

# Lenguajes Formales y Compiladores

Syntax Analysis

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# Motivation

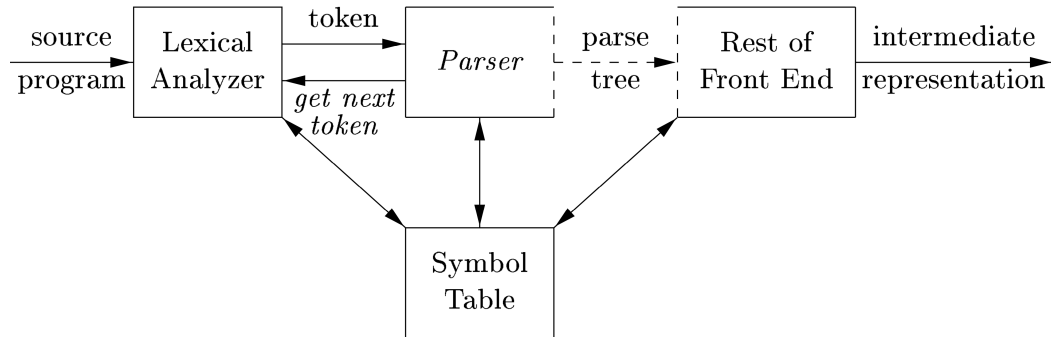


Figure 4.1 Aho et al. 2006.

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# Recursive-Descent Parsing

## Takeaway

This technique uses backtracking to find the correct production to be applied to derive the input string.

# Recursive-Descent Parsing

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**Algorithm** Recursive Procedure for Parsing

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1: Read input left to right. Let  $a$  be the current input symbol
2: procedure RECURSIVE-PARSER( $A$ )
3:   Choose an  $A$ -production:  $A \rightarrow x_1x_2 \cdots x_k$ 
4:   for  $i := 1$  to  $k$  do
5:     if  $x_i \in N$  then
6:       RECURSIVE-PARSER( $x_i$ )
7:     else if  $x_i = a$  then
8:       advance to the next input symbol
9:     else
10:      ERROR
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▷ Starts with  $S$   
▷  $x_i \in N \cup \Sigma$

# Example

## Recursive-Descent Parsing

Consider the grammar

$$S \rightarrow cAd$$

$$A \rightarrow ab \mid a$$

Construct a parse tree top-down for the input string  $w = cad$ .

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First and Follow are auxiliary sets that allow us to find the terminal symbols that start a string and the terminal symbols that follow a given nonterminal symbol, respectively.

**Note:** We assume that every string ends with the symbol \$.



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**Remark:** We allow  $\varepsilon$  to be in First sets under certain conditions.

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$$\text{FIRST}(x) := \begin{cases} \{x\} & \text{if } x \in \Sigma \\ \text{FIRST}(x) \cup \{\epsilon\} & \text{if } (x \rightarrow y_1 y_2 \cdots y_k \wedge \epsilon \in \bigcap_{j=1}^k \text{FIRST}(y_j)) \vee x \rightarrow \epsilon \\ \text{FIRST}(x) \cup \text{FIRST}(y_i) - \{\epsilon\} & \text{if } x \rightarrow y_1 y_2 \cdots y_k \wedge \epsilon \in \bigcap_{j=1}^{i-1} \text{FIRST}(y_j) \end{cases}$$

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This can be formalized as:

$$\text{FIRST}(x_1x_2\cdots x_n) := \bigcup_{i=1}^n \left\{ \text{FIRST}(x_i) - \{\epsilon\} \mid \epsilon \in \bigcap_{j=1}^{i-1} \text{FIRST}(x_j) \right\}$$

# Follow

## Definition (Follow)

Let  $G = (N, \Sigma, S, P)$  be a grammar.

Define  $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$ , where  $A \in N$ , to be the set of terminals  $a$  that can appear immediately to the right of  $A$  in some sentential form, that is:

$$\{a \in \Sigma \mid S \xrightarrow{*} \alpha A a \beta \text{ for some } \alpha, \beta \in (N \cup \Sigma)^*\}$$

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# Exercise

## First and Follow

Compute the sets First and Follow for all nonteminal symbols of the following grammar:

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## Takeaway

- Top-Down parsing can be viewed as the problem of constructing a parse tree for a given input string.
- Equivalently, top-down parsing can be viewed as finding a leftmost derivation for an input string.



