

# Chapter 4

## Context-free Grammars Part 3

# Arithmetic expressions

$b$

$b+b+b$

$b+c$

$b * c + d$

$(b+c+d) * b$

$b + (c+d)$

$(b)$

$( (b) )$

# Grammar for arithmetic expressions

`expr -> expr "+" expr`

`expr -> expr "*" expr`

`expr -> "b"`

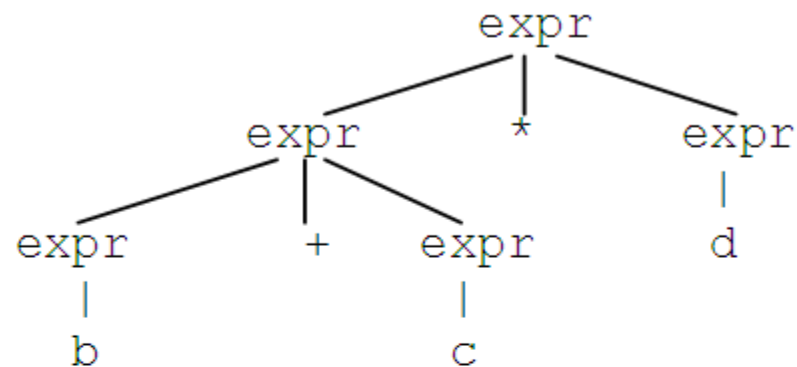
`expr -> "c"`

`expr -> "d"`

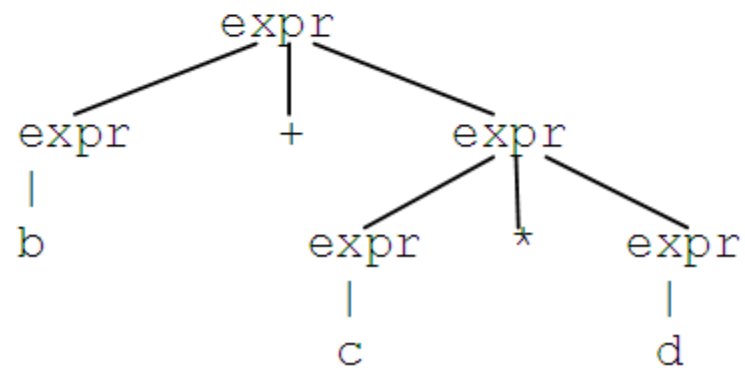
`expr -> "(" expr ")"`

# But grammar is ambiguous

a)



b)



# Another grammar

`expr -> expr "+" expr`

`expr -> term`

`term -> term "*" term`

`term -> "b"`

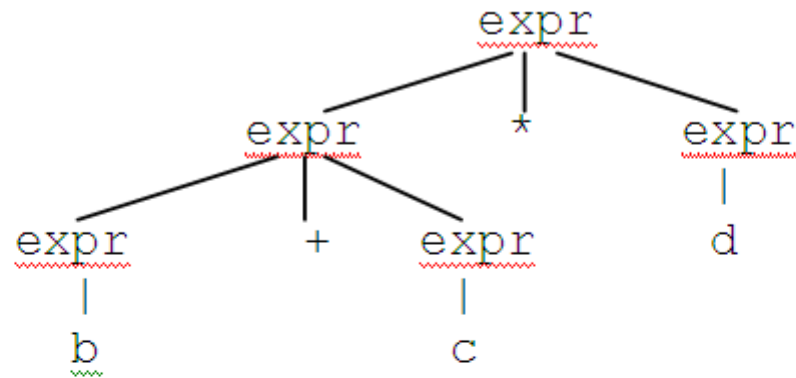
`term -> "c"`

`term -> "d"`

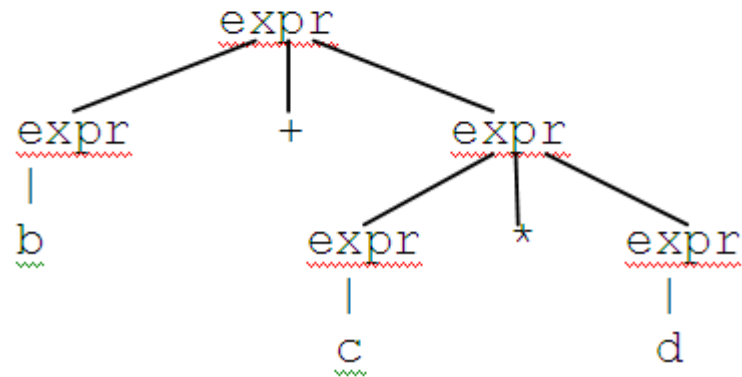
`term -> "(" expr ")"`

# Ambiguous wrt associativity

a)



b)



