

Parse Tree

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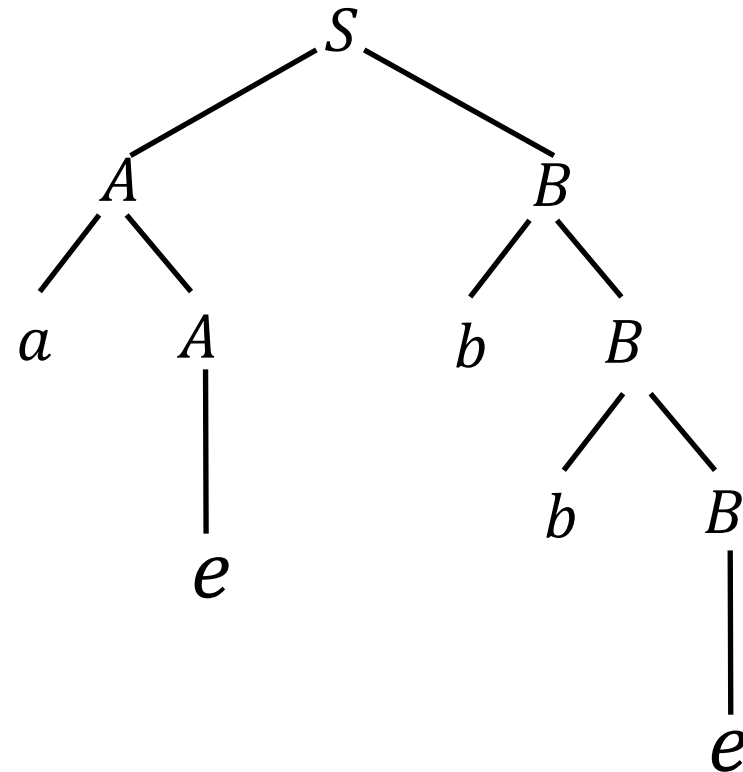
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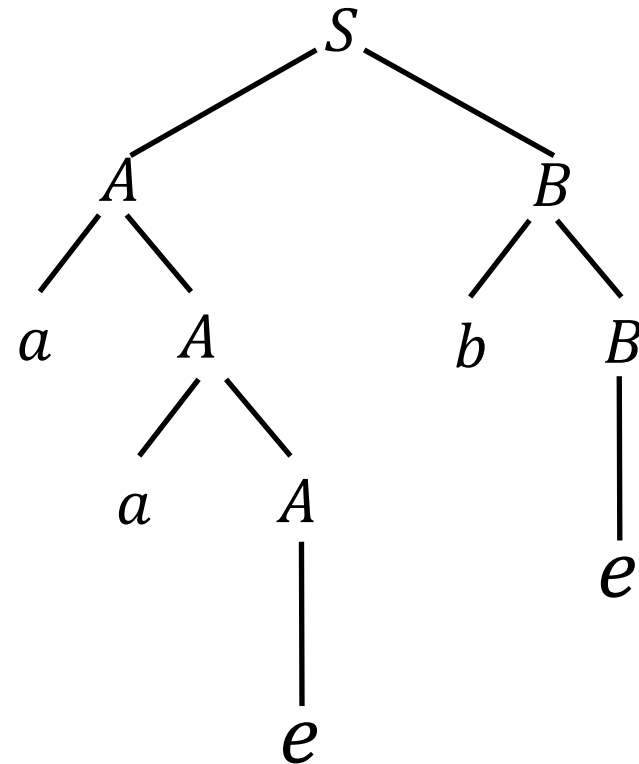
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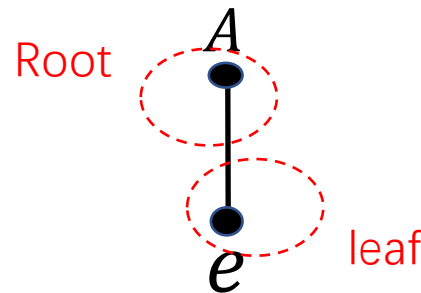
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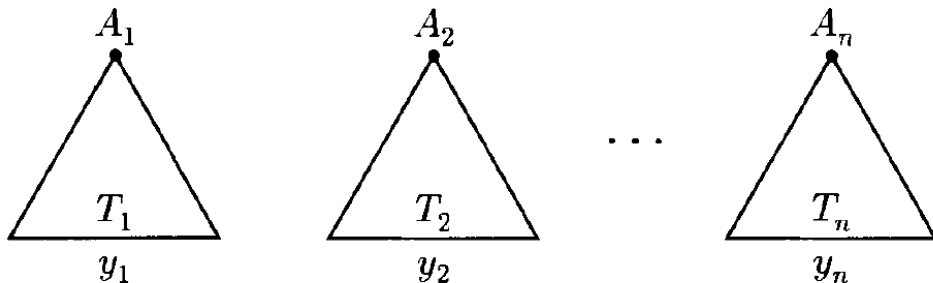
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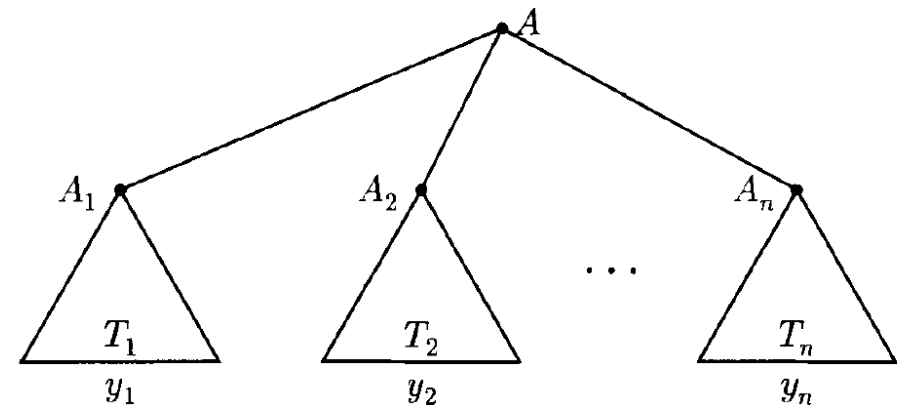
