

# Language and Grammar

Language: Set of strings over an alphabet

Grammar: Alphabet and rules for creating strings

*Terminal symbols:* elements of alphabet

*Intermediate (nonterminal) symbols:* variables enforce language syntactic restrictions

*Sentence:* Initial variable

<b><i>Problems:</i></b>
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# Context Free Grammar (CFG)

Grammar: Alphabet and rules for creating strings

For alphabet  $\Sigma =$

*{a, the, John, Jill, hamburger, car drives, eats, slowly, frequently, big, juicy, brown}*

Valid strings:

*John eats a hamburger*

*Jill drives frequently*

Invalid string:

*Jill the car John slowly*

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# Context Free Grammar (CFG)

*nonterminal symbols  
(variables)*

Possible rules for initial variable (*sentence*)

1. (*sentence*) → *<noun phrase> <verb phrase>*
2. (*sentence*) → *<noun phrase> <verb> <direct object phrase>*
3. *<noun-phrase>* → *<proper-noun>*
4. → *<determiner> <adjective-list> <common-noun>*
5. *<proper-noun>* → *John | Jill*
6. *<determiner>* → *a | the*
7. *<common-noun>* → *car | hamburger*
8. *<adjective-list>* → *λ | <adjective> <adjective-list>*
9. *<adjective>* → *big | juicy | brown*
10. *<direct-object-phrase>* → *<noun-phrase>*
11. *<verb-phrase>* → *<verb> | <verb> <adverb>*
12. *<verb>* → *drives | eats*
13. *<adverb>* → *slowly | frequently*

*recursive definition*

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**Problems:**

# Context Free Grammar (CFG)

Derivation	Rule
<i>(sentence)</i> $\Rightarrow$ <i>&lt;noun-phrase&gt;</i> <i>&lt;verb-phrase&gt;</i>	1
$\Rightarrow$ <i>&lt;proper-noun&gt;</i> <i>&lt;verb-phrase&gt;</i>	3
$\Rightarrow$ <i>Jill</i> <i>&lt;verb-phrase&gt;</i>	5
$\Rightarrow$ <i>Jill</i> <i>&lt;verb&gt;</i> <i>&lt;adverb&gt;</i>	11
$\Rightarrow$ <i>Jill drives</i> <i>&lt;adverb&gt;</i>	12
$\Rightarrow$ <i>Jill drives frequently</i>	13

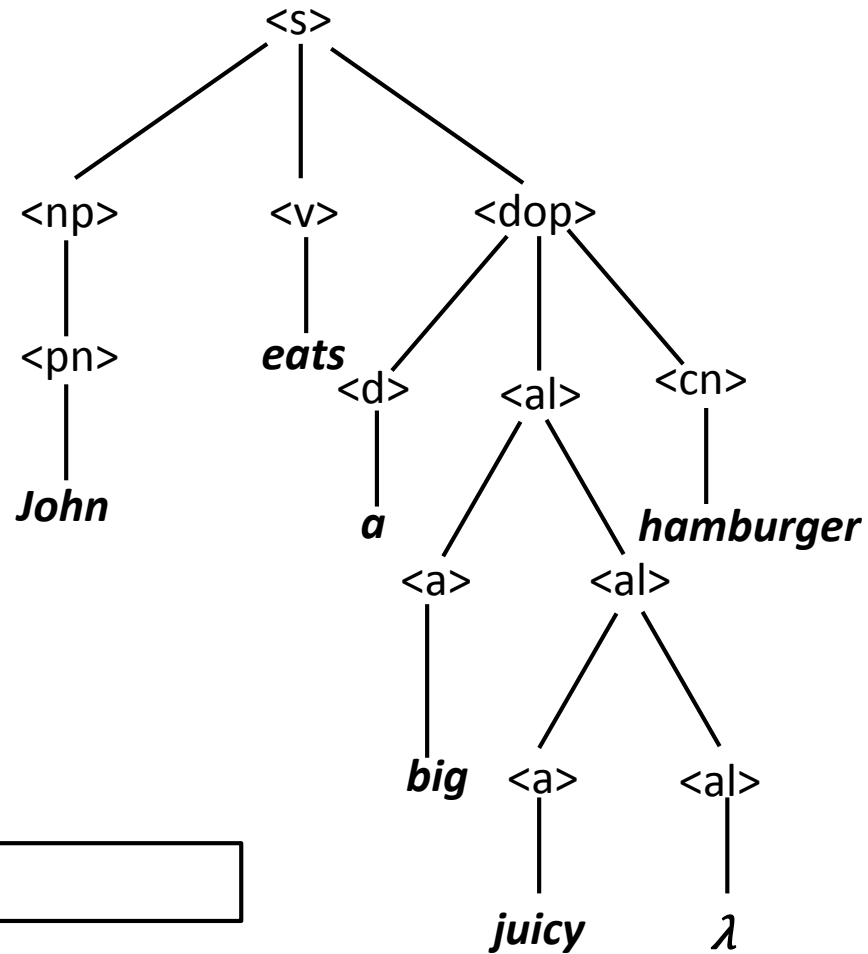
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# Context Free Grammar (CFG)

Derivation	Rule(s)
<i>(sentence)</i> $\Rightarrow$ <i>&lt;noun-phrase&gt; &lt;verb&gt; &lt;direct-object-phrase&gt;</i>	2
$\Rightarrow$ <i>&lt;proper-noun&gt; &lt;verb&gt; &lt;direct-object-phrase&gt;</i>	3
$\Rightarrow$ <i>John &lt;verb&gt; &lt;direct-object-phrase&gt;</i>	5
$\Rightarrow$ <i>John eats &lt;direct-object-phrase&gt;</i>	12
$\Rightarrow$ <i>John eats &lt;determiner&gt; &lt;adjective-list&gt; &lt;common-noun&gt;</i>	10, 4
$\Rightarrow$ <i>John eats a &lt;adjective-list&gt; &lt;common-noun&gt;</i>	6
$\Rightarrow$ <i>John eats a &lt;adjective&gt; &lt;adjective-list&gt; &lt;common-noun&gt;</i>	8
$\Rightarrow$ <i>John eats a big &lt;adjective-list&gt; &lt;common-noun&gt;</i>	9
$\Rightarrow$ <i>John eats a big &lt;adjective&gt; &lt;adjective-list&gt; &lt;common-noun&gt;</i>	8
$\Rightarrow$ <i>John eats a big juicy &lt;adjective-list&gt; &lt;common-noun&gt;</i>	9
$\Rightarrow$ <i>John eats a big juicy &lt;common-noun&gt;</i>	8
$\Rightarrow$ <i>John eats a big juicy hamburger</i>	7

**Problems:**

# Context Free Grammar



**Problems:**

# Context Free Grammar

Quadruple  $(V, \Sigma, P, S)$  are:

$V$  – Finite set of variables  
(*nonterminal* symbols)

$\Sigma$  – Finite set of *terminal* symbols  
(alphabet)

$S \in V$ , the start symbol

$P$  – Finite set of rules

$P \subseteq V_x (V \cup \Sigma)^*$

LHS-Variables ( $V$ )

$A \in V$  (Variables capitalized)

$\Sigma = \{a, b, c, \dots\}$

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$LHS \rightarrow RHS$

$A \rightarrow w$  is the  $A$  rule

$A \rightarrow \lambda$  is the null rule

$w, \lambda \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$

$p, q, \dots, z \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$

RHS – string of terminal and nonterminal symbols – permutation of  $V$  and  $\Sigma$

# Context Free Grammar

## Context Free Grammar:

Rule A applied wherever A occurs...

