

Chap. 5

Context-free Languages

Agenda of Chapter 5

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production의 형식에 따라.

Examples of context-free languages(1/3)

[Definition] Context-free grammars $G=(V, T, S, P)$

A grammar with all productions of the form,

$$A \rightarrow x$$

where $A \in V$ and $x \in (V \cup T)^*$

Variable-1개.

Variable, Terminal

숫자시. 1도 될

$$A \rightarrow aA$$

문법 A 뒤에 a가 있어야
타낼 수 있는 것임에
Context free가 아님.

[Definition] Context-free languages

L is context-free \Leftrightarrow there is a CFG G such that $L=L(G)$

$$\square F_{RL} \subset F_{CFL}$$

linear-grammar로 인해. (variable 1개만)
Terminal symbol이 많을 수

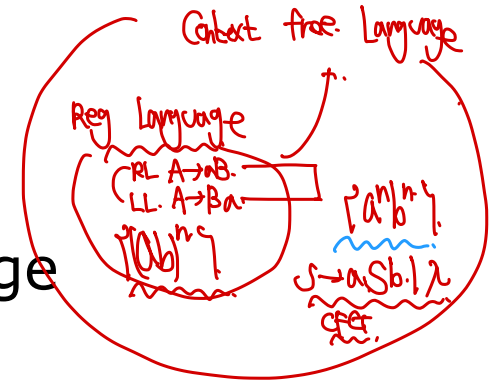
— F_{RL} : A family of regular language

— F_{CFL} : A family of context free language

\square Meaning of "Context-free"

→ 문맥에 상관 없다

— production의 왼쪽에 있는 variable은 sentential form에
나타날 때마다, 나머지 부분에 상관없이 대체 가능.



Examples of context-free languages(2/3)

Ex5.1] $G = (\{S\}, \{a, b\}, S, P)$ with

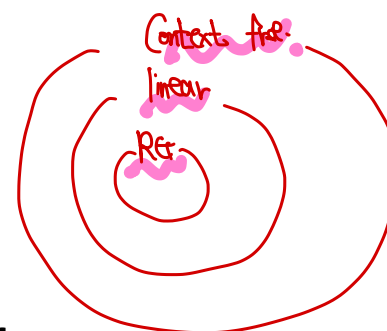
– $S \rightarrow aSa, S \rightarrow bSb, S \rightarrow \lambda$

– G is context-free and linear, but not regular.

– $L(G) = \{w \mid w \in (a,b)^*\}$

→ Context free Grammar
but not Regular Grammar.

$S \rightarrow aSa \Rightarrow abSba$



Ex5.2] G with productions

– $S \rightarrow abB, A \rightarrow aaBb, B \rightarrow bbAa, A \rightarrow \lambda$

– G is context-free and linear, but not regular.

– $L(G) = \{ab(bb aa)^n bba(ba)^n \mid n \geq 0\}$

$S \Rightarrow abB \Rightarrow abbbAa \Rightarrow abbb aaBb a$

$\Rightarrow ab(bb aa)^2 B(ba)^2$
 $\Rightarrow ab(bb aa)^2 bbaAa(ba)^2 \Rightarrow ab(bb aa)^2 bbaa(ba)^2$

Note] Regular and linear grammars are context-free, but a context-free grammar is not necessarily linear.

→ $A \rightarrow AB$ 이렇게 하면 안 된다.

Regular (n) Context free (c)

Examples of context-free languages(3/3)

Ex5.3] $L = \{a^n b^m \mid n \neq m\}$ is context free.

 $a^n | b^n \quad S \rightarrow aSb | \lambda$

Proof) Produce a context-free grammar for L.

$$\begin{cases} n > m. \\ S_1 \rightarrow aSb | \lambda \\ S \rightarrow AS_1 \\ A \rightarrow aA | a \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} n < m. \\ S_1 \rightarrow aSb | \lambda \\ S \rightarrow S_1 B \\ B \rightarrow bB | b \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} S \rightarrow AS_1 | S_1 B \\ S_1 \rightarrow aS_1 b | \lambda \\ A \rightarrow aA | a \quad B \rightarrow bB | b \end{cases}$$

→ linear x.
→ context free grammar

$$S \rightarrow aSb | A | B$$

$$A \rightarrow aA | a$$

$$B \rightarrow bB | b$$

(linear-식)
(Context free-식)

Ex5.4] G with productions

- $S \rightarrow aSb \mid SS \mid \lambda$
- G is context-free but not linear
- $L(G) = \{w \in \{a,b\}^* \mid n_a(w) = n_b(w), n_a(cr) \geq n_b(cr) \text{ for any prefix } r \text{ of } w\}$
- Related programming languages :
 - Consider homomorphism $h(a) = (, h(b) =)$

Context free (c) but not linear.

