

$$E \rightarrow E + E \mid E * E \mid a$$

ambiguous

$E \rightarrow E + E$
 $\rightarrow a + E$
 $\rightarrow a + E * E$
 $\rightarrow a + a * a$
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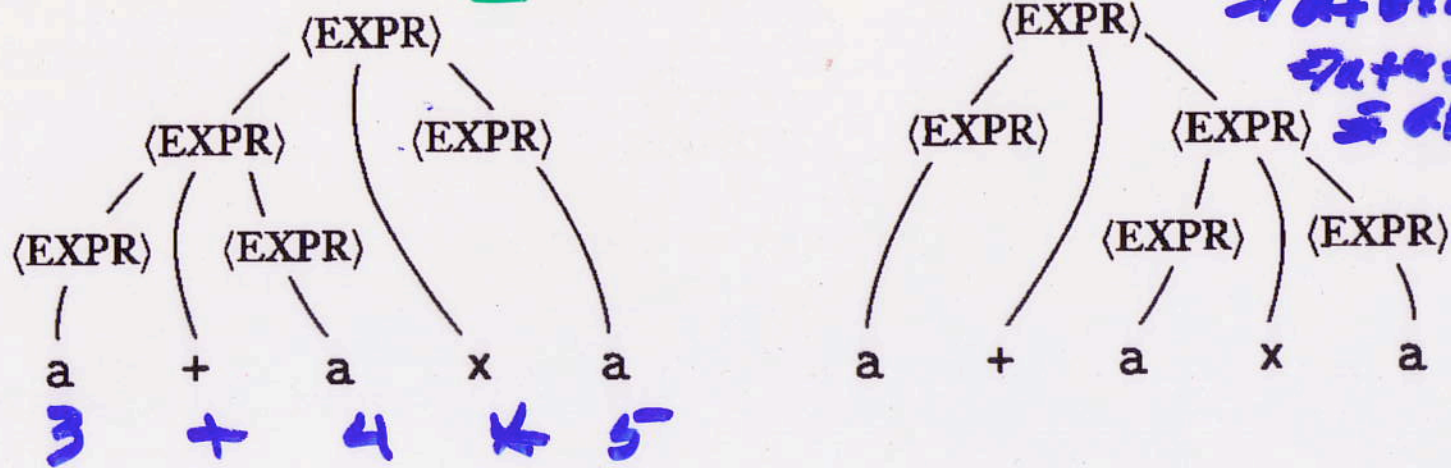


FIGURE 2.6

The two parse trees for the string $a+a*x'a$ in grammar G_5

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$$\begin{aligned}
 E &\Rightarrow_L E * E \Rightarrow_L E + E * E \Rightarrow_L a + E * E \\
 &\Rightarrow_L a + a * E \\
 &\Rightarrow_L a + a * a
 \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 2.4

Consider grammar $G_4 = (V, \Sigma, R, \langle \text{EXPR} \rangle)$.

V is $\{\langle \text{EXPR} \rangle, \langle \text{TERM} \rangle, \langle \text{FACTOR} \rangle\}$ and Σ is $\{a, +, \times, (,)\}$. The rules are

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \text{EXPR} \rangle &\rightarrow \langle \text{EXPR} \rangle + \langle \text{TERM} \rangle \mid \langle \text{TERM} \rangle \\ \langle \text{TERM} \rangle &\rightarrow \langle \text{TERM} \rangle \times \langle \text{FACTOR} \rangle \mid \langle \text{FACTOR} \rangle \\ \langle \text{FACTOR} \rangle &\rightarrow (\langle \text{EXPR} \rangle) \mid a \end{aligned}$$

*unambiguous
G for
same L*

The two strings $a+axa$ and $(a+a)xa$ can be generated with grammar G_4 . The parse trees are shown in the following figure.