# Unambiguous grammar

`expr -> expr "+" term`

`expr -> term`

`term -> term * factor`

`term -> factor`

`factor -> "b"`

`factor -> "c"`

`factor -> "d"`

`factor -> "(" expr ")"`

Left recursion implies left associativity

# Another unambiguous grammar

```
expr -> term termList
termList -> "+" term termList
termList ->  $\lambda$ 
term -> factor factorList
factorList -> "*" factor
factorList
factorList ->  $\lambda$ 
factor -> "b"
factor -> "c"
factor -> "d"
factor -> "(" expr ")"
```



# Backus-Naur Form (BNF)

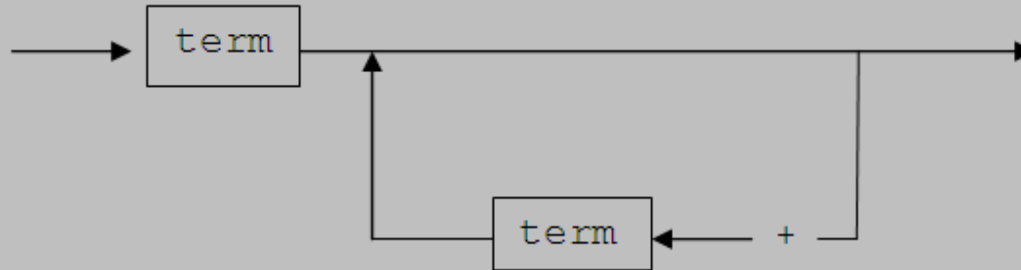
```
expr : term termList
expr : "+" term termList | λ
term : factor factorList
factorList : "*" factor
factorList | λ
factor : "b"|"c"|"d"|" ( expr )" "
```