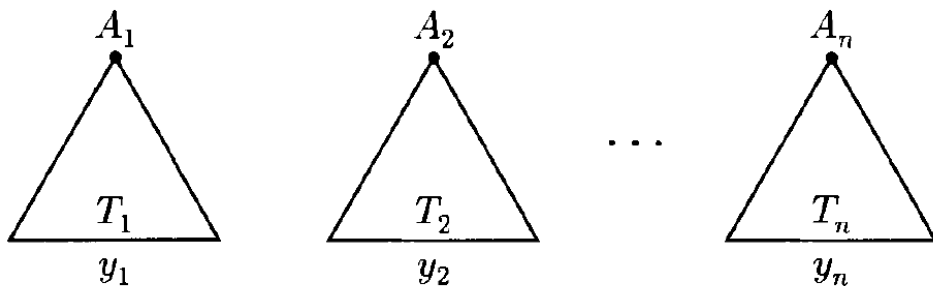
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 - Nothing else is a parse tree

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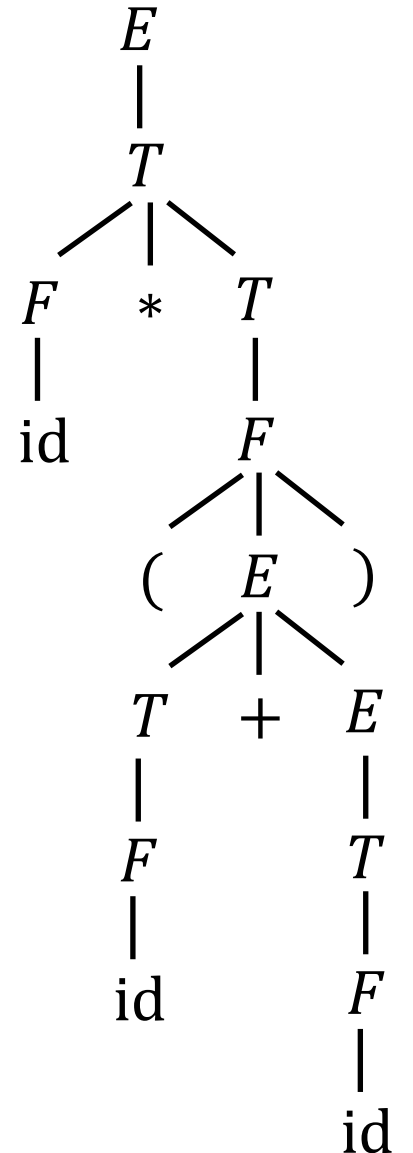
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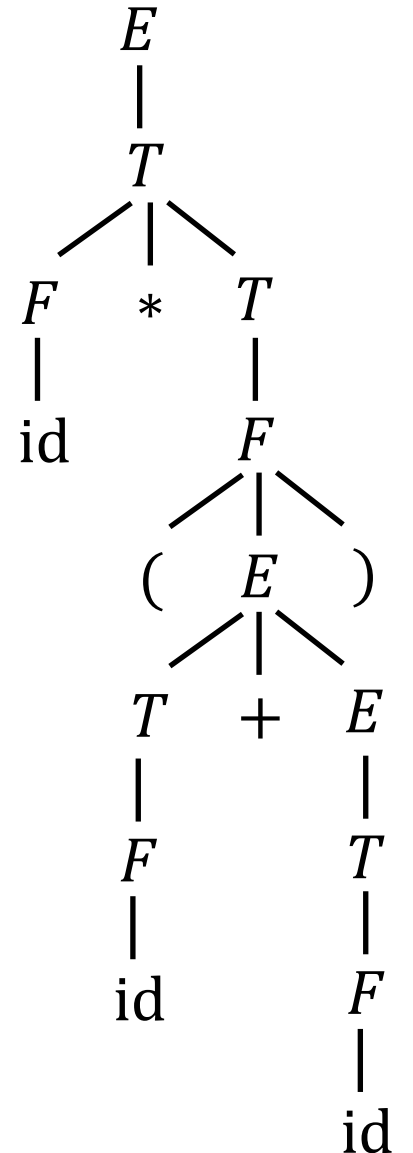
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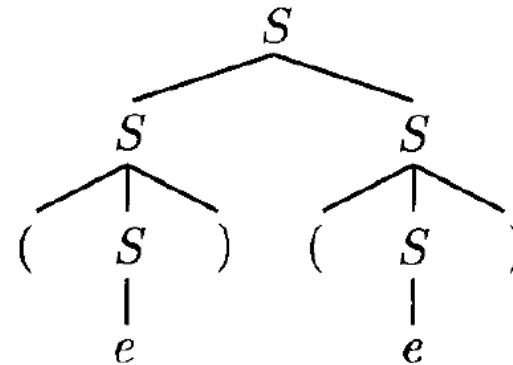
