



40-414 Compiler Design

Other Bottom-Up Parsing Methods

Lecture 15

Outline

- Operator Precedence
- Simple Precedence

Operator Precedence

- Problems in shift/reduce parsing:
 - Deciding when to perform which operation (shift, reduce, etc.)
 - Identifying HANDLE in the reduce operation.
 - operator grammars: a class of grammars where handle identification and conflict resolution is easy.
- Operator Grammars: no production right side is ϵ or has two adjacent non-terminals.

$$E \rightarrow E - E \mid E + E \mid E * E \mid E / E \mid E ^ E \mid - E \mid (E) \mid id$$

- note: this is typically ambiguous grammar.

Basic Technique

- For the terminals of the grammar, define the relations \prec , \succ and $=$.
- $a \prec b$ means that a yields precedence to b
- $a = b$ means that a has the same precedence as b .
- $a \succ b$ means that a takes precedence over b
- E.g. $* \succ +$ or $+ \prec *$
- Many handles are possible. We will use \prec , $=$, and \succ to find the correct handle (i.e., the one that respects the precedence).

Using Operator-Precedence Relations

- *GOAL*: delimit the handle of a right sentential form
- $\langle .$ will mark the beginning, $. \rangle$ will mark the end and $. = .$ will be in between.
- Since no two adjacent non-terminals appear in the RHS of any production, the general form sentential forms is as:
 $\beta_0 a_1 \beta_1 a_2 \beta_2 \dots a_n \beta_n$, where each β_i is either a nonterminal or the empty string.
- At each step of the parse, the parser considers the top most terminal of the parse stack (i.e., either top or top-1), say a , and the current token, say b , and looks up their precedence relation, and decides what₅ to do next.

Operator-Precedence Parsing

1. If $a \cdot = \cdot b$, then shift b into the parse stack
2. If $a \cdot < \cdot b$, then shift $<$. And then shift b into the parse stack
3. If $a \cdot > \cdot b$, then find the top most $< \cdot$ relation of the parse stack; the string between this relation (with the non-terminal underneath, if there exists) and the top of the parse stack is the handle (the handle should match (weakly) with the RHS of at least one grammar rule); replace the handle with a typical non-terminal

Example

STACK	INPUT	Relation
\$	id + id * id \$	\$ <. id

	+	*	()	id	\$
+	.>	<.	<.	.>	<.	.>
*	.>	.>	<.	.>	<.	.>
(<.	<.	<.	.=.	<.	
)	.>	.>		.>		.>
id	.>	.>		.>		.>
\$	<.	<.	<.		<.	.=.

Parse Table

1-2 $E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$

3-4 $T \rightarrow T * F \mid F$

5-6 $F \rightarrow (E) \mid \text{id}$

Example (Cont.)

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\$ <. id	+ id * id \$	id >. +

	+	*	()	id	\$
+	.>	<.	<.	.>	<.	.>
*	.>	.>	<.	.>	<.	.>
(<.	<.	<.	.=.	<.	
)	.>	.>		.>		.>
id	.>	.>		.>		.>
\$	<.	<.	<.		<.	.=.

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*	.>	.>	<.	.>	<.	.>
(<.	<.	<.	.=.	<.	
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id	.>	.>		.>		.>
\$	<.	<.	<.		<.	.=.

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*	.>	.>	<.	.>	<.	.>
(<.	<.	<.	.=.	<.	
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id	.>	.>		.>		.>
\$	<.	<.	<.		<.	.=.

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\$ E <. +	id * id \$	+ <. id
\$ E <. + <. id	* id \$	id >. *

	+	*	()	id	\$
+	.>	<.	<.	.>	<.	.>
*	.>	.>	<.	.>	<.	.>
(<.	<.	<.	.=.	<.	
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\$ E <. + <. id	* id \$	id >. *
\$ E <. + E	* id \$	+ <. *

	+	*	()	id	\$
+	.>	<.	<.	.>	<.	.>
*	.>	.>	<.	.>	<.	.>
(<.	<.	<.	.=.	<.	
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\$ E <. + E <. *	id \$	* <. id

