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## part 6 - Predictive parser

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# Predictive parser

Algorithm to construct **a predictive parsing table**:

- $A \rightarrow \alpha$  and  $a$  in  $\text{First}(\alpha)$ , whenever  $A$  is an active symbol and  $a$  is the current input symbol, the parser will expand  $A$  by  $\alpha$
- If  $\alpha = \epsilon$  or  $\alpha \Rightarrow^* \epsilon$  the parser will expand  $A$  by  $\alpha$  if the current input symbol is in  $\text{Follow}_1(A)$ , or if  $\$$  on the input has been reached and  $\epsilon$  is in  $\text{Follow}_1(A)$

# Method:

1. For each production  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  of the grammar, do steps 2 and 3
2. For each terminal  $a$  in  $\text{First}_1(\alpha)$ , add  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  to  $M[A, a]$
3. If  $\epsilon$  is in  $\text{First}_1(\alpha)$ , add  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  to  $M[A, b]$  for each terminal  $b$  in  $\text{Follow}_1(A)$ . If  $\epsilon$  is in  $\text{First}_1(\alpha)$  and in  $\text{Follow}_1(A)$ , add  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  to  $M[A, \$]$
4. Make each undefined entry of  $M$  error.

Consider the grammar with productions:

$$S \rightarrow i C t S S' \mid a$$

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

$$\text{Follow}(S') = \{\varepsilon, e\}$$

$$C \rightarrow b$$

The parsing table:

	a	b	e	i	t	\$
S	$S \rightarrow a$			$S \rightarrow i C t S S'$		
S'			$S' \rightarrow \varepsilon$ $S' \rightarrow e S$			$S' \rightarrow \varepsilon$
C		$C \rightarrow b$				

**M** [**S'**, **e**] contains two productions, since  
**Follow**<sub>1</sub>(**S'**)={**e**,  $\epsilon$ }

The grammar **is ambiguous**, the ambiguity is manifested by a choice what production to use when an **e** (**else**) is seen. To resolve the ambiguity **S'→eS** should be chosen (associating **else** with the closest **then**)

A grammar whose parsing table has **no multiply-defined entries** is said to be **LL(1)**.

## Example

$S \rightarrow AS'$

$S' \rightarrow + AS' \mid \varepsilon$

$A \rightarrow BA'$

$A' \rightarrow * BA' \mid \varepsilon$

$B \rightarrow ( S ) \mid a$

$\text{First}_1(B) = \{ (, a \}$

$\text{First}_1(A') = \{ *, \varepsilon \}$

$\text{First}_1(S') = \{ +, \varepsilon \}$     $\text{First}_1(S) = \text{First}_1(A) = \{ (, a \}$

$\text{Follow}_1(S) = \text{Follow}_1(S') = \{ ), \varepsilon \}$

$\text{Follow}_1(A) = \text{Follow}_1(A') = \{ +, ), \varepsilon \}$

$\text{Follow}_1(B) = \{ +, *, ), \varepsilon \}$

	a	+	*	(	)	\$
S	$S \rightarrow AS'$			$S \rightarrow AS'$		
S'		$S' \rightarrow + AS'$			$S' \rightarrow \varepsilon$	$S' \rightarrow \varepsilon$
A	$A \rightarrow BA'$			$A \rightarrow BA'$		
A'		$A' \rightarrow \varepsilon$	$A' \rightarrow * BA'$		$A' \rightarrow \varepsilon$	$A' \rightarrow \varepsilon$
B	$B \rightarrow a$			$B \rightarrow (S)$		

## DEFINITION

A **grammar G** is **LL(1)** if and only if whenever

$A \rightarrow \alpha \mid \beta$  are two distinct productions of G 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.

If  $\beta \Rightarrow^* \varepsilon$  then  $\alpha$  does not derive any strings beginning with a terminal in  $\text{Follow}_1(A)$ .

# Example

$S \rightarrow AS'$        $S' \rightarrow + AS' \mid \varepsilon$        $A \rightarrow BA'$

$A' \rightarrow * BA' \mid \varepsilon$        $B \rightarrow ( S ) \mid a$

S – only one production - OK

S' – two production derive different strings (+,  $\varepsilon$ )

only one production can derive  $\varepsilon$ , + is not in Follow(S') – OK

A – only one production - OK

A' – two production derive different strings (\*,  $\varepsilon$ )

