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# Chapter 2: Context-Free Grammars & Syntax Analysis

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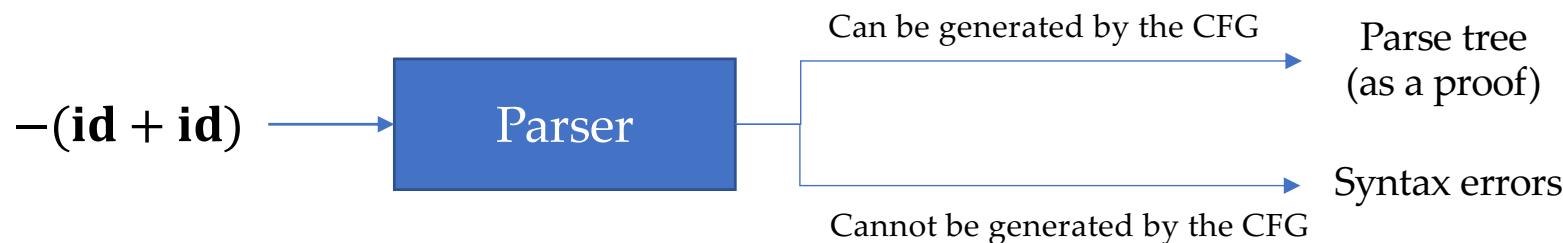
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# Outline

- Introduction: Syntax and Parsers
- Context-Free Grammars
- Top-Down Parsing Techniques
- Bottom-Up Parsing Techniques

# Parsing Overview

- During program compilation, the syntax analyzer (a.k.a. parser) checks whether **the string of token names** produced by the lexer **can be generated by the grammar** for the source language
  - That is, if we can find a parse tree whose frontier is equal to the string, then the parser can declare “success”



**CFG:**  $E \rightarrow -E \mid E + E \mid E * E \mid (E) \mid \text{id}$

# Top-Down Parsing

- **Problem definition:** Constructing a parse tree for the input string, starting from the root and creating the nodes of the parse tree in preorder (depth-first)
- **Two basic actions in top-down parsing:**
  - **Predict:** Determine the production to be applied for the **leftmost nonterminal**<sup>\*</sup> (of the current parse tree's frontier)
  - **Match:** Match the **leading terminals** in the chosen production's body with the input string

<sup>\*</sup> So that the sentential forms may contain leading terminals to match with the prefix of the input string

# Top-Down Parsing Example

- **Grammar**

$$E \rightarrow TE'$$

$$E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow FT'$$

$$T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid \epsilon$$

$$F \rightarrow (E) \mid id$$

- **Input string**

**id + id \* id**

Is the input string a sentence  
of the grammar?



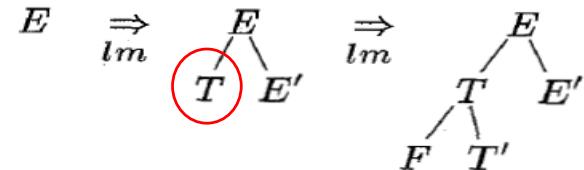
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$E$

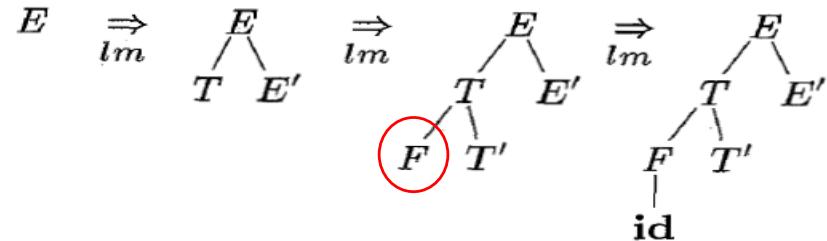
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- **Input string:**  $id + id * id$     **The sentential form after rewrite:**  $TE'$

$$\textcircled{E} \xrightarrow{lm} \begin{array}{c} E \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ T \quad E' \end{array}$$