String or sentence  $uAv$

Notation:

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### Definition of a rule ( $\rightarrow$ )

$A \rightarrow w$

$A$  defined by  $w$

### Derivation of a string ( $\Rightarrow$ )

$uAv \Rightarrow uwv$

$uwv$  derived from  $uAv$

$u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  are strings of terminal and nonterminal symbols - permutation of  $V$  and  $\Sigma$



# Context Free Grammar (CFG)

$\Sigma = \{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9, -, (, )\}$

$P: S \rightarrow (DDD)DDD-DDDD$

$D \rightarrow 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \mid 3 \mid 4 \mid 5 \mid 6 \mid 7 \mid 8 \mid 9$

*allows 0 in first position*

*D replaced by 0 or 1 or ...*

$P: S \rightarrow (XDD)XDD-DDDD$

$D \rightarrow 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \mid 3 \mid 4 \mid 5 \mid 6 \mid 7 \mid 8 \mid 9$

$X \rightarrow 1 \mid 2 \mid 3 \mid 4 \mid 5 \mid 6 \mid 7 \mid 8 \mid 9$

*disallows 0 in first position*

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# Context Free Grammar (CFG)

$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S\}, \Sigma = \{a\}$

$P = \{(S, aS), (S, \lambda)\}$

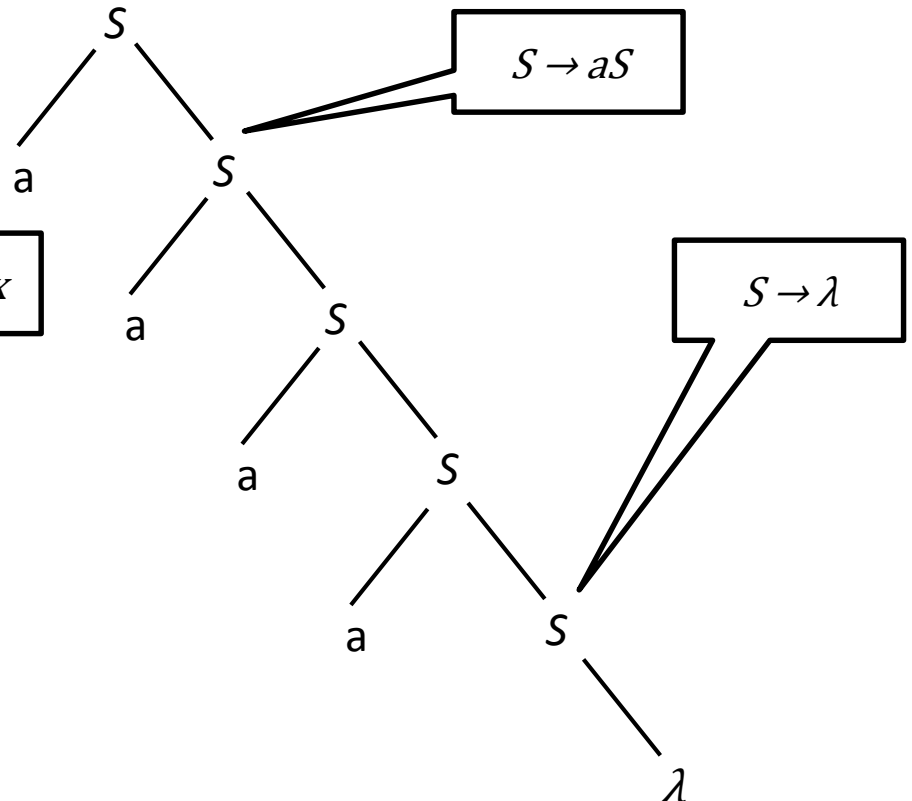
$P: S \rightarrow aS$

$S \rightarrow \lambda$

$P: S \rightarrow aS \mid \lambda$

same P's

$L = \{a\}^* = \{\lambda, a, aa, aaa, \dots\}$

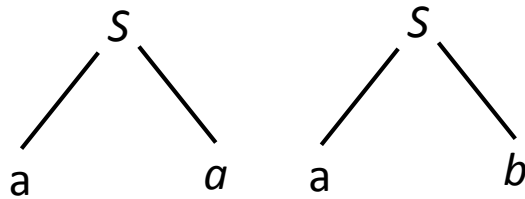


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# Context Free Grammar (CFG)

$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), \Sigma = \{a, b\}, V = \{S\},$

$P: S \rightarrow aa \mid ab$

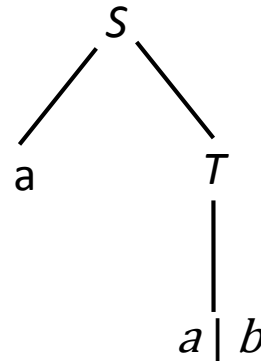


$L = \{aa, ab\}$

$V = \{S, T\}$

$S \rightarrow aT$

$T \rightarrow a \mid b$

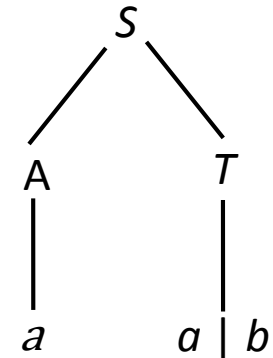


$V = \{S, A, T\}$

$S \rightarrow AT$

$A \rightarrow a$

$T \rightarrow a \mid b$



*different grammars  
produce same language*

**Problems:**

# Context Free Grammar

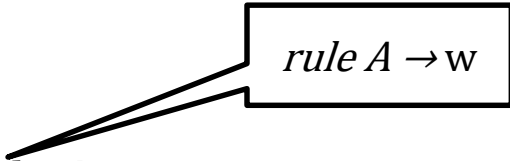
**Definition 3.1.2:**  $G = (V, \Sigma, P, S)$ ,  $v \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$

