Extended Context-Free Grammars Parsing with Generalized LL

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QualifiedIdentifierList:
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Extended Context-Free Grammar

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\begin{aligned}
S &= a\ M^* \\
M &= a?\ (B\ K)^+ \\
&\mid u\ B \\
B &= c \mid \varepsilon
\end{aligned}
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qualiId: ident {DOT ident}
qualifiedIdList: qualiId {COMMA qualiId}
compilationUnit:
    [[Annotations] Package qualiId SEMI]
    {importDecl} {typeDecl}
importDecl: Import [Static] ident
    {DOT ident} [DOT STAR] SEMI
typeDecl: classOrInterfaceDecl SEMI
classOrInterfaceDecl:
    {Modifier} (ClassDecl | InterfaceDecl)
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$\Longrightarrow$

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ident: IDENTIFIER
qualiId: ident many_1
many_1:
    | ident many_1
qualifiedIdList: qualiId many_2
many_2:
    | COMMA qualiId many_2
compilationUnit: opt_1 many_3 many_4
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alt_1: ClassDecl | InterfaceDecl
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Automata and ECFGs

Grammar G_0

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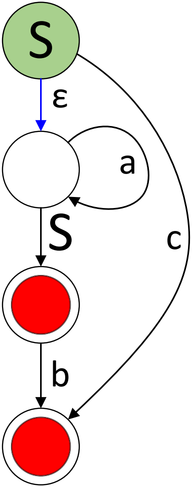
RA for grammar G_0



Recursive Automata Minimization

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S = &\quad K\ K\ K\ K\ K\ K \mid K\ a\ K\ K\ K\ K \\
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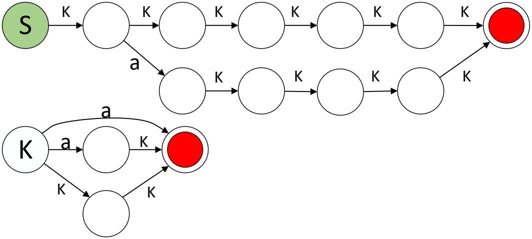
Automaton for G_1



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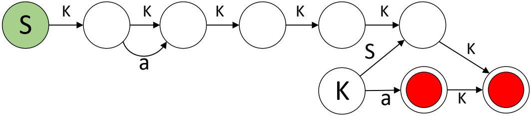
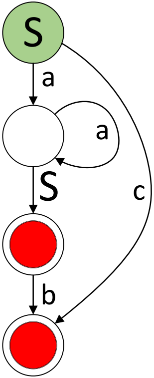


Derivation Trees for Recursive Automata

Input:

aacb

Automaton:



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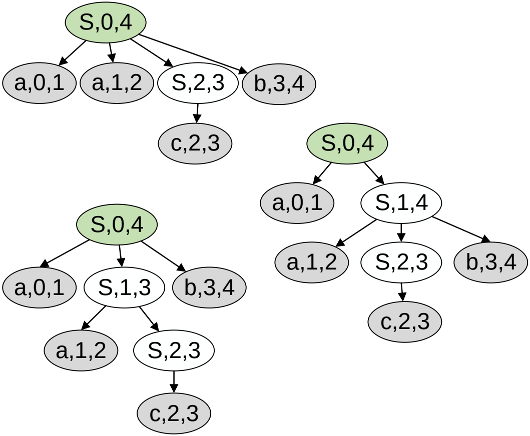

SPPF for Recursive Automata

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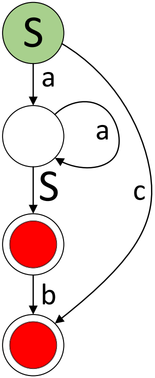
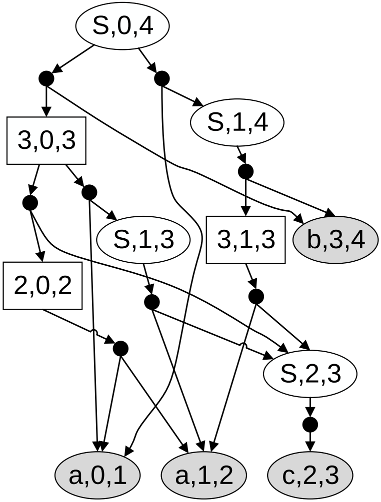


Shared Packed Parse Forest:



Mb highlight each tree?

Input processing

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Grammar:

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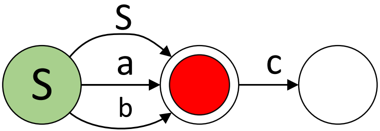

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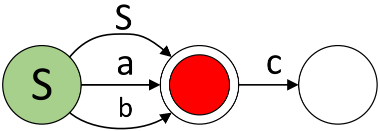

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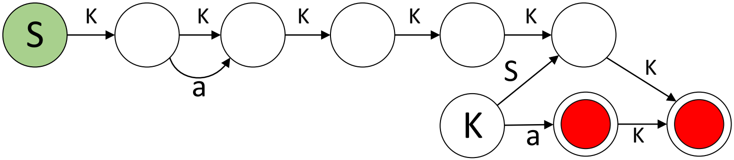

Experiment results for input a^{40}

	Descriptors	Stack Edges	Stack Nodes	SPPF Nodes
BNF Grammar	7,940	6,974	80	111,127,244
Minimized RA	5,830	4,234	80	74,292,078
Difference	27%	39%	0 %	33 %

Why did we make it?

Graph parsing results

	Descriptors	Stack Edges	Stack Nodes	Time, min
BNF Grammar	21,134,080	7,482,789	2,731,529	02.26
Minimized RA	9,153,352	2,792,330	839,148	01.25
Difference	57%	63%	69 %	45 %