

Practice Problems with Solution

Shift Reduce Parsing

Problem-01:

Consider the following grammar-

$$E \rightarrow E - E$$

$$E \rightarrow E \times E$$

$$E \rightarrow \text{id}$$

Parse the input string $\text{id} - \text{id} \times \text{id}$ using a shift-reduce parser.

Solution-

The priority order is: $\text{id} > \times > -$

Stack	Input Buffer	Parsing Action
\$	id - id x id \$	Shift
\$ id	- id x id \$	Reduce $E \rightarrow \text{id}$
\$ E	- id x id \$	Shift
\$ E -	id x id \$	Shift
\$ E - id	x id \$	Reduce $E \rightarrow \text{id}$
\$ E - E	x id \$	Shift
\$ E - E x	id \$	Shift

\$ E – E x id	\$	Reduce E → id
\$ E – E x E	\$	Reduce E → E x E
\$ E – E	\$	Reduce E → E – E
\$ E	\$	Accept

Problem-02:

Consider the following grammar-

$$S \rightarrow (L) \mid a$$

$$L \rightarrow L , S \mid S$$

Parse the input string (a , (a , a)) using a shift-reduce parser.

Solution-

Stack	Input Buffer	Parsing Action
\$	(a , (a , a)) \$	Shift
\$ (a , (a , a)) \$	Shift
\$ (a	, (a , a)) \$	Reduce $S \rightarrow a$
\$ (S	, (a , a)) \$	Reduce $L \rightarrow S$
\$ (L	, (a , a)) \$	Shift
\$ (L ,	(a , a)) \$	Shift

$\$ (L , ($	$a , a)) \$$	Shift
$\$ (L , (a$	$, a)) \$$	Reduce $S \rightarrow a$
$\$ (L , (S$	$, a)) \$$	Reduce $L \rightarrow S$
$\$ (L , (L$	$, a)) \$$	Shift
$\$ (L , (L ,$	$a)) \$$	Shift
$\$ (L , (L , a$	$)) \$$	Reduce $S \rightarrow a$
$\$ (L , (L , S)$	$)) \$$	Reduce $L \rightarrow L , S$
$\$ (L , (L$	$)) \$$	Shift
$\$ (L , (L)$	$) \$$	Reduce $S \rightarrow (L)$
$\$ (L , S$	$) \$$	Reduce $L \rightarrow L , S$
$\$ (L$	$) \$$	Shift
$\$ (L)$	$\$$	Reduce $S \rightarrow (L)$
$\$ S$	$\$$	Accept

Problem-03:

Consider the following grammar-

$$S \rightarrow T L$$

$$T \rightarrow \text{int} \mid \text{float}$$

$$L \rightarrow L , \text{id} \mid \text{id}$$

Parse the input string `int id , id ;` using a shift-reduce parser.

Solution-

Stack	Input Buffer	Parsing Action
\$	int id , id ; \$	Shift
\$ int	id , id ; \$	Reduce $T \rightarrow \text{int}$
\$ T	id , id ; \$	Shift
\$ T id	, id ; \$	Reduce $L \rightarrow \text{id}$
\$ T L	, id ; \$	Shift
\$ T L ,	id ; \$	Shift
\$ T L , id	; \$	Reduce $L \rightarrow L , \text{id}$
\$ T L	; \$	Shift
\$ T L ;	\$	Reduce $S \rightarrow T L$
\$ S	\$	Accept

Problem-04:

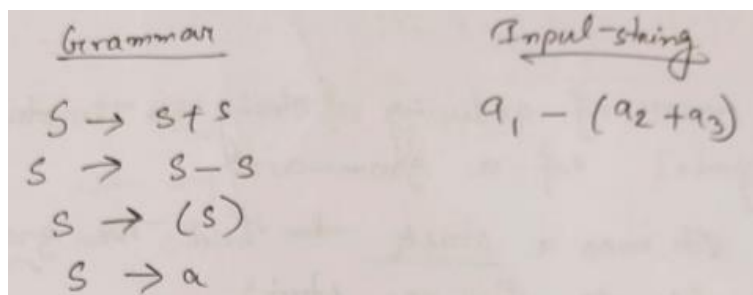
Considering the string "10201", design a shift-reduce parser for the following grammar-

