

Grammar & Languages

- **Example:**

<sentence> → <noun-phrase> <verb-phrase> (1)

<noun-phrase> → <proper-noun> (2)

<noun-phrase> → <determiner> <common-noun> (3)

<proper-noun> → Ram (4)

<proper-noun> → Sham (5)

<common-noun> → car (6)

<common-noun> → Sangli (7)

<determiner> → a (8)

<determiner> → the (9)

<verb-phrase> → <verb> <adverb> (10)

<verb-phrase> → <verb> (11)

<verb> → drives (12)

<verb> → eats (13)

<adverb> → slowly (14)

<adverb> → frequently (15)

- **Derivation forming a sentence:**

<sentence> ⇒ <noun-phrase> <verb-phrase> by (1)

⇒ <proper-noun> <verb-phrase> by (2)

⇒ Ram <verb-phrase> by (4)

⇒ Ram <verb> <adverb> by (10)

⇒ Ram drives <adverb> by (12)

⇒ Ram drives frequently by (15)

- Informally, Grammar consists of:
 - A set of replacement *rules*, each having a Left-Hand Side (LHS) and a Right-Hand Side (RHS)
 - Two types of symbols; *variables* and *terminals*
 - LHS of each rule must have at least one variable to generate
 - RHS of each rule is a string of zero or more variables and terminals
 - A string consists of only terminal

Example

$L(G3) = \{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 1\}$

// Let $G = (V_n, V_t, S, P)$ //

$G3 = (\{S, B, C\}, \{a, b, c\}, S, P)$

$S \rightarrow aSBC$

$S \rightarrow aBC$

$CB \rightarrow BC$

$aB \rightarrow ab$

$bB \rightarrow bb$

$bC \rightarrow bc$

$cC \rightarrow cc$



$S \rightarrow aSBC$

$\rightarrow aa\underline{B}\underline{C}BC$

$\rightarrow aa\underline{B}B\underline{C}C$

$\rightarrow aa\underline{b}\underline{B}CC$

$\rightarrow aa\underline{b}\underline{b}CC$

$\rightarrow aa\underline{b}\underline{b}\underline{c}C$

$\rightarrow aabbcc$

Example of CFGs

Simple arithmetic expressions:

$$E \rightarrow \text{int}$$

$$E \rightarrow E + E$$

$$E \rightarrow E * E$$

$$E \rightarrow (E)$$

- One non-terminal: E
- Several terminals: $\text{int}, +, *, (,)$
 - Called terminals because they are never replaced
- By convention the non-terminal for the first production is the start one

Derivation Example

- Grammar

$$E \rightarrow E + E \mid E * E \mid (E) \mid \text{int}$$

- String

$\text{int} * \text{int} + \text{int}$

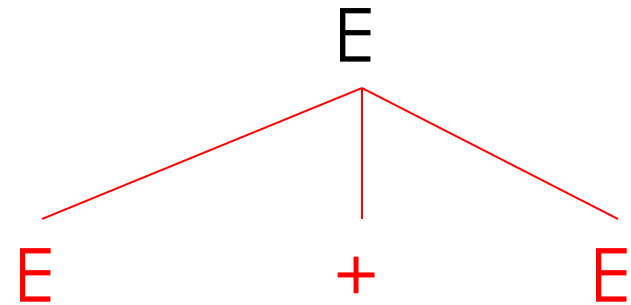
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E

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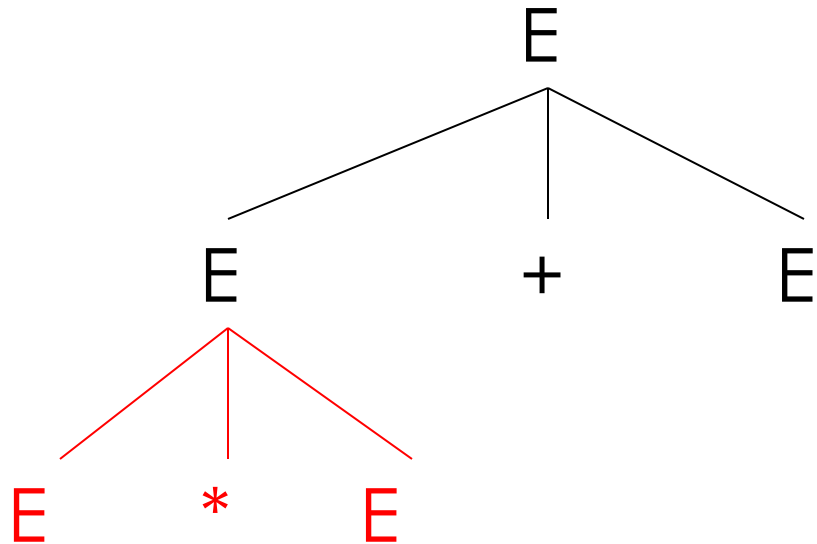
Derivation in Detail (2)

→
$$\begin{array}{c} E \\ E + E \end{array}$$



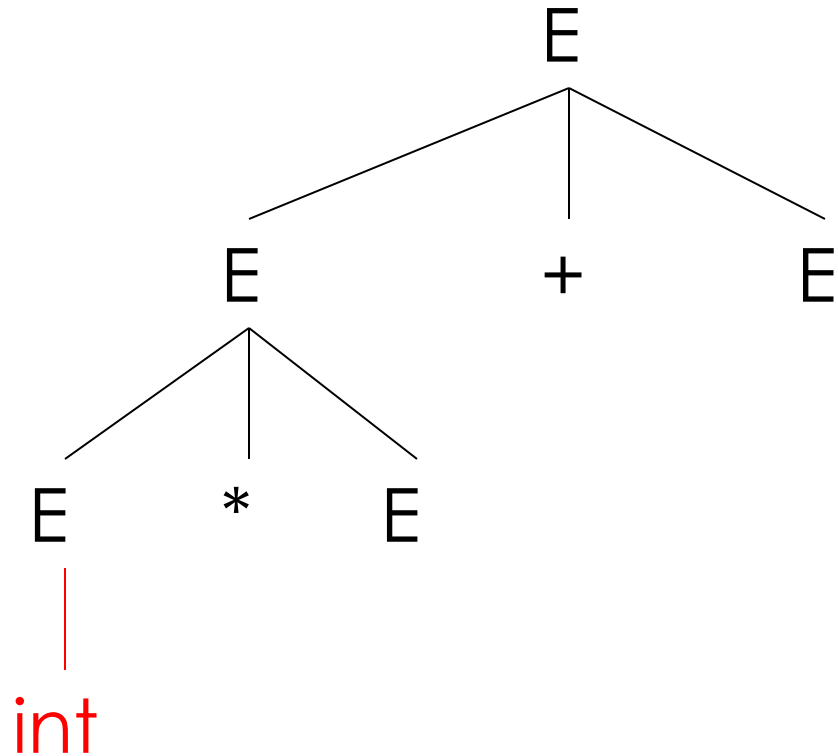
Derivation in Detail (3)

