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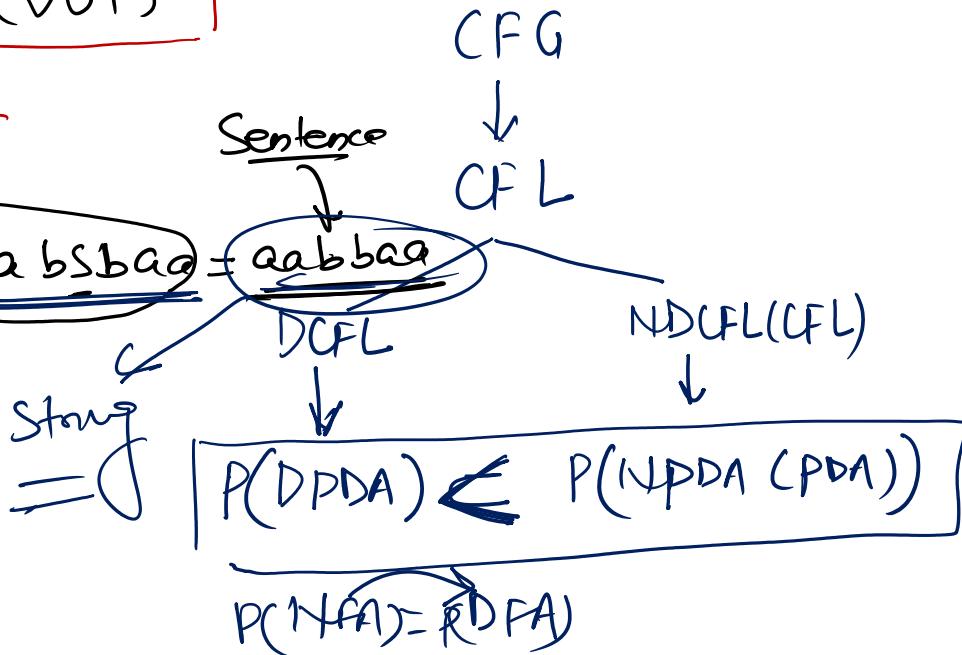
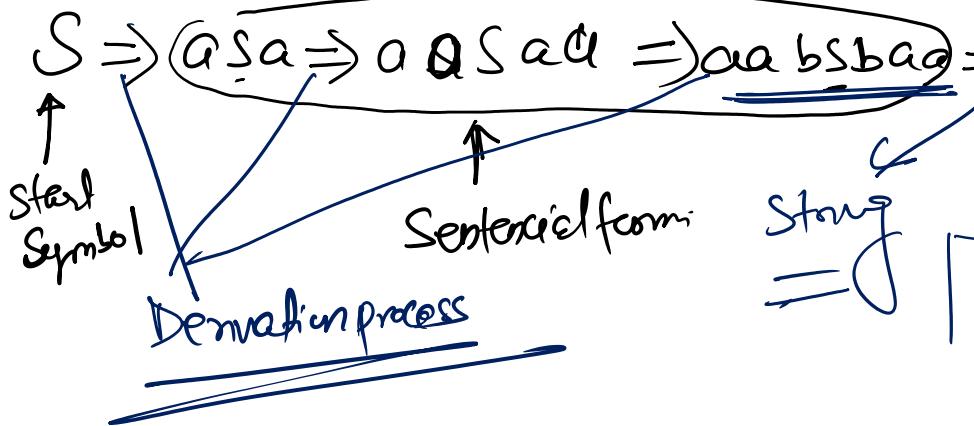
Context Free Grammar (CFG) :-

$A \rightarrow \alpha$, where $A \in V$, $\alpha \in (V \cup T)^*$

$V \rightarrow (V \cup T)^*$

Ex:-

$G: S \rightarrow aSa | bSb | \epsilon$



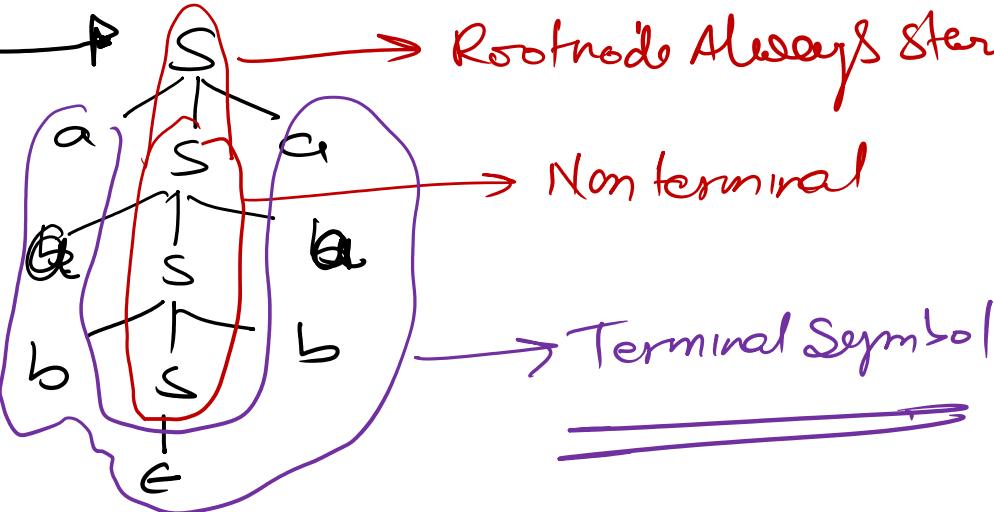
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Derivation Tree or Parse Tree :- Graphical Representation of Derivation Process

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$$S \rightarrow aSc | bSb | \epsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow a \underline{S} a \Rightarrow a \underline{a} S \underline{a} a \Rightarrow a a \underline{b} \underline{S} b a a \Rightarrow a a \underline{b} \epsilon b a a \Rightarrow a a b b a a$$

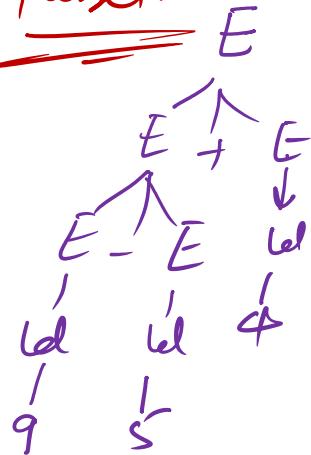


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$$E \rightarrow E+E \mid E-E \mid id$$

