

HW2.ML

open List;;

type ('nonterminal, 'terminal) symbol =
 | N of 'nonterminal
 | T of 'terminal;;

(*convert_grammar gram1 that returns a Homework 2-style grammar
hw1 grammar:

A pair, consisting of a start symbol and a list of rules.

The start symbol is a nonterminal value.

hw2 grammar:

A pair, consisting of a start symbol and a production function.

The start symbol is a nonterminal value.

production function:

A function whose argument is a nonterminal value. It returns a
grammar's alternative list for that nonterminal.

*)

(*production takes in nonterminal and rule and returns the alternative
list*)

```
let rec production rules nt = match rules with  
  | []-> []  
  | hd::tl-> if fst hd = nt  
              then (snd hd)::production tl nt  
              else production tl nt;;
```

```
let convert_grammar gram1 = match gram1 with  
  (a,b)-> (a,production b) ;;
```

(*passed test*)

(*parse_tree_leaves tree that traverses the parse tree tree left
to right and yields a list of the leaves encountered.

parse tree

a data structure representing a parse tree in the usual way.

It has the following OCaml type:

If you traverse a parse tree in preorder left to right,

the leaves you encounter contain the same terminal symbols as the parsed fragment, and each internal node of the parse tree corresponds to a rule in the grammar, traversed in a leftmost derivation order.*)

```
type ('nonterminal, 'terminal) parse_tree =  
  | Node of 'nonterminal * ('nonterminal, 'terminal) parse_tree list  
  | Leaf of 'terminal;;
```

(*preorder left to right*)

(*helper1 takes in a list of trees and return a list of leaves*)

```
let rec helper1 trees = match trees with  
  | [] -> []  
  | hd::tl -> match hd with  
    | Leaf a -> a::(helper1 tl)  
    | Node (b,c) -> helper1 c @ (helper1 tl);;
```

```
let parse_tree_leaves tree = helper1 [tree];;
```

(*passed test 5*)

(*Write a function make_matcher gram that returns a matcher for the grammar gram. When applied to an acceptor accept and a fragment frag, the matcher must try the grammar rules in order and return the result of calling accept on the suffix corresponding to the first acceptable matching prefix of frag; this is not necessarily the shortest or the longest acceptable match. A match is considered to be acceptable if accept succeeds when given the suffix fragment that immediately follows the matching prefix. When this happens, the matcher returns whatever the acceptor returned. If no acceptable match is found, the matcher returns None.*)

(*acceptor

a function whose argument is a fragment frag. If the fragment is not acceptable, it returns None; otherwise it returns Some x for some value x.*)

(*matcher

a curried function with two arguments: an acceptor accept and a fragment frag. A matcher matches a prefix p of frag such that accept (when passed the corresponding suffix) accepts the corresponding suffix (i.e., the suffix of frag that remains after p is removed). If there is such a match, the matcher returns whatever accept returns; otherwise it returns None.

*)

(*rules actually mean right hand sides*)

```
let rec topsearch grammer rules accept frag = match rules with
| [] -> None
| current_rule::other_rules ->
    match botomsearch grammer current_rule accept frag with
    | None -> topsearch grammer other_rules accept frag
    | a -> a
```

(*frag: hd::tl
rule: nonter/ter::tl1/2*)

```
and botomsearch grammer rule accept frag = match frag with
| [] -> if rule = [] then accept [] else None
| hd::tl -> match rule with
    | [] -> accept frag
    | N nonter:: tl1 ->
        topsearch grammer ((snd grammer) nonter)
        (botomsearch grammer tl1 accept) frag
    | T ter:: tl2->
        if ter = hd
        then botomsearch grammer tl2 accept tl
        else None;;
```

```
let make_matcher gram accept frag = topsearch gram ((snd gram) (fst gram)) accept frag;;
```

(*Write a function make_parser gram that returns a parser for the grammar gram. When applied to a fragment frag, the parser returns an optional parse tree. If frag cannot be parsed entirely (that is, from beginning to end), the parser returns None. Otherwise, it return some tree where tree is the parse tree corresponding to the input fragment. Your parser should try grammar rules in the same order as make_matcher.*)

(*rhs is a list of the right hand side of rules
rhstopsearch returns a pair of option and final rhs*)
(*rules is the *)