$$S \rightarrow 0S0 \mid 1S1 \mid 2$$

Solution-

Stack	Input Buffer	Parsing Action
\$	1 0 2 0 1 \$	Shift
\$ 1	0 2 0 1 \$	Shift
\$ 1 0	2 0 1 \$	Shift
\$ 1 0 2	0 1 \$	Reduce $S \rightarrow 2$
\$ 1 0 S	0 1 \$	Shift
\$ 1 0 S 0	1 \$	Reduce $S \rightarrow 0 S 0$
\$ 1 S	1 \$	Shift
\$ 1 S 1	\$	Reduce $S \rightarrow 1 S 1$
\$ S	\$	Accept

Problem 5:



Solution

Stack Content	Input String	Actions
\$ - start	$a_1 - (a_2 + a_3) \$$	shift a_1
\$ a_1	$- (a_2 + a_3) \$$	reduce by $s \rightarrow a$
\$ s	$- (a_2 + a_3) \$$	shift $-$
\$ $s -$	$(a_2 + a_3) \$$	shift $($
\$ $s - ($	$a_2 + a_3) \$$	shift a_2
\$ $s - (a_2$	$+ a_3) \$$	reduce by $s \rightarrow a$
\$ $s - (s$	$+ a_3) \$$	shift $+$
\$ $s - (s$	$a_3) \$$	shift a_3
\$ $s - (s +$	$) \$$	reduce by $s \rightarrow a$
\$ $s - (s + a_3$	$) \$$	shift $)$
\$ $s - (s + s$	$) \$$	reduce by $s \rightarrow s + s$
\$ $s - (s + s)$	$\$$	reduce by $s \rightarrow (s)$
\$ $s - (s)$	$\$$	

\$ $s - s$	\$	reduce by $s \rightarrow s - s$
\$ s	\$	<u>Accept</u>

LEFT RECURSION ELIMINATION-

Problem-01:

Consider the following grammar and eliminate left recursion-

$$A \rightarrow ABd / Aa / a$$

$$B \rightarrow Be / b$$

Solution-

The grammar after eliminating left recursion is-

$$A \rightarrow aA'$$

$$A' \rightarrow BdA' / aA' / \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow bB'$$

$$B' \rightarrow eB' / \epsilon$$

Problem-02:

Consider the following grammar and eliminate left recursion-

$$E \rightarrow E + E / E \times E / a$$

Solution-

The grammar after eliminating left recursion is-

$$E \rightarrow aA$$

$$A \rightarrow +EA / \times EA / \epsilon$$

Problem-03:

Consider the following grammar and eliminate left recursion-

$$E \rightarrow E + T / T$$

$$T \rightarrow T \times F / F$$

$$F \rightarrow \text{id}$$

Solution-

The grammar after eliminating left recursion is-

$$E \rightarrow TE'$$

$$E' \rightarrow +TE' / \epsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow FT'$$

$$T' \rightarrow \times FT' / \epsilon$$

$$F \rightarrow \text{id}$$

Problem-04:

Consider the following grammar and eliminate left recursion-

$$S \rightarrow (L) / a$$

$$L \rightarrow L , S / S$$

Solution-

The grammar after eliminating left recursion is-

$$S \rightarrow (L) / a$$

$$L \rightarrow SL'$$

$$L' \rightarrow ,SL' / \epsilon$$

Problem-05:

Consider the following grammar and eliminate left recursion-

$$S \rightarrow S0S1S / 01$$

Solution-

The grammar after eliminating left recursion is-

$$S \rightarrow 01A$$

$$A \rightarrow 0S1SA / \epsilon$$

Problem-06:

Consider the following grammar and eliminate left recursion-

$$S \rightarrow A$$

$$A \rightarrow Ad / Ae / aB / ac$$

$$B \rightarrow bBc / f$$

Solution-

The grammar after eliminating left recursion is-

$$S \rightarrow A$$

$$A \rightarrow aBA' / acA'$$

$$A' \rightarrow dA' / eA' / \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow bBc / f$$

Problem-07:

Consider the following grammar and eliminate left recursion-

$$A \rightarrow AA\alpha / \beta$$

Solution-

The grammar after eliminating left recursion is-

$$A \rightarrow \beta A'$$

$$A' \rightarrow A\alpha A' / \epsilon$$

Problem-08:

Consider the following grammar and eliminate left recursion-

$$A \rightarrow Ba / Aa / c$$

$$B \rightarrow Bb / Ab / d$$

Solution-

This is a case of indirect left recursion.