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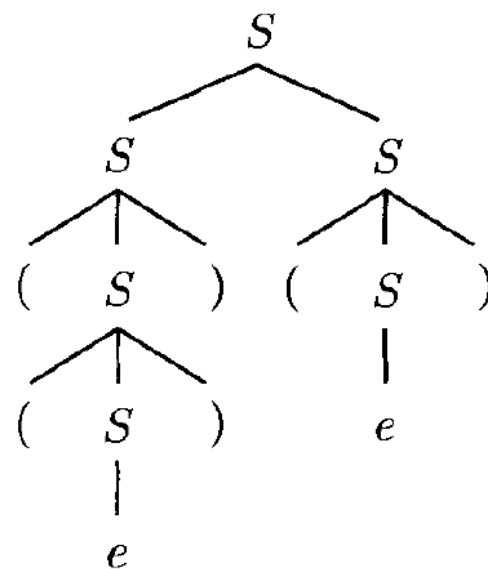
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D, D' are **similar** if $D < \dots < D'$ or $D' < \dots < D$

- D_1, D_2, D_3 are similar

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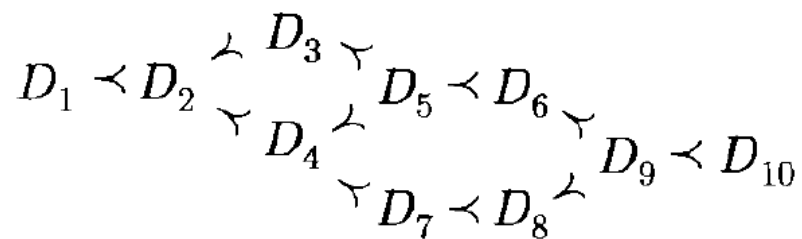
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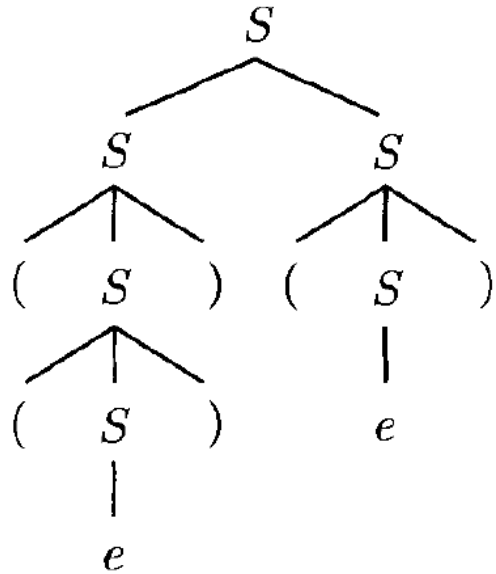
