



Compilers

Derivations

A *derivation* is a sequence of productions

$$S \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \dots$$

A derivation can be drawn as a tree

- Start symbol is the tree's root
- For a production $X \rightarrow Y_1 \dots Y_n$ add children $Y_1 \dots Y_n$ to node X

- Grammar

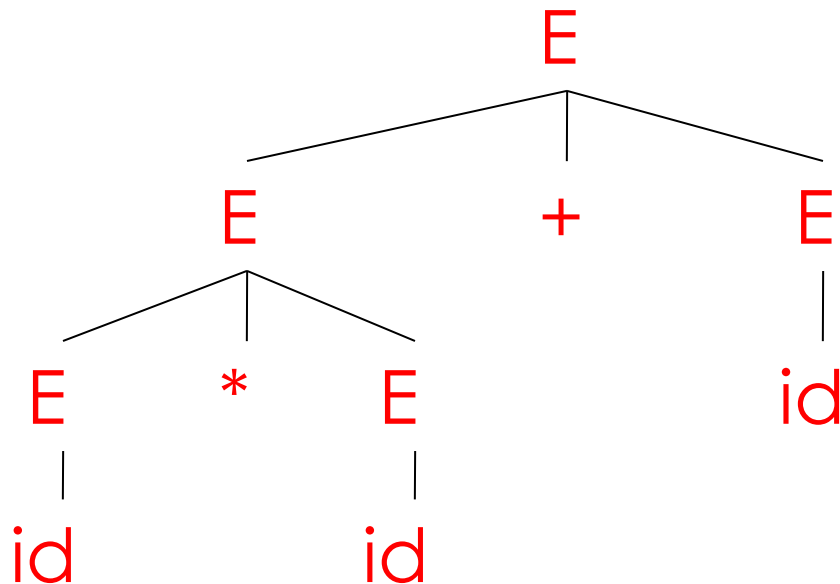
$$E \rightarrow E + E \mid E * E \mid (E) \mid id$$