Set of strings derivable from  $v$

**Basis:**  $v$  derivable from  $v$

**Recursive Step:**

if  $u = xAy$  is derivable from  $v$  and  $rule A \rightarrow w \in P$   
then  $xwy$  is derivable from  $v$



*rule  $A \rightarrow w$*

**Closure:**

A string is derivable from  $v$  only if it can be generated from  $v$  with a finite number of recursive steps

$v$  derives  $w$  in  $n$  steps:  $v \Rightarrow w_n = w$ ,  $v \xRightarrow{n} w$

$v \Rightarrow w_1 \Rightarrow w_2 \Rightarrow \dots w_n = w$

**Problems:**

# Context Free Grammar

**Definition 3.1.3:**  $G = (V, \Sigma, P, S)$  is a context free grammar

i. A string  $w \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$  is a *sentential form* of  $G$  if  $S \Rightarrow^* w$  in  $G$

Sentential form includes variables and therefore not a sentence!

ii. A string  $w \in \Sigma^*$  is a *sentence* of  $G$  if  $S \Rightarrow^* w$  in  $G$

*sentence* derived from  $S$

## Example

(*sentence*)  $\Rightarrow$   $\langle \text{noun-phrase} \rangle \langle \text{verb-phrase} \rangle$   
 $\Rightarrow$   $\langle \text{proper-noun} \rangle \langle \text{verb-phrase} \rangle$   
 $\Rightarrow$  *Jill*  $\langle \text{verb-phrase} \rangle$

Sentential form

iii. The *language* of  $G$ ,  $L(G)$  is  $\{w \in \Sigma^* \mid S \Rightarrow^* w\}$

**Problems:**

Language of Grammar  $G$

# Context Free Grammar (CFG)

$$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S\}, \Sigma = \{a\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow aS$$

$$S \rightarrow \lambda$$

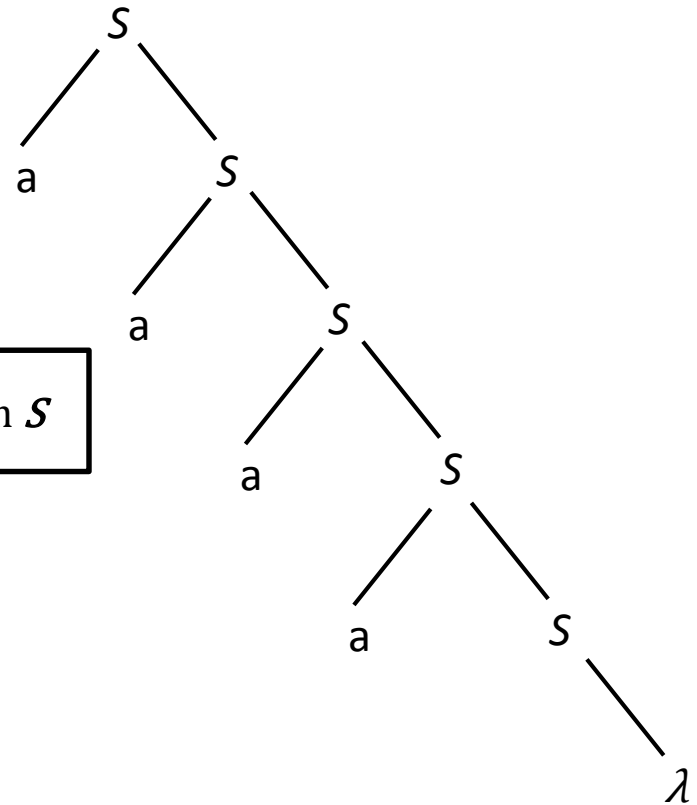
$$L = \{a\}^* = \{\lambda, a, aa, aaa, \dots\}$$

$$\lambda \in L(G) ? \text{ Yes, } S \Rightarrow \lambda$$

derivable from  $S$

$$a \in L(G) ? \text{ Yes, } S \Rightarrow aS \Rightarrow a\lambda \Rightarrow a$$

$$L(G) = \{a\}^* = \{a^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$



**Problems:**

# Recursive Grammars

## *Direct Recursive Rules:*

$A \rightarrow aAb$  – recursive

$A \rightarrow aA$  – right recursive

$A \rightarrow Ab$  – left recursive

$A \rightarrow AA$  – recursive

right recursive

Left recursive

## *Indirect Recursion:*

$A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow A$

$A \rightarrow aAb$	$A \rightarrow aA$	$A \rightarrow Ab$	$A \rightarrow AA$
$A \Rightarrow aAb$	$A \Rightarrow aA$	$A \Rightarrow Ab$	$A \Rightarrow AA$
$A \Rightarrow aaAbb$	$A \Rightarrow aaA$	$A \Rightarrow Abb$	$A \Rightarrow AAA$
$A \Rightarrow aaaAbbb$	$A \Rightarrow aaaA$	$A \Rightarrow Abbb$	$A \Rightarrow AAAA$
$A \Rightarrow aaaaAbbbb$	$A \Rightarrow aaaaA$	$A \Rightarrow Abbbb$	$A \Rightarrow AAAAA$

recursive

*replaces versus derives*

**Problems:**

# Recursive Grammars

$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$

$P:$   $S \rightarrow AA$

$A \rightarrow AAA|bA|Ab|a$

leftmost derivation

rightmost derivation

alternating

$S \Rightarrow \underline{AA}$	$S \Rightarrow \underline{AA}$	$S \Rightarrow \underline{AA}$	$S \Rightarrow \underline{AA}$
$\Rightarrow \underline{aA}$	$\Rightarrow \underline{AAAA}$	$\Rightarrow \underline{Aa}$	$\Rightarrow \underline{aA}$
$\Rightarrow a\underline{AAA}$	$\Rightarrow a\underline{AAA}$	$\Rightarrow \underline{AAA}a$	$\Rightarrow a\underline{AAA}$
$\Rightarrow ab\underline{AAA}$	$\Rightarrow ab\underline{AAA}$	$\Rightarrow AA\underline{bA}a$	$\Rightarrow a\underline{AA}a$
$\Rightarrow ab\underline{aAA}$	$\Rightarrow ab\underline{aAA}$	$\Rightarrow A\underline{Ab}aa$	$\Rightarrow ab\underline{A}Aa$
$\Rightarrow abab\underline{AA}$	$\Rightarrow abab\underline{AA}$	$\Rightarrow \underline{Ab}Abaa$	$\Rightarrow ab\underline{Ab}Aa$
$\Rightarrow abab\underline{aA}$	$\Rightarrow abab\underline{aA}$	$\Rightarrow \underline{Ab}abaa$	$\Rightarrow ab\underline{ab}Aa$
$\Rightarrow ababa\underline{a}$	$\Rightarrow ababa\underline{a}$	$\Rightarrow \underline{ababaa}$	$\Rightarrow abab\underline{aa}$

