

CSE331: Practice sheet-2 (CFG)

1. Give context-free grammars that generate the following languages

- a) $L = \{w \mid w \text{ contains at least three 1's}\}.$

$$= S \rightarrow R1R1R1R$$

$$R \rightarrow 0R \mid 1R \mid \varepsilon$$

- b) $L = \{w \mid w \text{ starts and ends with the same symbol}\}.$

$$= S \rightarrow 0E0 \mid 1E1 \mid \varepsilon$$

$$E \rightarrow 1E \mid 0E \mid \varepsilon$$

- c) $L = \{w \mid \text{the length of } w \text{ is odd}\}$

$$= S \rightarrow X \mid 0Z \mid 1Z$$

$$Z \rightarrow 0XZ \mid 1XZ \mid \varepsilon$$

$$X \rightarrow 0 \mid 1$$

- d) $L = \{w \mid \text{the length of } w \text{ is odd and its middle is 0}\}$

$$S \rightarrow ZSZ \mid 0$$

$$Z \rightarrow 0 \mid 1$$

or

$$S \rightarrow 0S0 \mid 0S1 \mid 1S0 \mid 1S1 \mid 0$$

- e) $L = \{w \mid w = w^R, w \text{ is a palindrome}\}$

$$= S \rightarrow 0S0 \mid 1S1 \mid \varepsilon \mid 0 \mid 1$$

- f) $L = \{w \mid w = w^R \text{ AND } |w| \text{ is even, } w \text{ is a palindrome}\}$

$$= S \rightarrow 0S0 \mid 1S1 \mid \varepsilon$$

- g) The empty set

$$= S \rightarrow \varepsilon$$

- h) $L = \{w \mid w \text{ contains twice as many 1s as 0s}\} \text{ [for each 0s, two 1s]}$

$$= S \rightarrow SS \mid \varepsilon \mid S011 \mid 0S11 \mid 01S1 \mid 011S$$

- i) $L = \{w \mid w \text{ contains more a's than b's}\}$

$$= S \rightarrow TaT$$

$$T \rightarrow TT \mid aTb \mid bTa \mid a \mid \varepsilon$$

2. Give a context-free grammar for each of the following languages.

- a) $L(G) = \{0^n 1^m 0^m \mid n, m \geq 0\}$ over the terminals $\{0, 1\}$
 $S \rightarrow AB$
 $A \rightarrow 0A \mid \varepsilon$
 $B \rightarrow 1B0 \mid \varepsilon$
- b) $L(G) = \{0^n 1^m 0^m 1^n \mid n, m \geq 0\}$ over the terminals $\{0, 1\}$
 $S \rightarrow 0S1 \mid A \mid \varepsilon$
 $A \rightarrow 1A0 \mid \varepsilon$
- c) $L(G) = \{a^n b^m c^k \mid n, m, k \geq 0 \text{ and } n = 2m + 3k\}$ over $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$
 here, $a^n b^m c^k = a^{2m+3k} b^m c^k = a^{3k} a^{2m} b^m c^k$
 $S \rightarrow aaaSc \mid B \mid \varepsilon$
 $B \rightarrow aaBb \mid \varepsilon$
- d) $L(G) = \{a^n b^m \mid 0 < n < m < 3n\}$. $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$
 $S \rightarrow aZbb$
 $Z \rightarrow aZb \mid aZbb \mid aZbbb \mid \varepsilon$
- e) $L(G) = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i, j, k \geq 0 \text{ and } i=j \text{ or } i=k\}$. $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$
 $S \rightarrow AC \mid S'$
 $A \rightarrow aAb \mid \varepsilon$
 $C \rightarrow cC \mid \varepsilon$
 $S' \rightarrow aBc \mid B$
 $A' \rightarrow aA' \mid \varepsilon$
 $B \rightarrow bB \mid \varepsilon$
- f) $L(G) = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i, j, k \geq 0 \text{ and } i=j \text{ or } j=k\}$. $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$
 $S \rightarrow AC \mid S'$
 $A \rightarrow aAb \mid C$
 $C \rightarrow cC \mid \varepsilon$
 $S' \rightarrow A'B$
 $A' \rightarrow aA' \mid \varepsilon$
 $B \rightarrow bBb \mid A'$
- g) $L(G) = \{a^n b^m c^m d^{2n} \mid n \geq 0, m > 0\}$.
 $S \rightarrow aSdd \mid B$
 $B \rightarrow bBc \mid \varepsilon$
- h) $L(G) = \text{set of all strings } w \text{ over } \{a, b\} \text{ such that } w \text{ is not palindrome.}$
 $Y \rightarrow aYa \mid bYb \mid aZb \mid bZa$
 $Z \rightarrow aZ \mid bZ \mid \varepsilon$

