

Principles of Compiler Construction

warning:语法上接受error:不接受

递归-》非递归,关键在于堆栈

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Lecture 4. Top-Down Parsing

- Introduction to Parsing
- 2. Top-Down Parsing
- 3. Rewriting Grammars
- 4. Top-Down Parser with Backtracking
- 5. Recursive Descent Predictive Parser

1. Introduction to Parsing 语法分析

Parser: input, process, and output (IPO)

Logical vs. Physical

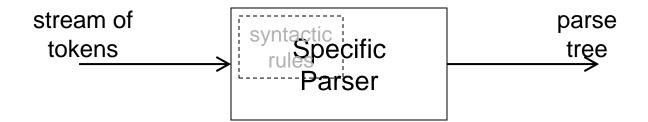
Logical vs. Physical



Two questions must be answered.

Structure of a Parser

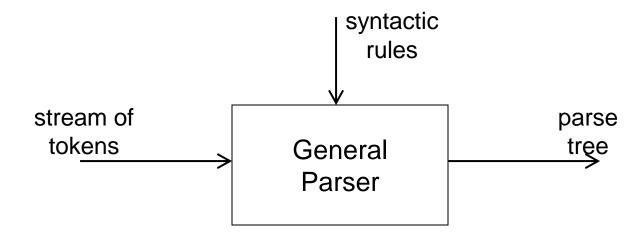
Implicit syntactic rules
 含在代码里



Specific to some predefined language.

Structure of a Parser (cont')

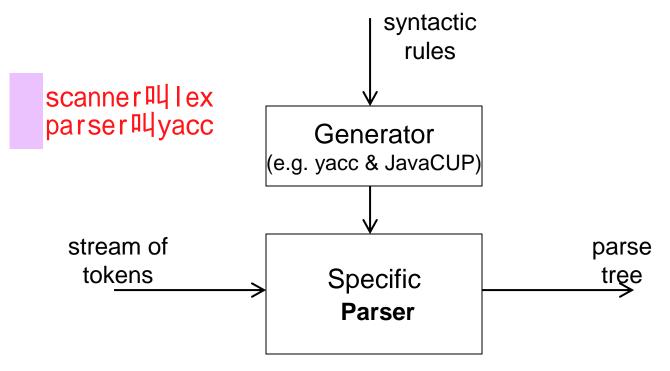
 Explicit syntactic rules (interpretation model)



No hard-coding of language-specific code.

Structure of a Parser (cont')

 Explicit syntactic rules (compilation model)



Review

逻辑上

- The pipe between a parser and a scanner
 - Method invocation (procedure call)
 - Logical vs. physical
- Context-free grammars
 - Parse tree, derivation, and reduction
 - Ambiguity

Capability of Context-Freedom

- What languages it can generate?
 - $L_0 = \{a^n b^n \mid n \ge 1\}$
 - Abstraction of some problem in practice
- What languages it can not generate?
 - $L_1 = \{ \omega \in (a \mid b)^* \land a, b, c \in \Sigma \}$ 变量先声明后
 - Abstraction of some problem in practice
 - o How to solve the problem?
 - $L_2 = \{a^n b^m c^n d^m \mid n \geq 1 \land m \geq 1\}$ 函数参数个数
 - Abstraction of some problem in practice
 - o How to solve the problem?

2. Top-Down Parsing

- Parsing strategies
 - Top-down parsing
 - How to choose a unique production in multiple candidates?
 - Bottom-up parsing
 - o How to find the handle in a sentential form?

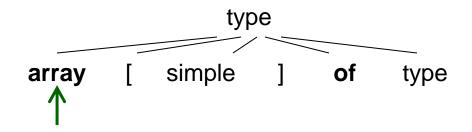
Top-Down Parsing: Motivation

都是tokens A motivating example $type \rightarrow simple$ ^ id array [simple] of type $simple \rightarrow integer$ char num dotdot num _{枚举} array [1...10] of integer