	+	*	()	id	\$
+	.>	<.	<.	.>	<.	.>
*	.>	.>	<.	.>	<.	.>
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\$ E <. + <. id	* id \$	id >. *
\$ E <. + E	* id \$	+ <. *
\$ E <. + E <. *	id \$	* <. id
\$ E <. + E <. * <. id	\$	id >. \$

	+	*	()	id	\$
+	.>	<.	<.	.>	<.	.>
*	.>	.>	<.	.>	<.	.>
(<.	<.	<.	.=.	<.	
)	.>	.>		.>		.>
id	.>	.>		.>		.>
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\$ E <. + E	* id \$	+ <. *
\$ E <. + E <. *	id \$	* <. id
\$ E <. + E <. * <. id	\$	id >. \$
\$ E <. + E <. * E	\$	* >. \$

	+	*	()	id	\$
+	.>	<.	<.	.>	<.	.>
*	.>	.>	<.	.>	<.	.>
(<.	<.	<.	.=.	<.	
)	.>	.>		.>		.>
id	.>	.>		.>		.>
\$	<.	<.	<.		<.	.=.

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\$ E <. + E	* id \$	+ <. *
\$ E <. + E <. *	id \$	* <. id
\$ E <. + E <. * <. id	\$	id >. \$
\$ E <. + E <. * E	\$	* >. \$
\$ E <. + E	\$	+ >. \$

	+	*	()	id	\$
+	.>	<.	<.	.>	<.	.>
*	.>	.>	<.	.>	<.	.>
(<.	<.	<.	.=.	<.	
)	.>	.>		.>		.>
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\$ E <. + <. id	* id \$	id >. *
\$ E <. + E	* id \$	+ <. *
\$ E <. + E <. *	id \$	* <. id
\$ E <. + E <. * <. id	\$	id >. \$
\$ E <. + E <. * E	\$	* >. \$
\$ E <. + E	\$	+ >. \$
\$ E	\$	accept

	+	*	()	id	\$
+	.>	<.	<.	.>	<.	.>
*	.>	.>	<.	.>	<.	.>
(<.	<.	<.	.=.	<.	
)	.>	.>		.>		.>
id	.>	.>		.>		.>
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Producing Parse Table

- $\text{FirstTerm}(A) = \{a \mid A \Rightarrow^+ a\alpha \text{ or } A \Rightarrow^+ Ba\alpha\}$
- $\text{LastTerm}(A) = \{a \mid A \Rightarrow^+ \alpha a \text{ or } A \Rightarrow^+ \alpha aB\}$
- $a \dot{=} b$ iff $\exists U \rightarrow \alpha ab\beta$ or $\exists U \rightarrow \alpha aBb\beta$
- $a \dot{<} b$ iff $\exists U \rightarrow \alpha aB\beta$ and $b \in \text{FirstTerm}(B)$
- $a \dot{>} b$ iff $\exists U \rightarrow \alpha Bb\beta$ and $a \in \text{LastTerm}(B)$

Example:

- FirstTerm (E) = {+, *, id, (}
- FirstTerm (T) = {*, id, (}
- FirstTerm (F) = {id, (}

- LastTerm (E) = {+, *, id,)}
- LastTerm (T) = {*, id,)}
- LastTerm (F) = {id,)}

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Precedence Functions vs Relations

	+	-	*	/	↑	()	id	\$
f	2	2	4	4	4	0	6	6	0
g	1	1	3	3	5	5	0	5	0

- $f(a) < g(b)$ whenever $a < . b$
- $f(a) = g(b)$ whenever $a . = . b$
- $f(a) > g(b)$ whenever $a . > b$