\rightarrow E
 \rightarrow $E + E$
 \rightarrow $E * E + E$



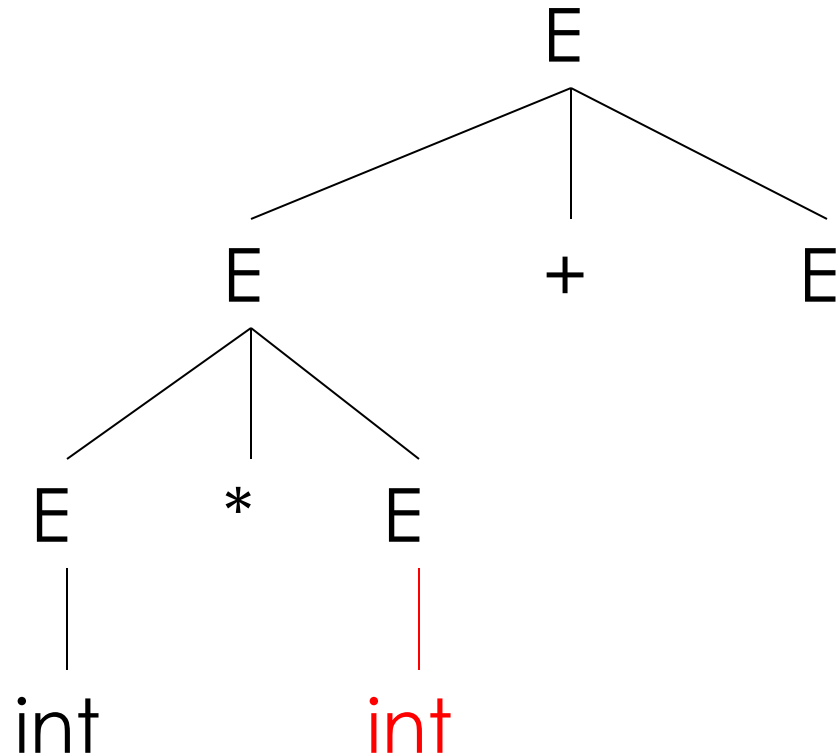
Derivation in Detail (4)

E
 $\rightarrow E + E$
 $\rightarrow E * E + E$
 $\rightarrow \text{int} * E + E$



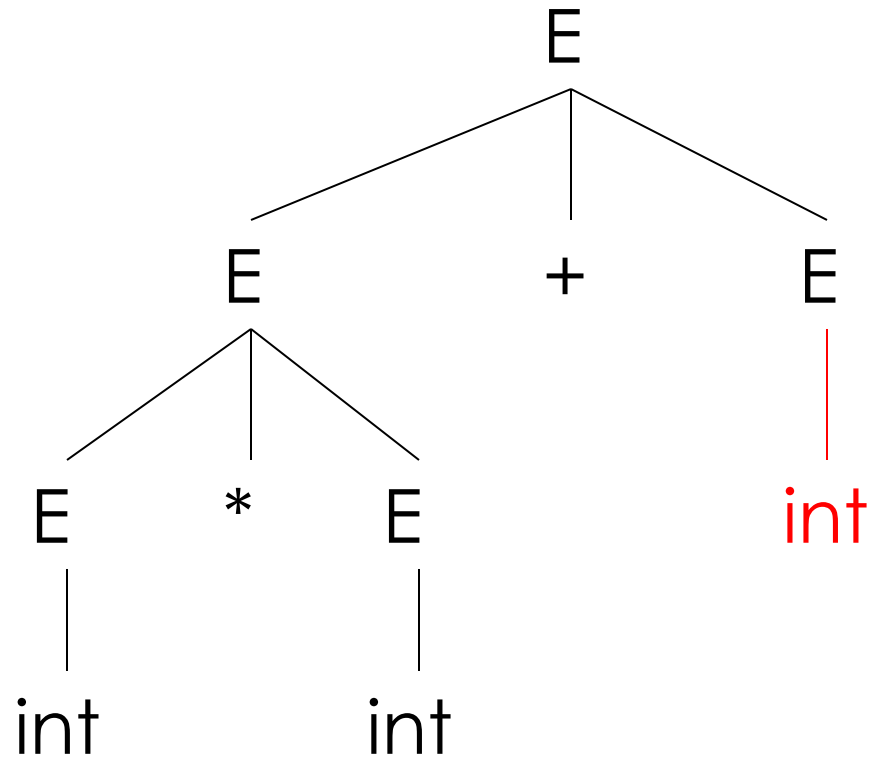
Derivation in Detail (5)

E
 $\rightarrow E + E$
 $\rightarrow E * E + E$
 $\rightarrow \text{int} * E + E$
 $\rightarrow \text{int} * \text{int} + E$



Derivation in Detail (6)

E
 $\rightarrow E + E$
 $\rightarrow E * E + E$
 $\rightarrow \text{int} * E + E$
 $\rightarrow \text{int} * \text{int} + E$
 $\rightarrow \text{int} * \text{int} + \text{int}$



Grammar

Let $G=(V_n,V_t,S,P)$

$V_n \rightarrow$ Finite set of non-terminals

$V_t \rightarrow$ Finite set of terminals

$S \rightarrow$ starting symbol; $S \in V_n$

$P \rightarrow$ Finite set of production rules

$$\alpha \xrightarrow{p} \beta \quad \alpha, \beta \in (V_n \cup V_t)^*$$

$$(V_n \cup V_t)^* V_n (V_n \cup V_t)^* \rightarrow (V_n \cup V_t)^*$$

Types of Languages

- Type 0 - Unrestricted Language
- Type 1 - Context Sensitive Language
- Type 2 - Context Free Language
- Type 3 - Regular Language

