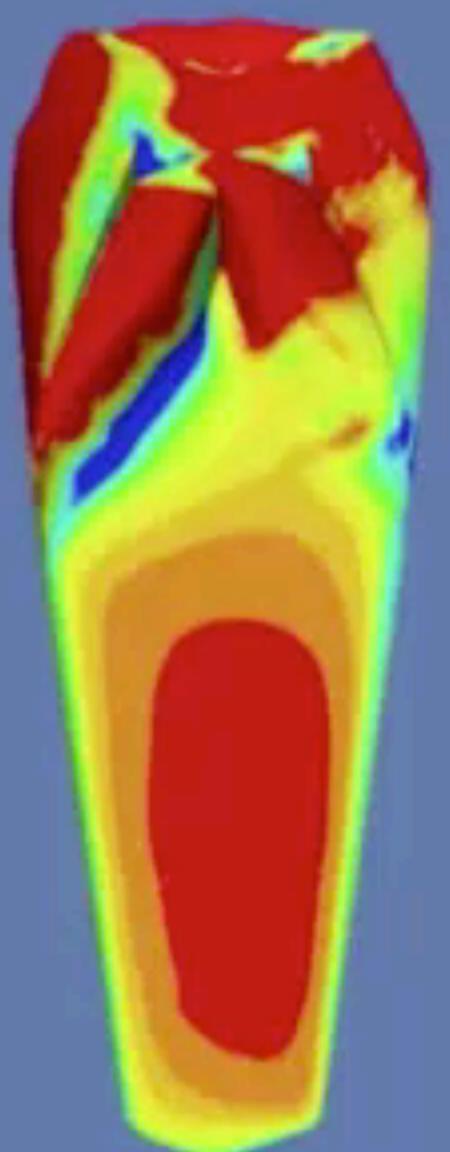
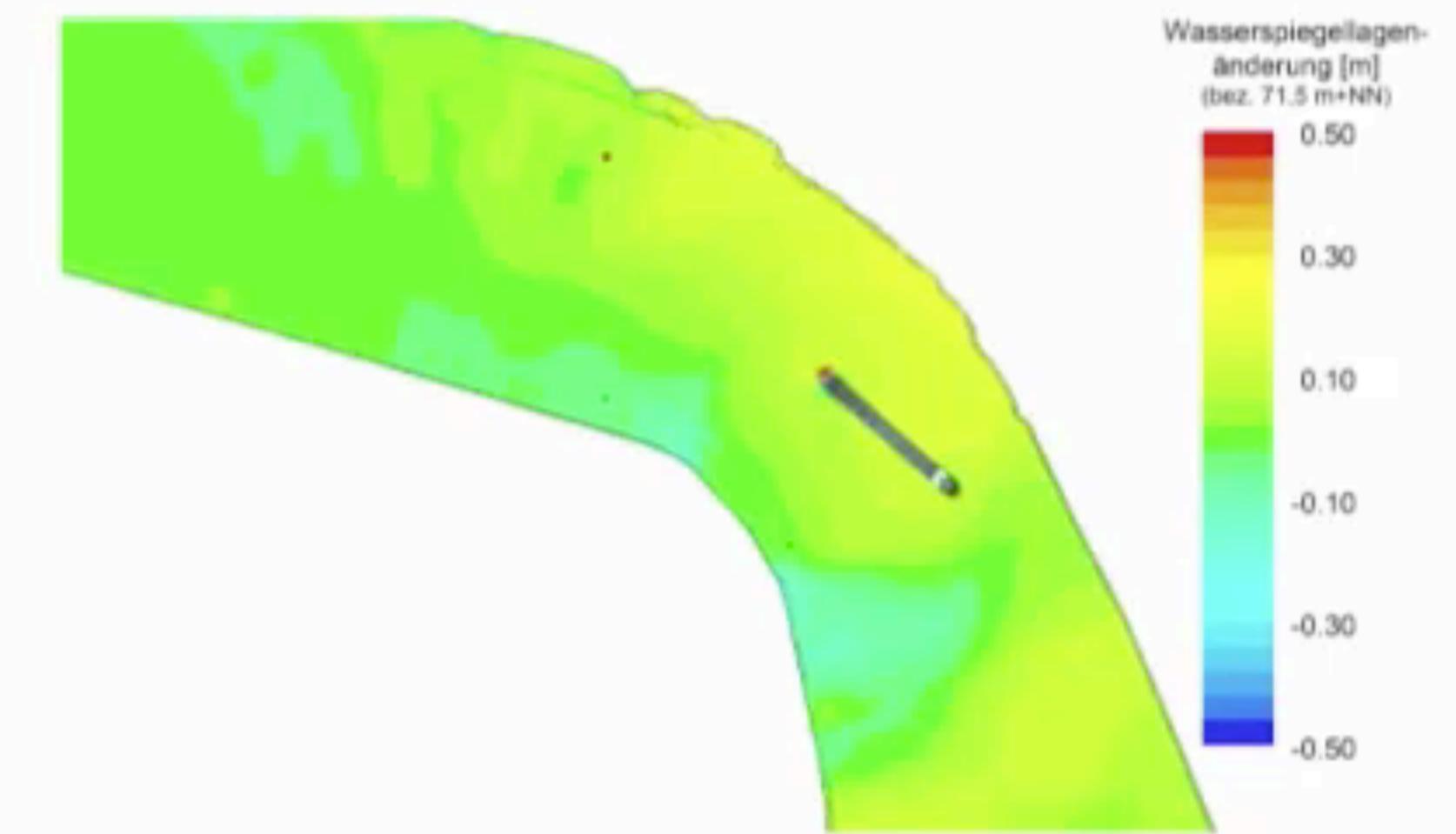




