \dots [q_m, Y_m, p] \\ &\xRightarrow{r_v}^* u(v \& \dots \& v)[q_1, Y_1, q_2] \dots [q_m, Y_m, p], \\ &\quad \text{where } r_v = \min\{r_{v_1}, r_{v_2}, \dots, r_{v_n}\} \\ &\xRightarrow{r_v} uv[q_1, Y_1, q_2] \dots [q_m, Y_m, p] \\ &\xRightarrow{r_{t_1}}^* uv t_1 [q_2, Y_2, q_3] \dots [q_m, Y_m, p] \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\xRightarrow{r_t}^* uv t_1 \dots t_m, \text{ where } r_t = \min\{r_{t_1}, r_{t_2}, \dots, r_{t_m}\} \\ &\xRightarrow{r}^* w, \end{aligned}$$

where $r = \min\{r_u, r_v, r_t\}$ and $r \in (0, 1]$.

There is no proper fuzzy conjunctive rule was applied in the derivation

$$[q, Y, p] \xRightarrow{r_u}^* u[q', X, q_1][q_1, Y_1, q_2] \dots [q_m, Y_m, p].$$

Therefore, by Lemma 4.1 ,

$$(4.5) \quad (q, u, Y) \vdash^{r_u} (q', \epsilon, XY_1 \dots Y_m).$$

Since, by

$$\xRightarrow{r_u} u([p_1, X_1, q_1]/r_{v_1} \& \dots \& [p_n, X_n, q_1]/r_{v_n})[q_1, Y_1, q_2] \dots [q_m, Y_m, p],$$

thus

$$[q', X, q_1] \xrightarrow{r_v} ([p_1, X_1, q_1]/r_{v_1} \& \dots \& [p_n, X_n, q_1]/r_{v_n}) \in P,$$

by the Construction 4.1 ,

$$(4.6) \quad \delta(q', \epsilon, X) = ((p_1, X_1)/r_{v_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge (p_n, X_n)/r_{v_n})/r_v,$$

Therefore, by the induction hypothesis, for each of the derivations

$$[p_i, X_i, q_1] \xRightarrow{r_{v_i}}^* v, \text{ implies that}$$

$$(4.7) \quad (p_i, v, X_i) \vdash^{r_{v_i}} (q_1, \epsilon, \epsilon), \text{ for each } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Similarly, $[q_j, Y_j, q_{j+1}] \xRightarrow{r_{t_j}}^* t_j$, implies that

$$(4.8) \quad (q_j, t_j, Y_j) \vdash^{r_{t_j}} (q_{j+1}, \epsilon, \epsilon), \text{ for each } j = 1, 2, \dots, m-1;$$

and $[q_m, Y_m, p] \xRightarrow{r_{t_m}}^* t_m$, implies that

$$(4.9) \quad (q_m, t_m, Y_m) \vdash^{r_{t_m}} (p, \epsilon, \epsilon).$$

Therefore, the computation is of the form

$$\begin{aligned} (q, w, Y) &= (q, uvt_1 \dots t_m, Y) \vdash^{r_u} (q', vt_1 \dots t_m, XY_1 \dots Y_m), \text{ since (4.5)} \\ &\vdash^{r_u} ((p_1, vt_1 \dots t_m, X_1)/r_{v_1} \wedge \dots \\ &\quad \wedge (p_n, vt_1 \dots t_m, X_n)/r_{v_n})(Y_1 \dots Y_m), \text{ since (4.6)} \\ &\vdash^{r_v} ((q_1, t_1 \dots t_m, \epsilon)/r_{v_1} \wedge \dots \\ &\quad \wedge (q_1, t_1 \dots t_m, \epsilon)/r_{v_n})(Y_1 \dots Y_m), \text{ since (4.7)} \\ &\vdash^{r_v} (q_1, t_1 \dots t_m, Y_1 \dots Y_m), \text{ where } r_v = \min\{r_{v_1}, r_{v_2}, \dots, r_{v_n}\}, \\ &\vdash^{r_{t_1}} (q_2, t_2 \dots t_m, Y_2 \dots Y_m), \text{ since (4.8)} \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdash^{r_{t_{m-1}}} (q_m, t_m, Y_m), \text{ since (4.8)} \\ &\vdash^{r_{t_m}} (p, \epsilon, \epsilon), \text{ since (4.9)} \\ &\vdash^{r_t} (p, \epsilon, \epsilon), \text{ where } r_t = \min\{r_{t_1}, r_{t_2}, \dots, r_{t_m}\} \\ (q, w, Y) &\vdash^r (p, \epsilon, \epsilon), \end{aligned}$$