Step-01:

First let us eliminate left recursion from $A \rightarrow Ba / Aa / c$

Eliminating left recursion from here, we get-

$$A \rightarrow BaA' / cA'$$

$$A' \rightarrow aA' / \epsilon$$

Now, given grammar becomes-

$$A \rightarrow BaA' / cA'$$

$$A' \rightarrow aA' / \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow Bb / Ab / d$$

Step-02:

Substituting the productions of A in $B \rightarrow Ab$, we get the following grammar-

$$A \rightarrow BaA' / cA'$$

$$A' \rightarrow aA' / \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow Bb / BaA'b / cA'b / d$$

Step-03:

Now, eliminating left recursion from the productions of B, we get the following grammar-

$$A \rightarrow BaA' / cA'$$

$$A' \rightarrow aA' / \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow cA'bB' / dB'$$

$$B' \rightarrow bB' / aA'bB' / \epsilon$$

This is the final grammar after eliminating left recursion.

Problem-09:

Consider the following grammar and eliminate left recursion-

$$X \rightarrow XSb / Sa / b$$

$$S \rightarrow Sb / Xa / a$$

Solution-

This is a case of indirect left recursion.

Step-01:

First let us eliminate left recursion from $X \rightarrow XSb / Sa / b$

Eliminating left recursion from here, we get-

$$X \rightarrow SaX' / bX'$$

$$X' \rightarrow SbX' / \epsilon$$

Now, given grammar becomes-

$$X \rightarrow SaX' / bX'$$

$$X' \rightarrow SbX' / \epsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow Sb / Xa / a$$

Step-02:

Substituting the productions of X in $S \rightarrow Xa$, we get the following grammar-

$$X \rightarrow SaX' / bX'$$

$$X' \rightarrow SbX' / \epsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow Sb / SaX'a / bX'a / a$$

Step-03:

Now, eliminating left recursion from the productions of S, we get the following grammar-

$$X \rightarrow SaX' / bX'$$

$$X' \rightarrow SbX' / \epsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow bX'aS' / aS'$$

$$S' \rightarrow bS' / aX'aS' / \epsilon$$

This is the final grammar after eliminating left recursion.

Problem-10:

Consider the following grammar and eliminate left recursion-

$$S \rightarrow Aa / b$$

$$A \rightarrow Ac / Sd / \epsilon$$

Solution-

This is a case of indirect left recursion.

Step-01:

First let us eliminate left recursion from $S \rightarrow Aa / b$

This is already free from left recursion.

Step-02:

Substituting the productions of S in $A \rightarrow Sd$, we get the following grammar-

$$S \rightarrow Aa / b$$
$$A \rightarrow Ac / Aad / bd / \epsilon$$

Step-03:

Now, eliminating left recursion from the productions of A, we get the following grammar-

$$S \rightarrow Aa / b$$
$$A \rightarrow bdA' / A'$$
$$A' \rightarrow cA' / adA' / \epsilon$$

This is the final grammar after eliminating left recursion.

Leftmost Derivation/ Rightmost Derivation

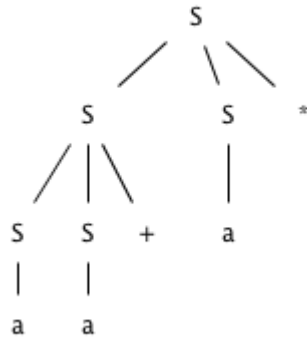
Consider the context-free grammar:

$S \rightarrow S S + \mid S S * \mid a$
and the string $aa + a^*$.

1. Give a leftmost derivation for the string.
2. Give a rightmost derivation for the string.
3. Give a parse tree for the string.
4. ! Is the grammar ambiguous or unambiguous? Justify your answer.
5. ! Describe the language generated by this grammar.