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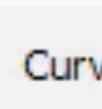
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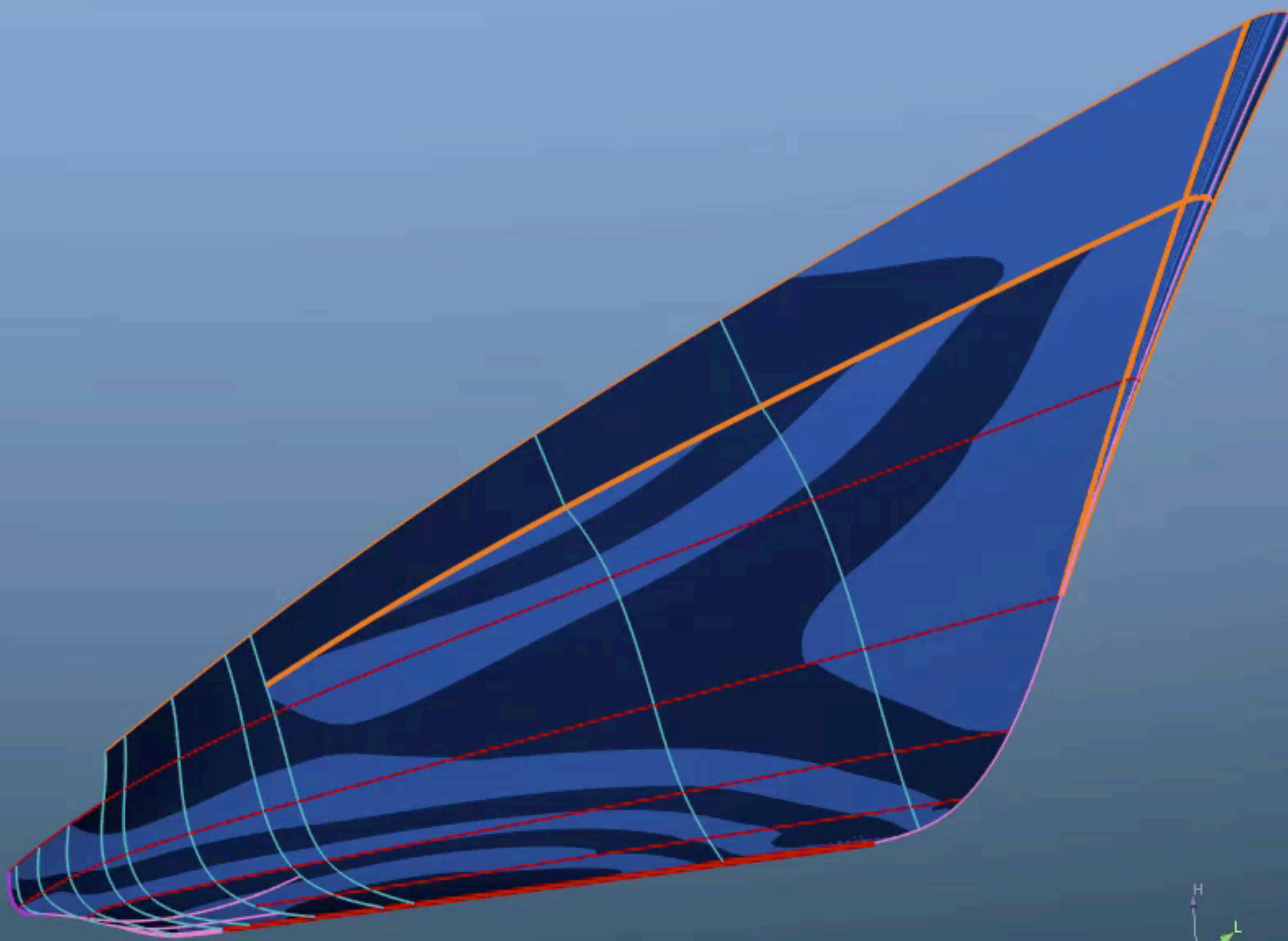
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# Extended Pascal