Note] There are many other equivalent grammars, which is sometimes linear.

$\{a^n b^n \mid n \neq 1\}$ 은 위와 linear grammar. 을 찾아보자.

Leftmost & rightmost derivations

□ Problem of non-linear CFG

well(ε)

- Derivations with more than one variables
 - There is a choice in the order of applying productions
- ex) $S \rightarrow AB, A \rightarrow aaB \mid \lambda, B \rightarrow bB \mid \lambda$ $S \Rightarrow AB$
- Removing such irrelevant factors
 - Require a specific order for replace of variables.

□ Leftmost derivation → 왼쪽부터 먼저

- Leftmost variable in the sentential form is replaced.

□ Rightmost derivation → 오른쪽부터 먼저

- Rightmost variable in the sentential form is replaced.

Ex5.5] $S \rightarrow aAB, A \rightarrow bBb, B \rightarrow A \mid \lambda$

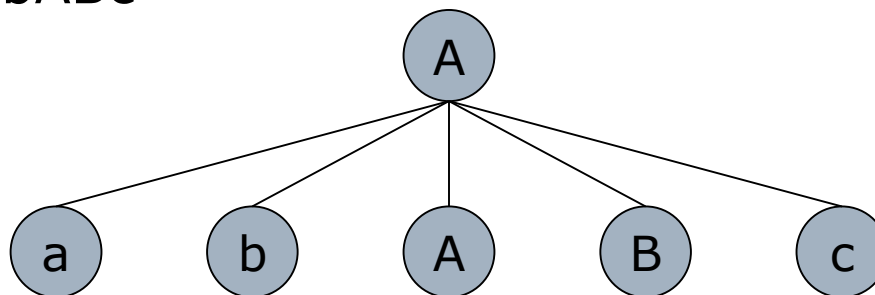
- Leftmost derivation: $S \Rightarrow aAB \Rightarrow abBbB \Rightarrow abbbB \Rightarrow abbb$
- Rightmost derivation: $S \Rightarrow aAB \Rightarrow aA \Rightarrow a.bBb \Rightarrow abbb$

이리 정해야 한다.

Derivation Trees (1/3)

□ Derivation Trees

- An ordered tree of showing derivation
 - Nodes : labeled with the left sides of productions
 - Children of a node : its corresponding right sides
 - Root: start symbol
 - Leaves: terminal symbols
- Independent of the order in which productions are used
- ex) $A \rightarrow abABc$



Derivation Trees (2/3)

[Formal Definition of Derivation Trees]

- An ordered tree is a derivation tree for a CFG $G=(V,T,S,P)$
- \Leftrightarrow 1. root : labeled S. a vertex (w.)
- 2. label of leaf $\in T \cup \{\lambda\}$
- 3. label of interior vertex $\in V$.
- 4. If there exist a vertex with label $A \in V$
and children with labels a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n (left to right) 순서가 중요하다.
then P must contain $A \rightarrow a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$
- 5. A leaf labeled λ : has no siblings.

[Partial derivation tree]

A tree with properties 3,4,5 and

- 2a. label of leaf $\in V \cup T \cup \{\lambda\}$ instead of 2.

[Yield of a tree]

String obtained by reading leaves of the tree from left to right, omitting any λ 's encountered.

Derivation Trees (3/3)

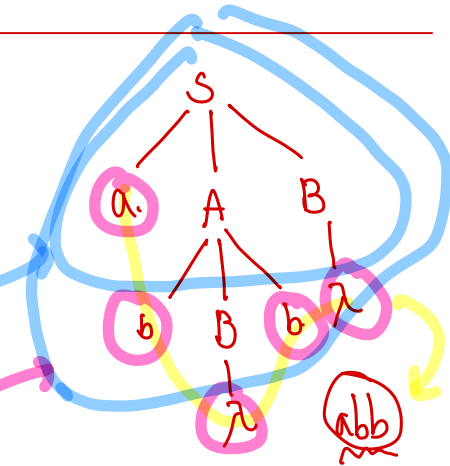
Ex5.6] Grammar G with productions

— $S \rightarrow aAB$, $A \rightarrow bBb$, $B \rightarrow A \mid \lambda$

— A partial derivation tree
 ⇒ yield $\rightarrow abBb$ sentence 1st
 ⇒ sentential form.