Answer

1. $S \Rightarrow SS^* \Rightarrow SS+S^* \Rightarrow aS+S^* \Rightarrow aa+S^* \Rightarrow aa+a^*$
2. $S \Rightarrow SS^* \Rightarrow Sa^* \Rightarrow SS+a^* \Rightarrow Sa+a^* \Rightarrow aa+a^*$



3. Unambiguous
4. The set of all postfix expressions consist of addition and multiplication

4.2.2

Repeat Exercise 4 . 2 . 1 for each of the following grammars and strings:

1. $S \rightarrow 0S1 \mid 01$ with string 000111.
2. $S \rightarrow +SS \mid *SS \mid a$ with string $+*aaa$.
3. $S \rightarrow S(S)S \mid \epsilon$ with string $(())$
4. $S \rightarrow S+S \mid SS \mid (S) \mid S^* \mid a$ with string $(a+a)^*a$
5. $S \rightarrow (L) \mid a$ 以及 $L \rightarrow L, S \mid S$ with string $((a,a),a,(a))$
6. $S \rightarrow aSbS \mid bSaS \mid \epsilon$ with string aabbab
7. The following grammar for boolean expressions:
 8. $bexpr \rightarrow bexpr \text{ or } bterm \mid bterm$
 9. $bterm \rightarrow bterm \text{ and } bfactor \mid bfactor$
 $bfactor \rightarrow \text{not } bfactor \mid (bexpr) \mid \text{true} \mid \text{false}$

Answer

1. $S \Rightarrow 0S1 \Rightarrow 00S11 \Rightarrow 000111$

2. $S = \text{rm} \Rightarrow 0S1 \Rightarrow 00S11 \Rightarrow 000111$
3. Omit
4. Unambiguous
5. The set of all strings of 0s and followed by an equal number of 1s

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1. $S = \text{lm} \Rightarrow +SS \Rightarrow +*SSS \Rightarrow +*aSS \Rightarrow +*aaS \Rightarrow +*aaa$
2. $S = \text{rm} \Rightarrow +SS \Rightarrow +Sa \Rightarrow +*SSa \Rightarrow +*Saa \Rightarrow +*aaa$
3. Omit
4. Unambiguous
5. The set of all prefix expressions consist of addition and multiplication.

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1. $S = \text{lm} \Rightarrow S(S)S \Rightarrow (S)S \Rightarrow (S(S)S)S \Rightarrow ((S)S)S \Rightarrow (())S \Rightarrow (())S(S)S \Rightarrow (())S(S)S \Rightarrow (())S(S)S \Rightarrow (())S \Rightarrow (())S \Rightarrow (())$
2. $S = \text{rm} \Rightarrow S(S)S \Rightarrow S(S) \Rightarrow S(S(S)S) \Rightarrow S(S(S)) \Rightarrow S(S()) \Rightarrow S(S(S)S()) \Rightarrow S(S(S)()) \Rightarrow S(S()) \Rightarrow S(S()) \Rightarrow (())$
3. Omit
4. Ambiguous
5. The set of all strings of symmetrical parentheses

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1. $S = \text{lm} \Rightarrow SS \Rightarrow S*S \Rightarrow (S)*S \Rightarrow (S+S)*S \Rightarrow (a+S)*S \Rightarrow (a+a)*S \Rightarrow (a+a)*a$
2. $S = \text{rm} \Rightarrow SS \Rightarrow Sa \Rightarrow S*a \Rightarrow (S)*a \Rightarrow (S+S)*a \Rightarrow (S+a)*a \Rightarrow (a+a)*a$
3. Omit
4. Ambiguous
5. The set of all string of plus, mupplication, 'a' and symmetrical parentheses, and plus is not the beginning and end of the position, multiplication is not the beginning of the position