Parsing Process (Initial)

```
Derive with "type \rightarrow array [ simple ] of type"
                             type
                                           \rightarrow simple
                                   type
                                                   ^{\wedge} id
                                                   array [ simple ] of type
                                   simple \rightarrow
                                                  integer
                                                   char
只找到唯一一个推导
                                                   num dotdot num <sub>枚举</sub>
 lookahead
            num
                     dotdot
                              num ] of
                                               integer
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Parsing Process (Action 1)



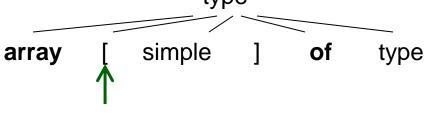


Parsing Process (Action 2)



终结符不 match就报错

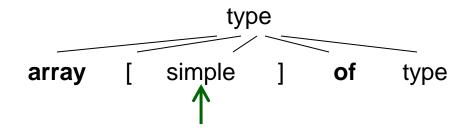
有的操作





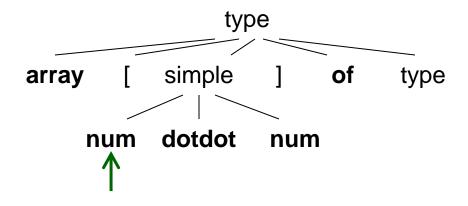
Parsing Process (Action 3)

Derive with "simple → num dotdot num"



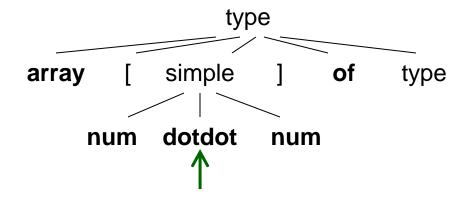


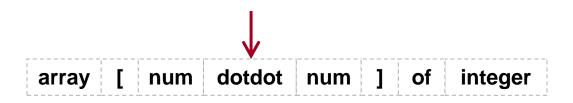
Parsing Process (Action 4)



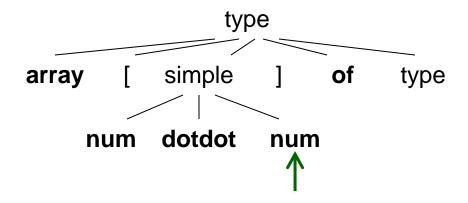


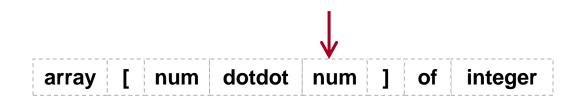
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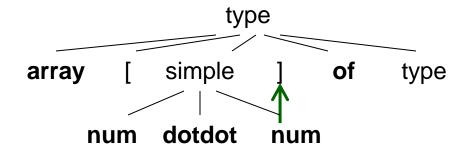


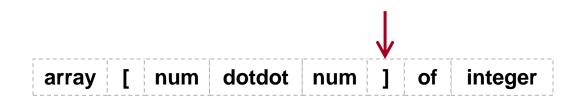
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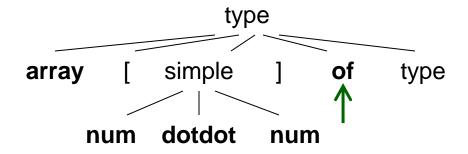


Parsing Process (Action 7)





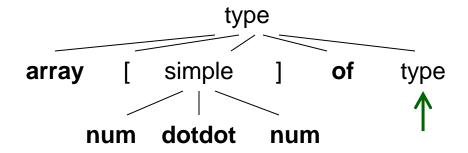
Parsing Process (Action 8)

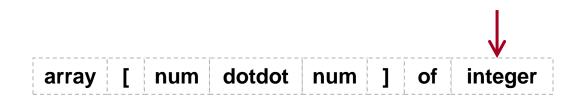




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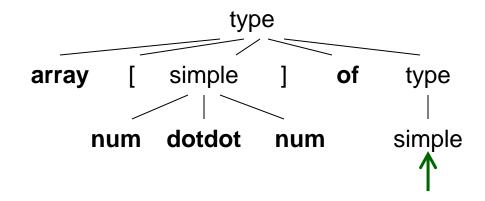
Derive with "type \rightarrow simple"

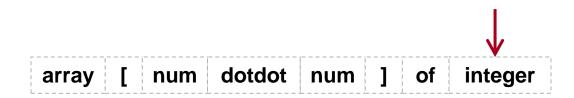




Parsing Process (Action 10)

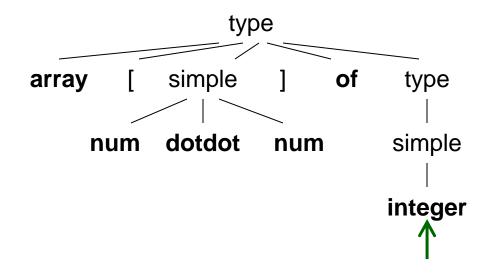
Derive with "simple \rightarrow integer"

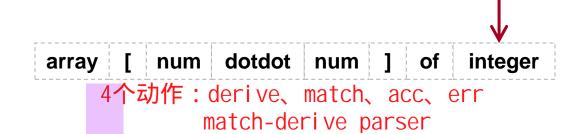




Parsing Process (Action 11)

Match and Accept!





Top-Down Parsers: Perspectives

- Perspective 1:
 parsing capability vs. efficiency trade off
 - Top-down parser with backtracking 回溯
 - Predictive parser 预测