- String

id * id + id

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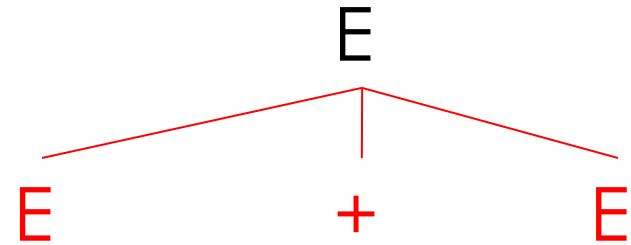
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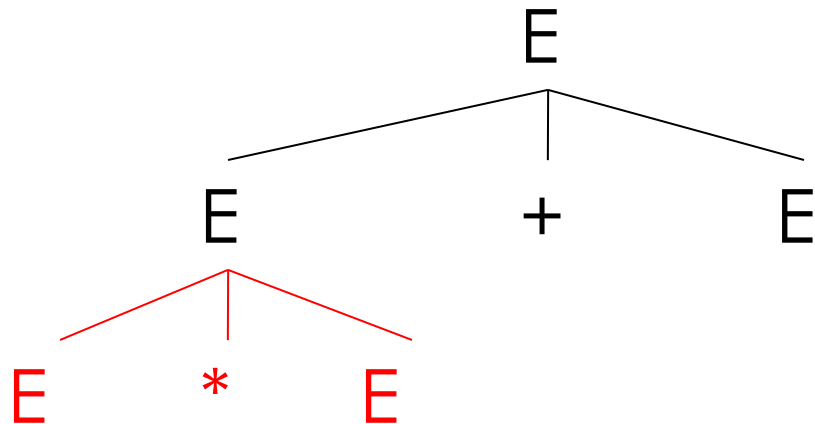
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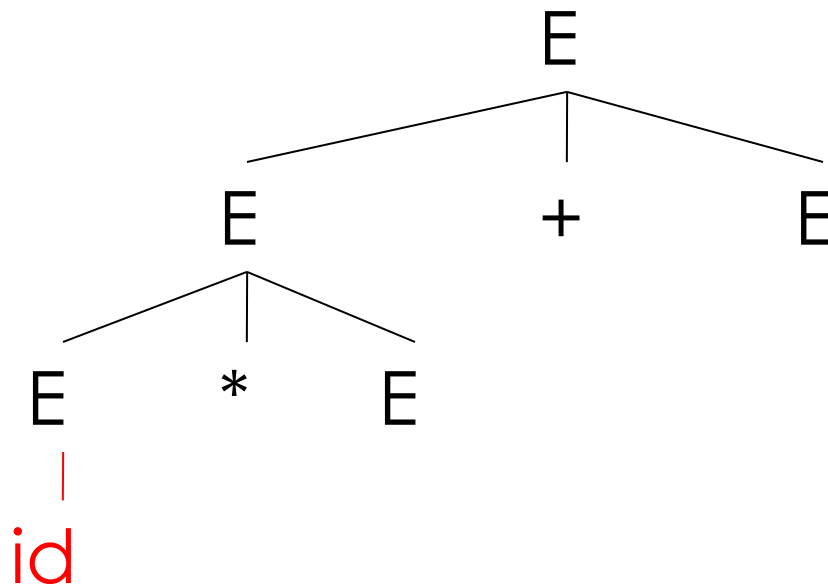
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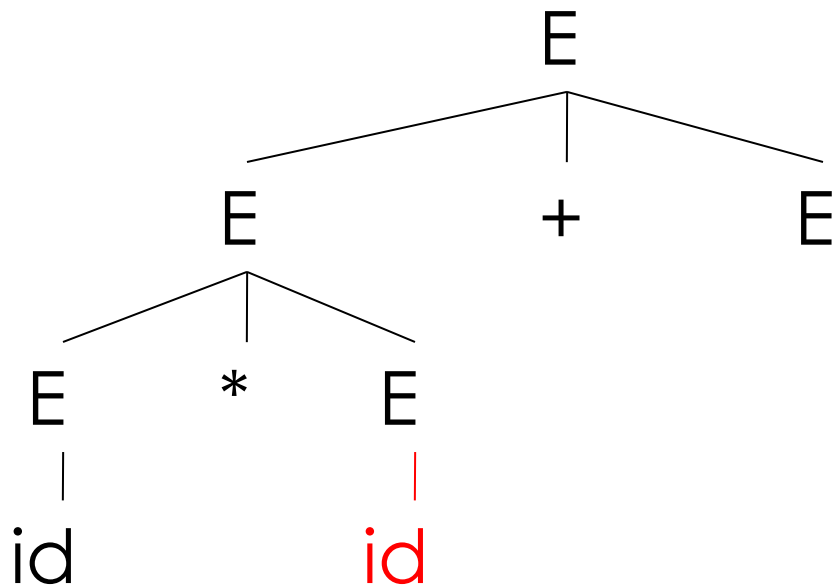


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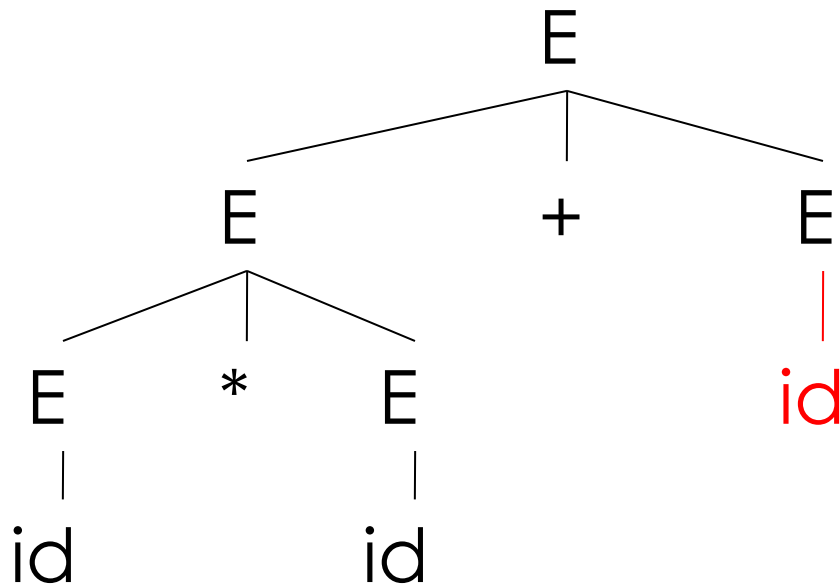


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- A parse tree has
 - Terminals at the leaves
 - Non-terminals at the interior nodes
- An in-order traversal of the leaves is the original input
- The parse tree shows the association of operations, the input string does not

