

## Module - 3.

## Definitions :

A grammar  $G$  is 4-tuple or quadruple  $G = (V, T, P, S)$  where

$V$  is set of variables or non-terminals

$T$  is set of terminals

$P$  is set of productions. Each production is of the form

$\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  where  $\alpha$  is a string in  $(V \cup T)^*$  (no  $\epsilon$ )

hence  $\epsilon$  cannot occur on left side of any production.

$\beta$  is a string in  $(V \cup T)^*$  hence includes  $\epsilon$  also.

$S$  is the start symbol.

## Grammar from Finite Automata.

- 1) Obtain grammar to generate string consisting of any number of a's.



$S$  is final state  $\Rightarrow S \rightarrow \epsilon$   
 $\delta(S, a) = S \Rightarrow S \rightarrow aS$

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

where

$$V = \{S\}$$

$$T = \{a\}$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow aS \mid \epsilon \}$$

$$S = S$$

- 2) Obtain grammar to generate strings consisting of atleast one a.

Method 1

$$L = \{ a, aa, aaa, aaaa, \dots \}$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

$$S \rightarrow aS$$

$$S \rightarrow a \mid aS$$

Method 2



$\delta(S, a) = A \Rightarrow S \rightarrow aA$   
 $\delta(A, a) = A \Rightarrow A \rightarrow aA$   
 $A$  is final state  $\Rightarrow A \rightarrow \epsilon$

$S \rightarrow qA$

$$A \rightarrow aA/\epsilon$$

- 3) Obtain grammar to generate string consisting of any number of a's and b's.



$$\delta(s \oplus a) = s$$

$$\delta(s, b) = s$$

S is final state

$\beta \rightarrow \alpha S$

$$S \rightarrow bS$$

$g \rightarrow g$

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

where  $V = \{S\}$

$$T = \{a, b\}$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow aS \mid bS \mid \epsilon \}.$$

$$\tilde{S} = S$$

4. Obtain grammar to generate strings consisting of atleast two as.

$$L = \{ \underline{\text{aa}}, \underline{\text{aaa}}, \underline{\text{aaaa}}, \dots \}$$

$S \rightarrow aa$  2 toing Length 2

$s \rightarrow as$ . string length  $> 2$

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

where  $V = \{S\}$

$$T = \{a\}$$

$$P = \{S \rightarrow aS|aa\}$$

$$S = S$$

5) Obtain grammar to generate string consisting of even number of a's

$$L = \{ \epsilon, aa, aaba, aaaaaaaaa, \dots \}$$

$$S \rightarrow aaS \quad \text{string length of } 2, 4, 6, \dots$$

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon \quad \text{string length 0 or to terminate}$$

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

$$\text{where } V = \{ S \}$$

$$T = \{ a \}$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow aaS \mid \epsilon \}$$

$$S = S.$$

6) Obtain grammar to generate string consisting of multiple of three a's

$$L = \{ \epsilon, aaa, aaaaa, aaaa aaa aaa, \dots \}$$

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow aaaS$$

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

$$\text{where } V = \{ S \}$$

$$T = \{ a \}$$

$$P = \{ S \rightarrow aaaS \mid \epsilon \}$$

$$S = S$$

7) Obtain grammar to generate strings of a's & b's such that string length is multiple of 3.

$$L = \{aaa, aba, aab, abb, baa, bab, bba, bbb, \dots\}$$

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow AAAS \quad |x| = \text{multiple of 3}$$

$$A \rightarrow alb$$

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

$$\text{where } V = \{S, A\}$$

$$T = \{a, b\}$$

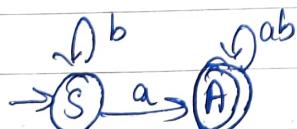
$$P = \{S \rightarrow AAAS / \epsilon, \\ A \rightarrow alb\}$$

$$S = S$$

8) Obtain grammar to generate string consisting of any number of a's & b's with at least one a.

$$S \rightarrow a \quad \text{atleast one a}$$

$$S \rightarrow aS \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{any length of a's \& b's} \\ \hline \end{array} \right. \\ S \rightarrow bS$$



$$\delta(S, a) = A \Rightarrow S \rightarrow aA$$

$$\delta(S, b) = S \Rightarrow S \rightarrow bS$$

$$\delta(A, a) = A \Rightarrow A \rightarrow aA$$

$$\delta(A, b) = A \Rightarrow A \rightarrow bA$$

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

A is final state  $\Rightarrow A \rightarrow \epsilon$

$$\text{where } V = \{S, A\}$$

$$T = \{a, b\}$$

$$P = \{S \rightarrow aA / bS ; A \rightarrow aA / bA / \epsilon\}$$

$$S = S$$

9) Obtain grammar to generate strings consisting of any number of 'a's if 'b's with atleast one 'b'.