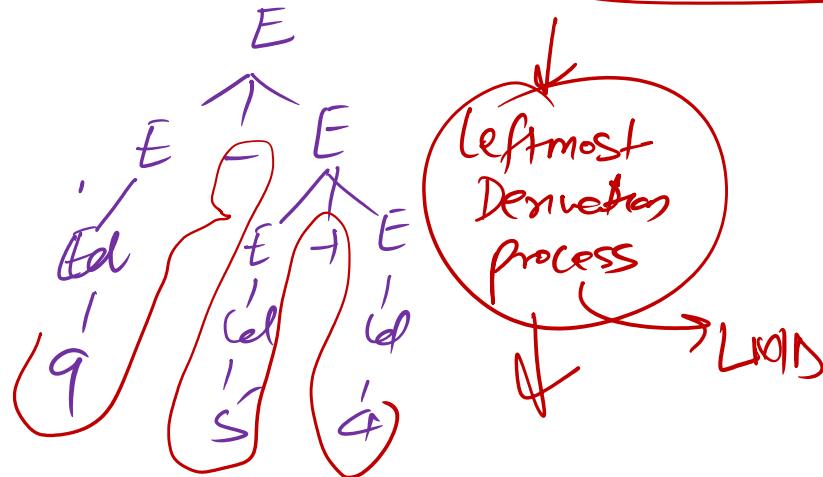
Parse Tree



$$\underline{\underline{w = 9-5+4}}$$

Derivation Process

or

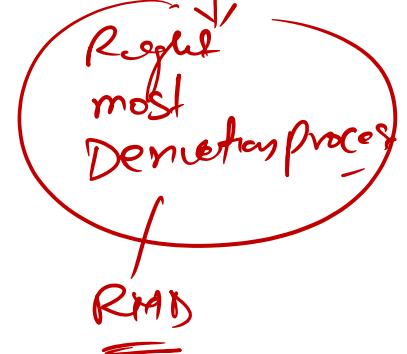


leftmost
Derivation
process

$$\underline{\underline{9-5+4}}$$

=

$$\underline{\underline{9-5+4}}$$



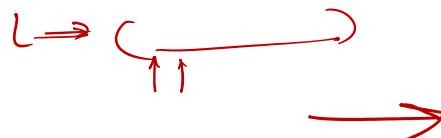
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Derivation process :



There are two types of derivation process,

1. Left most derivation (LMD) ✓
2. Right most derivation (RMD) ✓



Left most derivation (LMD):

A derivation $S \xrightarrow{*} w$ is called a leftmost derivation if we apply a production only to the leftmost variable at every step.



Right most derivation (RMD):

A derivation $S \xrightarrow{*} w$ is called a rightmost derivation if we apply a production to the right most variable at every step.



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Example: Consider a grammar G for the language, $L = \{a^{2n}b^m, m, n \geq 0\}$



$G: S \rightarrow AB, A \rightarrow aaA \mid \epsilon, B \rightarrow bB \mid \epsilon$, find the LMD and RMD for string $w = aab$

LMD' aab

$$S \Rightarrow \overline{AB}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{aaA}B$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{aa}B$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\overline{aab}}$$

aab



RMD aab

$$S \Rightarrow \overline{AB}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{A} \underline{B}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{A} \underline{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{aa} \underline{AL}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{aa} \underline{b}$$

LMD

RMD

$$B \rightarrow bB$$

$$B \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow aaA$$

$$A \rightarrow \epsilon$$

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Example: $G: S \rightarrow S+S \mid S*S \mid (a) b \mid c$, find the LMD and RMD for string w = a + b * c



$$\begin{aligned}
 w &= \underline{a+b*c} \\
 \text{LHS: } & S \Rightarrow S+S \xrightarrow{\quad} \\
 \Rightarrow & \Rightarrow a+S \quad \Rightarrow S \xrightarrow{\quad} S+S \\
 & \Rightarrow a+S*S \quad \left| \begin{array}{c} S \\ a \\ S \\ + \\ S \\ * \\ S \\ | \\ c \end{array} \right. \quad \left| \begin{array}{c} S \\ S \\ + \\ S \\ * \\ S \\ | \\ c \end{array} \right. \\
 & \Rightarrow a+b*S \\
 & \Rightarrow \underline{a+b*c}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 w &= c+b*c \\
 S &\Rightarrow S*S \xrightarrow{\quad} \\
 \Rightarrow & \Rightarrow S \xrightarrow{\quad} S*S \\
 & \Rightarrow S+S \xrightarrow{\quad} S*S \\
 & \Rightarrow S+S * c \\
 & \Rightarrow \underline{S+S * c} \\
 & \Rightarrow S+S * c \\
 & \Rightarrow \underline{a+b*c}
 \end{aligned}$$

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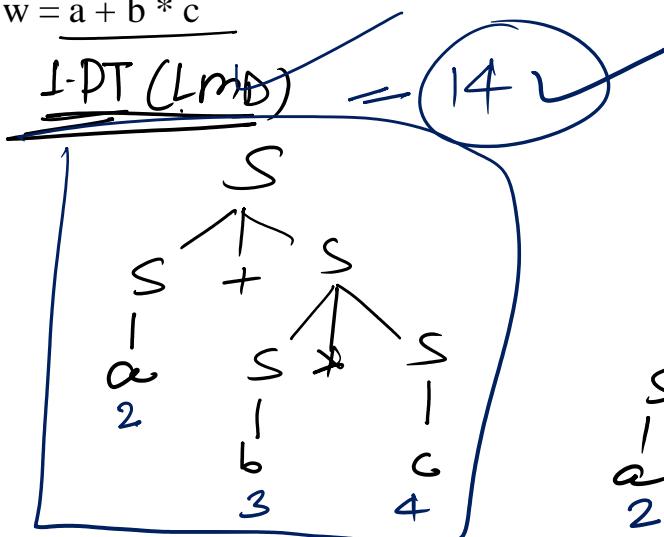


Ambiguous Grammar

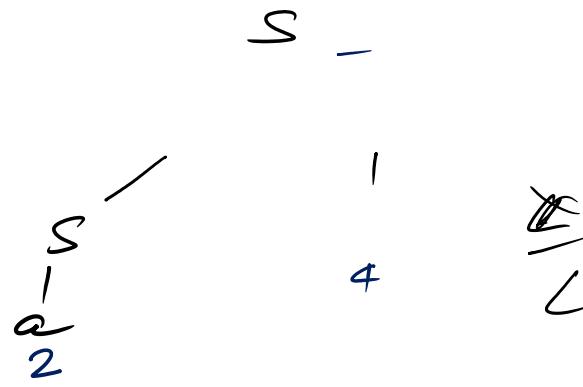
A grammar G , is ambiguous grammar if $\exists w \in L(G)$, such that w has > 1 Parse tree either using 2 LMD or 2 RMD i.e., a grammar G is ambiguous if there is more than one Parse Tree or LMD / RMD for a string $w \in L(G)$.

