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Introduction

In this exam you'll build a parser for the language of regular expressions (from now on **regex**). The regex language that we consider is defined by the following rules:

1. If **re1** and **re2** are two regexps then **re1 | re2** is a regexp
2. The concatenation of regexps is a regexp: If **re1** and **re2** are regexps then **re1 re2** is a regexp
3. The closures of regexps **re** as **re?**, **re*** and **re+** are regexps
4. If **re** is a regexp then **(re)** between parenthesis is a regexp
5. (Metasymbols) The dot '.', the '^' and the '\$' are regexps and have special meanings
6. Characters that are not metasymbols (that is, different from '*', '+', '|', etc.) are regular expressions
7. Metasymbols (as '*', '+', '?', '|', '^', '\$', etc.) when they are escaped '*' are considered characters and are regular expressions
8. White Spaces are allowed. Comments can start with # and end with the end of the line or can be C style /* ... */

Regarding priority and associativity, other than the usual conventions, let us point that we want the meaning of **a|bc** to be **a|(bc)** and the meaning of **cd*** to be **c(d*)**

For all the following questions your goal will be to write a parser that receives as input a regular expression like **(ab)+|b** and outputs an Abstract Syntax Tree like this one:

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{ "type": "OR", "children": [
  { "type": "PLUS", "children": [
    { "type": "PAREN", "children": [
      { "type": "CAT",
        "children": [ { "type": "CHAR", "value": "a" }, { "type": "CHAR", "value": "b" } ]
      }
    ]
  }
],
  { "type": "CHAR", "value": "b" }
]}
```

1. Write the lexical analyzer using your own lexical analyzer generator (as it was specified in the class lab *Lexer-Generator*) or `moo-ignore` or `moo`
2. Write a Nearley.JS non ambiguous grammar that generates a parser that recognizes this regex language
3. Write a method `toJSRegex(ast)` that receives the AST built by the parser and returns a JS string `str` without the spaces, without the comments and with the special characters properly escaped so that a JS regexp can be easily built using `new RegExp(str)`. For instance, for the former AST the output should be `(?:((?:ab))+|b)`. For the input

```
a
\s
\* /* a literal star */
```

the output should be `(?:a\s*)`.