A nondeterministic parser for $Perm_2$ grammars

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Permutation grammars are context-free grammars extended with permutation rules of type $A_1A_2...A_n \rightarrow A_{\sigma(1)}A_{\sigma(2)}...A_{\sigma(n)}$, where $A_1, A_2, ..., A_n$ are nonterminal symbols of the grammar, σ is a permutation and $n \geq 2$. If the non context-free rules in a specific grammar have at most n symbols on either side, than it is called a permutation grammar of order n and it generates a language among the $Perm_n$ language family. In [3] was shown that these language families strictly contain the context-free class and they are strictly contained in the context-sensitive class. In [2] an infinite and strict hierarchy was proved between $Perm_{4n-2}$ and $Perm_{4n-1}$ for all $n \geq 1$.

A nondeterministic polynomial time CYK-based parser is proposed to deal with the parsing problem of permutation grammars of order 2, namely to parse a context-free grammar extended by interchange rules of type $AB \rightarrow BA$. Firstly, the known CYK parser [1] is modified to parse contextfree grammars which contain chain productions, those of the form $A \rightarrow B$, then the algorithm is further modified to apply the available interchange rules randomly. The first modification is necessary because it is not known whether unit productions could be eliminated from a permutation grammar or not.

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