Definitions

Type 0 - Unrestricted Language

$$\alpha \xrightarrow{p} \beta$$

$$\alpha, \beta \in (V_n \cup V_t)^*$$

Definitions

Type 1 - Context Sensitive Language

$$\alpha \xrightarrow{p} \beta$$

$$\alpha, \beta \in (V_n \cup V_t)^*$$

$$|\alpha| \leq |\beta|$$

Definitions

Type 2 - Context Free Language

$$\alpha \xrightarrow{p} \beta$$

$$\alpha, \beta \in (V_n \cup V_t)^*$$

$$|\alpha| \leq |\beta| ; \alpha \in V_n$$

Definitions

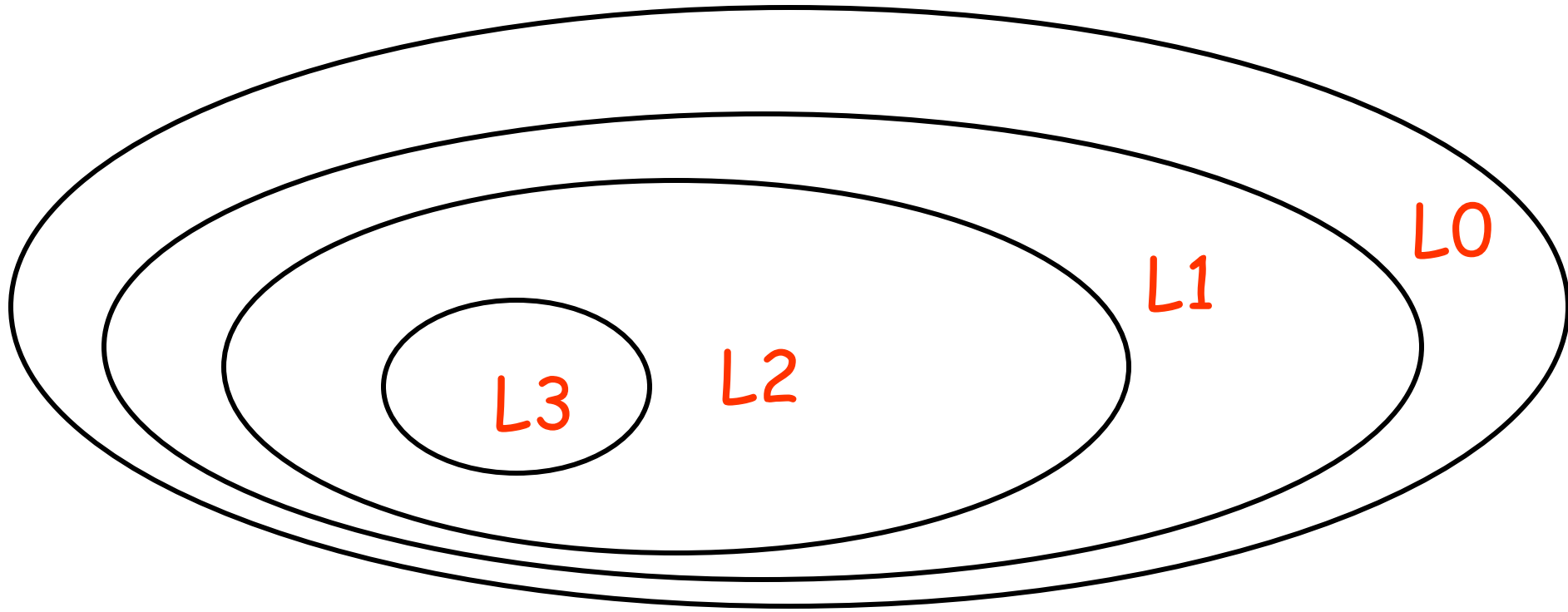
Type 3 - Regular Language

$$\alpha \xrightarrow{p} \beta$$

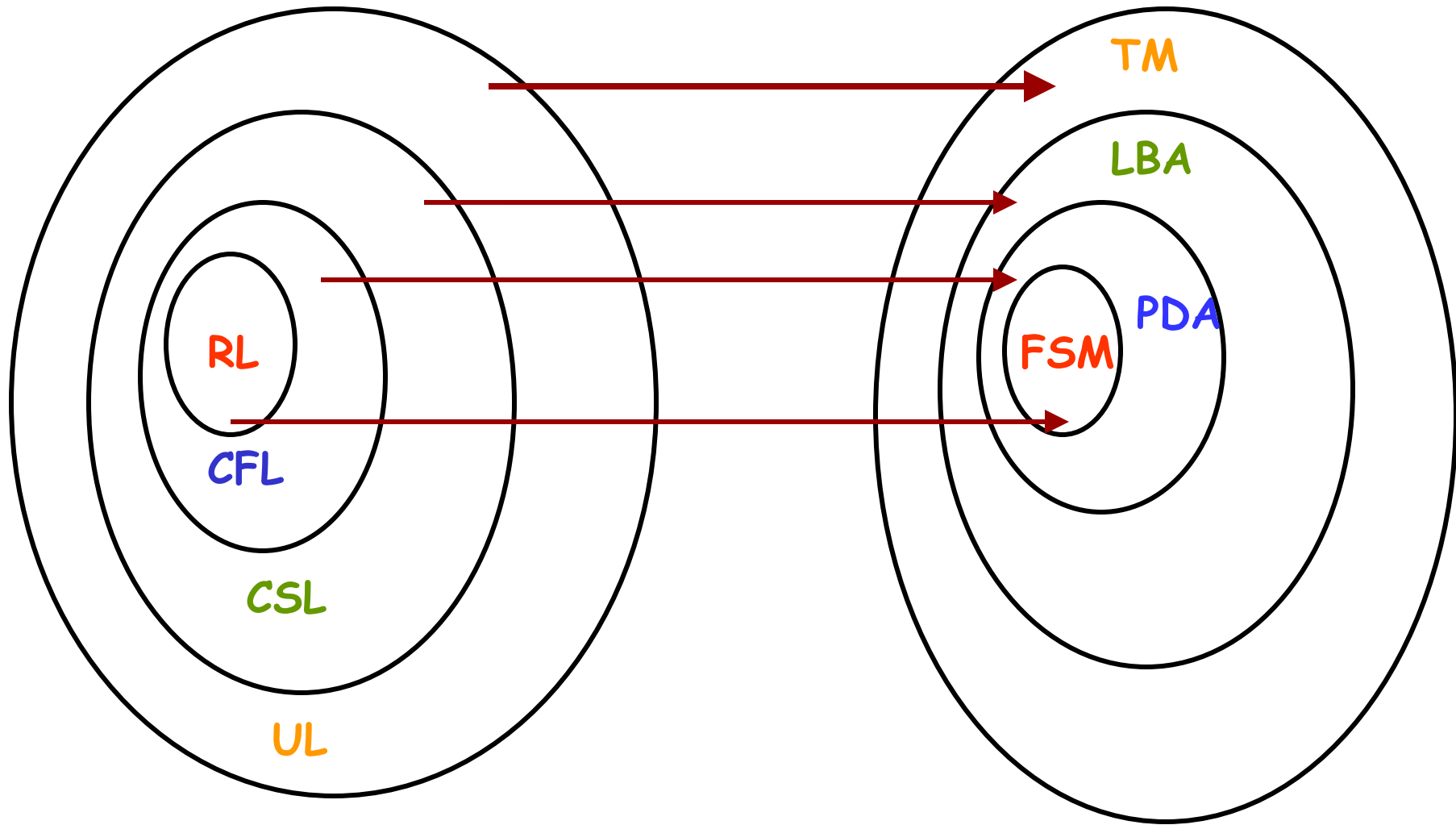
$$\alpha, \beta \in (V_n \cup V_t)^*$$

$$|\alpha| \leq |\beta| ; \quad \alpha \in V_n ; \quad \beta = mN, m \in V_t \text{ \& } N \in V_n$$

