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Ambiguous grammars can lead to confusion in parsing and interpreting sentences. When a grammar allows more than one derivation tree or parse tree for a given input string, it is considered ambiguous. Conversely, **unambiguous grammars** have only one valid parse tree for each string they generate.

Here are some methods to **eliminate ambiguity** from a grammar:

1. Fixing the Grammar:

- Review the production rules and modify them to ensure that each string has a unique parse tree.
- Introduce additional rules or constraints to disambiguate ambiguous constructs.

2. Adding Grouping Rules:

- Use parentheses or other grouping symbols to clarify the order of operations.
- For example, in arithmetic expressions, parentheses can resolve ambiguity by indicating which operations should be performed first.

3. Using Semantics:

- Consider the meaning of the language and choose the parse tree that makes the most sense.
- Sometimes, the context or semantics of the language can guide you toward an unambiguous interpretation.

4. Adding Precedence Rules:

- Assign priorities to different operators.
- Higher-level productions should have operators with lower priority, while lower-level productions should have operators with higher priority.
- This helps ensure that expressions are parsed consistently.

Remember that ambiguity removal is not always straightforward, and there is no general algorithm to guarantee unambiguous grammars. However, by applying the methods above, you can create clearer and more predictable grammars for parsing and interpretation.