3. Consider the following context-free grammar $\Sigma=\{0,1\}$.

$S \rightarrow A 1 B$

$A \rightarrow 0A \mid \varepsilon$

$B \rightarrow 0B \mid 1B \mid \varepsilon$

Give a) leftmost and b) rightmost derivations and c) parse tree for the following strings.

a) 0010101

<p>leftmost derivation:</p> $ \begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow A1B \\ &\rightarrow 0A1B \\ &\rightarrow 00A1B \\ &\rightarrow 00\varepsilon 1B \\ &\rightarrow 001B \\ &\rightarrow 0010B \\ &\rightarrow 00101B \\ &\rightarrow 001010B \\ &\rightarrow 0010101B \\ &\rightarrow 0010101\varepsilon \\ &\rightarrow 0010101 \end{aligned} $	<p>rightmost derivation:</p> $ \begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow A1B \\ &\rightarrow A10B \\ &\rightarrow A101B \\ &\rightarrow A101\varepsilon \\ &\rightarrow 0A101 \\ &\rightarrow 00A101 \\ &\rightarrow 001A101 \\ &\rightarrow \\ &0010\varepsilon 101 \\ &\rightarrow 0010101 \end{aligned} $	<p>Parse tree:</p>
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b) 10100

<p>leftmost derivation:</p> $ \begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow A1B \\ &\rightarrow \varepsilon 1B \\ &\rightarrow 10B \\ &\rightarrow 101B \\ &\rightarrow 1010B \\ &\rightarrow 10100\varepsilon \\ &\rightarrow 10100 \end{aligned} $	<p>rightmost derivation:</p> $ \begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow A1B \\ &\rightarrow A10B \\ &\rightarrow A101B \\ &\rightarrow A1010B \\ &\rightarrow A10100 \\ &\rightarrow \varepsilon 10100 \\ &\rightarrow 10100 \end{aligned} $	<p>parse tree:</p>
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c) 00011

<p>leftmost derivation:</p> $ \begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow A1B \\ &\rightarrow 0A1B \\ &\rightarrow 00A1B \\ &\rightarrow 000A1B \\ &\rightarrow 000\epsilon 1B \\ &\rightarrow 0001B \\ &\rightarrow 00011B \\ &\rightarrow 00011\epsilon \\ &\rightarrow 00011 \end{aligned} $	<p>rightmost derivation:</p> $ \begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow A1B \\ &\rightarrow A11B \\ &\rightarrow A11\epsilon \\ &\rightarrow A11 \\ &\rightarrow 0A11 \\ &\rightarrow 00A11 \\ &\rightarrow 000A11 \\ &\rightarrow 000\epsilon 11 \\ &\rightarrow 00011 \end{aligned} $	<p>parse tree:</p>
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d) Explain/Prove why the grammar below is unambiguous.

= the grammar is unambiguous since only one parse tree is possible for every string.

<p>parse tree for: 0010101</p> <p>Here, we can draw only one parse tree for the string 0010101. If we try to draw something else other than this, we will get stuck at some point and we will not be able to complete the given string. The grammar is unambiguous since only one parse tree is possible for every string.</p>	<p>parse tree for: 10100</p> <p>Here, we can draw only one parse tree for the string 10100. If we try to draw something else other than this, we will get stuck at some point and we will not be able to complete the given string. The grammar is unambiguous since only one parse tree is possible for every string.</p>	<p>parse tree for: 00011</p> <p>Here, we can draw only one parse tree for the string 00011. If we try to draw something else other than this, we will get stuck at some point and we will not be able to complete the given string. The grammar is unambiguous since only one parse tree is possible for every string.</p>
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4. Which language generates the grammar G given by the productions.

