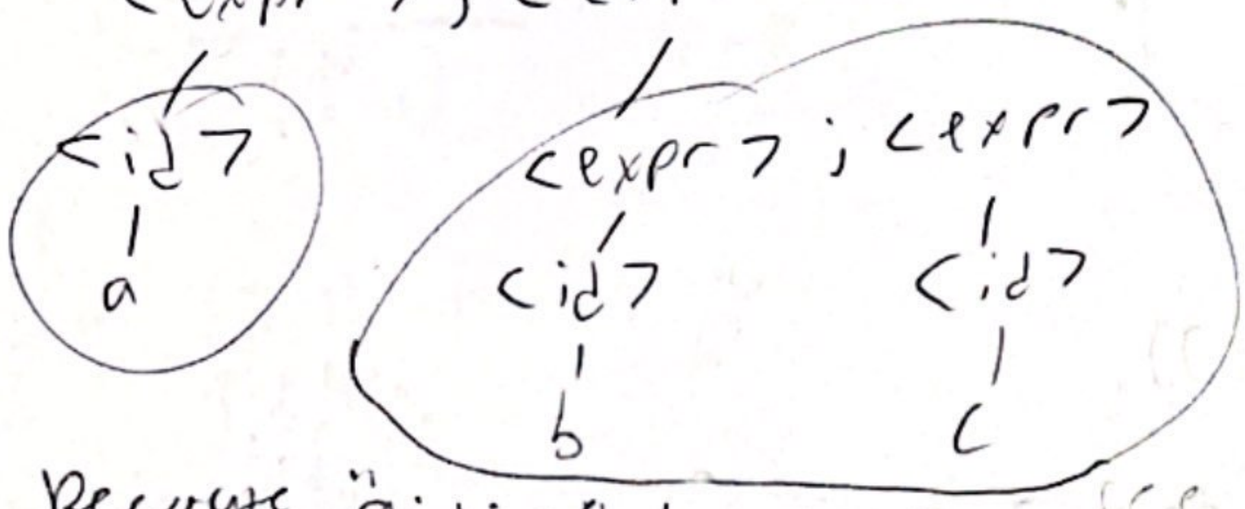
CS320 Assign 6 Written

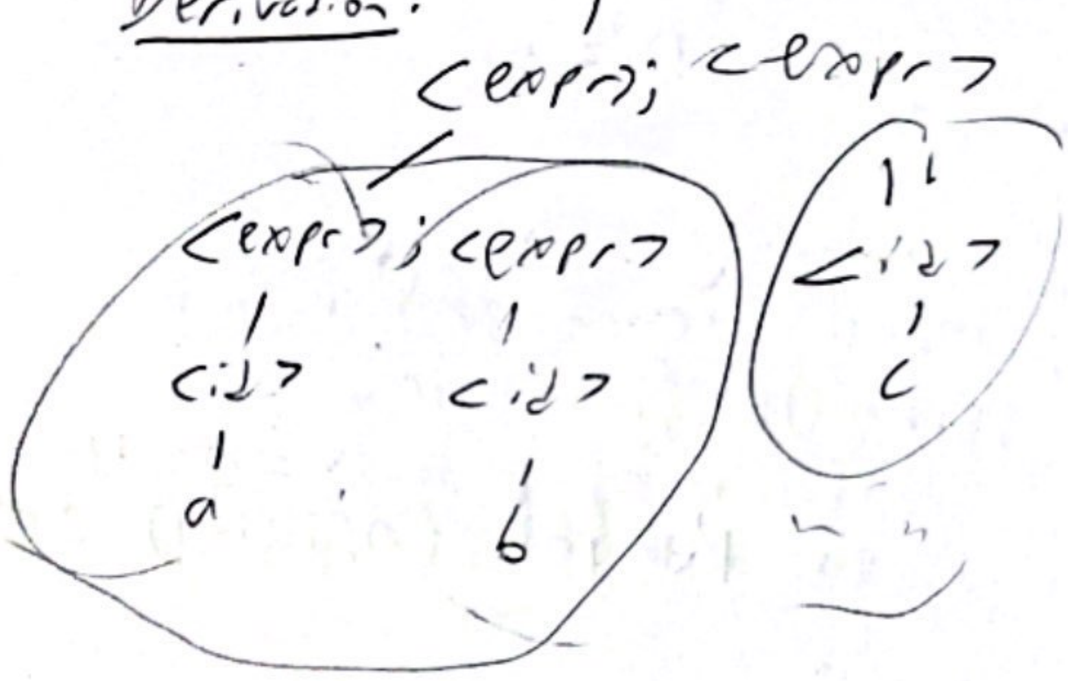
1. Say we try to parse a;b;c

Leftmost Derivation:



or

Rightmost Derivation:



Because "a;b;c" has two distinct parse trees, the grammar is ambiguous

2. Modified grammar

<id> ::= a|b|c|...|z

<dig> ::= 0|1|2|...|9

<symb> ::= <id> | <dig> | ()

<term> ::= let <id> = <expr> | in <expr>

<beg-end> ::= begin | <expr> | end

<exprs> ::= <symb>; <exprs>
| <term-in>; <exprs>
| <beg-end>; <exprs>

<expr> ::= <symb>
| <term-in>
| <beg-end>
| <exprs>

3. The previously-demonstrated ambiguity arose because the '<expr>;<expr>' grammar was associative. Note that other grammars (like <symb>, <term>, and <beg-end>) are just sugar in this grammar. These are not associative. By switching the <expr>;<expr> grammar to the <exprs> grammar, the derivation tree becomes right-associative