— Yield of the tree

— A derivation tree



— Yield of the tree

[note] A derivation tree corresponds to a string

Relation between sentential forms & derivation trees

[Theorem 5.1] Derivation trees & a CFG $G=(V,T,S,P)$

- i) $\forall w \in L(G), \exists$ a derivation tree such that its yield is w
- ii) The yield of any derivation tree for G is in $L(G)$.
- iii) \forall PDT t_G for G with root S , its yield is a sentential form of G

Sketch of Proof)

1. Show that every sentential form of $L(G)$ has a corresponding PDT t_G .
(Use induction with the number of derivation steps (n))

[Base] Every sentential form (with $n=1$) has a PDT

[Assumption] Assume that every sentential form (with $n=k$) has a PDT.

[Inductive step] For every sentential form (with $n=k+1$),
we can find a PDT from [Base] and [Assumption].

2. Show that every PDT represents some sentential form.
(Use Induction with the height (h) of PDT)

3. This can also be applied to derivation trees.

Parsing and Membership(1/6)

□ Membership algorithm for $L(G)$

- Determine whether $w \in L(G)$ is true or not.
- For G , need to find a derivation of w

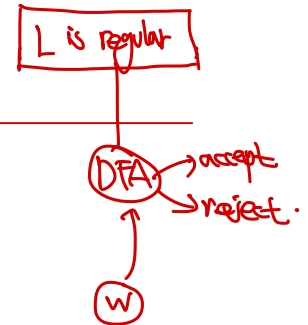
□ Parsing

- finding a sequence of productions by which w is derived.
- A membership algorithm can be implemented by parsing.

□ How to do parsing

- Systematically construct all possible derivations and see whether any of them match w .
- Exhaustive search parsing (top-down parsing)
 1. Looking at all productions of the form $S \rightarrow x$
 2. If none of these results in a match with w , apply all applicable productions to the leftmost variable of x
 3. Do this process until we derive w .

" $w \in L(G)$? "



$S \Rightarrow aAB \Rightarrow a_bBbB \Rightarrow abbB \Rightarrow abb$

CFL \rightarrow (CFG)
 string
 L(G) (어떤지 derivate 할지)

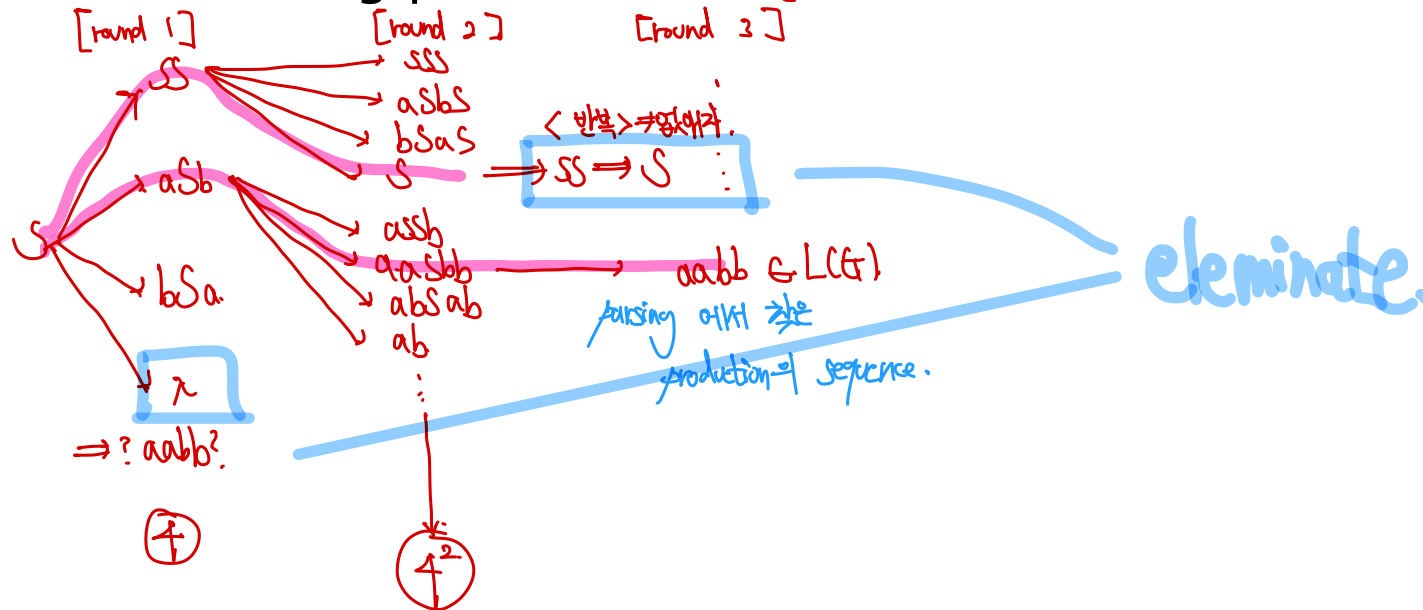
rightmost로 할 것 x.