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- The first “L” in LL(1) stands for scanning the input from left to right, the second “L” for producing a leftmost derivation, and the “1” for using one input symbol of look ahead at each step to make parsing action decisions.

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*Analogously*, if  $\alpha \xrightarrow{*} \epsilon$ , then  $\beta$  does not derive any string beginning with a terminal in  $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$ .



# LL(1) Grammars

The conditions in Definition 3 can be specified as:

Whenever  $A \rightarrow \alpha \mid \beta$  with  $\alpha \neq \beta$ :

1.  $\text{FIRST}(\alpha) \cap \text{FIRST}(\beta) = \emptyset$ .
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LL(1)

Verify that the following grammar is LL(1):

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- For instance, no *left-recursive* or *ambiguous* grammar can be LL(1).

# Predictive Parsing Table

Let  $G = (N, \Sigma, P, S)$  be a CFG. We shall construct a table  $M \subseteq (N \times \Sigma \cup \{\$\}) \times \mathcal{P}(P)$ .

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**Algorithm** Construction of a predictive parsing table  $M$

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1: for each production  $A \rightarrow \alpha \in P$  do
2:   for every  $a \in \text{FIRST}(\alpha)$  do
3:      $M[A, a] \leftarrow M[A, a] \cup \{A \rightarrow \alpha\}$ 
4:   if  $\varepsilon \in \text{FIRST}(\alpha)$  then
5:     for each terminal  $b \in \text{FOLLOW}(A)$  do
6:        $M[A, b] \leftarrow M[A, b] \cup \{A \rightarrow \alpha\}$ 
7:   if  $\varepsilon \in \text{FIRST}(\alpha) \wedge \$ \in \text{FOLLOW}(A)$  then
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If after performing the algorithm there is no production at all in some  $M[A, a]$ , then set  $M[A, a]$  to error (normally represented by an empty entry in the table).

# Predictive Parsing Table

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- The algorithm can be applied to any grammar  $G$  to produce a parsing table  $M$ .
- However, for every LL(1) grammar, each parsing-table entry **uniquely** identifies a production or signals an error.
- For some grammars,  $M$  may have some entries that are multiply defined.

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Construct the parsing table  $M$  for the grammar

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# Predictive Parsing Algorithm

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**Algorithm** Predictive Parsing

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- 1: Let  $T$  be a stack ▷ At the beginning it contains  $SS$
  - 2: Let  $w$  be a string and  $a$  be its first symbol
  - 3: Let  $X$  be the top stack symbol
  - 4: **while**  $X \neq \$$  **do**
  - 5:     **if**  $X = a$  **then**
  - 6:          $T.\text{pop}()$
  - 7:         Let  $a$  be the next symbol of  $w$
  - 8:     **else if**  $X$  is a terminal **then**  $\text{ERROR}()$
  - 9:     **else if**  $M[X, a]$  is an error entry **then**  $\text{ERROR}()$
  - 10:    **else if**  $M[X, a] = X \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \cdots Y_k$  **then**
  - 11:         $T.\text{pop}()$
  - 12:         $T.\text{push}(Y_1 Y_2 \cdots Y_k)$  ▷  $Y_1$  on top
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Bottom-up parse corresponds to the construction of a parse tree for an input string beginning at the leaves (the bottom) and working up towards the root (the top).

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## Objective

By “handle pruning” we can obtain a rightmost derivation.

$$S = \gamma_0 \rightarrow_{rm} \gamma_1 \rightarrow_{rm} \cdots \rightarrow_{rm} \gamma_{n-1} \rightarrow_{rm} \gamma_n = w$$

for every  $\gamma_i$  we have a **handle**  $A_i \rightarrow \beta_i$

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# Motivation

## LR(k) Parsers

- The “L” is for left-to-right scanning of the input, the “R” for constructing a rightmost derivation (in reverse), and the “k” for the number of input symbols of lookahead that are used in making parsing decisions.
- LR parsers are table-driven. If we can construct a parsing table for a grammar, it is said to be an *LR grammar*.