$r = \min\{r_u, r_v, r_t\}$ and $r \in (0, 1]$.

Proof of the “if” part of proposition. The proof is by induction on the number of proper fuzzy conjunctive transitions applied in the computation.

Basis: If no proper fuzzy conjunctive transition was applied in the computation $(q, w, Y) \vdash^r (p, \epsilon, \epsilon)$, then (4.3) is by the “if” part of Theorem 4.1 [12].

Induction step: Assume the implication holds for computations up to k proper fuzzy conjunctive transitions. Let $(q, w, Y) \vdash^r (p, \epsilon, \epsilon)$ be a computation with $k + 1$ proper fuzzy conjunctive transitions. Let $w = uv t_1 t_2 \dots t_m$, where $u, v, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m \in \Sigma^*$. Each of the computations

$$(p_i, v, X_i) \vdash^{r_{v_i}} (q_1, \epsilon, \epsilon), \text{ for each } i = 1, 2, \dots, n;$$

$$(q_j, t_j, Y_j) \vdash^{r_{t_j}} (q_{j+1}, \epsilon, \epsilon), \text{ for each } j = 1, 2, \dots, m - 1, \text{ and}$$

$$(q_m, t_m, Y_m) \vdash^{r_{t_m}} (p, \epsilon, \epsilon),$$

has at most k applications of proper conjunctive transitions. Hence, the computation is of the form

$$\begin{aligned} (q, w, Y) = (q, uv t_1 \dots t_m, Y) &\vdash^{r_u} (q', vt_1 \dots t_m, XY_1 \dots Y_m) \\ &\vdash^{r_u} ((p_1, vt_1 \dots t_m, X_1)/r_{v_1} \wedge \dots \\ &\quad \wedge (p_n, vt_1 \dots t_m, X_n)/r_{v_n})(Y_1 \dots Y_m) \\ &\vdash^{r_v} ((q_1, t_1 \dots t_m, \epsilon)/r_{v_1} \wedge \dots \\ &\quad \wedge (q_1, t_1 \dots t_m, \epsilon)/r_{v_n})(Y_1 \dots Y_m) \\ &\vdash^{r_v} (q_1, t_1 \dots t_m, Y_1 \dots Y_m), \text{ where } r_v = \min\{r_{v_1}, r_{v_2}, \dots, r_{v_n}\} \\ &\vdash^{r_{t_1}} (q_2, t_2 \dots t_m, Y_2 \dots Y_m) \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdash^{r_{t_{m-1}}} (q_m, t_m, Y_m) \\ &\vdash^{r_{t_m}} (p, \epsilon, \epsilon) \\ &\vdash^{r_t} (p, \epsilon, \epsilon), \text{ where } r_t = \min\{r_{t_1}, r_{t_2}, \dots, r_{t_m}\} \\ (q, w, Y) &\vdash^r (p, \epsilon, \epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

$r = \min\{r_u, r_v, r_t\}$ and $r \in (0, 1]$.

