

1. State which of the following production rules are *left-regular*, *right-regular*, *left-recursive*, *right-recursive*, *context-free* (or more than one, or none, of these):

1.  $\text{Thsi} \rightarrow \text{This}$  (a rewrite auto-applied by Microsoft Word).

|                          | Yes | No |
|--------------------------|-----|----|
| <i>Left - Regular</i>    | ✗   | ✓  |
| <i>Right - Regular</i>   | ✗   | ✓  |
| <i>Left - Recursive</i>  | ✗   | ✓  |
| <i>Right - Recursive</i> | ✗   | ✓  |
| <i>Context - Free</i>    | ✗   | ✓  |

2.  $\text{Sentence} \rightarrow \text{Subject Verb Object}$ . (Here Sentence, Subject, Verb, and Object are non-terminal symbols.)

|                          | Yes | No |
|--------------------------|-----|----|
| <i>Left - Regular</i>    | ✗   | ✓  |
| <i>Right - Regular</i>   | ✗   | ✓  |
| <i>Left - Recursive</i>  | ✓   | ✗  |
| <i>Right - Recursive</i> | ✓   | ✗  |
| <i>Context - Free</i>    | ✓   | ✗  |

3.  $X \rightarrow Xa$ .

|                          | Yes | No |
|--------------------------|-----|----|
| <i>Left - Regular</i>    | ✓   | ✗  |
| <i>Right - Regular</i>   | ✗   | ✓  |
| <i>Left - Recursive</i>  | ✓   | ✗  |
| <i>Right - Recursive</i> | ✗   | ✓  |
| <i>Context - Free</i>    | ✓   | ✗  |

4.  $X \rightarrow XaX$ .

|                          | Yes | No |
|--------------------------|-----|----|
| <i>Left - Regular</i>    | ✗   | ✓  |
| <i>Right - Regular</i>   | ✗   | ✓  |
| <i>Left - Recursive</i>  | ✓   | ✗  |
| <i>Right - Recursive</i> | ✓   | ✗  |
| <i>Context - Free</i>    | ✓   | ✗  |

2. What is the object language generated by  $X \rightarrow Xa$  (see [lecture 2](#))? Explain your answer.

*The Object Language would be the finite String of a's.*

*However there would be no output as the terminal is on the right hand side, thus the interpreter is constantly trying to end the non-terminal "X" on the left hand side of the production.*

*i.e  $Xa \rightarrow Xaa \rightarrow Xaaa \rightarrow Xaaaa \rightarrow \dots$*

*If you ran this production it would fill up the memory of the computer and cause a memory leak.*

3. Construct context-free grammars that generate the following languages:

1.  $(ab|ba)^*$ .

$G = (\{S\}, \{a, b, \epsilon\}, S, \text{ with following production rules:}$

$S ::= ab \mid ba \mid abS \mid baS \mid \epsilon$   
}

2.  $\{(ab)^n \mid n \geq 1\}$ .

$G = (\{S\}, \{a, b\}, S, \text{ with following production rules:}$

$S ::= aba \mid abSa$   
}

3.  $\{w \in \{a, b\}^* \mid w \text{ is a palindrome}\}$ .

$G = (\{P\}, \{a, b, \epsilon\}, P, \text{ with following production rules:}$

$P ::= a \mid b \mid aPa \mid bPb \mid \epsilon$   
}

4.  $\{w \in \{a,b\}^* \mid w \text{ contains exactly two bs and any number of as}\}$ .

$G = (\{S, A\}, \{a, b, \epsilon\}, S, \text{ with following production rules:}$

$S ::= aS \mid bbA \mid Abb \mid AbbA$

$A ::= aA \mid \epsilon$

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5.  $\{a^n b^m \mid 0 \leq n \leq m \leq 2n\}$ .

