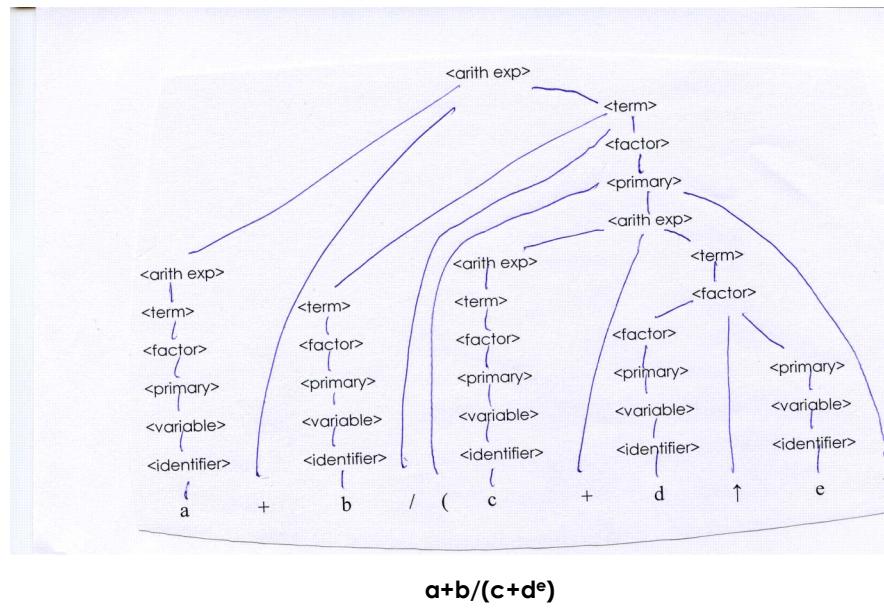


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BNF Example

G_1 is a (context free) BNF grammar for a simple programming language arithmetic expression.

$\langle \text{arithmetic expression} \rangle$ \square $\langle \text{term} \rangle$ $\langle \text{factor} \rangle$ $\langle \text{primary} \rangle$ $\langle \text{variable} \rangle$ $\langle \text{subscript list} \rangle$	$\rightarrow \langle \text{term} \rangle \mid \langle \text{arithmetic expression} \rangle + \langle \text{term} \rangle \mid \langle \text{arithmetic expression} \rangle - \langle \text{term} \rangle$ $\rightarrow \langle \text{factor} \rangle \mid \langle \text{term} \rangle \times \langle \text{factor} \rangle \mid \langle \text{term} \rangle / \langle \text{factor} \rangle$ $\rightarrow \langle \text{primary} \rangle \mid \langle \text{factor} \rangle \uparrow \langle \text{primary} \rangle$ $\rightarrow \langle \text{variable} \rangle \mid \langle \text{number} \rangle \mid (\langle \text{arithmetic expression} \rangle)$ $\rightarrow \langle \text{identifier} \rangle \mid \langle \text{identifier} \rangle [\langle \text{subscript list} \rangle]$ $\rightarrow \langle \text{arithmetic expression} \rangle \mid \langle \text{arithmetic expression} \rangle , \langle \text{subscript list} \rangle , \langle \text{arithmetic expression} \rangle$
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The same language may be defined by many different grammars.

G_2 is another BNF grammar for a simple programming language arithmetic expression equivalent to grammar G_1 .

$\langle \text{arithmetic expression} \rangle$ \square $\langle \text{term} \rangle$ $\langle \text{primary} \rangle$ $\langle \text{variable} \rangle$ $\langle \text{subscript list} \rangle$	$\rightarrow \langle \text{term} \rangle \mid \langle \text{arithmetic expression} \rangle \uparrow \langle \text{term} \rangle \mid \langle \text{arithmetic expression} \rangle \times \langle \text{term} \rangle \mid \langle \text{arithmetic expression} \rangle + \langle \text{term} \rangle$ $\rightarrow \langle \text{primary} \rangle \mid \langle \text{term} \rangle - \langle \text{primary} \rangle \mid \langle \text{term} \rangle / \langle \text{primary} \rangle$ $\rightarrow \langle \text{variable} \rangle \mid \langle \text{number} \rangle \mid (\langle \text{arithmetic expression} \rangle)$ $\rightarrow \langle \text{identifier} \rangle \mid \langle \text{identifier} \rangle [\langle \text{subscript list} \rangle]$ $\rightarrow \langle \text{arithmetic expression} \rangle \mid \langle \text{arithmetic expression} \rangle , \langle \text{subscript list} \rangle , \langle \text{arithmetic expression} \rangle$
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