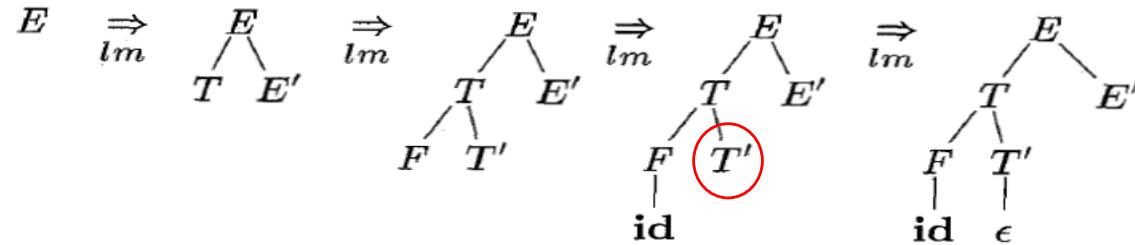
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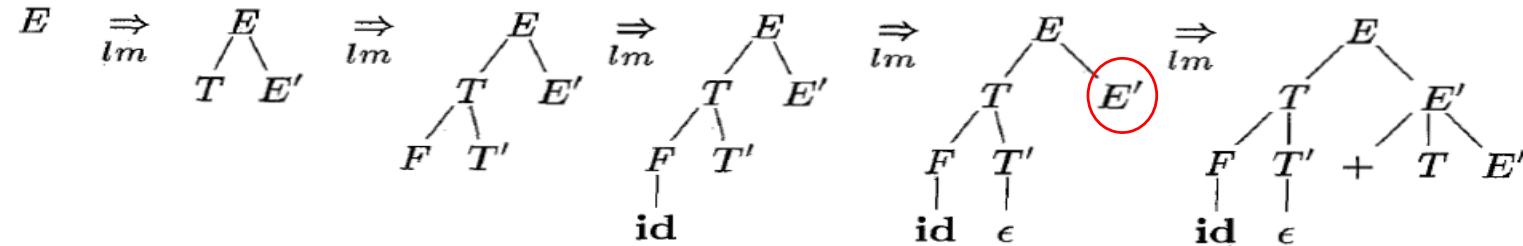
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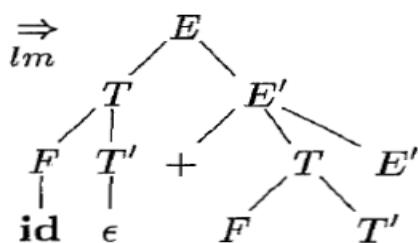
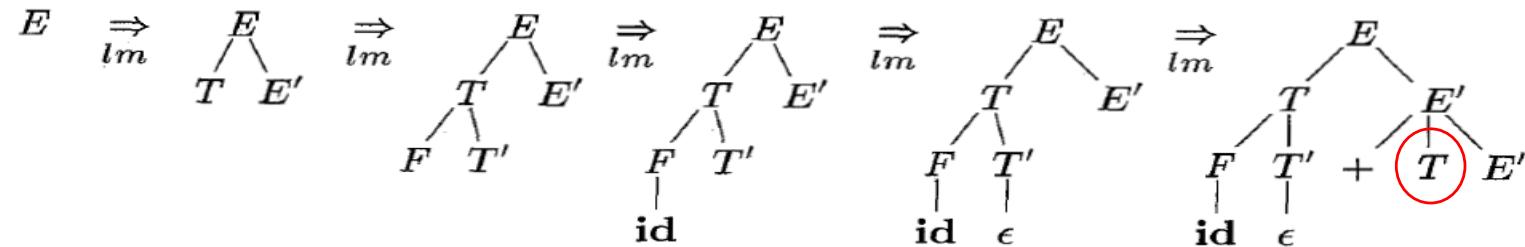
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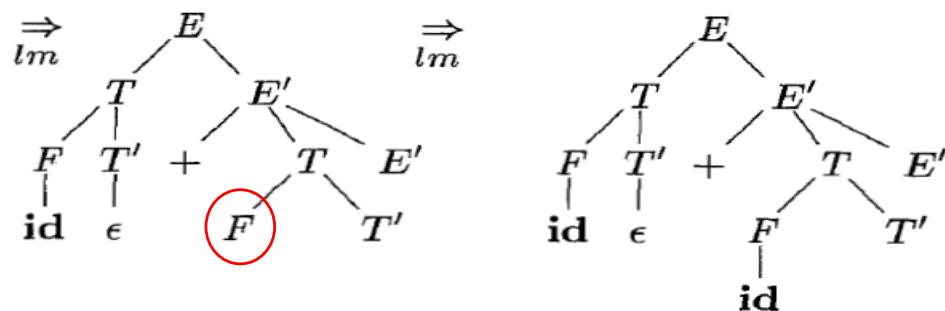
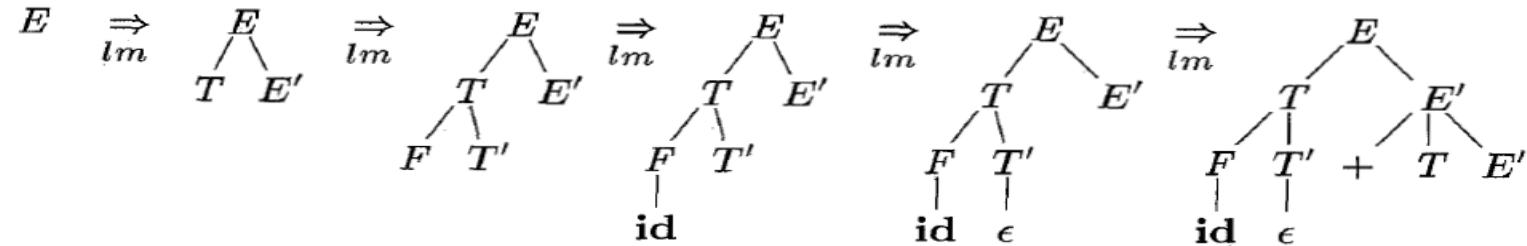
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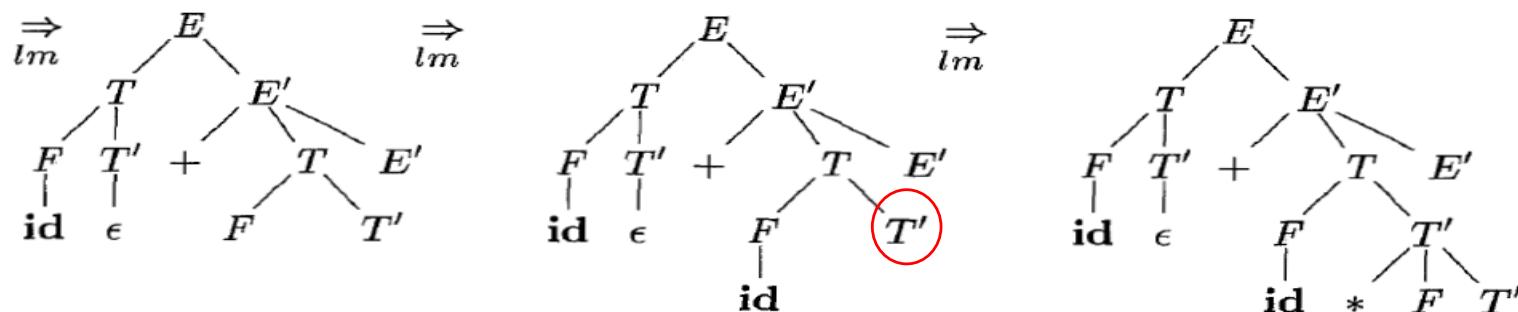
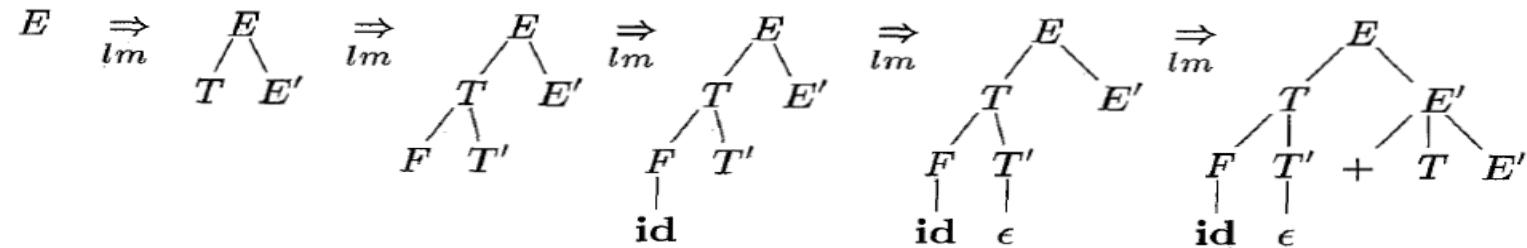
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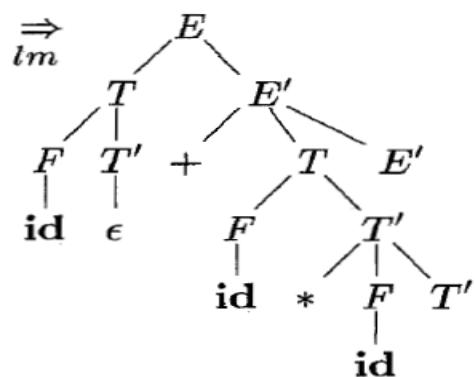
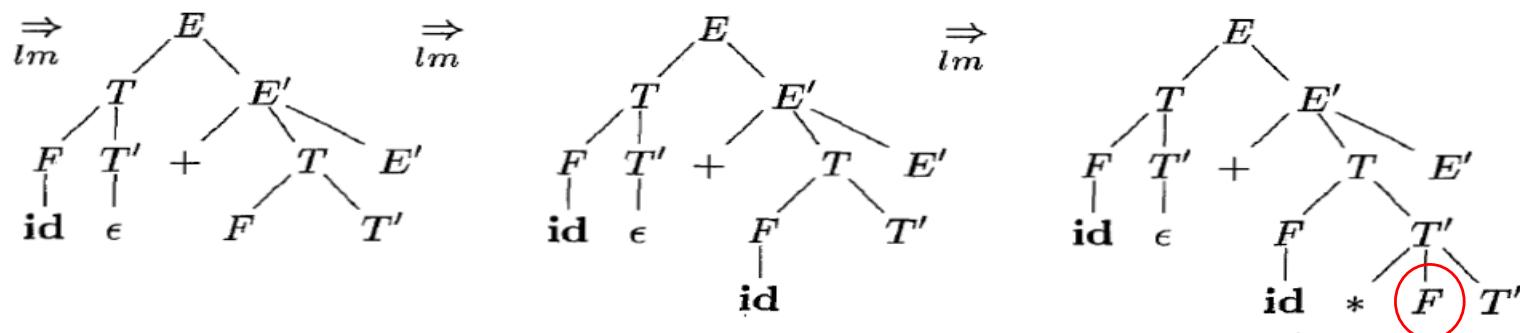
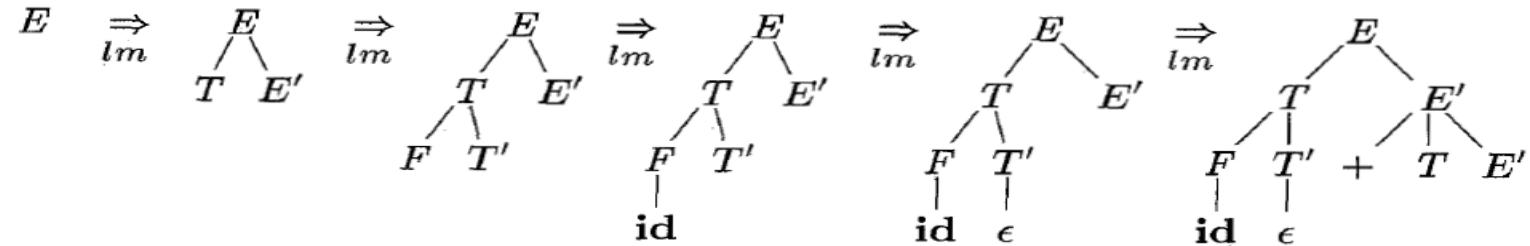
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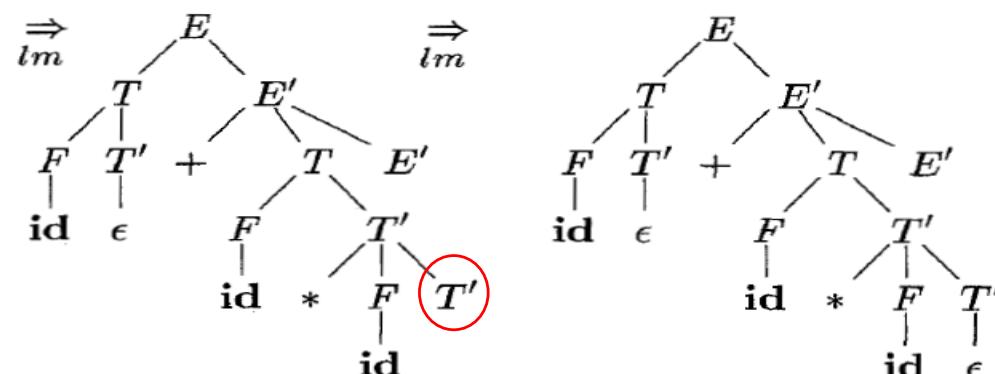
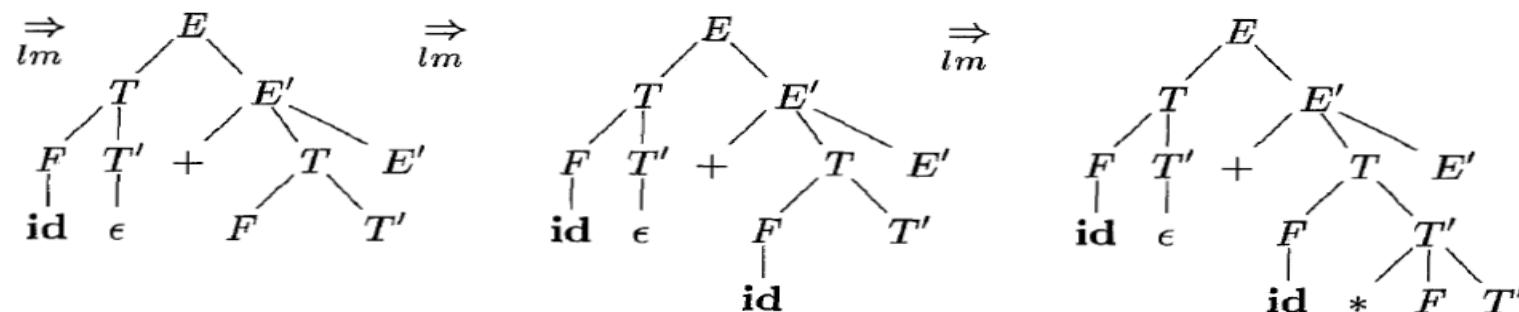
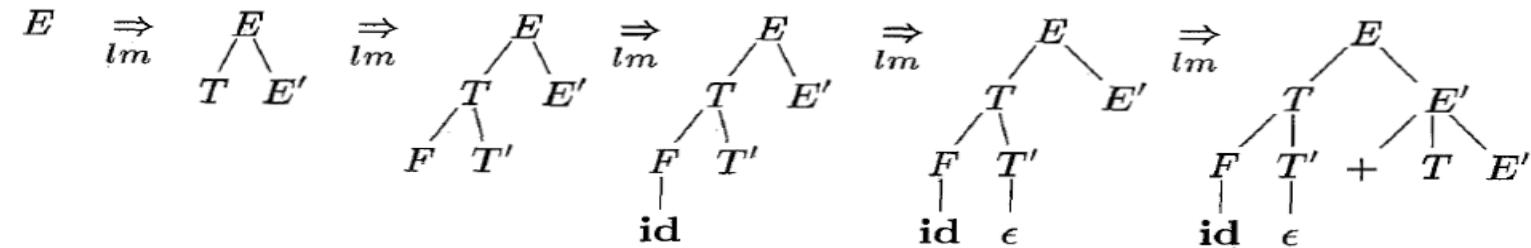
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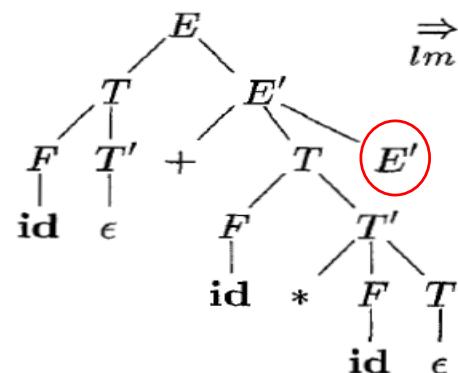
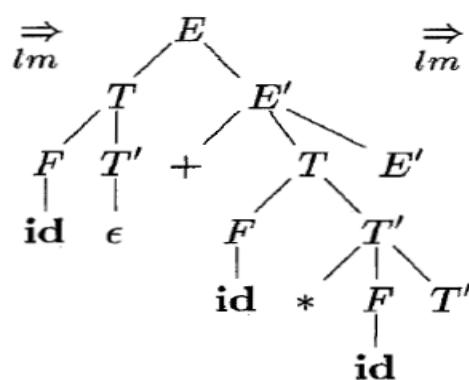
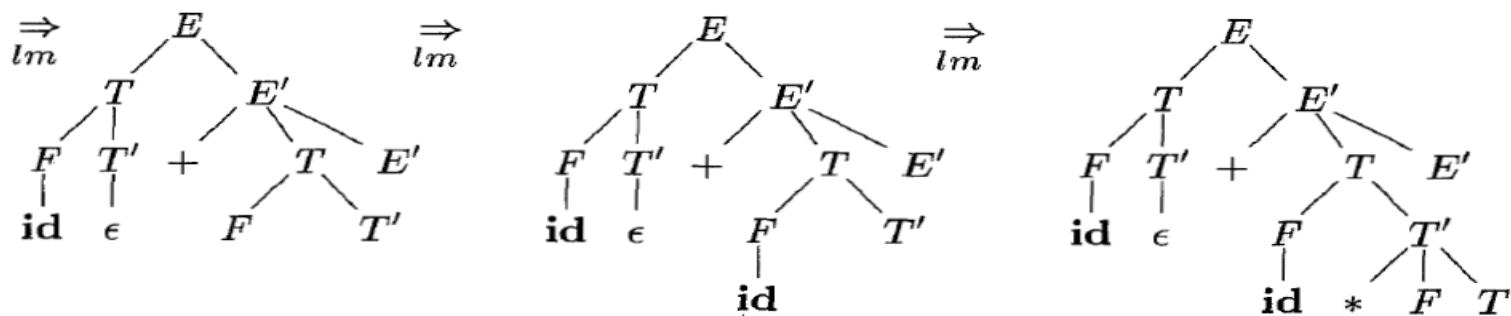
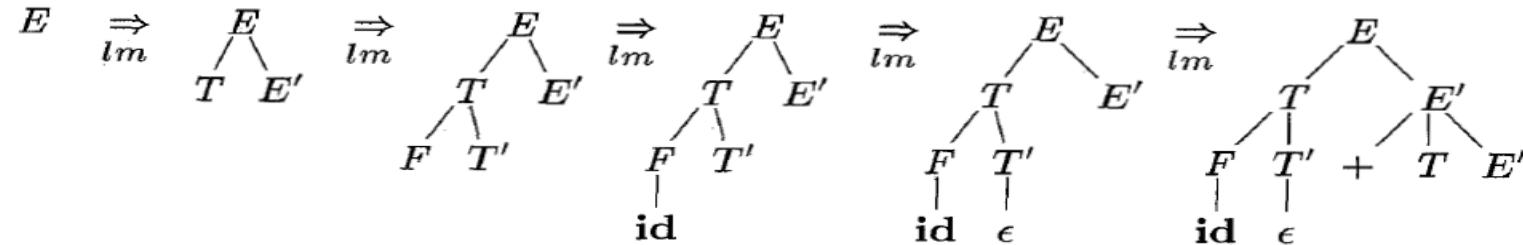
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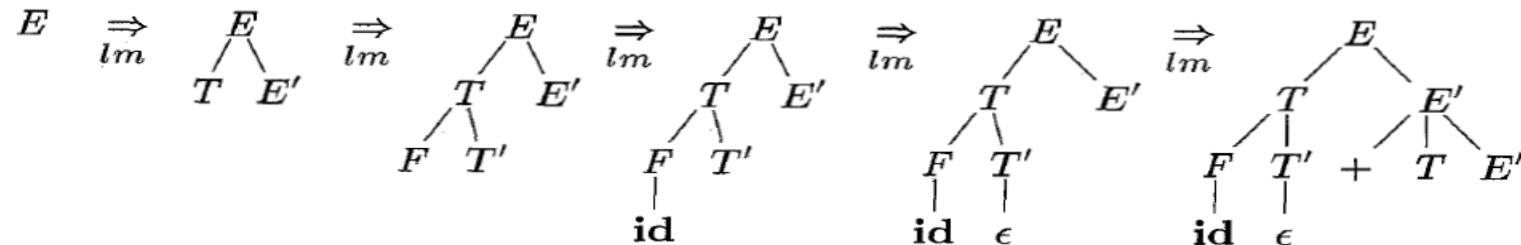
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The final parse tree