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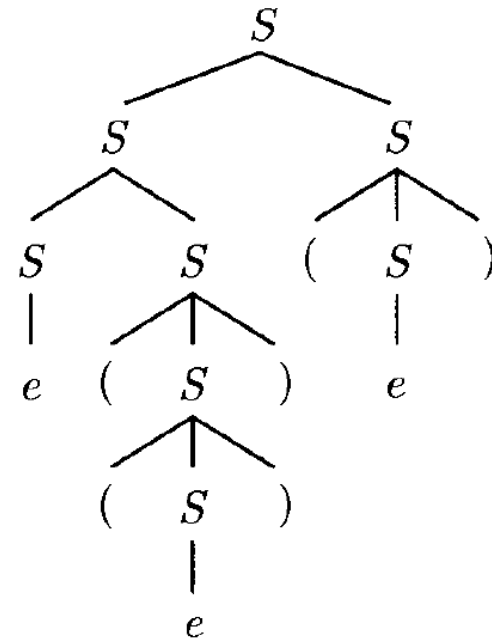
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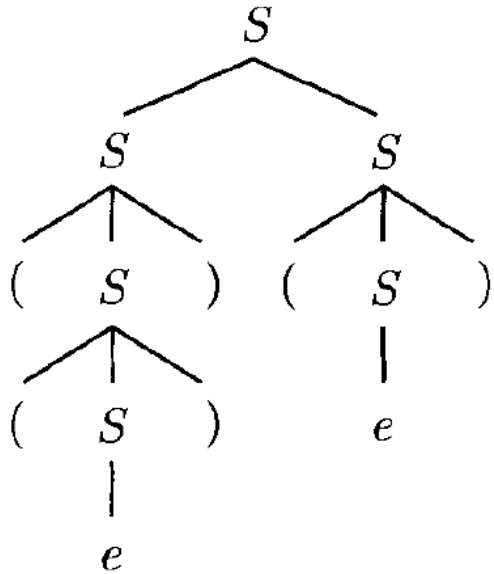
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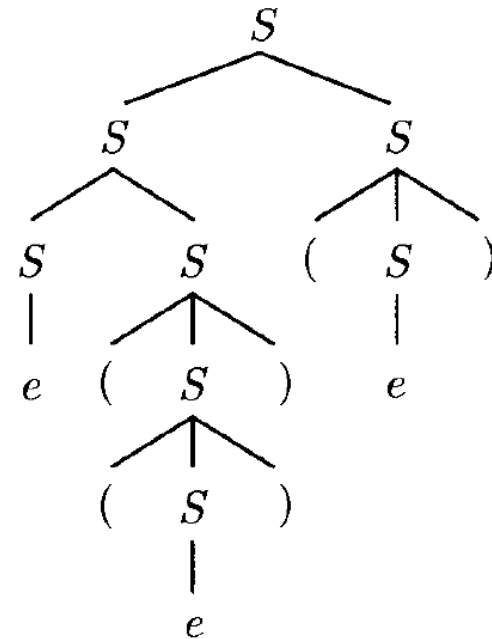
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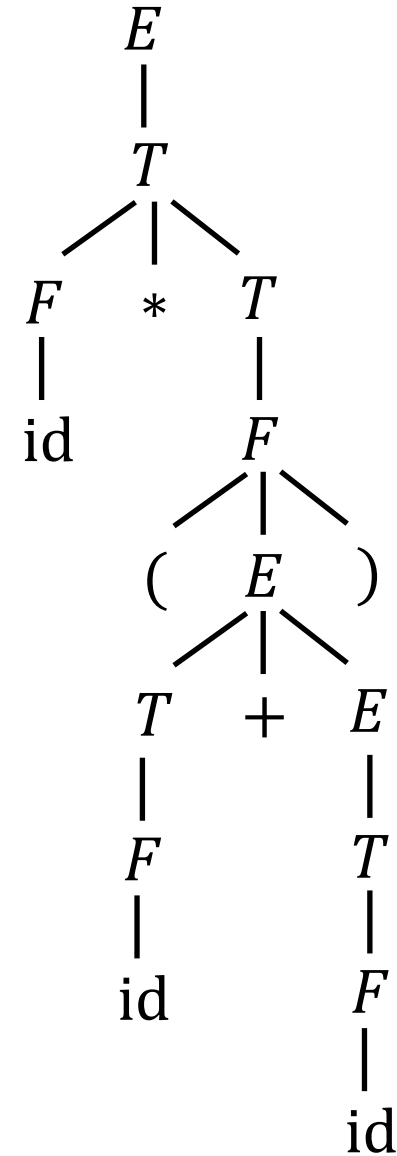
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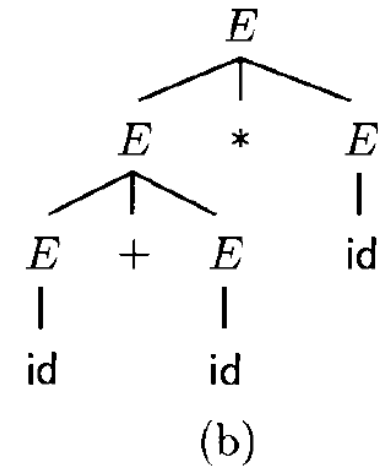