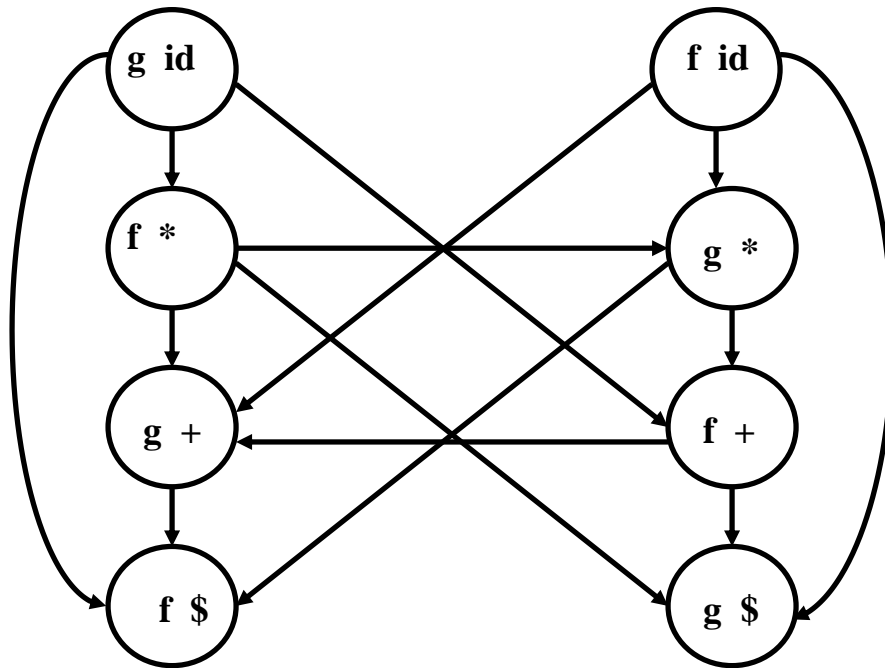
1-3 $E \rightarrow E + T \mid E - T \mid T$

4-6 $T \rightarrow T * F \mid T / F \mid F$

7-8 $F \rightarrow P \uparrow F \mid P$

9-10 $P \rightarrow (E) \mid id$

Constructing Precedence Functions



	+	*	id	\$
f	2	4	4	0
g	1	3	5	0

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Handling Errors During Reductions

- Suppose $abEc$ is popped and there is no production right hand side that matches $abEc$
- If there were a rhs aEc , we might issue message illegal b on line x
- If the rhs is $abEdc$, we might issue message missing d on line x
- If the found rhs is abc , the error message could be illegal E on line x ,
where E stands for an appropriate syntactic category represented by non-terminal E

Handling Shift/Reduce Errors

e1: /* called when whole expression
is missing */

insert id onto the input

print "missing operand"

e2: /* called when expression begins
with a right parenthesis */

delete) from the input

print "unbalanced right parenthesis"

e3: /* called when id or) is followed by id or (*/

insert + onto the input

print "missing operator"

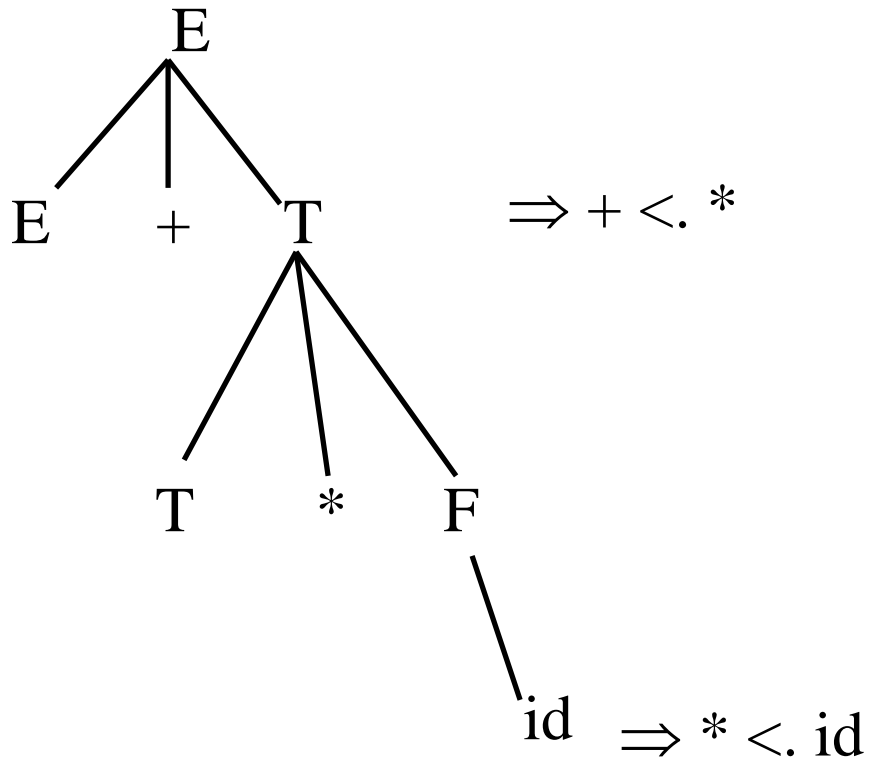
e4: /* called when expression ends with a left parenthesis */

pop (from the stack

print "missing right parenthesis"

