

Compilerconstructie

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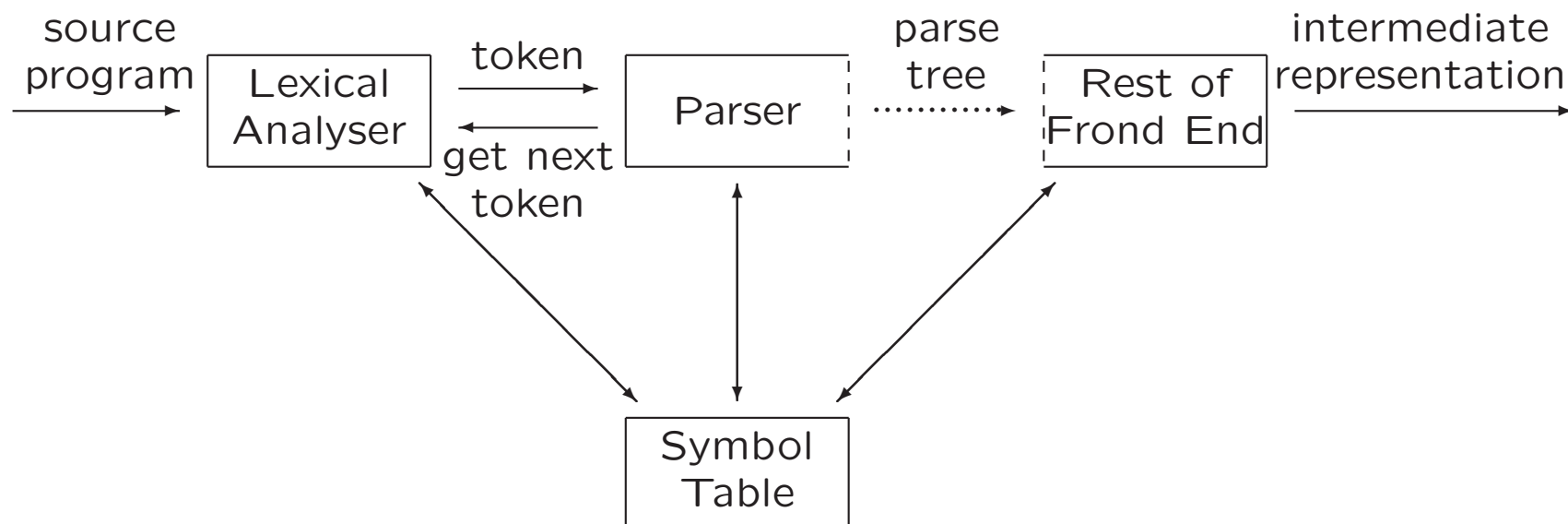
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Syntax Analysis (1)

4 Syntax Analysis

- Every language has rules prescribing the syntactic structure of the programs:
 - functions, made up of declarations and statements
 - statements made up of expressions
 - expressions made up of tokens
- Syntax of programming-language constructs can be described by CFG
 - Precise syntactic specification
 - Automatic construction of parsers for certain classes of grammars
 - Structure imparted to language by grammar is useful for translating source programs into object code
 - New language constructs can be added easily
- Syntax analysis is performed by parser

4.1 Parser's Position in a Compiler



- Obtain string of tokens
- Verify that string can be generated by the grammar
- Report and recover from syntax errors

Parsing

Finding parse tree for given string

- Universal (any CFG)
 - Cocke-Younger-Kasami
 - Earley
- Top-down (CFG with restrictions)
 - Predictive parsing
 - LL (Left-to-right, Leftmost derivation) methods
 - LL(1): LL parser, needs only one token to look ahead
- Bottom-up (CFG with restrictions)

Today: top-down parsing

Next week: bottom-up parsing

4.2 Context-Free Grammars

Context-free grammar is a 4-tuple with

- A set of *nonterminals* (syntactic variables)
- A set of tokens (*terminal* symbols)
- A designated *start* symbol (nonterminal)
- A set of *productions*: rules how to decompose nonterminals

Example: CFG for simple arithmetic expressions:

$$G = (\{expr, term, factor\}, \{\mathbf{id}, +, -, *, /, (,)\}, expr, P)$$

with productions P :

$$\begin{aligned} expr &\rightarrow expr + term \mid expr - term \mid term \\ term &\rightarrow term * factor \mid term / factor \mid factor \\ factor &\rightarrow (expr) \mid \mathbf{id} \end{aligned}$$

Notational Conventions

1. Terminals:

a, b, c, \dots ; specific terminals: $+, *, (,), 0, 1, \mathbf{id}, \mathbf{if}, \dots$

