

**Problem 2.27.** Let  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, \langle \text{STMT} \rangle)$  be the following grammar.

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \text{STMT} \rangle &\rightarrow \langle \text{ASSIGN} \rangle \mid \langle \text{IF-THEN} \rangle \mid \langle \text{IF-THEN-ELSE} \rangle \\ \langle \text{IF-THEN} \rangle &\rightarrow \text{if condition then } \langle \text{STMT} \rangle \\ \langle \text{IF-THEN-ELSE} \rangle &\rightarrow \text{if condition then } \langle \text{STMT} \rangle \text{ else } \langle \text{STMT} \rangle \\ \langle \text{ASSIGN} \rangle &\rightarrow \text{a:=1}\end{aligned}$$

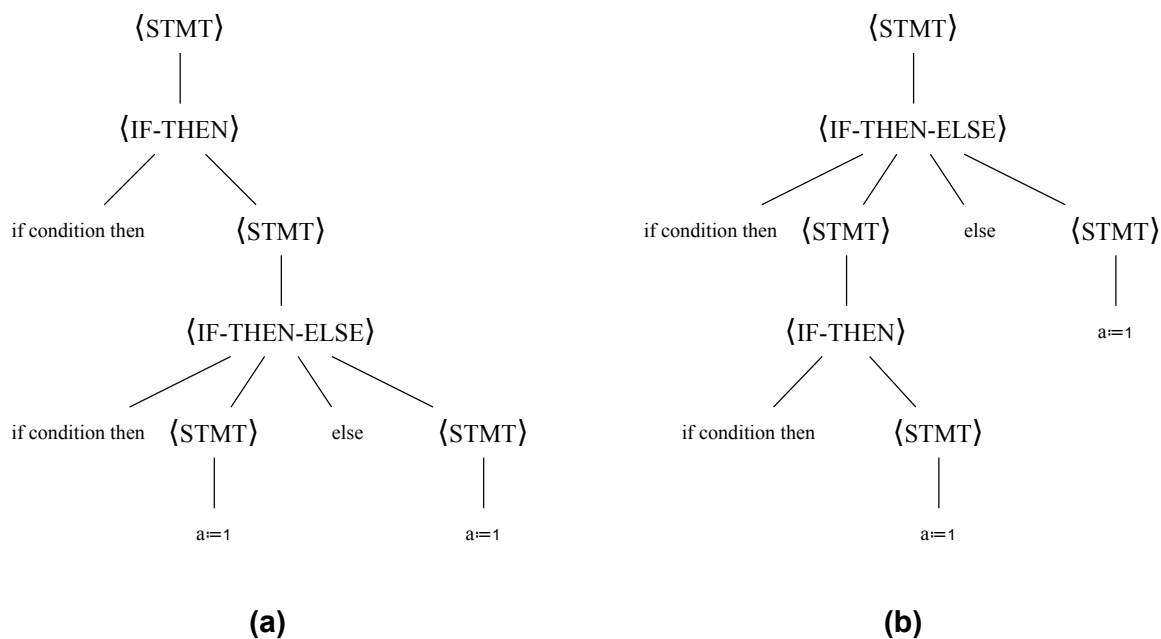
$$\Sigma = \{\text{if, condition, then, else, a:=1}\}$$

$$V = \{\langle \text{STMT} \rangle, \langle \text{IF-THEN} \rangle, \langle \text{IF-THEN-ELSE} \rangle, \langle \text{ASSIGN} \rangle\}$$

$G$  is a natural-looking grammar for a fragment of a programming language, but  $G$  is ambiguous.

**Part a.** Show that  $G$  is ambiguous.

The string “if condition then if condition then a:=1 else a:=1” has two different parse trees in  $G$ .



Two different parse trees of the string  
“if condition then if condition then a:=1 else a:=1”.

**Part b.** Give a new unambiguous grammar for the same language.

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \text{STMT} \rangle &\rightarrow \langle \text{ASSIGN} \rangle \mid \langle \text{IF-THEN} \rangle \\ \langle \text{IF-THEN} \rangle &\rightarrow \text{if condition then } \langle \text{IF-BODY} \rangle \\ \langle \text{IF-BODY} \rangle &\rightarrow \langle \text{ASSIGN} \rangle \mid \langle \text{IF-THEN} \rangle \mid \langle \text{ASSIGN} \rangle \langle \text{ELSE} \rangle \\ \langle \text{ELSE} \rangle &\rightarrow \text{else } \langle \text{ELSE-BODY} \rangle \\ \langle \text{ELSE-BODY} \rangle &\rightarrow \langle \text{ASSIGN} \rangle \mid \langle \text{IF-THEN} \rangle \\ \langle \text{ASSIGN} \rangle &\rightarrow \text{a:=1}\end{aligned}$$