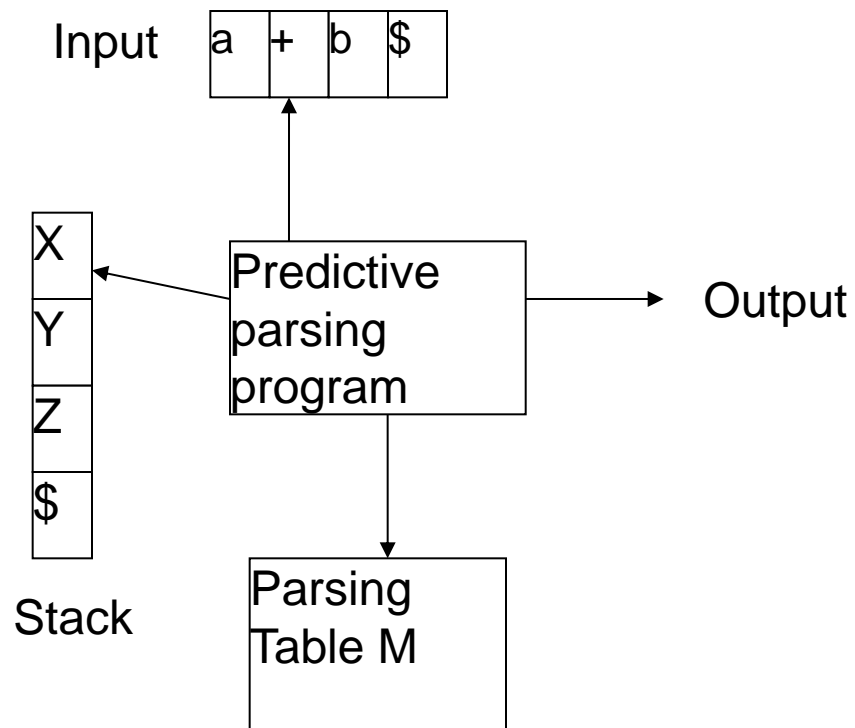
only one production can derive  $\varepsilon$ , \* is not in FOLLOW (A') – OK

B – two production derive different strings („(„, a) – OK

So **it is LL (1) grammar**



# Nonrecursive predictive parser



**\$** - the end marker, the bottom of a stack

Initially stack contains the start symbol **S** of the grammar on top of **\$**

**M[A,a]** – **A** nonterminal,  
**a** terminal

# Parser program:

Considers **X** – the symbol on the top of the stack and **a** – the current input symbol. These symbols determine the action of the parser:

1. **If  $X=a=\$$** , the parser **halts** and announces the **successful completion**
2. **If  $X=a \neq \$$** , the parser **pops X** off the stack and **advances the input pointer** to the next input symbol

3.

If **X** is a **nonterminal**, the program consults entry **M [X,a]** of parsing table M. The entry will be either an **X** production or an error entry.

a) If **M [X,a] = {X→UVW}** the parser **replaces X** on top of the stack by **WVU** (U on top), as output the parser prints the number of production used

b) If **M [X,a] = error** the parser calls error recovery routine

1.  $S \rightarrow AS'$

2.  $S' \rightarrow + AS' \mid \varepsilon$       $\text{First}_1(B) = \{ (, a \}$       $\text{First}_1(A') = \{ *, \varepsilon \}$   
 $\text{First}_1(S') = \{ +, \varepsilon \}$       $\text{First}_1(S) = \text{First}_1(A) = \{ (, a \}$

4.  $A \rightarrow BA'$       $\text{Follow}_1(S) = \text{Follow}_1(S') = \{ ), \varepsilon \}$

5.  $A' \rightarrow * BA' \mid \varepsilon$       $\text{Follow}_1(A) = \text{Follow}_1(A') = \{ +, ), \varepsilon \}$

7.  $B \rightarrow ( S ) \mid a$       $\text{Follow}_1(B) = \{ +, *, ), \varepsilon \}$

	a	+	*	(	)	\$
S	$S \rightarrow AS'$			$S \rightarrow AS'$		
S'		$S' \rightarrow + AS'$			$S' \rightarrow \varepsilon$	$S' \rightarrow \varepsilon$
A	$A \rightarrow BA'$			$A \rightarrow BA'$		
A'		$A' \rightarrow \varepsilon$	$A' \rightarrow * BA'$		$A' \rightarrow \varepsilon$	$A' \rightarrow \varepsilon$
B	$B \rightarrow a$			$B \rightarrow (S)$		

# Moves made by parser on input $a+a*a\$$

Stack	Input	Output
• $\$S$	$a+a*a\$$	
• $\$S'A$	$a+a*a\$$	$S \rightarrow AS'$ (1)
• $\$S'A'B$	$a+a*a\$$	$A \rightarrow BA'$ (4)
• $\$S'A'a$	$a+a*a\$$	$B \rightarrow a$ (8)
• $\$S'A'$	$+a*a\$$	$A' \rightarrow \varepsilon$ (6)
• $\$S'$	$+a*a\$$	
• $\$S'A+$	$+a*a\$$	$S' \rightarrow +AS'$ (2)
• $\$S'A$	$a*a\$$	