Parsing and Membership(2/6)

Ex5.7] $S \rightarrow SS|aSb|bSa|\lambda$.

(Do this process until we derive w.)

— Parsing process of $w = aabb$



— From this, we can conclude that $aabb$ is in the language.

Flaws of exhaustive search parsing

- Tediousness
- Possibility of nontermination for $w \notin L$.
만약 목적어열이 존재하지 않는 경우 무한히 계속되는 것이 있다.

Parsing and Membership(3/6)

- A resolution: eliminate production rules of the forms,

$A \rightarrow \lambda, A \rightarrow B$

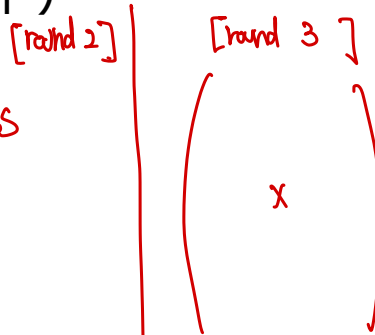
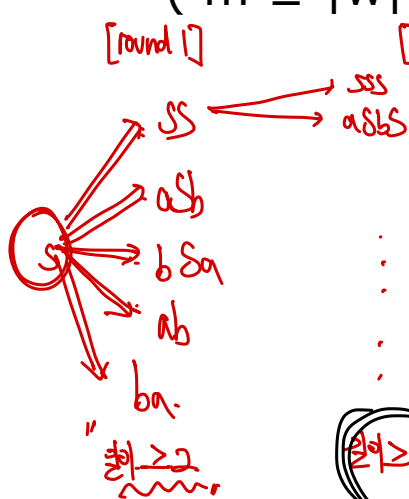
$S \rightarrow B$
 $B \rightarrow S$

$S \Rightarrow B \Rightarrow S \Rightarrow B \dots$

Ex5.8] $S \rightarrow SS|aSb|bSa|ab|ba$

- At each round, the length of sentential forms increases.
- Exhaustive search parsing terminate in m rounds

($m \leq |w|$)



($aaa \in L(G)$) (??)

$|aaa| = 3$

round 2 적용하는
거야 한다.



sentential form의 길이 $> |w|$.

이런 stop

(aaa가 아니.)

그럼 round 3를 볼 필요도 없어

why round 3의 $|w| \geq 4$ 이 때문.

Parsing and Membership(4/6)

[Theorem 5.2]

Consider a CFG $G=(V,T,S,P)$ without $A \rightarrow \lambda$ and $A \rightarrow B$ ($A,B \in \underline{V}$.)

For any $w \in \Sigma^*$, the exhaustive search parsing can

either produce a parsing of w , $w \in L(G)$

or tell that no parsing is possible. $w \notin L(G)$

Proof) Note the following facts.

- Each derivation :
increase the length of sentential form and/or the number of terminal symbols.
- the length of sentential form $\leq |w|$
- the number of terminal symbols $\leq |w|$

Thus, Number of rounds of a derivation $\leq 2|w|$.

$$|w| = |aaa| = 3$$

$$S \xRightarrow{3} ABC \xRightarrow{3} aaa$$

$$S \rightarrow SS \rightarrow aS \rightarrow (ab)$$

2|w| 초하는 상황 불가능.

Parsing and Membership(5/6)

□ How many steps for parsing w ?