- Fast compilation
- Fast code
- Small language
- ANSI/ISO standard



- Nested functions
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# Pegged Tutorial

The following pages will show you how to use Pegged to create grammars and parse inputs with them.

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# Grammar

**ISO/IEC 10206:1990(E)**

## **6.9.3.4 If-statements**

if-statement = ‘if’ Boolean-expression ‘then’ statement [ else-part ] .

else-part = ‘else’ statement .

```
# 6.9.3.4 If-statements
IfStatement <- 'if' BooleanExpression 'then' Statement ( ElsePart )?
ElsePart    <- 'else' Statement
```

```
import pegged.grammar;

mixin(grammar(`

Arithmetic:
    Term      < Factor (Add / Sub)*
    Add       < "+" Factor
    Sub       < "-" Factor
    Factor    < Primary (Mul / Div)*
    Mul       < "*" Primary
    Div       < "/" Primary
    Primary   < Parens / Neg / Number / Variable
    Parens    < :"(" Term :)"
    Neg        < "-" Primary
    Number    < ~([0-9]+)
    Variable  <- identifier
`));

void main()
{
    enum parseTree = Arithmetic("1 + 2 - (3 * 2 - 5) * 6");
    import std.stdio;
    writeln(parseTree);
}
```

```
$ rdmd -I../../.. arithmetic.d
Arithmetic [0, 23]["1", "+", "2", "-", "3", "*", "2", "-", "5", "*", "6"]
+-Arithmetic.Term [0, 23]["1", "+", "2", "-", "3", "*", "2", "-", "5", "*", "6"]
  +-Arithmetic.Factor [0, 2]["1"]
    | +-Arithmetic.Primary [0, 2]["1"]
      | +-Arithmetic.Number [0, 2]["1"]
    +-Arithmetic.Add [2, 6]["+", "2"]
      | +-Arithmetic.Factor [4, 6]["2"]
        | +-Arithmetic.Primary [4, 6]["2"]
          | +-Arithmetic.Number [4, 6]["2"]
    +-Arithmetic.Sub [6, 23]["-", "3", "*", "2", "-", "5", "*", "6"]
      +-Arithmetic.Factor [8, 23]["3", "*", "2", "-", "5", "*", "6"]
        +-Arithmetic.Primary [8, 20]["3", "*", "2", "-", "5"]
      | +-Arithmetic.Parens [8, 20]["3", "*", "2", "-", "5"]
        | +-Arithmetic.Term [9, 18]["3", "*", "2", "-", "5"]
          | +-Arithmetic.Factor [9, 15]["3", "*", "2"]
            | | +-Arithmetic.Primary [9, 11]["3"]
              | | | +-Arithmetic.Number [9, 11]["3"]
            | | +-Arithmetic.Mul [11, 15]["*", "2"]
              | | | +-Arithmetic.Primary [13, 15]["2"]
                | | | | +-Arithmetic.Number [13, 15]["2"]
            | | +-Arithmetic.Sub [15, 18]["-", "5"]
              | | | +-Arithmetic.Factor [17, 18]["5"]
                | | | | +-Arithmetic.Primary [17, 18]["5"]
                | | | | +-Arithmetic.Number [17, 18]["5"]
      +-Arithmetic.Mul [20, 23]["*", "6"]
        +-Arithmetic.Primary [22, 23]["6"]
          +-Arithmetic.Number [22, 23]["6"]
```

```

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    Parens   < :"(" Term :)"
    Neg      < "_" Primary
    Number   < ~([0-9]+)
    Variable <- identifier
`));
void main()
{
    enum parseTree = Arithmetic("1 + 2 - (3 * 2 - 5) * 6");

    float value(ParseTree p)
    {
        switch (p.name)
        {
            case "Arithmetic", "Arithmetic.Primary", "Arithmetic.Parens", "Arithmetic.Add", "Arithmetic.Mul":
                return value(p.children[0]);
            case "Arithmetic.Sub", "Arithmetic.Neg":
                return -value(p.children[0]);
            case "Arithmetic.Div":
                return 1.0/value(p.children[0]);
            case "Arithmetic.Term":
                float v = 0.0;
                foreach(child; p.children) v += value(child);
                return v;
            case "Arithmetic.Factor":
                float v = 1.0;
                foreach(child; p.children) v *= value(child);
                return v;
            case "Arithmetic.Number":
                import std.conv: to;
                return to!float(p.matches[0]);
            default:
                return float.nan;
        }
    }
    import std.stdio;
    enum answer = value(parseTree)
    writeln(answer);
}

