

Syntactic Analysis

Top-down Parsing

Copyright 2009, Pedro C. Diniz, all rights reserved.
Students enrolled in the Compilers class at Instituto Superior Técnico (IST/UTL) have explicit permission to make copies of these materials for their personal use.

Parsing Techniques

Top-down parsers (LL(1), recursive descent)

- Start at the root of the parse tree and grow toward leaves
- Pick a production & try to match the input
- Bad “pick” \Rightarrow may need to backtrack
- Some grammars are backtrack-free (*predictive parsing*)

Bottom-up parsers (LR(1), operator precedence)

- Start at the leaves and grow toward root
- As input is consumed, encode possibilities in an internal state
- Start in a state valid for legal first tokens
- Bottom-up parsers handle a large class of grammars

Top-down Parsing

*A top-down parser starts with the root of the parse tree
The root node is labeled with the goal symbol of the grammar*

Top-down parsing algorithm:

Construct the root node of the parse tree

Repeat until the fringe of the parse tree matches the input string

- 1 At a node labeled A, select a production with A on its lhs and, for each symbol on its rhs, construct the appropriate child
- 2 When a terminal symbol is added to the fringe and it doesn't match the fringe, backtrack
- 3 Find the next node to be expanded (*label \in NT*)

- The key is picking the right production in step 1
 - That choice should be guided by the input string

Remember the Expression Grammar?

Example CFG:

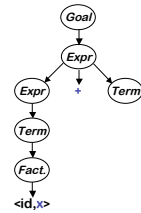
| | | | |
|---|--------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | Goal | \rightarrow | Expr |
| 2 | Expr | \rightarrow | Expr + Term |
| 3 | | | Expr - Term |
| 4 | | | Term |
| 5 | Term | \rightarrow | Term * Factor |
| 6 | | | Term / Factor |
| 7 | | | Factor |
| 8 | Factor | \rightarrow | <u>number</u> |
| 9 | | | <u>id</u> |

And the input $x - 2 * y$

Example

Let's try $x - 2 * y$:

| Rule | Sentential Form | Input |
|------|-----------------|----------------------|
| — | Goal | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 1 | Expr | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 2 | Expr + Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 4 | Term + Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 7 | Factor + Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 9 | <id,x> + Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 9 | <id,x> + Term | $x \uparrow - 2 * y$ |

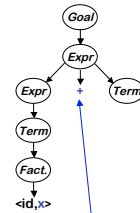


Leftmost derivation, choose productions in an order that exposes problems

Example

Let's try $x \ominus 2 * y$:

| Rule | Sentential Form | Input |
|------|-----------------|----------------------|
| — | Goal | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 1 | Expr | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 2 | Expr + Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 4 | Term + Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 7 | Factor + Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 9 | <id,x> + Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 9 | <id,x> + Term | $x \uparrow - 2 * y$ |

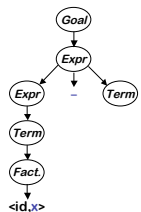


This worked well, except that " \ominus " doesn't match " $+$ ".
The parser must backtrack to here

Example

Continuing with $x - 2 * y$:

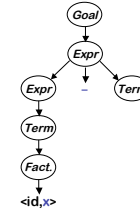
| Rule | Sentential Form | Input |
|------|-----------------|----------------------|
| — | Goal | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 1 | Expr | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 3 | Expr - Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 4 | Term - Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 7 | Factor - Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 9 | <id,x> - Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 9 | <id,x> - Term | $x \uparrow - 2 * y$ |
| — | <id,x> - Term | $x - \uparrow 2 * y$ |



Example

Continuing with $x - 2 * y$:

| Rule | Sentential Form | Input |
|------|-----------------|----------------------|
| — | Goal | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 1 | Expr | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 3 | Expr - Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 4 | Term - Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 7 | Factor - Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 9 | <id,x> - Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 9 | <id,x> - Term | $x \uparrow - 2 * y$ |
| — | <id,x> - Term | $x - \uparrow 2 * y$ |



This time, " $-$ " and " $-$ " matched

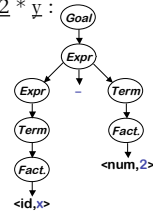
We can advance past " $-$ " to look at " 2 "

⇒ Now, we need to expand Term - the last NT on the fringe

Example

Trying to match the "2" in $x - 2 * y$:

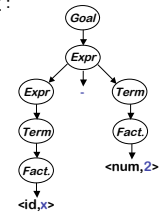
| Rule | Sentential Form | Input |
|------|--|----------------------|
| — | $\langle id, x \rangle - Term$ | $x - \uparrow 2 * y$ |
| 7 | $\langle id, x \rangle - Factor$ | $x - \uparrow 2 * y$ |
| 9 | $\langle id, x \rangle - \langle num, 2 \rangle$ | $x - \uparrow 2 * y$ |
| — | $\langle id, x \rangle - \langle num, 2 \rangle$ | $x - 2 \uparrow * y$ |



Example

Trying to match the "2" in $x - 2 * y$:

| Rule | Sentential Form | Input |
|------|--|----------------------|
| — | $\langle id, x \rangle - Term$ | $x - \uparrow 2 * y$ |
| 7 | $\langle id, x \rangle - Factor$ | $x - \uparrow 2 * y$ |
| 9 | $\langle id, x \rangle - \langle num, 2 \rangle$ | $x - \uparrow 2 * y$ |
| — | $\langle id, x \rangle - \langle num, 2 \rangle$ | $x - 2 \uparrow * y$ |



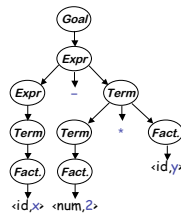
Where are we?

- "2" matches "2"
 - We have more input, but no NTs left to expand
 - The expansion terminated too soon
- ⇒ Need to backtrack

Example

Trying again with "2" in $x - 2 * y$:

| Rule | Sentential Form | Input |
|------|--|----------------------|
| — | $\langle id, x \rangle - Term$ | $x - \uparrow 2 * y$ |
| 5 | $\langle id, x \rangle - Term * Factor$ | $x - \uparrow 2 * y$ |
| 7 | $\langle id, x \rangle - Factor * Factor$ | $x - \uparrow 2 * y$ |
| 8 | $\langle id, x \rangle - \langle num, 2 \rangle * Factor$ | $x - \uparrow 2 * y$ |
| — | $\langle id, x \rangle - \langle num, 2 \rangle * Factor$ | $x - 2 \uparrow * y$ |
| — | $\langle id, x \rangle - \langle num, 2 \rangle * Factor$ | $x - 2 \uparrow * y$ |
| 9 | $\langle id, x \rangle - \langle num, 2 \rangle * \langle id, y \rangle$ | $x - 2 \uparrow * y$ |
| — | $\langle id, x \rangle - \langle num, 2 \rangle * \langle id, y \rangle$ | $x - 2 * \uparrow y$ |



This time, we matched & consumed all the input
⇒ Success!

Another Possible Parse

Other choices for expansion are possible

| Rule | Sentential Form | Input |
|------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| — | Goal | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 1 | Expr | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 2 | Expr + Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 2 | Expr + Term + Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 2 | Expr + Term + Term + Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |
| 2 | Expr + Term + Term + ... + Term | $\uparrow x - 2 * y$ |

consuming no input !

