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**Exercise 1 (LL(1))** Check if the following grammar is LL(1)?

$$S \rightarrow (S)S \mid \epsilon$$

**Exercise 2 (Ambiguity)** Given the following grammar.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{exp} &\rightarrow \text{exp} + \text{exp} \mid (\text{exp}) \mid \text{if } \text{exp} \text{ then } \text{exp} \text{ else } \text{exp} \mid \text{var} \\ \text{var} &\rightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

1. Come up with an *unambiguous* grammar for the language of the given grammar, where
  - (a) addition is left-associative, and where
  - (b) **if  $x$  then  $y$  else  $z + y$**  is meant to mean **if  $x$  then  $y$  else  $(z + y)$** .
2. Why don't we have a dangling else problem here?

**Exercise 3 (Ambiguity)** Given the following grammar.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{exp} &\rightarrow \text{exp } \text{op} \text{exp} \mid (\text{exp}) \mid \text{number} \\ \text{op} &\rightarrow + \mid - \mid * \mid / \mid \uparrow \mid < \mid = \end{aligned}$$

Do the following things.<sup>1</sup>

1. The grammar is pretty ambiguous. Make an unambiguous grammar capturing the same language, under the following side conditions

	precedence	assoc
$\uparrow$	highest (3)	right
$*, /$	level 2	left
$+, -$	level 1	left
$<, =$	0	non-associative

2. Give recursive-descent procedures for each non-terminal to check the grammar (using also loops, if advisable). Divide the terminals representing *op* in an appropriate manner

<sup>1</sup>There's a certain amount of repetition here, we won't go through everything during class-time, but a proposal for solution will be available.

3. Based on the previous point: add tree-building code into the procedures in such a way that sequences of exponentiations  $\uparrow$  are treated appropriately in the sense that the tree reflects the intended right-associativity.
4. Take the unambiguous grammar done in the first point, remove left-recursion, and do left-factorization (without destroying unambiguity).
5. Check whether the resulting grammar is LL(1).

## References

- [1] K. Louden. *Compiler Construction, Principles and Practice*. PWS Publishing, 1997.