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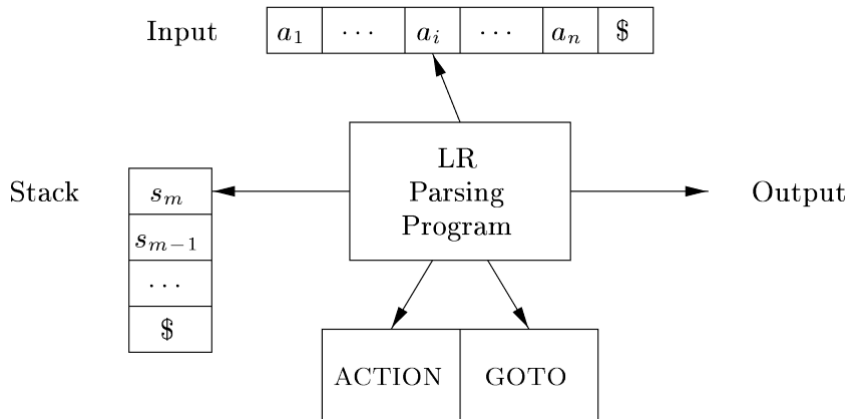


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# LR(0) Automaton

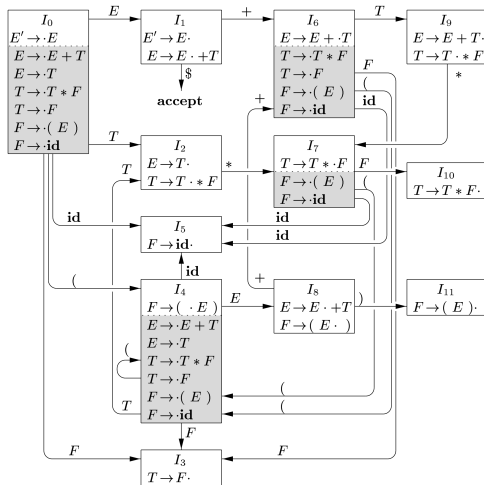


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- Items and closure of item sets
- Function GoTo
- Action
- Construction of parsing table
- Behavior of LR(0) automaton

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Apply this rule until no more new items can be added to  $\text{CLOSURE}(I)$ .

# Closure of Item Sets

## Observation

There are two classes of items:

- *Kernel items*: the initial item,  $S' \rightarrow \bullet S$ , and all items whose dots are not at the left end.
- *Nonkernel items*: all items with their dots at the left end, except for  $S' \rightarrow \bullet S$

# Computing a Closure Set

Let  $G = (N, \Sigma, S, P)$  be a grammar and  $I$  a set of items.

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**Algorithm** CLOSURE( $I$ )

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```
1:  $J \leftarrow I$ 
2: repeat
3:   for each item  $A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta \in J$  do
4:     for each production  $B \rightarrow \gamma \in P$  do
5:       if  $B \rightarrow \bullet \gamma \notin J$  then
6:          $J \leftarrow J \cup \{B \rightarrow \bullet \gamma\}$ 
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```

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# The Function GoTo

## Definition (GoTo)

Let  $I$  be a set of items and  $X$  a grammar symbol.  $\text{GoTo}(I, X)$  is defined to be the closure of the set of all items  $A \rightarrow \alpha X \bullet \beta$  such that  $A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet X \beta \in I$ .



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- By using  $\text{GOTO}(-, -)$ , we create both the other states and the transitions of the automaton.

# Constructing Canonical LR(0)

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**Algorithm** Computes the set of items of an extended grammar  $G'$

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```
1: procedure SETSOFIGEMS( $G'$ )
2:    $C \leftarrow \{\text{CLOSURE}(\{S' \rightarrow \bullet S\})\}$ 
3:   repeat
4:     for each set of items  $I \in C$  do
5:       for each grammar symbol  $X$  do
6:         if  $\text{GoTo}(I, X) \neq \emptyset \wedge \text{GoTo}(I, X) \notin C$  then
7:            $C \leftarrow C \cup \{\text{GoTo}(I, X)\}$ 
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# Use of the LR(0) Automaton

## SLR

We now construct a *simple LR* (SLR) parser based on the LR(0) automaton. We begin by constructing the SLR-parsing table.

