

**MCA 18 302**  
**PRINCIPLES OF COMPILERS**

# MODULE 2

## SYNTAX ANALYSIS

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# Reductions

- Bottom up parsing as the process of reducing a string  $w$  to the start symbol of the grammar.
- At each reduction step a particular substring matching the right-side of a production is replaced by the symbol on the left of that production, and if the substring is chosen correctly at each step, a rightmost derivation is traced out in reverse.

eg: Consider the grammar.

$$S \rightarrow aABe$$

$$A \rightarrow Abc \mid b$$

$$B \rightarrow d.$$

The sentence  $abbcd$  can be reduced to  $S$  by the following steps:

$abbcd$

$a\text{b}bcd$  ( $A \rightarrow b$ )

$aAbcd$  ( $A \rightarrow Abc$ )

$aABe$  ( $B \rightarrow d$ )

$S$  ( $S \rightarrow aABe$ )

By a sequence of 4 reductions we are able to reduce  $abbcd$  to  $S$ . These reductions, in fact, trace out the following right most derivation in reverse:

$$S \Rightarrow aABe \Rightarrow aAbcd \Rightarrow aAbcde \Rightarrow abbcde$$