Similar to Q8)

$$S \rightarrow bA/aS$$

$$A \rightarrow aA/bA/\epsilon$$

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

$$\text{where } V = \{S, A\}$$

$$T = \{a, b\}$$

$$P = \{S \rightarrow bA/aS, A \rightarrow aA/bA/\epsilon\}$$

$$S = S.$$

10) Obtain grammar to generate strings consisting of any number of 'a's and 'b's with atleast one 'a' or atleast one 'b'.

$$S \rightarrow alb \quad \text{terminating clause}$$

$$S \rightarrow aS \quad \text{any no of a}$$

$$S \rightarrow bS \quad \text{any no of b}$$

(define grammar for all)

11) Obtain grammar to accept the following languages:

(i)  $L = \{w : |w| \bmod 3 > 0 \text{ where } w \in \{a\}^*\}$ .  
for  $|w| \bmod 3 > 0$  remainder is 1 or 2.

$S \rightarrow a1aa$ , minimum string that can be accepted.

$S \rightarrow aaaS$ , 3 'a's with 1 or 2 will not be multiple.

$S \rightarrow a/aa/aaaS$ .

Q1

$$S \rightarrow aA$$

$$A \rightarrow aB$$

$$B \rightarrow aS$$

$$A \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow \epsilon$$



$$S \rightarrow aA$$

$$A \rightarrow aB / \epsilon$$

$$B \Rightarrow aS / \epsilon$$

Grammar from Regular Expression.

Instead of DFA we can write RE & convert to grammar

- (2) Obtain grammar to generate strings of a's and b's having a substring ab.

$$\text{substring } ab \Rightarrow (\underbrace{a+b})^* ab \underbrace{(a+b)}^* \\ A ab A$$

$$S \rightarrow AabA$$

$$A \rightarrow aA / bA / \epsilon$$

- (3) Obtain grammar to generate strings of a's & b's ending with string ab.

$$RE = (a+b)^* ab$$

$$S \rightarrow Aab$$

$$A \rightarrow aA / bA / \epsilon$$

- 14) Obtain grammar to generate strings of a's and b's starting with ab.

$$RE = ab \cdot (ab)^*$$

$$S \rightarrow abA$$

$$A \rightarrow aA / bA / \epsilon$$

- 15) Obtain grammar to generate the following language  
 $L = \{w : n_a(w) \bmod 2 = 0 \text{ where } w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$

$$RE = (b^* \underset{s}{\overset{*}{ab}} \underset{s}{\overset{*}{ab}} \underset{s}{\overset{*}{ab}})^*$$

$$\text{for } b^* : S \rightarrow \cancel{b} b^* / \epsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow SaSaS$$

$$\Rightarrow S \rightarrow \epsilon | bS | SaSaS$$

Grammars for other languages.

Obtain grammar for the following languages:

16)  $L = \{a^n b^n : n \geq 0\}$ .

equal number of a's and b's in string. (including null)

$$S \rightarrow aSb / \epsilon$$

17)  $L = \{a^n b^n : n \geq 1\}$ .

Equal no of a's & b's in string (excluding null)

$$S \rightarrow ab / aSb$$

or,

$$S \rightarrow aSb / bSa / \epsilon$$

18)  $L = \{a^{n+1}b^n : n \geq 0\}$ .

One extra a compared to b.

$$S \rightarrow aSb$$

19)  $L = \{a^n b^{n+1} : n \geq 0\}$ .

One extra b compared to a

$$S \rightarrow blaSb$$

20)  $L = \{a^n b^{n+d} : n \geq 0\}$

string which has  $d$  b's more than no of a's.

$$S \rightarrow bb|aSb$$

21)  $L = \{a^n b^{2n} : n \geq 0\}$ .

