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Recursive Definitions

We will frequently use definitions that are recursive in this class. For example: how do we define valid mathematical expressions? ((a + b) * (c + d) + e) is valid, but a * + b is not. How do we formalize this?

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Let R denote the set of simple mathematical expressions.

- If ρ is a variable, then $\rho \in R$.
- If $\rho_1, \rho_2 \in R$ then $(\rho_1 + \rho_2) \in R$ and $(\rho_1 * \rho_2) \in R$.
- ▶ The first two rules define every element of *R*.