

## 5-B Finite Automata and Regular Grammars

Consider a **finite automaton**  $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  where  $\delta: Q \times \Sigma^* \rightarrow 2^Q$ .

Assume  $1 \leq \forall i \leq n: q_i \in \delta(q_{i-1}, x_i), q_i \in Q, x_i \in \Sigma^*, q_n \in F$ . Then

$q_1 \in \delta(q_0, x_1), q_2 \in \delta(q_1, x_2), \dots, q_n \in \delta(q_{n-1}, x_n), q_n \in F$  or

$q_n \in \delta(\delta(\dots\delta(\delta(q_0, x_1), x_2), \dots, x_{n-1}), x_n) = \delta^n(q_0, x_1x_2\dots x_n) \in F$ .



Consider a **grammar**  $G = (N, T, P, S)$  where  $T = \Sigma$ .

Assume  $1 \leq \forall i \leq n: A_{i-1} \rightarrow x_i A_i \in P, A_i \in N, x_i \in T^*, A_n \rightarrow \epsilon \in P$ . Then

$A_0 \Rightarrow x_1 A_1 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1} A_{n-1} \Rightarrow x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1} x_n A_n \Rightarrow x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1} x_n$ .

$A_0 \Rightarrow^n x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1} x_n A_n \Rightarrow^{A_n \rightarrow \epsilon} x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1} x_n = x \in T^*$ .

**Consider** a grammar  $G = (N, T, P, S)$  where

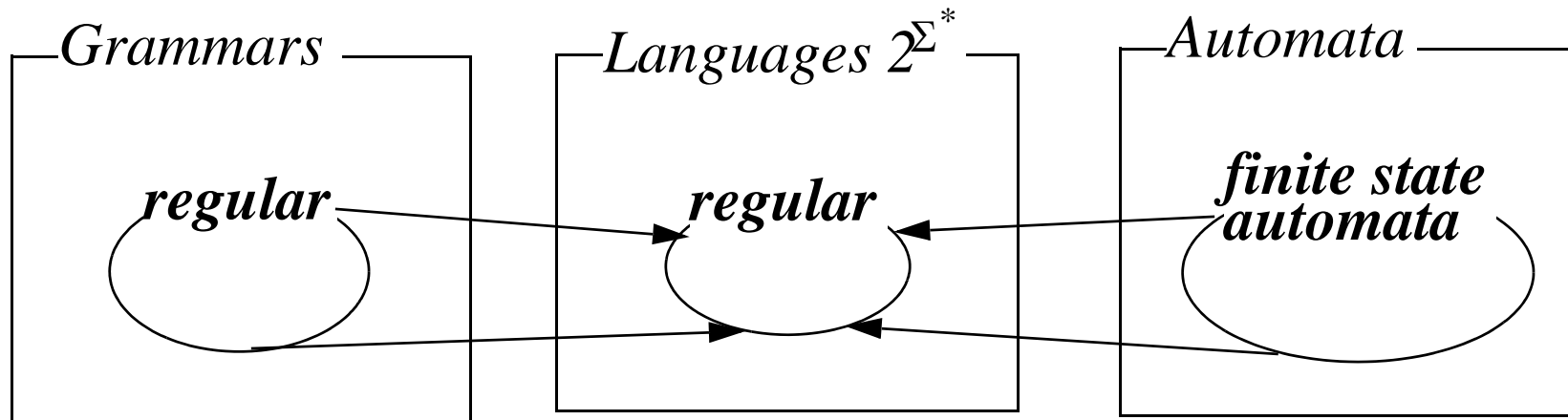
$A \rightarrow xB$  or  $A \rightarrow \epsilon \in P$  where  $A, B \in N$  and  $x \in T^*$ .

**Definition** A grammar  $G = (N, T, P, S)$  is **regular**, if

$A \rightarrow xB$  or  $A \rightarrow x \in P$  where  $A, B \in N$  and  $x \in T^*$ .

