

REGULATIONS OF UNIFORMLY k -LIMITED ETOL SYSTEMS AND THEIR RELATIONS TO CONTROLLED CONTEXT-FREE GRAMMARS

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we consider different regulation mechanisms imposed upon uniformly k -limited ETOL systems. We investigate matrix, periodically time varying, graph-controlled, programmed and regularly controlled systems on the one side and random context and random context with appearance checking systems on the other side, as well as mixtures of these two types. For $k = 1$, we compare these systems with regulated context-free grammars as considered in the literature before. We establish equivalences between different such systems and grammars.

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1. Introduction

In [16], we have considered regulated uniformly k -limited TOL systems. Similar regulations of k -limited ETOL systems have been already considered in [14], [5], [15]. In this paper, we shall extend the research of [16] to uniformly k -limited ETOL systems and investigate their relations to regulated context-free grammars.

We consider different forms of regulations, such as programmed, matrix, time varying, regularly controlled or random context uniformly k -limited ETOL systems or context-free grammars. In case of context-free grammars, the regulation mechanisms are imposed upon the productions. A comprehensive presentation of such grammars is given in [10] or [3]. In case of the uniformly k -limited ETOL systems (abbreviated as ukl ETOL systems), the regulations are imposed upon the tables. This is in accordance with the regulation mechanisms of TOL systems (see [1], [2], [3], [7], [8], [9], [11]) or k -limited ETOL systems (see [14], [5]).

In section 2, the necessary definitions are given. In section 3, the families of regulated ukl ETOL languages are investigated. As a main result we get that for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, the family of random context ukl ETOL systems with appearance checking and with or without one of the further regulations considered in this paper equals the family $\mathcal{L}(\text{re})$ of recursively enumerable languages. We recognize in section 4 that some of