Relations



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Sample CFG

1. $E \rightarrow I$ // Expression is an identifier
2. $E \rightarrow E + E$ // Add two expressions
3. $E \rightarrow E * E$ // Multiply two expressions
4. $E \rightarrow (E)$ // Add parenthesis
5. $I \rightarrow L$ // Identifier is a Letter
6. $I \rightarrow ID$ // Identifier + Digit
7. $I \rightarrow IL$ // Identifier + Letter
8. $D \rightarrow 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \mid 3 \mid 4 \mid 5 \mid 6 \mid 7 \mid 8 \mid 9$ // Digits
9. $L \rightarrow a \mid b \mid c \mid \dots A \mid B \mid \dots Z$ // Letters

Regular Expression: (letter)(letter + digit)*

Example CFG for $\{0^k1^k \mid k \geq 0\}$:

$G = (\{S\}, \{0, 1\}, P, S)$ // Remember: $G = (V, T, P, S)$ //

P:

(1) $S \rightarrow 0S1$ or just simply $S \rightarrow 0S1 \mid \epsilon$

(2) $S \rightarrow \epsilon$

- **Example Derivations:**

$S \rightarrow \epsilon$ (2) $\rightarrow \epsilon$ //string1//

$S \rightarrow 0S1$ (1)

$S \rightarrow \epsilon$ (2) $\rightarrow 01$ //string2//

Hence,

$S \rightarrow 0S1$ (1)

$\rightarrow 00S11$ (1)

$\rightarrow 000S111$ (1)

$\rightarrow 000111$ (2)

Example CFG for Language of palindromes

$$\Sigma = \{0,1\}$$

$$S \rightarrow \varepsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow 0$$

$$S \rightarrow 1$$

$$S \rightarrow 0S0$$

$$S \rightarrow 1S1$$

More compactly: $S \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid 0 \mid 1 \mid 0S0 \mid 1S1$

Hence,

$$S \rightarrow 0S0$$

$$\rightarrow 01S10$$

$$\rightarrow 01010$$

Example CFG for Language:

$$L = \{a^m b^n c^{m+n} \mid m, n \geq 0\}$$

Rewrite as $\{a^m b^n c^n c^m \mid m, n \geq 0\}$:

$$S \rightarrow S' \mid a S c$$

$$S' \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid b S' c$$

Hence,

$$S \rightarrow a S c$$

$$\rightarrow aa S' cc$$

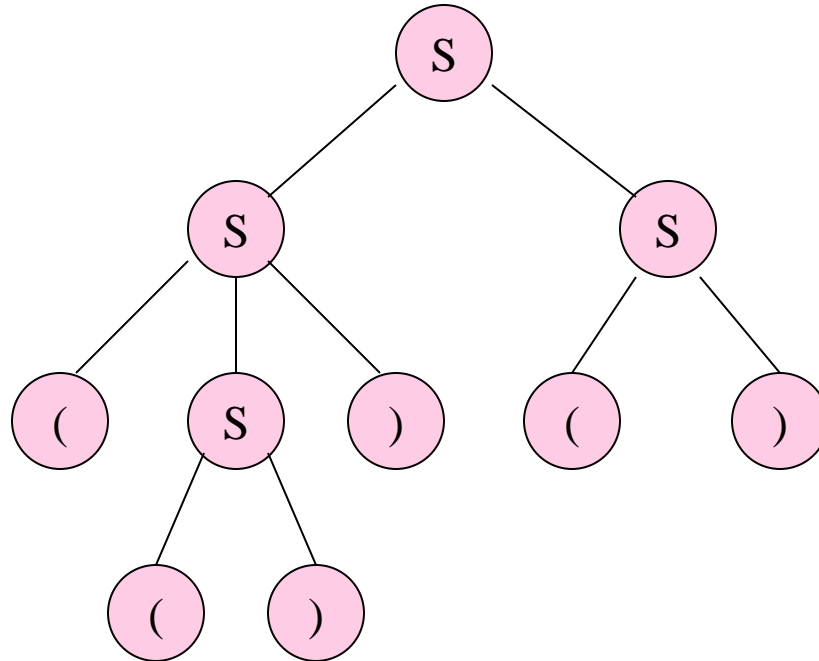
$$\rightarrow aab S' ccc$$

$$\rightarrow aab \varepsilon ccc$$

$$\rightarrow aabccc$$

Example Parse Tree

$S \rightarrow SS \mid (S) \mid ()$



Parse Trees

$S \rightarrow A \mid AB$

$A \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid \mathbf{a} \mid A\mathbf{b} \mid AA$

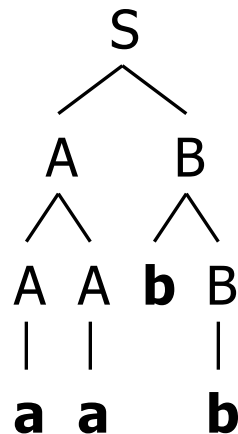
$B \rightarrow \mathbf{b} \mid \mathbf{bc} \mid B\mathbf{c} \mid \mathbf{b}B$

→ Sample derivations:

$S \Rightarrow AB \Rightarrow AAB \Rightarrow \mathbf{a}AB \Rightarrow \mathbf{aa}B \Rightarrow \mathbf{aab}B \Rightarrow \mathbf{aabb}$

$S \Rightarrow AB \Rightarrow AbB \Rightarrow Abb \Rightarrow AAbb \Rightarrow Aabb \Rightarrow \mathbf{aabb}$

- These two derivations use same productions, but in different orders
- This ordering difference is often uninteresting
- *Derivation trees give way to abstract away ordering differences*



- **Example:**

$S \rightarrow AB$

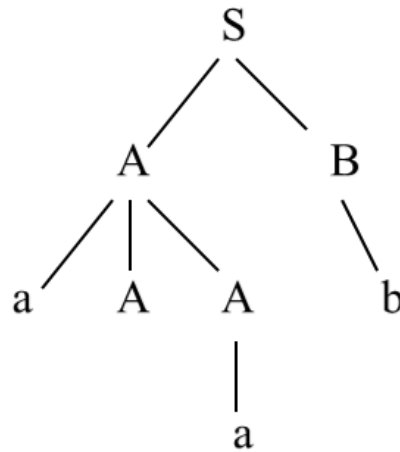
$A \rightarrow aAA$

$A \rightarrow aA$

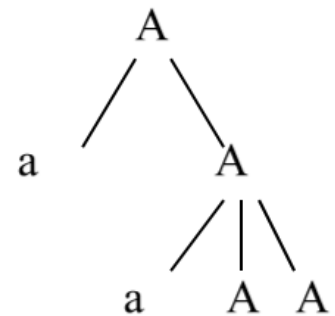
$A \rightarrow a$

$B \rightarrow bB$

$B \rightarrow b$



yield = $aAab$



yield = $aaAA$

Derivation / Parse Tree-

- Root node of a parse tree is the start symbol of the grammar
- Each leaf node of a parse tree represents a terminal symbol
- Each interior node of a parse tree represents a non-terminal symbol
- Parse tree is independent of the order in which the productions are used during derivations
- Concatenating the leaves of a parse tree from the left produces a string of terminals
- This string of terminals is called as **yield of a parse tree**

Derivation Trees

$S \rightarrow A \mid A B$

$A \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid \mathbf{a} \mid A \mathbf{b} \mid A A$

$B \rightarrow \mathbf{b} \mid \mathbf{b c} \mid B \mathbf{c} \mid \mathbf{b} B$

$w = \mathbf{aabb}$

Other derivation
trees for this string?

