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# Syntax Analysis (Part 3)

CSE 415: Compiler Construction

# LL(1) Grammar Example

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- P1:  $S \rightarrow \text{if}(a) S \text{ else } S \mid \text{while}(a) S \mid \text{begin } SL \text{ end}$   
P2:  $SL \rightarrow S S'$   
P3:  $S' \rightarrow ; SL \mid \epsilon$
- $\{\text{if, while, begin, end, a, (, ), ;}\}$  are all terminal symbols
- Clearly, all alternatives of P1 start with distinct symbols and hence create no problem
- P2 has no choices
- Regarding P3,  $\text{dirstymb}(;SL) = \{;\}$ , and  $\text{dirstymb}(\epsilon) = \{\text{end}\}$ , and the two have no common symbols
- Hence the grammar is LL(1)

# LL(1) Table Construction Example 1

LL(1) Parsing Table for the original grammar

	if	id	else	a	\$
$S'$	$S' \rightarrow S\$$			$S' \rightarrow S\$$	
$S$	$S \rightarrow \text{if id } S$ $S \rightarrow \text{if id } S \text{ else } S$			$S \rightarrow a$	

Original Grammar

Grammar is not LL(1)

$S' \rightarrow S\$$   
 $S \rightarrow \text{if id } S \mid$   
 $\quad \text{if id } S \text{ else } S \mid$   
 $\quad a$

tokens: if, id, else, a

$\text{dirsyimb}(S\$) = \{\text{if}, a\}$ ;  $\text{dirsyimb}(a) = \{a\}$   
 $\text{dirsyimb}(\text{if id } S) = \{\text{if}\}$   
 $\text{dirsyimb}(\text{if id } S \text{ else } S) = \{\text{if}\}$

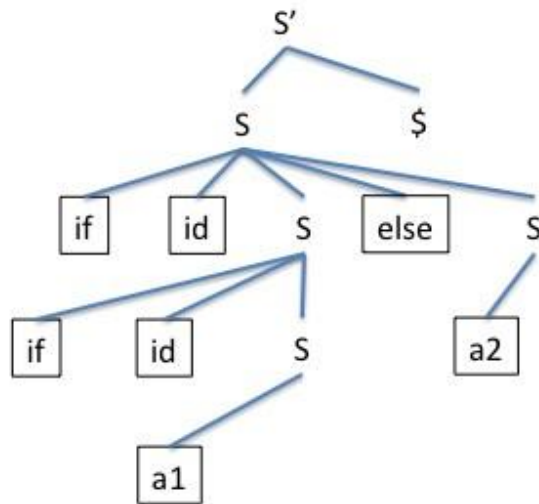
$$\text{dirsyimb}(\text{if id } S) \cap \text{dirsyimb}(a) = \emptyset$$

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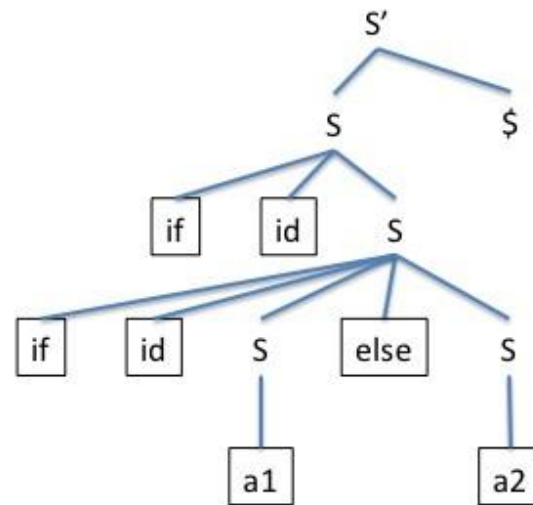
# LL(1) Table Construction Example 1

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string: if id ( if id a1) else a2

parentheses are not part of the string



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# LL(1) Table Construction Example 2

Original Grammar

$S' \rightarrow S\$$   
 $S \rightarrow \text{if id } S \mid$   
 $\quad \text{if id } S \text{ else } S \mid$   
 $\quad a$

LL(1) Parsing Table for modified grammar

	if	else	a	\$
$S'$	$S' \rightarrow S\$$		$S' \rightarrow S\$$	
$S$	$S \rightarrow \text{if id } S \text{ } S1$		$S \rightarrow a$	
$S1$		$S1 \rightarrow \epsilon$ $S1 \rightarrow \text{else } S$		$S1 \rightarrow \epsilon$

$\text{dirsymb}(S\$) = \{\text{if}, a\}$ ;  $\text{dirsymb}(a) = \{a\}$   
 $\text{dirsymb}(\text{if id } S \text{ } S1) = \{\text{if}\}$   
 $\text{dirsymb}(\text{else } S) = \{\text{else}\}$   
 $\text{dirsymb}(\epsilon) = \{\text{else}, \$\}$

Grammar is not LL(1)