This doesn't terminate (*obviously*)

- Wrong choice of expansion leads to non-termination
- Non-termination is a bad property for a parser to have
- Parser must make the right choice

Left Recursion

Top-down parsers cannot handle left-recursive grammars

Formally,

A grammar is *left recursive* if $\exists A \in NT$ such that
 \exists a derivation $A \Rightarrow^+ A\alpha$, for some string $\alpha \in (NT \cup T)^+$

Our expression grammar is left recursive

- This can lead to non-termination in a top-down parser
- For a top-down parser, any recursion must be right recursion
- We would like to convert the left recursion to right recursion

Non-termination is a bad property in any part of a compiler

Eliminating Left Recursion

To remove left recursion, we can transform the grammar

Consider a grammar fragment of the form

$$Fee \rightarrow Fee \alpha$$

$$| \beta$$

where neither α nor β start with Fee

We can rewrite this as

$$Fee \rightarrow \beta Fie$$

$$Fie \rightarrow \alpha Fie$$

$$| \epsilon$$

where Fie is a new non-terminal

This accepts the same language, but uses only right recursion

Eliminating Left Recursion

The expression grammar contains two cases of left recursion

$$\begin{array}{ll} Expr \rightarrow Expr + Term & Term \rightarrow Term * Factor \\ | Expr - Term & | Term / Factor \\ | Term & | Factor \end{array}$$

Applying the transformation yields

$$\begin{array}{ll} Expr \rightarrow Term Expr' & Term \rightarrow Factor Term' \\ Expr' \mid + Term Expr' & Term' \mid * Factor Term' \\ | - Term Expr' & | / Factor Term' \\ | \epsilon & | \epsilon \end{array}$$

These fragments use only right recursion

They retain the original left associativity

Eliminating Left Recursion

Substituting them back into the grammar yields

| | | |
|----|--------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Goal | $\rightarrow Expr$ |
| 2 | Expr | $\rightarrow Term Expr'$ |
| 3 | Expr' | $\rightarrow + Term Expr'$ |
| 4 | | $ - Term Expr'$ |
| 5 | | $ \epsilon$ |
| 6 | Term | $\rightarrow Factor Term'$ |
| 7 | Term' | $\rightarrow * Factor Term'$ |
| 8 | | $ / Factor Term'$ |
| 9 | | $ \epsilon$ |
| 10 | Factor | $\rightarrow \underline{number}$ |
| 11 | | $ \underline{id}$ |
| 12 | | $ (Expr)$ |

- This grammar is correct, if somewhat non-intuitive.
- It is left associative, as was the original
- A top-down parser will terminate using it.
- A top-down parser may need to backtrack with it.

Eliminating Left Recursion

The transformation eliminates immediate left recursion
What about more general, indirect left recursion ?

The general algorithm:

arrange the NTs into some order A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n
for $i \leftarrow 1$ to n Must start with 1 to ensure that $A_1 \rightarrow A_1 \beta$ is transformed
for $s \leftarrow 1$ to $i-1$
replace each production $A_i \rightarrow A_i \gamma$ with $A_i \rightarrow \delta_1 \gamma \mid \delta_2 \gamma \mid \dots \mid \delta_k \gamma$
where $A_i \rightarrow \delta_1 \mid \delta_2 \mid \dots \mid \delta_k$ are all the current productions for A_i
eliminate any immediate left recursion on A_i
using the direct transformation

This assumes that the initial grammar has no cycles ($A_i \Rightarrow^* A_i$),
and no epsilon productions

[And back](#)

Eliminating Left Recursion

How does this algorithm work?

1. Impose arbitrary order on the non-terminals
2. Outer loop cycles through NT in order
3. Inner loop ensures that a production expanding A_i has no non-terminal A_j in its rhs, for $s < i$
4. Last step in outer loop converts any direct recursion on A_i to right recursion using the transformation showed earlier
5. New non-terminals are added at the end of the order & have no left recursion

At the start of the i^{th} outer loop iteration

For all $k < i$, no production that expands A_k contains a non-terminal A_j in its rhs, for $s < k$

Example

- Order of symbols: G, E, T

$G \rightarrow E$
 $E \rightarrow E + T$
 $E \rightarrow T$
 $T \rightarrow E \sim T$
 $T \rightarrow id$

Example

- Order of symbols: G, E, T

1. $A_1 = G$

$G \rightarrow E$
 $E \rightarrow E + T$
 $E \rightarrow T$
 $T \rightarrow E \sim T$
 $T \rightarrow id$



Example

- Order of symbols: G, E, T

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. $A_1 = G$ | 2. $A_1 = E$ |
| $G \rightarrow E$ | $G \rightarrow E$ |
| $E \rightarrow E + T$ | $E \rightarrow TE'$ |
| $E \rightarrow T$ | $E' \rightarrow +TE'$ |
| $T \rightarrow E \sim T$ | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $T \rightarrow id$ | $T \rightarrow E \sim T$ |
| | $T \rightarrow id$ |



Example

- Order of symbols: G, E, T

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. $A_1 = G$ | 2. $A_1 = E$ | 3. $A_1 = T, A_2 = E$ |
| $G \rightarrow E$ | $G \rightarrow E$ | $G \rightarrow E$ |
| $E \rightarrow E + T$ | $E \rightarrow TE'$ | $E \rightarrow TE'$ |
| $E \rightarrow T$ | $E' \rightarrow +TE'$ | $E' \rightarrow +TE'$ |
| $T \rightarrow E \sim T$ | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $T \rightarrow id$ | $T \rightarrow E \sim T$ | $T \rightarrow TE' \sim T$ |
| | $T \rightarrow id$ | $T \rightarrow id$ |

[Go to Algorithm](#)



Example

- Order of symbols: G, E, T

| | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. $A_1 = G$ | 2. $A_1 = E$ | 3. $A_1 = T, A_2 = E$ | 4. $A_1 = T$ |
| $G \rightarrow E$ | $G \rightarrow E$ | $G \rightarrow E$ | $G \rightarrow E$ |
| $E \rightarrow E + T$ | $E \rightarrow TE'$ | $E \rightarrow TE'$ | $E \rightarrow TE'$ |
| $E \rightarrow T$ | $E' \rightarrow +TE'$ | $E' \rightarrow +TE'$ | $E' \rightarrow +TE'$ |
| $T \rightarrow E \sim T$ | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $T \rightarrow id$ | $T \rightarrow E \sim T$ | $T \rightarrow TE' \sim T$ | $T \rightarrow id T'$ |
| | $T \rightarrow id$ | $T \rightarrow id$ | $T' \rightarrow E \sim TT'$ |
| | | | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |



Roadmap (Where are we?)

We set out to study parsing

- Specifying syntax
 - Context-free grammars ✓
 - Ambiguity ✓
- Top-down parsers
 - Algorithm & its problem with left recursion ✓
 - Left-recursion removal ✓
- Predictive top-down parsing
 - The LL(1) condition
 - Simple recursive descent parsers
 - Table-driven LL(1) parsers

Picking the “Right” Production

*If it picks the wrong production, a top-down parser may backtrack.
Alternative is to look ahead in input & use context to pick correctly*

How much lookahead is needed?