No of b's in string is twice as much as a's.

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon / aSbb \quad | \text{ for every a's there is } d \text{ b's?}$$

22)  $L = \{0^m 1^m 2^n \mid m \geq 1 \text{ and } n \geq 0\}$ .

no of 0's & 1's is same with atleast one and no of 2 is zero or more.

$$\underbrace{0^m 1^m}_A \underbrace{2^n}_B$$

where A = no of zero's followed by 1's.

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow 01 / 0A1$$

$$B \rightarrow \epsilon / 2B \quad (\text{zero or more 2's})$$

$$26) L = \{ 0^i 1^j \mid i \neq j, i \geq 0 \text{ and } j \geq 0 \}$$

no of 0's is not equal to no. of 1's.

$$S \rightarrow 0S1 \quad (\text{generates } 0^n 1^n)$$

$$S \rightarrow A \quad (\text{generates more 0's than 1's})$$

$$S \rightarrow B \quad (\text{generates more 1's than 0's})$$

$$A \rightarrow 0A \mid 0 \quad (\text{atleast one zero})$$

$$B \rightarrow 1B \mid 1 \quad (\text{atleast one one})$$

$$27) Q_6 \ L = \{ a^{n+2} b^m \mid n \geq 0 \text{ and } m > n \} \quad m > n$$

$$\text{for } n=0 \quad a^2 b^{\text{1 or more}} \Rightarrow aabb^*$$

$$L = \left\{ \underbrace{aabb^*}_{a^n b^n}, \underbrace{aaa bbb^*}_{a^n b^n}, \underbrace{aaaa bbbb^*}_{a^n b^n}, \dots \right\}$$

n	m
0	1 or more
1	2 or more
2	3 or more

$$S \rightarrow aAB$$

$$A \rightarrow aAb \mid ab \quad (\text{generates } a^n b^n)$$

$$B \rightarrow bB \mid \epsilon \quad (\text{generate 0 or more b's})$$

$$28) L = \{ a^n b^m \mid n \geq 0, m > n \}$$

$$\text{for } n=0, m \geq 1 \Rightarrow \epsilon b b^*$$

$$n=1, m \geq 2 \Rightarrow abbb^*$$

$$n=2, m \geq 3 \Rightarrow aabbbb^*$$

$$L = \{ bb^*, abbb^*, aabbbb^*, \dots \}$$

$S \rightarrow AB$  $A \rightarrow aAb \mid \epsilon$  (generate  $a^n b^n$ ) $B \rightarrow bB \mid b$  (more b's than a)29)  $L = \{a^n b^{n-3} \mid n \geq 3\}$ .for:  $n=3, n=4, n=5, n=b$  $L = \{aaa, aaaab, aaaaabb, aaaaaabbb, \dots\}$ .It is observed that string aaa followed by  $a^n b^n$ . $S \rightarrow aaaA$  $A \rightarrow aAb \mid \epsilon$ .30)  $L = \{a^n b^m c^k \mid n+2m=k \text{ for } n \geq 0, m \geq 0\}$  $L = \{a^n b^m c^{n+2m}\}$  substituting for k. $L = \{a^n b^m c^n c^{2m} \mid n \geq 0, m \geq 0\}$  (splitting  $c^{n+2m}$ ) $\Rightarrow L = \{w \mid a^n b^m c^n c^{2m} \text{ where } n \geq 0, m \geq 0\}$ .for  $b^m c^{2m}$ :  $A \rightarrow bAcc \mid \epsilon$ where A is present between  $a^n$  &  $c^n$ . $S \rightarrow aSc \mid A$ . (to generate  $a^n$  &  $c^n$  first)Productions  $\Rightarrow S \rightarrow aSc \mid A$  $A \rightarrow bAcc \mid \epsilon$ .

## Leftmost Derivation.

In the derivation process if a leftmost variable is replaced at every step, then the derivation is said to be leftmost.