```
Two orthogonal perspectives

orthogonal
英 [ɔː'θɒ ən(ə)l] 美 [ɔr'θ ənəl]
adj. [数] 正交的; 直角的
n. 正交直线
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Top-Down Parsers: Perspectives (cont')

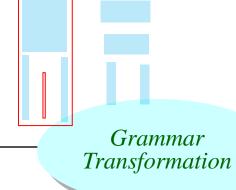
- Perspective 2: parser implementation
 - Recursive descent parser 递归程序 向下
 - A parser with backtracking
 - A predictive parser
 - Table-driven parser 表驱动

显式的堆栈

- Non-recursive programs with an explicit stack and a parsing table.
- An approach to automation (usually predictive)

lex - 生成状态转化表





Resolving ambiguities 二义性

Trade-off and consequence

Elimination of ε -productions

Systematic elimination of left recursions

Elimination of left recursions左递归 A->Aa 无限循环 改为右递归

Avoid infinite loop in top-down parsing

Left-factoring 提取公共左因子 为了消除回溯

Avoid backtracking in top-down parsing

目的在于变得predicted

Resolving Ambiguities

- Review: ambiguities in practice
 - Expression
 - Dangling-else
- Resolving ambiguities
 - Ad hoc constraints
 - Trade-off and consequence

Ambiguous Expressions

Ambiguous grammar

```
\begin{array}{rcl} expr & \rightarrow & expr + expr \\ & | & expr * expr \\ & | & (expr) | \mathbf{n} \end{array}
```

Unambiguous grammar

```
expr \rightarrow expr + term \mid term
term \rightarrow term * factor \mid factor
factor \rightarrow (expr) \mid \mathbf{n}
优先级
```

Rewriting Rules

- Ad hoc but heuristic rewriting rules
 - Rules for precedence
 - Rules for associativity

Dangling-else Problem

Grammar

```
stmt \rightarrow if expr then stmt
| if expr then stmt else stmt
| other
```

Example

```
if E_1 then S_1 else <u>if</u> E_2 then S_2 else S_3
```

Ambiguity

```
if E_1 then <u>if</u> E_2 then S_1 else S_2 if E_1 then <u>if</u> E_2 then S_1 else S_2
```

Unambiguous Grammar

if E_1 then if E_2 then S_1 else S_2

- 强加约束,二义性更简洁 Additional disambiguation rule
 - Each **else** is matched with the closest unmatched **then**.
- Unambiguous grammar

```
→ matched_stmt | open_stmt
 stmt
 matched_stmt → if expr then matched_stmt else matched_stmt
                  other
              \rightarrow if expr then stmt
 open_stmt
                  if expr then matched_stmt else open_stmt
                                crux
Example
```

☑ Eliminating ε-Productions

An ε-free grammar

Some textbook defines ϵ –free grammar with only the first restriction

- No production body is ε (ε -production), or
- The only ε -production is $S \to \varepsilon$, and S does not appear in the body of any productions.
- Elimination algorithm
 - For every production $A \to X_1 X_2 \dots X_n$, where $X_i \in \Sigma \cup N$, $1 \le i \le n$
 - Add new productions $A \rightarrow a_1 \ a_2 \ ... \ a_n$, where

$$\circ \neg (X_i \Rightarrow^* \varepsilon) \Rightarrow (a_i = X_i)$$

$$\circ (X_i \Rightarrow^* \varepsilon) \Rightarrow (a_i = X_i \vee a_i = \varepsilon)$$

$$o$$
 ∃1 ≤ i ≤ n. $a_i \neq ε$

Eliminating ε-Productions: Example 1

Original grammar

消除空符: 涉及的变换,不涉及照搬

Rewriting grammar

$$S \rightarrow A \mathbf{a} \mathbf{b}$$

$$A \rightarrow A \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{d}$$

Eliminating ε-Productions: Example 2

Original grammar

$$S \rightarrow a S b S | b S a S | \epsilon$$

Equivalent ε-free grammar

$$S' \rightarrow S \mid \varepsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow aSbS \mid abS \mid aSb \mid ab$$

$$\mid bSaS \mid baS \mid bSa \mid ba$$

Augmented grammar 找个不存在非终结符,加入其 中

Theorem on ε-Free Grammars

- Given any context-free grammar G, there exists an ε-free grammar G', so that
 L(G) {ε} = L(G')
 - $\epsilon \notin L(G) \Rightarrow L(G) = L(G')$
 - The only difference between G and G' is the productions.