**Theorem Equivalence of finite automata and regular grammars.**

**proof Lem. 1 and Lem. 2.**



**Lem. 1** Let  $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  be a **finite automaton (XFA)** with  $\delta: Q \times \Sigma^* \rightarrow 2^Q$  and  $G = (N, T, P, S)$  be a **regular grammar** where

$$(1) N = \{[q] \mid q \in Q\} \leftrightarrow Q,$$

$$(2) T = \Sigma,$$

$$(3) P = \{[q] \rightarrow x[p] \mid p \in \delta(q, x)\} \cup \{[f] \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid f \in F\}, \text{ and}$$

$$(4) S = [q_0]. \text{ Then } L(A) = L(G).$$

**proof**  $p \in \delta^*(q, x)$ , iff  $[q] \Rightarrow_G^* x[p]$  is **trivial** ( $? p \in \delta(q, x) \leftrightarrow [q] \rightarrow x[p]$ ).

If  $\delta^*(q_0, x) \in F$ , then  $[q_0] \Rightarrow_G^* x[f], f \in F$ .

$$\therefore [f] \rightarrow \varepsilon \in P.$$

$$\therefore S = [q_0] \Rightarrow_G^* x[f] \Rightarrow_G^{[f] \rightarrow \varepsilon} x.$$

$$\therefore L(A) \subseteq L(G).$$

If  $S = [q_0] \Rightarrow_G^* x[p] \Rightarrow_G^{[p] \rightarrow \varepsilon} x$ , then

$$p \in \delta^*(q_0, x) \text{ and } p \in F. \therefore \delta^*(q_0, x) \in F.$$

$$\therefore L(G) \subseteq L(A).$$

$$\therefore L(A) = L(G).$$

**Lem. 2** Let  $G_{rg} = (N, T, P, S)$  be a **regular grammar** and  $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  be a **finite automaton** where

$$(1) Q = \{[A] \in Q \mid A \in N\} \cup \{[Ax] \in Q \mid A \rightarrow x \in P\},$$

$$(2) \Sigma = T,$$

$$(3) \delta = \{[B] \in \delta([A], x) \mid A \rightarrow xB \in P\} \\ \cup \{[Ax] \in \delta(q, x) \mid A \rightarrow x \in P\},$$

$$(4) q_0 = [S] (q_0 \leftrightarrow [S]), \text{ and}$$

$$(5) F = \{[Ax] \in Q \mid A \rightarrow x \in P\}. \text{ Then } L(G) = L(A).$$

**proof**  $A \Rightarrow_{rg}^* xB$ , iff  $[B] \in \delta^*([A], x)$  is **trivial**(? 1st part of  $\delta$ ).

If  $S \Rightarrow_{rg}^* x$ , then  $\exists k \geq 0$  . $\exists$ .  $x = (|x|-k):x \cdot x:k$ ,  $[Ax:k] \in \delta^*(q_0, |x|-k:x)$  and

$$\delta([Ax:k], x:k) \in F. \quad \therefore \delta^*(q_0, x) \in F. \quad \therefore L(G) \subseteq L(A).$$

If  $\delta^*(q_0, x) \in F$ , then  $\exists k \geq 0$ :  $x = (|x|-k):x \cdot x:k$ ,  $S \Rightarrow^* |x|-k:x A \Rightarrow^{A \rightarrow x:k} x$ .

$$\therefore L(A) \subseteq L(G). \quad \therefore L(G) = L(A).$$

A **Rewriting system** (or **Semi-Thue system**)  $R = (V^*, \rightarrow)$  where

- (1)  $V$  is a set of **configurations** (or **instantaneous descriptions; ID**), and
- (2)  $\rightarrow$  is a **finite set of relation on a free monoid  $V^*$**  ( $\rightarrow \subseteq V^* \times V^*$ ).

A pair  $(\omega_1, \omega_2) \in \rightarrow$  is called a **rule** (or **production**) of  $R$ , and denoted by  $\omega_1 \rightarrow \omega_2$ .