```

```

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                return v;
            case "Arithmetic.Number":
                import std.conv: to;
                return to!float(p.matches[0]);
            default:
                return float.nan;
        }
    }

    import std.stdio;
    enum answer = value(parseTree)
    writeln(answer);
}

```

\$ rdmd -I../../ arithmetic.d  
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Rule → D

A ← B C D+ E?

```
import pegged.peg; // Predefined parser combinators

ParseTree A(ParseTree p)
{
    return and!(B, C, oneOrMore!(D), option!(E))(p);
}
```

# PEG

- **Bryan Ford**, *Parsing Expression Grammars: A Recognition-Based Syntactic Foundation*, Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages, 2004
- Top-down recursive descent
- Prioritised choice
- Greedy \* and + ( $A^*$  A never succeeds)
- Linear-time (through memoization)

# PEG formally describing its own syntax:

```
Grammar      <- Spacing Definition+ EndOfFile
Definition    <- Identifier LEFTARROW Expression
Expression    <- Sequence (SLASH Sequence)*
Sequence      <- Prefix+
Prefix        <- (AND / NOT)? Suffix
Suffix        <- Primary ( QUESTION / STAR / PLUS )?
Primary       <- Identifier !LEFTARROW / OPEN Expression CLOSE / Literal / Class / DOT
Identifier    <- IdentStart IdentCont* Spacing
IdentStart    <- [a-zA-Z_]
IdenCont     <- IdenStart / [0-9]
Literal       <- '[' (!['] Char)* ']' Spacing
              / '[' (!["] Char)* '"' Spacing
Class         <- '[' ('!') Range)* ']' Spacing
Range         <- Char '-' Char / Char
Char          <- '\\\\' [nrt'"\\[\\]\\\\']
              / '\\\\' [0-2][0-7][0-7]
              / '\\\\' [0-7][0-7]?
              / '!\\\\' .
# Terminals
LEFTARROW    <- "<-" Spacing
SLASH        <- '/' Spacing
AND          <- '&'amp; Spacing
NOT          <- '!' Spacing
QUESTION     <- '?' Spacing
STAR          <- '*' Spacing
PLUS          <- '+' Spacing
OPEN          <- '(' Spacing
CLOSE         <- ')' Spacing
DOT           <- '.' Spacing
# Blanks
Spacing      <- (Space / Comment)*
Comment      <- "#" (!EOL .)* (EOL/EOI)
Space        <- ' ' / '\t' EndOfLine
EndOfLine    <- '\r\n' / '\n' / '\r'
EndOfFile    <- !.
```