Eliminating Left Recursions

Simple immediate left recursion

```
○ A \rightarrow A \alpha | \beta 左递归: 非终结符在左边

○ A \rightarrow \beta A'

to right recursion
```

Elimination algorithm

 $A' \rightarrow \alpha A' \mid \epsilon$

Immediate Left Recursion: Example

Original grammar

```
E \rightarrow E+T \mid T
T \rightarrow T*F \mid F
F \rightarrow (E) \mid \mathbf{n}
```

 Equivalent grammar without left recursions

```
\begin{array}{cccc} E & \rightarrow & T E' \\ E' & \rightarrow & + T E' \mid \epsilon \\ T & \rightarrow & F T' \\ T' & \rightarrow & * F T' \mid \epsilon \\ F & \rightarrow & (E) \mid \mathbf{n} \end{array}
```

Systematic Elimination

- Preconditions
 - No cycles, e.g. $A \Rightarrow^+ A$
 - No ϵ -productions, e.g. A $\rightarrow \epsilon$

Why?

Elimination algorithm

```
Arrange the nonterminals in some order A_1, A_2, ..., A_n.

for i = 1 to n do begin

for j = 1 to i - 1 do begin
```

Replace each production of the form $A_i \to A_j \gamma$ by the production $A_i \to \delta_1 \gamma \mid \delta_2 \gamma \mid ... \mid \delta_k \gamma$, where $A_j \to \delta_1 \mid \delta_2 \mid ... \mid \delta_k$ are all current A_j -productions

end

Eliminate the immediate left recursion among the A_i -productions

end

Systematic Elimination: Example 1

Original grammar

- Rewriting grammar
 - Eliminating ε-productions:

Eliminating left recursions, ordered by S, A:

```
S \rightarrow Aa \mid a \mid b
A \rightarrow Ac \mid c \mid Aad \mid ad \mid bd
A \rightarrow cA' \mid adA' \mid bdA'
A' \rightarrow cA' \mid adA' \mid \epsilon
```

去除左递归 总结:A后面的东西统统写到A',后面加上A'和空串 不含A的后面加上A',加到A后头

Systematic Elimination: Example 2

Original grammar

Rewriting with different order

Ordered by S, A, B:

```
S \rightarrow A c \mid c
A \rightarrow B b \mid b
B \rightarrow A c a \mid c a \mid a
B \rightarrow B b c a \mid b c a \mid c a \mid a
B \rightarrow b c a B' \mid c a B' \mid a B'
B' \rightarrow b c a B' \mid \epsilon
```

Ordered by **B**, **A**, **S**:

Equivalent

☑ Left Factoring

Simple left factoring

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\circ & A & \rightarrow & \alpha \beta_1 \mid \alpha \beta_2 \\
\circ & A & \rightarrow & \alpha A' \\
& A' & \rightarrow & \beta_1 \mid \beta_2
\end{array}$$

Left factoring algorithm

Left Factoring: Example

Original grammar

```
S \rightarrow \text{if } E \text{ then } S \mid \text{if } E \text{ then } S \text{ else } S \mid \text{other } E \rightarrow \text{bool}
```

After left factoring

```
S \rightarrow \text{if } E \text{ then } S S' \mid \text{other}
S' \rightarrow \text{else } S \mid \epsilon
E \rightarrow \text{bool}
```

Conclusions: Why Rewriting?

- For all parsing techniques
- 对于二义性,可以 用规则进行规定约
- Resolving ambiguities: why?
- Only for top-down parsing
- 未教消除别消除。 Eliminating ϵ -productions: why? for
 - Eliminating left recursions: why? 不断循环
 - Left factoring: why? 回溯

重视原因

4. Top-down Parser with Backtracking

- Trade-off and consequence
 - Pros: powerful to handle most CFG.
 - Cons: complex, and low efficiency.
- Only used to demonstrate the idea of top-down parsing
 - Why a left recursion leads to infinite loop?
 - The meaning of the first symbol that a nonterminal can derive.

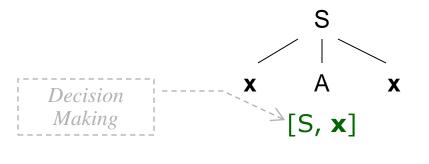
Making Decisions on Actions

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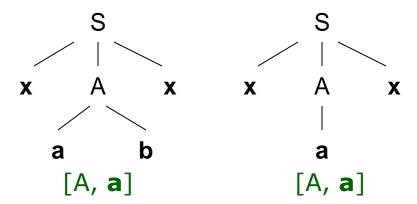
$$S \rightarrow x A x$$

$$A \rightarrow a b \mid a \mid b$$

- Parsing with only one lookahead
 - Sentence: xax



Predictive if there are 2 lookaheads

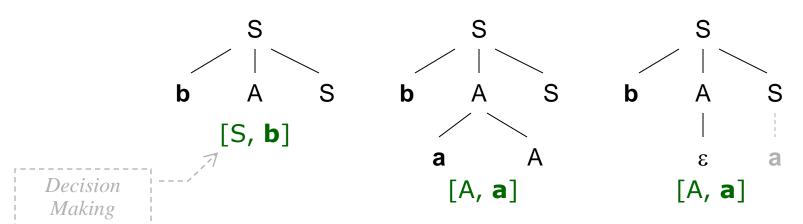


Decision on Actions (cont')

