

CONTEXT -FREE GRAMMAR (CFG)

- A Grammar $G=(V, T, P, S)$ is said to be context free, if all productions in P have the form $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ where $|\alpha| \leq |\beta|$ and α is an element of V (ie, lefthand side contains only nonterminal)
- **Eg 1:** Consider a grammar $G = (V, T, P, S)$ where

$$V = \{ S \}$$

$$T = \{ a, b \}$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow aSbS, S \rightarrow bSaS, S \rightarrow \epsilon \}$$

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This grammar is an example of a context free grammar.

► **Eg 2 :** Consider a grammar $G = (V, T, P, S)$ where

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❖ Applications

- TRACE KTU
- For defining programming languages
 - For parsing the program by constructing syntax tree
 - For translation of programming languages
 - For describing arithmetic expressions
 - For construction of compilers

CONTEXT -FREE LANGUAGES (CFL)

➤The language generated using Context Free Grammar is called as Context Free Language

❖Properties

- The context free languages are closed under union.
- The context free languages are closed under concatenation.
- The context free languages are closed under kleen closure.
- The context free languages are not closed under intersection and complement.
- The family of regular language is a proper subset of the family of context free language.
- Each Context Free Language is accepted by a Pushdown automaton.

➤ Remember

If L_1 and L_2 are two context free languages, then

- $L_1 \cup L_2$ is also a context free language.
- $L_1 \cdot L_2$ is also a context free language.
- L_1^* and L_2^* are also context free languages.
- $L_1 \cap L_2$ is not a context free language.
- L_1' and L_2' are not context free languages.

DERIVATION

- Derivation is a sequence of production rules. It is used to get the input string through these production rules
- At the time of derivation, we have to take two decisions. These are as follows:
 - 1) We have to decide the non-terminal which is to be replaced.
 - 2) We have to decide the production rule by which the non-terminal will be replaced.

We have two options to decide which non-terminal to be placed with production rule.

1. Leftmost Derivation

2. Rightmost Derivation

❖ Leftmost Derivation

➤ Find Leftmost derivation of the
Following Grammar ?

$$S \rightarrow AB \mid \epsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow aB$$

$$B \rightarrow Sb$$

Derive the string **abb**

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$\rightarrow aBB$$

$$\rightarrow aSbB$$

$$\rightarrow a\epsilon bB$$

$$\rightarrow abB$$

$$\rightarrow abSb$$

$$\rightarrow ab\epsilon b$$

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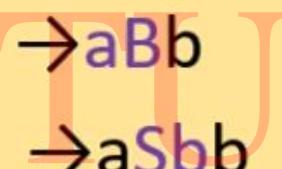
$$\rightarrow A \epsilon b$$

$$\rightarrow aBb$$

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$$\rightarrow a\epsilon bb$$

$$\rightarrow abb$$

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DERIVATION TREE

- Derivation tree is a graphical representation for the derivation of the given production rules for a given CFG.
- It is the simple way to show how the derivation can be done to obtain some string from a given set of production rules.
- The derivation tree is also called a parse tree.

A parse tree contains the following properties:

- The root node is always a node indicating start symbols.
- The derivation is read from left to right.
- The leaf node is always terminal nodes.
- The interior nodes are always the non-terminal nodes.

