

## UNIT - III

### Context-Free Grammar.

→ The context free grammar can be formally defined as a set denoted by  $G = \{V, T, P, S\}$  where  $V$  and  $T$  are set of non terminals and terminals respectively.

$P \rightarrow$  production rules.

$A \rightarrow \alpha$ .  $A \in V_N$  and  $\alpha \in (V \cup T)^+$

$S \rightarrow$  start symbol.

Eg:- 1)  $A \rightarrow \alpha$

$S \rightarrow Aa$

$A \rightarrow a$

$B \rightarrow abc$

$A \rightarrow \epsilon$

2)  $S \rightarrow S + S$

$S \rightarrow S * S$

$S \rightarrow (S)$

$S \rightarrow 4$

$S \rightarrow$  non terminal.

$+, *, (, ), 4 \rightarrow$  terminals.

### Derivation Trees: -

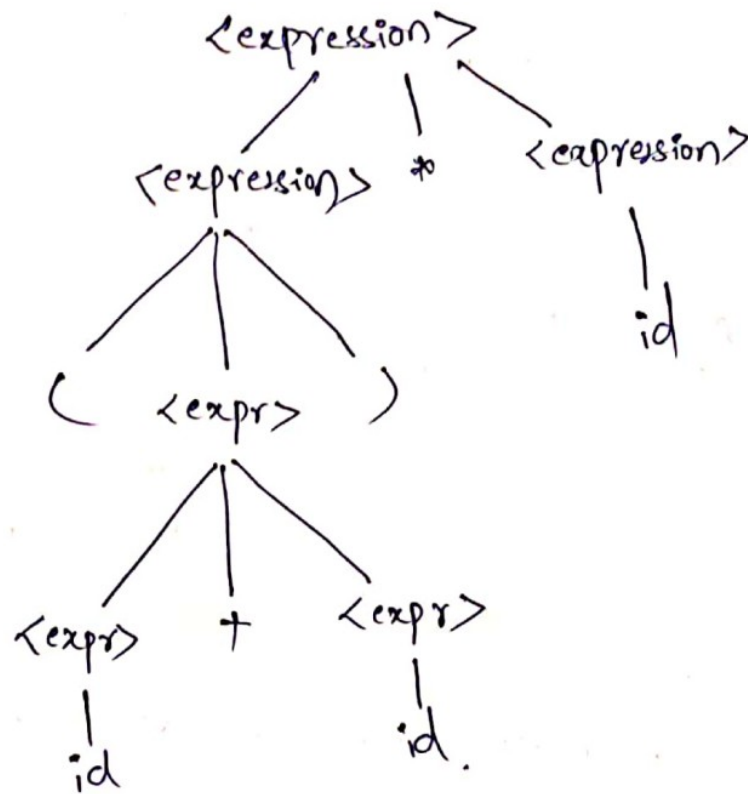
→ It is useful to display derivations as trees, i.e. the graphical representation of derivation of string from a grammar is called as Derivation Tree (or) Parse Tree.

→ derivation or parse tree superimpose structure on words of a lang that is useful in applications such as compilation of programming langs.

→ The vertices of a derivation tree are labeled with terminals (or) variable symbols of the grammar (or) with  $\epsilon$ .

→ if an interior vertex  $n$  is labeled  $A$  and its sons are labeled  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  from the left, then the production must be  $A \rightarrow x_1 x_2 \dots x_k$ .

Eg. we have <sup>been</sup> the derivation  $(id+id)*id$  its parse tree is given as.



Derivation of Derivation tree (formally) : →

Let  $G = (V, T, P, S)$  be a CFG. A tree is a parse tree for  $G$  if

- 1) every vertex has a label, which is a symbol of  $V \cup T \cup \{ \epsilon \}$
- 2) The label of the root is 'S'.

3) if a vertex is interior and has label 'A' then A must be in 'V'.