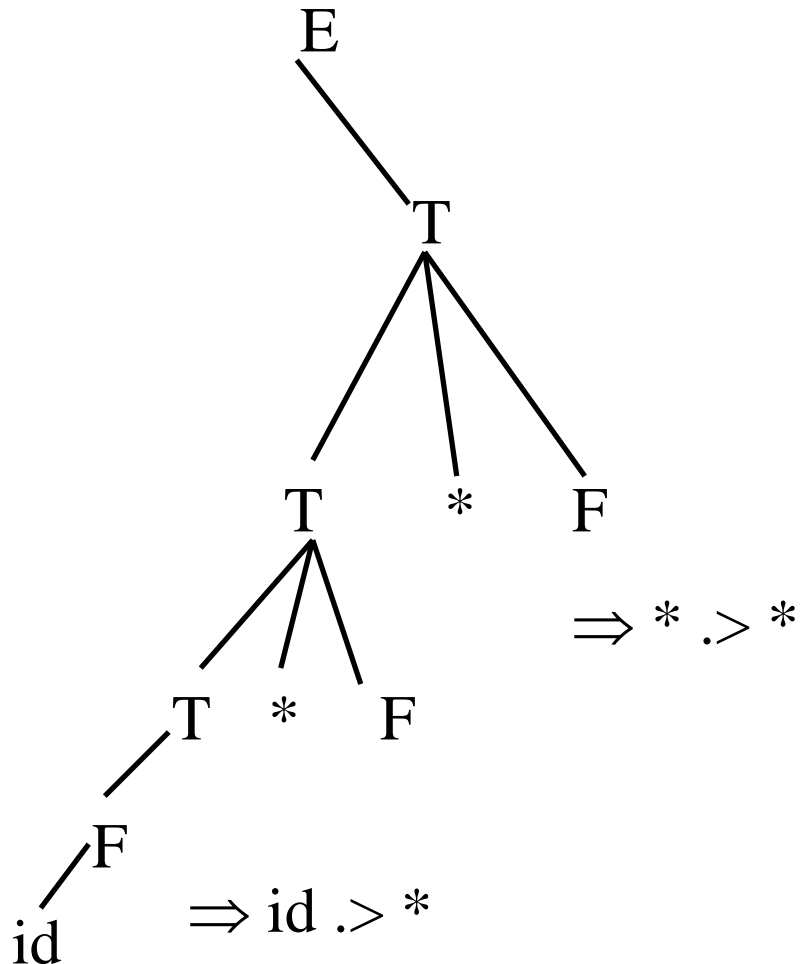
	id	()	\$
id	e3	e3	.>	.>
(<..	<.	.=.	e4
)	e3	e3	.>	.>
\$	<.	<.	e2	e1

Extracting Precedence relations from parse trees



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Extracting Precedence relations from parse trees (Cont.)



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5-6 $F \rightarrow (E) \mid id$

Pros and Cons

- + simple implementation
- + small parse table
- - weak (too restrictive for not allowing two adjacent non-terminals)
- - not very accurate (some syntax errors are not detected due weak treatment of non-terminals)
- **Simple Precedence** parsing is an improved form of operator precedence that doesn't have these weaknesses

Other Parsing Methods

Bottom-Up Parsing Methods (Cont.)

Simple Precedence

Simple Precedence

- Less restricted than Operator precedence
 - We may have adjacent not-terminals on rhs
- More accurate than Operator Precedence
 - All syntax errors are found
 - However, unlike LL(1) and LR(1), illegal inputs may be shifted onto the stack before that the parser recognizes the error
- Precedence relations are defined between all symbols (i.e., both terminals and non-terminals)
- Restrictions:
 - no production right side is ϵ
 - Rules cannot have the same rhs.

