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Two errors. First, star of any language contains string ε , even if the starting language does not contain it. But adding rule $S \rightarrow SS$ does not add string ε into language.

Second thing is more subtle, and concerns the case when S recursively calls itself. The simplest case is grammar

$$S \rightarrow aSb \mid \varepsilon$$

which generates infamous language $\{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$. Here adding rule $S \rightarrow SS$ causes grammar to include strings such as `aababb`, which are obviously not from $\{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}^* = \{a^{n_1} b^{n_1} \dots a^{n_k} b^{n_k} \mid n_1, \dots, n_k \geq 0\}$.

Resultado

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There are two fatal errors in this kind of careless reasoning.

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