

IN-CLASS EXERCISES

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PARSING 4- TYING IT ALL TOGETHER

Download exercises

1. Go to

<https://ligerlabs.org/compilers.html>

2. Download the file

`parse-4-exercises.zip`

3. Open up a terminal and Unzip the file

```
> unzip parse-4-exercises.zip
```

```
> cd parse-4-exercises
```

```
> ls
```

Task 1

- Is this grammar LL(1)? Why?

1. $S \rightarrow x B A y$

2. $A \rightarrow z$

3. $A \rightarrow \epsilon$

4. $B \rightarrow y$

5. $B \rightarrow A x$

$\text{FIRST}(S) = \{x\}$

$\text{FIRST}(A) = \{z, \epsilon\}$

$\text{FIRST}(B) = \{x, y, z\}$

$\text{FOLLOW}(S) = \{\$ \}$

$\text{FOLLOW}(A) = \{x, y\}$

$\text{FOLLOW}(B) = \{y, z\}$

Task 2

- Is this grammar LL(1)? Why?

1. $S \rightarrow x A$

2. $S \rightarrow B$

3. $A \rightarrow x$

4. $A \rightarrow z$

5. $B \rightarrow y A$

$\text{FIRST}(S) = \{x, y\}$

$\text{FIRST}(A) = \{x, z\}$

$\text{FIRST}(B) = \{y\}$

$\text{FOLLOW}(S) = \{\$ \}$

$\text{FOLLOW}(A) = \{x, y\}$

$\text{FOLLOW}(B) = \{y, z\}$

Task 3

- Is this grammar LL(1)? Why?

1. $S \rightarrow x A$

2. $A \rightarrow \underline{y}$

3. $A \rightarrow B$

4. $B \rightarrow z$

5. $B \rightarrow \underline{y} w$

$\text{FIRST}(S) = \{x\}$

$\text{FIRST}(A) = \{y, z\}$

$\text{FIRST}(B) = \{z, y\}$

Task 4

- Is this grammar LL(1)? Why?

1. $S \rightarrow x A B$
2. $A \rightarrow y$
3. $A \rightarrow \epsilon$
4. $B \rightarrow y$

$\text{FIRST}(S) = \{x\}$
 $\text{FIRST}(A) = \{y, \epsilon\}$
 $\text{FIRST}(B) = \{y\}$

$\text{FOLLOW}(S) = \{\$ \}$
 $\text{FOLLOW}(A) = \{y\}$
 $\text{FOLLOW}(B) = \{\$ \}$

Task 5

- Is this grammar LL(1)? Why?

1. $S \rightarrow x A B$
2. $A \rightarrow y$
3. $A \rightarrow \epsilon$
4. $B \rightarrow z$

$\text{FIRST}(S) = \{x\}$
 $\text{FIRST}(A) = \{y, \epsilon\}$
 $\text{FIRST}(B) = \{z\}$

