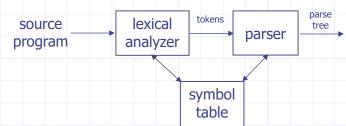


# Chapter 3: Lexical Analysis

# **Lexical Analysis**

- The role of the lexical analyzer
  - To read the input characters
  - To produce a sequence of tokens



- Reasons to separate lexical analysis
  - Simpler design is the most import consideration
  - Compiler efficiency is improved
  - Compiler portability is enhanced

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#### Tokens, Patterns, and Lexemes

- Tokens
  - The terminal symbols in the grammar
- Patterns
  - Rule describing the set of strings that correspond to the same token
- Lexeme
  - A sequence of characters matched by a pattern

Token	Sample Lexemes	Informal Description of Pattern
const	const	const
if	if	if
relop	<, <=, =, <>, >, >=	< or <= or = or <> or > or >=
id	pi, count, D2	letter followed by letters and digits
num	0, 3.14, 6.02E23	any number constant

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# **Operations on Languages**

- ♦ Union of L and M, written as  $L \cup M$  $L \cup M = \{s \mid s \in L \lor s \in M\}$
- ♦ Concatenation of L and M, written as LM  $LM = \{st \mid s \in L \land t \in M\}$
- ◆ Kleene closure of L, written as L\*
  - denotes "zero or more concatenations of L

$$L^* = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} L^i$$

 $\bullet$  Positive closure of L, written as L<sup>+</sup>

$$L^{+} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} L^{i}$$

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# **Operations on Languages**

Example

Let  $L = \{A, B, ..., Z, a, b, ..., z\}$  and  $D = \{0, 1, 2, ..., 9\}$ 

- $\blacksquare L \cup D$ 
  - the set of letters and digits
- LD
  - the set of strings consists of a letter followed by a digit
- **1**4
  - the set of all four-letter strings
- L\*
  - the set of all strings of letters, including €
- $L(L \cup D)^*$ 
  - the set of all strings of letters and digits beginning with a letter

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# Regular Expressions

- $\bullet$  Each regular expression r denotes a language L(r)
- Rules to define the regular expressions over Σ
  - e is regular expression that denotes {e}
  - If a is a symbol in Σ, then a is a regular expression that denote {a}
  - Suppose *r* and *s* are regular expressions, then
    - (r)|(s) is a regular expression denoting  $L(r) \cup L(s)$
    - (r)(s) is a regular expression denoting L(r)L(s)
    - $(r)^*$  is a regular expression denoting  $(L(r))^*$
    - $(r)^+$  is a regular expression denoting  $(L(r))^+$
  - If two regular expressions r and s denote the same language, we say r and s are equivalent and write

$$r = s$$

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### Regular Expressions

- Example: let Σ= {a, b}
  - The regular expression *a* | *b* denotes {a, b}
  - (a|b)(a|b) denotes {aa, ab, ba, bb}
    - i.e. the set of all 2-letter strings of a's and b's
    - Another form is aa | ab | ba | bb
  - a\* denotes the set of all strings of a's
    - i.e. {€, a, aa, aaa, ...}
  - $(a \mid b)^*$  denotes the set of all strings of a's and b's
    - Another form is (a\*b\*)\*
  - a | a\*b denotes the set containing the string a and all strings consisting of zero or more a's and followed by b's

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#### Precedence

- Unnecessary parentheses can be avoided in regular expressions if
  - The unary operator \* has the highest precedence and is left associative
  - Concatenation has the second highest precedence and is left associative
  - | has the lowest precedence and is left associate
  - Example
    - $(a)|((b)*(c)) \equiv a | b*c$

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#### Algebraic Properties of Regular Expressions

Some algebraic laws that hold for regular expressions r, s, and t

Axiom	Description
r s = s r	is commutative
r (s t) = (r s) t	is associative
(rs)t = r(st)	concatenation is associative
r(s t) = rs rt (s t)r = sr tr	concatenation distributes over
€r = r r∈ = r	€ is the identity element of concatenation
r* = (r ⊖)*	relationship between * and €
r** = r*	* is idempotent