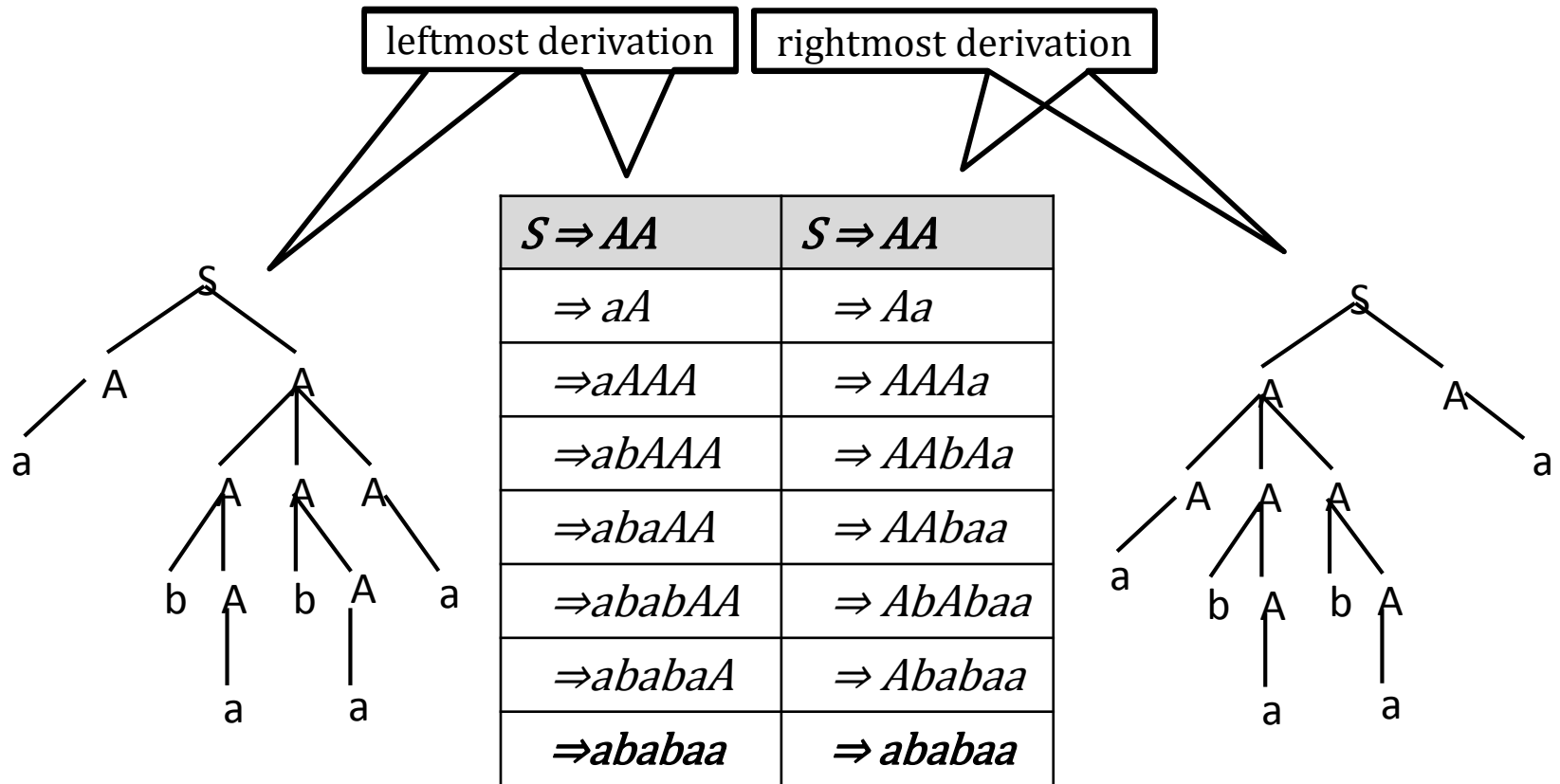
CFG

derivations produce same  
terminal string from  
different sentential forms

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# Derivation Trees

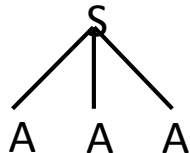


# Derivation Trees

**Definition 3.1.4:** For  $G = (V, \Sigma, P, S)$  a context free grammar and  $S \xRightarrow{*} w$ , the **derivation tree**, DT, is built iteratively as follows:

- i. Initialize DT with root  $S$ .
- ii. If  $A \rightarrow x_1x_2 \dots x_n$  with  $x_i \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$  is the rule in the derivation applied to the string  $uAv$  then  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are children of  $A$
- iii. If  $A \rightarrow \lambda$  is the rule in the derivation applied to the string  $uAv$  then add  $\lambda$  as the only child of  $A$

$S \rightarrow AAA$



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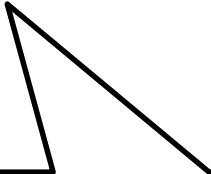
# Examples of Grammars

## Example 3.2.1

$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, B\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$

$P: S \rightarrow aSa \mid aBa$

$B \rightarrow bB \mid b$



Rule $S \rightarrow aSa$	n- 1 times
Rule $S \rightarrow aBa$	1 time
Rule $B \rightarrow bB$	m-1 times
Rule $B \rightarrow b$	1 time

$S \Rightarrow aSa$
$\Rightarrow aaSaa$
$\Rightarrow aaaSaaa$
$\Rightarrow aaaaBaaaa$
$\Rightarrow aaaabBaaaa$
$\Rightarrow aaaabbBaaaa$
$\Rightarrow aaaabbbbbaaaaa$

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

**Problems:**

# Examples of Grammars

## Example 3.2.2

$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c, d\}$

$P: S \rightarrow aSdd \mid A$

$A \rightarrow bAc \mid bc$

Rule $S \rightarrow aSdd$	n times
Rule $S \rightarrow A$	1 time
Rule $A \rightarrow bAc$	m-1 times
Rule $A \rightarrow bc$	1 time

$S \Rightarrow aSdd$
$\Rightarrow aaSddddd$
$\Rightarrow aaaSddddddd$
$\Rightarrow aaaAddddddd$
$\Rightarrow aaabAcddddddd$
$\Rightarrow aaabbccddddddd$

