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### **Lab 11**

1. Consider the following context-free grammar (CFG) for palindromes:

$$S \rightarrow aS \mid aSbS \mid \epsilon$$

Write a program to take a string as input and show that this grammar is ambiguous.

Hint: Show that the string *aab* has two leftmost derivations using the above CFG.

#### **Example**

**Input:** *aab*

**Output:**

Leftmost 1:  $S \Rightarrow aS \Rightarrow aaSbS \Rightarrow aabS \Rightarrow aab$

Leftmost 2:  $S \Rightarrow aSbS \Rightarrow aaSbS \Rightarrow aabS \Rightarrow aab$

The grammar is ambiguous.