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. $\{0^m1^n \mid m \neq 2n\}$

[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 $\Delta = 1$.

$$S \to M \mid L \qquad \{0^m1^n \mid m \neq 2n\}$$
$$M \to 0M \mid 0E \qquad \{0^m1^n \mid m > 2n\}$$
$$L \to L1 \mid E1 \qquad \{0^m1^n \mid m < 2n\}$$
$$E \to \varepsilon \mid 0 \mid 00E1 \qquad \{0^m1^n \mid m = 2n \text{ or } 2n+1\}$$

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 as "balanced" as possible. We also generate strings with $\Delta = 1$ using a separate non-terminal.

$$S \to AE \mid EB \mid FB \qquad \{0^m1^n \mid m \neq 2n\}$$
$$A \to 0 \mid 0A \qquad 0^+ = \left\{0^i \;\middle|\; i \geq 1\right\}$$
$$B \to 1 \mid 1B \qquad 1^+ = \left\{1^j \;\middle|\; j \geq 1\right\}$$
$$E \to \varepsilon \mid 00E1 \qquad \{0^m1^n \mid m = 2n\}$$
$$F \to 0E \qquad \{0^m1^n \mid m = 2n+1\}$$

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.

$$S \to D \mid M \mid L \qquad \{0^m1^n \mid m \neq 2n\}$$
$$D \to 0 \mid 00D \mid D1 \qquad \{0^m1^n \mid m \text{ is odd}\}$$
$$M \to 0M \mid 0E \qquad \{0^m1^n \mid m > 2n\}$$
$$L \to L1 \mid E1 \qquad \{0^m1^n \mid m < 2n \text{ and } m \text{ is even}\}$$
$$E \to \varepsilon \mid 00E1 \qquad \{0^m1^n \mid m = 2n\}$$

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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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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; a more detailed proof appears in the homework.

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 $y, z \in L$.

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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 $i \le m$, we have $w_i \ne w_{m+i}$. 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

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6. Prove that every regular language is context free.

Solution: It is in the notes. ■