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**Theory**

    The process of gathering syntactical meaning or doing a syntactical analysis over some text can also be called parsing. It usually results in a parse tree which can also contain semantic information that could be used in subsequent stages of compilation, for example.

    Similarly to a parse tree, in order to represent the structure of an input text one could create an Abstract Syntax Tree (AST). This is a data structure that is organized hierarchically in abstraction layers that represent the constructs or entities that form up the initial text. These can come in handy also in the analysis of programs or some processes involved in compilation.

**Objectives:**

1. In addition to what has been done in the 3rd lab work do the following:
2. In case you didn't have a type that denotes the possible types of tokens you need to:
3. Have a type TokenType (like an enum) that can be used in the lexical analysis to categorize the tokens.
4. Please use regular expressions to identify the type of the token.
5. Implement the necessary data structures for an AST that could be used for the text you have processed in the 3rd lab work.
6. Implement a simple parser program that could extract the syntactic information from the input text.

**Implementation Description**

For implementation I chose to use C#, because it is a familiar language.

First of all, I define a class with constructor for grammar. Also, it will have classes for token types, lexer and parser.

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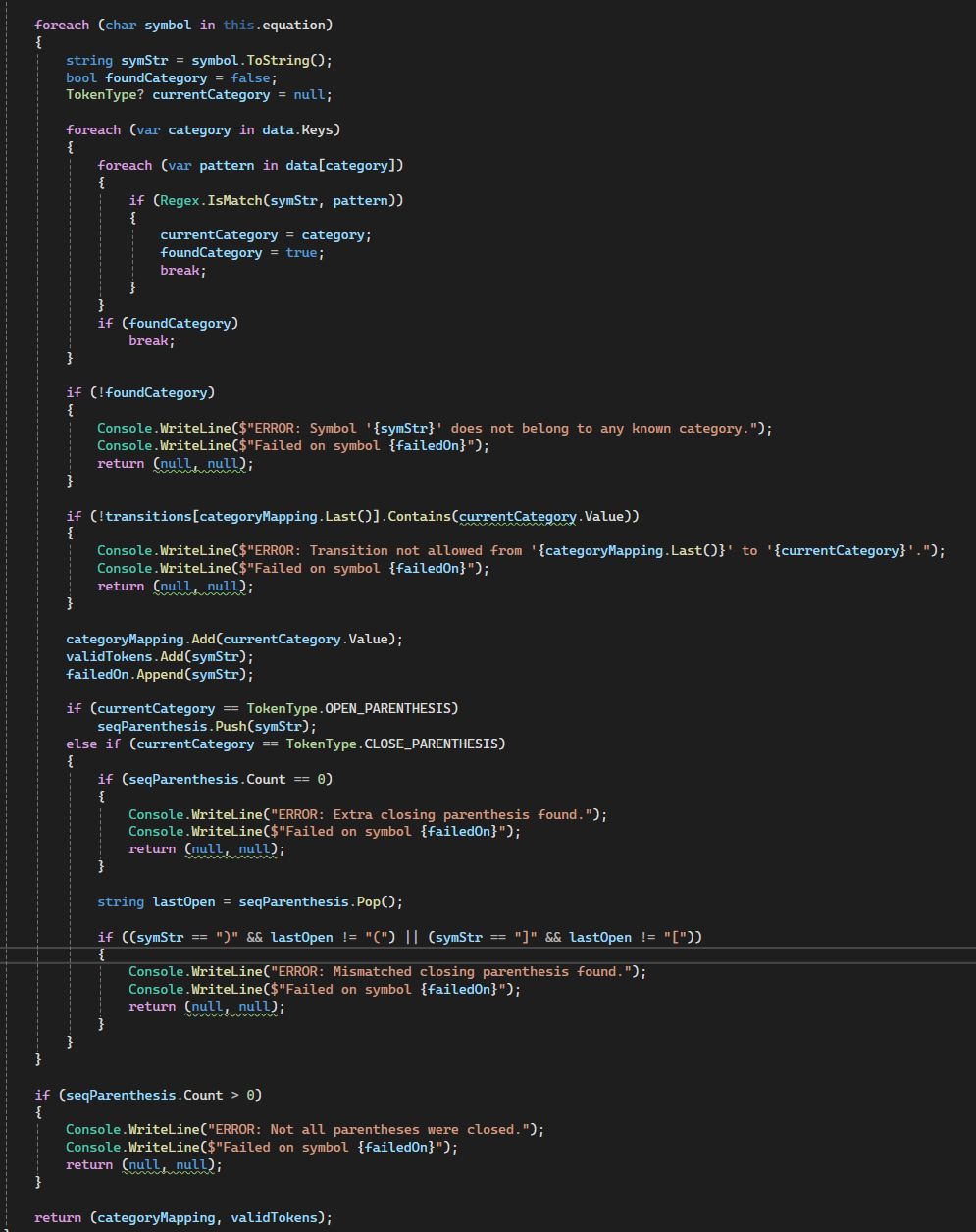
**Figure 1. TokenType and transitions definition**

TokenType Enum: Enumerates token types such as opening and closing parentheses, mathematical operations, and numbers.

Transitions Dictionary: Maps valid transitions between token types during equation parsing.

Data Dictionary: Contains regular expressions for each token type to match symbols in equations.