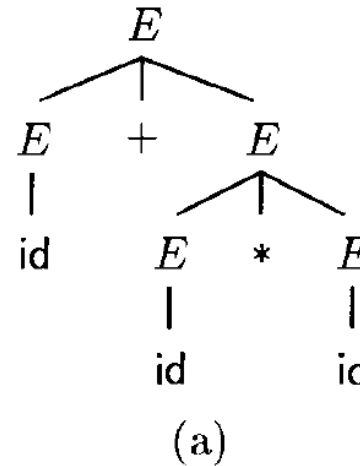
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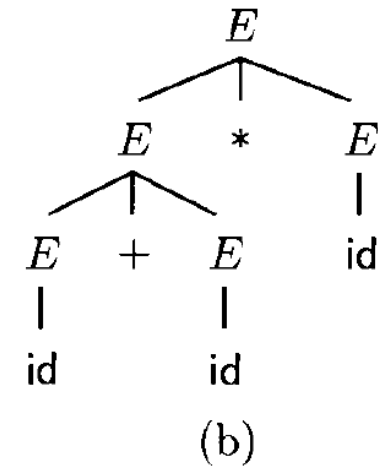
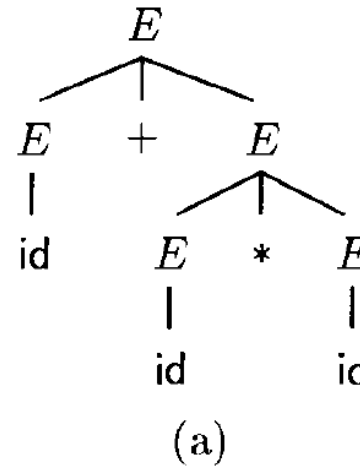
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- There exist context-free languages such that all context-free grammars that generate them must be ambiguous (**inherently ambiguous**)
- A programming language should not be ambiguous