Parallel Parsing

The Implementation of a Parallel LL Parser Generator

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Introduction

- Parallel LL parser generator.
- $\text{LLP}(q, k) \subseteq \text{LL}(k)$.
- Pareas uses $\text{LLP}(1, 1)$.
- Two mistakes in the paper that describes LLP.
- Tested the parser generator thoroughly.

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Accepted! the string "abc" can be parsed.

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Construct the production sequence.

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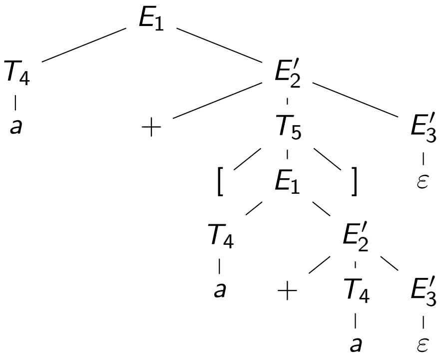
Syntax Tree

$$1)\ E \to TE' \quad 2)\ E' \to +TE' \quad 3)\ E' \to \varepsilon \quad 4)\ T \to a$$

$$(a + [a + a], E, ()) \vdash^* (\varepsilon, \varepsilon, (1, 4, 2, 5, 1, 4, 2, 4, 3, 3))$$



LLP Table

To perform LLP parsing a LLP table is needed.

1. Find the initial pushdown.
2. Parse the first symbol of the lookahead string to get the final pushdown store.
3. Construct LLP configuration.

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A small example of a PSLS value.

$$S \Rightarrow^*_{lm} \vdash S \dashv \Rightarrow \vdash aAa \dashv \Rightarrow^* \vdash aa \dashv$$

This corresponds to the entry PSLS($\vdash a, a \dashv$) $= \{A\}$.

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- The first symbol cannot be parsed so the algorithm fails.
- One of the authors says this is a mistake.
- This mistake is also found in the authors PhD thesis about LLP.

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$$\mathrm{FIRST}_1(y) \subseteq \mathrm{FIRST}_1(\alpha)$$

$$\not\Longrightarrow$$

$$(y, \mathrm{PSLS}(x, y), ()) \vdash^* (b, \omega, \pi) \text{ where } ab = y, a \in T \text{ and } b \in T^*$$

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- The time complexity is not impacted.
- The problem of deriving too many symbols.

"Since the length of both α_i and ω_i is limited by some constant z for the grammar, the time complexity is $O(z) = O(1)$." (Vagner, 2007)

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A Little Example

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