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# Regular Definitions

- For notational convenience, we may wish to give names to regular expressions
  - To define regular expressions using these names as if they were symbols
  - If Σ is an alphabet, then a regular definition is a sequence of definitions of the form

$$d_1 \rightarrow r_1$$

$$d_2 \rightarrow r_2$$

...

$$d_{\rm n} \rightarrow r_{\rm n}$$

where each  $r_i$  is a regular expression over the symbols in  $\Sigma \cup \{r_1, r_2, ..., r_{i-1}\}$ 

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### **Regular Definitions**

- Notational Shorthands
  - +: one or more instance
  - ?: zero or one instance
  - [abc]: character classes, i.e. ≡ a|b|c
- Example

```
digit \rightarrow 0 \mid 1 \mid ... \mid 9
letter \rightarrow [A-Za-z]
id \rightarrow letter (letter \mid digit)*
digits \rightarrow digit+
optional\_fraction \rightarrow (. digits)?
optional\_exp \rightarrow (E(+ \mid -)? digits)?
num \rightarrow digits optional\_fraction optional\_exp
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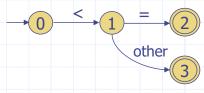
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# Recognition of Tokens

- State transition diagrams
  - depicts the actions that take place when a lexical analyzer is called by the parser to get the next token
  - States
    - Positions in a transition diagram
      - drawn as circles
    - States are connected by arrows, call edges
    - Start state
      - the initial state of the transition diagram

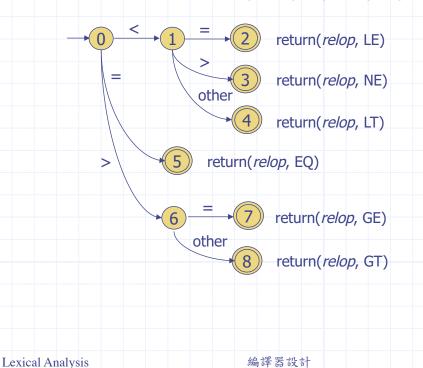


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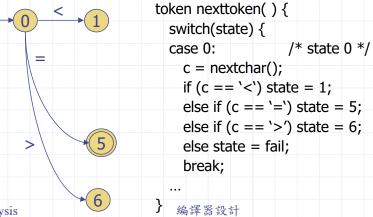
# Recognition of Tokens





# Implementing a Transition Diagram

- A transition diagram can be converted into a program
  - Each state gets a segment of code
    - If there are edges leaving a state, then its code reads a character and selects an edge to follow
      - If there is an edge labeled by the character read, then control is transferred
      - If there is no such edge, then fail

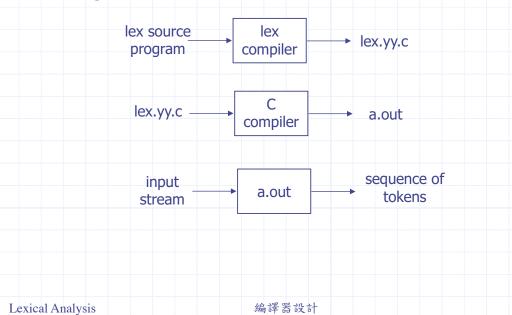


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### Implementing a Transition Diagram

- Several tools have built for constructing lexical analyzer from regular expressions
  - e.g. lex



#### Finite Automata

- We compile a regular expression into a lexical analyzer by constructing a generalized transition diagram called a finite automaton
  - $M = \{S, \Sigma, \delta, s_0, F\}$ 
    - S: a finite, nonempty set of states
    - $\Sigma$ : an alphabet
    - $\delta$  : mapping  $S \times \Sigma \rightarrow S$
    - s<sub>0</sub>: start state
    - F: the set of accepting (or final) states
  - A finite automaton is called a deterministic finite automaton (DFA) if
    - No state has an ∈-transition, and
    - For each state s and input symbol a, there is at most one edge labeled a leaving s

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#### Simulating a DFA

- Input
  - An input string x terminated by an eof
  - A DFA  $D = \{S, \Sigma, \delta, s_0, F\}$
- Output
  - "yes" if D accepts x; "no" otherwise
- Method

$$s = s_0$$

c = nextchar();

while c ≠ eof do

s = moveto(s, c);

c = nextchar();

end

if s is in F then return "yes"

else return "no"

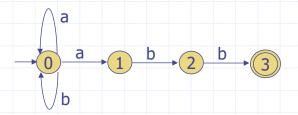
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# Nondeterministic Finite Automata (NFA)

- $\bullet$   $M = \{S, \Sigma, \delta, s_0, F\}$ 
  - S: a finite, nonempty set of states
  - $\bullet$   $\Sigma$ : an *alphabet*
  - $\delta$ : mapping  $S \times \Sigma \rightarrow 2^S$
  - *s*<sub>0</sub>: start state
  - F: the set of accepting (or final) states



$$\delta$$
 (0 , a) = {0, 1}  
 $\delta$  (0 , b) = {0}  
 $\delta$  (1, b) = {2}  
 $\delta$  (2, b) = {3}

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# Simulating an NFA

- Input
  - An input string x terminated by an eof
  - A NFA N
- Output
  - "yes" if N accepts x; "no" otherwise
- Method