2. Nonterminals:

A, B, C, \dots ; specific nonterminals: $S, \mathit{expr}, \mathit{stmt}, \dots, E, \dots$

3. Grammar symbols: X, Y, Z

4. Strings of terminals: u, v, w, x, y, z

5. Strings of grammar symbols: $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots$

Hence, generic production: $A \rightarrow \alpha$

6. A -productions:

$A \rightarrow \alpha_1, A \rightarrow \alpha_2, \dots, A \rightarrow \alpha_k \quad \Rightarrow \quad A \rightarrow \alpha_1 \mid \alpha_2 \mid \dots \mid \alpha_k$
Alternatives for A

7. By default, head of first production is start symbol

Notational Conventions (Example)

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with productions P :

$$\begin{aligned} expr &\rightarrow expr + term \mid expr - term \mid term \\ term &\rightarrow term * factor \mid term / factor \mid factor \\ factor &\rightarrow (expr) \mid \mathbf{id} \end{aligned}$$

Can be rewritten concisely as:

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow E + T \mid E - T \mid T \\ T &\rightarrow T * F \mid T / F \mid F \\ F &\rightarrow (E) \mid \mathbf{id} \end{aligned}$$

Derivations

Example grammar:

$$E \rightarrow E + E \mid E * E \mid - E \mid (E) \mid \mathbf{id}$$

- In each step, a nonterminal is replaced by body of one of its productions, e.g.,

$$E \Rightarrow -E \Rightarrow -(E) \Rightarrow -(\mathbf{id})$$

- One-step derivation:
 $\alpha A \beta \Rightarrow \alpha \gamma \beta$, where $A \rightarrow \gamma$ is production in grammar
- Derivation in zero or more steps: \Rightarrow^*
- Derivation in one or more steps: \Rightarrow^+

Derivations

- If $S \xRightarrow{*} \alpha$, then α is **sentential form** of G
- If $S \xRightarrow{*} \alpha$ and α has no nonterminals, then α is **sentence** of G
- **Language generated by G** is $L(G) = \{w \mid w \text{ is sentence of } G\}$
- **Leftmost derivation**: $wA\gamma \xRightarrow{lm} w\delta\gamma$
- If $S \xRightarrow{lm}^* \alpha$, then α is **left sentential form** of G
- **Rightmost derivation**: $\gamma Aw \xRightarrow{rm} \gamma\delta w, \xRightarrow{rm}^*$

Example of leftmost derivation:

$$E \xRightarrow{lm} -E \xRightarrow{lm} -(E) \xRightarrow{lm} -(E + E) \xRightarrow{lm} -(\mathbf{id} + E) \xRightarrow{lm} -(\mathbf{id} + \mathbf{id})$$

Parse Tree

(from college 1)

(derivation tree in FI2)

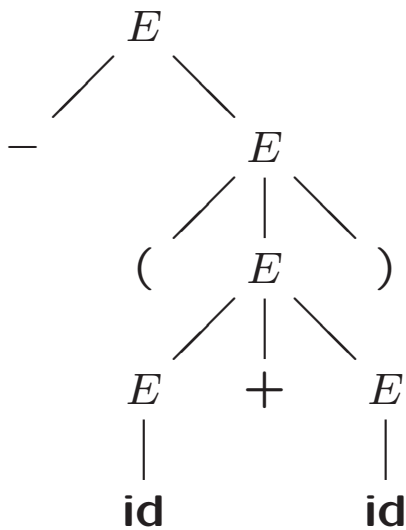
- The root of the tree is labelled by the start symbol
- Each leaf of the tree is labelled by a terminal (=token) or ϵ (=empty)
- Each interior node is labelled by a nonterminal
- If node A has children X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n , then there must be a production $A \rightarrow X_1 X_2 \dots X_n$

Yield of the parse tree: the sequence of leafs (left to right)

Parse Trees and Derivations

$$E \rightarrow E + E \mid E * E \mid - E \mid (E) \mid \mathbf{id}$$

$$E \xRightarrow{lm} -E \xRightarrow{lm} -(E) \xRightarrow{lm} -(E + E) \xRightarrow{lm} -(\mathbf{id} + E) \xRightarrow{lm} -(\mathbf{id} + \mathbf{id})$$



Many-to-one relationship between derivations and parse trees. . .