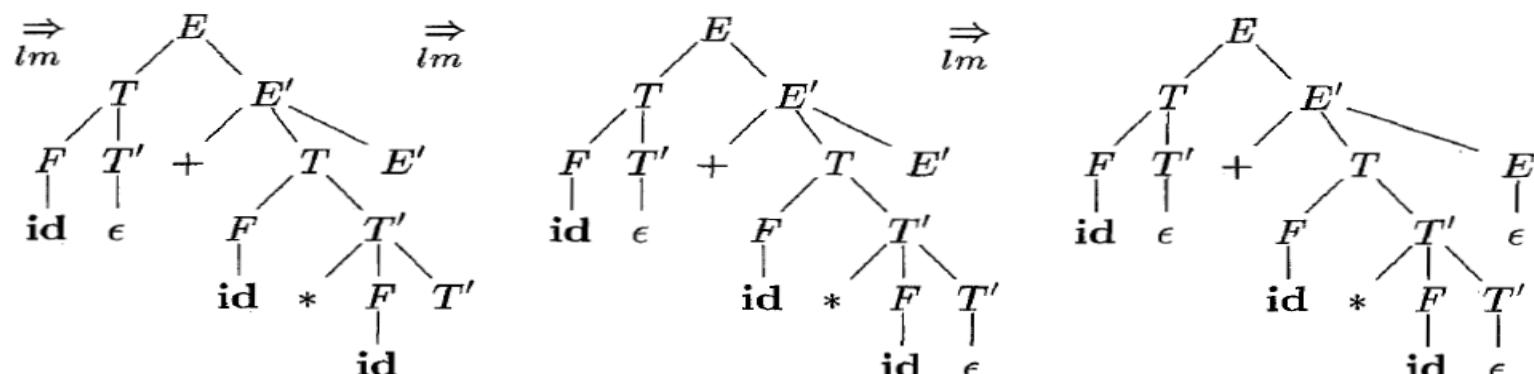
Success!!!

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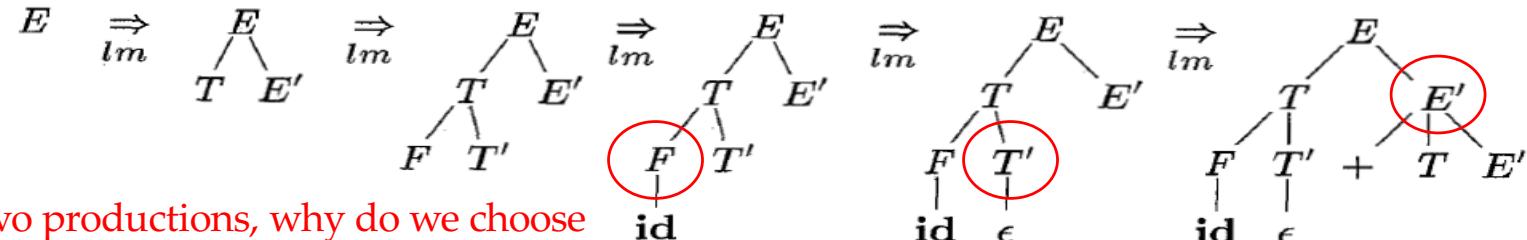
**We can make two observations from the example:**

- Top-down parsing is equivalent to **finding a leftmost derivation**.
  - At each step, the frontier of the tree is a left-sentential form.

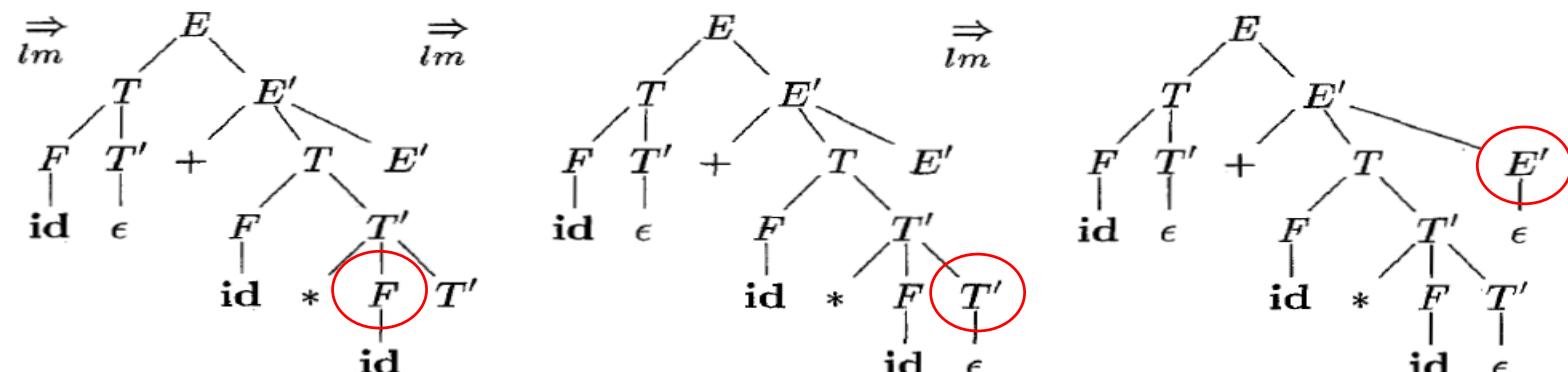
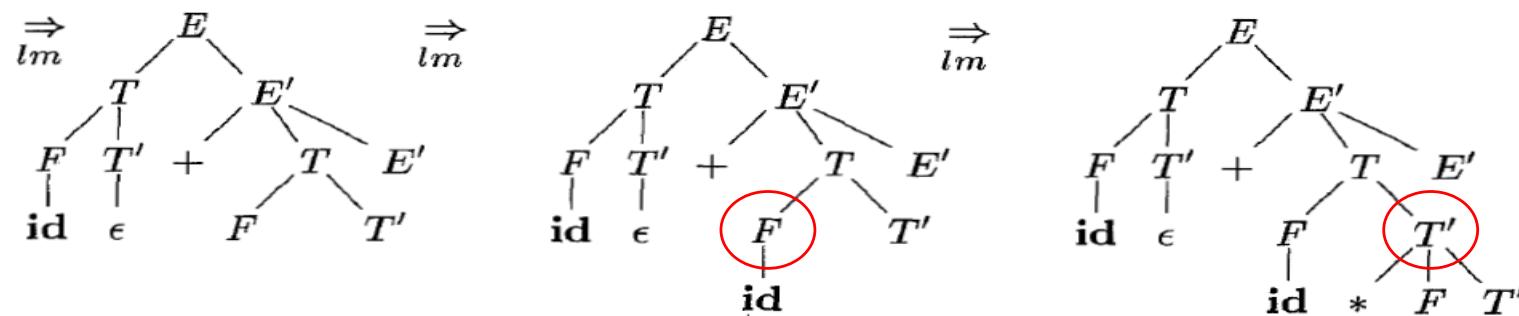


## Key decision in top-down parsing: Which production to apply at each step?

Grammar:  $E \rightarrow TE' \quad E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon \quad T \rightarrow FT' \quad T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid \epsilon \quad F \rightarrow (E) \mid id$



$F$  has two productions, why do we choose the second one?



