Give context-free grammars for each of the following languages.

1 $\{0^{2n}1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$

Solution: $S \to \varepsilon \mid 00S1$.

2 $\{0^m 1^n \mid m \neq 2n\}$

(**Hint:** If $m \neq 2n$, then either $m < 2n$ or $m > 2n$.)

Solution:

To simplify notation, let $\Delta(w) = \#(0, w) - 2\#(1, w)$. Our solution follows the following logic. Let w be an arbitrary string in this language.

- Because $\Delta(w) \neq 0$, then either $\Delta(w) > 0$ or $\Delta(w) < 0$.
- If $\Delta(w) > 0$, then $w = 0^i z$ for some integer $i > 0$ and some suffix z with $\Delta(z) = 0$.
- If $\Delta(w) < 0$, then $w = x1^j$ for some integer $j > 0$ and some prefix x with either $\Delta(x) = 0$ or $\Delta(x) = 1$.
- Substrings with $\Delta = 0$ is generated by the previous grammar; we need only a small tweak to generate substrings with $\Delta = 1$.

Here is one way to encode this case analysis as a CFG. The nonterminals M and L generate all strings where the number of 0s is More or Less than twice the number of 1s, respectively. The last nonterminal generates strings with $\Delta = 0$ or $\Delta = 1$.

$S \to M \mid L$	$\{0^m 1^n \mid m \neq 2n\}$
$M \to 0M \mid 0E$	$\{0^m 1^n \mid m > 2n\}$
$L \to L1 \mid E1$	$\{0^m 1^n \mid m < 2n\}$
$E \to \varepsilon \mid 0 \mid 00E1$	$\{0^m 1^n \mid m = 2n \text{ or } 2n+1\}$

Here is a different correct solution using the same logic. We either identify a non-empty prefix of 0s or a non-empty prefix of 1s, so that the rest of the string is as “balanced” as possible. We also generate strings with $\Delta = 1$ using a separate non-terminal.

$S \to AE \mid EB \mid FB$	$\{0^m 1^n \mid m \neq 2n\}$
$A \to 0 \mid 0A$	$0^+ = \{0^i \mid i \geq 1\}$
$B \to 1 \mid 1B$	$1^+ = \{1^j \mid j \geq 1\}$
$E \to \varepsilon \mid 00E1$	$\{0^m 1^n \mid m = 2n\}$
$F \to 0E$	$\{0^m 1^n \mid m = 2n+1\}$

Alternatively, we can separately generate all strings of the form $0^{\text{odd}}1^*$, so that we don’t have to worry about the case $\Delta = 1$ separately.

$S \to D \mid M \mid L$	$\{0^m 1^n \mid m \neq 2n\}$
$D \to 0 \mid 00D \mid D1$	$\{0^m 1^n \mid m \text{ is odd}\}$
$M \to 0M \mid 0E$	$\{0^m 1^n \mid m > 2n\}$
$L \to L1 \mid E1$	$\{0^m 1^n \mid m < 2n \text{ and } m \text{ is even}\}$
$E \to \varepsilon \mid 00E1$	$\{0^m 1^n \mid m = 2n\}$

Solution:

Intuitively, we can parse any string $w \in L$ as follows. First, remove the first $2k$ 0s and the last k 1s, for the largest possible value of k. The remaining string cannot be empty, and it must consist entirely of 0s, entirely of 1s, or a single 0 followed by 1s.

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\begin{aligned}
S &\to 00S1 \mid A \mid B \mid C & \{0^m 1^n \mid m \neq 2n\} \\
A &\to 0 \mid 0A & 0^+ \\
B &\to 1 \mid 1B & 1^+ \\
C &\to 0 \mid 0B & 01^+
\end{aligned}
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Lets elaborate on the above, since k is maximal, $w = 0^{2k} w' 1^k$. If w' starts with 00, and ends with a 1, then we can increase k by one. As such, w' is either in 0^+ or 1^+. If w' contains both 0s and 1s, then it can contain only a single 0, followed potentially by 1^+. We conclude that $w' \in 0^+ + 1^+ + 01^+$.

3 $\{0,1\}^* \setminus \{0^{2n}1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$

Solution:

This language is the union of the previous language and the complement of 0^*1^*, which is $(0+1)^*10(0+1)^*$.

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\begin{aligned}
S &\to T \mid X & \{0,1\}^* \setminus \{0^{2n}1^n \mid n \geq 0\} \\
T &\to 00T1 \mid A \mid B \mid C & \{0^m 1^n \mid m \neq 2n\} \\
A &\to 0 \mid 0A & 0^+ \\
B &\to 1 \mid 1B & 1^+ \\
C &\to 0 \mid 0B & 01^+ \\
X &\to Z10Z & (0+1)^*10(0+1)^* \\
Z &\to \varepsilon \mid 0Z \mid 1Z & (0+1)^*
\end{aligned}
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Work on these later:

4 $\{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid \#(0,w) = 2 \cdot \#(1,w)\}$ – Binary strings where the number of 0s is exactly twice the number of 1s.

Solution:

$S \to \varepsilon \mid SS \mid 00S1 \mid 0S1S0 \mid 1S00.$

Here is a sketch of a correctness proof.

For any string w, let $\Delta(w) = \#(0,w) - 2 \cdot \#(1,w)$. Suppose w is a binary string such that $\Delta(w) = 0$. Suppose w is nonempty and has no non-empty proper prefix x such that $\Delta(x) = 0$. There are three possibilities to consider:

- Suppose $\Delta(x) > 0$ for every proper prefix x of w. In this case, w must start with 00 and end with 1. Thus, $w = 00x1$ for some string $x \in L$.

- Suppose $\Delta(x) < 0$ for every proper prefix x of w. In this case, w must start with 1 and end with 00. Let x be the shortest non-empty prefix with $\Delta(x) = 1$. Thus, $w = 1X00$ for some string $x \in L$.
- Finally, suppose $\Delta(x) > 0$ for some prefix x and $\Delta(x') < 0$ for some longer proper prefix x'. Let x' be the shortest non-empty proper prefix of w with $\Delta < 0$. Then $x' = 0y1$ for some substring y with $\Delta(y) = 0$, and thus $w = 0y1z0$ for some strings $y, z \in L$.

5 $\{0, 1\}^* \setminus \{ww \mid w \in \{0, 1\}^*\}$.

Solution:

All strings of odd length are in L.

Let w be any even-length string in L, and let $m = |w|/2$. For some index $i \leq m$, we have $w_i \neq w_{m+i}$. Thus, w can be written as either $x1y0z$ or $x0y1z$ for some substrings x, y, z such that $|x| = i - 1$, $|y| = m - 1$, and $|z| = m - i$. We can further decompose y into a prefix of length $i - 1$ and a suffix of length $m - i$. So we can write any even-length string $w \in L$ as either $x1x'z'0z$ or $x0x'z'1z$, for some strings x, x', z, z' with $|x| = |x'| = i - 1$ and $|z| = |z'| = m - i$. Said more simply, we can divide w into two odd-length strings, one with a 0 at its center, and the other with a 1 at its center.

$S \to AB \mid BA \mid A \mid B$	strings not of the form ww
$A \to 0 \mid \Sigma A \Sigma$	odd-length strings with 0 at center
$B \to 1 \mid \Sigma B \Sigma$	odd-length strings with 1 at center
$\Sigma \to 0 \mid 1$	single character