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Derivation Trees

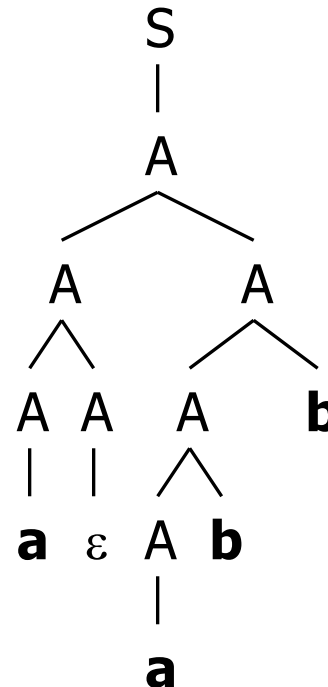
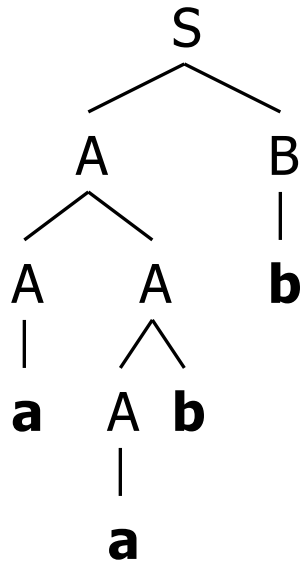
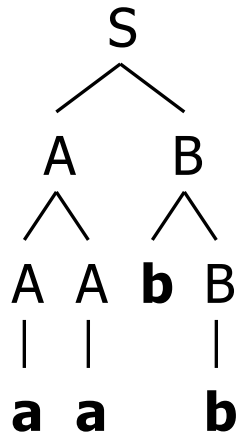
$S \rightarrow A \mid AB$

$A \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid \mathbf{a} \mid A\mathbf{b} \mid AA$

$B \rightarrow \mathbf{b} \mid \mathbf{bc} \mid B\mathbf{c} \mid \mathbf{b}B$

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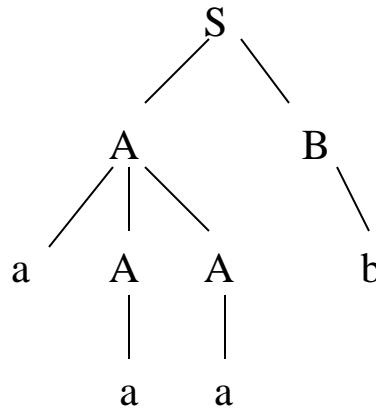
Other derivation trees for this string?



..few more
are also
possible...

- Observation1:** Every derivation should correspond to atleast one derivation tree.

$S \Rightarrow AB$
 $\Rightarrow aAAB$
 $\Rightarrow aaAB$
 $\Rightarrow aaaB$
 $\Rightarrow aaab$



Rules:

$S \rightarrow AB$
 $A \rightarrow aAA$
 $A \rightarrow aA$
 $A \rightarrow a$
 $B \rightarrow bB$
 $B \rightarrow b$

- Observation2:** Every derivation tree may correspond to one or more derivations.

leftmost:

$S \Rightarrow AB$
 $\Rightarrow aAAB$
 $\Rightarrow aaAB$
 $\Rightarrow aaab$

rightmost:

$S \Rightarrow AB$
 $\Rightarrow Ab$
 $\Rightarrow aAAb$
 $\Rightarrow aaAb$
 $\Rightarrow aaab$

mixed:

$S \Rightarrow AB$
 $\Rightarrow Ab$
 $\Rightarrow aAAb$
 $\Rightarrow aaAb$
 $\Rightarrow aaab$

Definition: A derivation is *leftmost* (*rightmost*) if at each step in the derivation a production is applied to the leftmost (rightmost) non-terminal in the sentential form.

- Example:** Consider the string *aaab* and the preceding grammar:

$S \rightarrow AB$

$A \rightarrow aAA$

$A \rightarrow aA$

$A \rightarrow a$

$B \rightarrow bB$

$B \rightarrow b$

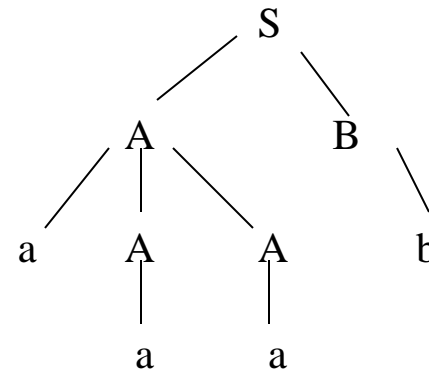
$S \Rightarrow AB$

$\Rightarrow aAAB$

$\Rightarrow aaAB$

$\Rightarrow aaaB$

$\Rightarrow aaab$



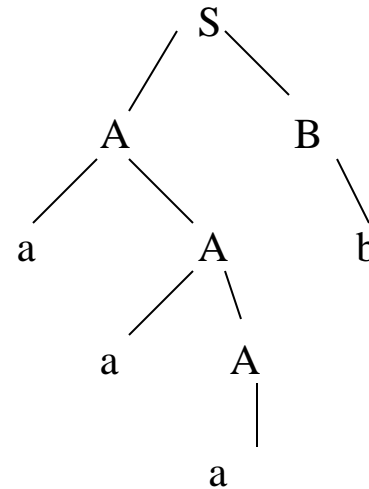
$S \Rightarrow AB$

$\Rightarrow aAB$

$\Rightarrow aaAB$

$\Rightarrow aaaB$

$\Rightarrow aaab$



Note: The string has two left-most derivations, and therefore has two distinct parse trees.

- **Definition:** Let G be a CFG. Then G is said to be ambiguous if there exists an x in $L(G)$ with >1 leftmost derivations or >1 rightmost derivations.