$L(G) = \{ a^n b^m c^m d^{2n} \mid n \geq 0, m > 0 \}$

**Problems:**

# Examples of Grammars

## Example 3.2.4

$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$

$P: S \rightarrow aSb \mid aSbb \mid \lambda$

$n$  = number  $a$ 's

$m$  = number  $b$ 's

Rule  $S \rightarrow aSb$  produces  $m = n$

Rule  $S \rightarrow aSbb$  produces  $m = 2n$

combination of rules  $0 \leq n \leq m \leq 2n$

$S \Rightarrow aSb$	$(n, m)$
$\Rightarrow aaSbb$	(2, 2)
$\Rightarrow aaaSbbb$	(3, 3)
$\Rightarrow aaaaSbbbbb$	(4, 5)
$\Rightarrow aaaaaSbbbbbbb$	(5, 7)
$\Rightarrow aaaaaaSbbbbbbbbb$	(6, 9)
$\Rightarrow aaaaaaaSbbbbbbbbbbb$	(7, 11)
$\Rightarrow aaaaaaa\lambda bbbbbbbbbbbb$	
$\Rightarrow aaaaaaabbbbbbbbbbbb$	

$L(G) = \{a^n b^m \mid 0 \leq n \leq m \leq 2n\}$

**Problems:**

# Examples of Grammars

## Example 3.2.5

$$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, B\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$$

$$P: \quad S \rightarrow abScB \mid \lambda$$

$$B \rightarrow bB \mid b$$

Rule  $S \rightarrow abScB$  n times  
 $S \rightarrow \lambda$

$$L(G) = \{(ab)^n(cb^{m_n})^n \mid n \geq 0, m_n \geq 0\} \text{ ???}$$

$$L(G) = \{\lambda \cup \{(ab)^n(cb^{m_1}) \dots (cb^{m_i}) \dots (cb^{m_n}) \mid n \geq 1, m_i \geq 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}\}$$

$$L(G) = \{(ab)^n(cb^{m_i})^n \mid n \geq 0, m_i \geq 1, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

$S \Rightarrow abScB$
$\Rightarrow ababScBcB$
$\Rightarrow abab\lambda cBcB$
$\Rightarrow (ab)^2(cBcB)$
$\Rightarrow (ab)^2(cbB)(cB)$
$\Rightarrow (ab)^2(cbbB)(cB)$
$\Rightarrow (ab)^2(cbbbB)(cB)$
$\Rightarrow (ab)^2(cbbbbb)(cB)$
$\Rightarrow (ab)^2(cbbbbb)(cbB)$
$\Rightarrow (ab)^2(cbbbbb)(cbb)$
$\Rightarrow (ab)^2(cb^4)(cb^2)$

# Example of Equivalent Grammars

## Example 3.2.6

$$G_1 = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A, B\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid a$$

$$B \rightarrow bB \mid \lambda$$

Rule $S \rightarrow AB$	1 time
Rule $A \rightarrow aA \mid a$	$> 0$ times
Rule $B \rightarrow bB \mid \lambda$	$\geq 0$ times

$$L(G) = \{a^+b^*\}$$

$L(G)$  is a left to right grammar

$$G_2 = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow aS \mid aA$$

$$A \rightarrow bA \mid \lambda$$

$$L(G) = \{a^+b^*\}$$

**Problems:**

# Example of Equivalent Grammars

## Example 3.2.7 – Exactly 2 $b$ 's

$$G_1 = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$P: \quad S \rightarrow AbAbA$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid \lambda$$

**Problems:**

$$L(G) = \{a^*ba^*ba^*\}$$

$$G_2 = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A, C\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$P: \quad S \rightarrow aS \mid bA$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid bC$$

$$C \rightarrow aC \mid \lambda$$

produces first  $a^*$

produces 2<sup>nd</sup>  $a^*$

$$L(G) = \{a^*ba^*ba^*\}$$



# Examples of Grammars

## Example 3.2.8 – at least 2 $b$ 's

$$G_1 = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow \textcolor{green}{a} \textcolor{red}{b} A \textcolor{red}{b} A$$

separated by  $\textcolor{red}{b}$ 's

$$A \rightarrow \textcolor{green}{a} A \mid \textcolor{blue}{b} A \mid \lambda$$

produces  $(a \cup b)^*$

$$L(G) = \{(\textcolor{green}{a} \cup \textcolor{blue}{b})^* \textcolor{red}{b} (\textcolor{green}{a} \cup \textcolor{blue}{b})^* \textcolor{red}{b} (\textcolor{green}{a} \cup \textcolor{blue}{b})^*\}$$

$$G_2 = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A, C\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow \textcolor{green}{a} S \mid \textcolor{red}{b} A$$

$$A \rightarrow a A \mid \textcolor{red}{b} C$$

$$C \rightarrow \textcolor{blue}{a} C \mid \textcolor{blue}{b} C \mid \lambda$$

$a^* \textcolor{red}{b}$

$S \rightarrow \textcolor{red}{b} A$  and  $A \rightarrow \textcolor{red}{b} C$   
produce 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  $\textcolor{red}{b}$

$$L(G) = \{\textcolor{green}{a}^* \textcolor{red}{b} a^* \textcolor{red}{b} (\textcolor{blue}{a} \cup \textcolor{blue}{b})^*\}$$

$(a \cup b)^*$

**Problems:**

# Examples of Grammars

## Example 3.2.9

$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, O\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$

$P: S \rightarrow aO \mid bO \mid \lambda$

$O \rightarrow aS \mid bS$

$S(O)$  in the sentential string indicates  
even (odd) number of terminal symbols

$L\{G\} = \{ w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ is an even length string} \}$

$S \Rightarrow aO$
$\Rightarrow aaS$
$\Rightarrow aabO$
$\Rightarrow aabbS$
$\Rightarrow aabb\lambda$
$\Rightarrow aabb$

$S \Rightarrow aO$
$\Rightarrow aaS$
$\Rightarrow aaaO$
$\Rightarrow aaaaS$
$\Rightarrow aaaa\lambda$
$\Rightarrow aaaa$

**Problems:**

# Examples of Grammars

## Example 3.2.10

$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, B, C\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$

$P:$   $S \rightarrow aS \mid bB \mid \lambda$

$B \rightarrow aB \mid bS \mid bC$

$C \rightarrow aC \mid \lambda$

Produces terminal strings with *even number of b's*  
and *even or odd number of a's*

paths to  $\lambda$ :

$S \rightarrow bB$  (odd number of  $b$ 's)

$B \rightarrow bS$  (even number of  $b$ 's)

$S \rightarrow bB$  (odd number of  $b$ 's)

$B \rightarrow bC$  (even number of  $b$ 's)