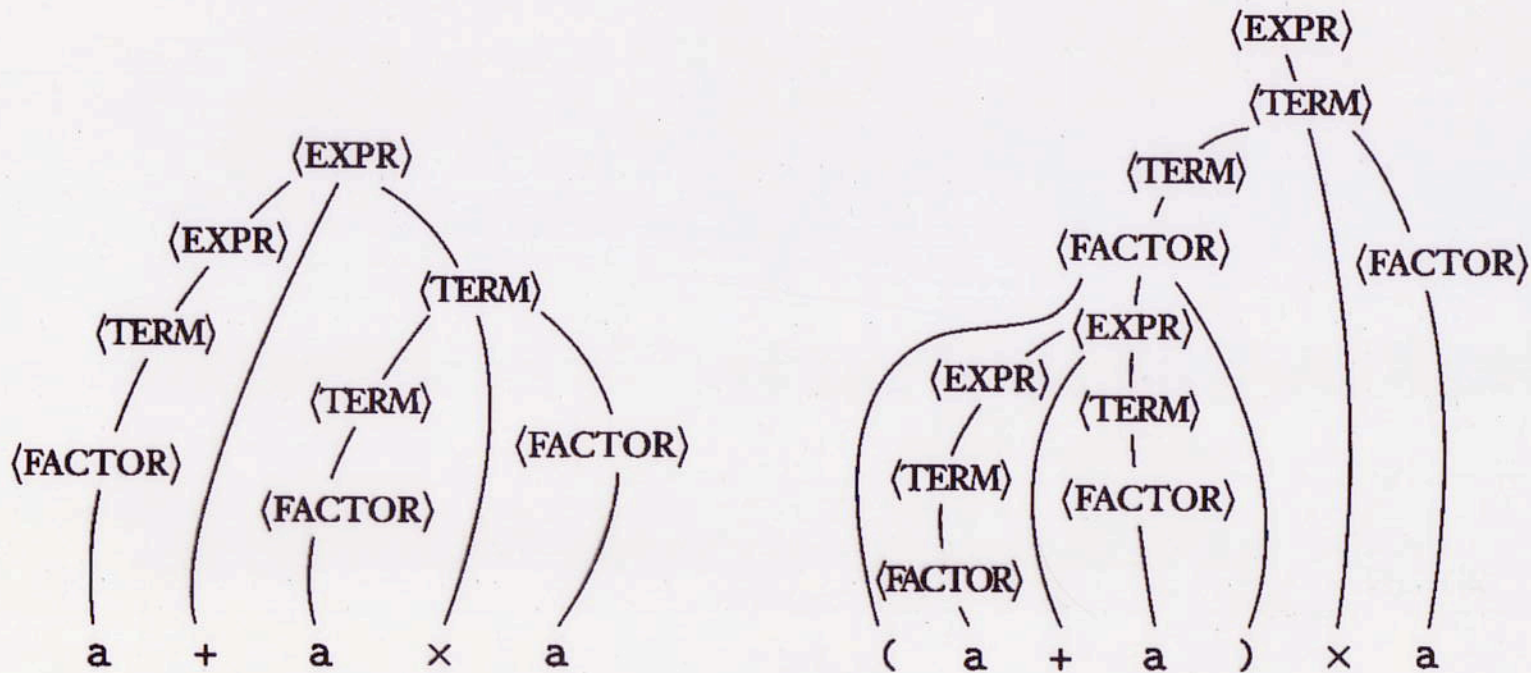


FIGURE 2.5
Parse trees for the strings $a+axa$ and $(a+a)xa$

$\{ a^i b^j c^k \mid i=j \text{ or } j=k \}$

$a^n b^n c^n$

inherently ambiguous

if L_1 & L_2 are CFL then
 $L_1 \cdot L_2$ is a CFL.

$$G_i = (V_i, \Sigma, R_i, S_i) \quad i=1,2$$

with $L_i = L(G_i)$

Assume
 $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$
 $S_1 \neq V_1 \cup V_2$

$$G_3 = (V_1 \cup V_2 \cup \{S\}, \Sigma, R_3, S)$$

$$R_3 = R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1, S_2\}$$

if $x \in L_1$ & $y \in L_2$

Then $xy \in L(G_3)$

$$S \xRightarrow{L} S_1 S_2 \xRightarrow{L}^* x S_2 \xRightarrow{L}^* xy$$

OK

if $w \in L(G_3)$ then $\exists x, y$ st

$x \in L_1, y \in L_2$ & $w = xy$.

$$S \xRightarrow{L}^* w$$

$$S \xRightarrow{L} S_1 S_2 \xRightarrow{L}^* x S_2 \xRightarrow{L}^* xy$$

in G_3

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$$\underline{\underline{S_1 \xRightarrow{L}^* x \text{ in } G_1 \text{ \& } S_2 \xRightarrow{L}^* y \text{ in } G_2}}}$$