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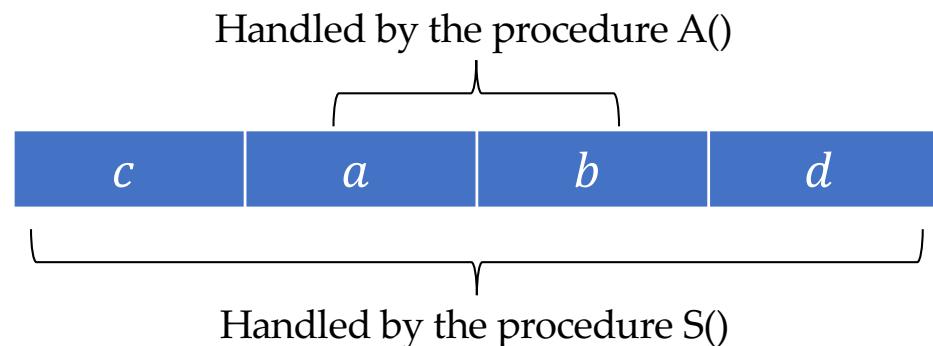
# Recursive-Descent Parsing (递归下降的语法分析)

- A recursive-descent parsing program has **a set of procedures**, one for each nonterminal
  - The procedure for a nonterminal deals with a substring of the input
- Execution begins with the procedure for the start symbol
  - Announce success if the procedure scans the entire input (the start symbol derives the whole input via applying a series of productions)

CFG:

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow cAd \\ A \rightarrow ab \end{array}$$

Input string:



# A Typical Procedure for A Nonterminal

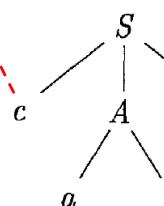
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void A() {  
1)     Choose an A-production,  $A \rightarrow X_1 X_2 \cdots X_k$ ; → Predict  
2)     for (  $i = 1$  to  $k$  ) {  
3)         if (  $X_i$  is a nonterminal )  
4)             call procedure  $X_i()$ ;  
5)         else if (  $X_i$  equals the current input symbol  $a$  )  
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7)         else /* an error has occurred */;  
    }  
}
```

CFG:

```
 $S \rightarrow cAd$   
 $A \rightarrow ab$ 
```

Parsing input:

|     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| $c$ | $a$ | $b$ | $d$ |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|



call  $S()$  → match "c"  
→ call  $A()$  → match "ab" →  $A()$  return  
→ match "d" →  $S()$  return

# Backtracking (回溯)

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If there is a failure at line 7, does this mean that there must be syntax errors?

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The failure might be caused by a wrong choice  
of  $A$ -production at line 1 !!!

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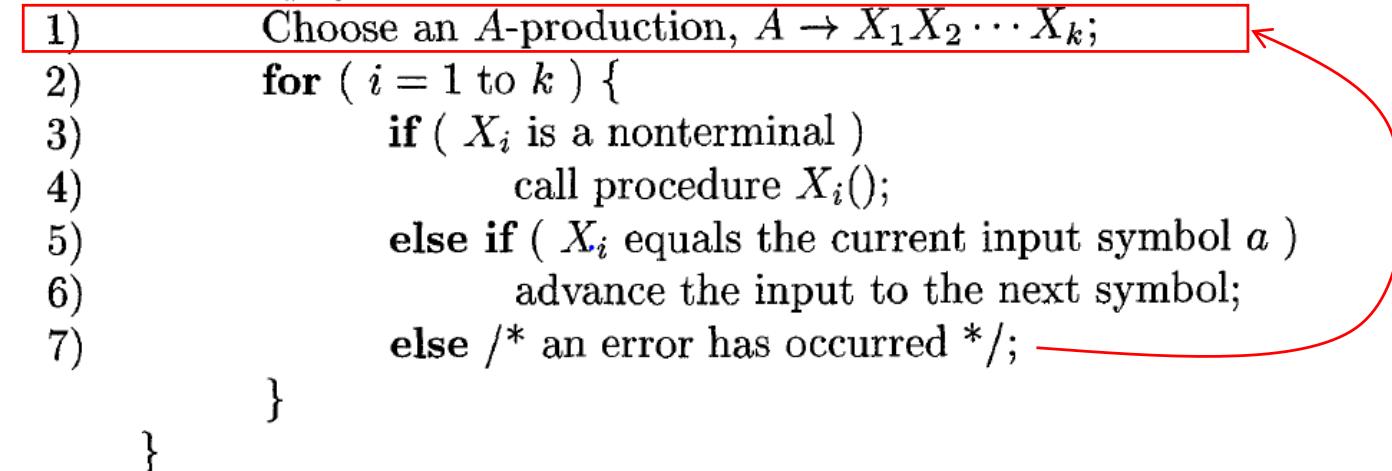
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Instead of exploring one *A*-production, we must try each possible production in some order.

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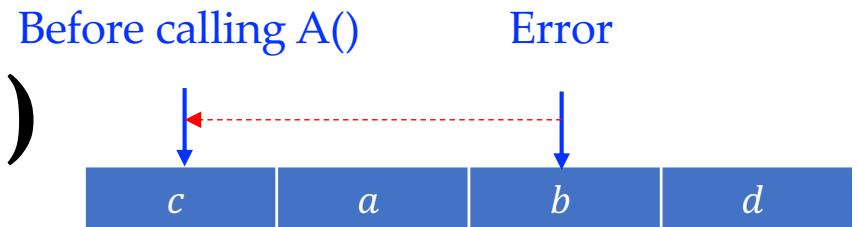
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When there is a failure at line 7, return to line 1 and try another *A*-production.

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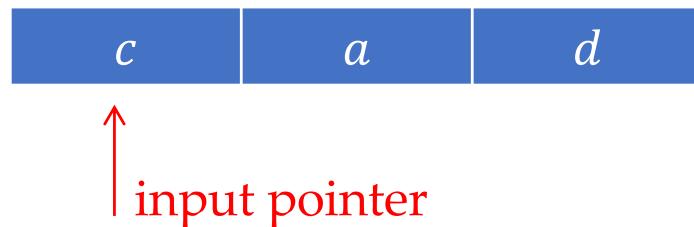
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}
```

In order to try another  $A$ -production, we must reset the input pointer that points to the next symbol to scan (**failed trials consume symbols**)

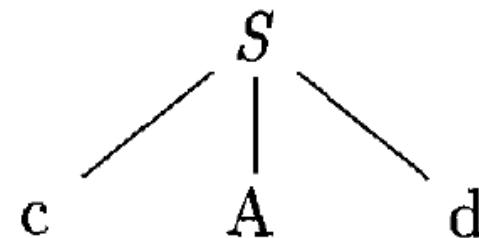
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- Grammar:  $S \rightarrow cAd \quad A \rightarrow ab \mid a$  a One more production for A
- Input string:  $cad$



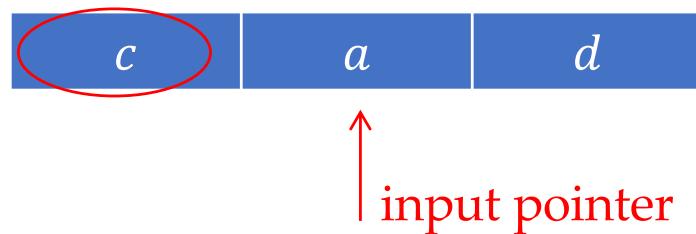
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- Grammar:  $S \rightarrow cAd \quad A \rightarrow ab \mid a$
- Input string:  $cad$ 
  - $S$  has only one production, apply it

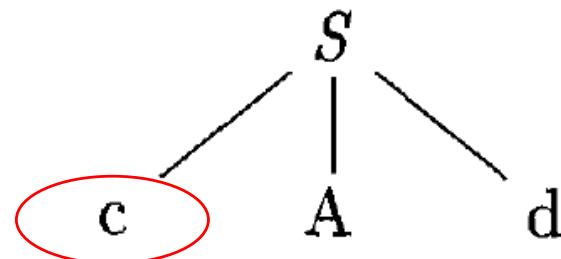


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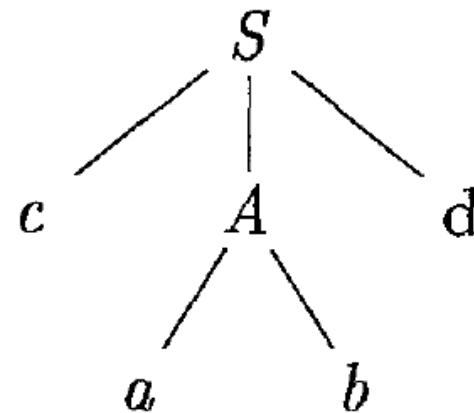
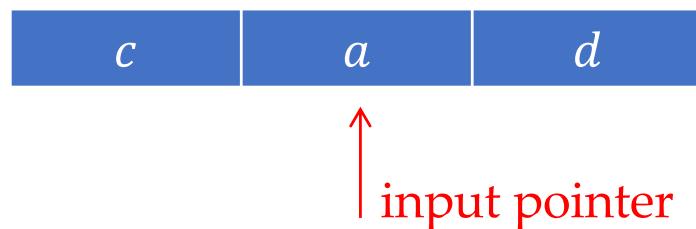


- The leftmost leaf matches  $c$  in input
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- Grammar:  $S \rightarrow cAd \quad A \rightarrow ab \mid a$
- Input string:  $cad$ 
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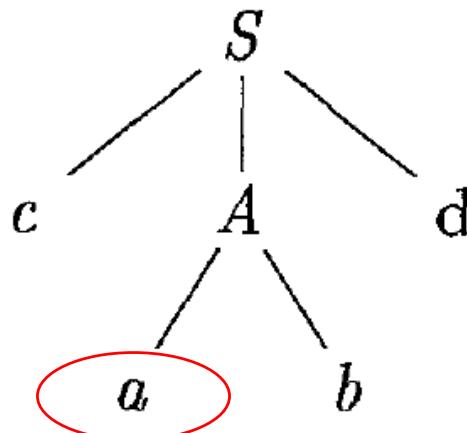