- In general, an arbitrarily large amount
- Use the Cocke-Younger, Kasami algorithm or Earley’s algorithm

Fortunately,

- Large subclasses of CFGs can be parsed with limited lookahead
- Most programming language constructs fall in those subclasses

Among the interesting subclasses are $LL(1)$ and $LR(1)$ grammars

Predictive Parsing

Basic idea

Given $A \rightarrow \alpha \mid \beta$, the parser should be able to choose between α and β

FIRST Sets

For some $rhs \ \alpha \in G$, define $FIRST(\alpha)$ as the set of tokens that appear as the first symbol in some string that derives from α

That is, $x \in FIRST(\alpha)$ iff $\alpha \Rightarrow^* x \gamma$, for some γ

We will defer the problem of how to compute FIRST sets until we look at the $LL(1)$ table construction algorithm

Predictive Parsing

Basic idea

Given $A \rightarrow \alpha \mid \beta$, the parser should be able to choose between α and β

FIRST Sets

For some $rhs \ \alpha \in G$, define $FIRST(\alpha)$ as the set of tokens that appear as the first symbol in some string that derives from α

That is, $x \in FIRST(\alpha)$ iff $\alpha \Rightarrow^* x \gamma$, for some γ

The $LL(1)$ Property

If $A \rightarrow \alpha$ and $A \rightarrow \beta$ both appear in the grammar, we would like

$$FIRST(\alpha) \cap FIRST(\beta) = \emptyset$$

This would allow the parser to make a correct choice with a lookahead of exactly one symbol!

This is almost correct
See the next slide

Predictive Parsing

What about ϵ -productions?

\Rightarrow They complicate the definition of $LL(1)$

If $A \rightarrow \alpha$ and $A \rightarrow \beta$ and $\epsilon \in FIRST(\alpha)$, then we need to ensure that $FIRST(\beta)$ is disjoint from $FOLLOW(\alpha)$, too

Define $FIRST^+(\alpha)$ as

- $FIRST(\alpha) \cup FOLLOW(\alpha)$, if $\epsilon \in FIRST(\alpha)$
- $FIRST(\alpha)$, otherwise

Then, a grammar is $LL(1)$ iff $A \rightarrow \alpha$ and $A \rightarrow \beta$ implies

$$FIRST^+(\alpha) \cap FIRST^+(\beta) = \emptyset$$

$FOLLOW(\alpha)$ is the set of all words in the grammar that can legally appear immediately after an α

Predictive Parsing

Given a grammar that has the $LL(1)$ property

- Can write a simple routine to recognize each lls
- Code is both simple & fast

Consider $A \rightarrow \beta_1 \mid \beta_2 \mid \beta_3$, with

$$\text{FIRST}^+(\beta_1) \cap \text{FIRST}^+(\beta_2) \cap \text{FIRST}^+(\beta_3) = \emptyset$$

```
/* find an A */
if (current_word ∈ FIRST(β1))
  find a β1 and return true
else if (current_word ∈ FIRST(β2))
  find a β2 and return true
else if (current_word ∈ FIRST(β3))
  find a β3 and return true
else
  report an error and return false
```

Grammars with the $LL(1)$ property are called *predictive grammars* because the parser can "predict" the correct expansion at each point in the parse. Parsers that capitalize on the $LL(1)$ property are called *predictive parsers*. One kind of predictive parser is the *recursive descent* parser.

Recursive Descent Parsing

Recall the expression grammar, after transformation

| | | | |
|----|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | <i>Goal</i> | \rightarrow | <i>Expr</i> |
| 2 | <i>Expr</i> | \rightarrow | <i>Term Expr'</i> |
| 3 | <i>Expr'</i> | \rightarrow | $+$ <i>Term Expr'</i> |
| 4 | | \mid | $-$ <i>Term Expr'</i> |
| 5 | | \mid | ϵ |
| 6 | <i>Term</i> | \rightarrow | <i>Factor Term'</i> |
| 7 | <i>Term'</i> | \rightarrow | $*$ <i>Factor Term'</i> |
| 8 | | \mid | $/$ <i>Factor Term'</i> |
| 9 | | \mid | ϵ |
| 10 | <i>Factor</i> | \rightarrow | <u>number</u> |
| 11 | | \mid | <u>id</u> |

This produces a parser with six *mutually recursive* routines:

- *Goal*
- *Expr*
- *Expr'*
- *Term*
- *Term'*
- *Factor*

Each recognizes one NT or T

The term *descent* refers to the direction in which the parse tree is built.

Recursive Descent Parsing (Procedural)

A couple of routines from the expression parser

```
Goal()
token ← next_token();
if (Expr() = true & token = EOF)
  then next compilation step;
else
  report syntax error;
  return false;
```

```
Expr()
if (Term() = false)
  then return false;
else return EPrime();
```

looking for EOF, found token

```
Factor()
if (token = Number) then
  token ← next_token();
  return true;
else if (token = Identifier) then
  token ← next_token();
  return true;
else
  report syntax error;
  return false;
```

EPrime, Term, & TPrime follow the same basic lines

looking for Number or Identifier, found token instead

Recursive Descent Parsing

To build a parse tree:

- Augment parsing routines to build nodes
- Pass nodes between routines using a stack
- Node for each symbol on rhs
- Action is to pop rhs nodes, make them children of lls node, and push this subtree

To build an abstract syntax tree

- Build fewer nodes
- Put them together in a different order

```
Expr()
result ← true;
if (Term() = false)
  then return false;
else if (EPrime() = false)
  then result ← false;
else
  build an Expr node
  pop EPrime node
  make EPrime & Term
  children of Expr
  push Expr node
  return result;
```

Success ⇒ build a piece of the parse tree

Left Factoring

What if my grammar does not have the LL(1) property?

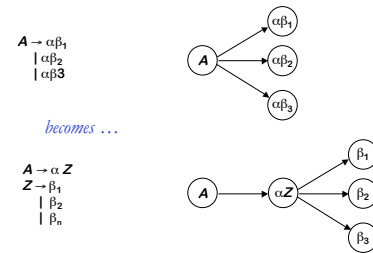
⇒ Sometimes, we can transform the grammar

The Algorithm

$\forall A \in NT$,
 find the longest prefix α that occurs in two or more right-hand sides of A
 if $\alpha \neq \epsilon$ then replace all of the A productions,
 $A \rightarrow \alpha\beta_1 \mid \alpha\beta_2 \mid \dots \mid \alpha\beta_n \mid \gamma$,
 with
 $A \rightarrow \alpha Z \mid \gamma$
 $Z \rightarrow \beta_1 \mid \beta_2 \mid \dots \mid \beta_n$
 where Z is a new element of NT
 Repeat until no common prefixes remain

Left Factoring

A graphical explanation for the same idea



Left Factoring (An example)

Consider the following fragment of the expression grammar

$Factor \rightarrow Identifier$
 $\mid Identifier [ExprList]$
 $\mid Identifier (ExprList)$

$FIRST(rhs_1) = \{ Identifier \}$
 $FIRST(rhs_2) = \{ Identifier \}$
 $FIRST(rhs_3) = \{ Identifier \}$

