## **Experiment 04: Lexical Analyzer**

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**Learning Objective**: Student should be able to design handwritten lexical analyser.

**Tools:** Jdk1.8, Turbo C/C++, Python, Notepad++

# Theory:

# Design of lexical analyzer

- . Allow white spaces, numbers and arithmetic operators in an expression
- . Return tokens and attributes to the syntax analyzer
- . A global variable tokenval is set to the value of the number
- . Design requires that
- A finite set of tokens be defined
- Describe strings belonging to each token

# **Regular Expressions**

- We use regular expressions to describe tokens of a programming language.
- A regular expression is built up of simpler regular expressions (using defining rules)

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- Each regular expression denotes a language.
- A language denoted by a regular expression is called as a regular set.

## Regular Expressions (Rules)

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Regular Expression	Language it denotes
ε	$\{\varepsilon\}$
a€∑	S {a}
(r1)   (r2)	L(r1) È L(r2)
(r1)(r2)	L(r1) L(r2)
(r)*	(L(r))*
(r)	L(r)
• $(r)+=(r)(r)* • (r)? = (r)  $	3

• We may remove parentheses by using precedence rules.

\* highest concatenation next lowest

## How to recognize tokens

Construct an analyzer that will return < token, attribute > pairs

We now consider the following grammar and try to construct an analyzer that will return **<token**, **attribute> pairs**.

relop < | = | = | <> | = | > id letter (letter | digit)\* num digit+ ('.' digit+)? (E ('+' | '-')? digit+)? delim blank | tab | newline ws delim+

Using set of rules as given in the example above we would be able to recognize the tokens. Given a regular expression R and input string x, we have two methods for determining whether x is in L(R). One approach is to use algorithm to construct an NFA N from R, and the other approach is using a DFA.

#### Finite Automata

- A *recognizer* for a language is a program that takes a string x, and answers "yes" if x is a sentence of that language, and "no" otherwise.
  - We call the recognizer of the tokens as a *finite automaton*.
- A finite automaton can be: deterministic (DFA) or non-deterministic (NFA)
- This means that we may use a deterministic or non-deterministic automaton as a lexical analyzer.
- Both deterministic and non-deterministic finite automaton recognizes regular sets.
- Which one?
  - deterministic faster recognizer, but it may take more space non-deterministic slower, but it may take less space Deterministic automatons are widely used lexical analyzers.
- First, we define regular expressions for tokens; Then we convert them into a DFA to get a lexical analyzer for our tokens.

Algorithm1: Regular Expression → NFA → DFA (two steps: first to NFA, then to DFA)

Algorithm2: Regular Expression → DFA (directly convert a regular expression into a DFA)

Converting Regular Expressions to NFAs

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- Create transition diagram or transition table i.e. NFA for every expression
- Create a zero state as start state and with an e-transition connect all the NFAs and prepare a combined NFA.

# **Algorithm**: for lexical analysis

- 1) Specify the grammar with the help of regular expression
- 2) Create transition table for combined NFA
- 3) read input character
- 4) Search the NFA for the input sequence.
- 5) On finding accepting state
  - i. if token is id or num search the symbol table
    - 1. if symbol found return symbol id
    - 2. else enter the symbol in symbol table and return its id.

# ii. Else return token6) Repeat steps 3 to 5 for all input characters.

# **Input:**

#include<stdio.h
> void main() {
 inta,b;
 printf("Hello");
 getch();
}

# **Output:**

Preprocessor Directives: #include

Header File: stdio.h

Keyword: void main intgetch

Symbol:  $\langle \rangle$ ,;();} Message: Hello

Application: To design lexical analyzer.

# **Design:**

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# **Result and Discussion:**

The code for lexical analyzer was written and executed and the results were seen successfully.

**<u>Learning Outcomes:</u>** The student should have the ability to

LO1: Appreciate the role of lexical analyzer in compiler design

LO2: Define role of lexical analyzer.

**Course Outcomes**: Upon completion of the course students will be able to design handwritten laexical analyzer using HL programming language.

Conclusion: The code for lexical analyzer was written and executed and the results were seen successfully.

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