Example: $G: S \rightarrow S+S \mid S^*S \mid a \mid b \mid c$, Grammar G is ambiguous because there exist two different LMD for a string

$$w = a + b * c$$



2 PT (LMD)



Ch/Amb

~~$w \in L(G)$~~

$w \geq 1$ PT ✓
or
1DT ✓
or
EST ✓
or
LMD ✓
or
RMD ✓

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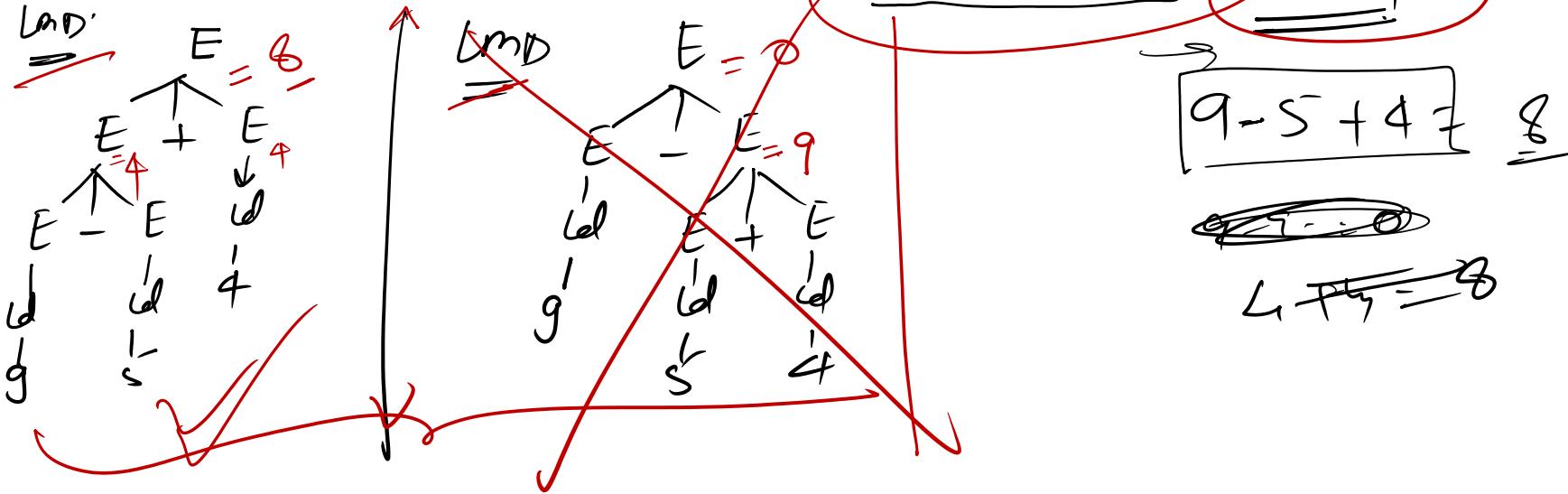
NOTE:

1- A grammar G is unambiguous if there exist exactly one parse tree or LMD / RMD for all the string, $w \in L(G)$

2- If a grammar G is ambiguous, it doesn't mean language (L) is ambiguous.

Example: State whether given grammar is ambiguous or not. $G: E \rightarrow E+E \mid E-E \mid id$

$$\Rightarrow 9-5+4$$



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$$L = \{a^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$

$G_1 : S \rightarrow aS/a/\epsilon \rightarrow$ Ambiguous

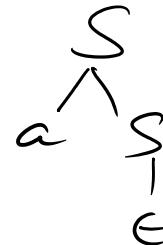
$G_2 : S \rightarrow aS/S/a/\epsilon \rightarrow$ Ambiguous

$G_3 : S \rightarrow Sa/a/\epsilon \rightarrow$ Ambiguous

$G_4 : S \rightarrow aS/\epsilon \rightarrow$ OnAmbiguous

$G_n.$

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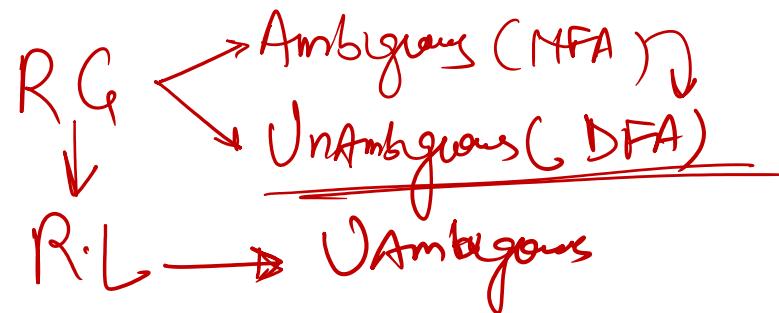
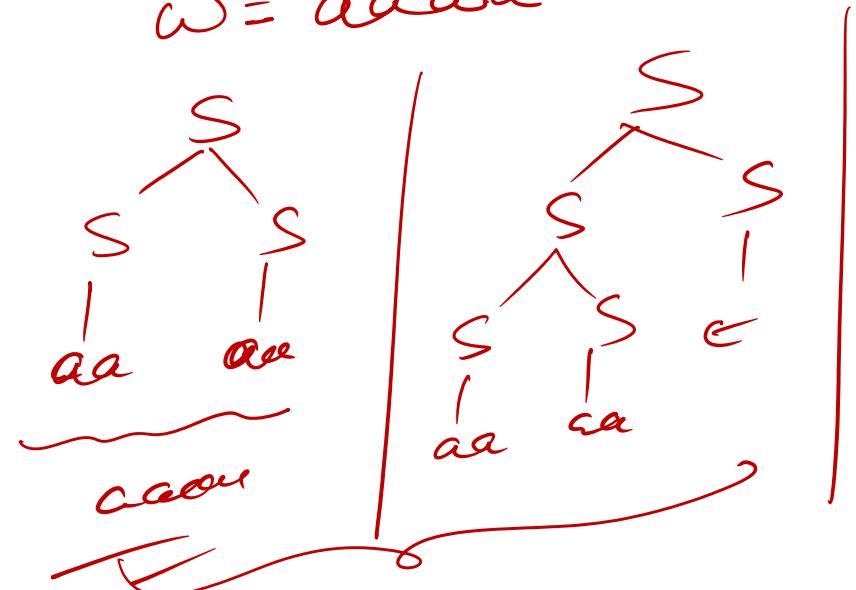
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$S \rightarrow aa/bb/ss/e$ Ambiguous Grammar

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$\omega = aaaa$



DCFL \rightarrow Always Unambiguous

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NOTE:

- Regular Grammar:
 - Ambiguous (NFA) ✓
 - Unambiguous (DFA) ✓
- Regular language is always unambiguous.
- DCFL is always unambiguous language
- Ambiguity starts from CFL



$$G \rightarrow L(G) = \{ \omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4, \dots \}$$

Annotations below the set:
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↓PT ↓PT ↓PT ↓P

$\exists \omega \in L(G)$

~~$G > \text{PT}$~~

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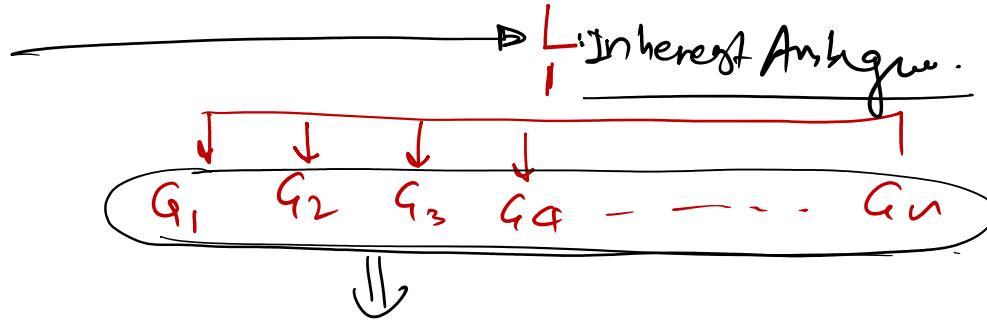
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Inherent ambiguous language:

↓
language

$G \rightarrow$ Ambiguous
InAmbiguous

$L \rightarrow$ Inherent Ambiguous
UnAmbiguous



Ambiguous

$L \rightarrow$ UnAmbiguous

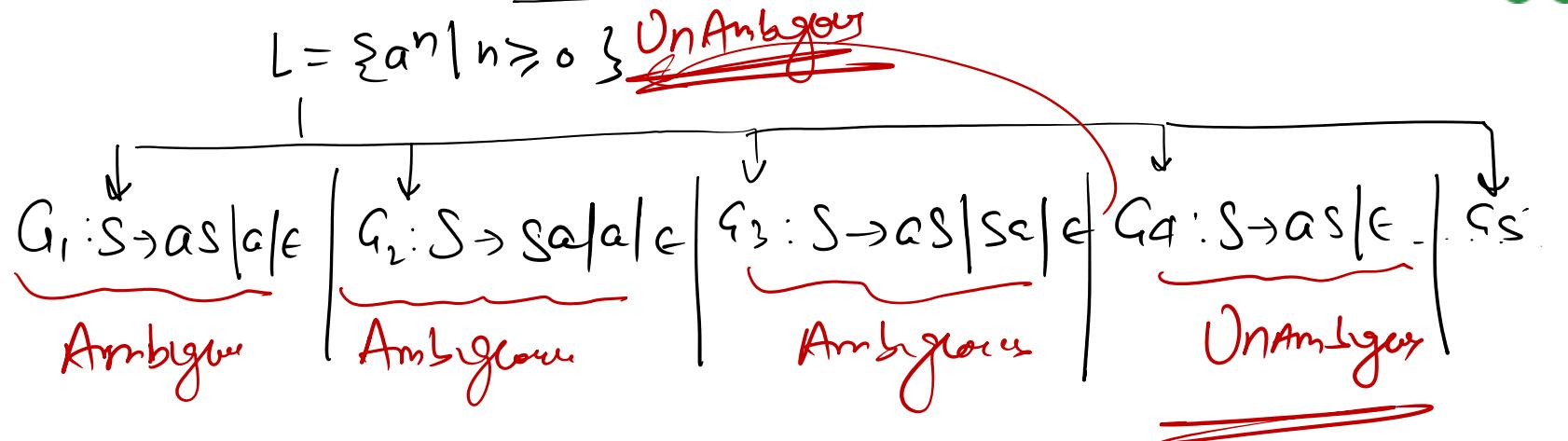
$G_1 \quad G_2 \quad G_3 \quad G_4 \quad \dots \quad G_n$

A diagram showing a large oval containing several smaller ovals labeled $G_1, G_2, G_3, G_4, \dots, G_n$. Three red arrows point from the top of the oval to G_1, G_2 , and one red arrow points from the bottom of the oval to G_4 . A red bracket below the oval has a red arrow pointing to the word "Ambiguous". A red circle surrounds G_4 , and a red bracket to its right has a red arrow pointing to the word "Ambig". A red oval at the bottom right contains the word "UnAmbiguous".

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Example: Check whether the given language $L = \{a^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ is an inherently ambiguous or not



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Example: Given language $L = \{a^m b^n c^k \mid m, n, k \geq 1, \text{ either } m = n \text{ or } n = k\}$ is Inherent Ambiguous?



$$L = \{a^m b^n c^k \mid m=n \text{ or } n=k, m, n, k \geq 1\}$$

$$L = \{a^n b^n c^k \mid \text{or } \begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix}\}$$

$$L_2 = \{a^m b^k c^k \mid m, n, k \geq 1\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_1 &= \{a^n b^n c^k \mid n, k \geq 1\} \\ \text{AND} \quad L_2 &= \{a^m b^k c^k \mid m, k \geq 1\} \end{aligned}$$

$$L_1 \cap L_2 = \{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 1\}$$

$$G: \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow AB/CD \\ A \rightarrow aAb/aB \\ B \rightarrow cB/c \\ C \rightarrow aC/a \\ D \rightarrow bDc/bC \end{array} \right\}$$

$$L = \{a^m b^n c^n d^m \cup a^n b^n c^m d^m \mid m, n \geq 1\}$$

Inherent Ambiguous

$$L_3 \cap L_4 = \{a^n b^n c^n d^n \mid n \geq 1\}$$

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Remove Ambiguity: →

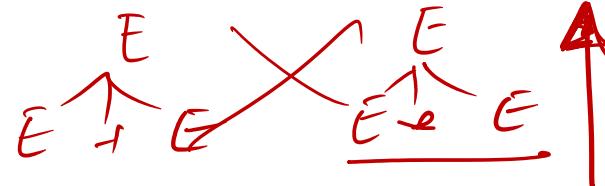
It is not always possible to convert an ambiguous grammar into an unambiguous grammar because
ambiguity finding & removal both are undecidable

$$\boxed{E \rightarrow E+E \mid E * E \mid id}$$

↑ ↑

$$E \rightarrow E+E$$

$$E \rightarrow E+E \mid E * E \mid id.$$



$$E \rightarrow E + T \quad \checkmark$$

$$E \rightarrow T * E \quad \checkmark$$

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Remove Ambiguity by precedence & associativity rules:

An ambiguous grammar may be converted into an unambiguous grammar by implementing:

- Precedence Constraints ✓
- Associativity Constraints ✓

These constraints are implemented using the following rules:

Rule 1: The precedence constraint is implemented using the following rules:

- The level at which the production is present defines the priority of the operator contained in it.
- The top level of the production, the lower the priority of the operator.
- The bottom level of production, the higher the priority of the operator.

Rule 2: The associativity constraint is implemented using the following rule:

- If the operator is left associative, induce left recursion in its production.

If the operator is right associative, induce right recursion in its production

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Example: $G: E \rightarrow E+E \mid E^*E \mid id$. Ambiguous grammar converts into unambiguous grammar

$$E \rightarrow E+E \mid E^*E \mid id$$

Remove Ambiguity

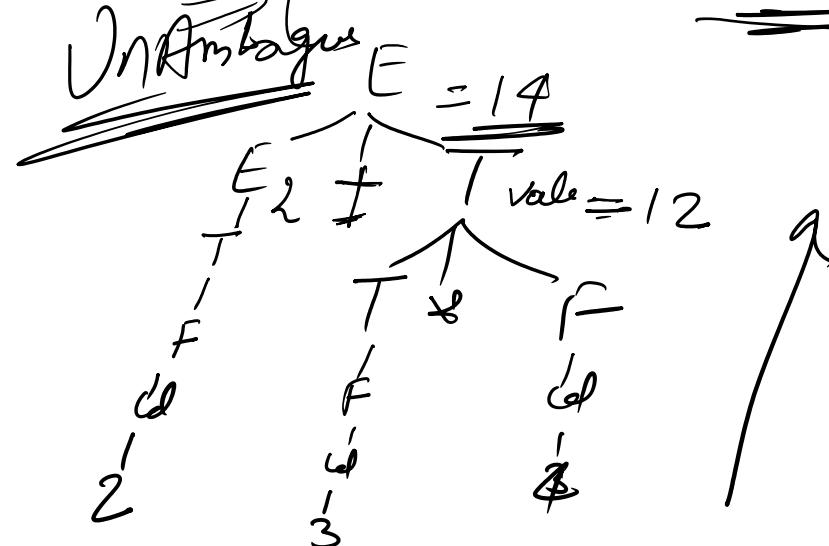
$$\boxed{E \rightarrow E+T \mid T \\ T \rightarrow T * F \mid F \\ F \rightarrow id}$$

$+ < *$
 $+ > *$
 $* > *$

$G:$

$$\begin{cases} E \rightarrow E+T \mid T \\ T \rightarrow T * F \mid F \\ F \rightarrow id \end{cases}$$

~~$2 + 3 * 4$~~



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Example: Convert the following ambiguous grammar into unambiguous grammar.