```
S = \varepsilon-closure(s<sub>0</sub>)

c = \text{nextchar};

while c \neq \text{eof do}

S = \varepsilon-closure(moveto(S, c));

c = \text{nextchar}();

end

if S \cap F \neq \psi then return "yes"

else return "no"
```

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# Operations on NFA States

- ◆ e-closure(s)
  - ullet Set of NFA states reachable from state s on  $\varepsilon$ -transitions only
- ◆ e-closure(T)

```
push all states in T onto stack initialize \epsilon-closure(T) to T while stack is not empty do pop t, the top element, off the stack for each state u with an edge from t to u labeled \epsilon do
```

if u is not in  $\varepsilon$ -closure(T) then

add u to e-closure(T)

push u onto stack

end if

end

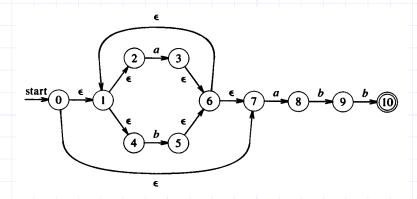
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# **Operations on NFA States**

- moveto(T, a)
  - Set of NFA states to which there is a transition on input symbol a from some NFA state s in T
- Example: NFA for (a|b)\*abb
  - $\epsilon$ -closure(0) = {0, 1, 2, 4, 7}  $\equiv$  A
  - $moveto(A, a) = \epsilon closure(\{3, 8\}) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8\} \equiv B$



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#### Constructing a DFA from an NFA

- Algorithm (Subset construction)
  - Input. An NFA N
  - Output. A DFA D accepting the same language
  - Method. Constructs a transition table Dtran for D

initially,  $\varepsilon$ -closure( $s_0$ ) is the only state in *Dstates* and unmarked while there is an unmarked state T in *Dstates* do

mark T

for each input symbol a do

 $U = \epsilon$ -closure(moveto(T, a))

if *U* is not in *Dstates* then

add U to as an unmarked state to Dstates

Dtran[T, a] = U

end

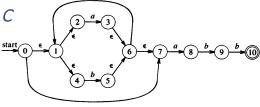
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#### Constructing a DFA from an NFA

- Example: NFA for (a|b)\*abb
  - $\epsilon$ -*closure*(0) = {0, 1, 2, 4, 7}  $\equiv A$
  - $moveto(A, a) = \epsilon closure(\{3, 8\}) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8\} \equiv B$
  - $moveto(A, b) = \epsilon closure(\{5\}) = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7\} \equiv C$
  - $moveto(B, a) = e-closure(\{3, 8\}) = B$
  - $moveto(B, b) = \epsilon closure(\{5, 9\}) = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9\} \equiv D$
  - $moveto(C, a) = \varepsilon$ - $closure(\{3, 8\}) = B$
  - $moveto(C, b) = \epsilon closure(\{5\}) = C$
  - $moveto(D, a) = \varepsilon$ - $closure(\{3, 8\}) = B$
  - $moveto(D, b) = \epsilon closure(\{5, 10\}) = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10\} \equiv E$
  - $moveto(E, a) = \varepsilon$ - $closure(\{3, 8\}) = B$
  - $moveto(E, b) = \varepsilon$ - $closure(\{5\}) = C$



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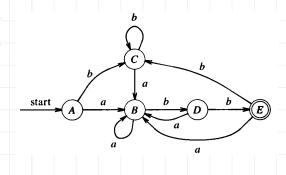
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# Constructing a DFA from an NFA