Note:

- Given a CFL, there may be more than one CFG with $L = L(G1) = L(G2)$
However, $G1$ and/or $G2$ may not be ambiguous.
- Some CFLs can have both ambiguous and unambiguous grammars
- Some CFLs, however, can be generated only by an ambiguous grammar
- A CFL that can be generated only by ambiguous grammars is called **inherently ambiguous**

i.e. Let L be a CFL. If every CFG G with

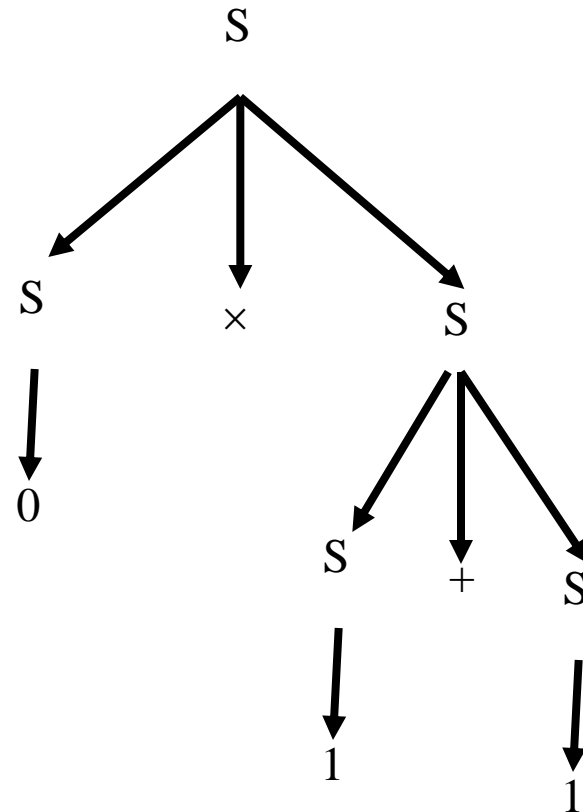
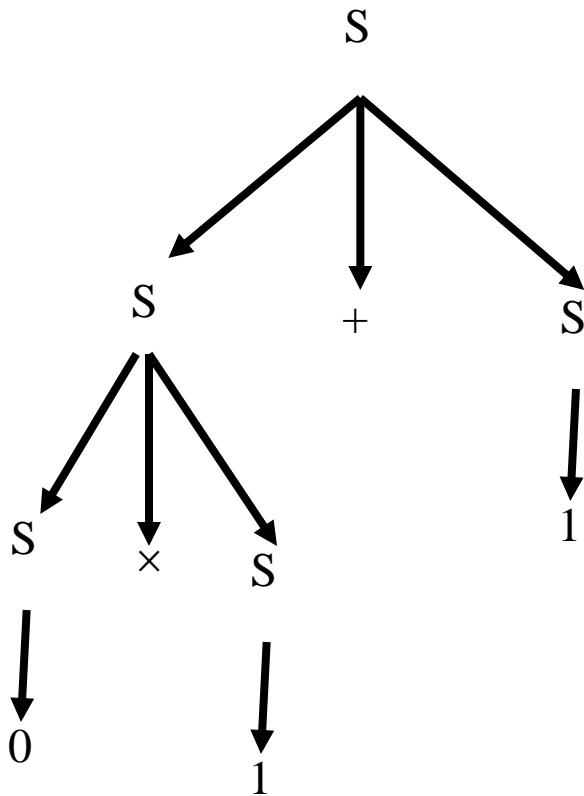
$L = L(G)$ is ambiguous, then L is inherently ambiguous.

Example of inherently ambiguous
Grammar producing:

$$L = \{0^i 1^j 2^k \mid i=j \vee j=k\}$$

Ambiguity and Derivation Trees

$W = 0 \times 1 + 1$



$E \rightarrow I \quad \Sigma = \{0, \dots, 9, +, *, (,)\}$

$E \rightarrow E + E$

$E \rightarrow E * E$

$E \rightarrow (E)$

$I \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid 0 \mid 1 \mid \dots \mid 9$

$E \Rightarrow E * E$

$\Rightarrow I * E$

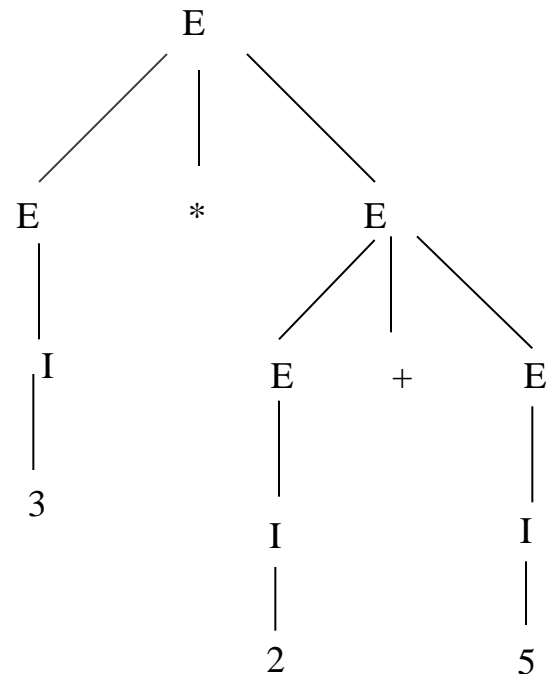
$\Rightarrow 3 * E + E$

$\Rightarrow 3 * I + E$

$\Rightarrow 3 * 2 + E$

$\Rightarrow 3 * 2 + I$

$\Rightarrow 3 * 2 + 5$



Another leftmost derivation

$E \Rightarrow E + E$

$\Rightarrow E * E + E$

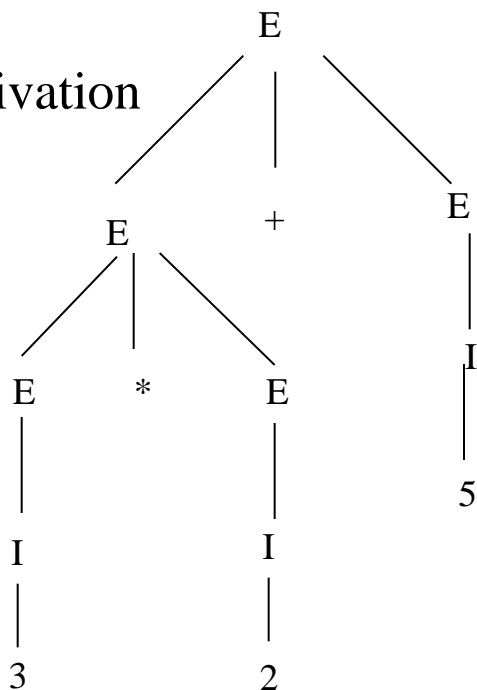
$\Rightarrow I * E + E$

$\Rightarrow 3 * E + E$

$\Rightarrow 3 * I + E$

$\Rightarrow 3 * 2 + I$

$\Rightarrow 3 * 2 + 5$



Linear Grammar

- A **linear grammar** is a CFG that has at most one nonterminal in the right hand side of each of its productions
 - A **linear language** is a language generated by some linear grammar
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- the **left-linear** or left-regular grammars, in which **all nonterminals** in right-hand sides are **at the left ends**
 - the **right-linear** or right-regular grammars, in which **all nonterminals** in right-hand sides are **at the right ends**
 - A Regular Grammar is a grammar that is left-linear or right-linear

Q) If Regular Grammar is ambiguous?