The string  $\omega_1$  is called the **left-hand side** (좌변) and

and  $\omega_2$  the **right-hand side** (우변) of the rule  $\omega_1 \rightarrow \omega_2$ .

If  $\gamma$  is a string in  $V^*$  that can be **decomposed** as  $\alpha\omega_1\beta$  where  $\omega_1$  is **left-hand side** of the rule, then  $\gamma = \alpha\omega_1\beta$  can be **written** as  $\alpha\omega_2\beta$  where  $\omega_2$  is **right-hand side** of the rule, denoted as  $\alpha\omega_1\beta \Rightarrow_R^{\omega_1 \rightarrow \omega_2} \alpha\omega_2\beta$ .

Let  $R = (V, P)$  be a rewriting system. If  $r = \omega_1 \rightarrow \omega_2 \in P$ . Then we define

$\Rightarrow_R^r$  (or  $\Rightarrow^r$  for short) on  $V^*$  by ( $\rightarrow^r$  is unique(**finite**) but  $\Rightarrow^r$  is **infinite**)

$$\Rightarrow_R^r = \Rightarrow_R^{\omega_1 \rightarrow \omega_2} = \{(\alpha \omega_1 \beta, \alpha \omega_2 \beta) \in V^* \times V^* \mid \alpha, \beta \in V^*\} \subseteq V^* \times V^*.$$

If  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in V^*$ ,  $\gamma_1 \Rightarrow_R^r \gamma_2$ , then we say that

in  $R$   $\gamma_1$  **derives**  $\gamma_2$  using **rule  $r$**  and that

**rule  $r$**  is **applicable** to  $\gamma_1$  (or **can be applied** to  $\gamma_1$ ).

Let  $\gamma \in V^*$ . Then we define  $\Rightarrow_R^\pi$  (or  $\Rightarrow^r$  for short) **recursively** as follows

**basis:**  $\Rightarrow_R^\varepsilon id_{V^*}$ ; Note that  $\Rightarrow_{G'}^\varepsilon = id_{V^*}$  for any  $G' = (V, P')$ .

**recursion:**  $\Rightarrow_R^\pi = \Rightarrow_R^r \Rightarrow_R^{\pi'}$   $\in P^+$  where  $\pi = r\pi'$  for  $r \in P$ ,  $\pi' \in P^*$ .

We can specify *initial* and *final configurations* of rewriting systems as

$$R = (V^*, \rightarrow, \mathbf{1}, \Phi)$$

(3)  $\mathbf{1} \in V^*$  is an *initial configuration*, and

(4)  $\Phi \subseteq V^*$  is a set of *final configurations*.

$$L(R) = \{\phi \in \Phi \mid \mathbf{1} \Rightarrow_R^* \phi \in \Phi\}.$$

A *rewriting system* for a finite automaton  $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  is

$$R_A = (Q \times \Sigma^*, \rightarrow, (q_0, x), (F \times \Sigma^*)) \text{ where}$$

$$\rightarrow = \{(q, x) \rightarrow (p, \varepsilon) \mid p \in \delta(q, x)\}$$

$$L(R_A) = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid (q_0, x) \Rightarrow_{R_A}^* (f, \varepsilon) \in (F \times \Sigma^*)\}.$$

A *rewriting system* for a grammar  $G = (N, T, P, S)$  is

$$R_G = ((N \cup T)^*, P, S, T^*) \text{ where}$$

$$L(R_G) = \{x \in T^* \mid S \Rightarrow_{R_G}^+ x \in T^*\}.$$

**Rewritings in finite automata**  $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  is

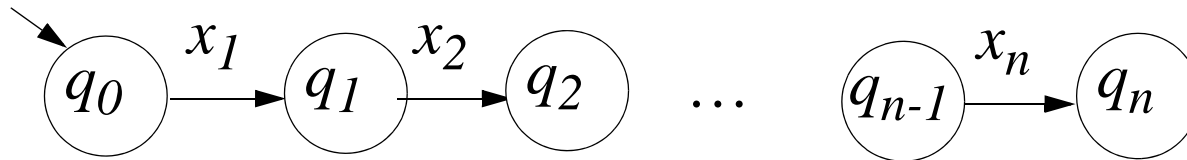
$$R_{fa} = (Q \times \Sigma^*, \rightarrow_{fa}, (q_0, x), \{(f, \varepsilon) \mid f \in F\})$$

where  $(q, x) \rightarrow_{fa} (p, \varepsilon)$ , if  $p \in \delta(q, x)$ .