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Production rules

$$E \rightarrow E + E$$

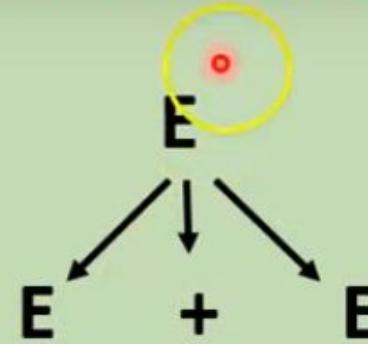
$$E \rightarrow E * E$$

$$E \rightarrow a \mid b \mid c$$

Input

$$a * b + c$$

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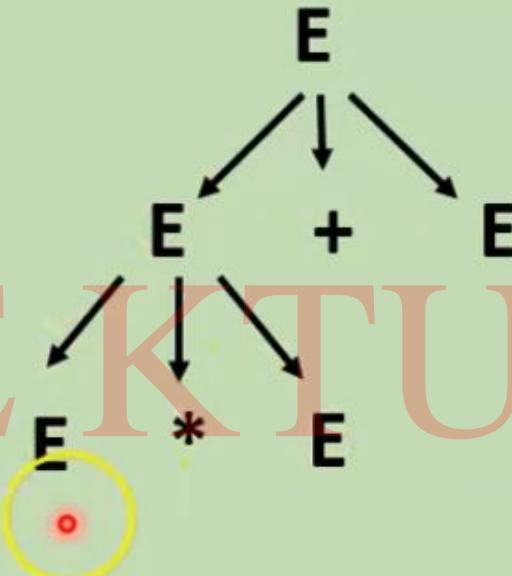
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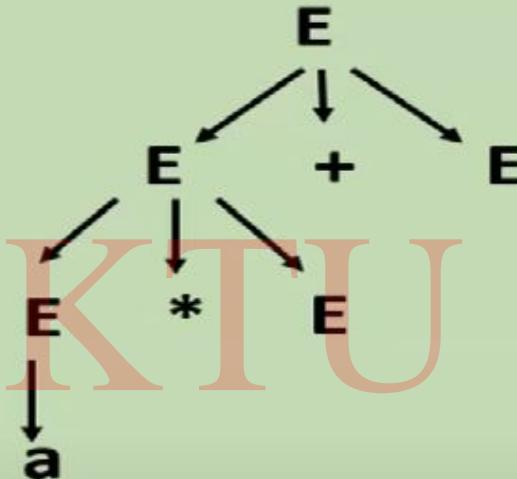
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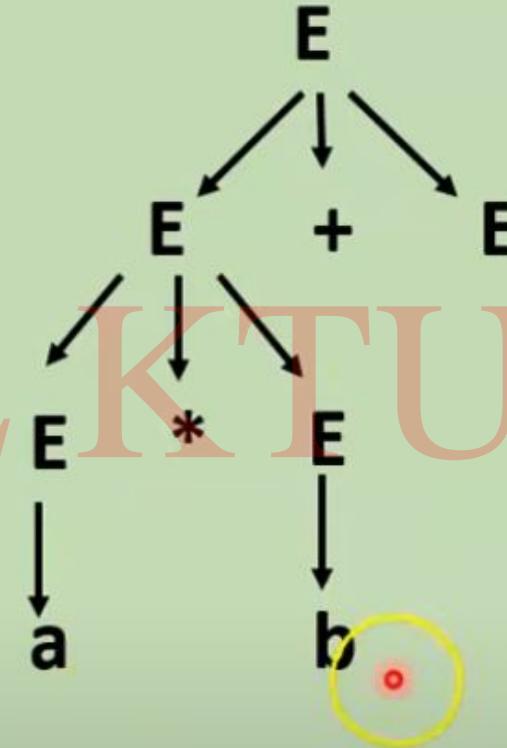
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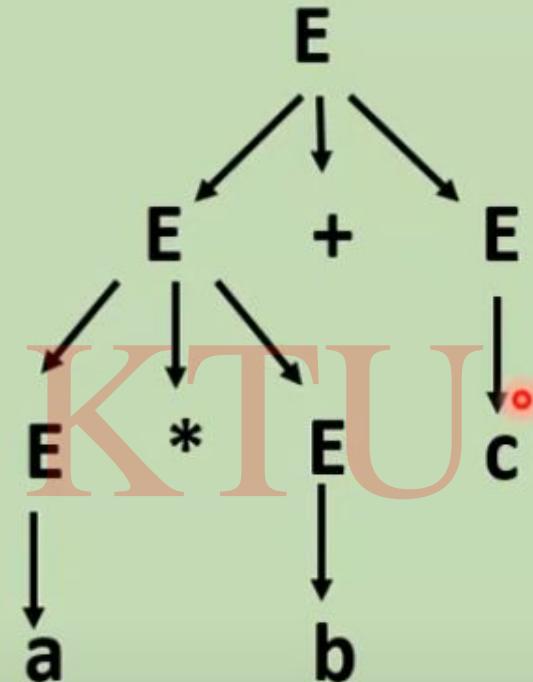
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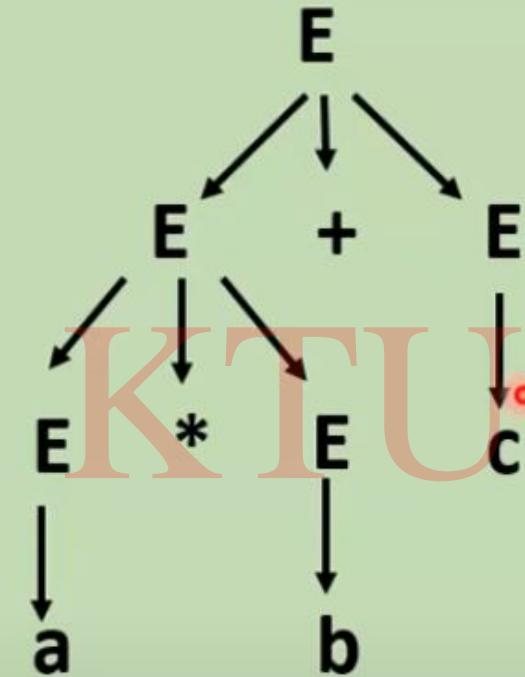
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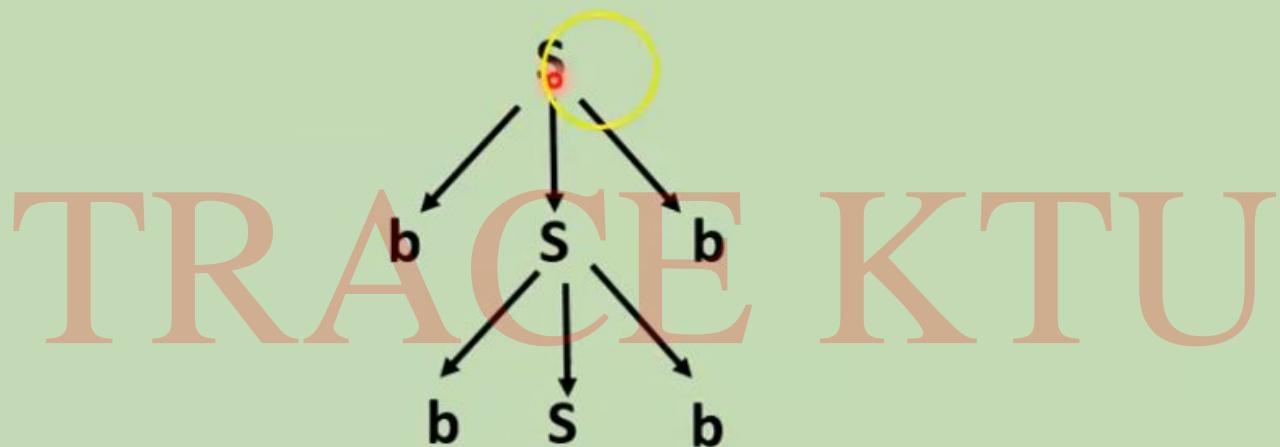
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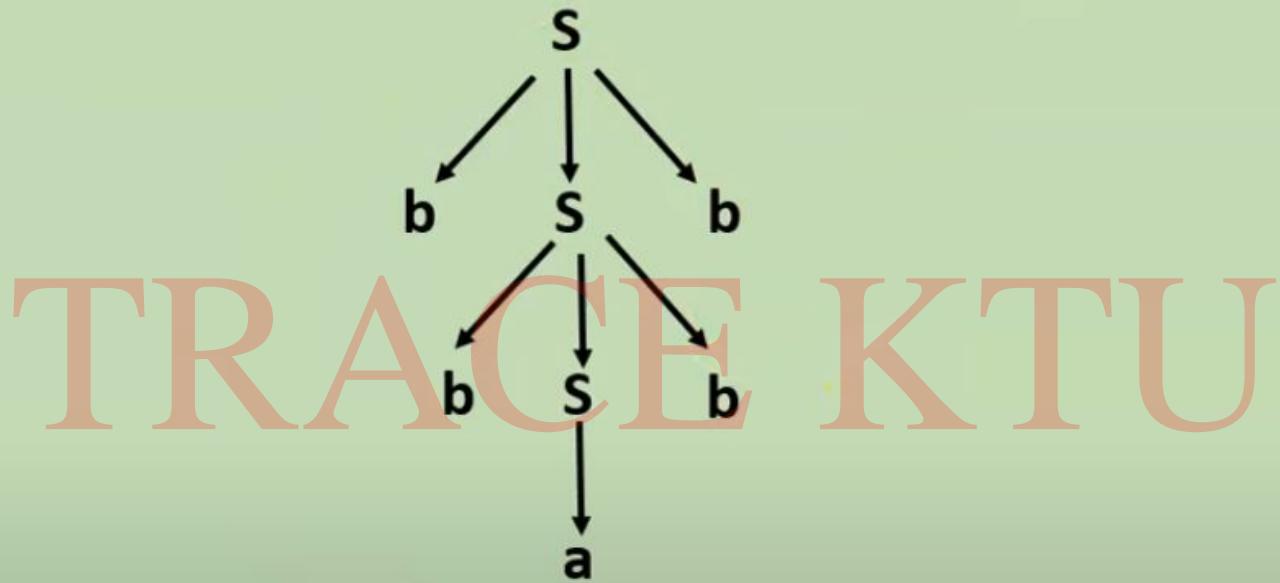
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Eg: 2 - Draw a derivation tree for the string "bbabb" from the CFG given by $S \rightarrow bSb \mid a \mid b$



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Home work

- Eg: 3- Construct a derivation tree for the string **aabbabba** for the CFG given by,

$$S \rightarrow aB \mid bA$$
$$A \rightarrow a \mid aS \mid bAA$$
$$B \rightarrow b \mid bS \mid aBB$$