- The example is a *left-most* derivation
 - At each step, replace the left-most non-terminal
- There is an equivalent notion of a *right-most* derivation

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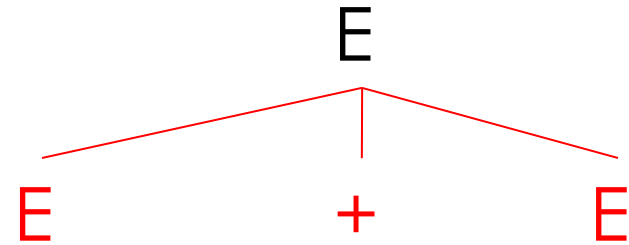
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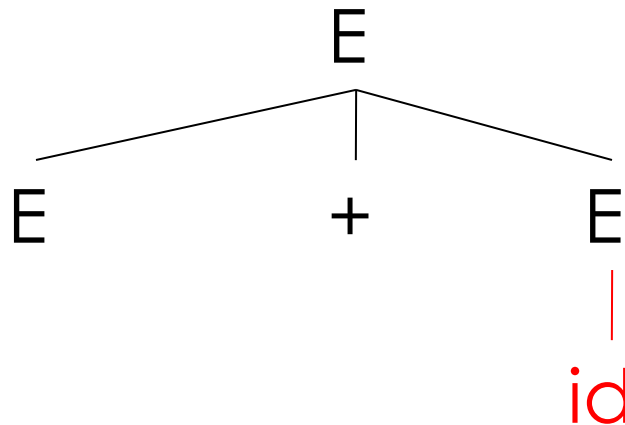
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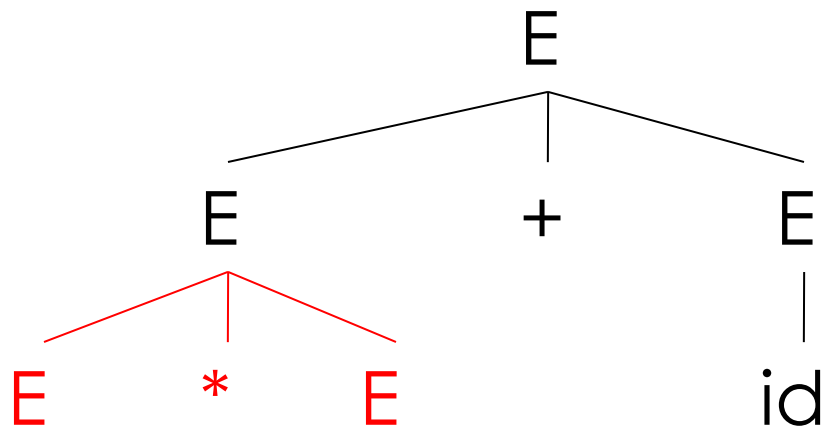
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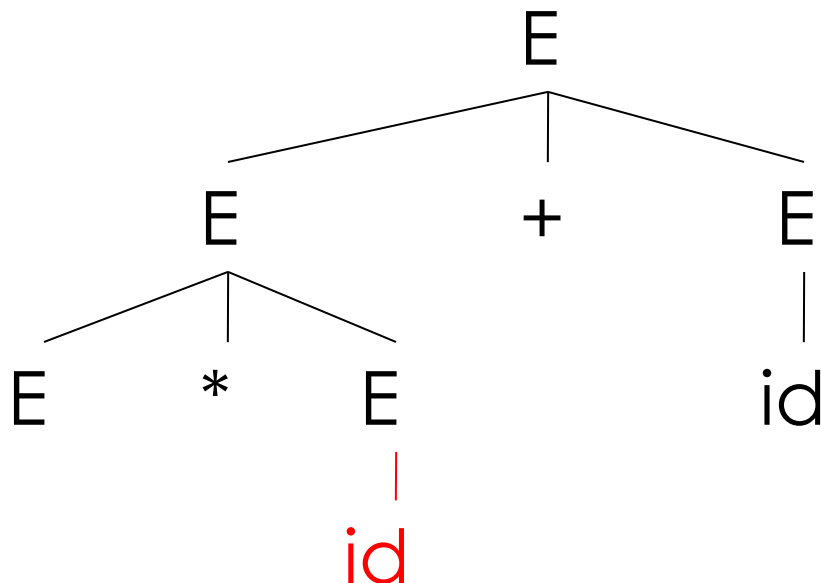