- Exhaustive search parsing for a grammar w/o $A \rightarrow \lambda$, $A \rightarrow B$
 - Number of steps $< |P| + |P|^2 + \dots + |P|^{2|w|}$
- For every context-free grammars
 - There exist an algorithm parsing w in n steps ($n \propto |w|^3$)
- Need more efficient parsing! ($n \propto |w|$)

$|w|$

\rightarrow $\text{rand.} \rightarrow$ maximum $2|w|$

이런 식의 방법을 쓴.

production 의 숫자.

$|P| + |P|^2 + \dots + |P|^{2|w|}$

쓸 수 없는 Algorithm

\rightarrow 더 나은 Algorithm을 찾아야 한다.

□ Simple -grammar (s-grammar)

- A restricted type of context-free grammar $G=(V,T,S,P)$
- All productions are of the form,
 - $A \rightarrow ax$ where $A \in V, a \in T, x \in V^*$
 - Any pair of (A, a) occurs at most ones in P .

형태 (CFG와) 같음.

Terminal 기호.

Variable 들만 가.

Context-free. 일관 linear x

Ex 5.9] $S \rightarrow aS | bSS | c$

(A,a) (A,b) (A,c)

S-grammar (0)

$S \rightarrow aS | bSS | aSS | c$. (A,a) 가 중복 \Rightarrow S-grammar (X)

Parsing and Membership(6/6)

- Let G : an s-grammar,
 then any $w \in L(G)$ can be parsed with n step, $n \propto |w|$.
 Verification)

consider a string $w = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$.

Start of derivation : $S \Rightarrow a_1 A_1 A_2 \dots A_m$

Substitution of A_1 : there is a unique choice

$$S \Rightarrow a_1 a_2 B_1 B_2 \dots A_2 \dots A_m$$

Like these, each step produces one terminal symbol.

Thus, the whole process must be completed in no more than $|w|$ steps.

sentential form의 길이
 $|2w| \propto$ *문장 길이*

Ex5.9] parsing of aabbccc with $S \rightarrow aS | bSS | c$

$$S \Rightarrow aS \Rightarrow aaS \Rightarrow aabSS \Rightarrow aabbSSS \Rightarrow aabbSSS \Rightarrow aabbccS \Rightarrow aabbccc$$

$$A_i \rightarrow a_i B_1 B_2 \dots B_m$$

$$S \Rightarrow a_1 A_1 A_2 \dots A_m \Rightarrow a_1 a_2 B_1 B_2 \dots B_m$$

$$S \rightarrow a_1 A_1 A_2 \dots A_m$$

S-grammar

Context free grammar X

Ambiguity in Grammars and Languages(1/3)

[Definition] Ambiguity of a sentence w

- A number of different derivation tree may exist
- Two or more leftmost or rightmost derivations exist

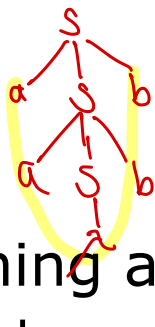
[Definition] Ambiguity of a grammar G

A CFG G is said to be ambiguous

when There exists some $w \in L(G)$ with ambiguity

Ex5.10] G with productions $S \rightarrow aSb | SS | \lambda$ is ambiguous.

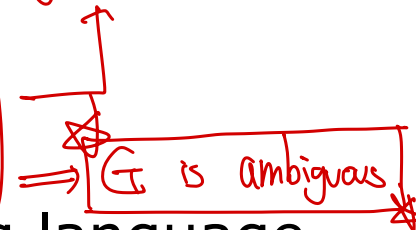
- Consider the sentence aabb



\rightarrow ambiguous ~~이~~ how

\rightarrow ambiguous ~~한~~ w 이므로.

= ambiguous ~~한~~ w .



□ When defining a programming language,

- required to remove the ambiguity
- by rewriting the grammar in an unambiguous form.

Ambiguity in Grammars and Languages(2/3)