- Regular grammar is either right or left linear (*all terminals grouped to one end*);

whereas **context free grammar** is basically any combination of terminals and non-terminals. ...

- Regular grammars are **non-ambiguous**; **there is only one production rule** for a given non-terminal, whereas there can be more than one in the case of a **context-free grammar**.

Further CFG...

An ambiguous Grammar: Ex2

$S \rightarrow AB \mid CD$

$A \rightarrow 0A1 \mid 01$ // A generates equal 0's and 1's

$B \rightarrow 2B \mid 2$ // B generates any number of 2's

$C \rightarrow 0C \mid 0$ // C generates any number of 0's

$D \rightarrow 1D2 \mid 12$ // D generates equal 1's and 2's

And there are two derivations of every string
with equal numbers of 0's, 1's, and 2's.

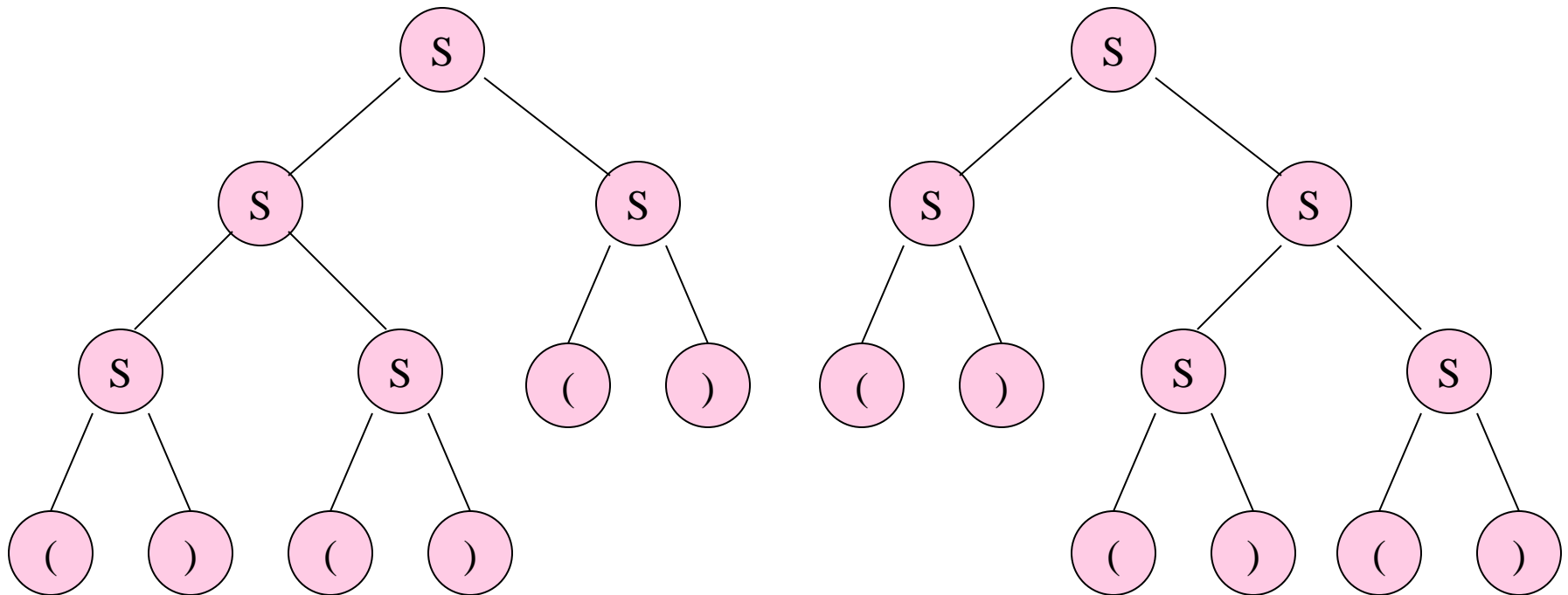
e.g.:

$S \rightarrow AB \rightarrow 01B \rightarrow 012$

$S \rightarrow CD \rightarrow 0D \rightarrow 012$

An ambiguous Grammar: Ex3

$S \rightarrow SS \mid (S) \mid ()$ and $w = ()()()$



An ambiguous Grammar: Ex4

Consider a grammar G is given as follows:

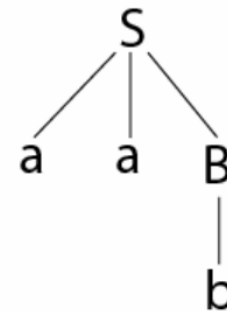
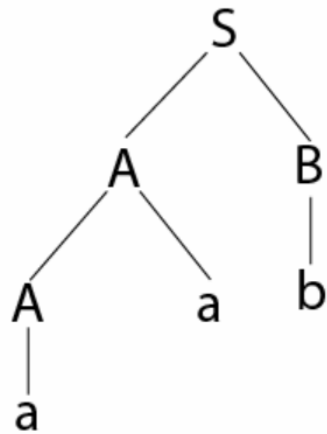
$S \rightarrow AB \mid aaB$

$A \rightarrow a \mid Aa$

$B \rightarrow b$

If G is ambiguous, construct an unambiguous grammar equivalent to G .

Let us derive the string "aab"



→ The given grammar is ambiguous.

Unambiguous grammar will be:

$S \rightarrow AB$

$A \rightarrow Aa \mid a$

$B \rightarrow b$

Consider the grammar with production;
with terminals $\{c, l, x, v, i\}$
 $c = 100, l = 50, x = 10, v = 5, i = 1$

-Draw a parse tree for 47: "xlvii".

