

Parsing

Unger's parser: Example

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Consider the following CFG: $S \rightarrow Tc, S \rightarrow AC, T \rightarrow AB, C \rightarrow Bc, A \rightarrow a, B \rightarrow b$

This CFG generates only the word abc but with two different analyses.

We assume that we have a CFG without ϵ -productions and without loops (is the case for this grammar). Furthermore, we assume that when partitioning the input into spans of rhs symbols, terminals receive a span of length 1.

Trace of the Unger parse of abc :

calls	results (in chart)	productions (parse forest)
$\text{unger}(S, {}_1abc_3)$		
$S \rightarrow Tc?$		
$\text{unger}(T, {}_1ab_2)$		
$T \rightarrow AB?$		
$\text{unger}(A, {}_1a_1)$		
$A \rightarrow a?$		
$\text{unger}(a, {}_1a_1) \rightarrow \mathbf{t}$	$\langle a, {}_1a_1, t \rangle$	${}_1A_1 \rightarrow {}_1a_1$
$\rightarrow \mathbf{t}$	$\langle A, {}_1a_1, t \rangle$	
$\text{unger}(B, {}_2b_2)$		
$B \rightarrow b?$		
$\text{unger}(b, {}_2b_2) \rightarrow \mathbf{t}$	$\langle b, {}_2b_2, t \rangle$	${}_2B_2 \rightarrow {}_2b_2$
$\rightarrow \mathbf{t}$	$\langle B, {}_2b_2, t \rangle$	${}_1T_2 \rightarrow {}_1A_1 {}_2B_2$
$\rightarrow \mathbf{t}$	$\langle T, {}_1ab_2, t \rangle$	
$\text{unger}(c, {}_3c_3) \rightarrow \mathbf{t}$	$\langle c, {}_3c_3, t \rangle$	${}_1S_3 \rightarrow {}_1T_2 {}_3c_3$
$S \rightarrow AC?$		
$\text{unger}(A, {}_1a_1) \rightarrow \mathbf{t}$		
$\text{unger}(C, {}_2bc_3)$		
$C \rightarrow Bc?$		
$\text{unger}(B, {}_2b_2) \rightarrow \mathbf{t}$		
$\text{unger}(c, {}_3c_3) \rightarrow \mathbf{t}$		${}_2C_3 \rightarrow {}_2B_2 {}_3c_3$
$\rightarrow \mathbf{t}$	$\langle C, {}_2bc_3, t \rangle$	${}_1S_3 \rightarrow {}_1A_1 {}_2C_3$
$\text{unger}(A, {}_1ab_2)$		
$A \rightarrow a? \rightarrow \text{no partition}$		
$\rightarrow \mathbf{f}$	$\langle A, {}_1ab_2, f \rangle$	
$\rightarrow \mathbf{t}$	$\langle S, {}_1abc_3, t \rangle$	