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$$G: E \rightarrow E+E | E^*E | E^{\wedge}E | id$$

$\wedge > * > +$

$$E \rightarrow E+E$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 < \wedge \\ \wedge > * \\ * > + \end{array}$$

$$E \rightarrow E^*E$$

$$E \rightarrow E^{\wedge}E$$

$$E \rightarrow id$$

Unambiguous Grammar

Apply Rule 1 & 2

The priority order: $id > ^{\wedge} > ^* > +$

$$E \rightarrow E + T | T$$

(+) left associative

$$T \rightarrow T * F | F$$

(*) left associative

$$F \rightarrow G^{\wedge} F | G$$

(^) Right associative

$$G \rightarrow id$$

$id > \wedge > * > +$

Associativity: + and * are left associative and $^{\wedge}$ operator is right associative

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Example: Find the precedence and associativity

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{i) } G1: A \rightarrow A \$ B \mid B \\ \quad B \rightarrow B \# C \mid C \\ \quad C \rightarrow D @ C \mid D \\ \quad D \rightarrow d \end{array}$$

$\$, \#, @$

$@ > \# > \$$

$@ < @$

$\# > \# \quad \$ > \$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{ii) } G2: E \rightarrow E * F \mid F + E \mid F \\ \quad F \rightarrow F - F \mid \text{id} \end{array}$$

$\rightarrow [* = +]$

$* > *$

$+ < +$

$- -$

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Simplification of CFG :

In CFG, it may happen that all the production rules and symbols are not needed for the derivation of strings. Elimination of these productions and symbols is called simplification of CFG.

It consists of three steps:

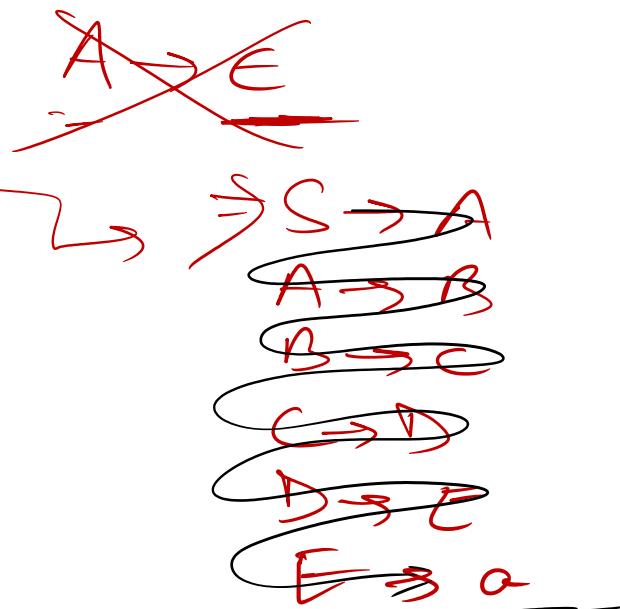
1. Removal of Null Production
2. Removal of Unit Production
3. Removal of Useless Production

$$\Rightarrow S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow aAb \mid s$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

$\rightarrow -$



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Removal of Null Production

Any production of the form $X \rightarrow \epsilon$ should be removed

Removal Procedure

1. Find all variables which derive ϵ . E.g., $\underline{X \rightarrow \epsilon}$
2. If variable X is present in any production, then remove X from the production.
3. Combine original production with above step & remove ϵ - productions.

~~\rightarrow~~ $A \rightarrow \epsilon$

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Example: Remove Null Production from G: $\{S \rightarrow aA \mid bBA \mid AB; A \rightarrow aA \mid \epsilon; B \rightarrow b\}$

~~Q1^n~~

$$A \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c} S \rightarrow aA & S \rightarrow bBA & S \rightarrow AB & A \rightarrow aA & \\ \hline S \Rightarrow \epsilon & & & & \\ \boxed{S \rightarrow a} & S \rightarrow \epsilon B & S \rightarrow B & \boxed{A \rightarrow a} & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{\begin{array}{c} S \rightarrow aA \mid bBA \mid AB \mid bB \mid B \mid a \\ A \rightarrow aA \mid a \\ B \rightarrow \epsilon \end{array}} \rightarrow \epsilon \text{ free} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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Example: Remove Null Production from G: $\{S \rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid b; A \rightarrow B \mid \epsilon; B \rightarrow b \mid \epsilon\}$

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

$$S \rightarrow \underline{ASA} \mid S \rightarrow \underline{aB} \mid$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow SA \\ S &\rightarrow AS \\ S &\rightarrow S \end{aligned}$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$



$$S \rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid b \mid SA \mid AS \mid \epsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow B$$

$$B \rightarrow S$$

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$



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$$G: S \rightarrow aS/bA/\epsilon, A \rightarrow \underline{aAb}/\epsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon \quad A \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$\epsilon \in L(G)$

$\overline{\times}$

| | |
|---|--|
| $S \rightarrow aS/bA/\epsilon$ $S \rightarrow \cancel{ab} b$ | $A \rightarrow aAb$ $\cancel{A \rightarrow ab}$ |
|---|--|

$S \rightarrow aS/bA/b/\epsilon, A \rightarrow aAb/ab$

Ans

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Removal of Unit Production

- Any rule in the form $\langle \text{variable} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{variable} \rangle$ is called unit production ($X \rightarrow Y$)
- Substitute all Y products if Y is generating any terminal symbol.