$$S \rightarrow xTU \mid lX \mid X$$

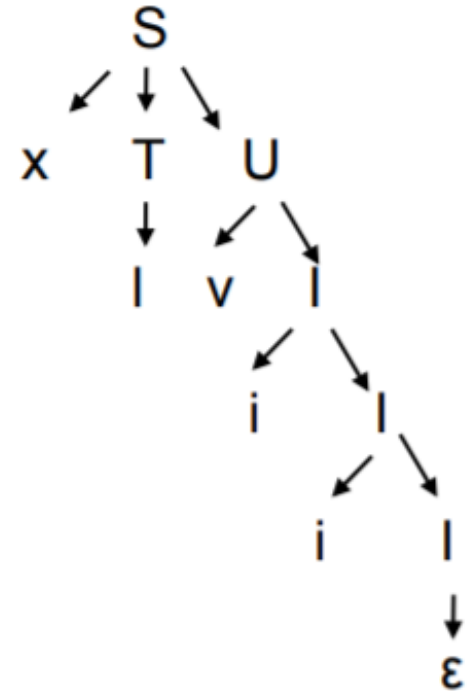
$$T \rightarrow c \mid l$$

$$X \rightarrow xX \mid U$$

$$U \rightarrow iY \mid vI \mid I$$

$$Y \rightarrow x \mid v$$

$$I \rightarrow iI \mid \epsilon$$



Is this grammar ambiguous? **NO**

$$L2 = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1\}$$

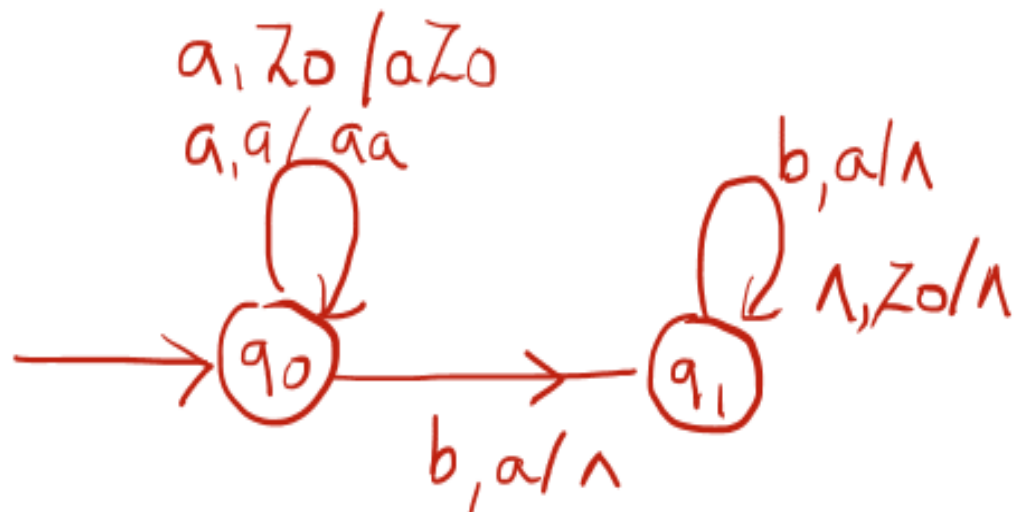
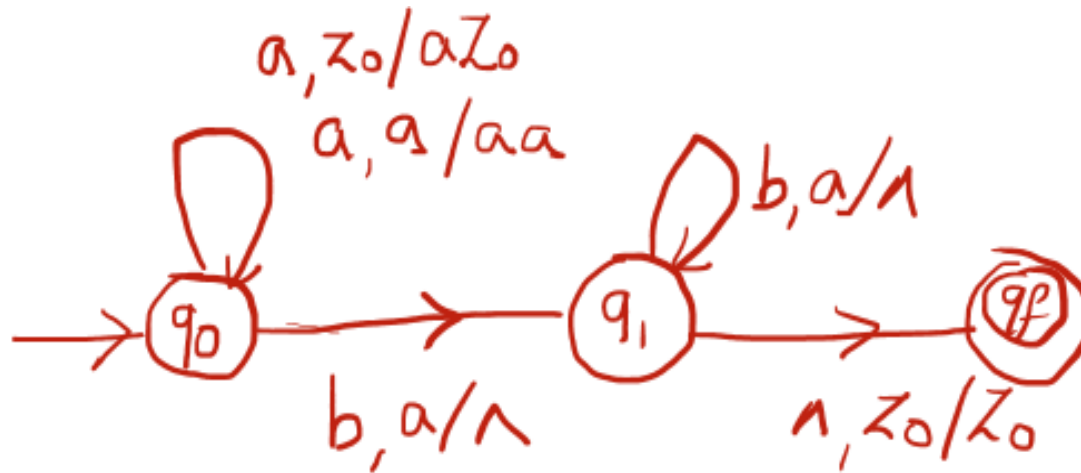
$$L3 = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$

Note: $G(L2)$ and $G(L3)$ are Linear

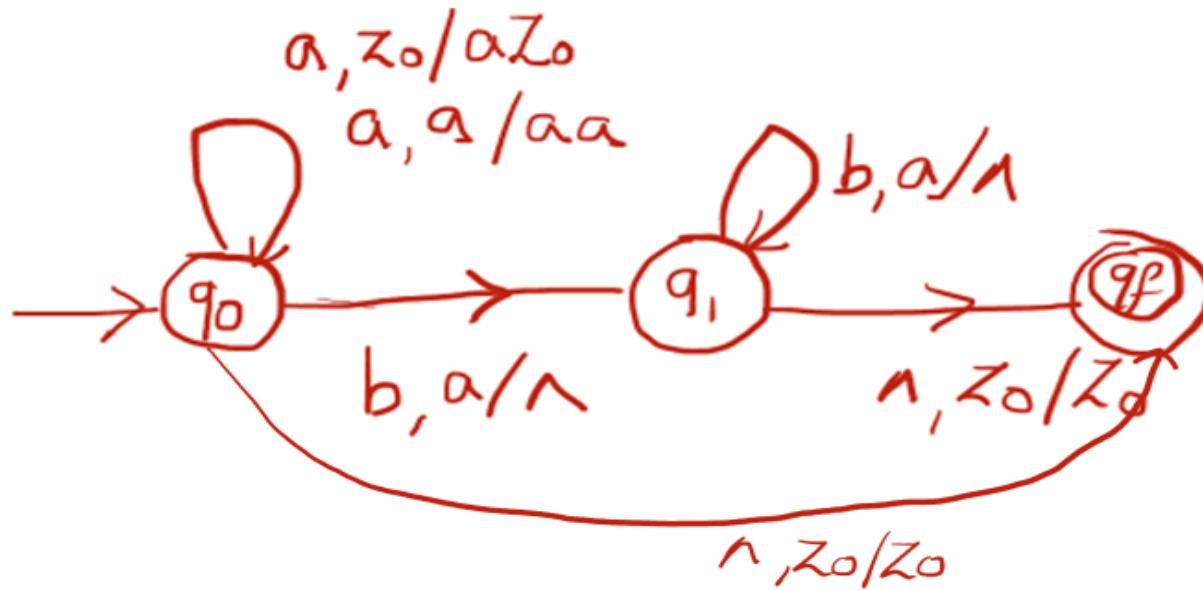
$$G(L2) \equiv S \rightarrow aSb \mid ab$$

$$G(L3) \equiv S \rightarrow aSb \mid \wedge$$

$$L2 = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1\}$$



$$L3 = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$



Applications of CFG for:-

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

Thank You!!