Compiler Design Lab - 4

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- 1. **Regular Expressions:** `digit [0-9]*`: This defines a regular expression for matching zero or more digits. `letter [a-zA-Z]`: This defines a regular expression for matching a single letter. `id {letter}({letter} | {digit})*`: This defines a regular expression for matching identifiers. An identifier starts with a letter and can be followed by zero or more letters or digits. `int_num {digit}+`, `uint_num 0 | ({int_num})`: These regular expressions define signed and unsigned integers. An unsigned integer can be either 0 or a sequence of one or more digits.
- 2. **Floating-Point Numbers:** `float_num ({int_num}\.{digit}+)|({int_num}\.)|(\.{digit}+)`: This regular expression matches different forms of floating-point numbers. It can be an integer part followed by a decimal point and one or more digits (`{int_num}\.{digit}+`), an integer part followed by just a decimal point (`{int_num}\.`), or just a decimal point followed by one or more digits (`\.{digit}+`).
- 3. **Exponential Notation:** `exp_num ({int_num} | {float_num})[eE][+-]?{int_num}`: This regular expression matches numbers in exponential notation. It can be an integer or float part followed by `e` or `E`, an optional `+` or `-`, and then one or more digits.
- 4. **Tokens and Actions:** The section after the `%%` delimiter contains rules for recognizing various tokens. For example, `"//"` is a pattern to match a double forward slash, and the action `{scom=1;}` sets the single-line comment flag to 1. Keywords, relational operators, assignment operator, etc. are recognized based on the provided patterns.
- 5. **Ignoring Comments:** `/* ... */` style comments are ignored using the rules for `"/*"` and `"*/"`. Single-line comments are ignored using the rule for `"//"`.

- 6. **Printing and Storing:** When a token is recognized, it prints a message to the output file (`yyout`) indicating the type of the token. Identifiers are also stored in the symbol table (`st`) if they haven't been encountered before.
- 7. **Main Function:** `main()` opens the input and output files, calls `yylex()` to start the lexical analysis, and then prints the contents of the symbol table.
- 8. **`look_up` Function:** This function checks if a given identifier (`id`) is already in the symbol table.
- 9. **`yywrap` Function:** This function is used to indicate the end of input.
- 10. **File Handling:** The program reads from a file named `x.txt` and writes to a file named `y.txt`. This Lex program will tokenize the input based on the specified rules and print the results to `y.txt`. The program also maintains a symbol table and handles different types of numeric constants and identifiers as per the provided regular expressions.

Commands:

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:1.2283]
:s reserved.

|\Week 4-Lab-exercise>flex lex.l

|\Week 4-Lab-exercise>gcc lex.yy.c

|\Week 4-Lab-exercise>a.exe

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