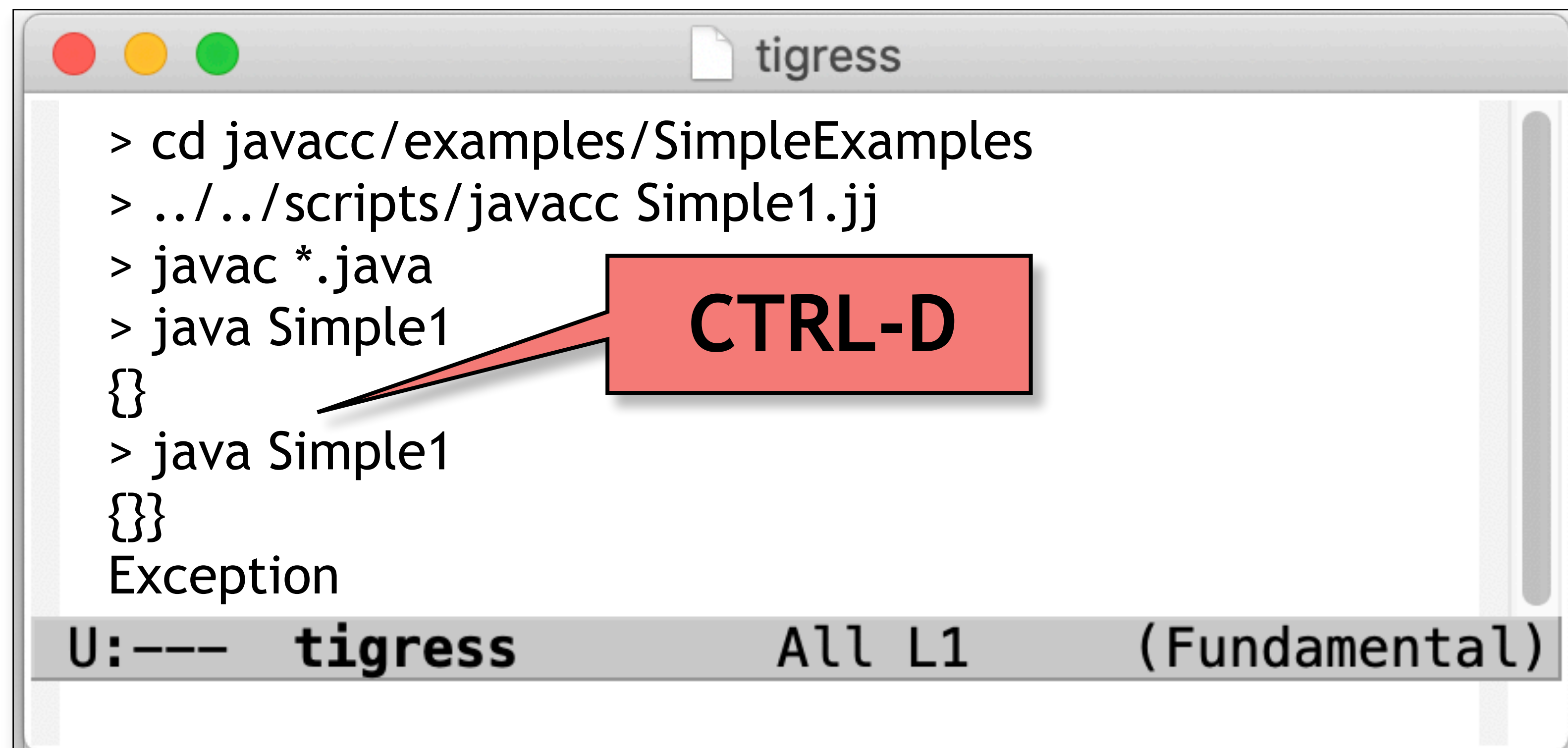
$\text{FOLLOW}(S) = \{\$ \}$
 $\text{FOLLOW}(A) = \{z\}$
 $\text{FOLLOW}(B) = \{\$ \}$

Task 6 (a)

- JavaCC is a popular parser generator for Java. You can read about it here:

`https://javacc.github.io/javacc/`

- The easiest way to learn how this works is to look at a few examples:



A terminal window titled "tigress" showing the execution of JavaCC examples. The commands and output are as follows:

```
> cd javacc/examples/SimpleExamples
> ../../scripts/javacc Simple1.jj
> javac *.java
> java Simple1
{}
> java Simple1
{}
Exception
```

A red callout box with the text "CTRL-D" points to the first empty line after the first execution of `java Simple1`.

U:--- **tigress** All L1 (Fundamental)

Task 6 (b)

- View `Simple1.jj`, `Simple2.jj`, `Simple3.jj`
- How do you
 - define tokens like `":="`, `"{"`, `...?`
 - define tokens like `"BEGIN"`, `"END"`, `...?`
 - define tokens like `123`, `cow23`, `...?`
- How do you define syntax?

Task 6 (b)

- View `Simple1.jj`, `Simple2.jj`, `Simple3.jj`
- How do you
 - define tokens like `":="`, `"{"`, ...?
 - define tokens like `"BEGIN"`, `"END"`, ...?
 - define tokens like `123`, `cow23`, ...?
- How do you define syntax?