## Moves made by parser on input $a+a^*a\$$ -2

Stack	Input	Output
• $\$S'A'B$	$a^*a\$$	$A \rightarrow BA'$ (4)
• $\$S'A'a$	$a^*a\$$	$B \rightarrow a$ (8)
• $\$S'A'$	$*a\$$	
• $\$S'A'B^*$	$*a\$$	$A' \rightarrow ^*BA'$ (5)
• $\$S'A'B$	$a\$$	
• $\$S'A'a$	$a\$$	$B \rightarrow a$ (8)
• $\$S'A'$	$\$$	
• $\$S'$	$\$$	$A' \rightarrow \varepsilon$ (6)
• $\$$	$\$$	$S' \rightarrow \varepsilon$ (3)

# Moves made by parser on input $a^*a+a\$$

Stack	Input	Output
• $\$S$	$a^*a+a\$$	
• $\$S'A$	$a^*a+a\$$	$S \rightarrow AS'$ (1)
• $\$S'A'B$	$a^*a+a\$$	$A \rightarrow BA'$ (4)
• $\$S'A'a$	$a^*a+a\$$	$B \rightarrow a$ (8)
• $\$S'A'$	$*a+a\$$	$A' \rightarrow *BA'$ (5)
• $\$S'A'B^*$	$*a+a\$$	
• $\$S'A'B$	$a+a\$$	$B \rightarrow a$ (8)
• $\$S'A'a$	$a+a\$$	
• $\$S'A'$	$+a\$$	$A' \rightarrow \varepsilon$ (6)
• $\$S'$	$+a\$$	

# Moves made by parser on input $a^*a+a\$$

- | Stack       | Input  | Output                    |     |
|-------------|--------|---------------------------|-----|
| • $\$S'$    | $+a\$$ | $S' \rightarrow +AS'$     | (2) |
| • $\$S'A+$  | $+a\$$ |                           |     |
| • $\$S'A$   | $a\$$  | $A \rightarrow BA'$       | (4) |
| • $\$S'A'B$ | $a\$$  | $B \rightarrow a$         | (8) |
| • $\$S'A'a$ | $a\$$  |                           |     |
| • $\$S'A'$  | $\$$   | $A' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | (6) |
| • $\$S'$    | $\$$   | $S' \rightarrow \epsilon$ | (3) |
| • $\$$      | $\$$   |                           |     |
- Draw derivation tree



# Exercises

Consider grammar:

$$1. S \rightarrow a \mid \wedge \mid (T)$$

$$4. T \rightarrow S T'$$

$$5. T' \rightarrow ,S T \mid \varepsilon$$

$$\text{First}_1(S) = \{a, (, \wedge\}$$

$$\text{First}_1(T) = \text{First}_1(S) = \{a, (, \wedge\}$$

$$\text{First}_1(T') = \{,, , \varepsilon\}$$

$$\text{Follow}_1(S) = \{\varepsilon, ,, , ,, a, (, \wedge, )\}$$

$$\text{Follow}_1(T) = \{ ) \}$$

$$\text{Follow}_1(T') = \{ ) \}$$

# Construct the parsing table

	a		(	)	,	\$
S	$S \rightarrow a$	$S \rightarrow \wedge$	$S \rightarrow (T)$			
T	$T \rightarrow S T'$	$T \rightarrow S T'$	$T \rightarrow S T'$			
T'				$T' \rightarrow \varepsilon$	$T' \rightarrow ,S T'$	

# Moves of parser for (a, a)

Stack	Input	Output
• \$S	(a, a) \$	$S \rightarrow (T)$ (3)
• \$)T(	(a, a) \$	
• \$)T	a, a) \$	$T \rightarrow S T'$ (4)
• \$)T'S	a, a) \$	$S \rightarrow a$ (1)
• \$)T'a	a, a) \$	
• \$)T'	, a) \$	$T' \rightarrow ,S T$ (5)
• \$)T' S,	, a) \$	
• \$)T S	a) \$	$S \rightarrow a$ (1)
• \$)T a	a) \$	

# Moves of parser for (a, a) -2

- | Stack     | Input  | Output                           |
|-----------|--------|----------------------------------|
| • $\$)T'$ | $) \$$ | $T' \rightarrow \varepsilon$ (6) |
| • $\$)$   | $) \$$ |                                  |
| • $\$$    | $\$$   |                                  |
- Draw derivation tree for (a, a)

## Show that the grammar is LL(1) using definition

$$S \rightarrow a \mid \wedge \mid (T)$$

Rule 1 from definition fulfilled (each symbol is different)

$$T \rightarrow S T'$$

only one production, nothing to check

$$T' \rightarrow , S T \mid \varepsilon$$

Only **one** of  **$\alpha$**  and  **$\beta$**  can derive the empty string.

If  **$\beta \Rightarrow^* \varepsilon$**  then  **$\alpha$**  does not derive any strings  
beginning with a **terminal in  $\text{Follow}_1(T') = \{ \}$** . fulfilled



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