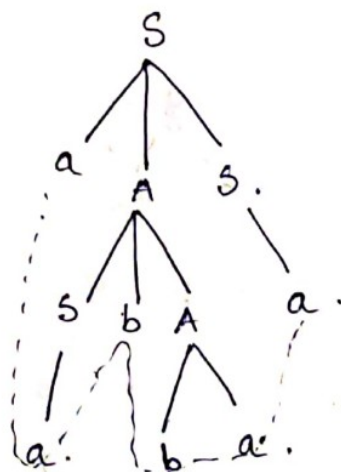
4) if n has label A & vertex  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$  are the sons of vertex n, in order from the left, with labels  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  respectively. then  $A \rightarrow x_1 x_2 \dots x_k$  must be a production in P.

5) If vertex n has label 'ε', then n is a leaf and is the only son of its father.

Eg:  $S \rightarrow aAS | a$   
 $A \rightarrow sBA | ss | ba$

derivation  $S \Rightarrow aAS$   
 $\Rightarrow asbAS$   
 $\Rightarrow asbAa$   
 $\Rightarrow asbbaa$   
 $\Rightarrow aabbbaa$

This is S-tree.



$S \Rightarrow aabbbaa$

⇒ subtree is A-tree.



$A \Rightarrow abba$



→ if we read the labels of the leaves from left to right, we have a sentential form, such string is called as ~~field~~ <sup>yield</sup> of the derivation tree.

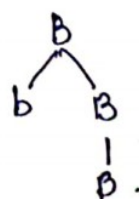
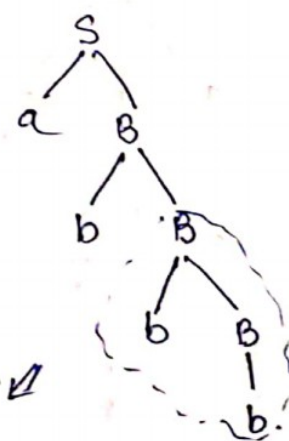
Let the  $\alpha$  be the ~~yield~~ <sup>yield</sup> of the derivation tree for the  $G = (V, T, P, S)$  then  $S \xrightarrow{*}_G \alpha$  is the sentential form for it.

→ A subtree of a derivation tree is a particular vertex of the tree together with all its descendants, and edges connecting them and their labels.

Note:- It looks just like derivation tree, but the root may not be the start symbol of the grammar.

→ if variable 'A' labels the root, then we call the subtree as A-tree.

Eg  $S \rightarrow aA / aB$        $S \Rightarrow aB$   
 $A \rightarrow aA / a$        $\Rightarrow abB$   
 $B \rightarrow bB / b$        $\Rightarrow abbb$



→ yield is abbb.

→ subtree is B-tree

yield of B-tree is bb.

## Leftmost and Rightmost derivations:-

→ if at each step in a derivation a production is applied to the leftmost variable then the derivation is (called) said to be a leftmost.

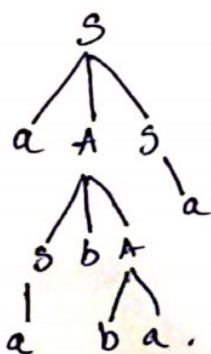
→ A derivation in which the rightmost variable is replaced at each step is said to be rightmost.

→ if  $w$  is in  $L(G)$  for CFG, then  $w$  has at least one parse tree and corresponding to a particular parse tree,  $w$  has a unique leftmost and a unique rightmost derivation which means.

$w$  may have several rightmost or leftmost derivations since there may be more than one parse tree for  $w$ .

But from each parse tree, only one leftmost & rightmost derivation may be obtained.

Eg:- consider the derivation tree



The leftmost derivation. The rightmost derivation.

$S \Rightarrow aAS$   
 $\Rightarrow asbAS$   
 $\Rightarrow aabAS$   
 $\Rightarrow aabbas$   
 $\Rightarrow aabbbaa$

$S \Rightarrow aAS$   
 $\Rightarrow aAa$   
 $\Rightarrow asbAa$   
 $\Rightarrow asbbbaa$   
 $\Rightarrow aabbbaa$

$\equiv$

- ① construct a CFG for the language having any number of a's over the set  $\Sigma = \{a\}$ .

Sol.  $R.E = a^*$

production rules.  $s \rightarrow as$   
 $s \rightarrow \epsilon$ .

- ② Try to recognize the language  $L$  for given CFG.