4.3.1 Why Regular Expressions For Lexical Syntax?

- Convenient way to modularize front end
≈ simplifies design
- Regular expressions powerful enough for lexical syntax
- Regular expressions easier to understand than grammars
- More efficient lexical analysers can be constructed automatically from regular expressions than from arbitrary grammars

Ambiguity

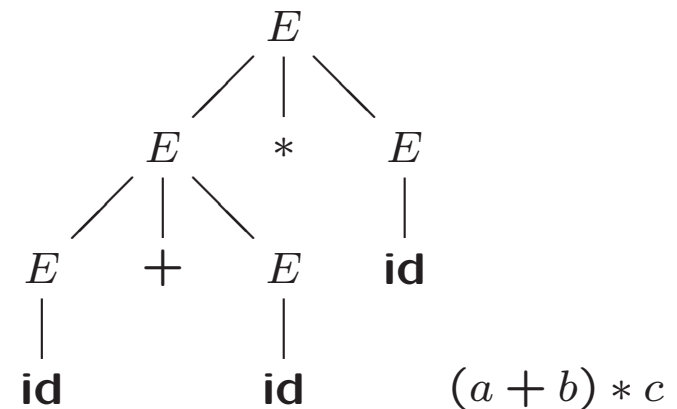
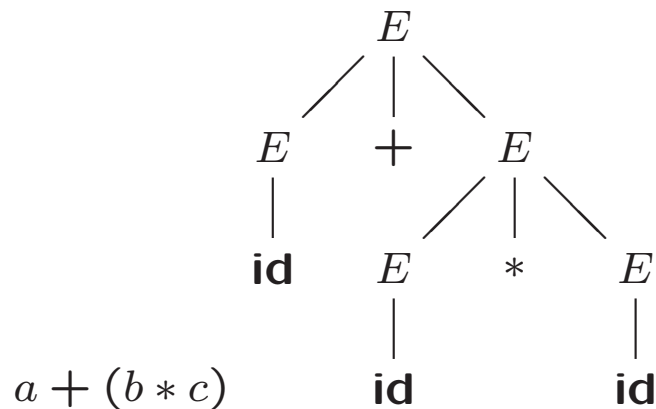
More than one leftmost/rightmost derivation for same sentence

Example:

$a + b * c$

$E \Rightarrow E + E$
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{id} + E$
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{id} + E * E$
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{id} + \mathbf{id} * E$
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{id} + \mathbf{id} * \mathbf{id}$

$E \Rightarrow E * E$
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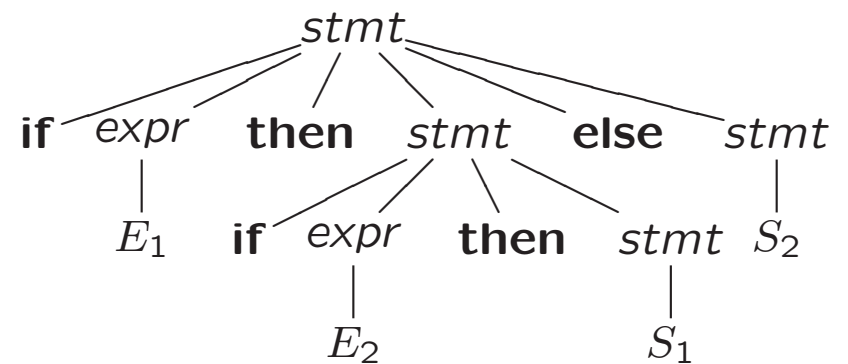
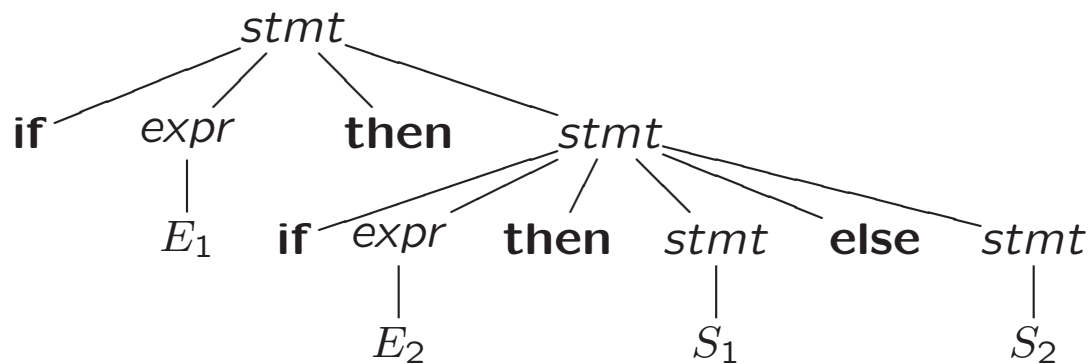
Eliminating ambiguity

- Sometimes ambiguity can be eliminated
- Example: “dangling-else”-grammar

$$\begin{array}{l} stmt \rightarrow \text{if } expr \text{ then } stmt \\ \quad | \text{if } expr \text{ then } stmt \text{ else } stmt \\ \quad | \text{other} \end{array}$$