# Bootstrapping:

1. Want a parser for PEG
2. Write a D implementation for each rule using parser combinators
3. Use this to generate a parse tree
4. Write an evaluator that converts the parse tree into a set of parsers (automating 2)

# Ordinary recursion

Parse strings like "n", "n+n", "n+n+n", etc.

R <- "n+" R / "n"

```
import pegged.peg;

ParseTree R(ParseTree p)
{
    return or!(and!(literal!("n+"), R), literal!("n"))(p);
}

void main()
{
    import std.stdio;
    ParseTree p = { input : "n+n" };
    auto result = R(p);
    writeln(result);
}
```

```
$ rdmd -I../../../../../libpegged.a recursion.d
or!(and!(literal, R), literal!("n")) [0, 3]["n+", "n"]
+-and!(literal, R) [0, 3]["n+", "n"]
  +-literal!("n+") [0, 2]["n+"]
  +-or!(and!(literal, R), literal!("n")) [2, 3]["n"]
    +-literal!("n") [2, 3]["n"]
```



# Left-recursion

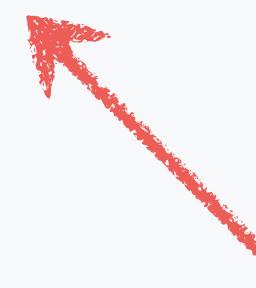
Parse strings like “n”, “n+n”, “n+n+n”, etc.

R <- R "+n" / "n"

```
import pegged.peg;

ParseTree R(ParseTree p)
{
    return or!(and!(R, literal!("+n")), literal!("n"))(p);
}

void main()
{
    import std.stdio;
    ParseTree p = { input : "n+n" };
    auto result = R(p);
    writeln(result);
}
```



```
$ rdmd -I../../../../../libpegged.a left_recursion_naive.d
Segmentation fault: 11
```

# Left-recursion

```
R <- R "+n" / "n"
```

direct left-recursion

```
R <- S? R "+n" / "n"
```

hidden left-recursion

```
R <- S R "+n" / "n"  
S <- A B C / D*
```

```
R <- T "+n" / "n"  
T <- G H / J  
J <- K / R L
```

indirect left-recursion

```
R <- T <- J <- R
```

```
R <- S T "+n" / "n"  
S <- A B C / D*  
T <- G H / J  
J <- K / R L
```

hidden indirect left-recursion

```
R <- T <- J <- R
```

# Left-recursion

input: **nlm-n+(aaa)n**

```
E <- F 'n' / 'n'  
F <- E '+' I* / G '-'  
G <- H 'm' / E  
H <- G 'l'  
I <- '(' A+ ')'  
A <- 'a'
```

interlocking cycles

E <- F <- E

G <- H <- G

E <- F <- G <- E

input: **x(n)(n).x(n).x**

```
L <- P '.x' / 'x'  
P <- P '(n)' / L
```

mutual left-recursion

L <- P <- L

P <- P

# The Cure

- **Sergio Medeiros** et al., *Left Recursion in Parsing Expression Grammars*, Programming Languages, Volume 7554 of the series Lecture Notes in Computer Science pp 27-41, 2012.
- **Nicolas Laurent, Kim Mens**, *Parsing Expression Grammars Made Practical*, Proceedings of the 2015 ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Software Language Engineering, pp 167-172.

Bounded left-recursion:

1. A way to control recursion step by step
2. A condition for when to stop recursion

# Stopping condition

Parse strings like “n”, “n+n”, “n+n+n”, etc.