Eg:

- ① derive  $id + id^* id$  from production rules

$$E \rightarrow E+E \mid E-E \mid E^*E \mid EE \cdot E^NE \mid id$$

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow E+E \\ &\rightarrow id + E \\ &\rightarrow id + E^*E \\ &\rightarrow id + id^*E \\ &\rightarrow id + id^*id \end{aligned}$$

- ② derive 'aaabbabbba' from

$$S \rightarrow aB1bA$$

$$A \rightarrow aS1bAA1a$$

$$B \rightarrow bS1aBB1b$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aB & (S \rightarrow aB) \\ &\rightarrow aa\underline{B}B & (B \rightarrow aBB) \\ &\rightarrow aa\underline{a}BBB & (B \rightarrow aBB) \\ &\rightarrow aaab\underline{B}B & (B \rightarrow b) \\ &\rightarrow aaabb\underline{B} & (B \rightarrow b) \\ &\rightarrow aaabb\underline{a}BB & (B \rightarrow aBB) \\ &\rightarrow aaabb\underline{a}bB & (B \rightarrow b) \\ &\rightarrow aaabbabb\underline{S} & (B \rightarrow bS) \\ &\rightarrow aaabbabb\underline{b}A & (S \rightarrow bA) \\ &\rightarrow aaabbabb\underline{b}a & (A \rightarrow a) \end{aligned}$$

## Rightmost derivation.

In the derivation process if a right most variable is replaced at every step, then the derivation is said to be rightmost.

Eg:

- ① derive  $id + id * id$  from  

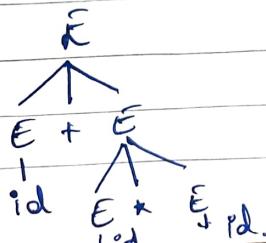
$$E \rightarrow E+E \mid E-E \mid E^*E \mid E\cdot E \mid E^{\wedge}E \mid id.$$

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow E+E \\ &\rightarrow E+E^*E \\ &\rightarrow E+E^*id \\ &\rightarrow E+id^*id \\ &\rightarrow id+id^*id. \end{aligned}$$

## Derivation Tree (Parse Tree)

Let  $G = (V, T, P, S)$  be a CFG (context free grammar).  
The tree is derivation tree with following properties.

1. The root has the label  $S$ .
2. Every vertex has a label which is in  $(V \cup T)^*$ .
3. Every leaf node has label from  $T$  and an interior vertex has a label from  $V$ .
4. If vertex is labeled  $A$  & if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are all children of  $A$  from left, then  $A \rightarrow x_1 x_2 x_3 \dots x_n$  must be a production in  $P$ .



## Ambiguous grammar.

Let  $G = (N, T, P, S)$  be a context free grammar. A grammar  $G$  is ambiguous if and only if there exists at least one string  $w \in T^*$  for which two or more different parse tree exists by applying either the leftmost derivation or right most derivation.

- 1) Consider the grammar shown below from which any arithmetic expression can be obtained.

$$E \rightarrow E + E$$

$$E \rightarrow E - E$$

$$E \rightarrow E * E$$

$$E \rightarrow E / E$$

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

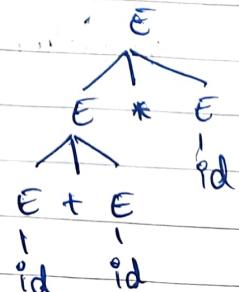
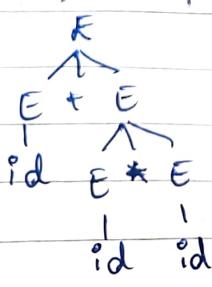
$$E \rightarrow id$$

Show that the grammar is ambiguous.

Using leftmost derivation, the string  $id + id * id$  can be derived in two ways,

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow E + E \\ &\rightarrow E id + E \\ &\rightarrow id + E * E \\ &\rightarrow id + id * E \\ &\rightarrow id + id * id. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow E * E \\ &\rightarrow E + E * E \\ &\rightarrow id + E * E \\ &\rightarrow id + id * E \\ &\rightarrow id + id * id. \end{aligned}$$



Since, the two parse trees are different for the same sentence  $id + id * id$  by applying leftmost derivation, the grammar is ambiguous.

Q) Is the following grammar ambiguous?

$$S \rightarrow aS \mid X$$

$$X \rightarrow aX \mid a$$

For string 'aaaa' using leftmost derivation.