Here, **other** is any other statement

if E_1 **then** **if** E_2 **then** S_1 **else** S_2



Eliminating ambiguity

Example: ambiguous “dangling-else”-grammar

$$\begin{array}{l} stmt \rightarrow \mathbf{if\ expr\ then\ stmt} \\ \quad | \mathbf{if\ expr\ then\ stmt\ else\ stmt} \\ \quad | \mathbf{other} \end{array}$$

Only matched statements between **then** and **else...**

Eliminating ambiguity

Example: ambiguous “dangling-else”-grammar

$$\begin{aligned} stmt &\rightarrow \mathbf{if\ expr\ then\ stmt} \\ &| \mathbf{if\ expr\ then\ stmt\ else\ stmt} \\ &| \mathbf{other} \end{aligned}$$

Equivalent unambiguous grammar

$$\begin{aligned} stmt &\rightarrow \mathit{matchedstmt} \\ &| \mathit{openstmt} \\ \mathit{matchedstmt} &\rightarrow \mathbf{if\ expr\ then\ matchedstmt\ else\ matchedstmt} \\ &| \mathbf{other} \\ \mathit{openstmt} &\rightarrow \mathbf{if\ expr\ then\ stmt} \\ &| \mathbf{if\ expr\ then\ matchedstmt\ else\ openstmt} \end{aligned}$$

Only one parse tree for

if E_1 then if E_2 then S_1 else S_2

Associates each **else** with closest previous unmatched **then**

2.4 Parsing (Top-Down Example)

from college 1

$$\begin{aligned} stmt &\rightarrow \mathbf{expr} ; \\ &| \mathbf{if} (\mathbf{expr}) stmt \\ &| \mathbf{for} (optexpr ; optexpr ; optexpr) stmt \\ &| \mathbf{other} \\ optexpr &\rightarrow \epsilon \\ &| \mathbf{expr} \end{aligned}$$

How to determine parse tree for

for (; expr ; expr) other

Use lookahead: current terminal in input

Predictive Parsing

from college 1

- Recursive-descent parsing is a top-down parsing method:
 - Executes a set of recursive procedures to process the input
 - Every nonterminal has one (recursive) procedure parsing the nonterminal's syntactic category of input tokens
- Predictive parsing . . .

Recursive Descent Parsing

Recursive procedure for each nonterminal

```
void A()  
1) { Choose an  $A$ -production,  $A \rightarrow X_1X_2 \dots X_k$ ;  
2)   for ( $i = 1$  to  $k$ )  
3)   { if ( $X_i$  is nonterminal)  
4)       call procedure  $X_i()$ ;  
5)       else if ( $X_i$  equals current input symbol  $a$ )  
6)           advance input to next symbol;  
7)       else /* an error has occurred */;  
   }  
}
```

Pseudocode is nondeterministic

Recursive Descent

- One may use backtracking:
 - Try each A -production in some order
 - In case of failure at line 7 (or call in line 4), return to line 1 and try another A -production
 - Input pointer must then be reset, so store initial value input pointer in local variable
- Example in book
- Backtracking is rarely needed: predictive parsing

Predictive Parsing

from college 1

- Recursive-descent parsing ...
- Predictive parsing is a special form of recursive-descent parsing:
 - The lookahead symbol unambiguously determines the production for each nonterminal

Simple example:

```
stmt → expr ;  
      | if (expr) stmt  
      | for (optexpr ; optexpr ; optexpr) stmt  
      | other
```

Predictive Parsing (Example)

from college 1

```
void stmt()
{ switch (lookahead)
  { case expr:
      match(expr); match(';'); break;
    case if:
      match(if); match('('); match(expr); match(')'); stmt();
      break;
    case for:
      match(for); match('(');
      optexpr(); match(';'); optexpr(); match(';'); optexpr();
      match(')'); stmt(); break;
    case other:
      match(other); break;
    default:
      report("syntax error");
  }
}

void match(terminal t)
{ if (lookahead==t) lookahead = nextTerminal;
  else report("syntax error");
}
```

Using FIRST

from college 1

- Let α be string of grammar symbols
- $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ is the set of terminals that appear as first symbols of strings generated from α

Simple example:

```
stmt → expr ;  
      | if (expr) stmt  
      | for (optexpr ; optexpr ; optexpr) stmt  
      | other
```

Right-hand side may start with nonterminal...