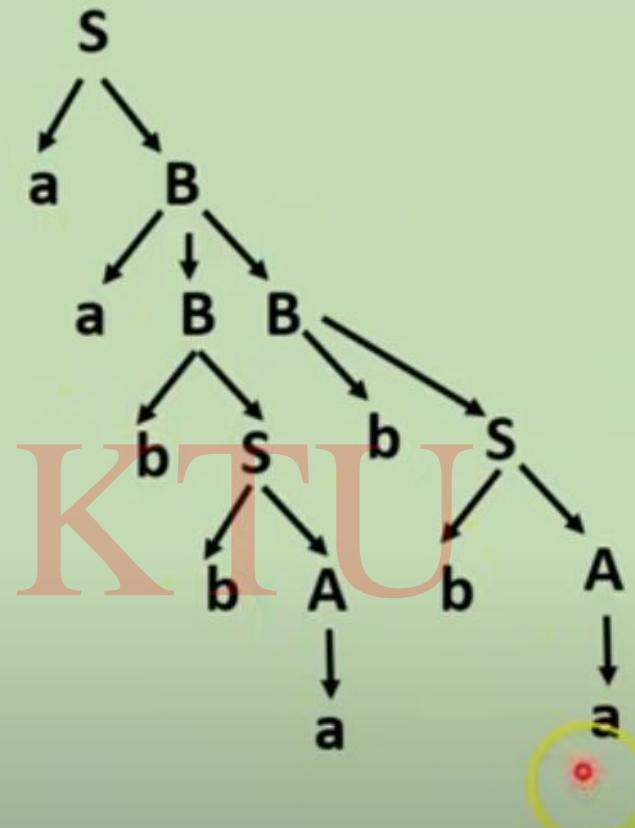
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AMBIGUITY IN GRAMMAR

- A grammar is said to be ambiguous if there exists
 - More than one leftmost derivation or
 - More than one rightmost derivation or
 - More than one parse tree for the given input string
- If the grammar is not ambiguous, then it is called unambiguous.
- If the grammar has ambiguity, then it is not good for compiler construction.
- No method can automatically detect and remove the ambiguity, but we can remove ambiguity by re-writing the whole grammar without ambiguity.

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Example 1: Let us consider a grammar G with the production rule

$E \rightarrow I$

$E \rightarrow E + E$

$E \rightarrow E * E$

$E \rightarrow (E)$

$I \rightarrow \epsilon | 0 | 1 | 2 | \dots | 9$

Input String

3 * 2 + 5



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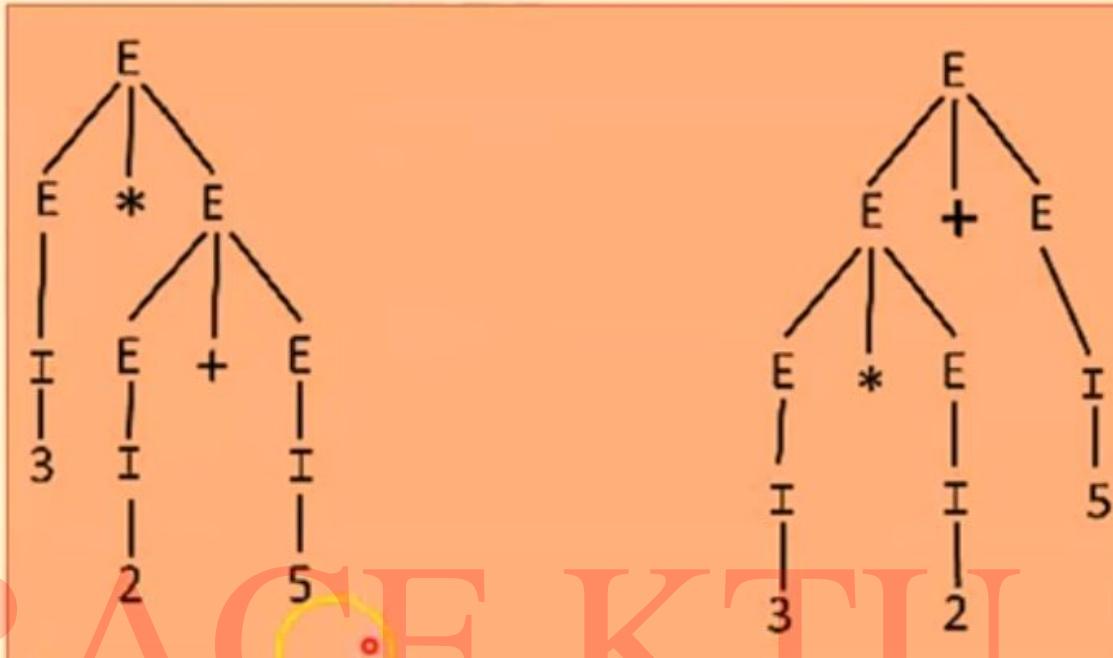
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Example 2: Check whether the given grammar G is ambiguous or not using the string "id + id - id"

$$E \rightarrow E + E$$

$$E \rightarrow E - E$$

$$E \rightarrow id$$

First Leftmost derivation

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow E + E \\ &\rightarrow id + E \\ &\rightarrow id + E - E \\ &\rightarrow id + id - E \\ &\rightarrow id + id - id \end{aligned}$$

Second Leftmost derivation

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow E - E \\ &\rightarrow E + E - E \\ &\rightarrow id + E - E \\ &\rightarrow id + id - E \\ &\rightarrow id + id - id \end{aligned}$$

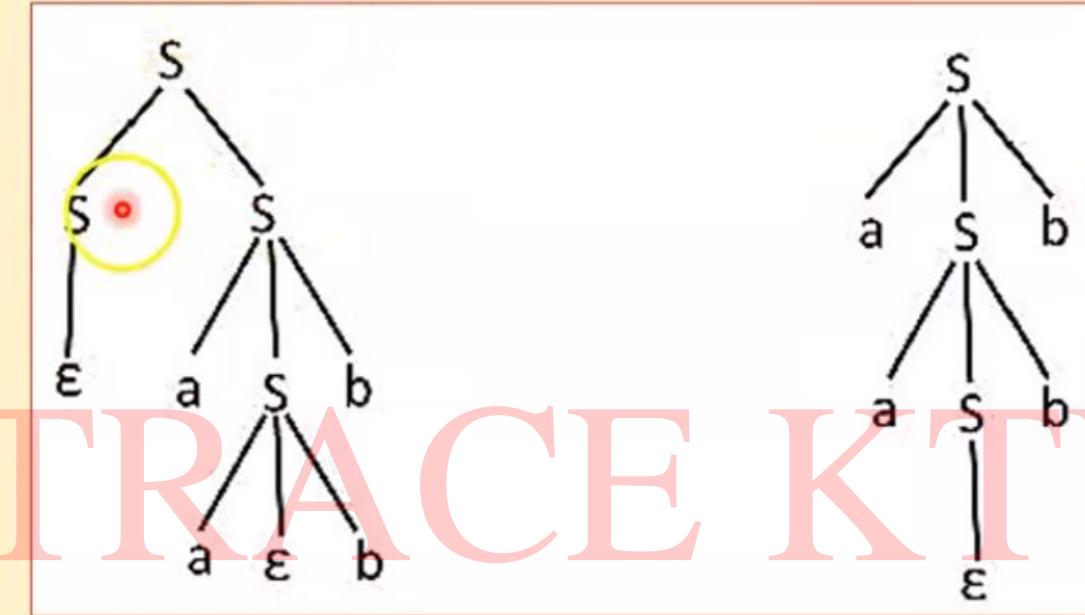
➤ Since there are two leftmost derivation for a single string "id + id - id", the grammar G is ambiguous.

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Example 3: Check whether the given grammar G is ambiguous or not for the given string "aabb"

$$S \rightarrow aSb \mid SS$$

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$



➤ Since there are two parse trees for a single string "aabb", the grammar G is ambiguous.