There is no proper fuzzy conjunctive rule was applied in the computation

$$(q, uvt_1 \dots t_m, Y) \vdash^{r_u} (q', vt_1 t_2 \dots t_m, XY_1 \dots Y_m).$$

Therefore, by Lemma 4.2,

$$(4.10) \quad [q, Y, p] \xRightarrow{r_u} u[q', X, q_1][q_1, Y_1, q_2] \dots [q_m, Y_m, p].$$

Since, by

$$((p_1, vt_1 \dots t_m, X_1)/r_{v_1} \wedge \dots \wedge (p_n, vt_1 \dots t_m, X_n)/r_{v_n})(Y_1 \dots Y_m),$$

thus

$$\delta(q', \epsilon, X) = ((p_1, X_1)/r_{v_1} \wedge \dots \wedge (p_n, X_n)/r_{v_n})/r_v,$$

by the Construction 4.2,

$$(4.11) \quad [q', X, q_1] \xrightarrow{r_v} ([p_1, X_1, q_1]/r_{v_1} \& \dots \& [p_n, X_n, q_1]/r_{v_n}) \in P$$

Therefore, by the basis of induction, for each of the computations

$$(p_i, v, X_i) \vdash^{r_{v_i}} (q_1, \epsilon, \epsilon), \text{ implies that}$$

$$(4.12) \quad [p_i, X_i, q_1] \xRightarrow{r_{v_i}} v, \text{ for each } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Similarly, $(q_j, t_j, Y_j) \vdash^{r_{t_j}} (q_{j+1}, \epsilon, \epsilon)$, implies that

$$(4.13) \quad [q_j, Y_j, q_{j+1}] \xRightarrow{r_{t_j}} t_j, \text{ for each } j = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$$

and $(q_m, t_m, Y_m) \vdash^{r_{t_m}} (p, \epsilon, \epsilon)$, implies that

$$(4.14) \quad [q_m, Y_m, p] \xRightarrow{r_{t_m}} t_m.$$

Therefore, the derivation is of the form

$$\begin{aligned}
[q, Y, p] &\xRightarrow{r_u}^* u[q', X, q_1][q_1, Y_1, q_2] \dots [q_m, Y_m, p], \text{ since (4.10)} \\
&\xRightarrow{r_u} u([p_1, X_1, q_1]/r_{v_1} \& \dots \& [p_n, X_n, q_1]/r_{v_n}) \\
&\quad [q_1, Y_1, q_2] \dots [q_m, Y_m, p], \text{ since (4.11)} \\
&\xRightarrow{r_v}^* u(v \& \dots \& v)[q_1, Y_1, q_2] \dots [q_m, Y_m, p], \text{ since (4.12),} \\
&\xRightarrow{r_v} uv[q_1, Y_1, q_2] \dots [q_m, Y_m, p] \\
&\quad \vdots \\
&\xRightarrow{r_{t_{m-1}}}^* uv t_1 \dots t_{m-1}[q_m, Y_m, p], \text{ since (4.13)} \\
&\xRightarrow{r_t}^* uv t_1 \dots t_m, \text{ since (4.14),} \\
&\xRightarrow{r} w, \text{ since } w = uv t_1 \dots t_m,
\end{aligned}$$

where $r = \min\{r_u, r_v, r_t\}$ and $r \in (0, 1]$. And the proof is complete. $\square$

Theorem 4.3. *A language is accepted by an FSAPDA if and only if it is generated by a FCG.*

Proof.

If. Let G be a FCG and let M be the FSAPDA as above. Let $(w, r) \in \mu(L, G)$, i.e., $S \xRightarrow{r}^* w$. By Theorem (4.1) with γ being S , this is if and only if $(q_0, w, S) \vdash^* (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)$, i.e., $(w, r) \in \mu(L, M)$. Therefore, $\mu(L, G) = \mu(L, M)$.

Only if. Let M be an FSAPDA and let G be the FCG as above. Let $(w, r) \in \mu(L, M)$, i.e., $(q_0, w, Z_0) \vdash^* (p, \epsilon, \epsilon)$. By Theorem (4.2), this is if and only if $[q_0, Z_0, p] \xRightarrow{r}^* w$. Therefore, by the Construction of G , $S \xRightarrow{r}^* w$, implying $(w, r) \in \mu(L, G)$, and vice versa. It follows that $\mu(L, M) = \mu(L, G)$. $\square$

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