$G = \{s, \{a, b\}, P, s\}$

where  $P =$   $s \rightarrow asb$   
 $s \rightarrow ab$ .

Sol.:-  $s \rightarrow asb$   
 $\rightarrow aasbb$   
 $\rightarrow \underline{aaabbbb}$   $L = \{a^n b^n \text{ where } n \geq 1\}$ .

- ③ Construct the CFG for  $R.E (0+1)^*$

$P =$   $s \rightarrow 0s | 1s$   
 $s \rightarrow \epsilon$ .

- ④ Construct a grammar for lang containing strings of at least two a's.

Sol.  $s \rightarrow AaAaA$   
 $A \rightarrow aA | bA | \epsilon$ .

- ⑤ Construct a grammar generating  $L = w c w^T$  where  $w \in \{a, b\}^*$

Sol.  $L = \{aea, acaaa, bcb, abcb, bacab, \dots\}$



$$S \rightarrow asa$$

$$S \rightarrow bsb$$

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$L = \{wcw^T \mid w \in (a+b)^*\}$$

- ⑥ Construct CFG for the language  $L$  which has all the strings which are all palindromes over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ .

$$G = \{S, \{a, b\}, P, S\}$$

$$P \text{ can be } \Rightarrow S \rightarrow asa$$

$$S \rightarrow bsb$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

$$S \rightarrow b.$$

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon.$$

Eg. The string abaaba derived

$$\Rightarrow S$$

$$asa$$

$$absba$$

$$abasaaba$$

$$abacaba$$

$$\underline{\underline{abaaba}}$$

- ⑦ Construct CFG which consists of all the strings having at least one occurrence of  $ooo$ .

$$r.e = (0+1)^*ooo(0+1)^*.$$

$$S \rightarrow ATA$$

$$A \rightarrow 0A \mid 1A \mid \epsilon.$$

$$T \rightarrow ooo.$$

- ⑧ Construct CFG for the language in which there are no consecutive b's, the strings may or may not have consecutive a's.

Sol:  $S \rightarrow as \mid bA \mid a \mid b \mid \epsilon.$

$$A \rightarrow as \mid a \mid \epsilon.$$

⑨ Construct CFG for the language containing at least one occurrence of double a.

Sol.

$$S \rightarrow BAB$$

$$A \rightarrow aa$$

$$B \rightarrow AB|BB|\epsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \text{double } a$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Eg. } S &\rightarrow BAB \rightarrow aBAB \rightarrow \cancel{ab}AB \rightarrow abAB \\ &\rightarrow abAB \rightarrow abaAB \rightarrow abaabB \rightarrow abaabb \end{aligned}$$

⑩ Construct CFG for the language containing all the strings of digits first and last symbols over  $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$ .

Sol.

$$r.e = [0(0+1)^*1 + 1(0+1)^*0]$$

$$S \rightarrow 0A1|1A0$$

$$A \rightarrow 0A|1A|\epsilon$$

⑪ Obtain a CFG to generate the set of all strings over alphabet  $\{a,b\}$  with exactly twice as many a's as b's.

Sol.

$$a b a \text{ (or) } a a b \text{ (or) } b a a.$$

$$S \Rightarrow abas | aabs | baas | \epsilon$$

⑫ Find DFA and CFG for the following lang.

$$L = \{\text{odd-length strings in } \{a,b\}^* \text{ with middle symbol } a\}.$$

Sol.

$$\boxed{a(0+1)^*b} a \boxed{a(0+1)^*b} \quad n \geq 0.$$

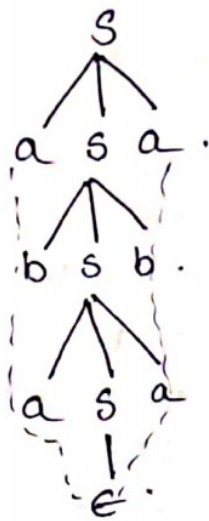
$$r.e = (a+b)^n a (a+b)^n \quad n \geq 0.$$

$$\text{Productions} \Rightarrow S \rightarrow asa | asb | bsb | bsa | a.$$



- ① Draw a derivation tree for the string  $abaaba$  for the CFG given by  $G$  where  $P =$