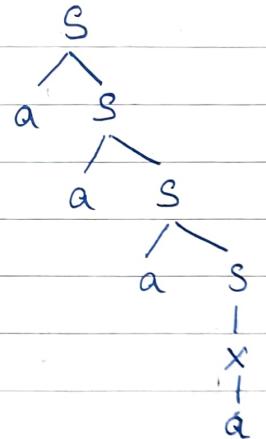
$$S \rightarrow aS \quad (S \rightarrow aS)$$

$$\rightarrow aaS \quad (S \rightarrow aS)$$

$$\rightarrow aaaS \quad (S \rightarrow aS)$$

$$\rightarrow aaaa \quad (S \rightarrow X)$$

$$\rightarrow aaaa \quad (X \rightarrow a)$$



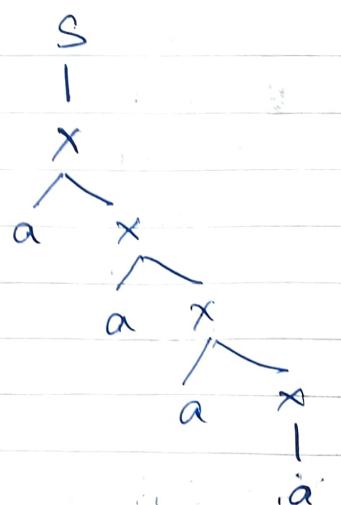
$$S \rightarrow X \quad (S \rightarrow X)$$

$$\rightarrow aX \quad (X \rightarrow aX)$$

$$\rightarrow aaX \quad (X \rightarrow aX)$$

$$\rightarrow aaaX \quad (X \rightarrow aX)$$

$$\rightarrow aaaa \quad (X \rightarrow a)$$



Since, there are two left most derivations for the same sentence aaaa, & different parse trees, the given grammar is ambiguous.

3) Is the following grammar ambiguous?

$$S \rightarrow aB \mid bA$$

$$A \rightarrow aS \mid bAA \mid a$$

$$B \rightarrow bS \mid abB \mid b$$

Consider the string aabbab for derivation.

$$S \rightarrow aB$$

$$(S \rightarrow aB)$$

$$\rightarrow aaBB$$

$$(B \rightarrow aBB)$$

$$\rightarrow aabSB$$

$$(B \rightarrow bS)$$

$$\rightarrow aabbAB$$

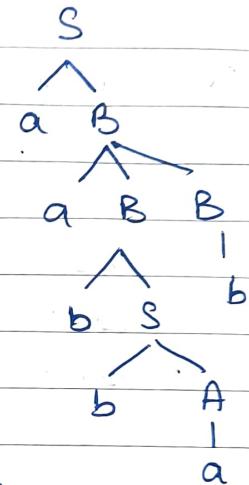
$$(S \rightarrow bA)$$

$$\rightarrow aabbA B$$

$$(A \rightarrow a)$$

$$\rightarrow aabbab$$

$$(B \rightarrow b)$$



Same string can be obtained by applying leftmost derivation in different way.