Simple Precedence

- For all symbols of the grammar, define the relations \lessdot , \gtrdot and \doteq
- $X \lessdot Y$ means that X yields precedence to Y
- $X \doteq Y$ means that X has the same precedence as Y
- $X \gtrdot Y$ means that X takes precedence over Y
- Similar to OP, we will use these relations to find the correct handle

Parsing Algorithm

- Let X be the top most symbol in stack and b be the current token,
- Look up their precedence relation, and decide what to do next:
 - If $X \odot b$, then shift b into the parse stack
 - If $X \prec b$, then shift \prec and then shift b into the parse stack
 - If $X \succ b$, then find the top most \prec relation of the parse stack; the string between this relation and the top of the stack is the handle (the handle should match (*exactly*) with the RHS of at least one grammar rule); let top be the top symbol of the stack after deleting the handle; let LHS be the left hand of the rule whose rhs has matched the handle; look up the precedence relation between top and LHS and perform the following:

Parsing Algorithm (Cont.)

- If $\text{top} \odot \text{LHS}$, then shift LHS into the parse stack
- If $\text{top} \ominus \text{LHS}$, then shift \ominus and then shift LHS into the parse stack
- If $\text{top} \ominus \text{LHS}$, a syntax error has occurred!
- In fact, no symbol can have a higher precedence than a non-terminal (Why?)

Example

STACK	INPUT	Relation
\$	(c c) \$	\$ < (

	S	()	c	\$
S	=	<	=	<	=
(=	<		<	
)	>	>	>	>	>
c	>	>	>	>	>
\$	=	<		<	

Parse Table

$S \rightarrow (S S) \mid c$

Example (Cont.)

STACK	INPUT	Remark
\$	(c c) \$	\$ < (
\$ < (c c) \$	(< c

	S	()	c	\$
S	=	<	=	<	=
(=	<		<	
)	>	>	>	>	>
c	>	>	>	>	>
\$	=	<		<	

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Example (Cont.)

STACK	INPUT	Remark
\$	(c c) \$	\$ < (
\$ < (c c) \$	(< c
\$ < (< c	c) \$	c > c

	S	()	c	\$
S	=	<	=	<	=
(=	<		<	
)	>	>	>	>	>
c	>	>	>	>	>
\$	=	<		<	

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Example (Cont.)

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\$	(c c) \$	\$ < (
\$ < (c c) \$	(< c
\$ < (< c	c) \$	c > c
\$ < (S	c) \$	(= S, S < c

top = LHS

	S	()	c	\$
S	=	<	=	<	=
(=	<		<	
)	>	>	>	>	>
c	>	>	>	>	>
\$	=	<		<	

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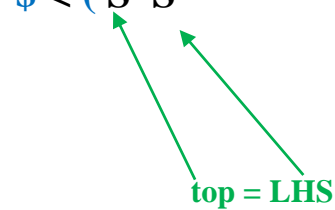
	S	()	c	\$
S	=	<	=	<	=
(=	<		<	
)	>	>	>	>	>
c	>	>	>	>	>
\$	=	<		<	

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$S \rightarrow (S S) \mid c$

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\$	(c c) \$	\$ < (
\$ < (c c) \$	(< c
\$ < (< c	c) \$	c > c
\$ < (S	c) \$	(= S, S < c
\$ < (S < c) \$	c >)
\$ < (S S) \$	S = S, S =)



	S	()	c	\$
S	=	<	=	<	=
(=	<		<	
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c	>	>	>	>	>
\$	=	<		<	

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\$ < (S < c) \$	c >)
\$ < (S S) \$	S = S, S =)
\$ < (S S)	\$) > \$

	S	()	c	\$
S	=	<	=	<	=
(=	<		<	
)	>	>	>	>	>
c	>	>	>	>	>
\$	=	<		<	

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\$ < (S S)	\$) > \$
\$ S	\$	\$ = S, accept

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S	=	<	=	<	=
(=	<		<	
)	>	>	>	>	>
c	>	>	>	>	>
\$	=	<		<	

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\$ < (< c	c) \$	c > c
\$ < (S	c) \$	(= S, S < c
\$ < (S < c) \$	c >)
\$ < (S S) \$	S = S, S =)
\$ < (S S)	\$) > \$
\$ S	\$	\$ = S, accept

These should be deleted;
because, nothing can be
greater than a non-terminal
why?