Example: NFA for (a|b)\*abb

State	Input Symbol	
State	а	b
Α	В	С
В	В	D
С	В	С
D	В	Е
E	В	С

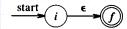


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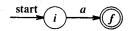
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#### Constructing NFA from Regular Expression

- Algorithm (Thompson's construction)
  - Input. A regular expression r over Σ
  - Output. An NFA N accepting L(r)
  - Method.
    - For e, construct the NFA



- This NFA recognizes {e}
- For a in Σ, construct the NFA



■ This NFA recognizes {a}

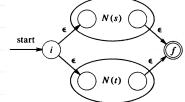
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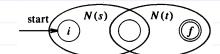
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#### Constructing NFA from Regular Expression

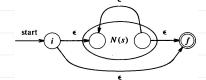
- Suppose N(s) and N(t) are NFA's for regular expressions s and t
  - For the regular expression  $s \mid t$ 
    - $\blacksquare$  This NFA recognizes  $L(s) \cup L(t)$



- For the regular expression *st* 
  - This NFA recognizes L(s)L(t)



- For the regular expression s\*
  - This NFA recognizes L(s)\*

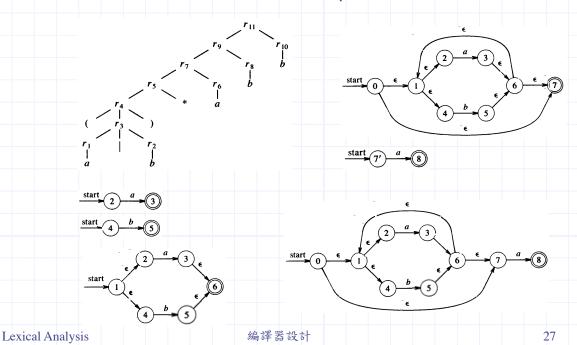


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#### Constructing NFA from Regular Expression

- ♦ Example: r = (a|b)\*abb
  - Parse r into its constituent subexpressions



#### Constructing NFA from Regular Expression

- The construction produces an NFA N(r) with the following properties
  - N(r) has at most twice as many as states as the number of symbols and operators in r
    - Each step creates at most two new states
  - N(r) has exactly one start state and one accepting state
    - The accepting state has no outgoing transitions
  - Each state of N(r) has either one outgoing transition on a symbol in  $\Sigma$  or at most two outgoing  $\varepsilon$ -transitions

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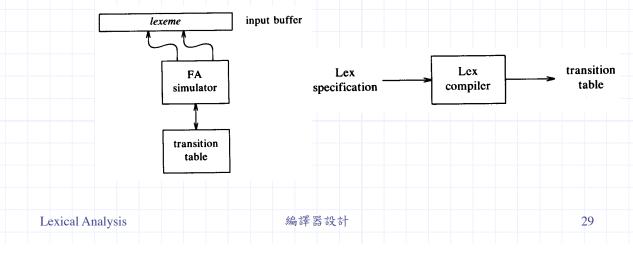
### Design of a Lexical Analyzer Generator

Assuming a specification of a lexical analyzer

 $p_1$  {  $action_1$  }  $p_2$  {  $action_2$  }

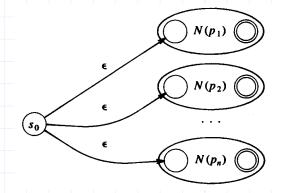
 $p_n = \{ action_n \}$ 

A finite automaton is a natural model



### Design of a Lexical Analyzer Generator

- Pattern matching based on NFA's
  - To construct the transition table of a NFA N for the pattern  $p_1 \mid p_2 \mid ... \mid p_n$



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# Minimizing the Number of States

- An important theoretical result
  - Every regular set is recognized by a minimum-state DFA that is unique up to state names
- String w distinguishes state s from state t if
  - By starting with the DFA M in state s and feeding it input w, we end up in an accepting state, but
  - By starting in state t and feeding it input w, we end up in a nonaccepting state, or vice versa