Example: $\{S \rightarrow A; A \rightarrow a \mid b\}$

Solution:

Substitute variable A in the production $S \rightarrow A$ with the terminal 'a' and 'b' because $A \rightarrow a; A \rightarrow b$

After removing unit production, we have: $\{S \rightarrow a \mid b, A \rightarrow a \mid b\}$ Ans

$$S \rightarrow A \checkmark$$
$$A \rightarrow a \checkmark$$

$$\begin{cases} S \rightarrow ab \\ A \rightarrow ab \end{cases}$$

✓ $V \rightarrow V$
 $X \rightarrow Y, X, Y \in V$

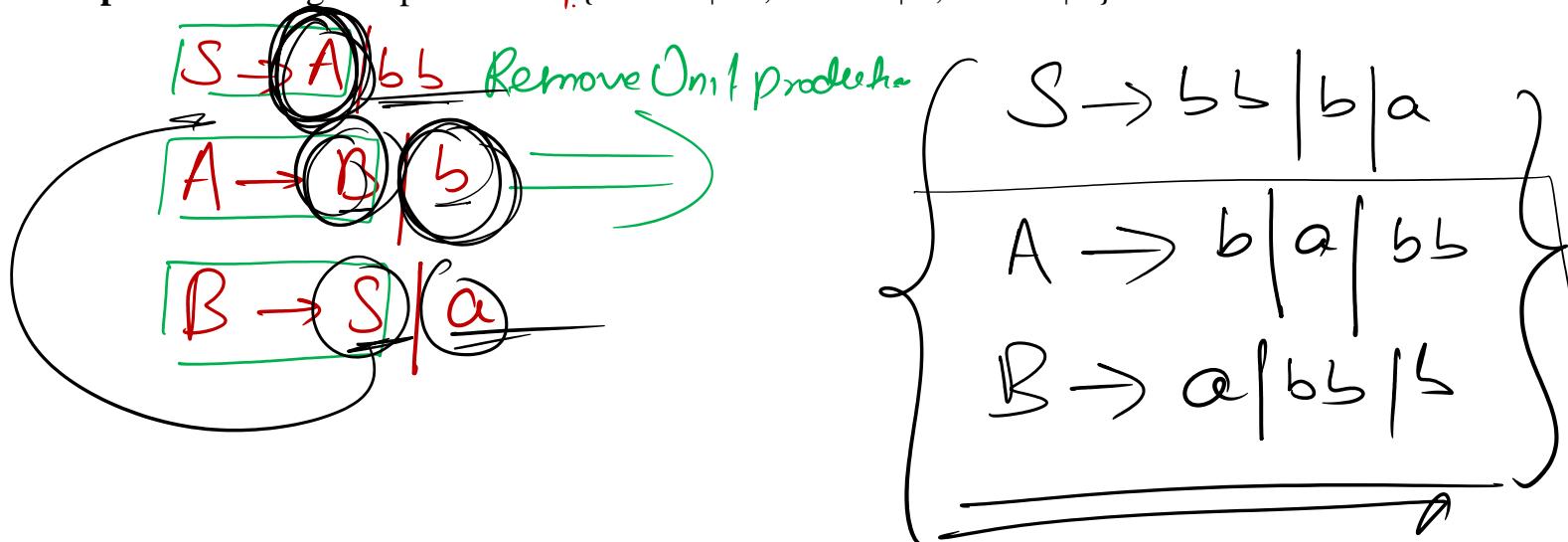
~~$S \rightarrow A$~~
 ~~$A \rightarrow a$~~
 ~~$B \rightarrow a$~~
 ~~$C \rightarrow a$~~
 ~~$D \rightarrow a$~~
 $E \rightarrow a$

~~unit production~~

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Example: Removing unit production
 ~~$S \rightarrow A \mid bb$~~ ; $\{S \rightarrow A \mid bb; A \rightarrow B \mid b; B \rightarrow S \mid a\}$



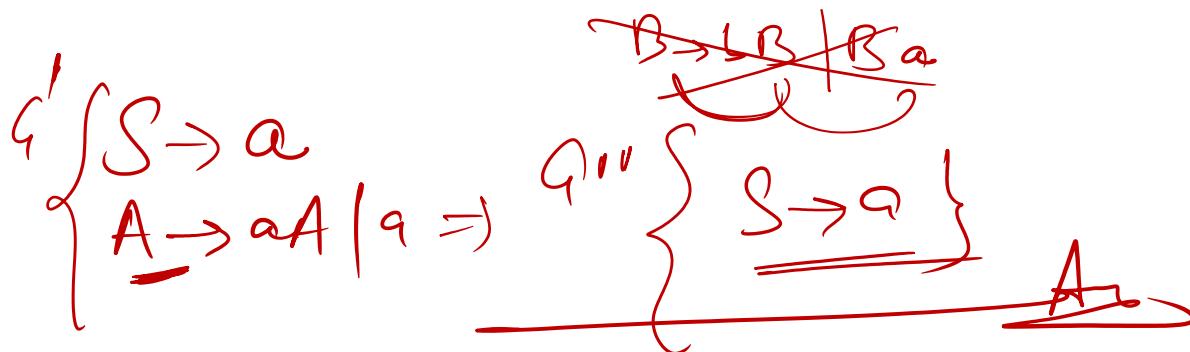
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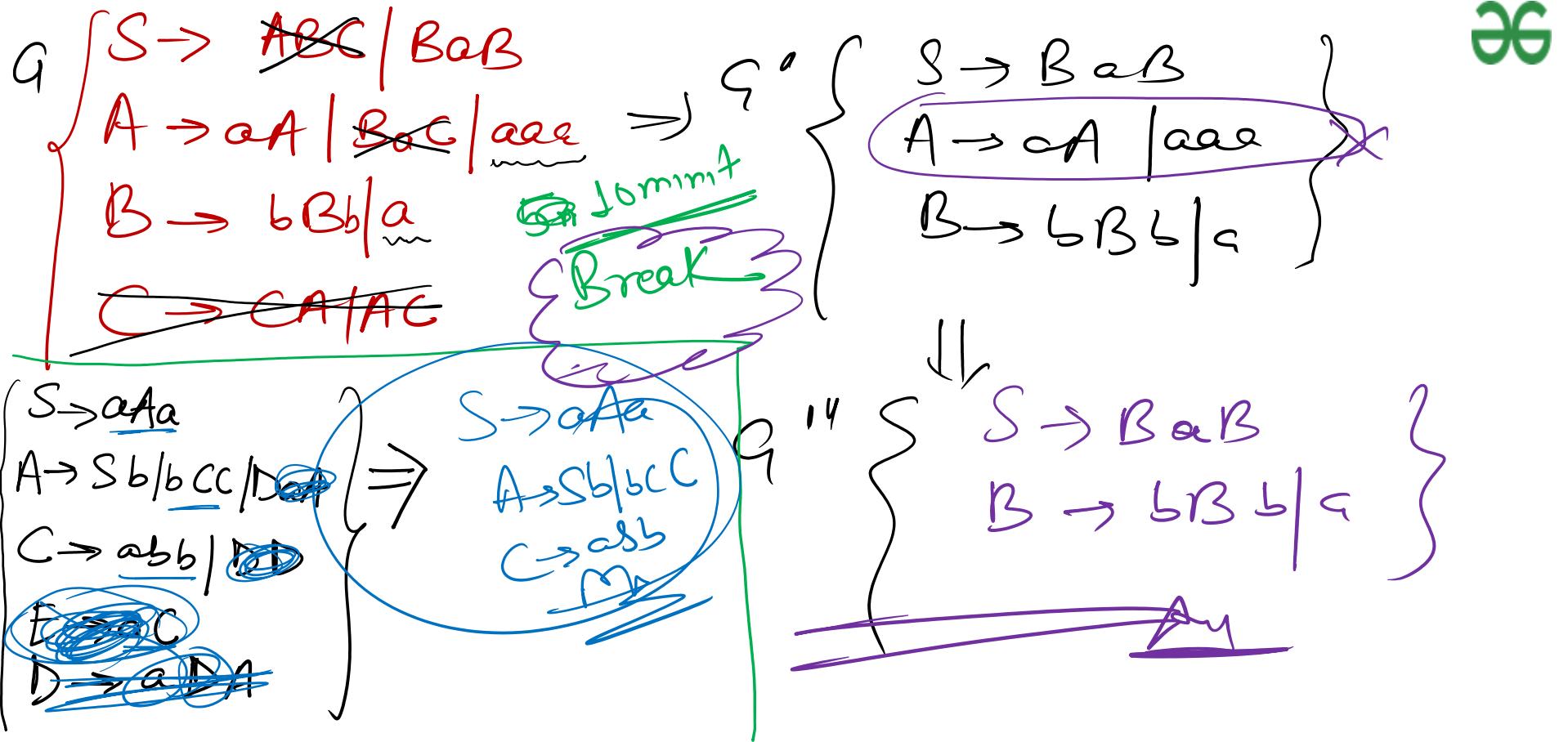
Removal of Useless Symbol and Production