$$S \rightarrow aSa \mid aBa$$

$$B \rightarrow bB \mid b$$

$$= L(G)$$

$$= \{w \mid w \text{ over } \{a,b\}^* \text{ AND } w \text{ has equal number of 'a' at start AND at end, AND at least 1 'b' in the middle}\}$$

$$= L(G) = \{a^i b^j a^i \mid i, j \geq 0\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$$

5. Explain/Prove why the grammar below is ambiguous.

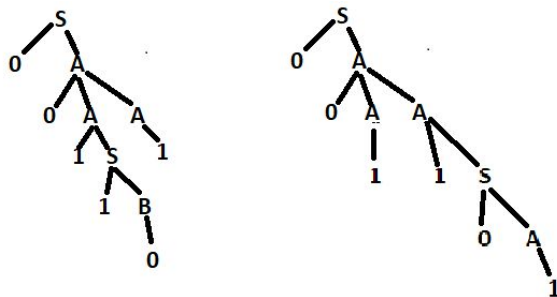
$$S \rightarrow 0A \mid 1B$$

$$A \rightarrow 0AA \mid 1S \mid 1$$

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

Solution:

let's assume, a string $w = 001101$



Since, two different trees are generated, the grammar is ambiguous.

6. Given the following ambiguous context free grammar.

$$S \rightarrow Ab \mid aaB$$

$$A \rightarrow a \mid Aa$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

(a) Find leftmost and rightmost derivations for aaaaab, aabb, ab.

Solution:

i) aaaaab

<p>leftmost derivation:</p> $\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow Ab \\ &\rightarrow Aab \\ &\rightarrow Aaab \\ &\rightarrow Aaaaab \\ &\rightarrow Aaaaaab \\ &\rightarrow aaaaaab \end{aligned}$	<p>rightmost derivation:</p> $\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow Ab \\ &\rightarrow Aab \\ &\rightarrow Aaab \\ &\rightarrow Aaaaab \\ &\rightarrow Aaaaaab \\ &\rightarrow aaaaaab \end{aligned}$	<p>parse tree:</p>
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ii) aabb

<p>Leftmost derivation:</p> $S \rightarrow Ab$ $\rightarrow Aab$ $\rightarrow aab(\text{stuck})$	<p>rightmost derivation:</p> $S \rightarrow Ab$ $\rightarrow \text{stuck}$	<p>parse tree:</p> <p>aabb does not belong to $L(G)$</p>
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iii) ab

<p>leftmost derivation:</p> $S \rightarrow Ab$ $\rightarrow ab$	<p>rightmost derivation:</p> $S \rightarrow Ab$ $\rightarrow ab$	<p>parse tree:</p>
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(c) Is the above grammar ambiguous, give an example?
 =the grammar is unambiguous since only one parse tree is possible for every string.

7. Given the following ambiguous context free grammar.

$$S \rightarrow Ab \mid AaB$$

$$A \rightarrow a \mid Aa$$

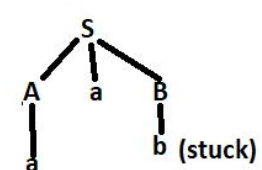
$$B \rightarrow b$$

(a) Find leftmost and rightmost derivations & parse tree for aaaaab, aabb, ab.

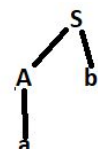
i) aaaaab

<p>leftmost derivation:</p> $S \rightarrow AaB$ $\rightarrow AaaB$ $\rightarrow AaaaB$ $\rightarrow AaaaaB$ $\rightarrow aaaaaB$ $\rightarrow aaaaab$	<p>rightmost derivation:</p> $S \rightarrow AaB$ $\rightarrow Aab$ $\rightarrow Aaab$ $\rightarrow Aaaaab$ $\rightarrow aaaaab$	<p>parse tree:</p>
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ii) aabb