  - e.g. © distinguishes any accepting state from any nonaccepting state
- DFA states can be minimized by finding all groups of states that can be distinguished by some input string
  - Each group of states that cannot be distinguished by some input staring is then merged into single state

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# Minimizing the Number of States

- Algorithm
  - Construct an initial partition  $\Pi = \{F, S F\}$
  - Construct a new partition:

for each group  $G \in \Pi$  do partition G into subgroups such that two states s and  $t \in G$  are in the same subgroup iff for all input symbol a, s and t have transitions on a to states in the same group in  $\Pi$  replace G in  $\Pi_{\text{new}}$  by the set of subgroups formed end

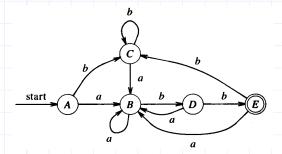
- If  $\Pi_{\text{new}} \neq \Pi$ , then let  $\Pi = \Pi_{\text{new}}$  Repeat.
- Choose one state in each group as the representative
  - Update the transitions

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# Minimizing the Number of States

#### Example

- Initially, Π = {(ABCD), (E)}
  - (ABCD)  $\Rightarrow$  (ABC)(D)
- $\Pi = \{(ABC), (D), (E)\}$ • (ABC)  $\Rightarrow$  (AC)(B)
- $\Pi = \{(AC), (B), (D), (E)\}$



State	Input Symbol	
State	а	b
A (0)	В	А
B (1)	В	D
D (2)	В	E
E (3)	В	А

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### **Building Regular Grammar from NFA**

- Input. An NFA N
- ◆ Output. A regular grammar r. N accepts L(r)
- Method
  - For each state i of N, create a nonterminal symbol A,
  - If state i goes to state i on symbol a, introduce the production  $A_i \rightarrow aA_i$
  - If state *i* goes to state *j* on symbol ∈, introduce the production  $A_i \rightarrow A_i$
  - If state i is a final state, introduce the production  $A_i \rightarrow \epsilon$
  - If state i is the start state, make  $A_i$  be the start symbol

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### **Building Regular Grammar from NFA**

- Example
  - Nonterminal symbol:

$$A_0$$
,  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $A_3$ 

Productions

$$A_0 \rightarrow aA_0$$

$$A_0 \rightarrow bA_0$$

$$A_0 \rightarrow aA_1$$

$$A_1 \rightarrow bA_2$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow bA_3$$

$$A_3 \rightarrow \epsilon$$

■ Start symbol: *A*<sub>0</sub>

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#### Building NFA from Regular Grammar

- ♦ Input. A regular grammar G = (V<sub>N</sub>, V<sub>T</sub>, P, S)
- Output. An NFA  $N = (K, V_T, \delta, s_0, F)$  that accepts L(G)
- Method
  - $K = V_N \cup \{A\}$
  - If  $S \to e \in P$ ,  $F = \{S, A\}$

Otherwise,  $F = \{A\}$ 

■ If  $B \rightarrow a \in P$  then

$$A \in \delta(B, a)$$

• If  $B \rightarrow aC \in P$  then

$$C \in \delta(B, a)$$

■ For every  $a \in V_T$ 

$$\delta(A, a) = \emptyset$$

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