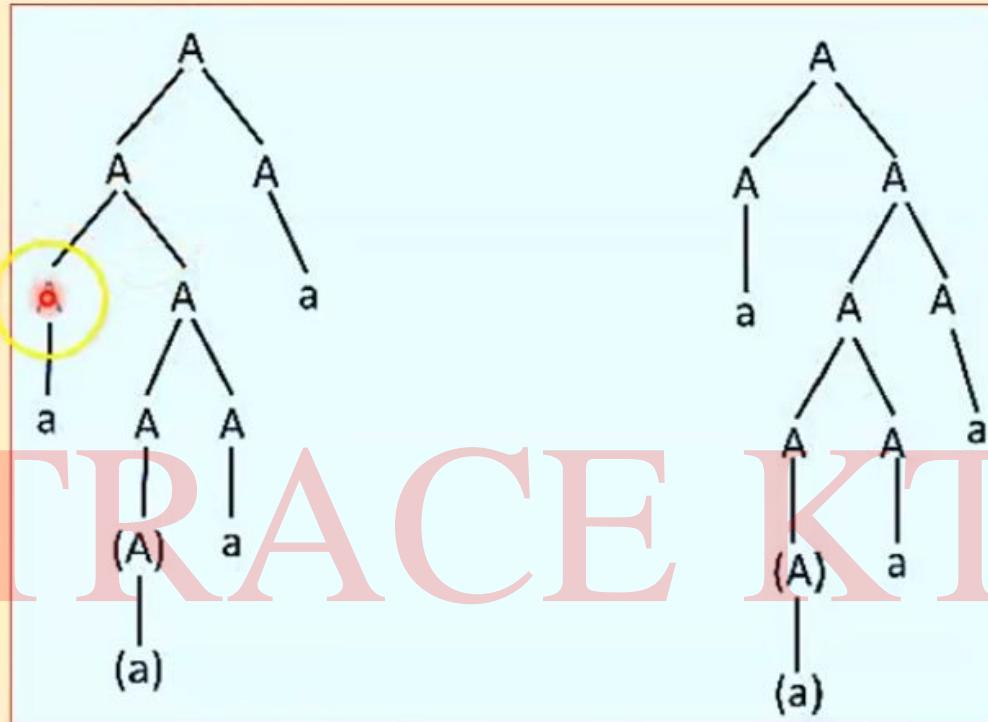
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Example 4: Check whether the given grammar G is ambiguous or not for the input string "a(a)aa"