Given the following grammar

$$\begin{array}{c} S \to \mathbf{b} \, A \, S \mid \mathbf{a} \\ A \to \mathbf{a} A \mid \epsilon \end{array}$$

- Backtracking caused by an ε-production
 - Sentence: ba



Four Actions in Top-Down Parsing

- General actions
 - Accept
 - Error
- Actions specific to top-down parsing
 - match
 - derive

5. Recursive Descent Predictive Parser

- O How can a parser be predictive?
 - Sufficient and necessary conditions for the grammar.
 - How to select a unique production candidate with regard to the lookahead.
- An approach suitable for manual development of a top-down parser.

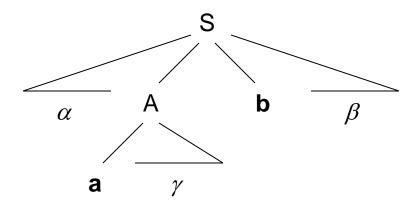
Development Phrases

- Development of a recursive descent predictive parser
 - Resolve ambiguities in the grammar.
 - Eliminate left recursions in the grammar.
 - Left factor the grammar.
 - 4. Construct transition diagrams from the grammar. 转换图
 - 5. Reduce the transition diagrams (ad hoc and optional).
 - 6. Write the parser using the transition diagrams as blue print.

di agram 英 ['daɪə ræm] 美 ['daɪə ræm] n. 图表,图解;几何图形

FIRST() and FOLLOW()

- Purposes of these two functions
 - a ∈ FIRST(A) and b ∈ FOLLOW(A)



Function FIRST()

- o Intent: while choosing one of $A \to \alpha \mid \beta$ with regard to the lookahead \mathbf{x} , we must have $FIRST(\alpha) \cap FIRST(\beta) = \emptyset$.
- Syntax (signature)
 - FIRST: $(\Sigma \cup N)^* \rightarrow 2^{\Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}}$

映射结果

Semantics

- $\{x \mid \alpha \Rightarrow^* x ..., x \in \Sigma\} \subseteq FIRST(\alpha)$
- $\alpha \Rightarrow^* \epsilon \Rightarrow \epsilon \in FIRST(\alpha)$
 - o Why do we permit ε in FIRST(α)?

```
signature
英 ['sɪ nətʃə(r)] 美 ['sɪ nətʃər]
n. 签名,署名;签字,签署;鲜明特色,明显特征;
```

2表示该元素的子集

Function FIRST() (cont')

- Given $X \in \Sigma \cup N$, we have FIRST(X)
 - $X \in \Sigma \implies FIRST(X) = \{X\}$
 - $X \in \mathbb{N} \wedge X \to Y_1 Y_2 ... Y_n \Rightarrow$
 - $\circ \exists 1 \leq i \leq n. \ \mathbf{a} \in \mathrm{FIRST}(\mathbf{Y}_i)$
 - $\wedge \forall 1 \leq j \leq i-1. \ \epsilon \in FIRST(Y_j)$
 - \Rightarrow **a** \in FIRST(X)
 - $\circ \forall 1 \le k \le n. \ \varepsilon \in FIRST(Y_k)$
 - $\Rightarrow \epsilon \in FIRST(X)$
 - So we have $X \to \varepsilon \Rightarrow \varepsilon \in FIRST(X)$

Function FIRST() (cont')

- o Given $\alpha = X_1X_2...X_n ∈ (Σ ∪ N)^*$, we have FIRST(α)
 - $FIRST(X_1) \{\epsilon\} \subseteq FIRST(\alpha)$
 - $\forall 2 \le i \le n$. $\forall 1 \le j \le i 1$. $\varepsilon \in FIRST(X_j)$ $\Rightarrow FIRST(X_i) - \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq FIRST(\alpha)$
 - $\forall 1 \le i \le n$. $\varepsilon \in FIRST(X_i) \implies \varepsilon \in FIRST(\alpha)$

Overloading

• FIRST: $(\Sigma \cup N)^* \rightarrow 2^{\Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}}$ 映射结果