$S \Rightarrow aS$
$\Rightarrow abB$
$\Rightarrow abaB$
$\Rightarrow ababS$
$\Rightarrow ababbB$
$\Rightarrow ababbbC$
$\Rightarrow ababbb\lambda$
$\Rightarrow ababbb$

**Problems:**

# Examples of Grammars

## Example 3.2.11

$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A, B, C\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$

only 1 variable  
In string

P:  $S \rightarrow aB \mid bA \mid \lambda$

$A \rightarrow aC \mid bS$

$B \rightarrow aS \mid bC$

$C \rightarrow aA \mid bB$

Variable in String	Interpretation
$S$	Even number a's and b's
$A$	Even number a's and odd number b's
$B$	Odd number a's and even number b's
$C$	Odd number a's and b's

## Indirect recursion

$S \rightarrow B \mid A$

$A \rightarrow C \mid S$

$B \rightarrow S \mid C$

$C \rightarrow A \mid B$

$L\{G\} = \{ w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ is an even number } a\text{'s and } b\text{'s} \}$   
(string terminates from  $S$ )

**Problems:**

# Examples of Grammars

## Example 3.2.12

$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, B, C\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$

$P:$   $S \rightarrow bS \mid cS \mid aB \mid \lambda$

$B \rightarrow aB \mid cS \mid bC \mid \lambda$

$C \rightarrow aB \mid bS \mid \lambda$

$S \Rightarrow aB$

$\Rightarrow abC$

1. cannot produce string  $abc$
2.  $B$  occurs when previous terminal is  $a$  ( $S \rightarrow aB, B \rightarrow aB, C \rightarrow aB$ )
3.  $C$  present only when preceded by  $ab$  ( $S \rightarrow aB \mid B \rightarrow aB$  then  $B \rightarrow bC$ )
4.  $C$  rules cannot produce terminal  $c$  ( $C \rightarrow aB \mid bS \mid \lambda$ )

**Problems:**

*$a$  always precedes  $B$   
only  $B$  is replaced by  $C$*

# Examples of Languages

$$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, T\}, \Sigma = \{0, 1\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow 1T \mid 0T0T0TS \mid \lambda$$

$$T \rightarrow 1T \mid \lambda$$

$$L(G) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \text{number } 0\text{'s in } w \text{ is a multiple of } 3\}$$

$$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, T, Y\}, \Sigma = \{0, 1\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow 00T \mid 1Y \mid \lambda$$

$$T \rightarrow 00T \mid \lambda$$

$$Y \rightarrow 11Y \mid \lambda$$

Recursive and string terminates with  $\lambda$

$$L(G) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ consists of only } 0\text{'s and } |w| \text{ is even} \cup$$

$$w \text{ consists of only } 1\text{'s and } |w| \text{ is odd}\}$$

Problems:

# Examples of Languages

$$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A, B, C\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow aA \mid bB \mid cC$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid \lambda$$

$$B \rightarrow bB \mid \lambda$$

$$C \rightarrow cC \mid \lambda$$

$$L(G) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ has } \textit{only one} \text{ terminal symbol}\}$$

$$L(G) = \{a^n \cup b^n \cup c^n \mid n \geq 1\}$$

**Problems:**

# Examples of Languages

$$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A, B, C\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow ABC$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid \lambda$$

$$B \rightarrow bB \mid \lambda$$

$$C \rightarrow cC \mid \lambda$$

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

$$P: S \rightarrow ABC$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid a$$

$$B \rightarrow bB \mid b$$

$$C \rightarrow cC \mid c$$

$$L(G) = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i, j, k \geq 1\}$$

**Problems:**



# Examples of Languages

$$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, X\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$$

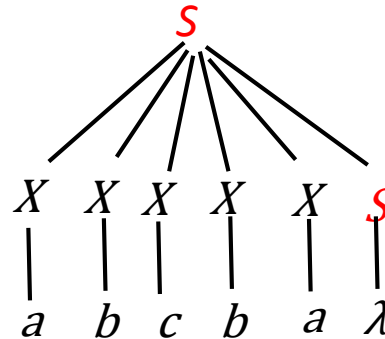
$$P: \quad \textcolor{red}{S} \rightarrow XXXXX\textcolor{red}{S} \mid \lambda$$

$X \rightarrow a \mid b \mid c$

*Recursive and terminates string with  $\lambda$*

$$L(G) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \text{length}(w) \text{ is a multiple of } 5\}$$

String  $abcba \in L(G)$



**Problems:**

# Examples of Languages

**Recursive Language** From Chapter 1 and 2:

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

**Basis:**  $\lambda \in L$

Recursive Step: if  $w \in L$  then  $awb \in L$

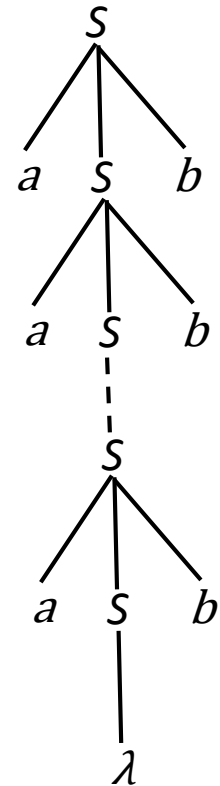
$$L(G) = \{\lambda, a\lambda b, aabb, aaabbb, \dots\} = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$

From Chapter 3:

$$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow aSb \mid \lambda$$

$$L(G) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w = a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$



**Problems:**

# Examples of Languages

## Problem 3.9

$$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, B, C\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$$

$$L(G) = \{a^n b^m c^i \mid 0 \leq n + m \leq i\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow aSc \mid B \mid \lambda$$

$$B \rightarrow bBc \mid C$$

$$C \rightarrow cC \mid \lambda$$

**Problems:**

perform  $S \rightarrow aSc$

$n$  times then

perform  $B \rightarrow bBc$

$m$  times then (or)

perform  $B \rightarrow C$

perform  $C \rightarrow cC$

$(i - n - m)$  incremental times

$$L(G) = \{\lambda\} \cup \{c^i \mid n, m = 0, i \geq 1\} \cup \{a^n c^i \mid m = 0, n \leq i\} \cup$$

$$\{b^m c^i \mid n = 0, m \leq i\} \cup \{a^n b^m c^i \mid n \geq 1, m \geq 1, 0 \leq n + m \leq i\}$$