$R_i \leftarrow R_{i-1} " + n " / " n "$

$R_{-1} \leftarrow fail$

$R_0 \leftarrow R_{-1} " + n " / " n "$



$R_0 \leftarrow " n "$

$R_1 \leftarrow R_0 " + n " / " n "$



$R_1 \leftarrow " n " " + n " / " n "$

$R_2 \leftarrow R_1 " + n " / " n "$



$R_2 \leftarrow (" n " " + n " / " n ") " + n " / " n "$

**Recursion should stop  
when the length of the match stops to grow**

# Recursion control

Parse strings like “n”, “n+n”, “n+n+n”, etc.

```
// R <- R "+n" / "n"
ParseTree R(ParseTree p)
{
    static ParseTree prev = none;                                // No recursion has happened.
    if (prev != none)                                         // We are recursing. Don't evaluate R anew
        return prev;                                           //      return the memoized result instead.
    ParseTree current = fail;                                    // R_{-1}.
    prev = current;                                           // Stop on next recursive call.
    while (true)                                              // Controlled loop, try R with increased
    {                                                       //      recursion bound.
        ParseTree result = or!(and!(R, literal!("+n")), literal!("n"))(p);
        if (result.length > current.length) // The match length is growing, continue.
        {
            prev = result;                                     // Memoize R_{n-1} for when we recurse.
            current = result;
        }
        else                                                 // Optimum bound exceeded, current is
        {                                                       //      the best match.
            prev = none;                                      // Clean up.
            return current;                                   // Done.
        }
    }
}
```

# Recursion control

Parse strings like “n”, “n+n”, “n+n+n”, etc.

```
// R <- R "+n" / "n"
ParseTree R(ParseTree p)
{
    static ParseTree[size_t /*position*/] prev;
    if (auto s = p.end in prev)                      // We are recursing. Don't evaluate R anew
        return *s;                                    //      return the memoized result instead.
    ParseTree current = fail(p);                     // R_{-1}.
    prev[p.end] = current;                           // Stop on next recursive call.
    while (true)                                     // Controlled loop, try R with increased
    {                                                 //      recursion bound.
        ParseTree result = or!(and!(R, literal!("+n")), literal!("n"))(p);
        if (result.end > current.end)                // The match length is growing, continue.
        {
            prev[p.end] = result;                   // Memoize R_{n-1} for when we recurse.
            current = result;
        }
        else                                         // Optimum bound exceeded, current is
        {                                             //      the best match.
            prev.remove(p.end);                     // Clean up.
            return current;                        // Done.
        }
    }
}
```

```

import pegged.peg;

ParseTree R(ParseTree p)
{
    static ParseTree[size_t /*position*/] prev;
    if (auto s = p.end in prev)                                // We are recursing. Don't evaluate R anew
        return *s;                                              //      return the memoized result instead.
    ParseTree current = fail(p);                               // R_{-1}.
    prev[p.end] = current;                                     // Stop on next recursive call.
    while (true)                                               // Controlled loop, try R with increased
    {                                                          //      recursion bound.
        ParseTree result = or!(and!(R, literal!("+n")), literal!("n"))(p);
        if (result.end > current.end)                          // The match length is growing, continue.
        {
            prev[p.end] = result;                            // Memoize R_{n-1} for when we recurse.
            current = result;
        }
        else                                                 // Optimum bound exceeded, current is
        {                                                     //      the best match.
            prev.remove(p.end);                           // Clean up.
            return current;                             // Done.
        }
    }
}

void main()
{
    import std.stdio;
    ParseTree p = { input : "n+n" };
    auto result = R(p);
    writeln(result);
}

```

```

import pegged.peg;

ParseTree R(ParseTree p)
{
    static ParseTree[size_t /*position*/] prev;
    if (auto s = p.end in prev)                                // We are recursing. Don't evaluate R anew
        return *s;                                              //      return the memoized result instead.
    ParseTree current = fail(p);                               // R_{-1}.
    prev[p.end] = current;                                     // Stop on next recursive call.
    while (true)                                               // Controlled loop, try R with increased
    {                                                         //      recursion bound.
        Par $ rdmd -I../../libpegged.a left_recursion_proper.d
        if or!(and!(R, literal), literal!("n")) [0, 3]["n", "+n"]
        {                                                 continue.
            +-and!(R, literal) [0, 3]["n", "+n"]
            +-or!(and!(R, literal), literal!("n")) [0, 1]["n"]
            |  +-literal!("n") [0, 1]["n"]
            +-literal!("+n") [1, 3]["+n"]
        }                                                 ecuse.
        else                                              nt is
        {                                                 the best match.
            prev.remove(p.end);                           // Clean up.
            return current;                            // Done.
        }
    }
}

void main()
{
    import std.stdio;
    ParseTree p = { input : "n+n" };
    auto result = R(p);
    writeln(result);
}