Left-Factored Grammar

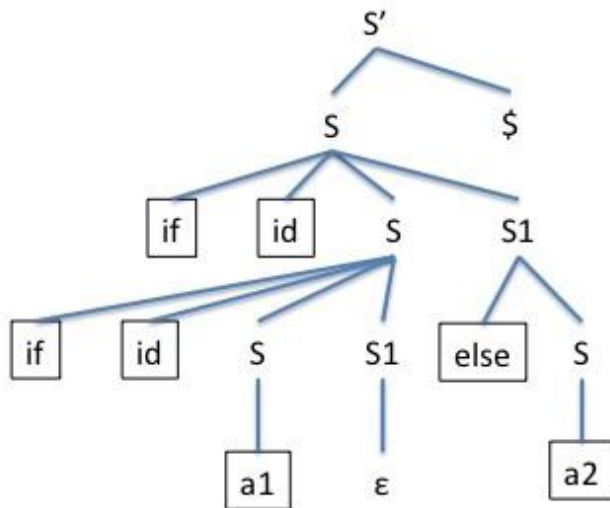
$S' \rightarrow S\$$   
 $S \rightarrow \text{if id } S \text{ } S1 \mid a$   
 $S1 \rightarrow \epsilon \mid \text{else } S$

tokens: if, id, else, a

$$\text{dirsymb}(\text{if id } S \text{ } S1) \cap \text{dirsymb}(a) = \emptyset$$

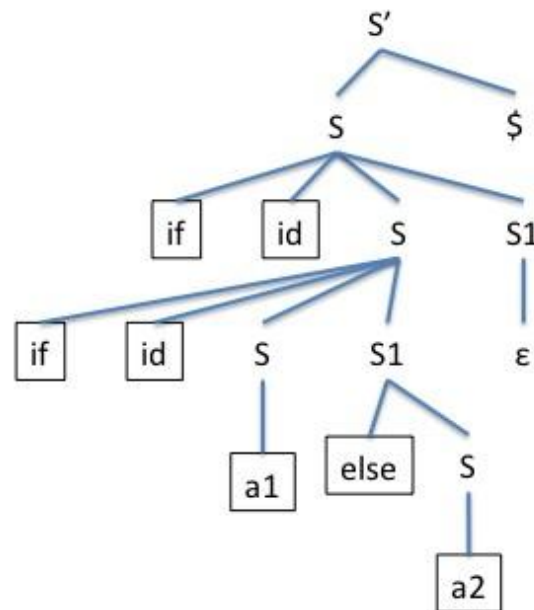
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# LL(1) Table Construction Example 2



string: if id ( if id a1) else a2

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# LL(1) Table Construction Example 3

$S' \rightarrow S\$$

$S \rightarrow aAS \mid c$

$A \rightarrow ba \mid SB$

$B \rightarrow bA \mid S$

Grammar is LL(1)

LL(1) Parsing Table

	a	b	c	\$
$S'$	$S' \rightarrow S\$$		$S' \rightarrow S\$$	
$S$	$S \rightarrow aAS$		$S \rightarrow c$	
$A$	$A \rightarrow SB$	$A \rightarrow ba$	$A \rightarrow SB$	
$B$	$B \rightarrow S$	$B \rightarrow bA$	$B \rightarrow S$	

$\text{first}(S) = \{a, c\}$

$\text{first}(A) = \{a, b, c\}$

$\text{first}(B) = \{a, b, c\}$

$\text{dirsyimb}(aAS) \cap \text{dirsyimb}(c) = \emptyset$

$\text{dirsyimb}(ba) \cap \text{dirsyimb}(SB) = \emptyset$

$\text{dirsyimb}(bA) \cap \text{dirsyimb}(S) = \emptyset$

$\text{follow}(S) = \{a, b, c, \$\}$

$\text{follow}(A) = \{a, c\}$

$\text{follow}(B) = \{a, c\}$

$\text{dirsyimb}(S\$) = \{a, c\}$

$\text{dirsyimb}(aAS) = \{a\}$

$\text{dirsyimb}(c) = \{c\}$

$\text{dirsyimb}(ba) = \{b\}$

$\text{dirsyimb}(SB) = \{a, c\}$

$\text{dirsyimb}(bA) = \{b\}$

$\text{dirsyimb}(S) = \{a, c\}$

# Elimination of Useless Symbols

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- Given a grammar  $G = (N, T, P, S)$ , a non-terminal  $X$  is *useful* if  $S \Rightarrow^* \alpha X \beta \Rightarrow^* w$ , where,  $w \in T^*$   
Otherwise,  $X$  is useless
- Two conditions have to be met to ensure that  $X$  is useful
  1.  $X \Rightarrow^* w$ ,  $w \in T^*$  ( $X$  derives some terminal string)
  2.  $S \Rightarrow^* \alpha X \beta$  ( $X$  occurs in some string derivable from  $S$ )

Example:  $S \rightarrow AB \mid CA$ ,  $B \rightarrow BC \mid AB$ ,  $A \rightarrow a$ ,  $C \rightarrow aB \mid b$ ,  $D \rightarrow d$