$n, m, i = 0$

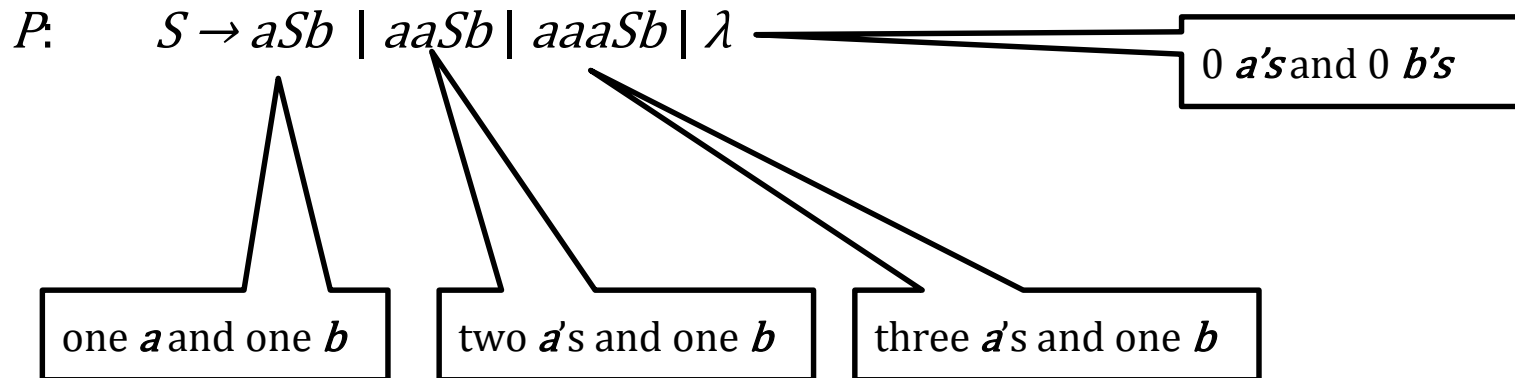
# Examples of Languages

## Problem 3.10

$$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$L(G) = \{a^m b^n \mid 0 \leq n \leq m \leq 3n\}$$

$L(G) = \{\text{number } a\text{'s at least number of } b\text{'s and}$   
 $\text{no more than 3 times number } b\text{'s}\}$



$$L(G) = \{\lambda, ab, a^2b, a^3b, a^2b^2, a^3b^2, a^4b^2, a^5b^2, a^6b^2, \dots\}$$

**Problems:**

# Examples of Languages

## Problem 3.11

$$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, T, Y\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$L(G) = \{a^m b^i a^n \mid i = m + n\}$$

$$L(G) = \{a^m b^{m+n} a^n \mid m + n \geq 0\}$$

$$L(G) = \{a^m b^m b^n a^n \mid m + n \geq 0\}$$

$$L(G) = \{a^m b^m \mid m \geq 0\} \{b^n a^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$

$$P: \quad S \rightarrow TY$$

$$T \rightarrow aTb \mid \lambda \quad m \text{ times}$$

$$Y \rightarrow bYa \mid \lambda \quad n \text{ times}$$

Concatenation  
of two sets

**Problems:**

# Regular Grammars

## Definition 3.3.1

Regular Grammar,  $G$ , is a **restrictive** context-free grammar

$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S)$ ,  $V = \{S, A, B\}$  and  $\Sigma = \{a\}$  with rules in the form:

$$A \rightarrow a \mid aB \mid \lambda$$

$$A \rightarrow \lambda \mid \Sigma V \mid \Sigma$$

Formal rules definition:  $P \subseteq V \times \{\lambda \cup \Sigma V \cup \Sigma\}$

***Only one variable and variable is right most symbol in the string***

## Example

$$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow aS \mid aA$$

$$A \rightarrow bA \mid \lambda$$

$$S \Rightarrow aS$$

$$\Rightarrow aS$$

$$\Rightarrow aaS$$

$$\Rightarrow aabA$$

$$\Rightarrow aabbA$$

$$\Rightarrow aabb\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow aabb$$

**Problems:**

# Regular Grammars

## Example 3.3.1

### Context Free Grammar (CFG)

$$G_1 = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow abSA \mid \lambda$$

$$A \rightarrow Aa \mid \lambda$$

$$L(G) = \lambda \cup (ab)^+ a^*$$

### Regular CFG

$$G_2 = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A, B\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow aB \mid \lambda$$

$$B \rightarrow bS \mid bA$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid \lambda$$

$$L(G) = \lambda \cup (ab)^+ a^*$$

$S \Rightarrow abSA$	$S \Rightarrow aB$
$\Rightarrow abSA$	$\Rightarrow aA$
$\Rightarrow ababSAA$	$\Rightarrow abA$
$\Rightarrow abab\lambda AA$	$\Rightarrow abaA$
$\Rightarrow abab\lambda AaA$	$\Rightarrow ababA$
$\Rightarrow ababAaAa$	$\Rightarrow ababaA$
$\Rightarrow abab\lambda aAa$	$\Rightarrow ababaaA$
$\Rightarrow ababaAa$	$\Rightarrow ababaa\lambda$
$\Rightarrow ababa\lambda a$	$\Rightarrow ababaa$
$\Rightarrow ababaa$	

# Languages and Grammars

Grammar: Variables, alphabet and rules for creating strings

$P(\Sigma^*)$  is the set of all languages

A language is a subset of  $\Sigma^*$

Not every language derived from a *CFG*

Not every language derived from a *Regular Grammar*

*Regular Grammar*  $\subset$  *CFG*

*Regular Grammar* is generated by a *Regular Expression*

*Regular Language* described by a *Regular Grammar*

*Regular Language*  $\subset$  *CFL*

<b><i>Problems:</i></b>
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# Leftmost Derivations

## Theorem 3.5.1

$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S)$ , string  $w \in L(G)$

*iff there is a leftmost derivation of  $w$  from  $S$   $S \Rightarrow w_1 \Rightarrow w_2 \Rightarrow \dots w_n = w$*

*Independent rule applications to build leftmost derivation of  $w$*

- i. Find first  $w_k$  such that sentential form is not a leftmost derivation (no  $k$  indicates leftmost derivation)
- ii. Reorder  $k + 1$  rule application as leftmost derivation.
- iii. Repeat i and ii up to  $n - k$  times as necessary

*leftmost derivations of terminal strings are assured*

*NO assurance of derivations for all sentential forms*

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$S \Rightarrow abAV \Rightarrow abAc \Rightarrow abbc$