$$S \rightarrow ab$$

$$(S \rightarrow ab)$$

$$\rightarrow aaBB$$

$$(B \rightarrow aBB)$$

$$\rightarrow aabB$$

$$(B \rightarrow b)$$

$$\rightarrow aabbS$$

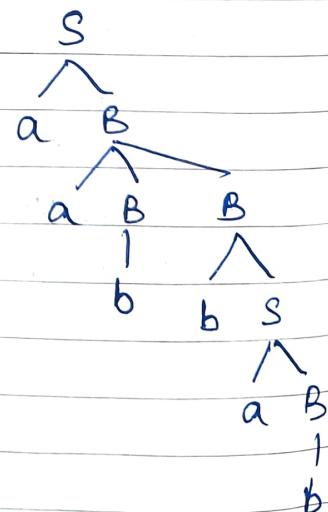
$$(B \rightarrow bS)$$

$$\rightarrow aabbA B$$

$$(S \rightarrow aB)$$

$$\rightarrow aabb ab$$

$$(B \rightarrow b)$$



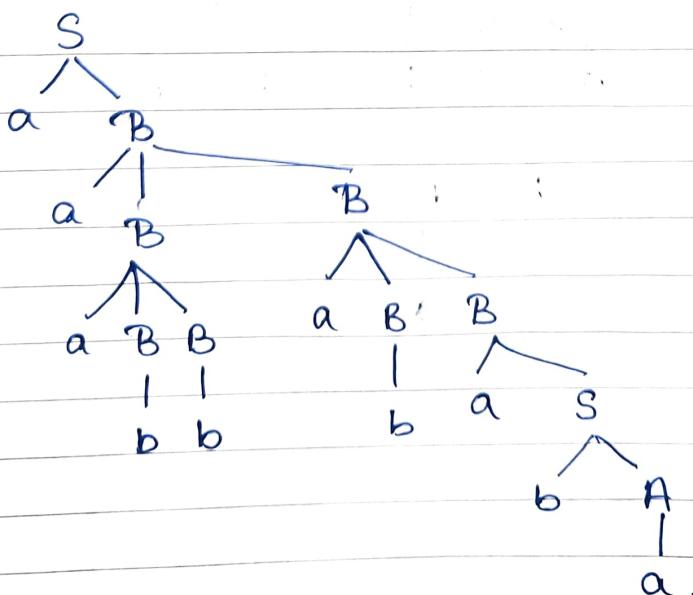
Note that there are two parse trees for string 'aabbab' by applying leftmost derivation and so, the given grammar is ambiguous.

4) Obtain the string aaabbabbba by applying leftmost derivation & the parse tree for the grammar shown below. Is it possible to obtain the same string again by applying leftmost derivation but by selecting different productions?

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aB \mid bA \\ A &\rightarrow aS \mid bAA \mid a \\ B &\rightarrow bS \mid aBB \mid b. \end{aligned}$$

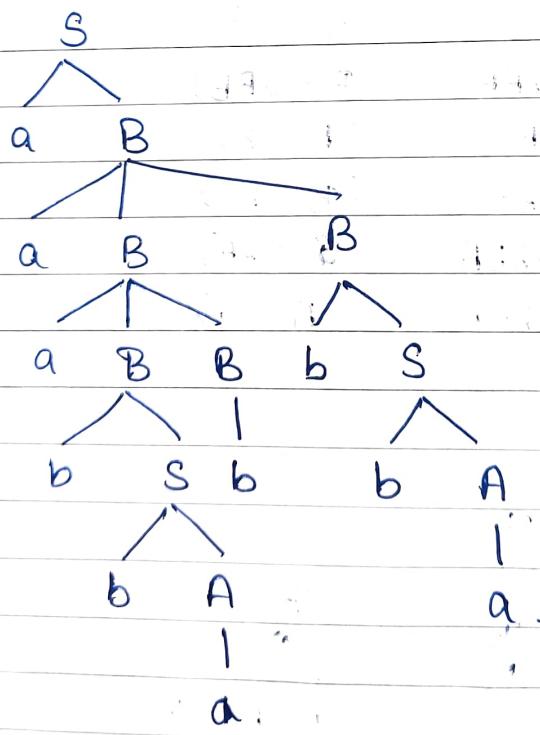
leftmost derivation for the string aaabbabbba is shown below:

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aB && (S \rightarrow aB) \\ &\rightarrow aaBB && (B \rightarrow aBB) \\ &\rightarrow aaBBBB && (B \rightarrow aBB) \\ &\rightarrow aaabBB && (B \rightarrow b) \\ &\rightarrow aaabbB && (B \rightarrow b) \\ &\rightarrow aaabbaBB && (B \rightarrow aBB) \\ &\rightarrow aaabbabb && (B \rightarrow b) \\ &\rightarrow aaabbabbS && (B \rightarrow bS) \\ &\rightarrow aaabbabbBA && (S \rightarrow bA) \\ &\rightarrow aaabbabbba. && (A \rightarrow a) \end{aligned}$$



The leftmost derivation for the same string  $aabbabbba$  is shown below, but by applying different set of productions.