$s \rightarrow asa$   
 $s \rightarrow bsb$   
 $s \rightarrow b|a|\epsilon$

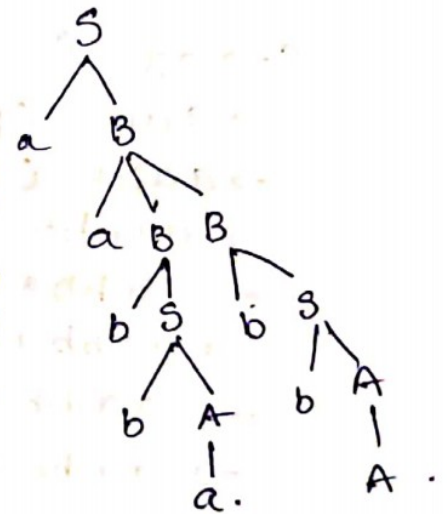


$\Rightarrow abacaba \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{abaaba}}$

- ② Construct the derivation tree for the string  $aabbabba$  from the CFG given by

$S \rightarrow aB|bA$   
 $A \rightarrow a|as|bAA$   
 $B \rightarrow b|bs|aBB$

tree  $\Rightarrow$



derivation :-  $S \rightarrow aB$   
 $a \underline{a} B B$   
 $a a \underline{b} B B$   
 $a a b \underline{b} A B$   
 $a a b b \underline{a} B$   
 $a a b b a \underline{b} S$   
 $a a b b a b \underline{b} A$   
 $a a b b a b b \underline{a}$

- ③ Consider the CFG  $S \rightarrow 0B1A$   
 $A \rightarrow 0|0B|1AA$   
 $B \rightarrow 1|1S|0BB$ .

The derivation tree for the string 001101

L.M.D  $\Rightarrow S \rightarrow 0B$   
 $\rightarrow 00BB$   
 $\rightarrow 001SB$   
 $\rightarrow 0011AB$   
 $\rightarrow 00110B$   
 $\rightarrow 001101$

R.M.D  $\Rightarrow S \rightarrow 0B$   
 $\rightarrow 00BB$   
 $\rightarrow 00B1$   
 $\rightarrow 001S1$   
 $\rightarrow 0011A1$   
 $\rightarrow 001101$

- ④ Derive the string "aabbabba" for L.M.D + R.M.D.  
 using a CFG given by.

$S \rightarrow aB|bA$   
 $A \rightarrow a|as|bAA$   
 $B \rightarrow b|bs|aBB$ .

$S \rightarrow aB$  ( $S \rightarrow aB$ )

$\rightarrow aabb$  ( $B \rightarrow aB$ )  
 $\rightarrow aabB$  ( $B \rightarrow b$ )  
 $\rightarrow aabbs$  ( $B \rightarrow bs$ )  
 $\rightarrow aabbab$  ( $S \rightarrow aB$ )  
 $\rightarrow aabbabbb$  ( $B \rightarrow bs$ )  
 $\rightarrow aabbabba$  ( $S \rightarrow bA$ )  
 $\rightarrow aabbabba$  ( $A \rightarrow a$ ).

R.M.D:  $\Rightarrow S \rightarrow aB$  ( $S \rightarrow aB$ )  
 $S \rightarrow aabb$  ( $B \rightarrow aBB$ )  
 $S \rightarrow aabbs$  ( $B \rightarrow bs$ )  
 $S \rightarrow aabbba$  ( $S \rightarrow bA$ )  
 $S \rightarrow aabbba$  ( $A \rightarrow a$ )  
 $S \rightarrow aabbsba$  ( $B \rightarrow bs$ )  
 $S \rightarrow aabbabba$  ( $S \rightarrow bA$ )  
 $S \rightarrow aabbabba$  ( $A \rightarrow a$ )

- ⑤ Derive the string 1000111 for LM and R.M.D using CFG.  $G = \{V, T, P, S\}$  where.

$V = \{S, T\}$

$T = \{0, 1\}$

$P = S \rightarrow T00T$

$T \rightarrow 0T1T1 \in$ .

⑥ Find the L-M and R-M derivations for the word  
a b b a in the grammar  $S \rightarrow AA$   
 $A \rightarrow aB$   
 $B \rightarrow bB \mid \epsilon$ .

