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Difference between

(i) Ambiguous Grammar & Non-Ambiguous Grammar

Ambiguous Grammar

- 1) In ambiguous grammar, there exists more than one derivation tree of the context free grammar
- 2) In ambiguous grammar, the leftmost & rightmost derivations are not same
- 3) Amount of non-terminals is less
- 4) Length of parse tree is short
- 5) Speed of derivation of a tree is faster here
- 6) Contains Ambiguity
- 7) Ex:

$$S \rightarrow S + S / S * S / S / a$$

Non-Ambiguous Grammar

- A context-free grammar is called unambiguous grammar if there exists only one parse tree
- 2) The leftmost & rightmost derivations are same
 - 3) Amount of non-terminals are more
 - 4) Length of parse tree is large
 - 5) Speed of derivation of a tree is slower
 - 6) Does not contain Ambiguity
 - 7) Ex:

$$\begin{aligned} X &\rightarrow AB \\ A &\rightarrow Aa | a \\ B &\rightarrow b \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

Leftmost Derivation / Right Most Derivation

Left Most Derivation

- 1) Obtained by applying production to the left most variable in each step
- 2) Always the leftmost non-terminal which is expanded
- 3) Let any set of production rules in a context free grammar be $X \rightarrow X+X \mid X * X \mid X \mid a$ over an alphabet $\{a\}$. Then the leftmost derivation of the string "a+a*a" may be
$$\begin{aligned} X &\rightarrow X+X \rightarrow a+X \rightarrow \\ &a+X * X \rightarrow a+a * X \\ &\rightarrow a+a * a \end{aligned}$$

Right Most Derivative

- 1) Obtained by applying production to the right most variable in each step
- 2) Always the rightmost non-terminal which is expanded
- 3) The rightmost derivation for the same context free grammar (same example) for the above string "a+a*a" may be
$$\begin{aligned} X &\rightarrow X * X \rightarrow X * a \\ &\rightarrow X + X * a \rightarrow \\ &X + a * a \rightarrow a + a * a \end{aligned}$$

(iii)

Deterministic / Non-Deterministic Grammar

Deterministic Grammar

1) Grammar without any common prefix in any productions from same left hand side is known as deterministic grammar

2) It is not time consuming during parsing

3) It is more suitable for predictive or top down parsing because of its deterministic nature

4) Ex:

$$S \rightarrow AaB / BA$$

$$A \rightarrow a / b$$

$$B \rightarrow d / e \quad (\text{No common Prefix})$$

Non-Deterministic Grammar

1) Grammar with any common prefix between atleast two different productions from the same left side in the grammar

2) It is very time consuming as a lot of back tracking is required.

3) Need to convert into deterministic grammar through left factoring to make it suitable for predictive parsing

4) Ex:

$$S \rightarrow \underline{a}Sb / \underline{a}A / b$$

$$A \rightarrow \underline{a}B / \underline{a} \quad (\text{Common Prefix } a)$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$