- Semantics
 - $\{x \mid \alpha \Rightarrow^* x ..., x \in \Sigma\} \subseteq FIRST(\alpha)$

end of file

- $\alpha \Rightarrow^* \epsilon \Rightarrow \epsilon \in FIRST(\alpha)$
- o Intent: while choosing one of A $\rightarrow \alpha \mid \epsilon$ with regard to the lookahead x, we must have $FIRST(\alpha) \cap FOLLOW(A) = \emptyset$.
- indicates the end of input token stream.
- Semantics
 - $\{x \mid S \Rightarrow^* \alpha A x \beta \land x \in \Sigma\} \subseteq FOLLOW(A)$
 - $S \Rightarrow^* \alpha A \Rightarrow \$ \in FOLLOW(A)$

Function FOLLOW() (cont')

- \circ Given $X \in N$, we have FOLLOW(X)
 - $X = S \implies \$ \in FOLLOW(X)$
 - $A \to \alpha X \beta \Rightarrow FIRST(\beta) \{\epsilon\} \subseteq FOLLOW(X)$
 - $(A \rightarrow \alpha X) \lor (A \rightarrow \alpha X \beta \land \epsilon \in FIRST(\beta))$ $\Rightarrow FOLLOW(A) \subset FOLLOW(X)$

```
top-down 消除左递归
First定义域为串,逐个字符求完取并集
```

Example 1

```
RST总结: O Given the following grammar
 左部,从底向
                    E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \varepsilon
如果推出终结
                    T \rightarrow FT'
                    T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid \epsilon
                    F \rightarrow (E) \mid \mathbf{n}
               We have
                                            FIRST是+ , FOLLOW是=
                 FIRST(F) = FIRST(T) = FIRST(E) = \{(n, n)\}
                 FIRST(T') = \{*, \epsilon\}
first or可以直
                 FIRST(E') = \{+, \epsilon\}
接退出
                 FOLLOW(E) = FOLLOW(E') = \{ \}, \}
                 FOLLOW(T) = FOLLOW(T') =
Follow总结:
                 FOLLOW(E) = \{+, *, ), $\}
                                                记住使用这种写法更好,不然需
按左部的顺序看右部,从上向下
                                                        宁直到没有更新
后面跟着什么就加什么,除了<u>空串</u>
```

如果可以作为最后一个字符,那么左部的follow就是他的follow

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20分,极重要

Example 2

Given the following grammar

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
A & \rightarrow & B & C \\
B & \rightarrow & A & x & x & \varepsilon \\
C & \rightarrow & y & C & y
\end{array}$$

We have

Symbol		FIRST	FOLLOW
А		ху	x \$
В	+A的	χ γ ε	У
С		У	x \$

Heuristics in manual calculation:

Left vs. right

Top-down vs. bottom-up

Conditions for Predictive Parsing

- Sufficient and necessary conditions
- CFG G is LL(1) iif whenever $A \rightarrow \alpha \mid \beta$ are two distinct productions of G, the following conditions hold 充要条件 FIRST(α) \cap FIRST(β) = \varnothing

 - $\varepsilon \in FIRST(\beta) \Rightarrow$ $FIRST(\alpha) \cap FOLLOW(A) = \emptyset$ **LL(1)文法**

> 文法G是LL(1)的, 当且仅当G的任意两个具有相同左部的 产生式 $A \rightarrow \alpha \mid \beta$ 满足下面的条件:

>如果α和β均不能推导出ε,则FIRST (α)∩FIRST (β) =Φ

>α 和β至多有一个能推导出ε

▶如果β⇒*ε,则FIRST(a)∩FOLLOW(A)=Φ;

如果 $\alpha \Rightarrow^* \varepsilon$, 则FIRST (β) \cap FOLLOW(A) = Φ;

同一非终结符的各个产生式的可选集互不相交

可以为LL(1)文法构造预测分析器

Discussions

- What benefits from the LL(1) conditions?
 - Decision of the derive/error action in the parser with regard to the current nonterminal and a single lookahead.
 - Only 0 or 1 production will be chosen.
- They are not predictive (why?)
 - Ambiguous grammars
 - Grammars with left recursions
 - Grammars with left factors



Transition Diagram

- Visualize the predictive parser
 - For each nonterminal A
 - Create an initial and final state.
 - o For each $A \rightarrow X_1 X_2 ... X_n$, create a path from the initial state to the final state, with edges labeled $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$.
 - If $A \rightarrow \varepsilon$, the path is labeled ε .