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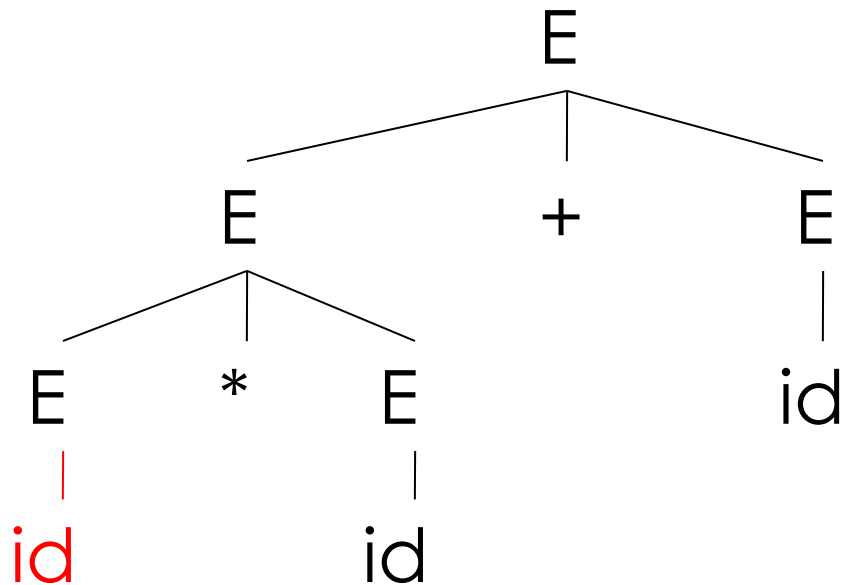
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Note that right-most and left-most derivations have the same parse tree

Derivations

Which of the following is a valid derivation of the given grammar?

$$S \rightarrow aXa$$

$$X \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid bY$$

$$Y \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid cXc \mid d$$

☐ S
 aXa
 $abYa$
 $acXca$
 $acca$

☐ S
 aa

☐ S
 aXa
 $abYa$
 $abcXca$
 $abcbYca$
 $abcbdca$

☐ S
 aXa
 $abYa$
 $abcXcda$
 $abccda$

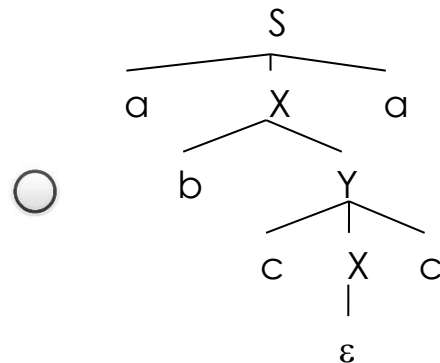
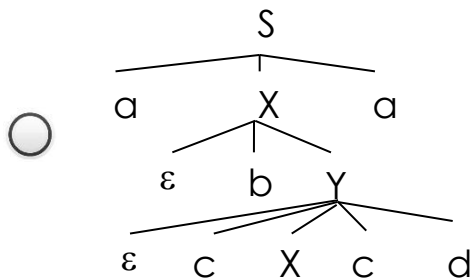
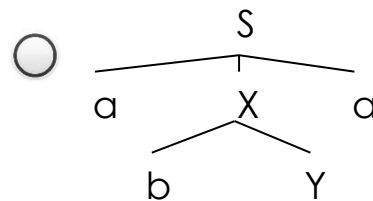
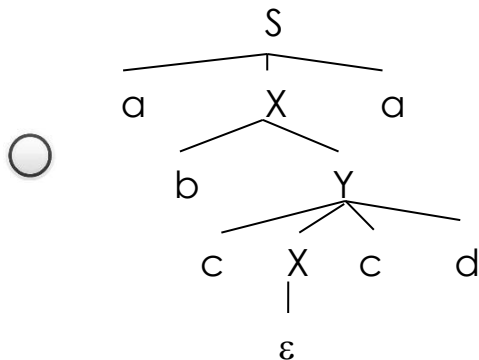
Derivations

Which of the following is a valid parse tree for the given grammar?

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- We are not just interested in whether $s \in L(G)$
 - We need a parse tree for s
- A derivation defines a parse tree
 - But one parse tree may have many derivations
- Left-most and right-most derivations are important in parser implementation