⑦ Consider the grammar  $E \rightarrow +EE \mid *EE \mid -EE \mid x \mid y$ .  
Find the leftmost & rightmost derivation for the  
string  $+* - xyxy$  and write parse tree.



## Ambiguity in Context Free Grammar:

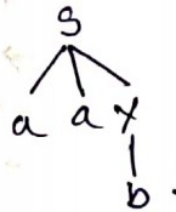
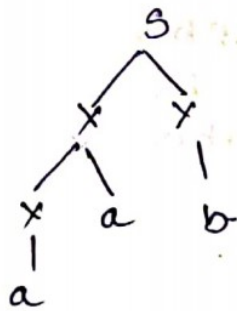
- A context-free grammar  $G$  such that some word has two parse-trees (which means more than one leftmost derivation or more than one rightmost derivation) is said to be "ambiguous"
- A CFL for which every CFG is ambiguous is said to be an inherently ambiguous CFL.

examples: —

- ①  $S \rightarrow XY / aay$  consider the string  $w = aab \in L(a)$   
 $X \rightarrow xa / a$   
 $Y \rightarrow b.$

$S \rightarrow XY$   
 $\rightarrow xaY$   
 $\rightarrow aay$   
 $\rightarrow aab.$

$S \rightarrow aay$   
 $\rightarrow aab.$



Hence the given grammar is ambiguous.

- ②  $S \rightarrow asbs / bsas / \epsilon$ . consider a string  $abab.$

Sol.

$S \rightarrow asbs.$   
 $\rightarrow aebs$   
 $\rightarrow abs$   
 $\rightarrow abasbs$   
 $\rightarrow abaebe$   
 $\rightarrow abab.$

$S \rightarrow asbs$   
 $\rightarrow asbe.$   
 $\rightarrow asb$   
 $\rightarrow absasb$   
 $\rightarrow abeaebe$   
 $\rightarrow abab.$

Hence grammar is ambiguous. //

$$(3) \quad S \rightarrow bAc/bac \quad w = bac.$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$C \rightarrow c.$$

$$S \Rightarrow bAc.$$

$$\Rightarrow bac.$$

$$S \Rightarrow bac$$

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Hence it is ambiguous.

$$(4) \quad S \rightarrow s+s | s*s | a|b \quad w = a+a*b.$$

$$S \Rightarrow s+s$$

$$a+s$$

$$a+s*s$$

$$a+a*s$$

$$a+a*b.$$

=

$$S \rightarrow s*s.$$

$$\rightarrow s+s*s$$

$$\rightarrow a+s*s$$

$$\rightarrow a+a*s$$

$$\rightarrow a+a*b$$

=

Hence ambiguous.

$$(5) \quad S \rightarrow sbs|a. \quad w = ababa.$$

$$S \Rightarrow sbs.$$

$$\Rightarrow abs$$

$$\Rightarrow absbs$$

$$\Rightarrow ababs$$

$$\Rightarrow ababa.$$

$$S \Rightarrow sbs$$

$$\Rightarrow sbsbs$$

$$\Rightarrow absbs$$

$$\Rightarrow ababs$$

$$\Rightarrow ababa$$

Hence ambiguous.

$$(6) \quad S \rightarrow a|absb|aAb \quad w = abab.$$

$$A \rightarrow bs|aAb.$$

$$S \Rightarrow absb.$$

$$\Rightarrow abab.$$

$$S \Rightarrow aAb.$$

$$\Rightarrow absb$$

$$\Rightarrow abab$$

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Hence ambiguous

⑦ Consider the Grammar  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$

where  $V = \{S, A\}$

$S \rightarrow AA$   
 $A \rightarrow AAA$   
 $A \rightarrow a$   
 $A \rightarrow bA$   
 $A \rightarrow Ab$

show that this is an ambiguous grammar.

(Consider the string babbab)

⑧ prove that the following grammar is ambiguous on the string 'aab'

$S \rightarrow aS / aSbS / \epsilon$

⑨ - show that the grammar is ambiguous.

$S \rightarrow a / SA / bSS / SSb / Sbs$