After left factoring, it becomes

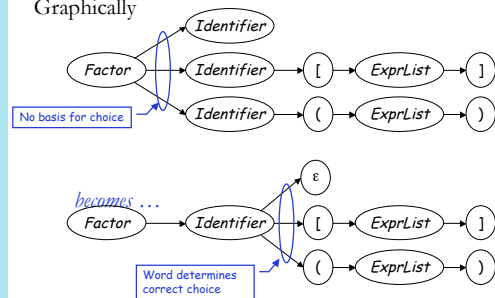
$Factor \rightarrow Identifier Arguments$
 $Arguments \rightarrow [ExprList]$
 $\mid (ExprList)$
 $\mid \epsilon$

$FIRST(rhs_1) = \{ Identifier \}$
 $FIRST(rhs_2) = \{ [\}$
 $FIRST(rhs_3) = \{ (\}$
 $FIRST(rhs_4) = FOLLOW(Factor)$
 ⇒ It has the LL(1) property

This form has the same syntax, with the LL(1) property

Left Factoring

Graphically





Left Factoring (Generality)

Question

By *eliminating left recursion* and *left factoring*, can we transform an arbitrary CFG to a form where it meets the $LL(1)$ condition? (and can be parsed predictively with a single token lookahead?)

Answer

Given a CFG that doesn't meet the $LL(1)$ condition, it is undecidable whether or not an equivalent $LL(1)$ grammar exists.

Example

$\{a^n 0 b^n \mid n \geq 1\} \cup \{a^n 1 b^{2n} \mid n \geq 1\}$ has no $LL(1)$ grammar



Recursive Descent (Summary)

1. Build FIRST (and FOLLOW) sets
2. Massage grammar to have $LL(1)$ condition
 - a. Remove left recursion
 - b. Left factor it
3. Define a procedure for each non-terminal
 - a. Implement a case for each right-hand side
 - b. Call procedures as needed for non-terminals
4. Add extra code, as needed
 - a. Perform context-sensitive checking
 - b. Build an LR to record the code

Can we automate this process?



FIRST and FOLLOW Sets

FIRST(α)

For some $\alpha \in T \cup NT$, define **FIRST(α)** as the set of tokens that appear as the first symbol in some string that derives from α

That is, $x \in \text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ iff $\alpha \Rightarrow^* x\gamma$, for some γ

FOLLOW(α)

For some $\alpha \in NT$, define **FOLLOW(α)** as the set of symbols that can occur immediately after α in a valid sentence.

$\text{FOLLOW}(S) = \{\text{EOF}\}$, where S is the start symbol

To build **FIRST** sets, we need **FOLLOW** sets ...



Computing FIRST Sets

Define FIRST as

- If $\alpha \Rightarrow^* a\beta$, $a \in T$, $\beta \in (T \cup NT)^*$, then $a \in \text{FIRST}(\alpha)$
- If $\alpha \Rightarrow^* \epsilon$, then $\epsilon \in \text{FIRST}(\alpha)$
- If $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta_1\beta_2 \dots \beta_k$ then $a \in \text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ if for some i $a \in \text{FIRST}(\beta_i)$ and $\epsilon \in \text{FIRST}(\beta_1), \dots, \text{FIRST}(\beta_{i-1})$

Note: if $\alpha = X\beta$, $\text{FIRST}(\alpha) = \text{FIRST}(X)$

To compute FIRST

- Use a fixed-point method
 - $\text{FIRST}(A) \in 2^{T \cup \epsilon}$
 - Loop is monotonic
- \Rightarrow Algorithm halts

Computing FIRST Sets

```

for each  $x \in T$ ,  $FIRST(x) \leftarrow \{x\}$ 
for each  $A \in NT$ ,  $FIRST(A) \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
while (FIRST sets are still changing)
  for each  $p \in P$ , of the form  $A \rightarrow \beta$ ,
    if  $\beta$  is  $\epsilon$  then
       $FIRST(A) \leftarrow FIRST(A) \cup \{\epsilon\}$ 
    else if  $\beta$  is  $B_1 B_2 \dots B_k$  then begin
       $FIRST(A) \leftarrow FIRST(A) \cup \{ \epsilon \}$ 
      for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $k-1$  by 1 while  $\epsilon \in FIRST(B_i)$ 
         $FIRST(A) \leftarrow FIRST(A) \cup \{ FIRST(B_{i+1}) - \{ \epsilon \} \}$ 
      if  $i = k-1$  and  $\epsilon \in FIRST(B_k)$ 
        then  $FIRST(A) \leftarrow FIRST(A) \cup \{ \epsilon \}$ 
      end
for each  $A \in NT$ 
  if  $\epsilon \in FIRST(A)$  then
     $FOLLOW(A) \leftarrow FOLLOW(A) \cup FOLLOW(A)$ 

```

Computing FOLLOW Sets

Define FOLLOW as

- Place $\$$ in FOLLOW(S) where S is the start symbol
- If $A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$ then any $(a/\epsilon) \in FIRST(\beta)$ is in FOLLOW(A)
- If $A \rightarrow \alpha B$ or $A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$ where $\epsilon \in FIRST(\beta)$, then everything in FOLLOW(A) is in FOLLOW(B).

To compute FOLLOW

- Use a fixed-point method
 - $FOLLOW(A) \in 2^{(T \cup \epsilon)}$
 - Loop is monotonic
- \Rightarrow Algorithm halts

Computing FOLLOW Sets

```

FOLLOW( $S$ )  $\leftarrow \{\$ \}$ 
for each  $A \in NT$ ,  $FOLLOW(A) \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
while (FOLLOW sets are still changing)
  for each  $p \in P$ , of the form  $A \rightarrow \beta_1 \beta_2 \dots \beta_k$ 
     $FOLLOW(\beta_1) \leftarrow FOLLOW(\beta_1) \cup FOLLOW(A)$ 
    TRAILER  $\leftarrow FOLLOW(A)$ 
    for  $i \leftarrow k$  down to 2
      if  $\epsilon \in FIRST(\beta_i)$  then
         $FOLLOW(\beta_{i-1}) \leftarrow FOLLOW(\beta_{i-1}) \cup \{ FIRST(\beta_i) - \{ \epsilon \} \}$ 
         $\cup$  TRAILER
      else
         $FOLLOW(\beta_{i-1}) \leftarrow FOLLOW(\beta_{i-1}) \cup FIRST(\beta_i)$ 
    TRAILER  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ 

```

Building Top-down Parsers

Given an $LL(1)$ grammar, and its FIRST & FOLLOW sets ...

- Emit a routine for each non-terminal
 - Nest of if-then-else statements to check alternate rhs's
 - Each returns true on success and throws an error on false
 - Simple, working (*perhaps ugly*) code
- This automatically constructs a recursive-descent parser

I don't know of a system that does this ...