<p>leftmost derivation:</p> $S \rightarrow AaB$ $\rightarrow aaB$ $\rightarrow aab(\text{stuck})$	<p>rightmost derivation:</p> $S \rightarrow AaB$ $\rightarrow Aab$ $\rightarrow aab(\text{stuck})$	<p>parse tree:</p>  <p>aabb does not belong to L(G)</p>
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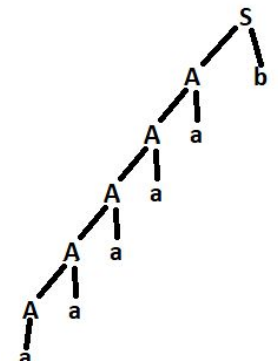
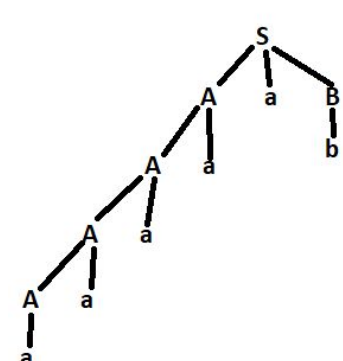
iii)ab

<p>leftmost derivation:</p> $S \rightarrow Ab$ $\rightarrow ab$	<p>rightmost derivation:</p> $S \rightarrow Ab$ $\rightarrow ab$	<p>parse tree:</p> 
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(c) Is the above grammar ambiguous, give an example? Find an equivalent unambiguous context-free grammar.

Solution:

For the first string aaaaab, we can find two parse trees.

	
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So the grammar is ambiguous.

Equivalent unambiguous CFG:

$S \rightarrow A'b | ab$

$A' \rightarrow A'a | aa$

(d) Give the **unique** leftmost derivation and parse tree for the above strings generated from the unambiguous grammar above.

i) aaaaab

<p>leftmost derivation:</p> $\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow A'b \\ &\rightarrow A'ab \\ &\rightarrow A'aab \\ &\rightarrow A'aaab \\ &\rightarrow aaaaab \end{aligned}$	<p>parse tree:</p>
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ii)aabb

<p>leftmost derivation:</p> $\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow A'b \\ &\rightarrow aab(\text{stuck}) \end{aligned}$	<p>parse tree:</p> <p>aabb does not belong to L(G)</p>
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iii)ab

<p>leftmost derivation:</p> $S \rightarrow ab$	<p>parse tree:</p>
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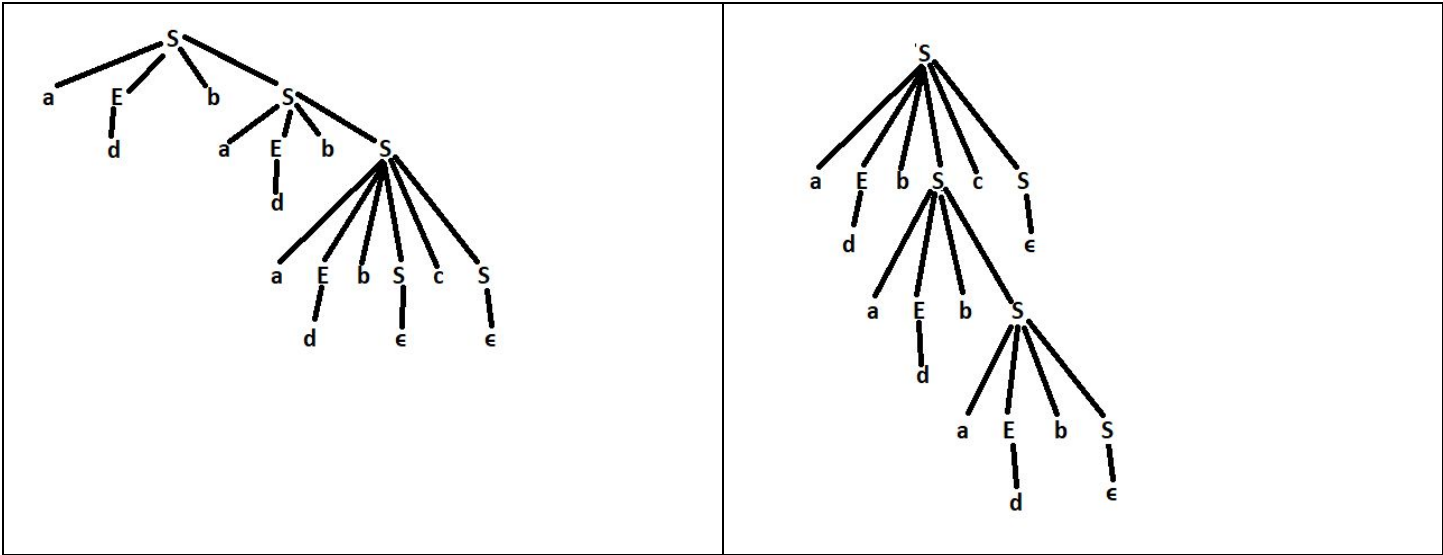
8. Show that the following grammar is ambiguous.