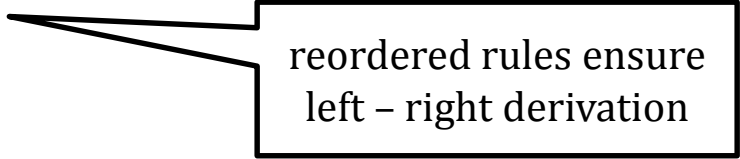
$V \rightarrow c$

$A \rightarrow b$

$S \Rightarrow abAV \Rightarrow abbV \Rightarrow abbc$

$A \rightarrow b$

$V \rightarrow c$



reordered rules ensure  
left – right derivation

*leftmost derivations of terminal strings are assured*

*NO assurance of derivations for all sentential forms*

# Leftmost Derivations

leftmost derivations of all sentential strings are NOT assured

$$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid \lambda$$

$$B \rightarrow bB \mid \lambda$$

$$L(G) = a^*b^*$$

no leftmost derivation with *A in sentential form*

leftmost derivation

rightmost derivation

$S \Rightarrow AB$	$S \Rightarrow AB$
$\Rightarrow \lambda B$	$\Rightarrow A\lambda$
$\Rightarrow B$	$\Rightarrow A$

**Problems:**

# Leftmost Derivations and Ambiguity

**Definition 3.5.2**  $G$  is *ambiguous* if  $w \in L(G)$  can be derived by two leftmost derivations (different sentential strings)

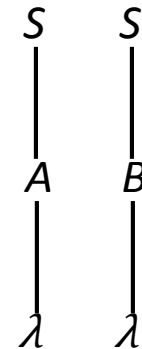
*Ambiguity is property of grammar not the language*

$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A, B\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$

$P:$   $S \rightarrow A \mid B$

$A \rightarrow aA \mid \lambda$

$B \rightarrow bB \mid \lambda$



*ambiguous grammars when strings have  $\geq 2$  distinct derivations*

# Leftmost Derivations and Ambiguity

*ambiguous grammars have  $\geq 2$  distinct leftmost derivations of a terminal string derived from different sentential strings*

$$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A\}, \Sigma = \{a\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow aS \mid Sa \mid a$$

$$L(G) = a^+$$

ambiguous

$S \Rightarrow aS$	$S \Rightarrow Sa$
$\Rightarrow aaS$	$\Rightarrow Saa$
$\Rightarrow aaa$	$\Rightarrow aaa$
$\Rightarrow aaa$	$\Rightarrow aaa$

$$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A\}, \Sigma = \{a\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow aS \mid a$$

$$L(G) = a^+$$

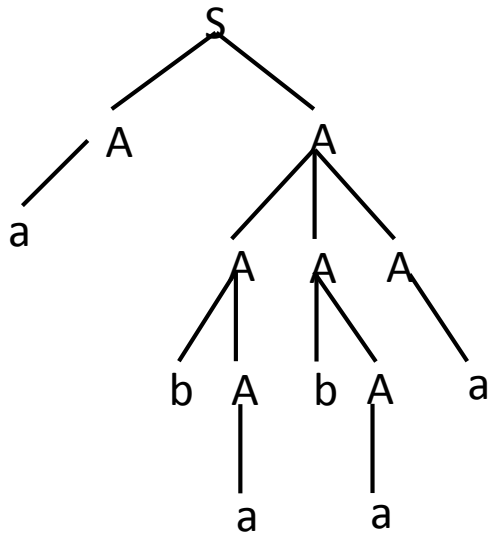
unambiguous

**Problems:**

# Leftmost Derivations and Ambiguity

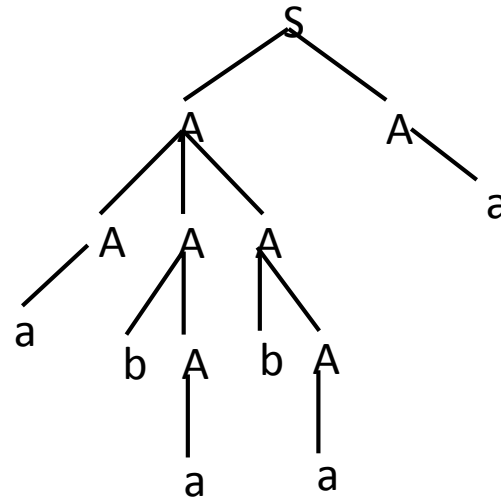
$$S \rightarrow AA \mid \lambda$$

$$A \rightarrow \textcolor{green}{AAA} \mid bA \mid Ab \mid \textcolor{red}{a}$$



$S \Rightarrow \textcolor{red}{AA}$
$\Rightarrow \textcolor{red}{a}A$
$\Rightarrow aAAA$
$\Rightarrow abAAA$
$\Rightarrow abaAA$
$\Rightarrow ababAA$
$\Rightarrow ababaA$
$\Rightarrow ababaa$

produces same  
terminal string from  
different sentential  
forms



$S \Rightarrow \textcolor{green}{AA}$
$\Rightarrow \textcolor{green}{AAA}A$
$\Rightarrow aAAA$
$\Rightarrow abAAA$
$\Rightarrow abaAA$
$\Rightarrow ababAA$
$\Rightarrow ababaA$
$\Rightarrow ababaa$

# Leftmost Derivations and Ambiguity

## Example 3.5.2

$G = (V, \Sigma, P, S), V = \{S, A\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$

$P: S \rightarrow bS \mid Sb \mid a$

$L(G) = b^*ab^*$

$S \Rightarrow bS$	$S \Rightarrow Sb$
$\Rightarrow bSb$	$\Rightarrow bSb$
$\Rightarrow bab$	$\Rightarrow bab$

*ambiguous grammar – ability to generate  $b^*$  in either direction*

$S \Rightarrow bS$	$S \Rightarrow Sb$
$\Rightarrow bS$	$\Rightarrow Sb$
$\Rightarrow bbS$	$\Rightarrow Sbb$
$\Rightarrow bbSb$	$\Rightarrow bSbb$

**Problems:**

# Leftmost Derivations and Ambiguity

## Example 3.5.2 (*continued*)

*eliminates ability to generate  $b^*$  in either direction (unambiguous)*

$$G_1 = (V, \Sigma, P, S),$$

$$V = \{S, A\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow bS \mid aA$$

$$A \rightarrow bA \mid \lambda$$

$$S \xRightarrow{n} b^n S$$

$$\Rightarrow b^n aA$$

$$\xRightarrow{m} b^n a b^m A$$

$$\Rightarrow b^n a b^m \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow b^n a b^m$$

$$L(G) = b^* a b^*$$

$$G_2 = (V, \Sigma, P, S),$$

$$V = \{S, A\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$P: S \rightarrow bS \mid A$$

$$A \rightarrow Ab \mid a$$

$$S \xRightarrow{n} b^n S$$

$$\Rightarrow b^n A$$

$$\xRightarrow{m} b^n A b^m$$

$$\Rightarrow b^n a b^m$$

$b^n$  then then  $b^m$

$b^n$  then then  $b^m$