Let  $x = x_1x_2 \dots x_n \in \Sigma^*$  for  $n \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq \forall i \leq n: q_i \in \delta(q_{i-1}, x_i)$ , i.e.,

$q_n \in \delta(\dots \delta(\delta(q_0, x_1), x_2), \dots), x_n)$  or

$q_1 \in \delta(q_0, x_1), q_2 \in \delta(q_1, x_2), \dots, q_n \in \delta(q_{n-1}, x_n)$ , if and only if,



$$1 \leq \forall i \leq n: r_i = (q_{i-1}, x_i) \rightarrow_{fa} (q_i, \varepsilon)$$

$$(q_0, x_1x_2 \dots x_n) \Rightarrow_{fa} (q_0, x_1) \rightarrow (q_1, \varepsilon) (q_1, x_2 \dots x_n) \Rightarrow_{fa} (q_1, x_2) \rightarrow (q_2, \varepsilon) \dots$$

$$\dots \Rightarrow_{fa} (q_{n-1}, x_n) \Rightarrow_{fa} (q_{n-1}, x_n) \rightarrow (q_n, \varepsilon) (q_n, \varepsilon), q_n \in F.$$

$$(q_0, x_1x_2 \dots x_n) \xrightarrow{(q_0, x_1) \rightarrow (q_1, \varepsilon)} (q_1, x_2 \dots x_n) \xrightarrow{(q_1, x_2) \rightarrow (q_2, \varepsilon)} \dots (q_{n-1}, x_n) \xrightarrow{(q_{n-1}, x_n) \rightarrow (q_n, \varepsilon)} (q_n, \varepsilon)$$