Improving matters

- Nest of if-then-else statements may be slow
 - Good case statement implementation would be better
- What about a table to encode the options?
 - Interpret the table with a skeleton, as we did in scanning

Example: First and Follow Sets

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

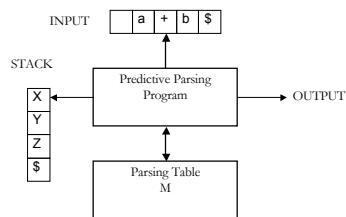
$\text{First}(E) = \{ (, \text{id} \} \Rightarrow \text{First}(T) = \text{First}(E) = \{ (, \text{id} \}$
 $\text{First}(E') = \{ +, \epsilon \}$
 $\text{First}(T') = \{ *, \epsilon \}$

$\text{Follow}(E) = \{ \$ \}$ but since $F \rightarrow (E)$ then $\text{Follow}(E) = \{), \$ \}$
 $\text{Follow}(E') = \{), \$ \}$
 $\text{Follow}(T) = \text{Follow}(T') = \{ +,), \$ \}$ because $E' \Rightarrow \epsilon$
 $\text{Follow}(F) = \{ *, +,), \$ \}$ because $T' \Rightarrow \epsilon$

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

| 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 | $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ | | | $F \rightarrow (E)$ | | |

Table-driven Top-down Parsers



Strategy

- Encode knowledge in a table
- Use standard “skeleton” parser to interpret the table

Building Top-down Parsers

Building the complete table

- Need a row for every NT & a column for every T
- Need a table-driven interpreter for the table
- Algorithm:
 - consider X the symbol on top of the symbol stack (TOS) and the current input symbol a
 - This tuple (X,a) determines the action as follows:
 - If $X = a = \$$ the parser halts and announces success
 - If $X = a \neq \$$ the parser pops X off the stack and advances the input
 - If X is non-terminal, consults entry $M[X,a]$ of parsing table M . If not an error entry, and is a production i.e., $M[X,a] = \{ X \rightarrow UVW \}$ then replace X with WVU (reverse production RHS). If error invoke error recovery routine.

LL(1) Skeleton Parser

```

token ← next_token()
push EOF onto Stack
push the start symbol, S, onto Stack
TOS ← top of Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = EOF and token = EOF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      pop Stack
      token ← next_token()
      // recognized TOS
    else report error looking for TOS
  else
    // TOS is a non-terminal
    if TABLE[TOS,token] is A → B1B2...Bk then
      pop Stack
      push Bk, Bk-1, ..., B1
      // get rid of A
      // in that order
    else report error expanding TOS
  TOS ← top of Stack

```

exit on success

Building Top-down Parsers

Building the complete table

- Need a row for every NT & a column for every T
- Need an algorithm to build the table

Filling in $M[X,y]$, $X \in NT$, $y \in T$

1. Entry is the rule $X \rightarrow \beta$, if $y \in \text{FIRST}(\beta)$
2. Entry is the rule $X \rightarrow \epsilon$ if $y \in \text{FOLLOW}(X)$ and $X \rightarrow \epsilon \in G$
3. Entry is **error** if neither 1 nor 2 define it

If any entry is defined multiple times, G is not $LL(1)$

This is the $LL(1)$ table construction algorithm

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

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

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

STACK INPUT OUTPUT

E id + id * id\$


```

token ← next_token()
push EOF onto Stack
push the start symbol, S, onto Stack
TOS ← top of Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = EOF and token = EOF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      pop Stack
      token ← next_token()
      // recognized TOS
    else report error looking for TOS
  else
    // TOS is a non-terminal
    if M[TOS,token] is A → B1B2...Bk then
      pop Stack
      push Bk, Bk-1, ..., B1
      // get rid of A
      // in that order
    else report error expanding TOS
  TOS ← top of Stack

```

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

$M[X,a]$



UNIVERSIT^À
DE PADOVA
TECNICO

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

STACK

id
E

INPUT

id + *id* * *id*
id + *id* * *id*

OUTPUT


E* \rightarrow *E

```

tokens ← nextToken()
push EOF onto Stack
push the start symbol S onto Stack
TOS ← top of Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = EOF and tokens = EOF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      pop Stack
    // recognized TOS
  tokens ← nextToken()
  else report error looking for TOS
  else
    if M[TOS][token] is A = NON- then
      // TOS is a non-terminal
      pop Stack
      // get rid of A
      push B1, B2, ..., Bn // in that order
      else report error expanding TOS
    TOS ← top of Stack
    
```

| Non-Terminal | Input Symbol | | | | | |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | <i>id</i> | + | * | (|) | \$ |
| <i>E</i> | <i>E</i> \rightarrow <i>E</i> | | | | | <i>E</i> \rightarrow <i>E</i> |
| <i>E'</i> | | <i>E'</i> \rightarrow <i>E</i> + <i>E'</i> | | | | <i>E'</i> \rightarrow <i>E</i> * <i>E'</i> |
| <i>E''</i> | <i>E''</i> \rightarrow <i>E</i> (<i>E''</i> | | | | | |
| <i>E'''</i> | | | <i>E'''</i> \rightarrow <i>E</i>) | <i>E'''</i> \rightarrow <i>E</i>) | | |
| <i>E''''</i> | | | | | <i>E''''</i> \rightarrow <i>E</i> \$ | |

M[X_{id}]



UNIVERSITÉ
DE PARIS
TECH

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

STACK

#E
#E' T
#E' T'

INPUT

id + id * id\$
id + id * id\$
id + id * id\$

OUTPUT


E → TE'
T → FT'

```

tokens ← nextToken()
push ECF onto Stack
TOS ← top of Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = ECF and tokens = EOF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      // recognized TOS
      tokens ← nextToken()
    else report error looking for TOS
  else
    // TOS is a non-terminal
    if M[TOS,token] is A = B1B2...Bn then
      // get rid of A
      pop Stack
      push B1, B2, ..., Bn // that under
      // the report error expanding TOS
    TOS ← top of Stack
    
```

| Non-Terminal | Input Symbol | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|---|----------------|----------------|
| | id | + | * | (|) |
| E | E → TE' | | | E → TE' | |
| E' | | E' → +E | | | E' → *E |
| T | T → FT' | | | T → FT' | |
| T' | | T' → +T | | T' → *T | |
| F | F → id | | | | |

$M[X_a]$



UNIVERSITY
OF TURKU

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

STACK

#E
#E'T
#E'T'F
#E'T'id

INPUT

id + id * id\$
id + id * id\$
id + id * id\$
id + id * id\$


OUTPUT


E → E'
T → F'
F → id

```

token ← nextToken()
push EOF onto Stack
push the start symbol S onto Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = EOF and token = EOF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      pop Stack
      token ← nextToken()
    else report error looking for TOS
  else
    if NOT(lookahead is A → BHRC, BH then
      pop Stack
      push BH, Bk1, ..., B1 // get rid of A
    else report error expanding TOS
  TOS ← top of Stack
  
```

| Non- terminal | | Input Symbol | | | | | |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---|---|---|---|---------------|
| | | id | + | * | (|) | \$ |
| E | E → E' | | | | | | E → E' |
| F | F → id | | | | | | F → id |
| T | T → F' | | | | | | T → F' |
| F | F → id | F → id | | | | | F → id |





UNIVERSITÄT
PARIS
LODRON

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

STACK

\$E
\$E'T
\$E'T'F
\$E'T'id
\$E'T'