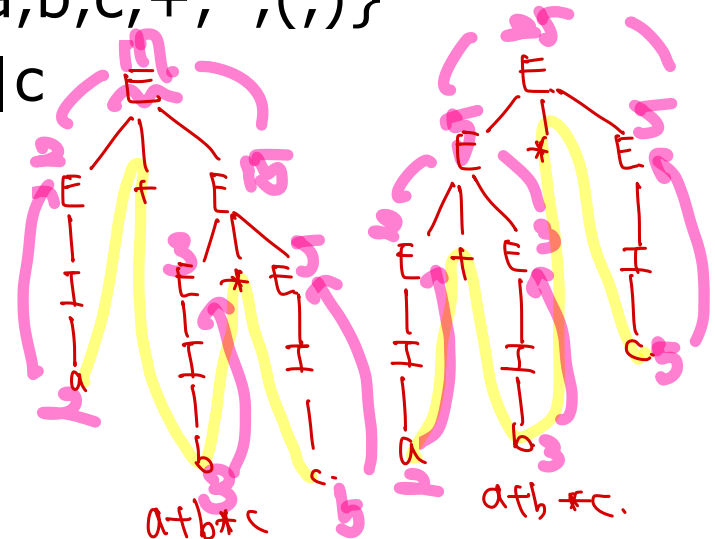
Ex5.11] $G=(V,T,E,P)$, $V=\{E,I\}$, $T=\{a,b,c,+,*,(,)\}$

$E \rightarrow I \mid E+E \mid E * E \mid (E)$, $I \rightarrow a \mid b \mid c$

— The grammar G is ambiguous.

— Consider $a+b*c$

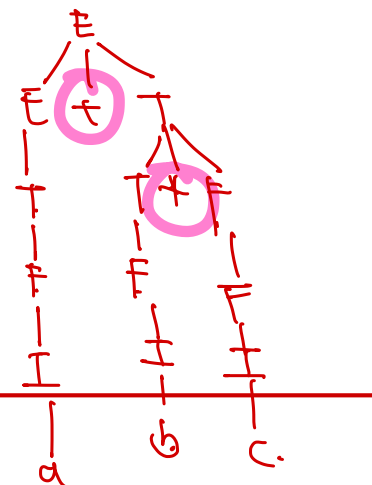
산재야 할지.



- Way to resolve the ambiguity
 - : to associate precedence rules with the operators $+$ and $*$.
 - : to rewrite the grammar.

Ex5.12] Rewriting of G in Ex5.11

- Introduce new variables taking $V=\{E,T,F,I\}$
- $E \rightarrow T \mid E+T$, $T \rightarrow F \mid T * F$, $F \rightarrow I \mid (E)$, $I \rightarrow a \mid b \mid c$
- Derivation of $a+b*c$:



Ambiguity in Grammars and Languages(3/3)

[Definition] Ambiguity of Language

- A context-free language L is **unambiguous** if there exists an unambiguous grammar.
- A Language L is called **inherently ambiguous** if every grammar generating L is ambiguous. *(모든 grammar가 ambiguous)*

Ex5.12] $L = \{a^n b^n c^m\} \cup \{a^n b^m c^m\}$ ($n, m \geq 0$)

- Make a context-free grammar G generating L

$S \rightarrow AC \mid DB$
 $A \rightarrow aAb \mid \epsilon$
 $C \rightarrow cC \mid \epsilon$
 $B \rightarrow bBc \mid \epsilon$
 $D \rightarrow aD \mid \epsilon$

ambiguous string

$a+b+c$

unambiguous language

- Check the ambiguity of G

$a^n b^n c^n$

$S \Rightarrow AC \Rightarrow aAbc \Rightarrow abC \Rightarrow abcC \Rightarrow abc$
 $\Rightarrow DB \Rightarrow DbbC \Rightarrow Dbc \Rightarrow aDbc \Rightarrow abc$

ambiguous

- Is L inherently ambiguous?

모든 G를 다 봐야 함.

Not clear.

Formal language for Programming Languages

- Definition of Grammar → definition of a programming languages
- Parsing → interpreter & Compiler. 문법에 해당 되는 derivation.
- Definition of a PL by grammar : BNF (Backus-Naur Form)
 - Ex5.12 revisited] definition using BNF

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \text{expression} \rangle &::= \langle \text{term} \rangle \mid \langle \text{expression} \rangle + \langle \text{term} \rangle \\ \langle \text{term} \rangle &::= \langle \text{factor} \rangle \mid \langle \text{term} \rangle * \langle \text{factor} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

 $E \rightarrow T \mid E + T$
- Example of s-grammar
 - $\langle \text{if_statement} \rangle ::= \text{if} \langle \text{expression} \rangle \langle \text{then_clause} \rangle \langle \text{else_clause} \rangle$
- Difficulties
 - Specification of a PL must be unambiguous.
 - It is not easy to deciding inherent ambiguity of a PL. 알지 못하다.
 - Some semantic features may be poorly defined or ambiguous.