$G = (\{S\}, \{a, b, \epsilon\}, S, \text{ with following production rules:}$

$S ::= \epsilon \mid aSb \mid aSbb$

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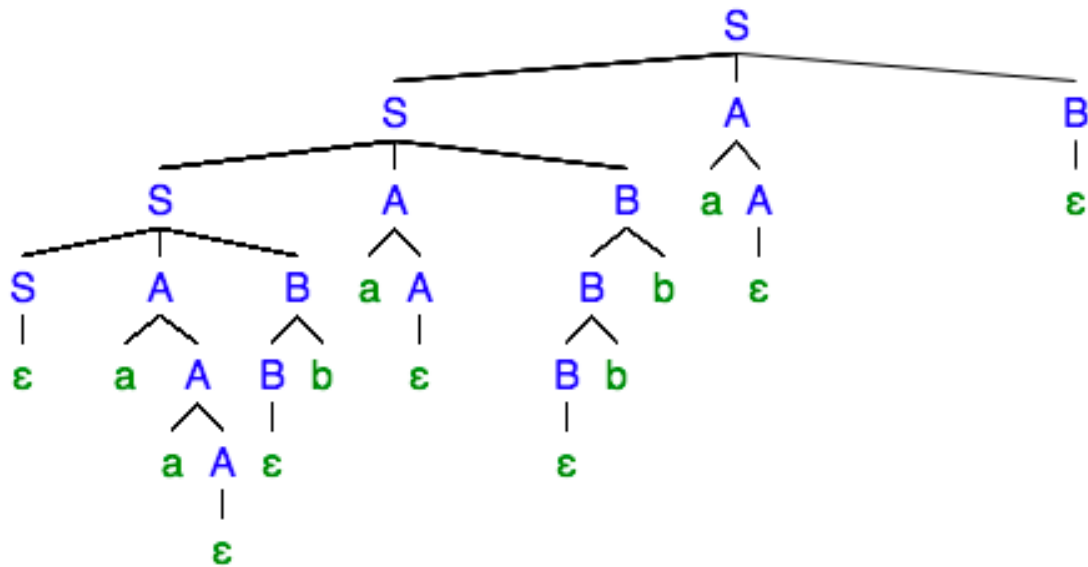
4. Consider the grammar  $G = (\{S, A, B\}, \{a, b\}, P, S)$  with productions

$$S \rightarrow SAB \mid \varepsilon$$
$$A \rightarrow aA \mid \varepsilon$$
$$B \rightarrow Bb \mid \varepsilon$$

1. Give a leftmost derivation for aababba.

$S \rightarrow SAB \rightarrow SABAB \rightarrow SABABAB \rightarrow ABABAB \rightarrow aABABAB \rightarrow aaABABAB$   
 $\rightarrow aaBABAB \rightarrow aaBbABAB \rightarrow aabABAB \rightarrow aabaABAB \rightarrow aabaBAB \rightarrow$   
 $aabaBbAB \rightarrow aababbAB \rightarrow aababbaAB \rightarrow aababbaB \rightarrow aababba$

2. Draw the derivation tree corresponding to your derivation.



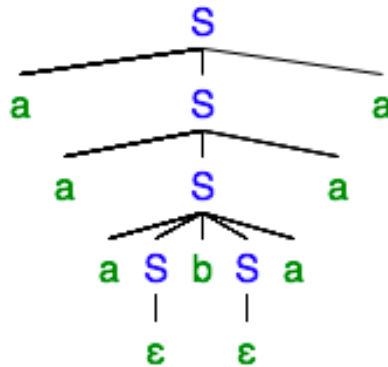
5. State with proof whether the following grammars are ambiguous or unambiguous:

1.  $G = (\{S\}, \{a, b\}, P, S)$  with productions

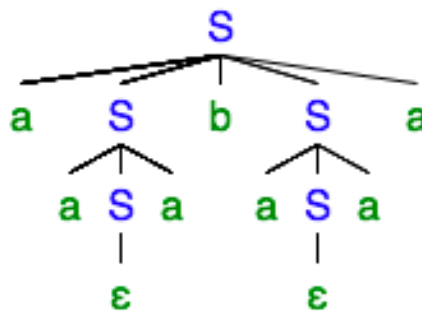
$S \rightarrow aSa \mid aSbSa \mid \epsilon$ .

*The grammar here is ambiguous because there is multiple ways of creating the same sentence using different routes of production rules.*

*For example the Sentence "aaabaaa" can be produced in two ways.*



*Or like so.*



2.  $G = (\{S\}, \{a, b\}, P, S)$  with productions

$S \rightarrow aaSb \mid abSbS \mid \epsilon$ .

