

A grammar is in **Chomsky normal form** if all of its rule have one of the following forms:

1. $A \rightarrow BC$, where B, C are not the start variable.
2. $A \rightarrow a$, where a is any terminal.
3. $S \rightarrow \epsilon$.

Theorem Any context free grammar is equivalent to a grammar in Chomsky normal form.

1. Let G be a grammar in Chomsky normal form. Prove that if $w \in \Sigma^*$ can be generated by G and $|w| = n$, then it takes exactly $2n - 1$ steps to generate w using G .

2. Consider the following grammar which is in Chomsky normal form.

$$\begin{array}{llll} S \rightarrow AR & S \rightarrow a & S \rightarrow \epsilon & \\ R \rightarrow BT & R \rightarrow b & A \rightarrow a & B \rightarrow b \\ T \rightarrow CD & T \rightarrow c & C \rightarrow c & D \rightarrow d \end{array}$$

Fill in the following table by listing all variables from $V = \{S, A, B, C, D, R, T\}$ that can generate each string. For example, c can be generated by both C and T .

a:	ab:	abc:	abcd:
b:	bc:	bcd:	
c: C, T	cd:		
d:			

3. Let $w \in \Sigma^*$ with $|w| = n$. How many (contiguous) substrings can w have? Hint: think about the number of substrings of length 1, then length 2, etc. It might help to think about a simple example like $w = abcde$.

4. The following algorithm uses dynamic programming to decide whether a string w can be generated by a grammar in Chomsky normal form. The idea is to create a table to record variables that can generate substrings of w and use it to decide if w can be generated.

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# Build a table to track which substrings can be generated.
for substring of w:
    if length(substring) == 1:
        for "A -> a" in rules:
            if substring == "a":
                add A to Table[substring]
    else:
        for k from 0 to length(substring):
            left_substring = substring[0:k]
            right_substring = substring[k+1:end]
            for "A -> BC" in rules:
                if B in Table[left_substring] and C in Table[right_substring]:
                    add A to Table[substring]

# Then check if w can be generated.
if Table[w] includes "S":
    return True
else:
    return False
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What is the running time (in big-O notation) for this algorithm to decide if a string w with length n can be generated by a grammar in Chomsky normal form?