$$A \rightarrow AA$$

$$A \rightarrow (A)$$

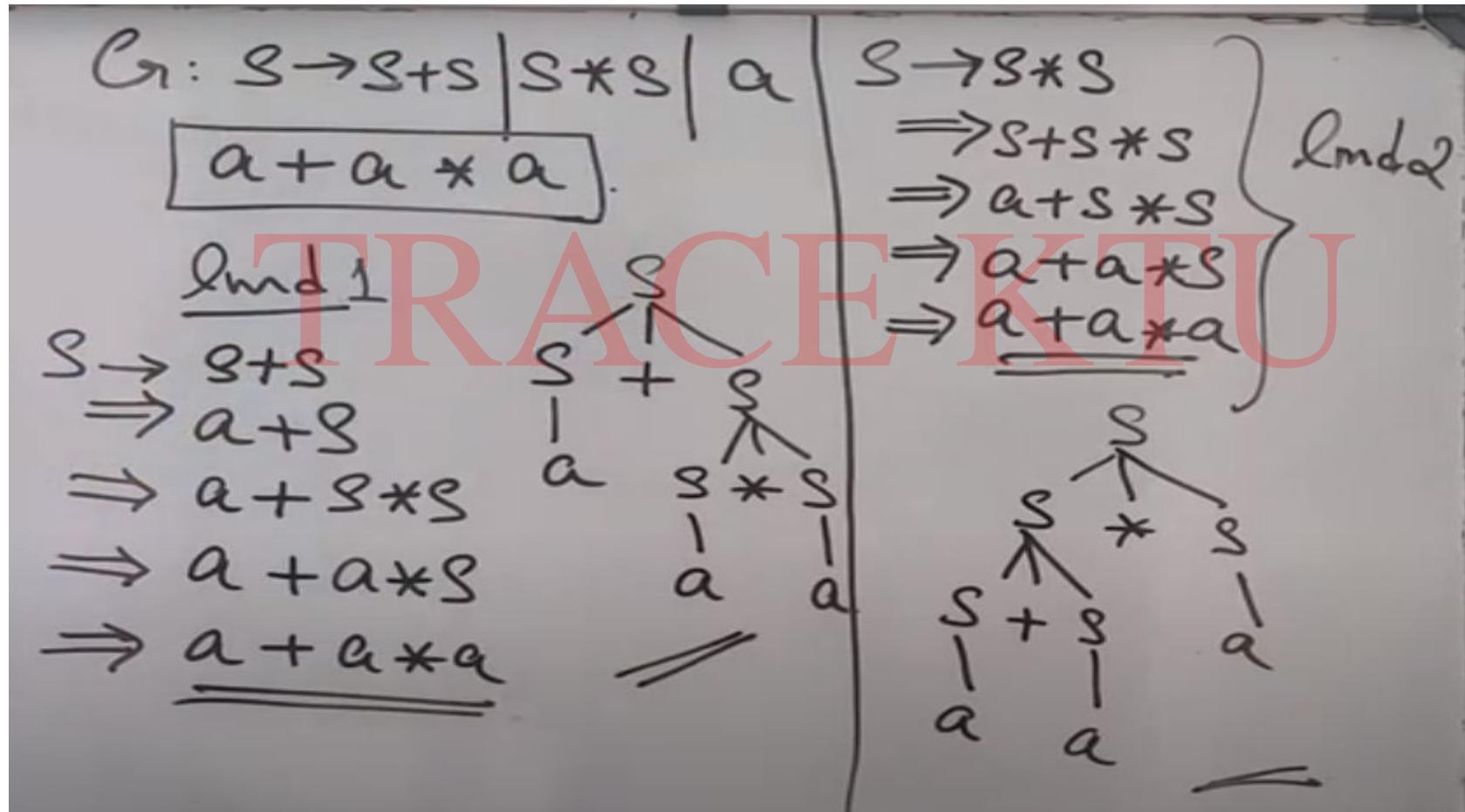
$$A \rightarrow a$$



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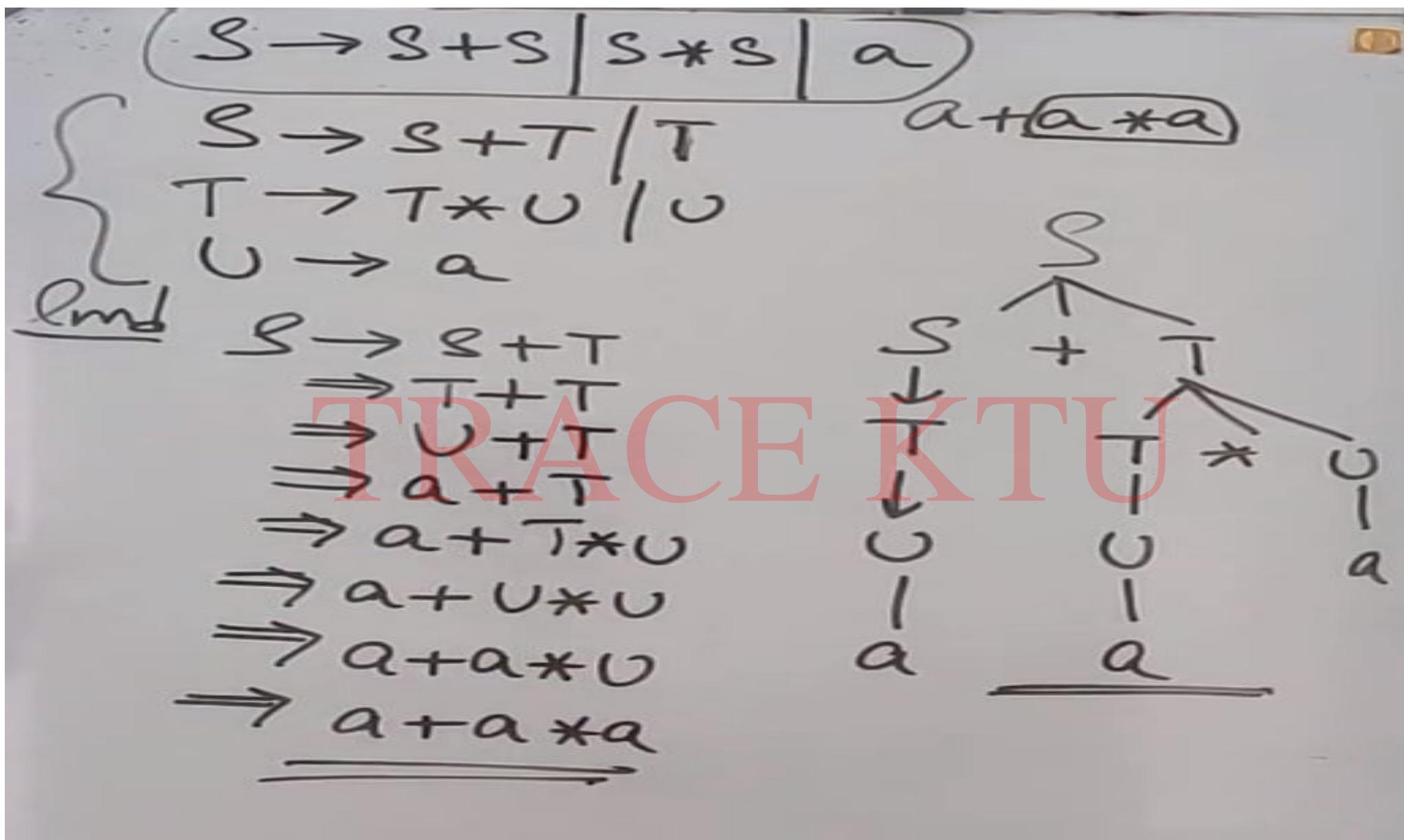
How to convert ambiguous to unambiguous



$S \rightarrow S + S | S * S | a$
 $S \rightarrow S + T | T$
 $T \rightarrow T * U | U$
 $U \rightarrow a$

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$$S \rightarrow S+S \mid S*S \mid a$$
$$S \rightarrow S+T \mid T \quad a+a*a$$
$$T \rightarrow T*U \mid U$$
$$U \rightarrow a$$
End
$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow S+T \\ &\Rightarrow T+T \\ &\Rightarrow U+T \\ &\Rightarrow a+T \\ &\Rightarrow a+T*U \\ &\Rightarrow a+U*U \\ &\Rightarrow a+a*U \\ &\Rightarrow a+a*a \\ &\xrightarrow{\text{Final}} \end{aligned}$$
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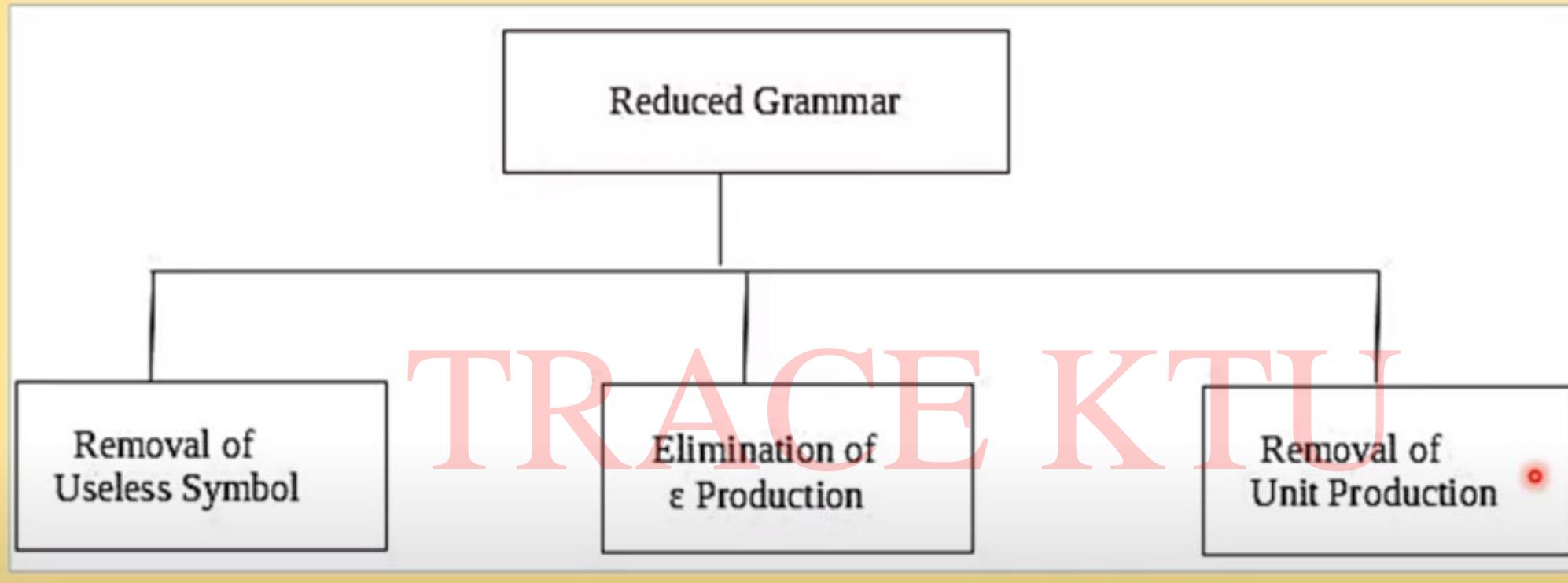


SIMPLIFICATION OF CFG

- All the grammar are not always optimized that means the grammar may consist of some extra symbols(non-terminal).
- Having extra symbols, unnecessary increase the length of grammar.
- Simplification of grammar means reduction of grammar by removing useless symbols.

The properties of reduced grammar are given below

- Each variable (i.e. non-terminal) and each terminal of G appears in the derivation of some word in L.
- There should not be any production as $X \rightarrow Y$ where X and Y are non-terminal.
- If ϵ is not in the language L then there need not to be the production $X \rightarrow \epsilon$.



❖ Removal of Useless Symbols

- A symbol can be useless if it does not appear on the right-hand side of the production rule and does not take part in the derivation of any string. That symbol is known as a useless symbol.
- Similarly, a variable can be useless if it does not take part in the derivation of any string. That variable is known as a useless variable.