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All entries not defined by (2) and (3) are made "error"

# LR-parsing Algorithm

Let  $G$  be a grammar and  $w$  an input string.

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**Algorithm** LR-parsing. Returns a reduction for  $w$ , otherwise an error.

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```
1: Let  $T$  be a stack
2: Let  $a$  be the first symbol of  $w\$$ 
3: while true do
4:   Let  $s$  be the state on top of the stack
5:   if  $\text{ACTION}(s,a) = \text{shift } t$  then
6:      $T.\text{push}(t)$ 
7:     Let  $a$  be the next input symbol
8:   else if  $\text{ACTION}(s,a) = \text{reduce } A \rightarrow \beta$  then
9:     pop  $|\beta|$  symbols of the stack
10:     $T.\text{push}(\text{GoTo}(t,A))$ 
11:    output the production  $A \rightarrow \beta$ 
12:   else if  $\text{ACTION}(s,a) = \text{accept}$  then break
13:   else error
```

▷ At the beginning  $T$  contains 0\$

▷  $t$  is the temporary top of the stack

▷ Parsing is done

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# Example

## Example

Construct an LR-parser for the grammar

$$1. E \rightarrow E + T$$

$$2. E \rightarrow T$$

$$3. T \rightarrow T * F$$

$$4. T \rightarrow F$$

$$5. F \rightarrow (E)$$

$$6. F \rightarrow \mathbf{i}$$

# Example

STATE	ACTION						GOTO		
	id	+	*	(	)	\$	<i>E</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>F</i>
0	s5			s4			1	2	3
1		s6				acc			
2		r2	s7		r2	r2			
3		r4	r4		r4	r4			
4	s5			s4			8	2	3
5		r6	r6		r6	r6			
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7	s5			s4					10
8		s6			s11				
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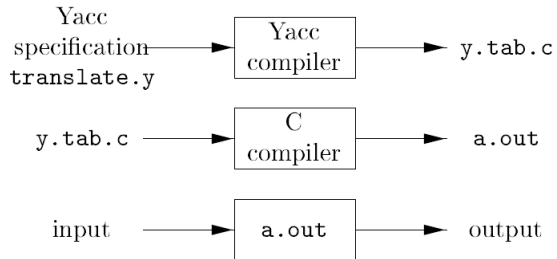
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# Parser Generators

## Yacc



- Declarations
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# Example: Grammar Specification

$$E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$$

$$T \rightarrow T * F \mid F$$

$$F \rightarrow (E) \mid \mathbf{digit}$$

```
line   : expr '\n'          { printf("%d\n", $1); }
      ;
expr    : expr '+' term      { $$ = $1 + $3; }
      | term
      ;
term    : term '*' factor    { $$ = $1 * $3; }
      | factor
      ;
factor  : '(' expr ')'        { $$ = $2; }
      | DIGIT
      ;
```



# Example: Complete Specification

```
%{
#include <ctype.h>
%}

%token DIGIT

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expr   : expr '+' term  { $$ = $1 + $3; }
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%%
yylex() {
    int c;
    c = getchar();
    if (isdigit(c)) {
        yylval = c-'0';
        return DIGIT;
    }
    return c;
}
```

# Example: Grammar Specification

$$E \rightarrow E + E \mid E - E \mid E * E \\ \mid E / E \mid -E \mid (E) \mid \mathbf{number}$$

```
lines : lines expr '\n'    { printf("%g\n", $2); }
      | lines '\n'
      | /* empty */
      ;
expr  : expr '+' expr      { $$ = $1 + $3; }
      | expr '-' expr      { $$ = $1 - $3; }
      | expr '*' expr      { $$ = $1 * $3; }
      | expr '/' expr      { $$ = $1 / $3; }
      | '(' expr ')'       { $$ = $2; }
      | '-' expr %prec UMINUS { $$ = - $2; }
      | NUMBER
      ;
```

# Example: Complete Specification

```
%{
#include <ctype.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#define YYSTYPE double /* double type for Yacc stack */
}%
%token NUMBER

%left '+' '-'
%left '*' '/'
%right UMINUS
%%

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yylex() {
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    if ( (c == '.') || (isdigit(c)) ) {
        ungetc(c, stdin);
        scanf("%lf", &yylval);
        return NUMBER;
    }
    return c;
}
```

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