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aEbS \\ S &\rightarrow aEbScS \mid \epsilon \\ E &\rightarrow d \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

let's assume a string $w = adbadbadbc$

we can find two parse trees for this grammar:



so the grammar is ambiguous.

9. Consider the grammar with start symbol D, $\Sigma = \{c, a, b, ., 0, 1\}$

- $D \rightarrow TL$
- $T \rightarrow c \mid Tc$
- $L \rightarrow L.V \mid V$
- $V \rightarrow a \mid b \mid 0 \mid 1 \mid Va \mid Vb \mid V0 \mid V1$

<p>i) Derive ccab.01 using leftmost derivation</p> <p> $D \rightarrow TL$ $\rightarrow TcL$ $\rightarrow ccL$ $\rightarrow ccLV$ $\rightarrow ccV.V$ $\rightarrow ccVb.V$ $\rightarrow ccab.V$ $\rightarrow ccab.V1$ $\rightarrow ccab.01$ </p>	<p>ii) Derive cabb0011.ab1 using rightmost derivation</p> <p> $D \rightarrow TL$ $\rightarrow TL.V$ $\rightarrow TL.V1$ $\rightarrow TL.Vb1$ $\rightarrow TL.ab1$ $\rightarrow TV.ab1$ $\rightarrow TV1.ab1$ $\rightarrow TV11.ab1$ $\rightarrow TV011.ab1$ $\rightarrow TV0011.ab1$ $\rightarrow TVb0011.ab1$ $\rightarrow TVbb0011.ab1$ $\rightarrow Tabb0011.ab1$ $\rightarrow cabb0011.ab1$ </p>
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10. Show that the following grammar is ambiguous. [hint use string aab]

- $S \rightarrow aS \mid aSbS \mid \epsilon$

Give a) leftmost and b) rightmost derivations and c) parse tree for the following strings.

a) leftmost derivations for aab:

$ \begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aS \\ &\rightarrow aaSbS \\ &\rightarrow aa\epsilon bS \\ &\rightarrow aabS \\ &\rightarrow aab\epsilon \\ &\rightarrow aab \end{aligned} $	$ \begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aSbS \\ &\rightarrow aaSbS \\ &\rightarrow aa\epsilon bS \\ &\rightarrow aabS \\ &\rightarrow aab\epsilon \\ &\rightarrow aab \end{aligned} $
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b) rightmost derivations for aab:

$ \begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aS \\ &\rightarrow aaSbS \\ &\rightarrow aaSb\epsilon \\ &\rightarrow aaSb \\ &\rightarrow aa\epsilon b \\ &\rightarrow aab \end{aligned} $	$ \begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aSbS \\ &\rightarrow aSb\epsilon \\ &\rightarrow aSb \\ &\rightarrow aaSb \\ &\rightarrow aa\epsilon b \\ &\rightarrow aab \end{aligned} $
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c) parse trees:

<pre> graph TD S1[S] --- a1[a] S1 --- S2[S] S1 --- b[b] S1 --- S3[S] S2 --- a2[a] S2 --- S4[S] S4 --- epsilon1[ε] S3 --- epsilon2[ε] </pre>	<pre> graph TD S1[S] --- a1[a] S1 --- S2[S] S1 --- b[b] S1 --- S3[S] S2 --- a2[a] S2 --- S4[S] S2 --- b2[b] S2 --- S5[S] S4 --- epsilon1[ε] S5 --- epsilon2[ε] S3 --- epsilon3[ε] </pre>
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Since, the grammar has more than one parse tree, it is ambiguous.

d) Remove ambiguity of the above grammar.

After removing ambiguity:

$$S \rightarrow aS | aTbS | \epsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow aTbT | \epsilon$$