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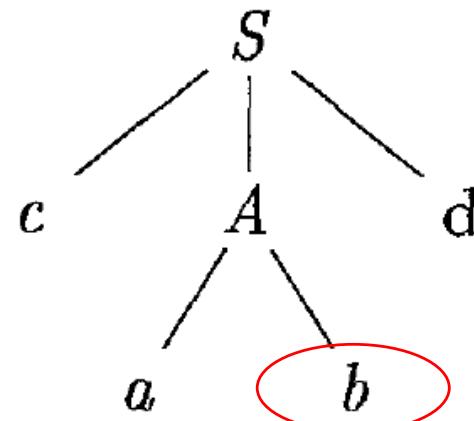
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|     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
| $c$ | $a$ | $d$ |
|-----|-----|-----|

input pointer

- Symbol mismatch
- Go back to try another  $A$ -production



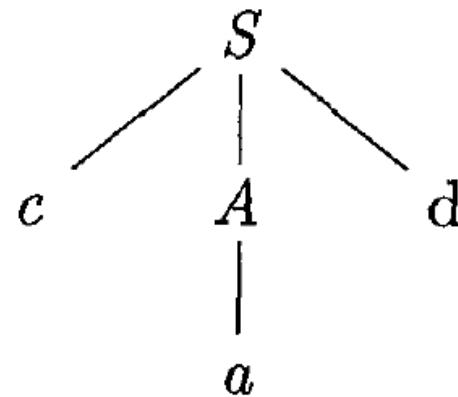
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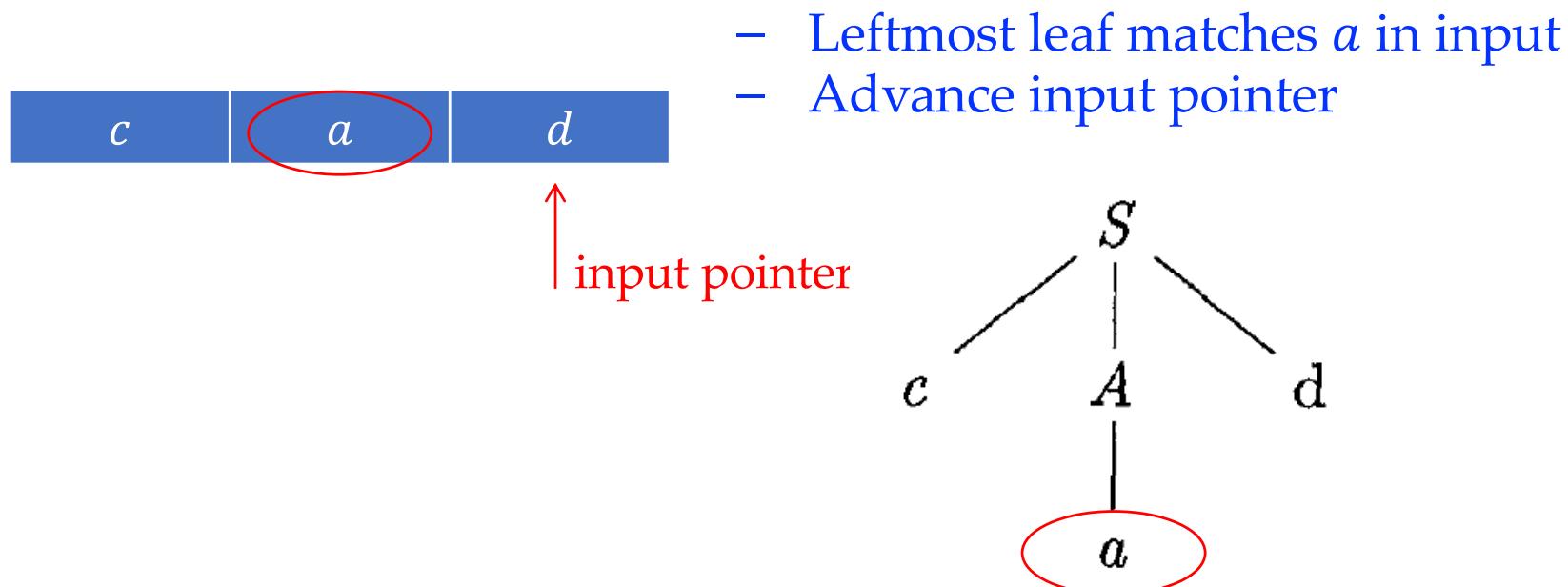
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input pointer

- Reset input pointer
- Expand  $A$  using its second production



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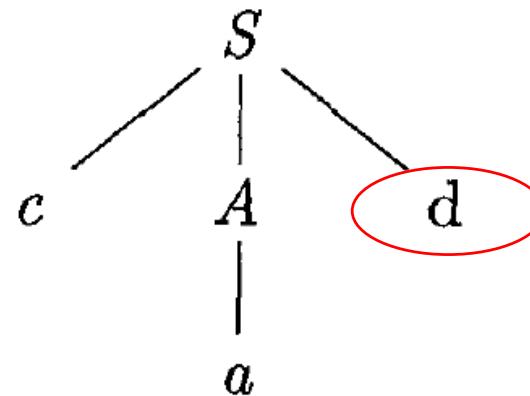
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- The last leaf node matches  $d$  in input
- Announce success!

Scanned entire input



# The Problem of Left Recursion

Suppose there is only one A-production,  $A \rightarrow A\alpha \dots$

```
void A() {  
1)      Choose an A-production,  $A \rightarrow X_1 X_2 \dots X_k$ ;  
2)      for ( i = 1 to k ) {  
3)          if (  $X_i$  is a nonterminal )  
4)              call procedure  $X_i()$ ; Recursively rewriting A without  
matching any terminals  
5)          else if (  $X_i$  equals the current input symbol a )  
6)              advance the input to the next symbol;  
7)          else /* an error has occurred */;  
    }  
}
```

If there is **left recursion** in a CFG, a recursive-descent parser may go into **an infinite loop**! Revise the CFG before parsing!!!

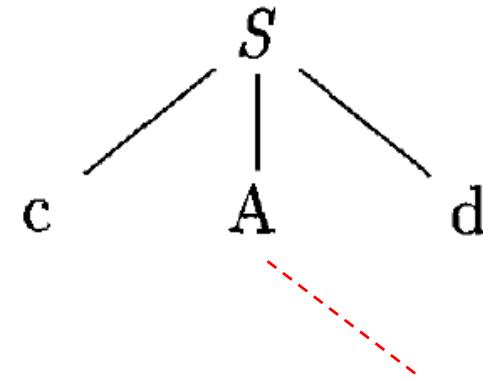
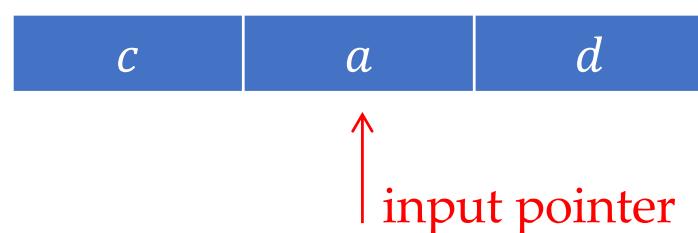
# Can We Avoid Backtracking?

```
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3)        if (  $X_i$  is a nonterminal )
4)            call procedure  $X_i()$ ;
5)        else if (  $X_i$  equals the current input symbol  $a$  )
6)            advance the input to the next symbol;
7)        else /* an error has occurred */;
    }
}
```

**Key problem:** At line 1, we make *random choices* (brute force search)

# Can We Avoid Backtracking?

- Grammar:  $S \rightarrow cAd \quad A \rightarrow c \mid a$
- Input string:  $cad$



When rewriting  $A$ , is it a good idea to choose  $A \rightarrow c$ ?

No! If we look ahead, the next char in the input is  $a$ .  
 $A \rightarrow c$  is obviously a bad choice!!!

# Looking Ahead Helps!

- Suppose the input string is  $x\textcolor{red}{a}\dots$
- Suppose the current sentential form is  $x\textcolor{red}{A}\beta$ 
  - $\textcolor{blue}{A}$  is a non-terminal;  $\textcolor{blue}{\beta}$  may contain both terminals and non-terminals

If we know the following fact for the productions  $\textcolor{red}{A} \rightarrow \alpha \mid \gamma$ :

- $a \in FIRST(\alpha)$  :  $\alpha$  derives strings that **begin with  $a$**
- $a \notin FIRST(\gamma)$  :  $\gamma$  derives strings that **do not begin with  $a$**

\* $FIRST(\alpha)$  denotes the set of beginning terminals of strings derived from  $\alpha$

After matching  $x$ , which production should we choose to rewrite  $A$ ?

$\textcolor{red}{A} \rightarrow \alpha$

# Computing FIRST

- $\text{FIRST}(X)$ , where  $X$  is a grammar symbol
  - If  $X$  is a **terminal**, then  $\text{FIRST}(X) = \{X\}$
  - If  $X$  is a **nonterminal** and  $X \rightarrow \epsilon$ , then add  $\epsilon$  to  $\text{FIRST}(X)$
  - If  $X$  is a **nonterminal** and  $X \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_k$  ( $k \geq 1$ ) is a production
    - If for some  $i$ ,  $a$  is in  $\text{FIRST}(Y_i)$  and  $\epsilon$  is in all of  $\text{FIRST}(Y_1), \dots, \text{FIRST}(Y_{i-1})$ , then add  $a$  to  $\text{FIRST}(X)$
    - If  $\epsilon$  is in all of  $\text{FIRST}(Y_1), \dots, \text{FIRST}(Y_k)$ , then add  $\epsilon$  to  $\text{FIRST}(X)$

# Computing FIRST Cont.

- $\text{FIRST}(X_1 X_2 \dots X_n)$ , where  $X_1 X_2 \dots X_n$  is a string of grammar symbols
  - Add all **non- $\epsilon$  symbols** of  $\text{FIRST}(X_1)$  to  $\text{FIRST}(X_1 X_2 \dots X_n)$
  - If  $\epsilon$  is in  $\text{FIRST}(X_1)$ , add non- $\epsilon$  symbols of  $\text{FIRST}(X_2)$  to  $\text{FIRST}(X_1 X_2 \dots X_n)$
  - If  $\epsilon$  is in  $\text{FIRST}(X_1)$  and  $\text{FIRST}(X_2)$ , add non- $\epsilon$  symbols of  $\text{FIRST}(X_3)$  to  $\text{FIRST}(X_1 X_2 \dots X_n)$
  - ...
  - If  $\epsilon$  is in  $\text{FIRST}(X_i)$  for all  $i$ , add  $\epsilon$  to  $\text{FIRST}(X_1 X_2 \dots X_n)$

# FIRST Example

- **Grammar**

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

- **FIRST sets**

- $\text{FIRST}(F) = \{(, \mathbf{id}\}$
- $\text{FIRST}(T) = \text{FIRST}(F) = \{(, \mathbf{id}\}$
- $\text{FIRST}(E) = \text{FIRST}(T) = \{(, \mathbf{id}\}$
- $\text{FIRST}(E') = \{+, \epsilon\}$   $\text{FIRST}(T') = \{*, \epsilon\}$
- $\text{FIRST}(TE') = \text{FIRST}(T) = \{(, \mathbf{id}\}$
- ...