Using FIRST

from college 1

- Let α be string of grammar symbols
- $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ is the set of terminals that appear as first symbols of strings generated from α
- When a nonterminal has multiple productions, e.g.,

$$A \rightarrow \alpha \mid \beta$$

then $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ and $\text{FIRST}(\beta)$ must be disjoint in order for predictive parsing to work

Left Recursion

- Productions of the form $A \rightarrow A\alpha \mid \beta$ are left-recursive
 - β does not start with A
 - Example: $E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$
- Top-down parser may loop forever if grammar has left-recursive productions
- Left-recursive productions can be eliminated by rewriting productions

Left Recursion Elimination

Immediate left recursion

- Productions of the form $A \rightarrow A\alpha \mid \beta$
- Can be eliminated by replacing the productions by

$$\begin{array}{ll} A \rightarrow \beta A' & (A' \text{ is new nonterminal}) \\ A' \rightarrow \alpha A' \mid \epsilon & (A' \rightarrow \alpha A' \text{ is right recursive}) \end{array}$$

- Procedure:

1. Group A -productions as

$$A \rightarrow A\alpha_1 \mid A\alpha_2 \mid \dots \mid A\alpha_m \mid \beta_1 \mid \beta_2 \mid \dots \mid \beta_n$$

2. Replace A -productions by

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow \beta_1 A' \mid \beta_2 A' \mid \dots \mid \beta_n A' \\ A' \rightarrow \alpha_1 A' \mid \alpha_2 A' \mid \dots \mid \alpha_m A' \mid \epsilon \end{array}$$

Left Recursion Elimination

General left recursion

- Left recursion involving two or more steps

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow Ba \mid b \\ B &\rightarrow AA \mid a \\ A &\rightarrow Ac \mid Sd \end{aligned}$$

- S is left-recursive because

$$S \Rightarrow Ba \Rightarrow AAa \Rightarrow SdAa \quad (\text{not immediately left-recursive})$$

General Left Recursion Elimination

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow Ba \mid b \\ B &\rightarrow AA \mid a \\ A &\rightarrow Ac \mid Sd \end{aligned}$$

- We order nonterminals: S, B, A ($n = 3$)
- Variables may only 'point forward'
- $i = 1$ and $i = 2$: nothing to do
- $i = 3$:
 - substitute $A \rightarrow Sd$
 - substitute $A \rightarrow Bad$
 - eliminate immediate left-recursion in A -productions

General Left Recursion Elimination

Algorithm for G with **no cycles or ϵ -productions**

- 1) arrange nonterminals in some order A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n
- 2) **for** ($i = 1$ to n)
- 3) { **for** ($j = 1$ to $i - 1$)
- 4) { replace each production of form $A_i \rightarrow A_j\gamma$
by the productions $A_i \rightarrow \delta_1\gamma \mid \delta_2\gamma \mid \dots \mid \delta_k\gamma$, where
 $A_j \rightarrow \delta_1 \mid \delta_2 \mid \dots \mid \delta_k$ are all current A_j -productions
- 5) }
- 6) eliminate immediate left recursion among A_i -productions
- 7) }

Example with $A \rightarrow \epsilon$

Left Factoring

Another transformation to produce grammar suitable for predictive parsing

- If $A \rightarrow \alpha\beta_1 \mid \alpha\beta_2$ and input begins with nonempty string derived from α
How to expand A ? To $\alpha\beta_1$ or to $\alpha\beta_2$?

- Solution: left-factoring
Replace two A -productions by

$$\begin{aligned} A &\rightarrow \alpha A' \\ A' &\rightarrow \beta_1 \mid \beta_2 \end{aligned}$$

Left Factoring (Example)

- Which production to choose when input token is **if**?

$$\begin{array}{l} stmt \rightarrow \mathbf{if} \ expr \ \mathbf{then} \ stmt \\ \quad | \ \mathbf{if} \ expr \ \mathbf{then} \ stmt \ \mathbf{else} \ stmt \\ \quad | \ \mathbf{other} \\ expr \rightarrow b \end{array}$$

- Or abstract:

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow iEtS \mid iEtSeS \mid a \\ E \rightarrow b \end{array}$$

- Left-factored: . . .

Left Factoring (Example)

What is result of left factoring for

$$S \rightarrow abS \mid abcA \mid aaa \mid aab \mid aA$$

Non-Context-Free Language Constructs

- Declaration of identifiers before their use

$$L_1 = \{w c w \mid w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$$

- Number of formal parameters in function declaration equals number of actual parameters in function call
Function call may be specified by

$$\begin{aligned} stmt &\rightarrow \mathbf{id} (expr_list) \\ expr_list &\rightarrow expr_list, expr \mid expr \end{aligned}$$

$$L_2 = \{a^n b^m c^n d^m \mid m, n \geq 1\}$$

Such checks are performed during semantic-analysis phase

4.4 Top-Down Parsing

- Construct parse tree,
 - starting from the root
 - creating nodes in preorder

Corresponds to finding leftmost derivation

Top-Down Parsing (Example)

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$$E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$$

$$T \rightarrow T * F \mid F$$

$$F \rightarrow (E) \mid \mathbf{id}$$

- Non-left-recursive variant: ...