```

```

import pegged.peg;

ParseTree R(ParseTree p)
{
    static ParseTree[size_t /*position*/] prev;
    if (auto s = p.end in prev)                                // We are recursing. Don't evaluate R anew
        return *s;                                            //      return the memoized result instead.
    ParseTree current = fail(p);                               // R_{-1}.
    prev[p.end] = current;                                     // Stop on next recursive call.
    while (true)                                              // Controlled loop, try R with increased
    {                                                         //      recursion bound.
        ParseTree $ rdmd -I../../libpegged.a left_recursion_proper.d
        if or!(and!(R, literal), literal!("n")) [0, 3]["n", "+n"]
        {
            +-and!(R, literal) [0, 3]["n", "+n"]
            +-or!(and!(R, literal), literal!("n")) [0, 1]["n"]
            | +-literal!("n") [0, 1]["n"]
            +-literal!("+n") [1, 3]["+n"]
        }
        else
        {
            $ rdmd -I../../libpegged.a recursion.d
            or!(and!(literal, R), literal!("n")) [0, 3]["n+", "n"]
            +-and!(literal, R) [0, 3]["n+", "n"]
            +-literal!("n+") [0, 2]["n+"]
            +-or!(and!(literal, R), literal!("n")) [2, 3]["n"]
            +-literal!("n") [2, 3]["n"]
        }
    void main()
    {
        import std.stdio;
        ParseTree p = { input : "n+n" };
        auto result = R(p);
        writeln(result);
    }
}

```

continue.

recurse.

nt is

// the best match.

# Generic solution: Cures all kinds of left-recursion

1. Analysis: identify left-recursive cycles
2. Instrument one rule in every cycle
3. Pause memoization while in left-recursion

Fully automatic

# Generic solution: Cures all kinds of left-recursion

```
/** Left-recursive cycles:  
ComponentVariable <- IndexedVariable <- ArrayVariable <- VariableAccess  
VariableAccess <- IdentifiedVariable <- PointerVariable  
VariableAccess <- BufferVariable <- FileVariable  
VariableAccess <- SubstringVariable <- StringVariable  
FunctionAccess <- ComponentFunctionAccess <- IndexedFunctionAccess <- ArrayFunction  
FunctionAccess <- ComponentFunctionAccess <- RecordFunctionAccess <- RecordFunction  
FunctionAccess <- SubstringFunctionAccess <- StringFunction  
ComponentVariable <- IndexedVariable <- StringVariable <- VariableAccess  
ComponentVariable <- FieldDesignator <- RecordVariable <- VariableAccess  
ConstantAccess <- ConstantAccessComponent <- IndexedConstant <- ArrayConstant  
ConstantAccess <- ConstantAccessComponent <- IndexedConstant <- StringConstant  
ConstantAccess <- ConstantAccessComponent <- FieldDesignatedConstant <- RecordConstant  
ConstantAccess <- ConstantAccessComponent <- SubstringConstant <- StringConstant  
*/
```

Fully automatic

# Other PRs

- Interactive HTML5 output for large parse trees
- Case-insensitive matching of literals
- --config=tracer (using std.experimental.logger)
- longestOr (!=PEG)
- Pegged/pegged/examples/extended\_pascal

# Status

- Constructs parse trees for large EP files
- Include comments and white space
- No symbol table
- No focus on speed

# Next

- Verify that EP language constructs have proper D equivalents
- Implement translation

# Summary

- Ways in which D appeals to engineers
- Magic of Pegged
- Left-recursion explained
- Left-recursion cured
- Parsing Extended Pascal successfully
- Prospects are good