*The Grammar here is unambiguous due to the location and arrangement of the "terminal" letters "aa" and "ab". This means that each sentence that can be created will be unique.*

6. Rewrite the following grammar to eliminate left-recursion:  
 $\text{exp} \rightarrow \text{exp} + \text{term} \mid \text{exp} - \text{term} \mid \text{term}.$

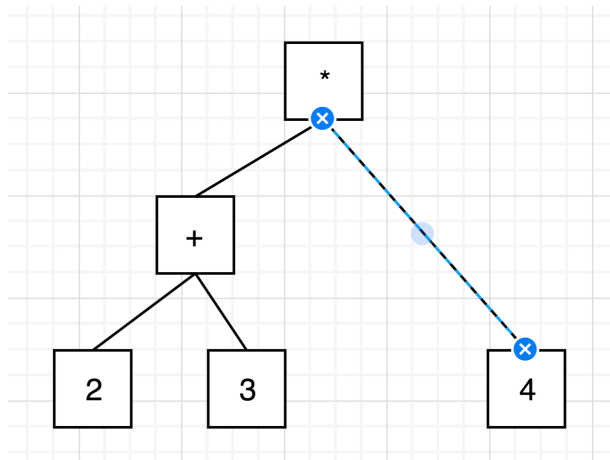
$\text{exp} ::= \text{term exp}'$   
 $\text{exp}' ::= + \text{term exp}' \mid - \text{term exp}' \mid \epsilon.$

7. Write a grammar to parse arithmetic expressions (with + and ×) on integers (such as 0, 42, -1). This is a little harder than it first sounds because you will need to write a grammar to generate correctly-formatted positive and negative numbers; a grammar that generates -01 is unacceptable. You may use dots notation to indicate obvious replication of rules, as in " $D \rightarrow 0 \mid \dots \mid 9$ ", without comment.  
 (Note that a parser is not an evaluator. This question is **not** asking you to write an evaluator. Also note that the grammar only needs to be unambiguous if the question asks you to provide an unambiguous grammar.)

$G = (\{S, D, A, B\}, \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, +, *\}, S, \text{ with following production rules:}$

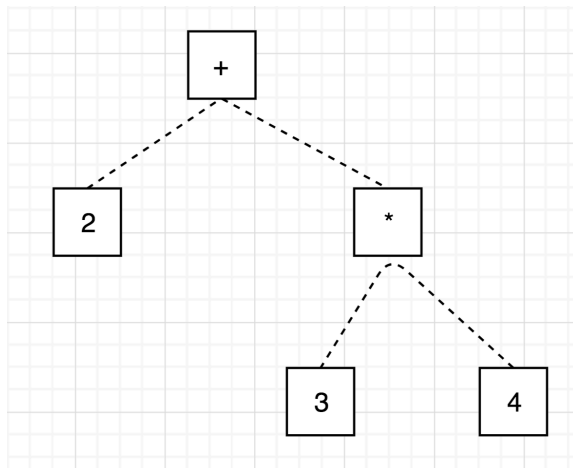
$S ::= -D \mid D \mid 0 \mid 0B$   
 $D ::= 1 \mid \dots \mid 9$   
 $D ::= 1D \mid \dots \mid 9D$   
 $D ::= 1A \mid \dots \mid 9A$   
 $A ::= 0 \mid 0A \mid 0D \mid 0B$   
 $B ::= +S \mid *S$   
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8. Write two distinct parse trees for  $2+3*4$  and explain in intuitive terms the significance of the two different parsing's to their denotation.



*The term  $2 + 3 * 4$  is ambiguous for the reader as they, themselves can't understand what the writer is intending.*

*The first tree shows the parse tree of  $(2 + 3) * 4$  which is equal to 20.*



*The next tree shows the expression  $2 + (3 * 4)$  which is 14.*

*In the real world we are taught through BODMAS/BIDMAS that we add brackets to the expression to denote to do multiplication before addition etc.*

*Not all interpreters however are a custom to this rule however and thus causes ambiguity.*