

1. Is the following grammar ambiguous? Why?

$E \rightarrow E + E \mid T$

$T \rightarrow T * T \mid F$

$F \rightarrow 5 \mid (E)$

The string $5+5+5$ has two possible derivation trees. (Please see class notes for these two trees).

As soon as, for one given string, you can show that there exist at least 2 derivation trees, you have shown that the grammar is ambiguous.

2. Given a PDA that recognizes some language L and a string s , what do you need to show to guarantee that s is not a string of language L ?

For a string not to be validated as part of a language L through L 's PDA execution, all branches of the execution tree of this PDA should lead to a dead end.

3. Given a PDA that recognizes some language L and a string s , what do you need to show to guarantee that s is a string of language L ?

For a string to be validated as part of a language L through L 's PDA execution, one of the branches of the execution tree of the PDA needs to reach success.