Top-Down Parsing (Example)

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$$E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$$

$$T \rightarrow T * F \mid F$$

$$F \rightarrow (E) \mid \mathbf{id}$$

- Non-left-recursive variant:

$$E \rightarrow TE'$$

$$E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow FT'$$

$$T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid \epsilon$$

$$F \rightarrow (E) \mid \mathbf{id}$$

- Top-down parse for input **id + id * id ...**
- At each step: determine production to be applied

Top-Down Parsing

- Recursive-descent parsing
- Predictive parsing
 - Eliminate left-recursion from grammar
 - Left-factor the grammar
 - Compute FIRST and FOLLOW
 - Two variants:
 - * Recursive (recursive calls)
 - * Non-recursive (explicit stack)

FIRST

- Let α be string of grammar symbols
- $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ = set of terminals/tokens which begin strings derived from α
- If $\alpha \xRightarrow{*} \epsilon$, then $\epsilon \in \text{FIRST}(\alpha)$
- Example

$$F \rightarrow (E) \mid \mathbf{id}$$

$$\text{FIRST}(FT') = \{(\, \mathbf{id}\}$$

- When nonterminal has multiple productions, e.g.,

$$A \rightarrow \alpha \mid \beta$$

and $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ and $\text{FIRST}(\beta)$ are disjoint,
we can choose between these A -productions by looking at
next input symbol

Computing FIRST

Compute $\text{FIRST}(X)$ for all grammar symbols X :

- If X is terminal, then $\text{FIRST}(X) = \{X\}$
- If $X \rightarrow \epsilon$ is production, then add ϵ to $\text{FIRST}(X)$
- Repeat adding symbols to $\text{FIRST}(X)$ by looking at productions

$$X \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_k$$

(see book) until all FIRST sets are stable

FIRST (Example)

$$\begin{aligned}E &\rightarrow TE' \\E' &\rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon \\T &\rightarrow FT' \\T' &\rightarrow *FT' \mid \epsilon \\F &\rightarrow (E) \mid \mathbf{id}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{FIRST}(E) &= \text{FIRST}(T) = \text{FIRST}(F) = \{(\, \mathbf{id}\} \\ \text{FIRST}(E') &= \{+, \epsilon\} \\ \text{FIRST}(T') &= \{*, \epsilon\}\end{aligned}$$

FOLLOW

- Let A be nonterminal
- $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$ is set of terminals/tokens that can appear immediately to the right of A in sentential form:

$$\text{FOLLOW}(A) = \{a \mid S \xRightarrow{*} \alpha A a \beta\}$$

- Compute $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$ for all nonterminals A
See book

FIRST and FOLLOW (Example)

$$\begin{aligned}E &\rightarrow TE' \\E' &\rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon \\T &\rightarrow FT' \\T' &\rightarrow *FT' \mid \epsilon \\F &\rightarrow (E) \mid \mathbf{id}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{FIRST}(E) &= \text{FIRST}(T) = \text{FIRST}(F) = \{(\, \mathbf{id}\} \\ \text{FIRST}(E') &= \{+, \epsilon\} \\ \text{FIRST}(T') &= \{*, \epsilon\} \\ \text{FOLLOW}(E) &= \text{FOLLOW}(E') = \{), \$\} \\ \text{FOLLOW}(T) &= \text{FOLLOW}(T') = \{+,), \$\} \\ \text{FOLLOW}(F) &= \{*, +,), \$\}\end{aligned}$$

Parsing Tables

When next input symbol is a (terminal or input endmarker \$), we may choose $A \rightarrow \alpha$

- if $a \in \text{FIRST}(\alpha)$
- if $(\alpha = \epsilon \text{ or } \alpha \xRightarrow{*} \epsilon)$ and $a \in \text{FOLLOW}(A)$

Algorithm to construct parsing table $M[A, a]$

```
for (each production  $A \rightarrow \alpha$ )
{ for (each  $a \in \text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ )
  add  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  to  $M[A, a]$ ;
  if ( $\epsilon \in \text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ )
  { for (each  $b \in \text{FOLLOW}(A)$ )
    add  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  to  $M[A, b]$ ;
  }
}
If  $M[A, a]$  is empty, set  $M[A, a]$  to error.
```

Top-Down Parsing Table (Example)