INPUT

id + id * id\$
id + id * id\$
id + id * id\$
id + id * id\$
+ id * id\$

OUTPUT

E → E'
T → FT'
F → id

```

token ← next(Token)
push E'OF onto Stack
push the start symbol $ onto Stack
TOS ← top of Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = E'OF and token = E'OF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      pop Stack
    // recognized TOS
    token ← next(Token)
  else
    token ← top element looking for TOS
    if M(TOS, token) is A → B1B2...Bn then
      // TOS is a non-terminal
      pop Stack
      push Bn, Bn-1, ..., B1 // get rid of A
      // get rid of A
      // in that order
      else report error expanding TOS
    TOS ← top of Stack
  
```

| Non-Terminal | | Input terminal | | | |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---|---|----------------|
| | | id | + | * | \$ |
| E | E → E' | | | | E → E' |
| E' | E' → E'F | | | | E' → E' |
| F | F → id | F → id | | | |
| T | T → FT' | | | | T → FT' |
| T' | T' → id | | | | T' → id |




Table-driven Top-down Parsers

| STACK | INPUT | OUTPUT |
|------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| $\$B$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T$ | id + id * id\$ | $B \rightarrow TE'$ |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'$ | + id * id\$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |

```

tokens ← nextToken()
push EOF onto Stack
push the start symbol, S, onto Stack
TOS ← top of Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = EOF and token = EOF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      pop Stack
    else
      // recognized TOS
      tokens ← nextToken()
      else report error looking for TOS
  else // TOS is a non-terminal
    if M[TOS,token] is A → B1B2...Bk then
      pop Stack
      // get rid of A
      push B1, Bk-1, ..., B1 // in that order
      else report error expanding TOS
    TOS ← top of Stack
  
```

| | | Input Symbol | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Non-Terminal | | id | + | * |) | \$ |
| B | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | | | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | | |
| B' | | $B' \rightarrow id$ | $B' \rightarrow +$ | $B' \rightarrow *$ | $B' \rightarrow)$ | $B' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| T | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | | | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | | |
| T' | | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow +$ | $T' \rightarrow *$ | $T' \rightarrow)$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| F | $F \rightarrow id$ | | | $F \rightarrow id$ | | |

M[X,a]

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

| STACK | INPUT | OUTPUT |
|------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| $\$B$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T$ | id + id * id\$ | $B \rightarrow TE'$ |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'$ | + id * id\$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $\$B'T+$ | + id * id\$ | $B' \rightarrow + TE'$ |

```

tokens ← nextToken()
push EOF onto Stack
push the start symbol, S, onto Stack
TOS ← top of Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = EOF and token = EOF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      pop Stack
    else
      // recognized TOS
      tokens ← nextToken()
      else report error looking for TOS
  else // TOS is a non-terminal
    if M[TOS,token] is A → B1B2...Bk then
      pop Stack
      // get rid of A
      push B1, Bk-1, ..., B1 // in that order
      else report error expanding TOS
    TOS ← top of Stack
  
```

| | | Input Symbol | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Non-Terminal | | id | + | * |) | \$ |
| B | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | | | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | | |
| B' | | $B' \rightarrow id$ | $B' \rightarrow +$ | $B' \rightarrow *$ | $B' \rightarrow)$ | $B' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| T | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | | | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | | |
| T' | | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow +$ | $T' \rightarrow *$ | $T' \rightarrow)$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| F | $F \rightarrow id$ | | | $F \rightarrow id$ | | |

M[X,a]

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

| STACK | INPUT | OUTPUT |
|------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| $\$B$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T$ | id + id * id\$ | $B \rightarrow TE'$ |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'$ | + id * id\$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $\$B'T+$ | + id * id\$ | $B' \rightarrow + TE'$ |
| $\$B'T$ | id * id\$ | |

```

tokens ← nextToken()
push EOF onto Stack
push the start symbol, S, onto Stack
TOS ← top of Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = EOF and token = EOF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      pop Stack
    else
      // recognized TOS
      tokens ← nextToken()
      else report error looking for TOS
  else // TOS is a non-terminal
    if M[TOS,token] is A → B1B2...Bk then
      pop Stack
      // get rid of A
      push B1, Bk-1, ..., B1 // in that order
      else report error expanding TOS
    TOS ← top of Stack
  
```

| | | Input Symbol | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Non-Terminal | | id | + | * |) | \$ |
| B | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | | | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | | |
| B' | | $B' \rightarrow id$ | $B' \rightarrow +$ | $B' \rightarrow *$ | $B' \rightarrow)$ | $B' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| T | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | | | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | | |
| T' | | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow +$ | $T' \rightarrow *$ | $T' \rightarrow)$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| F | $F \rightarrow id$ | | | $F \rightarrow id$ | | |

M[X,a]

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

| STACK | INPUT | OUTPUT |
|------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| $\$B$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T$ | id + id * id\$ | $B \rightarrow TE'$ |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'$ | + id * id\$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $\$B'T+$ | + id * id\$ | $B' \rightarrow + TE'$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |

```

tokens ← nextToken()
push EOF onto Stack
push the start symbol, S, onto Stack
TOS ← top of Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = EOF and token = EOF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      pop Stack
    else
      // recognized TOS
      tokens ← nextToken()
      else report error looking for TOS
  else // TOS is a non-terminal
    if M[TOS,token] is A → B1B2...Bk then
      pop Stack
      // get rid of A
      push B1, Bk-1, ..., B1 // in that order
      else report error expanding TOS
    TOS ← top of Stack
  
```

| | | Input Symbol | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Non-Terminal | | id | + | * |) | \$ |
| B | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | | | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | | |
| B' | | $B' \rightarrow id$ | $B' \rightarrow +$ | $B' \rightarrow *$ | $B' \rightarrow)$ | $B' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| T | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | | | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | | |
| T' | | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow +$ | $T' \rightarrow *$ | $T' \rightarrow)$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| F | $F \rightarrow id$ | | | $F \rightarrow id$ | | |

M[X,a]

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

| STACK | INPUT | OUTPUT |
|------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| $\$B$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T$ | id + id * id\$ | $B \rightarrow TE'$ |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'$ | + id * id\$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $\$B'T+$ | + id * id\$ | $B' \rightarrow +TE'$ |
| $\$B'T$ | id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |

```

tokens ← nextToken()
push EOF onto Stack
push the start symbol, S, onto Stack
TOS ← top of Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = EOF and token = EOF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      pop Stack
    else
      tokens ← nextToken()
      // recognized TOS
      // report error looking for TOS
  else // TOS is a non-terminal
    if M[TOS,token] is A → B1B2...Bk then
      pop Stack
      // get rid of A
      push Bk, Bk-1, ..., B1 // in that order
      // report error expanding TOS
    TOS ← top of Stack
  
```

| | | Input Symbol | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|---|---|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Non-Terminal | | id | + | * | | \$ |
| B | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | | | | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | |
| B' | $B' \rightarrow +TE'$ | | | | $B' \rightarrow +$ | $B' \rightarrow +$ |
| T | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | | | | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | |
| T' | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | | | | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | |
| F | $F \rightarrow id$ | | | | $F \rightarrow id$ | |

M[X,a]