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For Example:

$$T \rightarrow aaB \mid abA \mid aaT$$

$$A \rightarrow aA$$

$$B \rightarrow ab \mid b$$

$$C \rightarrow ad$$

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- In the above example, the variable 'C' will never occur in the derivation of any string, so the production $C \rightarrow ad$ is useless.
- So we will eliminate it, and the other productions are written in such a way that variable C can never reach from the starting variable 'T'.
- Production $A \rightarrow aA$ is also useless because there is no way to terminate it. If it never terminates, then it can never produce a string. Hence this production can never take part in any derivation.
- To remove this useless production $A \rightarrow aA$, we will first find all the variables which will never lead to a terminal string such as variable 'A'. Then we will remove all the productions in which the variable 'B' occurs.

Example: Remove the ϵ production from the following CFG by preserving the meaning of it.

$$S \rightarrow XYX$$

$$X \rightarrow 0X \mid \epsilon$$

$$Y \rightarrow 1Y \mid \epsilon$$

Solution:

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- While removing ϵ production, we are deleting the rule $X \rightarrow \epsilon$ and $Y \rightarrow \epsilon$.
- To preserve the meaning of CFG we are actually placing ϵ at the right-hand side whenever X and Y have appeared.

❖ Elimination of ϵ Production

- The productions of type $S \rightarrow \epsilon$ are called ϵ productions. These type of productions can only be removed from those grammars that do not generate ϵ .
- **Step 1:** First find out all nullable non-terminal variable which derives ϵ .
- **Step 2:** For each production $A \rightarrow a$, construct all production $A \rightarrow x$, where x is obtained from a by removing one or more non-terminal from step 1.
- **Step 3:** Now combine the result of step 2 with the original production and remove ϵ productions.

Let us take $S \rightarrow XYX$

- If the first X at right-hand side is ϵ . Then $S \rightarrow YX$
- Similarly if the last X in R.H.S. = ϵ . Then $S \rightarrow XY$
- If $Y = \epsilon$ then $S \rightarrow XX$
- If Y and X are ϵ then, $S \rightarrow X$
- If both X are replaced by ϵ then, $S \rightarrow Y$
- Now, $S \rightarrow XY | YX | XX | X | Y$

$S \rightarrow XYX$
 $X \rightarrow 0X | \epsilon$
 $Y \rightarrow 1Y | \epsilon$

❖ Removing Unit Productions

The unit productions are the productions in which one non-terminal gives another non-terminal. Use the following steps to remove unit production:

Step 1: To remove $X \rightarrow Y$, add production $X \rightarrow a$ to the grammar rule whenever $Y \rightarrow a$ occurs in the grammar.

Step 2: Now delete $X \rightarrow Y$ from the grammar.

Step 3: Repeat step 1 and step 2 until all unit productions are removed.

Example:

$S \rightarrow 0A \mid 1B \mid C$

$A \rightarrow 0S \mid 00$

$B \rightarrow 1 \mid A$

$C \rightarrow 01$

Thus finally we can write CFG
without unit production as

$S \rightarrow 0A \mid 1B \mid 01$

$A \rightarrow 0S \mid 00$

$B \rightarrow 1 \mid 0S \mid 00$

$C \rightarrow 01$

Solution:

- $S \rightarrow C$ is a unit production. But while removing $S \rightarrow C$ we have to consider what C gives. So, we can add a rule to S .

$S \rightarrow 0A \mid 1B \mid 01$

- Similarly, $B \rightarrow A$ is also a unit production so we can modify it as

$B \rightarrow 1 \mid 0S \mid 00$

Example: Remove the ϵ production from the following CFG by preserving the meaning of it.

$S \rightarrow ABAC$

$A \rightarrow aA \mid \epsilon$

$B \rightarrow bB \mid \epsilon$

$C \rightarrow c$



The productions with ϵ are

$A \rightarrow \epsilon, B \rightarrow \epsilon$

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➤ Replace A with ϵ . Consider the first production $S \rightarrow ABAC$

$S \rightarrow BAC, S \rightarrow ABC, S \rightarrow BC$

$S \rightarrow BAC \mid ABC \mid BC$

➤ Consider the second production $A \rightarrow aA$

$A \rightarrow a$

After replace A with ϵ , our grammar will be

$$\begin{aligned}S &\rightarrow ABAC | BAC | ABC | BC \\A &\rightarrow aA | a\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}S &\rightarrow ABAC \\A &\rightarrow aA | \epsilon \\B &\rightarrow bB | \epsilon \\C &\rightarrow c\end{aligned}$$

➤ Now Replace B with ϵ

- Consider the first production $S \rightarrow ABAC | BAC | ABC | BC$
 $S \rightarrow AAC | AC | C$

- Consider the next production $B \rightarrow bB$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

So the final answer after removing the ϵ is

$$S \rightarrow ABAC | BAC | ABC | BC | AAC | AC | C$$
$$A \rightarrow aA | a$$
$$B \rightarrow bB | b$$
$$C \rightarrow c$$

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$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow ABAC \\ A \rightarrow aA | \epsilon \\ B \rightarrow bB | \epsilon \\ C \rightarrow c \end{array}}$$

Example: Remove the unit production from the following CFG by preserving the meaning of it.

$S \rightarrow XY$



$X \rightarrow a$

$Y \rightarrow Z|b$

$Z \rightarrow M$

$M \rightarrow N$

$N \rightarrow a$

Unit productions are

$Y \rightarrow Z, Z \rightarrow M, M \rightarrow N$

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Consider $M \rightarrow N$. Since $N \rightarrow a$, we can add $M \rightarrow a$

Consider $Z \rightarrow M$. Since $M \rightarrow a$, we can add $Z \rightarrow a$

Consider $Y \rightarrow Z$. Since $Z \rightarrow a$, we can write $Y \rightarrow a$

$S \rightarrow XY$

$X \rightarrow a$

$Y \rightarrow a|b$

$Z \rightarrow a$

$M \rightarrow a$

$N \rightarrow a$

From the start symbol S, the Nonterminals Z

M and N are unreachable. So eliminate it.

So, the final answer is

$S \rightarrow XY , X \rightarrow a , Y \rightarrow a|b$

Chomsky Normal Form (CNF)

- CNF stands for Chomsky normal form.
- A CFG(context free grammar) is in CNF(Chomsky normal form) if all production rules satisfy one of the following conditions:
 - Start symbol generating ϵ . For example, $A \rightarrow \epsilon$
 - A non-terminal generating two non-terminals. For example,
 $S \rightarrow AB$
 - A non-terminal generating a terminal. For example, $S \rightarrow a$

Example:

$G1 = \{S \rightarrow AB, S \rightarrow c, A \rightarrow a, B \rightarrow b\}$

$G2 = \{S \rightarrow aA, A \rightarrow a, B \rightarrow c\}$

- The production rules of Grammar G1 satisfy the rules specified for CNF, so the grammar G1 is in CNF.
- However, the production rule of Grammar G2 does not satisfy the rules specified for CNF as $S \rightarrow aA$ contains terminal followed by non-terminal.
- So the grammar G2 is not in CNF.

❖ Steps for converting CFG into CNF

Step 1: Eliminate start symbol from the RHS. If the start symbol S is at the right-hand side of any production, create a new production as: $S_1 \rightarrow S$, Where S_1 is the new start symbol.