Transition Diagram: Example

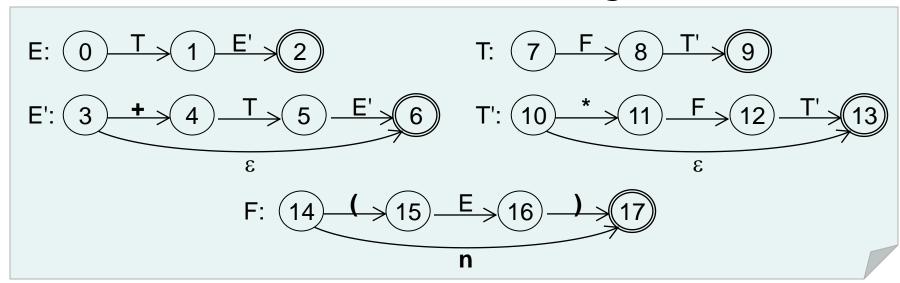
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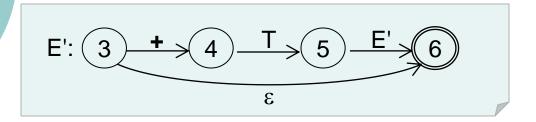
$$F \rightarrow (E) \mid \mathbf{n}$$

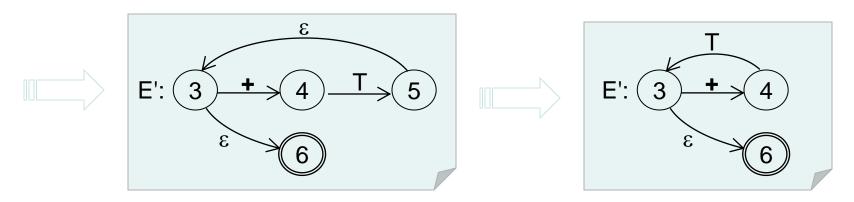
Transform to transition diagrams



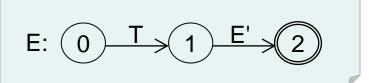
Reduction of Transition Diagrams

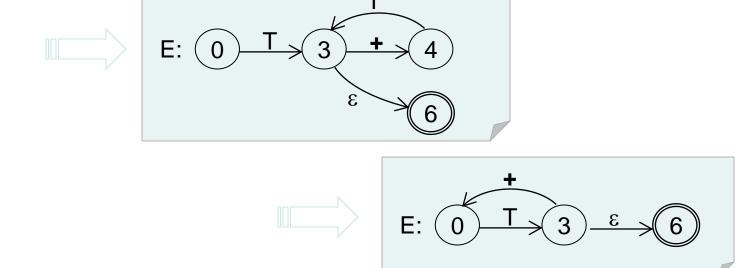
Ad hoc rules: iterative substitution



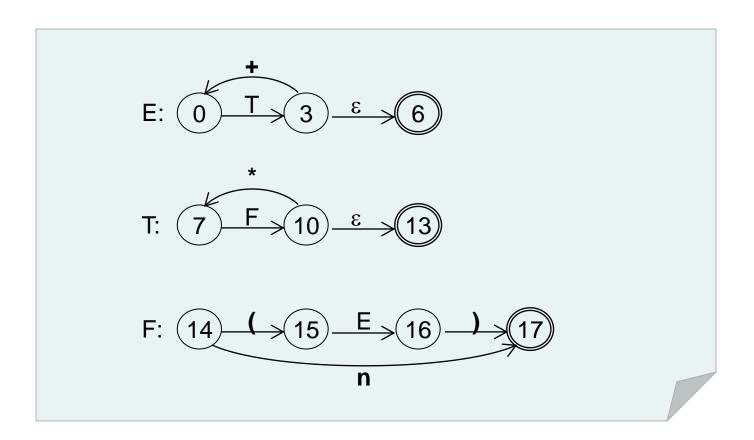


Reduction of Transition Diagrams (cont')





Reduced Transition Diagrams



Discussion

- Transition diagrams: (recursive descent predictive) parsing vs. scanning
 - Point 1
 - Point 2

Write a Recursive Predictive Parser

- Use the transition diagrams as the blueprint of the parser
 - Write a recursive procedure for each diagram.
 - The procedure for the diagram of S is the main entry.
 - Design the control flow of the procedure mimicking the paths in the diagram, with regard to the lookahead.
 - If the label of an edge in the path is a terminal, perform the match action.
 - If the label is a nonterminal, perform the derive action, that is invoking the procedure of the nonterminal (recursively).