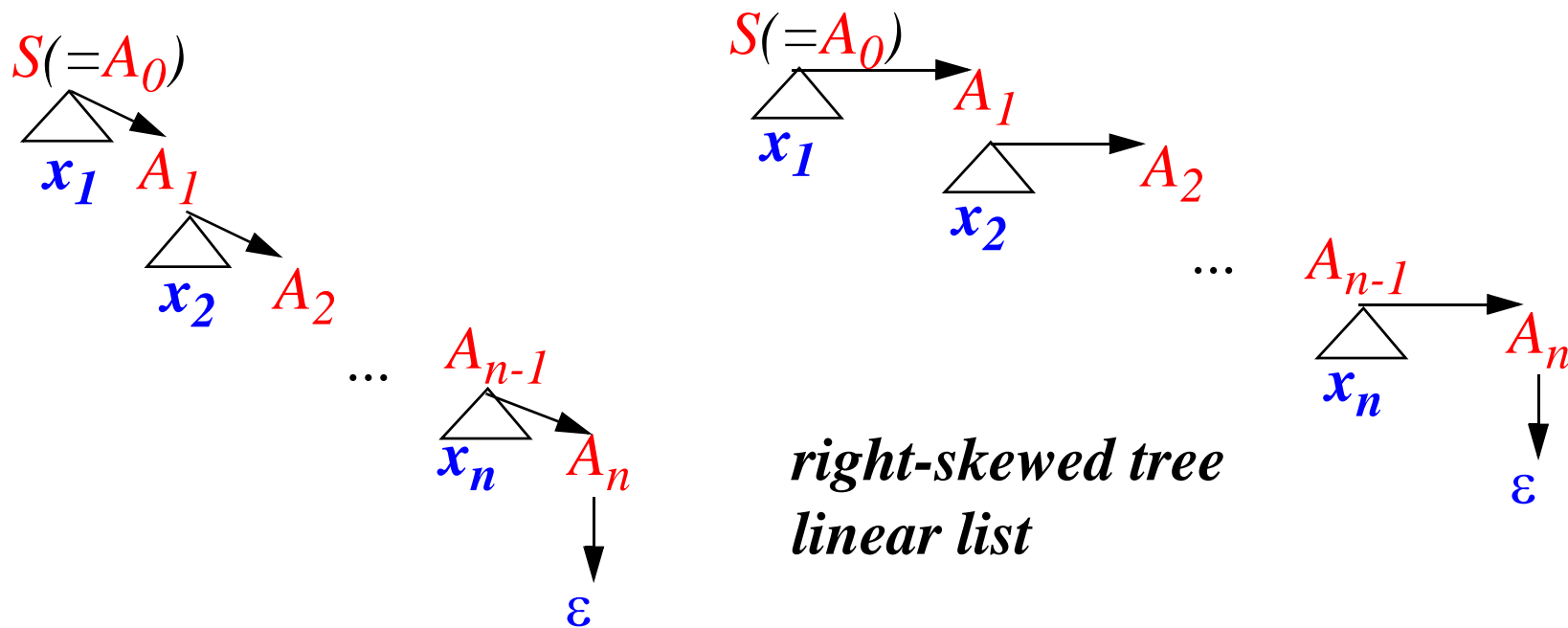


**Rewritings in the regular grammar  $G = (N, T, P_{rg}, S)$  is**

$R_{rg} = ((N \cup T)^*, P_{rg}, S, T^*)$   $A \rightarrow_{rg} xB$ , if  $A \in N$ ,  $x \in T^*$ , and  $B \in N \cup \{\epsilon\}$ .

$1 \leq \forall i \leq n: r_i = A_{i-1} \rightarrow_{rg} x_i A_i$  and  $r_{n+1} = A_n \rightarrow_{rg} \epsilon$ .

$A_0 \Rightarrow_{rg} A_0 \xrightarrow{x_1} x_1 A_1 \Rightarrow_{rg} A_1 \xrightarrow{x_2} x_1 x_2 A_2 \dots \Rightarrow_{rg} A_{n-2} \xrightarrow{x_{n-1}} x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1} A_{n-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow_{rg} A_{n-1} \xrightarrow{x_n} x_1 x_2 \dots x_n A_n \Rightarrow_{rg} A_n \xrightarrow{\epsilon} x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \in \Sigma^*$ .



Compare *derivations* in (1) a regular grammar  $G = (N, T, P, S)$ ,  
 (2) *state transitions* in the **corresponding** finite automaton

$A = ([N], T, \delta, [S], F)$  where

$$\delta = \{[B] \in \delta([A], x) \mid A \rightarrow xB \in P\} \cup \{f \in \delta([A], x) \mid A \rightarrow x \in P, f \in F\},$$

and (3) *rewritings* in **rewriting system**

$$R_A = ([N] \times T^*, \rightarrow, ([S], xyz), F \times \{\varepsilon\})$$

where  $\rightarrow = \{([A], x) \rightarrow ([B], \varepsilon) \mid [B] \in \delta([A], x), [A], [B] \in [N], x \in T^*\}$ .

Let  $x, y, z \in T^*$ ,  $A, B \in N$ ,  $[A], [B] \in [N] = Q$ ,  $f \in F$ . Then

$$S \quad \Rightarrow_G^* \quad xA \quad \Rightarrow_G^{A \rightarrow yB} \quad xyB \quad \Rightarrow_G^* \quad xyz \in T^*.$$

**grammars** **generating** terminal strings

$$\delta^*([S], xyz) =_A^x \delta^*([A], yz) =_A^{[B] \in \delta([A], y)} \delta^*([B], z) = f \in F.$$