$E \rightarrow TE'$	$\text{FIRST}(E) = \text{FIRST}(T) = \text{FIRST}(F) = \{ (, \text{id} \}$
$E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$	$\text{FIRST}(E') = \{ +, \epsilon \}$
$T \rightarrow FT'$	$\text{FIRST}(T') = \{ *, \epsilon \}$
$T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid \epsilon$	$\text{FOLLOW}(E) = \text{FOLLOW}(E') = \{), \$ \}$
$F \rightarrow (E) \mid \text{id}$	$\text{FOLLOW}(T) = \text{FOLLOW}(T') = \{ +,), \$ \}$
	$\text{FOLLOW}(F) = \{ *, +,), \$ \}$

Non-terminal	Input Symbol					
	id	+	*	()	\$
E	$E \rightarrow TE'$			$E \rightarrow TE'$		
E'		$E' \rightarrow +TE'$			$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$
T	$T \rightarrow FT'$			$T \rightarrow FT'$		
T'		$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$T' \rightarrow *FT'$		$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$
F	$F \rightarrow \text{id}$			$F \rightarrow (E)$		

LL(1) Grammars

- LL(1)
Left-to-right scanning of input, Leftmost derivation,
1 token to look ahead suffices for predictive parsing
- Grammar G is LL(1),
if and only if for two distinct productions $A \rightarrow \alpha \mid \beta$,
 - α and β do not both derive strings beginning with same terminal a
 - at most one of α and β can derive ϵ
 - if $\beta \xRightarrow{*} \epsilon$, then α does not derive strings beginning with terminal $a \in \text{FOLLOW}(A)$
- In other words, . . .
- Grammar G is LL(1), if and only if parsing table uniquely identifies production or signals error

LL(1) Grammars (Example)

- Not LL(1):

$$E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$$

$$T \rightarrow T * F \mid F$$

$$F \rightarrow (E) \mid \mathbf{id}$$

- Non-left-recursive variant, LL(1):