$A \rightarrow a$ ,  $C \rightarrow b$ ,  $D \rightarrow d$ ,  $S \rightarrow CA$

$S \rightarrow CA$ ,  $A \rightarrow a$ ,  $C \rightarrow b$



# Elimination of Left Recursion

- A *left-recursive* grammar has a non-terminal  $A$  such that  $A \Rightarrow^+ A\alpha$
- Top-down parsing methods (LL(1) and RD) cannot handle left-recursive grammars
- Left-recursion in grammars can be eliminated by transformations
- A simpler case is that of grammars with *immediate left recursion*, where there is a production of the form  $A \rightarrow A\alpha$

Two productions  $A \rightarrow A\alpha \mid \beta$  can be transformed to

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

In general, a group of productions:

$$A \rightarrow A\alpha_1 \mid A\alpha_2 \mid \dots \mid A\alpha_m \mid \beta_1 \mid \beta_2 \mid \dots \mid \beta_n$$

can be transformed to

$$A \rightarrow \beta_1 A' \mid \beta_2 A' \mid \dots \mid \beta_n A', A' \rightarrow \alpha_1 A' \mid \alpha_2 A' \mid \dots \mid \alpha_m A' \mid \epsilon$$

# Elimination of Left Recursion Example 1

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$$A \rightarrow A\alpha \mid \beta \Rightarrow A \rightarrow \beta A', A' \rightarrow \alpha A' \mid \epsilon$$

- The following grammar for regular expressions is ambiguous:

$$E \rightarrow E + E \mid E E \mid E * \mid (E) \mid a \mid b$$

- Equivalent left-recursive but unambiguous grammar is:

$$E \rightarrow E + T \mid T, T \rightarrow T F \mid F, F \rightarrow F * \mid P, P \rightarrow (E) \mid a \mid b$$

- Equivalent non-left-recursive grammar is:

$$E \rightarrow T E', E' \rightarrow +T E' \mid \epsilon, T \rightarrow F T', T' \rightarrow F T' \mid \epsilon, \\ F \rightarrow P F', F' \rightarrow *F' \mid \epsilon, P \rightarrow (E) \mid a \mid b$$

# Elimination of Left Recursion Example 2

Left-Recursive Grammar  
for Statement List

$$\begin{aligned} S' &\rightarrow SL \$ \\ SL &\rightarrow SL S \mid S \\ S &\rightarrow a \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dirsymb}(SL \$) &= \{a\} \\ \text{dirsymb}(a) &= \{a\} \\ \text{dirsymb}(SL S) &= \{a\} \\ \text{dirsymb}(S) &= \{a\} \end{aligned}$$

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LL(1) Parsing Table for  
Left-Recursive Grammar

	a
S'	$S' \rightarrow SL \$$
SL	$SL \rightarrow SL S$ $SL \rightarrow S$
S	$S \rightarrow a$

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Right-Recursive Grammar  
for Statement List

$$\begin{aligned} S' &\rightarrow SL \$ \\ SL &\rightarrow S A \\ A &\rightarrow S A \mid \epsilon \\ S &\rightarrow a \end{aligned}$$

LL(1) Parsing Table for  
Right-Recursive Grammar

	a	\$
S'	$S' \rightarrow SL \$$	
SL	$SL \rightarrow S A$	
A	$A \rightarrow S A$	$A \rightarrow \epsilon$
S	$S \rightarrow a$	

Grammar is LL(1)

$$\text{dirsymb}(S A) \cap \text{dirsymb}(\epsilon) = \emptyset$$

# Left Factoring

- If two alternatives of a production begin with the same string, then the grammar is not LL(1)
- Example:  $S \rightarrow 0S1 \mid 01$  ..... *is not LL(1)*
  - After left factoring:  $S \rightarrow 0S', S' \rightarrow S1 \mid 1$  .... *is LL(1)*
- General method:  $A \rightarrow \alpha\beta_1 \mid \alpha\beta_2 \Rightarrow A \rightarrow \alpha A', A' \rightarrow \beta_1 \mid \beta_2$
- Another example: a grammar for logical expressions is given below
$$E \rightarrow T \text{ or } E \mid T, T \rightarrow F \text{ and } T \mid F,$$
$$F \rightarrow \text{not } F \mid (E) \mid \text{true} \mid \text{false}$$
  - This grammar is not LL(1) but becomes LL(1) after left factoring
$$E \rightarrow TE', E' \rightarrow \text{or } E \mid \epsilon, T \rightarrow FT', T' \rightarrow \text{and } T \mid \epsilon,$$
$$F \rightarrow \text{not } F \mid (E) \mid \text{true} \mid \text{false}$$

# Grammar Transformation May not Help

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Choose  $S1 \rightarrow \text{else } S$  instead of  $S1 \rightarrow \epsilon$  on lookahead *else*. This resolves the conflict. Associates *else* with the innermost *if*