Coding Rules

 \circ A \rightarrow a B b

```
void A() {
    match(a);
    B();
    match(b);
}
```

```
void match(Token tok) {
   if (lookahead == tok) {
     lookahead = scanner.getNextToken();
   } else error();
}
```

Coding Rules (cont')

 \circ A \rightarrow a B b | b A B

```
void A() {
    if (lookahead == a) {
        match(a); B(); match(b)
    } else if (lookahead == b) {
        match(b); A(); B()
    } else error()
}
```

Coding Rules (cont')

\circ A \rightarrow a B b | b A B | C

```
void A() {
   if (lookahead == a) {
      match(a); B(); match(b)
   } else if (lookahead == b) {
      match(b); A(); B()
   } else C();
}
void A() {
```

```
void A() {
   if (lookahead == a) {
      match(a); B(); match(b)
   } else if (lookahead == b) {
      match(b); A(); B()
   } else if (lookahead in FIRST(C)) {
      C()
   } else error();
}
```

Coding Rules (cont')

\circ A \rightarrow a B b | b A B | ϵ

void A() {

```
if (lookahead == a) {
  match(a); B(); match(b)
} else if (lookahead == b) {
 match(b); A(); B()
} else ; // do nothing
             void A() {
                 if (lookahead == a) {
                   match(a); B(); match(b)
                 } else if (lookahead == b) {
                   match(b); A(); B()
                 } else if (lookahead in FOLLOW(A)) {
                   // do nothing, more accurate!
                 } else error();
```

Example 1

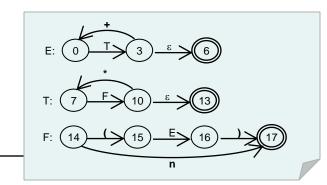
```
void type() throws SyntacticException {
   if (lookahead.equals(new Token('^'))) {
      match(new Token('^'));
      match (new Token (Token.ID));
   } else if (lookahead.equals(new Token(Token.ARRAY))) {
      match (new Token (Token.ARRAY));
      match (new Token('['));
      simple();
      match(new Token(']'));
      match (new Token (Token.OF));
      type();
   } else simple();
```

Coding is direct and intuitive while using unreduced transition diagrams as a blueprint.

Example 1 (cont')

```
void simple() throws SyntacticException {
   if (lookahead.equals(new Token(Token.INTEGER))) {
      match (new Token (Token.INTEGER));
   } else if (lookahead.equals(new Token(Token.CHAR))) {
      match (new Token (Token.CHAR));
   } else if (lookahead.equals(new Token(Token.NUM))) {
      match (new Token (Token.NUM));
      match (new Token (Token.DOTDOT));
      match (new Token (Token.NUM));
   } else throw new SyntacticException();
}
void match(Token tok) throws SyntacticException {
   if (lookahead.equals(tok))
      lookahead = scanner.getNextToken();
   else throw new SyntacticException();
```

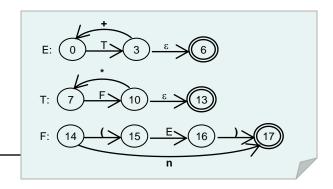
Example 2



```
void expr() throws SyntacticException {
   term();
   while (lookahead.equals(new Token('+'))) {
      match (new Token ('+'));
      term();
}
void term() throws SyntacticException {
   factor();
   while (lookahead.equals(new Token('*'))) {
      match(new Token('*'));
      factor();
```

Some tricks are needed while coding with reduced transition diagrams.

Example 2 (cont')



```
void factor() throws SyntacticException {
   if (lookahead.equals(new Token('('))) {
      match(new Token('('));
      expr();
      match(new Token(')'));
   } else if (lookahead.equals(new Token(Token.NUM))) {
      match(new Token(Token.NUM));
   } else {
      throw new SyntacticException();
   }
}
```

Exercise 4.1

Given the following grammar

$$S \rightarrow (L) \mid a$$

 $L \rightarrow L, S \mid S$

- Eliminate left recursions in the grammar.
- Draw the transition diagrams for the grammar.
- Write a recursive descent predictive parser.
- Indicate the procedure call sequence for an input sentence (a, (a, a)).

Exercise 4.2

Consider the context-free grammar

$$S \rightarrow a S b S | b S a S | \epsilon$$

 Can you construct a predictive parser for the grammar? and why?

Exercise 4.3

 Compute the FIRST and FOLLOW for the start symbol of the following grammar

$$S \rightarrow SS + |SS*|a$$

Further Reading

- Dragon Book, 2nd Edition (DBv2)
 - Comprehensive Reading:
 - Section 2.4, 4.1.1–4.1.2 and 4.4.1 for the introduction to top-down parsing.
 - Section 4.2 and 4.3 for context-free grammar and grammar transformations.
 - Section 4.4.2 for function FIRST and FOLLOW.
 - Skip Reading:
 - Section 4.1.3–4.1.4 for error recovery in topdown parsing.

Enjoy the Course!