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1. $S = \text{lm} \Rightarrow (L) \Rightarrow (L, S) \Rightarrow (L, S, S) \Rightarrow ((S), S, S) \Rightarrow ((L), S, S) \Rightarrow ((L, S), S, S) \Rightarrow ((S, S), S, S) \Rightarrow ((a, S), S, S) \Rightarrow ((a, a), S, S) \Rightarrow ((a, a), a, S) \Rightarrow ((a, a), a, (L)) \Rightarrow ((a, a), a, (S)) \Rightarrow ((a, a), a, (a))$
2. $S = \text{rm} \Rightarrow (L) \Rightarrow (L, S) \Rightarrow (L, (L)) \Rightarrow (L, (a)) \Rightarrow (L, S, (a)) \Rightarrow (L, a, (a)) \Rightarrow (S, a, (a)) \Rightarrow ((L), a, (a)) \Rightarrow ((L, S), a, (a)) \Rightarrow ((S, S), a, (a)) \Rightarrow ((S, a), a, (a)) \Rightarrow ((a, a), a, (a))$
3. Omit

4. Unambiguous
5. Something like tuple in Python

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1. $S \Rightarrow aSbS \Rightarrow aaSbSbS \Rightarrow aabSbS \Rightarrow aabbS \Rightarrow aabbaSbS \Rightarrow aabbabS \Rightarrow aabbab$
2. $S \Rightarrow aSbS \Rightarrow aSbaSbS \Rightarrow aSbaSb \Rightarrow aSbab \Rightarrow aaSbSbab \Rightarrow aaSbbab \Rightarrow aabbab$
3. Omit
4. Ambiguous
5. The set of all strings of 'a's and 'b's of the equal number of 'a's and 'b's

7、 Unambiguous, boolean expression

Left Factoring

Problem-01:

Do left factoring in the following grammar-

$$S \rightarrow iEtS / iEtSeS / a$$

$$E \rightarrow b$$

Solution-

The left factored grammar is-

$$S \rightarrow iEtSS' / a$$

$$S' \rightarrow eS / \epsilon$$

$$E \rightarrow b$$

Problem-02:

Do left factoring in the following grammar-

$$A \rightarrow aAB / aBc / aAc$$

Solution-

Step-01:

$$A \rightarrow aA'$$

$$A' \rightarrow AB / Bc / Ac$$

Again, this is a grammar with common prefixes.

Step-02:

$$A \rightarrow aA'$$

$$A' \rightarrow AD / Bc$$

$$D \rightarrow B / c$$

This is a left factored grammar.

Problem-03:

Do left factoring in the following grammar-

$$S \rightarrow bSSaaS / bSSaSb / bSb / a$$

Solution-

Step-01:

$$S \rightarrow bSS' / a$$

$$S' \rightarrow SaaS / SaSb / b$$

Again, this is a grammar with common prefixes.

Step-02:

$$S \rightarrow bSS' / a$$

$$S' \rightarrow SaA / b$$

$$A \rightarrow aS / Sb$$

This is a left factored grammar.

Problem-04:

Do left factoring in the following grammar-

$$S \rightarrow aSSbS / aSaSb / abb / b$$

Solution-

Step-01:

$$S \rightarrow aS' / b$$

$$S' \rightarrow SSbS / SaSb / bb$$

Again, this is a grammar with common prefixes.

Step-02:

$$S \rightarrow aS' / b$$

$$S' \rightarrow SA / bb$$

$$A \rightarrow SbS / aSb$$

This is a left factored grammar.

Problem-05:

Do left factoring in the following grammar-

$$S \rightarrow a / ab / abc / abcd$$

Solution-

Step-01:

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aS' \\ S' &\rightarrow b / bc / bcd / \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Again, this is a grammar with common prefixes.

Step-02:

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aS' \\ S' &\rightarrow bA / \epsilon \\ A &\rightarrow c / cd / \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Again, this is a grammar with common prefixes.

Step-03:

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aS' \\ S' &\rightarrow bA / \epsilon \\ A &\rightarrow cB / \epsilon \\ B &\rightarrow d / \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

This is a left factored grammar.

Problem-06:

Do left factoring in the following grammar-

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aAd / aB \\ A &\rightarrow a / ab \\ B &\rightarrow ccd / ddc \end{aligned}$$

Solution-

The left factored grammar is-

$$S \rightarrow aS'$$

$$S' \rightarrow Ad / B$$

$$A \rightarrow aA'$$

$$A' \rightarrow b / \epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow ccd / ddc$$

First and Follow

Check Module 3 PPT problems