(*rules actually means right hand sides*)

```
let p_accept_empty_suffix = function
| [] -> Some []
```

```
| _ -> None ;;
```

```
let rec rhstopsearch grammar rules accept frag = match rules with  
| [] -> None  
| current_rule::other_rules ->  
    match rhsbottomsearch grammar current_rule accept frag with  
    | None -> rhstopsearch grammar other_rules accept frag  
    | Some a -> Some (current_rule::a)
```

```
(*frag: hd::tl  
rule: nonter/ter::tl1/2*)
```

```
and rhsbottomsearch grammar rule accept frag = match frag with  
| [] -> if rule = [] then accept [] else None  
| hd::tl -> match rule with  
    | [] -> accept frag  
    | N nonter:: tl1 ->  
        rhstopsearch grammar ((snd grammar) nonter)  
        (rhsbottomsearch grammar tl1 accept) frag  
    | T ter:: tl2->  
        if ter = hd  
        then rhsbottomsearch grammar tl2 accept tl  
        else None;;
```

```
let make_rhs gram frag = rhstopsearch gram ((snd gram) (fst gram))  
    p_accept_empty_suffix frag ;;
```

```
(*takes in a list of nodes/leafs and a rhs and full list of them  
according to the rhs. not recursive, only does one layer*)
```

```
(*RHS IS ONE PIECE OF RHS*)
```

```
let rec rhs2children children rhs = match rhs with  
    | [] -> children  
    | h::t -> match h with  
        | T ter->rhs2children (children@[Leaf ter]) t  
        | N nonter-> rhs2children (children@[Node (nonter,[])]) t;;
```

```
(*TODO CHECK RHS2CHILDREN TYPE*)
```

```
(*returns new children and new rhs*)
```

```
let rec helper chilren rhs = match chilren with
```

```

|[] -> ([],rhs)
|h::t -> match constructing_tree rhs h with
  |([],subtree)->([subtree],[]) (*?*)
  |(newrhs,subtree)->match helper t newrhs with
    |(nchildren,nrhs)->(subtree::nchildren,nrhs)

(*
  match the first one with
  if [] (nrhs, [subtree])
  anything match helper nrhs rest with rhs subs->(rhs,subtree:subs)
*)
(*return tuple of newrhs and newroot*)
and constructing_tree rhs_traced temp_root = match rhs_traced with
  |[]->(rhs_traced,temp_root)
  |hrhs::trhs -> match temp_root with
    |Node (n,treelist) ->
      let children = rhs2children treelist hrhs in (*?*)

      let newchildren,newrhs = helper children trhs in
      let newroot = Node (n,newchildren) in
      (newrhs,newroot)

      (* node of label and children
      and return tuple of newrhs and newroot*)
    |Leaf l -> (rhs_traced,temp_root);;

let make_parser gram frag = match frag with
  |[] -> None
  |_ -> match make_rhs gram frag with
    |None->None
    |Some rhs->match constructing_tree rhs (Node ((fst gram),[] )) with
      |([],newroot)->Some newroot
      |_ -> None;;

```

HW2.REPORT

First of all, I want to say that my algorithm for `make_parser` roughly follows the hint code provided by the TAs. Again, I find the hint code extremely helpful.

I wrote `make_parser` on top of `make_matcher`, although I didn't explicitly use the function `make_matcher` inside my function `make_parser`. My `make_matcher` function uses two mutually recursive functions `topsearch` and `botomsearch`. `Topsearch` takes care of picking which specific rhs and `botomsearch` takes care of testing every element in the rhs.

In implementing my `make_parser` function, like the hint code implies, I first made a `make_rhs` function, which returns the rhs in order when we traverse the fragments. Here is when the `make_matcher` comes in handy. The `make_rhs` function is totally based on `make_matcher`: it also uses a pair of mutually recursive function: `rhstopsearch` and `rhsbotomsearch`, which are very much like `topsearch` and `botomsearch`, but this time instead of returning the ultimate result of the acceptor they return list of rhs recursively. Of course, we also need to set the acceptor as accepting only empty.

After getting the rhs list, we need to be able to build the tree based on it. First I made a `rhs2children` function that shallowly makes a two level tree based on single rhs. After that I made a pair of recursive functions `constructing_the_tree` and `helper` which actually builds the tree up. `Constructing_the_tree` builds a shallow two level tree, and then `helper` is called on the branches to explore deeper.

As to why I developed `make_parser` on top of `make_matcher` this way is that I followed the hint code and it's very intuitively obvious to build `rhstopsearch` and `rhsbotomsearch` on top of `topsearch` and `botomsearch`.

In term of weakness, if the frag is wrong (say there is a terminate that has never been defined), instead of returning `None` my `make_parser` will get into infinite recursion and eventually have a overflow stack.