Step 2: In the grammar, remove the null, unit and useless productions. You can refer to the Simplification of CFG.

Step 3: Eliminate terminals from the RHS of the production if they exist with other non-terminals or terminals. For example, production $S \rightarrow aA$ can be decomposed as:

$$S \rightarrow RA$$

$$R \rightarrow a$$

Step 4: Eliminate RHS with more than two non-terminals. For example, $S \rightarrow ASB$ can be decomposed as:

$$S \rightarrow RS$$

$$R \rightarrow AB$$

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Example:

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Convert the given CFG to CNF. Consider the given grammar G1:

$$S \rightarrow a \mid aA \mid BS$$

$$A \rightarrow aBB \mid \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow Aa \mid b$$

Solution:

Step 1: We will create a new production $S_1 \rightarrow S$, as the start symbol S appears on the RHS. The grammar will be:

$$S_1 \rightarrow S$$

$$S \rightarrow a \mid aA \mid B$$

$$A \rightarrow aBB \mid \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow Aa \mid b$$

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Step 2: As grammar G_1 contains $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ null production, its removal from the grammar yields:

$S_1 \rightarrow S$ $S \rightarrow a \mid aA \mid B$ $A \rightarrow aBB$ $B \rightarrow Aa \mid b \mid a$

Now, as grammar G1 contains Unit production $S \rightarrow B$, its removal yield:

 $S_1 \rightarrow S$ $S \rightarrow a \mid aA \mid Aa \mid b$ $A \rightarrow aBB$ $B \rightarrow Aa \mid b \mid a$

Also remove the unit production $S_1 \rightarrow S$, its removal from the grammar yields:

$$S_0 \rightarrow a \mid aA \mid Aa \mid b$$

$$S \rightarrow a \mid aA \mid Aa \mid b$$

$$A \rightarrow aBB$$

$$B \rightarrow Aa \mid b \mid a$$

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Step 3: In the production rule $S_0 \rightarrow aA \mid Aa$, $S \rightarrow aA \mid Aa$, $A \rightarrow aBB$ and $B \rightarrow Aa$, terminal **a** exists on RHS with non-terminals. So we will replace terminal a with X

$S_0 \rightarrow a \mid XA \mid AX \mid b$

$\bullet S \rightarrow a \mid XA \mid AX \mid b$

$A \rightarrow XBB$

$B \rightarrow AX \mid b \mid a$

$X \rightarrow a$

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Step 4: In the production rule $A \rightarrow XBB$, RHS has more than two symbols, removing it from grammar yield:

$$S_0 \rightarrow a \mid XA \mid AX \mid b$$
$$S \rightarrow a \mid XA \mid AX \mid b$$
$$A \rightarrow RB$$
$$R \rightarrow XB$$
$$B \rightarrow AX \mid b \mid a$$
$$X \rightarrow a$$

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Hence, for the given grammar, this is the required CNF.

Q) Convert this cfg to cnf?

$S \rightarrow ASB$

$A \rightarrow aAS | a | \epsilon$

$B \rightarrow SbS | A | bb$

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Step 1. As start symbol S appears on the RHS, we will create a new production rule $S_0 \rightarrow S$. Therefore, the grammar will become:

$S_0 \rightarrow S$

$S \rightarrow ASB$

$A \rightarrow aAS | a | \epsilon$

$B \rightarrow SbS | A | bb$

Step 2. As grammar contains null production $A \rightarrow \epsilon$, its removal from the grammar yields:

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$A \rightarrow aAS | aS | a$

$B \rightarrow SbS | A | \epsilon | bb$

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Now, it creates null production $B \rightarrow \epsilon$, its removal from the grammar yields:

$S_0 \rightarrow S$

$S \rightarrow AS | ASB | SB | S$

$A \rightarrow aAS | aS | a$

$B \rightarrow SbS | A | bb$

Now, it creates unit production $B \rightarrow A$, its removal from the grammar yields:

$S_0 \rightarrow S$

$S \rightarrow AS \mid ASB \mid SB \mid S$

$A \rightarrow aAS \mid aS \mid a$

$B \rightarrow SbS \mid bb \mid aAS \mid aS \mid a$

Also, removal of unit production $S_0 \rightarrow S$ from grammar yields:

$S_0 \rightarrow AS \mid ASB \mid SB \mid S$

$S \rightarrow AS \mid ASB \mid SB \mid S$

$A \rightarrow aAS \mid aS \mid a$

$B \rightarrow SbS \mid bb \mid aAS \mid aS \mid a$

Also, removal of unit production $S \rightarrow S$ and $S_0 \rightarrow S$ from grammar yields:

$S_0 \rightarrow AS \mid ASB \mid SB$

$S \rightarrow AS \mid ASB \mid SB$

$A \rightarrow aAS \mid aS \mid a$

$B \rightarrow SbS \mid bb \mid aAS \mid aS \mid a$

Step 3. In production rule $A \rightarrow aAS \mid aS$ and $B \rightarrow SbS \mid aAS \mid aS$, terminals a and b exist on RHS with non-terminals. Removing them from RHS:

$S_0 \rightarrow AS \mid ASB \mid SB$
 $S \rightarrow AS \mid ASB \mid SB$
 $A \rightarrow XAS \mid XS \mid a$
 $B \rightarrow SYS \mid bb \mid XAS \mid XS \mid a$

$X \rightarrow a$

$Y \rightarrow b$

Also, $B \rightarrow bb$ can't be part of CNF, removing it from grammar yields:

$S_0 \rightarrow AS \mid ASB \mid SB$
 $S \rightarrow AS \mid ASB \mid SB$
 $A \rightarrow XAS \mid XS \mid a$
 $B \rightarrow SYS \mid vv \mid XAS \mid XS \mid a$

$X \rightarrow a$

$Y \rightarrow b$

$V \rightarrow b$

Step 4: In production rule $S_0 \rightarrow ASB$, RHS has more than two symbols, removing it from grammar yields:

$S_0 \rightarrow AS | PB | SB$
 $S \rightarrow AS | ASB | SB$
 $A \rightarrow XAS | XS | a$
 $B \rightarrow SYS | VV | XAS | XS | a$
 $X \rightarrow a$
 $Y \rightarrow b$
 $V \rightarrow b$
 $P \rightarrow AS$

Similarly, $S \rightarrow ASB$ has more than two symbols, removing it from grammar yields:

$S_0 \rightarrow AS | PB | SB$
 $S \rightarrow AS | QB | SB$
 $A \rightarrow XAS | XS | a$
 $B \rightarrow SYS | VV | XAS | XS | a$
 $X \rightarrow a$
 $Y \rightarrow b$
 $V \rightarrow b$
 $P \rightarrow AS$
 $Q \rightarrow AS$

Similarly, A->XAS has more than two symbols, removing it from grammar yields:

$S_0 \rightarrow AS | PB | SB$

$S \rightarrow AS | QB | SB$

$A \rightarrow RS | XS | a$

$B \rightarrow SYS | vv | XAS | XS | a$

$X \rightarrow a$

$Y \rightarrow b$

$V \rightarrow b$

$P \rightarrow AS$

$Q \rightarrow AS$

$R \rightarrow XA$

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Similarly, B->SYS has more than two symbols, removing it from grammar yields:

$S_0 \rightarrow AS | PB | SB$

$S \rightarrow AS | QB | SB$

$A \rightarrow RS | XS | a$

$B \rightarrow TS | VW | XAS | XS | a$

$X \rightarrow a$

$Y \rightarrow b$

$V \rightarrow b$

$P \rightarrow AS$

$Q \rightarrow AS$

$R \rightarrow XA$

$T \rightarrow SY$

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Similarly, $B \rightarrow XAX$ has more than two symbols, removing it from grammar yields:

$S_0 \rightarrow AS \mid PB \mid SB$

$S \rightarrow AS \mid QB \mid SB$

$A \rightarrow RS \mid XS \mid a$

$B \rightarrow TS \mid WV \mid US \mid XS \mid a$

$X \rightarrow a$

$Y \rightarrow b$

$V \rightarrow b$

$P \rightarrow AS$

$Q \rightarrow AS$

$R \rightarrow XA$

$T \rightarrow SY$

$U \rightarrow XA$

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So this is the required CNF for given grammar.