	S	()	c	\$
S	=	<	=	<	=
(=	<		<	
)	>	>	>	>	>
c	>	>	>	>	>
\$	=	<		<	

Parse Table

$S \rightarrow (S S) \mid c$

Producing Parse Table

- $\text{Head}(A) = \{X \mid A \Rightarrow^+ X\alpha\}$
- $\text{Tail}(A) = \{X \mid A \Rightarrow^+ \alpha X\}$
- $X \text{ } \textcircled{=} \text{ } Y \text{ iff } \exists U \rightarrow \alpha X Y \beta$
- $X \text{ } \textcircled{<} \text{ } Y \text{ iff } \exists U \rightarrow \alpha X B \beta \text{ and } Y \in \text{Head}(B)$
- $X \text{ } \textcircled{>} \text{ } Y \text{ iff } \exists U \rightarrow \alpha B Y \beta \text{ and } X \in \text{Tail}(B) \text{ or } \exists U \rightarrow \alpha A B \beta \text{ and } X \in \text{Tail}(A) \text{ and } Y \in \text{Head}(B)$

Example

- Head (E) = {E, T, F, id, (}
- Head (T) = {T, F, id, (}
- Head (F) = {id, (}

- Tail (E) = {T, F, id,)}
- Tail (T) = {F, id,)}
- Tail (F) = {id,)}

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Problems with Left and Right Recursions

- if $\exists U \rightarrow U \gamma$ and $\exists U \rightarrow \alpha X U \beta$ then there would be a problem in the parsing table

$$- X \text{ (}\equiv\text{)} U \quad \text{and} \quad X \text{ (}\prec\text{)} U$$

- The problem can be resolved by introducing a new non-terminal W , and a new rule

$$W \rightarrow U, \text{ and change the initial rule to } U \rightarrow \alpha X W \beta$$

- Also, if $\exists U \rightarrow \gamma U$ and $\exists U \rightarrow \alpha U X \beta$ then there would be a problem in the parsing table

$$- U \text{ (}\equiv\text{)} X \quad \text{and} \quad U \text{ (}\succ\text{)} X$$

- Again, the problem can be resolved by introducing a new non-terminal W , and a new rule

$$W \rightarrow U, \text{ and change the initial rule to } U \rightarrow \alpha W X \beta$$

Example

- $E \rightarrow E + T$ and $F \rightarrow (E)$; then

– $(\textcircled{=} E$ and $(\textcircled{<} E$

- W introduce a new non-terminal $E1$, and a new rule

$E1 \rightarrow E$, and change the initial rule to $F \rightarrow (E1)$

- Also, $T \rightarrow T * F$ and $E \rightarrow E + T$; then

– $+ \textcircled{=} T$ and $+ \textcircled{<} T$

- Again, the problem can be resolved by introducing a new non-terminal W , and a new rule

$W \rightarrow T$, and change the initial rule to $E \rightarrow E + E1$

1-2 $E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$
3-4 $T \rightarrow T * F \mid F$
5-6 $F \rightarrow (E) \mid \text{id}$



1-2 $E \rightarrow E + T1 \mid T$
3-4 $T \rightarrow T * F \mid F$
5-6 $F \rightarrow (E1) \mid \text{id}$
7 $E1 \rightarrow E$
8 $T1 \rightarrow T$

Example (cont.)

- Now, there is a new problem! :-)

- Rules number 2 and 8 have the same rhs
- This problem is resolved by changing rule number 2 into $E \rightarrow T1$

1-2 $E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$
3-4 $T \rightarrow T * F \mid F$
5-6 $F \rightarrow (E) \mid \text{id}$



1-2 $E \rightarrow E + T1 \mid T1$
3-4 $T \rightarrow T * F \mid F$
5-6 $F \rightarrow (E1) \mid \text{id}$
7 $E1 \rightarrow E$
8 $T1 \rightarrow T$