- Variables / Non Terminals, which don't derive any string are called as useless symbols.
- The production rule generating useless symbol becomes useless production.

Example: { $S \rightarrow AB \mid a; A \rightarrow aA \mid a; B \rightarrow bB \mid BS$ }



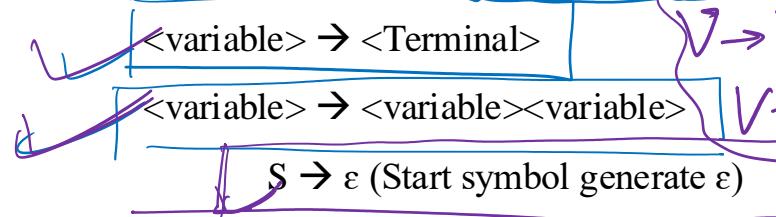
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Chomsky Normal Form (CNF)

- A CFG is in CNF if the productions are in following forms



Normal form

\downarrow

CNF

$$V \rightarrow VV | T$$

$$V \rightarrow TV^* | T$$

CNF

Example 1: $A \rightarrow a$; $A \rightarrow AB$

Example 2: $S \rightarrow AB | \epsilon$; $A \rightarrow a$; $B \rightarrow b$

Example 3: $A \rightarrow BC | a$; $B \rightarrow CD | b$; $C \rightarrow e$; $D \rightarrow d$

Example 4: $S \rightarrow BA | a$; $B \rightarrow a$; $A \rightarrow b$

Example 5: $S \rightarrow AB | BD$; $A \rightarrow CD | a | AC$; $C \rightarrow DE | e$; $B \rightarrow b$; $D \rightarrow d$; $E \rightarrow f$

$$A \rightarrow AB | a$$

where A, B, C, D, E
act

$$A \rightarrow aABCD | b$$

where
 $A, B, C, D \in N$
 $b \in T$

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$G: \{ S \rightarrow \underline{\underline{aSbA}} | abA, A \rightarrow \underline{\underline{BaAb}} | a, B \rightarrow \underline{\underline{Ra}} | ab \}$

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Step1: Remove Null & Unit Production

$V \rightarrow VV | a$

Step2:

CNF

$S \rightarrow \underline{\underline{CD}} | \underline{\underline{CaD}}$

$C \rightarrow \underline{\underline{CaS}}, \underline{\underline{Ca}} \rightarrow \underline{\underline{a}}$

$D \rightarrow \underline{\underline{CbA}}, \underline{\underline{Cb}} \rightarrow \underline{\underline{b}}$

$A \rightarrow \underline{\underline{EF}} | \underline{\underline{a}}$

$E \rightarrow \underline{\underline{BCa}}$

$F \rightarrow \underline{\underline{AG_b}}$

$B \rightarrow \underline{\underline{BCa}} | \underline{\underline{CaCb}}$

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$G \{ S \rightarrow aS | \epsilon \}$

→ Remove ϵ & Unit 

$S' \rightarrow S, S \rightarrow aS | \epsilon$

$S \rightarrow \epsilon$

$S' \rightarrow aS | \epsilon, S \rightarrow aS | \epsilon$

$S \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$ 

$S' \rightarrow aS | a | \epsilon, S \rightarrow aS | a$

$S' \rightarrow AS | a | \epsilon, S \rightarrow AS | a, A \rightarrow a$

CNF

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Properties of CNF:

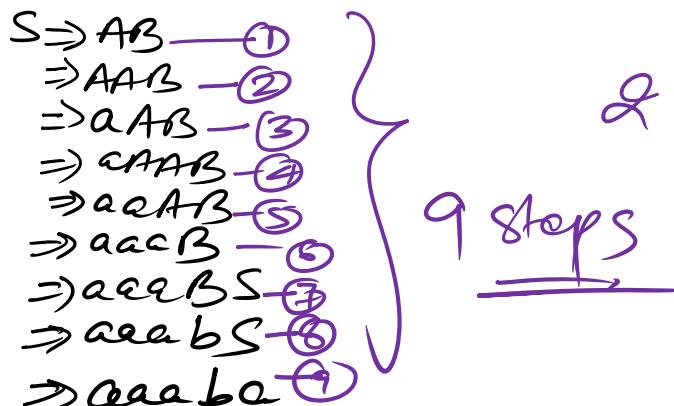
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$$\boxed{\text{Steps} = 2 * n - 1}$$

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- 1 - Every derivation Tree in CNF is a Binary Tree
- 2 - If Grammar in CNF and String Length is n ($|w|=n$) Then No. of derivation steps = $2n-1$

Ex: $G: \{ S \rightarrow \underline{AB} | a, A \rightarrow \underline{AA} | a, B \rightarrow \underline{BS} | b \}, w = | \underline{aaabba} | = 5$



$$2^{n-1} \Rightarrow 2^5 - 1 \Rightarrow 9$$

9 steps

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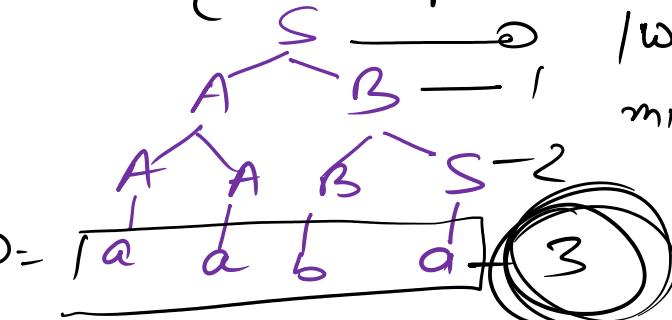
3- if the Grammar is in CNF, Then the minimum height of the parse tree of a string of length n is