Greibach Normal Form (GNF)

- GNF stands for Greibach normal form.
- A CFG(context free grammar) is in GNF(Greibach normal form) if all the production rules satisfy one of the following conditions:
 - A start symbol generating ϵ . For example, $S \rightarrow \epsilon$
 - A non-terminal generating a terminal. For example, $A \rightarrow a$
 - A non-terminal generating a terminal which is followed by any number of non-terminals. For example, $S \rightarrow aASB$.

But in CNF $S \rightarrow AB$

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Example:

$G1 = \{S \rightarrow aAB \mid aB, A \rightarrow aA \mid a, B \rightarrow bB \mid b\}$

$G2 = \{S \rightarrow aAB \mid aB, A \rightarrow aA \mid \epsilon, B \rightarrow bB \mid \epsilon\}$

- The production rules of Grammar G1 satisfy the rules specified for GNF, so the grammar G1 is in GNF.
- However, the production rule of Grammar G2 does not satisfy the rules specified for GNF as $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ and $B \rightarrow \epsilon$ contains ϵ (only start symbol can generate ϵ).
- So the grammar G2 is not in GNF.

❖ Steps for converting CFG into GNF

Step 1: Convert the grammar into CNF.

- If the given grammar is not in CNF, convert it into CNF.

Step 2: If the grammar exists **left recursion**, eliminate it.

- If the context free grammar contains left recursion, eliminate it.

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Step 3: In the grammar, convert the given production rule into GNF form.

- If any production rule in the grammar is not in GNF form, convert it.

ELIMINATION OF LEFT RECURSION

- Left recursion form

$A \rightarrow A\alpha | \beta$

It can be removed by

$A \rightarrow \beta A'$

$A' \rightarrow \alpha A' | \epsilon$

Example

$A \rightarrow Aa | b$

$A \rightarrow A\alpha | \beta$

$A \rightarrow A a | b$

$A \rightarrow bA'$

$A' \rightarrow aA' | \epsilon$

Example:

$S \rightarrow XB \mid AA$

$A \rightarrow a \mid SA$

$B \rightarrow b$

$X \rightarrow a$

❖ Steps for converting CFG into GNF

Step 1: Convert the grammar into CNF.

- If the given grammar is not in CNF, convert it into CNF. (You can refer the previous video topic to convert the CFG into CNF: Chomsky normal form)

Step 2: If the grammar exists **left recursion**, eliminate it.

- If the context free grammar **contains** left recursion, eliminate it.

Step 3: In the grammar, convert the given production rule into GNF form.

- If any production rule in the grammar is not in GNF form, convert it.

Example:

$S \rightarrow XB \mid AA$

$A \rightarrow a \mid SA$

$B \rightarrow b$

$X \rightarrow a$

Solution:

- As the given grammar G is already in CNF and there is no left recursion, so we can skip step 1 and step 2 and directly go to step 3.
- The production rule $A \rightarrow SA$ is not in GNF, so we substitute $S \rightarrow XB \mid AA$ in the production rule $A \rightarrow SA$ as:

$S \rightarrow XB \mid AA$
 $A \rightarrow a \mid XBA \mid AAA$
 $B \rightarrow b$
 $X \rightarrow a$

$S \rightarrow XB \mid AA$
 $A \rightarrow a \mid SA$
 $B \rightarrow b$
 $X \rightarrow a$

The production rule $S \rightarrow XB$ and $B \rightarrow XBA$ is not in GNF, so we substitute $X \rightarrow a$ in the production rule $S \rightarrow XB$ and $B \rightarrow XBA$ as:

$$S \rightarrow aB \mid AA$$

$$A \rightarrow a \mid aBA \mid AAA$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

$$X \rightarrow a$$

$$S \rightarrow XB \mid AA$$

$$A \rightarrow a \mid XBA \mid AAA$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

$$X \rightarrow a$$

Now we will remove left recursion ($A \rightarrow AAA$), we get:

$$S \rightarrow aB \mid AA$$

$$A \rightarrow aA' \mid aBAA'$$

$$A' \rightarrow AAA' \mid \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

$$X \rightarrow a$$

$$A \rightarrow A \alpha \mid \beta$$

$$A \rightarrow AAA \mid a$$

$$A \rightarrow aA'$$

$$A' \rightarrow AAA' \mid \epsilon$$

Now we will remove null production $A' \rightarrow \epsilon$, we get:

$$S \rightarrow aB \mid AA$$

$$A \rightarrow aA' \mid aBAA' \mid a \mid aBA$$

$$A' \rightarrow AAA' \mid AA$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

$$X \rightarrow a$$

$$S \rightarrow aB \mid AA$$

$$A \rightarrow aA' \mid aBAA'$$

$$A' \rightarrow AAA' \mid \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

$$X \rightarrow a$$

The production rule $S \rightarrow AA$ is not in GNF, so we substitute
 $A \rightarrow aA' | aBAA' | a | aBA$ in production rule $S \rightarrow AA$ as:

$S \rightarrow aB | aA'A | aBAA'A | aA | aBA A$

$A \rightarrow aA' | aBAA' | a | aBA$

$A' \rightarrow AAA'$

$A' \rightarrow aA'A | aBAA'A | aA | aBA A$

$B \rightarrow b$

$X \rightarrow a$

$S \rightarrow aB | AA$

$A \rightarrow aA' | aBAA' | a | aBA$

$A' \rightarrow AAA' | AA$

$B \rightarrow b$

$X \rightarrow a$

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The production rule $A' \rightarrow AAA'$ is not in GNF, so we substitute
 $A \rightarrow aA' | aBAA' | a | aBA$ in production rule $A' \rightarrow AAA'$ as:

$S \rightarrow aB | aA'A | aBAA'A | aA | aBAA$

$A \rightarrow aA' | aBAA' | a | aBA$

$A' \rightarrow aA'AA' | aBAA'AA' | aAA' | aBAAA'$

$A' \rightarrow aA'A | aBAA'A | aA | aBAA$

$B \rightarrow b$

$X \rightarrow a$

$S \rightarrow aB | aA'A | aBAA'A | aA | aBAA$

$A \rightarrow aA' | aBAA' | a | aBA$

$A' \rightarrow AAA'$

$A' \rightarrow aA'A | aBAA'A | aA | aBAA$

$B \rightarrow b$

$X \rightarrow a$

Hence, this is the GNF form for the grammar G.

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