### CSEN 1002

Task 4: CFG Epsilon & Unit Rules Elimination <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>These slides are based on Lecture 10 of CSEN 502 by Assoc. Prof. Haythem O. Ismail

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