Strings derived from  $F$  or  $T$   
must start with ( or id

# Looking Ahead Helps Cont.

- Suppose the input string is  $x\mathbf{a}\dots$
- Suppose the current sentential form is  $x\mathbf{A}\beta$ 
  - $\mathbf{A}$  is a non-terminal;  $\beta$  may contain both terminals and non-terminals

If we know that for the production  $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \alpha$ ,  $\epsilon \in FIRST(\alpha)$ , can we choose the production to rewrite  $A$ ?

\* $\epsilon \in FIRST(\alpha)$  means that rewriting  $A$  to  $\alpha$  may result in an empty string (recall when we add  $\epsilon$  to the  $FIRST$  set)

If  $A$  can be followed by  $a$  in some sentential forms ( $a \in FOLLOW(A)$ ), it might<sup>#</sup> be a good idea to choose  $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \alpha$  to rewrite  $A$ .

<sup>#</sup> “ $a$  belonging to the  $FOLLOW$  set of  $A$ ” is a necessary condition of a correct choice. If  $A$  can never be followed by  $a$  in any valid sentential forms, then the choice is definitely wrong.

# Computing FOLLOW

- Computing FOLLOW set for all nonterminals
  - Add  $\$$  in  $\text{FOLLOW}(S)$ , where  $S$  is the start symbol and  $\$$  is the input **right endmarker**
  - Apply the rules below, until all FOLLOW sets do not change
    1. If there is a production  $A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$ , then everything in  $\text{FIRST}(\beta)$  except  $\epsilon$  is in  $\text{FOLLOW}(B)$
    2. If there is a production  $A \rightarrow \alpha B$  (or  $A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$  and  $\text{FIRST}(\beta)$  contains  $\epsilon$ ) then everything in  $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$  is in  $\text{FOLLOW}(B)$

By definition,  $\epsilon$  will not appear in any FOLLOW set

# FOLLOW Example

- Grammar

$$\begin{array}{ll} \blacksquare E \rightarrow TE' & E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon \\ \blacksquare T \rightarrow FT' & T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid \epsilon \\ & F \rightarrow (E) \mid \mathbf{id} \end{array}$$

- FOLLOW sets

- $\text{FOLLOW}(E) = \{\$, )\}$
- $\text{FOLLOW}(E') = \{\$, )\}$
- $\text{FOLLOW}(T) = \{+, \$, )\}$
- $\text{FOLLOW}(T') = \{+, \$, )\}$
- $\text{FOLLOW}(F) = \{*, +, \$, )\}$

- $\$$  is always in  $\text{FOLLOW}(E)$
- Everything in  $\text{FIRST}()$  except  $\epsilon$  is in  $\text{FOLLOW}(E)$

# FOLLOW Example

- Grammar

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

- FOLLOW sets

- $\text{FOLLOW}(E) = \{\$, )\}$
  - $\text{FOLLOW}(E') = \{\$, )\}$
  - $\text{FOLLOW}(T) = \{+, \$, )\}$
  - $\text{FOLLOW}(T') = \{+, \$, )\}$
  - $\text{FOLLOW}(F) = \{*, +, \$, )\}$
- Everything in  $\text{FIRST}(E')$  except  $\epsilon$  is in  $\text{FOLLOW}(T)$
  - Since  $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ , everything in  $\text{FOLLOW}(E)$  and  $\text{FOLLOW}(E')$  is in  $\text{FOLLOW}(T)$

# A Quick Summary

## Why Do We Compute FIRST & FOLLOW?

- For a production  $head \rightarrow body$ , when we are trying to rewrite  $head$ , if we know  $FIRST(body)$ , that is, what terminals can strings derived from body start with, we can decide whether to choose  $head \rightarrow body$  by looking at the next input symbol.
  - If the next input symbol is in  $FIRST(body)$ , the production may be a good choice.
- For a production  $head \rightarrow \epsilon$  (or  $head$  can derive  $\epsilon$  in some steps), when we are trying to rewrite  $head$ , if we know  $FOLLOW(head)$ , that is, what terminals can follow  $head$  in valid sentential forms, we can decide whether to choose  $head \rightarrow \epsilon$  by looking at the next input symbol.
  - If the next input symbol is in  $FOLLOW(head)$ , the production may be a good choice.

# LL(1) Grammars

- Recursive-descent parsers needing no backtracking can be constructed for a class of grammars called **LL(1)**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> L: scanning the input from left to right
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> L: producing a leftmost derivation (top-down parsing)
  - 1: using one input symbol of lookahead at each step to make parsing decision

# LL(1) Grammars Cont.

A grammar  $G$  is LL(1) if and only if for any two distinct productions  $A \rightarrow \alpha \mid \beta$ , the following conditions hold:

1. There is no terminal  $a$  such that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  derive strings beginning with  $a$
2. At most one of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  can derive the empty string
3. If  $\beta \xrightarrow{*} \epsilon$ , then  $\alpha$  does not derive any string beginning with a terminal in  $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$  and vice versa

\* The three conditions essentially rule out the possibility of applying both productions so that there is a unique choice of production at each “predict” step by looking at the next input symbol

More formally:

1.  $\text{FIRST}(\alpha) \cap \text{FIRST}(\beta) = \emptyset$  (conditions 1-2 above)
2. If  $\epsilon \in \text{FIRST}(\beta)$ , then  $\text{FIRST}(\alpha) \cap \text{FOLLOW}(A) = \emptyset$  and vice versa

# LL(1) Grammars Cont.

- For LL(1) grammars, during recursive-descent parsing, the proper production to apply for a nonterminal can be selected by looking only at the current input symbol

**Grammar:**  $stmt \rightarrow if(expr) stmt \text{ else } stmt \mid while(expr) stmt \mid a$



**Parsing steps for input:**  $if(expr) \text{ while(expr) a else a}$

- Rewrite the start symbol  $stmt$  with ①:  $if(expr) stmt \text{ else } stmt$
- Rewrite the leftmost  $stmt$  with ②:  $if(expr) \text{ while(expr) } stmt \text{ else } stmt$
- Rewrite the leftmost  $stmt$  with ③:  $if(expr) \text{ while(expr) a else } stmt$
- Rewrite the leftmost  $stmt$  with ③:  $if(expr) \text{ while(expr) a else a}$

# Parsing Table (预测分析表)

- We can build parsing tables for recursive-descent parsers (**LL parsers**)
- A predictive **parsing table** is a two-dimensional array that determines which production the parser should choose when it sees a nonterminal  $A$  and a symbol  $a$  on its input stream
- The parsing table of an LL(1) parser has **no entries with multiple productions**

| NON - TERMINAL | INPUT SYMBOL              |                           |                       |                     |                           |                           |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                | id                        | +                         | *                     | (                   | )                         | \$                        |
| $E$            | $E \rightarrow TE'$       |                           |                       | $E \rightarrow TE'$ |                           |                           |
| $E'$           |                           | $E' \rightarrow +TE'$     |                       |                     | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $T$            | $T \rightarrow FT'$       |                           |                       | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |                           |                           |
| $T'$           |                           | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow *FT'$ |                     | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $F$            | $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |                           |                       | $F \rightarrow (E)$ |                           |                           |

# Parsing Table Construction

The following algorithm can be applied to any CFG

- **Input:** Grammar  $G$       **Output:** Parsing table  $M$
  - **Method:**
    - For each production  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  of  $G$ , do the following:
      - For each terminal  $a$  in  $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ , add  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  to  $M[A, a]$
      - If  $\epsilon$  is in  $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ , then for each terminal  $b$  (including the right endmarker  $\$$ ) in  $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$ , add  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  to  $M[A, b]$
    - Set all empty entries in the table to **error**
- Fill the table entries so that  
when rewriting  $A$ , we know  
what production to choose by  
checking the next input symbol

# Parsing Table Construction Example

- **Grammar**
  - $E \rightarrow TE'$      $E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$
  - $T \rightarrow FT'$      $T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid \epsilon$      $F \rightarrow (E) \mid \text{id}$
- **FIRST sets:**     $E, T, F: \{(\text{, id}\}$      $E': \{+, \epsilon\}$      $T': \{*, \epsilon\}$
- **FOLLOW sets:**     $E, E': \{ \$, )\}$      $T, T': \{+, \$, )\}$      $F: \{*, +, \$, )\}$

| NON-TERMINAL | INPUT SYMBOL              |                           |                       |                     |                           |                           |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|              | id                        | +                         | *                     | (                   | )                         | \$                        |
| $E$          | $E \rightarrow TE'$       |                           |                       | $E \rightarrow TE'$ |                           |                           |
| $E'$         |                           | $E' \rightarrow +TE'$     |                       |                     | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $T$          | $T \rightarrow FT'$       |                           |                       | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |                           |                           |
| $T'$         |                           | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow *FT'$ |                     | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $F$          | $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |                           |                       |                     |                           |                           |

For  $E \rightarrow TE'$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{FIRST}(TE') \\
 &= \text{FIRST}(T) \\
 &= \{(\text{, id}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Parsing Table Construction Example

- **Grammar**
  - $E \rightarrow TE' \quad E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$
  - $T \rightarrow FT' \quad T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid \epsilon \quad F \rightarrow (E) \mid \text{id}$
- **FIRST sets:**  $E, T, F: \{(\text{, id}\}$     $E': \{+, \epsilon\}$     $T': \{*, \epsilon\}$
- **FOLLOW sets:**  $E, E': \{\$, )\}$     $T, T': \{+, \$, )\}$     $F: \{*, +, \$, )\}$

| NON-TERMINAL | INPUT SYMBOL              |                           |                       |                     |                           |                           |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|              | id                        | +                         | *                     | (                   | )                         | \$                        |
| $E$          | $E \rightarrow TE'$       |                           |                       | $E \rightarrow TE'$ |                           |                           |
| $E'$         |                           | $E' \rightarrow +TE'$     |                       |                     | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $T$          | $T \rightarrow FT'$       |                           |                       | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |                           |                           |
| $T'$         |                           | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow *FT'$ |                     | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $F$          | $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |                           |                       | $F \rightarrow (E)$ |                           |                           |

For  $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ :

$\epsilon$  in  $\text{FIRST}(\epsilon)$

$\text{FOLLOW}(E')$   
 $= \{\$, )\}$

# Conflicts in Parsing Tables

- **Grammar:**  $S \rightarrow iEtSS' \mid a$   $S' \rightarrow eS \mid \epsilon$   $E \rightarrow b$

- $\text{FIRST}(eS) = \{e\}$ , so we add  $S' \rightarrow eS$  to  $M[S', e]$
- $\text{FOLLOW}(S') = \{\$, e\}$ , so we add  $S' \rightarrow \epsilon$  to  $M[S', e]$

| NON - TERMINAL | INPUT SYMBOL      |                   |  |                        |     |                           |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
|                | $a$               | $b$               | $e$  | $i$                    | $t$ | $\$$                      |
| $S$            | $S \rightarrow a$ |                   |  | $S \rightarrow iEtSS'$ |     |                           |
| $S'$           |                   |                   | $S' \rightarrow \epsilon$<br>$S' \rightarrow eS$ |                        |     | $S' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $E$            |                   | $E \rightarrow b$ |  |                        |     |                           |

- LL(1) grammar is never ambiguous.
- This grammar is not LL(1). The language has no LL(1) grammar !!!