# Extended BNF

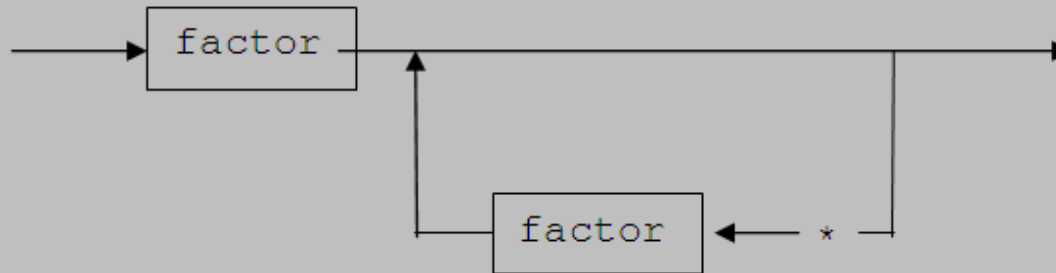
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expr : term ("+" term)*  
term: factor ("*" factor)*  
factor: "b"|"c"|"d"|" (" expr ") "
```

# Syntax diagrams

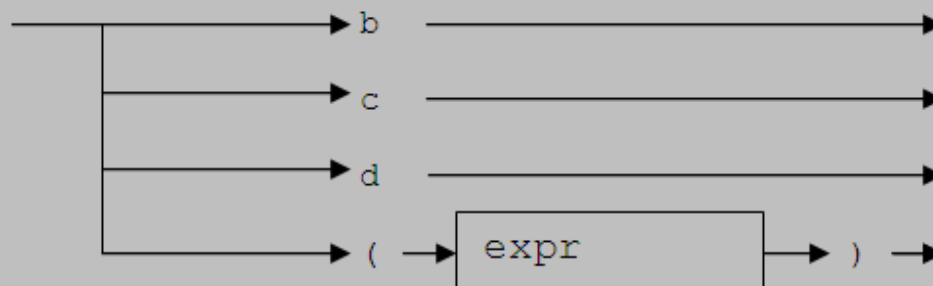
expr



term

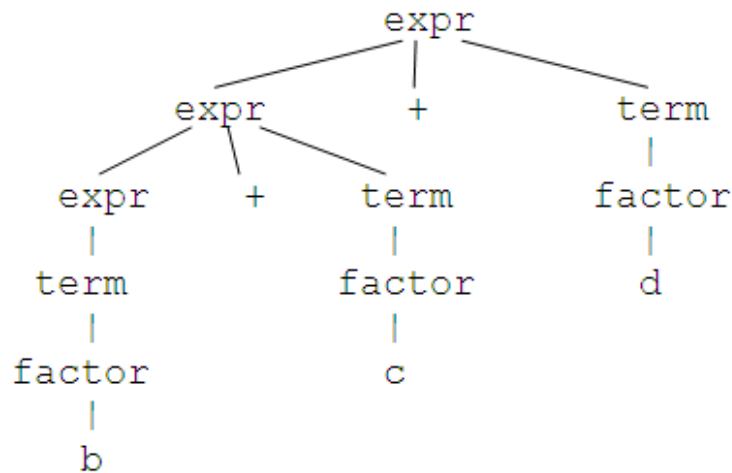


factor



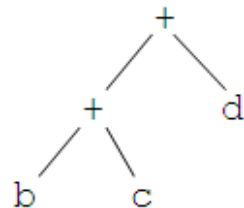
# Abstract syntax tree

a)



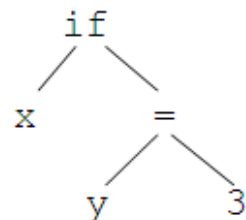
Parse tree for  $b+c+d$

b)



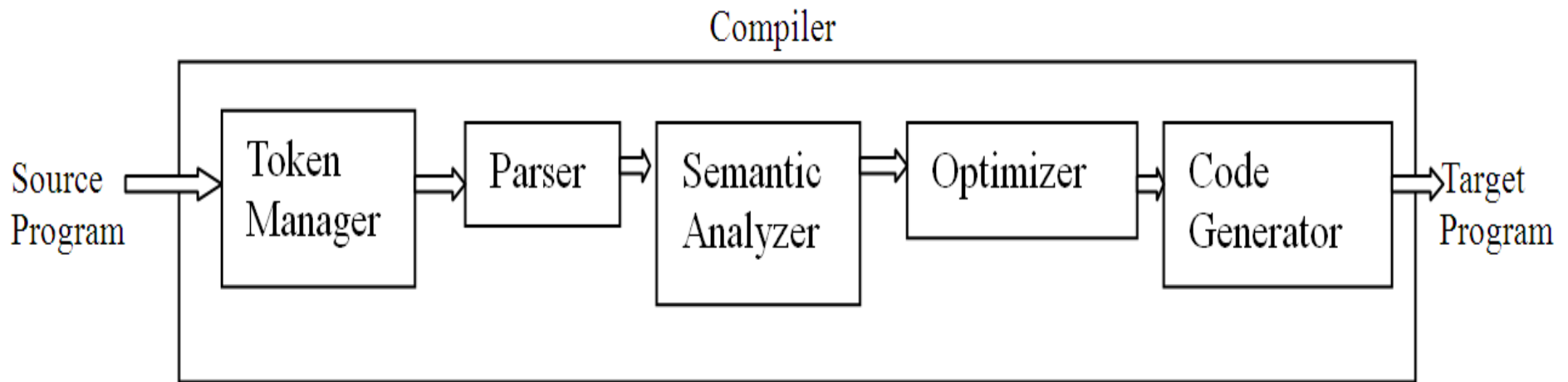
Abstract syntax tree for  $b+c+d$

c)



Abstract syntax tree for  $\text{if } (x) \ y = 2;$

# Parts of a traditional compiler



# Non-contracting grammar

Right side of each production at least as long as left side.

$S \rightarrow bS$

$S \rightarrow c$

# Essentially non-contracting grammar

Start symbol can go to lambda if it does not appear on the right side of any production.

$S \rightarrow b$

$S \rightarrow \lambda$

## Converting CFG to essentially non-contracting grammar

$S \rightarrow bS$

$S \rightarrow \lambda$

Eliminate lambda productions

$S \rightarrow bS$

$S \rightarrow b$

Add  $\lambda$  if in original language:

$S' \rightarrow S$

$S' \rightarrow \lambda$

$S \rightarrow bS$

$S \rightarrow b$



# Pumping lemma for CFLs

If  $L$  is a CFL and  $z \in L$  and is long enough, then there exists  $u, v, w, x$ , and  $y$  such that  $z = uvwxy$  where

$$|vx| > 0$$

$|vwx| < p$  for constant  $p$  that depends only on  $L$ .

$uv^iwx^iy \in L$  for all  $i \geq 0$

# *PAIRED* violates pumping lemma

$$PAIRED = \{ b^i c^i \mid i \geq 0 \}$$

$b^p c^p$  cannot be parsed into  $uvwxy$  so that  $v$  and  $x$  can be pumped.