$$E \rightarrow TE'$$

$$E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$$

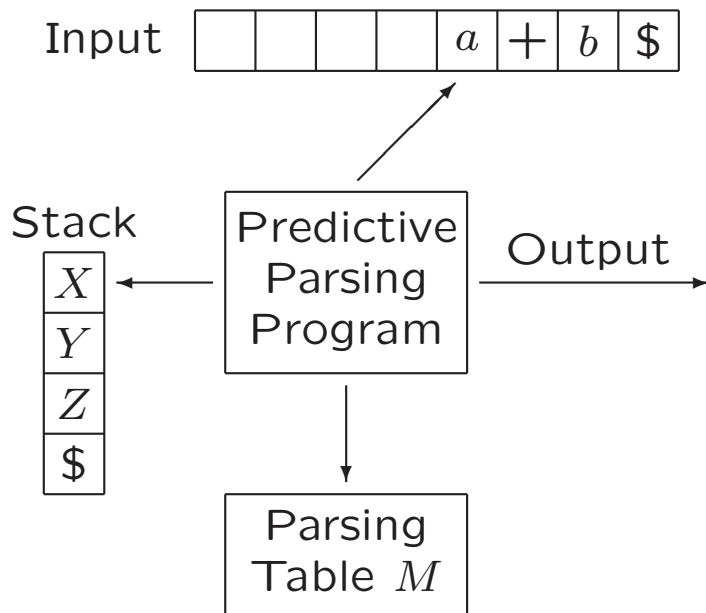
$$T \rightarrow FT'$$

$$T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid \epsilon$$

$$F \rightarrow (E) \mid \mathbf{id}$$

Nonrecursive Predictive Parsing

Cf. top-down PDA from FI2

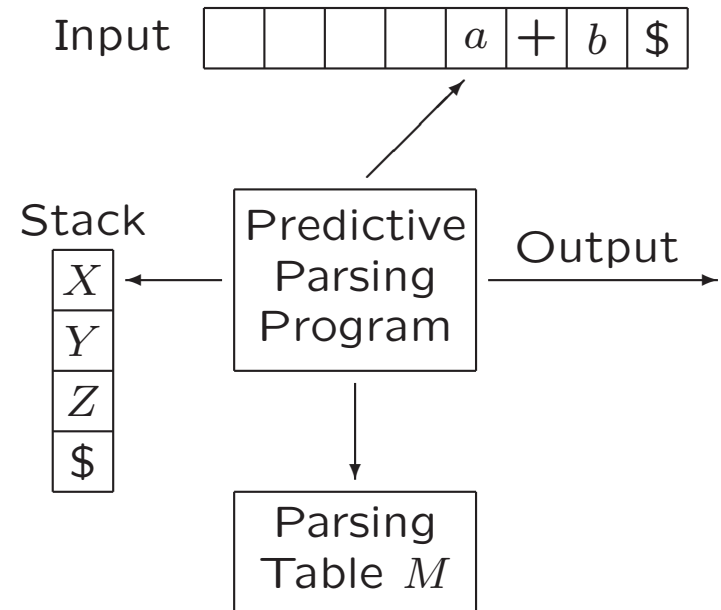


Nonrecursive Predictive Parsing

```

push $ onto stack;
push S onto stack;
let  $a$  be first symbol of input  $w$ ;
let  $X$  be top stack symbol;
while ( $X \neq \$$ ) /* stack is not empty */
{ if ( $X = a$ )
  { pop stack;
    let  $a$  be next symbol of  $w$ ;
  }
  else if ( $X$  is terminal)
    error();
  else if ( $M[X, a]$  is error entry)
    error();
  else if ( $M[X, a] = X \rightarrow Y_1Y_2 \dots Y_k$ )
    { output production  $X \rightarrow Y_1Y_2 \dots Y_k$ ;
      pop stack;
      push  $Y_k, Y_{k-1}, \dots, Y_1$  onto stack, with  $Y_1$  on top;
    }
let  $X$  be top stack symbol;
}

```



Nonrec. Predictive Parsing (Example)

Non-terminal	Input Symbol					
	id	+	*	()	\$
E	$E \rightarrow TE'$			$E \rightarrow TE'$		
E'		$E' \rightarrow +TE'$			$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$
T	$T \rightarrow FT'$			$T \rightarrow FT'$		
T'		$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$T' \rightarrow *FT'$		$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$
F	$F \rightarrow \mathbf{id}$			$F \rightarrow (E)$		

Matched	Stack	Input	Action
	$E\$$	id + id * id \$	output $E \rightarrow TE'$
	$TE'\$$	id + id * id \$	output $T \rightarrow FT'$
	$FT'E'\$$	id + id * id \$	output $F \rightarrow \mathbf{id}$
	id $T'E'\$$	id + id * id \$	match id
id	$T'E'\$$	+ id * id \$	output $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$
id	$E'\$$	+ id * id \$	output $E' \rightarrow +TE'$
id	+ $TE'\$$	+ id * id \$	match +
id+	$TE'\$$	id * id \$	output $T \rightarrow FT'$
...

Note shift up of last column

Error Recovery in Predictive Parsing

Panic-mode recovery

- Discard input until token in set of designated synchronizing tokens is found
- Heuristics
 - Put all symbols in $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$ into synchronizing set for A (and remove A from stack)
 - Add symbols based on hierarchical structure of language constructs
 - Add symbols in $\text{FIRST}(A)$
 - If $A \xRightarrow{*} \epsilon$, use production deriving ϵ as default
 - Add tokens to synchronizing sets of all other tokens

Error Recovery in Predictive Parsing

Phrase-level recovery

- Local correction on remaining input that allows parser to continue
- Pointer to error routines in blank table entries
 - Change symbols
 - Insert symbols
 - Delete symbols
 - Print appropriate message
- Make sure that we do not enter infinite loop

Predictive Parsing Issues

- What to do in case of multiply-defined entries?
 - Transform grammar
 - * Left-recursion elimination
 - * Left factoring
 - Not always applicable
- Designing grammar suitable for top-down parsing is hard
 - Left-recursion elimination and left factoring make grammar hard to read and to use in translation

Therefore: try to use automatic parser generators

4.1.3 Syntax Error Handling

- Good compiler should assist in identifying and locating errors
 - **Lexical errors:** compiler can easily detect and continue
 - **Syntax errors:** compiler can detect and often recover
 - **Semantic errors:** compiler can sometimes detect
 - **Logical errors:** hard to detect
- Three goals. The error handler should
 - Report errors clearly and accurately
 - Recover quickly to detect subsequent errors
 - Add minimal overhead to processing of correct programs

Error Detection and Reporting

- **Viable-prefix property** of LL/LR parsers allow detection of syntax errors as soon as possible, i.e., as soon as prefix of input does not match prefix of any string in language (valid program)
- Reporting an error:
 - At least report line number and position
 - Print diagnostic message, e.g.,
“semicolon missing at this position”

Error-Recovery Strategies

- Continue after error detection, restore to state where processing may continue, but...
- No universally acceptable strategy, but some useful strategies:
 - **Panic-mode recovery:** discard input until token in designated set of *synchronizing* tokens is found
 - **Phrase-level recovery:** perform local correction on the input to repair error, e.g., insert missing semicolon
Has actually been used
 - **Error productions:** augment grammar with productions for erroneous constructs
 - **Global correction:** choose minimal sequence of changes to obtain correct string
Costly, but yardstick for evaluating other strategies

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