Functionality: The check\_equation function parses equations, categorizes symbols using regular expressions, and validates transitions. The create\_graph function visualizes the parsed equation as a tree structure. This code provides a flexible framework for parsing mathematical expressions, making use of enums and regular expressions for efficient tokenization and categorization.



**Figure 2.Analyze the input and get the tokens used**

**Input Cleaning**: The method first removes any whitespace from the input equation.

**Initialization**: It initializes variables to track parentheses, category mappings, failed symbols, and valid tokens.

**Symbol Processing**:

1. The method iterates through each symbol in the equation.
2. It handles parentheses by checking if they are opening or closing. If a closing parenthesis is encountered without a matching opening parenthesis, an error is reported.
3. Symbol categorization is performed using regular expressions defined in the data dictionary. If a symbol does not match any category, an error is reported.
4. The method checks transitions between token categories to ensure validity. If a transition is not allowed, an error is reported.
5. It updates category mappings and collects valid tokens.

**Parenthesis Checking:** After processing all symbols, the method checks if there are any remaining open parentheses. If so, an error is reported.

**Output:** Finally, the method returns the category mapping and valid tokens if no errors are encountered during tokenization.

This code segment provides a systematic approach to tokenize mathematical equations, ensuring proper handling of symbols, categorization, and error reporting. It integrates regular expressions for efficient symbol categorization and employs error checks to ensure the integrity of the tokenization process.



**Figure 3. Method to remove unproductive symbols**

The provided code defines a Parser class responsible for constructing an Abstract Syntax Tree (AST) from category mappings and valid tokens obtained from the lexical analysis. Here's an overview of its functionality:

**Initialization:** The class constructor (\_\_init\_\_) takes category\_mapping and valid\_tokens as arguments and initializes instance variables to store these values.

**Parsing Method (parse):**

The parse method constructs the AST by iterating over the valid\_tokens and category\_mapping.

It creates nodes for each token and its corresponding category in the AST using the Node class from the anytree library.

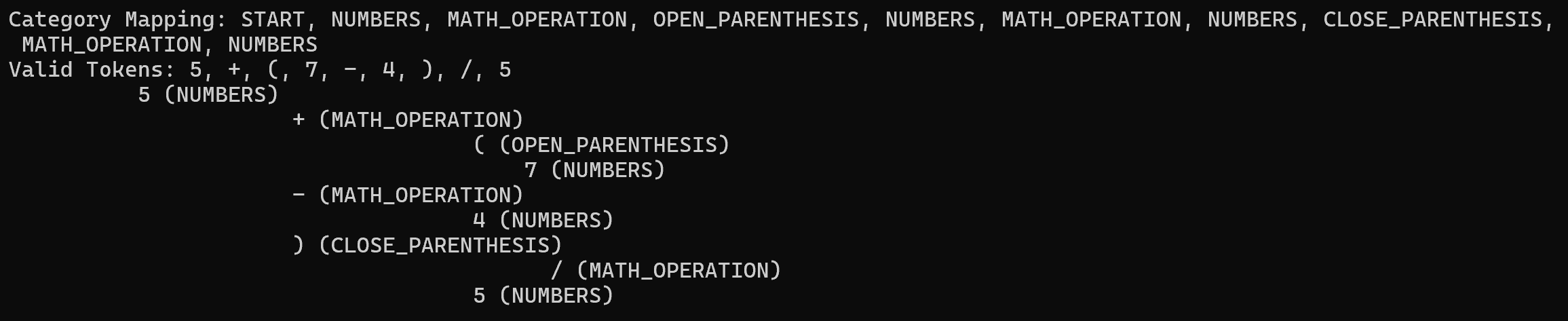
Nodes are organized hierarchically according to their category mappings, with each token being a child node of its category node.

The method then prints the AST in a hierarchical format using the RenderTree function from the anytree library.

**Output:** The AST is printed in a hierarchical format, with each node representing a token or a category, along with its parent-child relationships.

This code segment provides a simple yet effective way to construct and visualize an AST from tokenized mathematical equations. It utilizes the anytree library to manage the hierarchical structure of the AST and offers a clear representation of the equation's syntactic structure.

**Screenshots**



**Figure 6. Output**

**Conclusions**

In this report, we explored the implementation of a lexical analysis and parsing system for mathematical equations using C#. The system applies object-oriented programming principles, regular expressions, and data structures to tokenize, categorize, and construct Abstract Syntax Trees (ASTs) for mathematical expressions.

We introduced the `TokenType` enum to enumerate different types of tokens present in mathematical equations, such as parentheses, mathematical operators, and numeric values. Additionally, dictionaries like `transitions` and `data` are defined to map valid transitions between token types during equation parsing, and to store regular expressions for token categorization.

The lexical analysis process, implemented in the `Tokenize` method, cleanses the input equation, categorizes symbols using regular expressions, validates transitions between token categories, and reports errors if encountered. This ensures proper tokenization of equations, preparing the input for parsing.

The parsing phase, encapsulated within the `Parser` class, constructs ASTs from category mappings and valid tokens obtained during lexical analysis. The `Parse` method iterates through the tokens and mappings, creating nodes for each token and its corresponding category in the AST. The resulting AST is printed in a hierarchical format, providing a clear visualization of the equation's syntactic structure.

Overall, this system offers a robust framework for lexical analysis and parsing of mathematical equations, demonstrating the effective utilization of C# features and libraries. It serves as a foundation for further development of mathematical expression evaluators or interpreters and emphasizes the importance of accurate tokenization and parsing in computational systems.