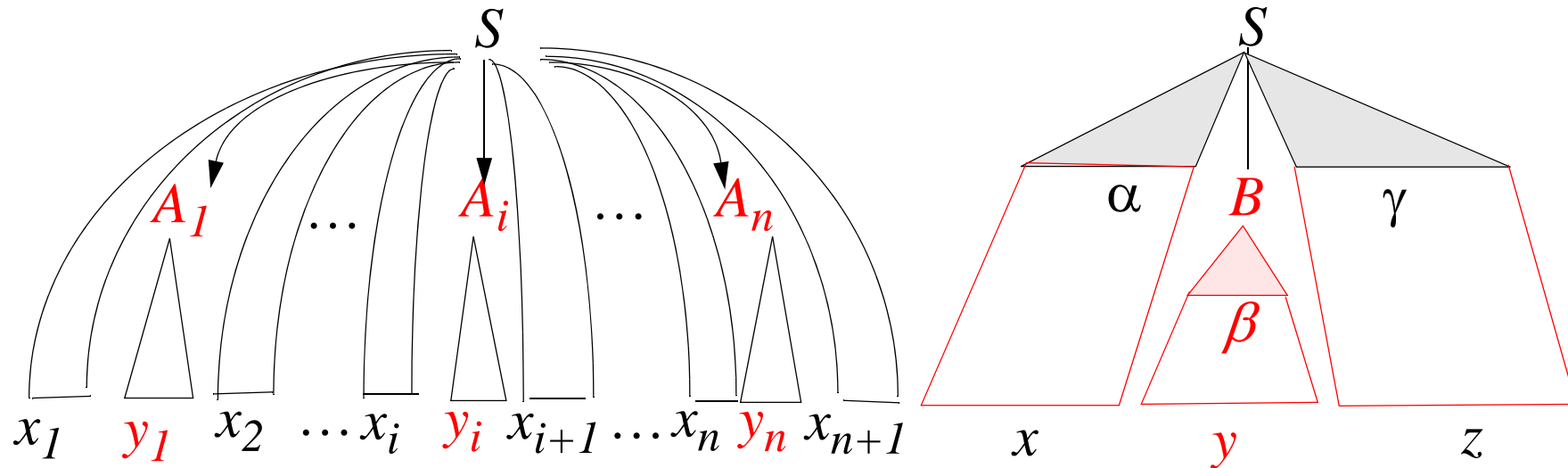
$$([S], xyz) \Rightarrow_{R_A}^x ([A], yz) \Rightarrow_{R_A}^{([A], y) \rightarrow ([B], \varepsilon)} ([B], z) \Rightarrow_{R_A}^* (f, \varepsilon) \in F \times \{\varepsilon\}.$$

**automata** **consuming** terminal strings

Let  $G = (N, T, P, S)$  be a **context-free** grammar. Then

$$S \Rightarrow^* x_1 A_1 x_2 A_2 \dots x_i A_i x_{i+1} \dots x_n A_n x_{n+1} \Rightarrow^* x_1 y_1 x_2 y_2 \dots x_i y_i x_{i+1} \dots x_n y_n x_{n+1}.$$

many nonterminals in the **sentential form**...



Consider **two** kind of derivations  $\Rightarrow$

**leftmost** derivation  $\Rightarrow_{lm} \subset \Rightarrow$ .

**rightmost** derivation  $\Rightarrow_{rm} \subset \Rightarrow$ .

### General derivation

$$S \Rightarrow^* \alpha B \gamma \Rightarrow^{B \rightarrow \beta} \alpha \beta \gamma \Rightarrow^* \alpha y \gamma \Rightarrow^* xyz.$$

### Leftmost derivation

$$S \Rightarrow_{lm}^* x B \gamma \Rightarrow_{lm}^{B \rightarrow \beta} x \beta \gamma \Rightarrow_{lm}^* x y \gamma \Rightarrow_{lm}^* xyz.$$

**B** is the *leftmost* nonterminal

### Rightmost derivation

$$S \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \alpha B z \Rightarrow_{rm}^{B \rightarrow \beta} \alpha \beta z \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \alpha y z \Rightarrow_{rm}^* xyz.$$

**B** is the *rightmost* nonterminal