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

| STACK | INPUT | OUTPUT |
|------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| $\$B$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T$ | id + id * id\$ | $B \rightarrow TE'$ |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'$ | + id * id\$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $\$B'T+$ | + id * id\$ | $B' \rightarrow +TE'$ |
| $\$B'T$ | id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | * id\$ | |

```

tokens ← nextToken()
push EOF onto Stack
push the start symbol, S, onto Stack
TOS ← top of Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = EOF and token = EOF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      pop Stack
    else
      tokens ← nextToken()
      // recognized TOS
      // report error looking for TOS
  else // TOS is a non-terminal
    if M[TOS,token] is A → B1B2...Bk then
      pop Stack
      // get rid of A
      push Bk, Bk-1, ..., B1 // in that order
      // report error expanding TOS
    TOS ← top of Stack
  
```

| | | Input Symbol | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|---|---|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Non-Terminal | | id | + | * | | \$ |
| B | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | | | | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | |
| B' | $B' \rightarrow +TE'$ | | | | $B' \rightarrow +$ | $B' \rightarrow +$ |
| T | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | | | | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | |
| T' | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | | | | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | |
| F | $F \rightarrow id$ | | | | $F \rightarrow id$ | |

M[X,a]

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

| STACK | INPUT | OUTPUT |
|------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| $\$B$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T$ | id + id * id\$ | $B \rightarrow TE'$ |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'$ | + id * id\$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $\$B'T+$ | + id * id\$ | $B' \rightarrow +TE'$ |
| $\$B'T$ | id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'F*$ | * id\$ | $T' \rightarrow *FT'$ |

```

tokens ← nextToken()
push EOF onto Stack
push the start symbol, S, onto Stack
TOS ← top of Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = EOF and token = EOF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      pop Stack
    else
      tokens ← nextToken()
      // recognized TOS
      // report error looking for TOS
  else // TOS is a non-terminal
    if M[TOS,token] is A → B1B2...Bk then
      pop Stack
      // get rid of A
      push Bk, Bk-1, ..., B1 // in that order
      // report error expanding TOS
    TOS ← top of Stack
  
```

| | | Input Symbol | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|---|---|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Non-Terminal | | id | + | * | | \$ |
| B | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | | | | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | |
| B' | $B' \rightarrow +TE'$ | | | | $B' \rightarrow +$ | $B' \rightarrow +$ |
| T | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | | | | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | |
| T' | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | | | | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | |
| F | $F \rightarrow id$ | | | | $F \rightarrow id$ | |

M[X,a]

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

| STACK | INPUT | OUTPUT |
|------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| $\$B$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T$ | id + id * id\$ | $B \rightarrow TE'$ |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'$ | + id * id\$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $\$B'T+$ | + id * id\$ | $B' \rightarrow +TE'$ |
| $\$B'T$ | id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'F*$ | * id\$ | $T' \rightarrow *FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id\$ | |

```

tokens ← nextToken()
push EOF onto Stack
push the start symbol, S, onto Stack
TOS ← top of Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = EOF and token = EOF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      pop Stack
    else
      tokens ← nextToken()
      // recognized TOS
      // report error looking for TOS
  else // TOS is a non-terminal
    if M[TOS,token] is A → B1B2...Bk then
      pop Stack
      // get rid of A
      push Bk, Bk-1, ..., B1 // in that order
      // report error expanding TOS
    TOS ← top of Stack
  
```

| | | Input Symbol | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|---|---|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Non-Terminal | | id | + | * | | \$ |
| B | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | | | | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | |
| B' | $B' \rightarrow +TE'$ | | | | $B' \rightarrow +$ | $B' \rightarrow +$ |
| T | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | | | | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | |
| T' | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | | | | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | |
| F | $F \rightarrow id$ | | | | $F \rightarrow id$ | |

M[X,a]

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

| STACK | INPUT | OUTPUT |
|------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| $\$B$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T$ | id + id * id\$ | $B \rightarrow TE'$ |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'$ | id + id * id\$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $\$B'T+$ | id + id * id\$ | $E' \rightarrow + TE'$ |
| $\$B'T$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'F*$ | id + id * id\$ | $T' \rightarrow * FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |

```

tokens ← nextToken()
push EOF onto Stack
push the start symbol, S, onto Stack
TOS ← top of Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = EOF and token = EOF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      pop Stack
    else
      // recognized TOS
      tokens ← nextToken()
      else report error looking for TOS
  else // TOS is a non-terminal
    if M[TOS,token] is A → B1B2...Bk then
      pop Stack
      // get rid of A
      push Bk, Bk-1, ..., B1 // in that order
      else report error expanding TOS
    TOS ← top of Stack
  
```

| | | Input Symbol | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---|---|------------------------|----|
| Non-Terminal | | id | + | * | | \$ |
| B | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | | | | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | |
| B' | | | | | $B' \rightarrow + TE'$ | |
| T | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | | | | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | |
| T' | | | | | $T' \rightarrow * FT'$ | |
| F | $F \rightarrow id$ | | | | $F \rightarrow id$ | |

M[X,a]

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

| STACK | INPUT | OUTPUT |
|------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| $\$B$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T$ | id + id * id\$ | $B \rightarrow TE'$ |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'$ | id + id * id\$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $\$B'T+$ | id + id * id\$ | $E' \rightarrow + TE'$ |
| $\$B'T$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'F*$ | id + id * id\$ | $T' \rightarrow * FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | id + id * id\$ | |

```

tokens ← nextToken()
push EOF onto Stack
push the start symbol, S, onto Stack
TOS ← top of Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = EOF and token = EOF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      pop Stack
    else
      // recognized TOS
      tokens ← nextToken()
      else report error looking for TOS
  else // TOS is a non-terminal
    if M[TOS,token] is A → B1B2...Bk then
      pop Stack
      // get rid of A
      push Bk, Bk-1, ..., B1 // in that order
      else report error expanding TOS
    TOS ← top of Stack
  
```

| | | Input Symbol | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---|---|------------------------|----|
| Non-Terminal | | id | + | * | | \$ |
| B | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | | | | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | |
| B' | | | | | $B' \rightarrow + TE'$ | |
| T | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | | | | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | |
| T' | | | | | $T' \rightarrow * FT'$ | |
| F | $F \rightarrow id$ | | | | $F \rightarrow id$ | |

M[X,a]

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

| STACK | INPUT | OUTPUT |
|------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| $\$B$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T$ | id + id * id\$ | $B \rightarrow TE'$ |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'$ | id + id * id\$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $\$B'T+$ | id + id * id\$ | $E' \rightarrow + TE'$ |
| $\$B'T$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'F*$ | id + id * id\$ | $T' \rightarrow * FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | id + id * id\$ | |

```

tokens ← nextToken()
push EOF onto Stack
push the start symbol, S, onto Stack
TOS ← top of Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = EOF and token = EOF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      pop Stack
    else
      // recognized TOS
      tokens ← nextToken()
      else report error looking for TOS
  else // TOS is a non-terminal
    if M[TOS,token] is A → B1B2...Bk then
      pop Stack
      // get rid of A
      push Bk, Bk-1, ..., B1 // in that order
      else report error expanding TOS
    TOS ← top of Stack
  