Task 6 (c)

- Modify Tiny.jj to handle the extended syntax of the Tiny language.

```
program → 'BEGIN' stats 'END'
stats  → stat stats | ε
stat   → ident '=' expr ';'
        | 'PRINT' expr ';'
        | 'IF' expr 'GOTO' int ';'
        | 'GOTO' int ';'
        | int ':' ';'
expr   → expr '+' expr
        | expr '-' expr
        | expr '<' expr
        | ident
        | int
ident  → LETTER idp
idp    → LETTER idp | DIGIT idp | ε
int    → DIGIT intp
intp   → DIGIT intp | ε
```



ALGORITHMS

Computing FIRST Sets (no $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ rules)

1. **FOR** each non-terminal A **DO**

$\text{FIRST}(A) = \{\}$

2. **FOR** each terminal t **DO**

$\text{FIRST}(t) = \{t\}$

3. **REPEAT** until no more changes:

FOR each production $A \rightarrow Y_1 \dots Y_k$ **DO**

$\text{FIRST}(A) \cup= \text{FIRST}(Y_1);$

Computing FIRST Sets (with $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ rules)

1. **FOR** *each non-terminal* A **DO** $\text{FIRST}(A) = \{\}$
2. **FOR** *each terminal* t **DO** $\text{FIRST}(t) = \{t\}$
3. **FOR** *each production* $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ **DO** $\text{FIRST}(A) = \{\epsilon\}$
4. **REPEAT** until no more changes:
 - FOR** *each production* $A \rightarrow Y_1 \dots Y_k$ except $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ **DO**
 $\text{FIRST}(A) \cup= \text{FIRST}(Y_1) - \{\epsilon\};$
 FOR $i = 1$ to $k-1$ **DO**
 IF ϵ is in $\text{FIRST}(Y_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \epsilon$ is in $\text{FIRST}(Y_i)$ **THEN**
 $\text{FIRST}(A) \cup= \text{FIRST}(Y_{i+1}) - \{\epsilon\};$
 IF ϵ is in $\text{FIRST}(Y_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \epsilon$ is in $\text{FIRST}(Y_k)$ **THEN**
 $\text{FIRST}(A) \cup= \{\epsilon\};$

Computing FOLLOW Sets

1. **FOR** each non-terminal A **DO** $\text{FOLLOW}(A) = \{\}$

2. $\text{FOLLOW}(S) = \{\$ \}$

REPEAT until no more changes:

3. **FOR** each production $A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$ **DO**

$\text{FOLLOW}(B) \cup= (\text{FIRST}(\beta) - \{\epsilon\})$

4. **FOR** each production $A \rightarrow \alpha B$ **DO**

$\text{FOLLOW}(B) \cup= \text{FOLLOW}(A)$

5. **FOR** each production $A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$ **WHERE** ϵ is in $\text{FIRST}(\beta)$ **DO**

$\text{FOLLOW}(B) \cup= \text{FOLLOW}(A)$

The LL(1) Property

A grammar G is LL(1) iff G has these productions and the following conditions hold:

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow \alpha \\ A \rightarrow \beta \end{array}$$

1. α and β don't both derive strings beginning with terminal a .
2. α and β don't both derive the empty string.

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

The LL(1) Property...

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow \alpha \\ A \rightarrow \beta \end{array}$$

3. If $\beta \xRightarrow{*} \epsilon$, then α does not derive any string beginning with a terminal in $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$.

$$\text{if } \epsilon \text{ is in } \text{FIRST}(\beta), \text{ then } \text{FIRST}(\alpha) \cap \text{FOLLOW}(A) = \emptyset$$

4. If $\alpha \xRightarrow{*} \epsilon$, then β does not derive any string beginning with a terminal in $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$.

$$\text{if } \epsilon \text{ is in } \text{FIRST}(\alpha), \text{ then } \text{FIRST}(\beta) \cap \text{FOLLOW}(A) = \emptyset$$

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