# Recursive-Descent Parsing for LL(1) Grammars

```
void A() {
1)    Choose an  $A$ -production,  $A \rightarrow X_1 X_2 \cdots X_k$ ;
2)    for (  $i = 1$  to  $k$  ) {
3)        if (  $X_i$  is a nonterminal )
4)            call procedure  $X_i()$ ;
5)        else if (  $X_i$  equals the current input symbol  $a$  )
6)            advance the input to the next symbol;
7)        else /* an error has occurred */;
    }
}
```

Replace line 1 with: Choose  $A$ -production according to the parsing table

- Assume input symbol is  $a$ , then the choice is the production in  $M[A, a]$

# Outline

- Introduction: Syntax and Parsers
- Context-Free Grammars
  - Recursive-descent parsing
  - Non-recursive predictive parsing (Lab)
- Top-Down Parsing Techniques
- Bottom-Up Parsing

# Recall Recursive-Descent Parsing

```
void A() {  
1)      Choose an A-production,  $A \rightarrow X_1 X_2 \cdots X_k$ ;  
2)      for ( i = 1 to k ) {  
3)          if (  $X_i$  is a nonterminal )  
4)              call procedure  $X_i()$ ;  
5)          else if (  $X_i$  equals the current input symbol a )  
6)              advance the input to the next symbol;  
7)          else /* an error has occurred */;  
        }  
}
```

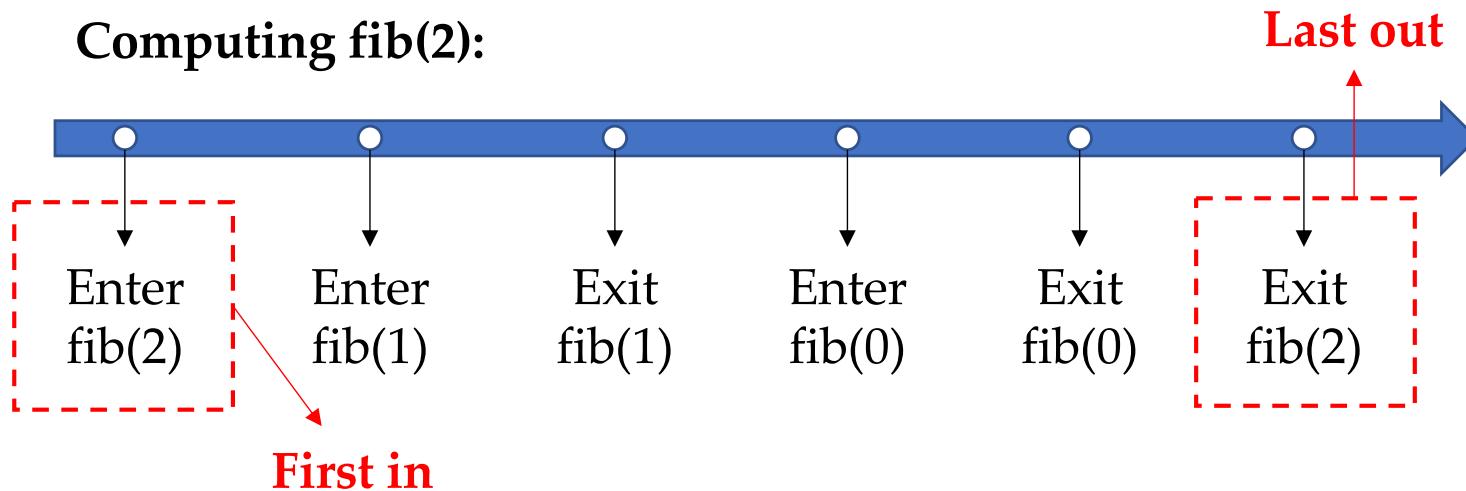


Recursive-descent parsing has recursive calls.  
Can we design a non-recursive parser?

# How Is Recursion Handled?

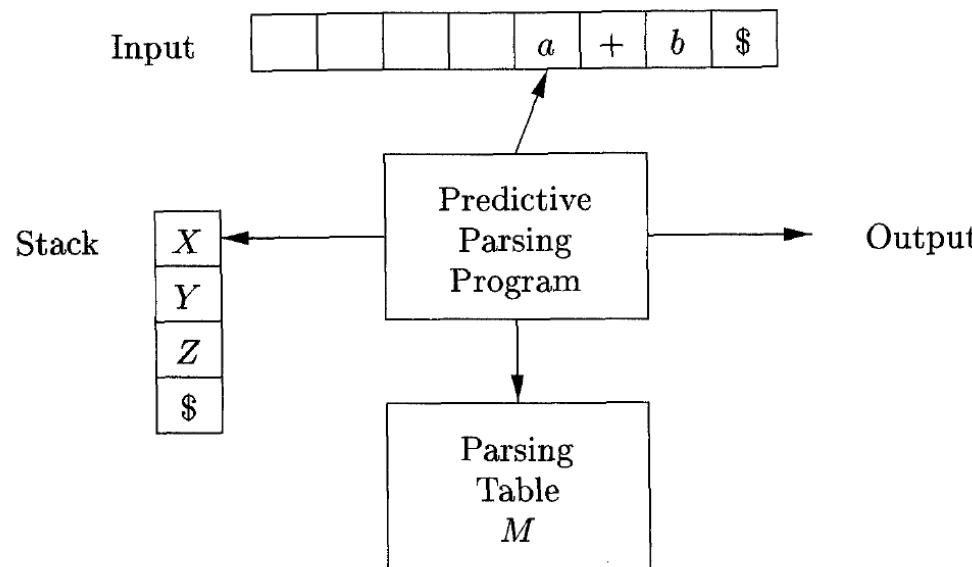
```
int fib(int n) {  
    if(n <= 1) return n;  
    else {  
        int a = fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);  
        return a;  
    }  
}
```

Computing  $\text{fib}(2)$ :



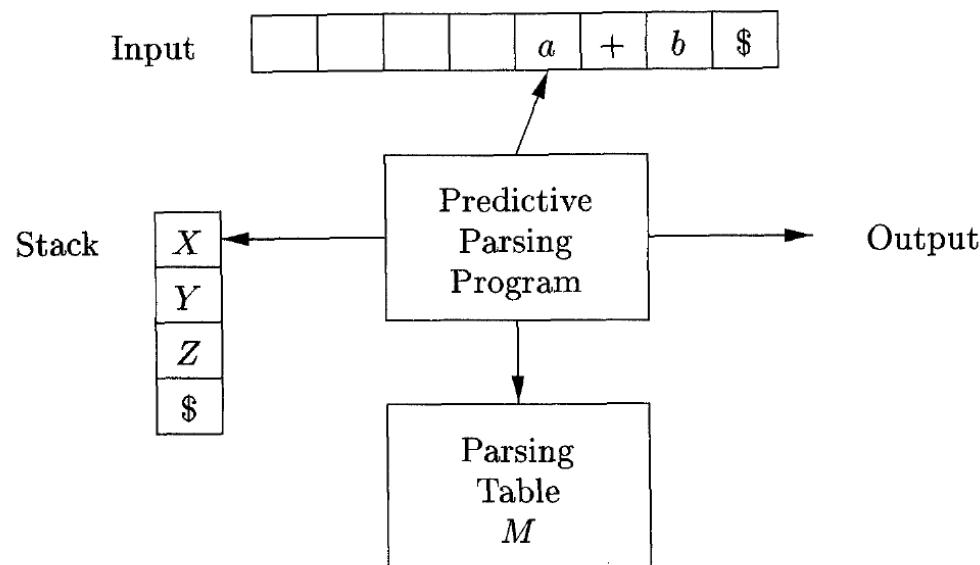
# Non-Recursive Predictive Parsing

- A non-recursive predictive parser can be built by **explicitly maintaining a stack** (not implicitly via recursive calls)
  - **Input buffer** contains the string to be parsed, ending with \$
  - **Stack** holds a sequence of grammar symbols with \$ at the bottom.  
Initially, the stack contains only \$ and the start symbol  $S$  on top of \$



# Table-Driven Predictive Parsing

- **Input:** A string  $\omega$  and a parsing table  $M$  for grammar  $G$
- **Output:** If  $\omega$  is in  $L(G)$ , a leftmost derivation of  $\omega$  (input buffer and stack are both empty); otherwise, an error indication



**Initially**, the input buffer contains  $\omega\$$ .  
The start symbol  $S$  of  $G$  is on top of the stack, above  $\$$ .

$$E \rightarrow TE' \quad E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$$

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

# Example

| NON - TERMINAL | INPUT SYMBOL              |                           |                       |                     |                           |                           |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                | id                        | +                         | *                     | (                   | )                         | \$                        |
| $E$            | $E \rightarrow TE'$       |                           |                       | $E \rightarrow TE'$ |                           |                           |
| $E'$           |                           | $E' \rightarrow +TE'$     |                       |                     | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $T$            | $T \rightarrow FT'$       |                           |                       | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |                           |                           |
| $T'$           |                           | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow *FT'$ |                     | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $F$            | $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |                           |                       | $F \rightarrow (E)$ |                           |                           |

Input:

**id + id \* id**

| MATCHED | STACK                                 | INPUT | ACTION |
|---------|---------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| $E\$$   | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$ |       |        |

$$E \rightarrow TE' \quad E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$$

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

# Example

| NON - TERMINAL | INPUT SYMBOL              |                           |                       |                     |                           |                           |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                | id                        | +                         | *                     | (                   | )                         | \$                        |
| $E$            | $E \rightarrow TE'$       |                           |                       | $E \rightarrow TE'$ |                           |                           |
| $E'$           |                           | $E' \rightarrow +TE'$     |                       |                     | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $T$            | $T \rightarrow FT'$       |                           |                       | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |                           |                           |
| $T'$           |                           | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow *FT'$ |                     | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $F$            | $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |                           |                       | $F \rightarrow (E)$ |                           |                           |

Input:

**id + id \* id**

| MATCHED             | STACK   | INPUT                      | ACTION |
|---------------------|---|----------------------------|--------|
| $E\$$               | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$             |                            |        |
| $\underline{TE'}\$$ | $\underline{\text{id}} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$ | output $E \rightarrow TE'$ |        |

$$E \rightarrow TE' \quad E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$$

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

# Example

| NON - TERMINAL | INPUT SYMBOL              |                           |                       |                     |                           |                           |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                | id                        | +                         | *                     | (                   | )                         | \$                        |
| $E$            | $E \rightarrow TE'$       |                           |                       | $E \rightarrow TE'$ |                           |                           |
| $E'$           |                           | $E' \rightarrow +TE'$     |                       |                     | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $T$            | $T \rightarrow FT'$       |                           |                       | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |                           |                           |
| $T'$           |                           | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow *FT'$ |                     | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $F$            | $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |                           |                       | $F \rightarrow (E)$ |                           |                           |

Input:

id + id \* id

| MATCHED   | STACK          | INPUT                      | ACTION |
|-----------|----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| $E\$$     | id + id * id\$ |                            |        |
| $TE'\$$   | id + id * id\$ | output $E \rightarrow TE'$ |        |
| $FT'E'\$$ | id + id * id\$ | output $T \rightarrow FT'$ |        |

$$E \rightarrow TE' \quad E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$$

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

# Example

| NON-TERMINAL | INPUT SYMBOL              |                           |                       |                     |                           |                           |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|              | id                        | +                         | *                     | (                   | )                         | \$                        |
| $E$          | $E \rightarrow TE'$       |                           |                       | $E \rightarrow TE'$ |                           |                           |
| $E'$         |                           | $E' \rightarrow +TE'$     |                       |                     | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $T$          | $T \rightarrow FT'$       |                           |                       | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |                           |                           |
| $T'$         |                           | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow *FT'$ |                     | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $F$          | $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |                           |                       | $F \rightarrow (E)$ |                           |                           |

Input:

id + id \* id

| MATCHED            | STACK                 | INPUT | ACTION                           |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|----------------------------------|
| $E\$$              | id + id * id\$        |       |                                  |
| $TE'\$$            | id + id * id\$        |       | output $E \rightarrow TE'$       |
| $FT'E'\$$          | id + id * id\$        |       | output $T \rightarrow FT'$       |
| <u>id</u> $T'E'\$$ | <u>id</u> + id * id\$ |       | output $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |

$$E \rightarrow TE' \quad E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$$

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

# Example

| NON-TERMINAL | INPUT SYMBOL              |   |                       |                     |                           |                           |
|--------------|---------------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|              | id                        | +   | *                     | (                   | )                         | \$                        |
| $E$          | $E \rightarrow TE'$       |   |                       | $E \rightarrow TE'$ |                           |                           |
| $E'$         |                           | $E' \rightarrow +TE'$                       |                       |                     | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $T$          | $T \rightarrow FT'$       |   |                       | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |                           |                           |
| $T'$         |                           | <u><math>T' \rightarrow \epsilon</math></u> | $T' \rightarrow *FT'$ |                     | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $F$          | $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |   |                       | $F \rightarrow (E)$ |                           |                           |

Input:

id + id \* id

| MATCHED     | STACK                       | INPUT   | ACTION                           |
|-------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
|             | $E\$$                       | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$           |                                  |
|             | $TE'\$$                     | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$           | output $E \rightarrow TE'$       |
|             | $FT'E'\$$                   | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$           | output $T \rightarrow FT'$       |
| $\text{id}$ | $\text{id } T'E'\$$         | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$           | output $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |
|             | <u><math>T'E'\\$</math></u> | <u><math>+</math></u> $\text{id} * \text{id}\$$ | match $\text{id}$                |

$$E \rightarrow TE' \quad E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$$

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

# Example

| NON-TERMINAL | INPUT SYMBOL              |                           |                       |                     |                           |                           |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|              | id                        | +                         | *                     | (                   | )                         | \$                        |
| $E$          | $E \rightarrow TE'$       |                           |                       | $E \rightarrow TE'$ |                           |                           |
| $E'$         |                           | $E' \rightarrow +TE'$     |                       |                     | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $T$          | $T \rightarrow FT'$       |                           |                       | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |                           |                           |
| $T'$         |                           | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow *FT'$ |                     | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $F$          | $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |                           |                       | $F \rightarrow (E)$ |                           |                           |

Input:

id + id \* id

| MATCHED | STACK               | INPUT                                   | ACTION                           |
|---------|---------------------|---|----------------------------------|
|         | $E\$$               | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$   |                                  |
|         | $TE'\$$             | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$   | output $E \rightarrow TE'$       |
|         | $FT'E'\$$           | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$   | output $T \rightarrow FT'$       |
|         | $\text{id } T'E'\$$ | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$   | output $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |
| id      | $T'E'\$$            | $+ \text{id} * \text{id}\$$             | match <b>id</b>                  |
| id      | $\underline{E}'\$$  | $\underline{+} \text{id} * \text{id}\$$ | output $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |

$$E \rightarrow TE' \quad E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$$

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

# Example

| NON - TERMINAL | INPUT SYMBOL              |                           |                       |                     |                           |                           |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                | id                        | +                         | *                     | (                   | )                         | \$                        |
| $E$            | $E \rightarrow TE'$       |                           |                       | $E \rightarrow TE'$ |                           |                           |
| $E'$           |                           | $E' \rightarrow +TE'$     |                       |                     | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $T$            | $T \rightarrow FT'$       |                           |                       | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |                           |                           |
| $T'$           |                           | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow *FT'$ |                     | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $F$            | $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |                           |                       | $F \rightarrow (E)$ |                           |                           |

Input:

id + id \* id

| MATCHED | STACK               | INPUT                                 | ACTION                           |
|---------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|         | $E\$$               | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$ |                                  |
|         | $TE'\$$             | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$ | output $E \rightarrow TE'$       |
|         | $FT'E'\$$           | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$ | output $T \rightarrow FT'$       |
|         | $\text{id } T'E'\$$ | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$ | output $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |
| id      | $T'E'\$$            | $+ \text{id} * \text{id}\$$           | match <b>id</b>                  |
| id      | $E'\$$              | $+ \text{id} * \text{id}\$$           | output $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| id      | $+ TE'\$$           | $+ \text{id} * \text{id}\$$           | output $E' \rightarrow + TE'$    |

$$E \rightarrow TE' \quad E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$$

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

# Example

| NON - TERMINAL | INPUT SYMBOL              |                           |                       |                     |                           |                           |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                | id                        | +                         | *                     | (                   | )                         | \$                        |
| $E$            | $E \rightarrow TE'$       |                           |                       | $E \rightarrow TE'$ |                           |                           |
| $E'$           |                           | $E' \rightarrow +TE'$     |                       |                     | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $T$            | $T \rightarrow FT'$       |                           |                       | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |                           |                           |
| $T'$           |                           | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow *FT'$ |                     | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $F$            | $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |                           |                       | $F \rightarrow (E)$ |                           |                           |

Input:

id + id \* id

| MATCHED                             | STACK     | INPUT                                 | ACTION                           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                     | $E\$$     | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$ |                                  |
|                                     | $TE'\$$   | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$ | output $E \rightarrow TE'$       |
|                                     | $FT'E'\$$ | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$ | output $T \rightarrow FT'$       |
| $\text{id}$                         | $T'E'\$$  | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$ | output $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |
| $\text{id}$                         | $T'E'\$$  | $+ \text{id} * \text{id}\$$           | match $\text{id}$                |
| $\text{id}$                         | $E'\$$    | $+ \text{id} * \text{id}\$$           | output $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $\text{id}$                         | $+ TE'\$$ | $+ \text{id} * \text{id}\$$           | output $E' \rightarrow + TE'$    |
| $\text{id} +$                       | $TE'\$$   | $\text{id} * \text{id}\$$             | match $+$                        |
| $\dots$                             | $\dots$   | $\dots$                               | $\dots$                          |
| $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}$ | $\$$      | $\$$                                  | output $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |

There are eight more steps before accepting.

The parser announce success when both stack and input are empty.

$$E \rightarrow TE' \quad E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$$

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

# Example

| NON-TERMINAL | INPUT SYMBOL              |                           |                       |                     |                           |                           |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|              | id                        | +                         | *                     | (                   | )                         | \$                        |
| $E$          | $E \rightarrow TE'$       |                           |                       | $E \rightarrow TE'$ |                           |                           |
| $E'$         |                           | $E' \rightarrow +TE'$     |                       |                     | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $T$          | $T \rightarrow FT'$       |                           |                       | $T \rightarrow FT'$ |                           |                           |
| $T'$         |                           | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow *FT'$ |                     | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $F$          | $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |                           |                       | $F \rightarrow (E)$ |                           |                           |

Input:

id + id \* id

| MATCHED             | STACK               | INPUT                                 | ACTION                           |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                     | $E\$$               | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$ |                                  |
| Leftmost derivation | $TE'\$$             | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$ | output $E \rightarrow TE'$       |
|                     | $FT'E'\$$           | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$ | output $T \rightarrow FT'$       |
| id                  | $\text{id } T'E'\$$ | $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$ | output $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |
|                     | $T'E'\$$            | $+ \text{id} * \text{id}\$$           | match <b>id</b>                  |
| id                  | $E'\$$              | $+ \text{id} * \text{id}\$$           | output $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
|                     | $+ TE'\$$           | $+ \text{id} * \text{id}\$$           | output $E' \rightarrow + TE'$    |
| id +                | $TE'\$$             | $\text{id} * \text{id}\$$             | match <b>+</b>                   |
|                     | $\dots$             | $\dots$                               |                                  |
| <b>id + id * id</b> | $\$$                | $\$$                                  | output $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ |

Matched part

+

Stack content  
(from top to bottom)

=

A left-sentential form

总是最左句型

# Parsing Algorithm

1. let  $a$  be the **first symbol of  $\omega$** ;
2. let  $X$  be the **top stack symbol**;
3. **while** (  $X \neq \$$  ) { /\* stack is not empty \*/
4.     **if** (  $X = a$  ) **pop** the stack and let  $a$  be the **next symbol of  $\omega$** ;
5.     **else if** (  $X$  is a terminal) **error()**; /\*  $X$  can only match  $a$ , cannot be another terminal \*/
6.     **else if** (  $M[X, a]$  is an error entry ) **error()**;
7.     **else if** (  $M[X, a] = X \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_k$  ) {
8.         **output** the production  $X \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_k$ ;
9.         **pop** the stack;
10.         **push**  $Y_k, Y_{k-1}, \dots, Y_1$  onto the stack, with  $Y_1$  on top; /\* order is critical \*/
11.     }
12.     let  $X$  be the top stack symbol;
13. }