```

| | | Input Symbol | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---|---|------------------------|----|
| Non-Terminal | | id | + | * | | \$ |
| B | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | | | | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | |
| B' | | | | | $B' \rightarrow + TE'$ | |
| T | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | | | | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | |
| T' | | | | | $T' \rightarrow * FT'$ | |
| F | $F \rightarrow id$ | | | | $F \rightarrow id$ | |

M[X,a]

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

| STACK | INPUT | OUTPUT |
|------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| $\$B$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T$ | id + id * id\$ | $B \rightarrow TE'$ |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'$ | id + id * id\$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $\$B'T+$ | id + id * id\$ | $E' \rightarrow + TE'$ |
| $\$B'T$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'F*$ | id + id * id\$ | $T' \rightarrow * FT'$ |
| $\$B'T'F$ | id + id * id\$ | |
| $\$B'T'id$ | id + id * id\$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $\$B'T'$ | id + id * id\$ | |

```

tokens ← nextToken()
push EOF onto Stack
push the start symbol, S, onto Stack
TOS ← top of Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = EOF and token = EOF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      pop Stack
    else
      // recognized TOS
      tokens ← nextToken()
      else report error looking for TOS
  else // TOS is a non-terminal
    if M[TOS,token] is A → B1B2...Bk then
      pop Stack
      // get rid of A
      push Bk, Bk-1, ..., B1 // in that order
      else report error expanding TOS
    TOS ← top of Stack
  
```

| | | Input Symbol | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---|---|------------------------|----|
| Non-Terminal | | id | + | * | | \$ |
| B | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | | | | $B \rightarrow TE'$ | |
| B' | | | | | $B' \rightarrow + TE'$ | |
| T | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | | | | $T \rightarrow FT'$ | |
| T' | | | | | $T' \rightarrow * FT'$ | |
| F | $F \rightarrow id$ | | | | $F \rightarrow id$ | |

M[X,a]

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

| STACK | INPUT | OUTPUT |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| B | $id + id * id \$$ | $B \rightarrow TE'$ |
| $B'T$ | $id + id * id \$$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $B'T'F$ | $id + id * id \$$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $B'T'id$ | $id + id * id \$$ | |
| $B'T'$ | $+ id * id \$$ | |
| $B'T'$ | $+ id * id \$$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $B'T'+$ | $+ id * id \$$ | $B' \rightarrow + TE'$ |
| $B'T'F$ | $id * id \$$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $B'T'Fid$ | $id * id \$$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $B'T'F*$ | $* id \$$ | |
| $B'T'F*$ | $* id \$$ | $T' \rightarrow * FT'$ |
| $B'T'F*$ | $id \$$ | |
| $B'T'F*$ | $id \$$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $B'T'F*$ | $\$$ | |
| B' | $\$$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $\$$ | $\$$ | $B' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |

```

tokens ← nextToken()
push EOF onto Stack
push the start symbol, S, onto Stack
TOS ← top of Stack
loop forever
  if TOS = EOF and token = EOF then
    break & report success
  else if TOS is a terminal then
    if TOS matches token then
      pop Stack
      token ← nextToken()
    else report error looking for TOS
  else // TOS is a non-terminal
    if M[TOS,token] is A → B1B2...Bn then
      pop Stack
      push B1, B2, ..., Bn // in that order
      else report error expanding TOS
  TOS ← top of Stack

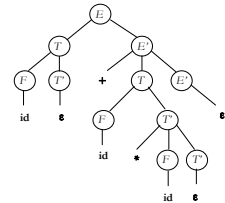
```

| Non-terminal | Input Symbol | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|------------|--------|---------|------------|----|
| | id | + | * | ε | T | \$ |
| B | B → TE' | | | B → TE' | | |
| B' | | B' → + TE' | | | B' → + TE' | |
| T | T → FT' | | T → * | T → * | T → * | |
| T' | | | T' → * | T' → * | T' → * | |
| F | F → id | | | | | |

M[X,a]

Table-driven Top-down Parsers

| STACK | INPUT | OUTPUT |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| B | $id + id * id \$$ | $B \rightarrow TE'$ |
| $B'T$ | $id + id * id \$$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $B'T'F$ | $id + id * id \$$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $B'T'id$ | $id + id * id \$$ | |
| $B'T'$ | $+ id * id \$$ | |
| $B'T'$ | $+ id * id \$$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $B'T'+$ | $+ id * id \$$ | $B' \rightarrow + TE'$ |
| $B'T'F$ | $id * id \$$ | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |
| $B'T'Fid$ | $id * id \$$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $B'T'F*$ | $* id \$$ | |
| $B'T'F*$ | $* id \$$ | $T' \rightarrow * FT'$ |
| $B'T'F*$ | $id \$$ | |
| $B'T'F*$ | $id \$$ | $F \rightarrow id$ |
| $B'T'F*$ | $\$$ | |
| B' | $\$$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $\$$ | $\$$ | $B' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |



Error Recovery in Predictive Parsing

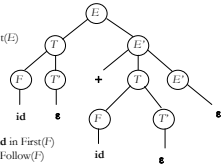
- What happens when M[X,a] is empty?
- Announce Error, Stop and Terminate ! ?
- Engage in Error Recovery mode:
 - Panic-mode:
 - skip symbols on the input until a token in a synchronizing (synch) set of tokens appears on the input;
 - complete entries to the table
 - Phrase-level mode:
 - invoke an external (possibly programmer-defined) procedure that manipulates the stack and the input;
 - less structure, more ad-hoc

Panic-Mode Error Recovery

- No universally accepted method
- Heuristics to fill in empty table entries include:
 - Place all symbols in Follow(A) a synch set of the non-terminal A; skip input tokens until on elements of synch is seen and then pop A
 - Pretends like we have seen A and successfully parsed it.
 - Use hierarchical relation between grammar symbols (e.g., expr and stats). Use First(H) as synch of lower non-terminal symbols.
 - In effect skip or ignore lower constructs popping then off the stack
 - Add First(A) to synch set of A without popping. Skip input until they match
 - Try to move on to the beginning of the next occurrence of A
 - If $A \Rightarrow \epsilon$, then try to use this production as default and proceed
 - If a terminal cannot be matched, pop it from the stack
 - In effect mimicking its insertion in the input stream

Panic-mode Error Recovery Example

| STACK | INPUT | REMARK |
|----------|-------------|---|
| #E |) id + id\$ | error: skip) until id in First(E) |
| #E | id + id\$ | |
| #E' T | id + id\$ | |
| #E' T F | id + id\$ | |
| #E' T id | id + id\$ | |
| #E' T + | + id\$ | |
| #E' T F | + id\$ | |
| #E' T F | + id\$ | error: could skip + until id in First(F) or pop F because + is in Follow(F) |
| #E' T | + id\$ | |
| #E' T | + id\$ | |
| #E' T | id\$ | |
| #E' T id | id\$ | |
| #E' T | \$ | |
| #E' | \$ | |



Summary

- Top-Down Parsing
 - Predictive-Procedural Parsing
 - Eliminating Left-Recursion & Left Factoring
 - First and Follow Sets
 - Table-driven Parsing
- Error Recovery