$S \rightarrow aB$	$(S \rightarrow aB)$
$\rightarrow aaBB$	$(B \rightarrow aBB)$
$\rightarrow aaaBBB$	$(B \rightarrow aBB)$
$\rightarrow aaabSBB$	$(B \rightarrow bS)$
$\rightarrow aaabbABB$	$(S \rightarrow bA)$
$\rightarrow aaabbabBB$	$(A \rightarrow a)$
$\rightarrow aaabbabbB$	$(B \rightarrow b)$
$\rightarrow aaabbabbS$	$(B \rightarrow bS)$
$\rightarrow aaabbabbbA$	$(S \rightarrow bA)$
$\rightarrow aaabbabbba$	$(A \rightarrow a)$



5) Is the grammar ambiguous?

$$S \rightarrow AB \mid aaB$$

$$A \rightarrow a \mid Aa$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Consider the leftmost derivation for string aab.

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$(S \rightarrow AB)$$

$$\rightarrow AaB$$

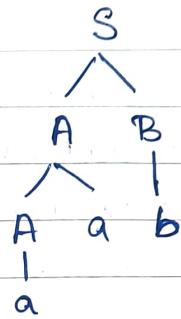
$$(A \rightarrow Aa)$$

$$\rightarrow aaB$$

$$(A \rightarrow a)$$

$$\rightarrow aab$$

$$(B \rightarrow b)$$



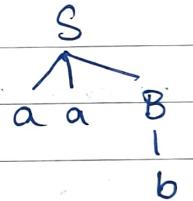
Another way of deriving aab is.

$$S \rightarrow aaB$$

$$(S \rightarrow aaB)$$

$$\rightarrow aab$$

$$(B \rightarrow b)$$



Since there are two parse trees for the string aab, the given grammar is ambiguous.

6) Show that the following grammar is ambiguous

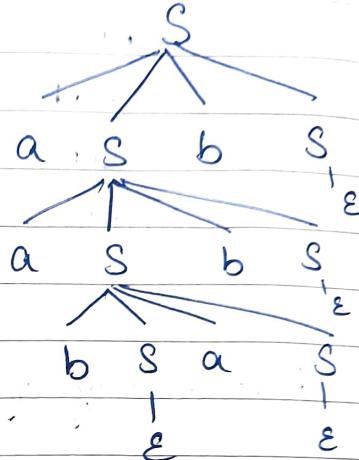
$$S \rightarrow aSbS$$

$$S \rightarrow bSaS$$

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$

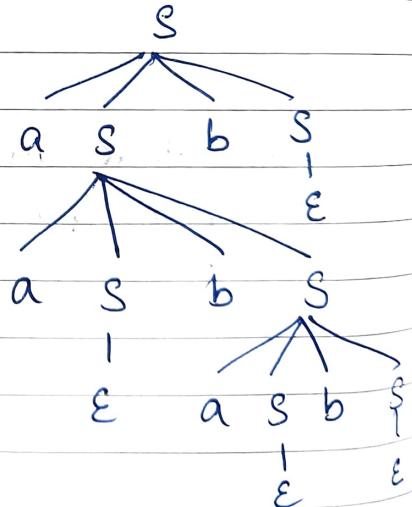
Consider the leftmost derivation for the string aabbabb

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aSbS \quad (S \rightarrow aSbS) \\ &\rightarrow aaSbSbS \quad (S \rightarrow aSbS) \\ &\rightarrow aa bSaSbSbS \quad (S \rightarrow bSaS) \\ &\xrightarrow{\text{?}} aabaSbSbS \quad (S \rightarrow \epsilon) \\ &\rightarrow aababSbS \quad (S \rightarrow \epsilon) \\ &\rightarrow aababbS \quad (S \rightarrow \epsilon) \\ &\rightarrow aabbabb \quad (S \rightarrow \epsilon) \end{aligned}$$



Another way for leftmost derivation

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aSbS \quad (S \rightarrow aSbS) \\ &\rightarrow a aSbSbS \quad (S \rightarrow aSbS) \\ &\rightarrow aabSbS \quad (S \rightarrow \epsilon) \\ &\rightarrow aabaSbSbS \quad (S \rightarrow aSbS) \\ &\rightarrow aababSbS \quad (S \rightarrow \epsilon) \\ &\rightarrow aababbS \quad (S \rightarrow \epsilon) \\ &\rightarrow aabbabb \quad (S \rightarrow \epsilon) \end{aligned}$$



Since there are two parse tree for the string aabbabb, the grammar is ambiguous.