$$h_{\min} \geq \log_2 n + 1$$

4) max height is

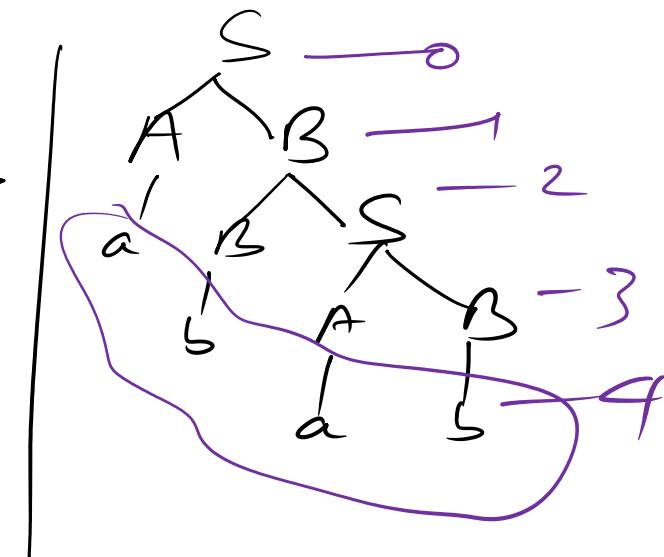
$$h_{\max} \leq n$$

Ex' $G = \{S \rightarrow AB \mid a, A \rightarrow AA \mid c, B \rightarrow BS \mid b\}$



$$|w| = 4$$

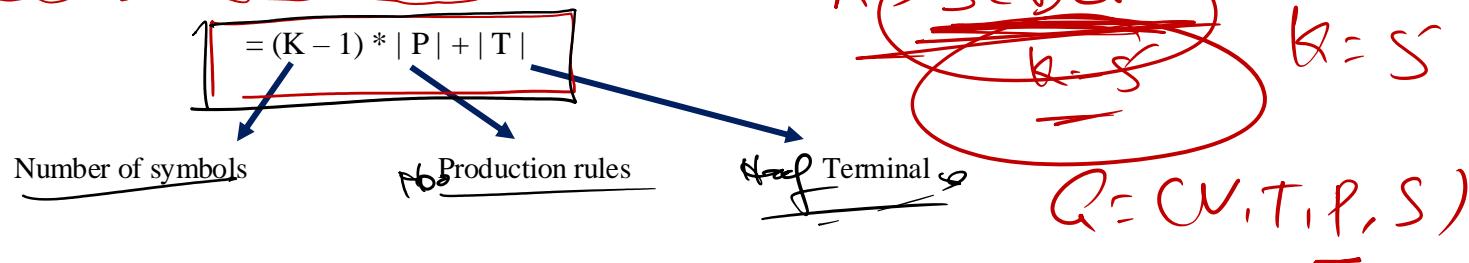
$$\begin{aligned} \text{min height} &\geq \log_2 n + 1 \\ &\geq \log_2 4 + 1 \\ &\geq 3 \end{aligned}$$



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NOTE:

Let G be CFG without NULL production & UNIT production. K be the maximum number of symbols on RHS of any production, then equivalent CNF contains maximum number of productions.



Note: For generating string w of length 'n' requires '2n-1' production or steps in CNF

$$G = (V, T, P, S)$$

\Downarrow CNF

$$G' = (V', T, P', S)$$

$$|P'| = ?$$

$|P| = \text{No. of Production Rules}$

$|T| = \text{No. of Terminal Symbols}$

$k = \text{max No. of symbols on RHS of Any Prod.}$

P { S }

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Greibach Normal Form (GNF)

- A CFG is in GNF if the productions are in the following forms

<Variable> \rightarrow <Terminal>

<Variable> \rightarrow <Single Terminal><Variables List>

$S \rightarrow \epsilon$ (Start Symbol)

Example 1: $A \rightarrow \underline{a}; B \rightarrow \underline{a}BB | \underline{a}$ ✓

Example 2: $A \rightarrow \underline{a}ABBA | b; B \rightarrow \underline{a}$ ✓

Example 3: $S \rightarrow \underline{a}AABB; A \rightarrow a; B \rightarrow b$ ✓

Example 4: $S \rightarrow \underline{b}AAAABB; A \rightarrow a; B \rightarrow b$ ✓

$$V \rightarrow T \underline{V^*} | I$$

~~$$S \rightarrow b \underline{A}B \underline{C} \underline{D} | a$$~~

(Theory of Computation)

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Note: For generating string w of length 'n' requires 'n' production or steps in GNF.

Ex: $G = \{ S \rightarrow A_a S | aa, A \rightarrow a_b S_a | b \}$

Solⁿ:

$C_a \rightarrow a, C_b \rightarrow b$

$$S \rightarrow \underline{A} \overset{*}{C_a} S | a \underline{C_a}, \quad A \rightarrow a C_b S C_a | b$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow a C_b S C_a C_a S | b C_a S | a C_a \\ A \rightarrow a C_b S C_a | b \end{array}} \Rightarrow \text{GNF}$$

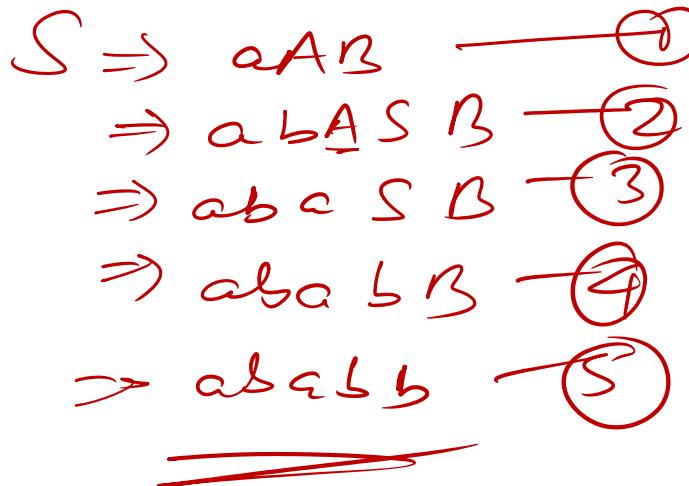
(Theory of Computation)

Ex: $G = \{ S \rightarrow aAB \mid b, A \rightarrow bAS \mid a, B \rightarrow b \}$

$$\omega = \boxed{ababbb} = S$$

~~1 2 3 4 5 6 7~~

$\Rightarrow n$



(Theory of Computation)

$$L = \left\{ a^{2+3k} b^{10+12k} \mid k > 0 \right\}$$

Pump length = ?

$L = \{a^2, a^5, a^8, \dots\}$

$P = \{b^{10}, b^{22}, b^{34}\}$

Candidate strings

$wcl, w \geq p$

12, 10, 22

$$L = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a^n x^n, \quad \dots$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{a} \\ \times \text{a} \\ \hline \text{aa} \end{array}$$

$(\alpha \alpha)^*$ α , $t > 0$
 $p_L = 12$

$$8. \text{ (b) } b - 22 \text{ from } x \text{ day } 5$$

opt = ?

a) 3
 b) 5
 c) 9
 d) 24

$\underline{PL > mPL}$

$\max(3, 12)$

\Rightarrow



$$\begin{array}{c} \text{14171} \\ \hline b b b | b b b b b b \\ \hline y = b \rightarrow b^9 \\ y = b b \rightarrow b^8 \\ 0 \quad y = b b b \rightarrow b^7 \end{array}$$