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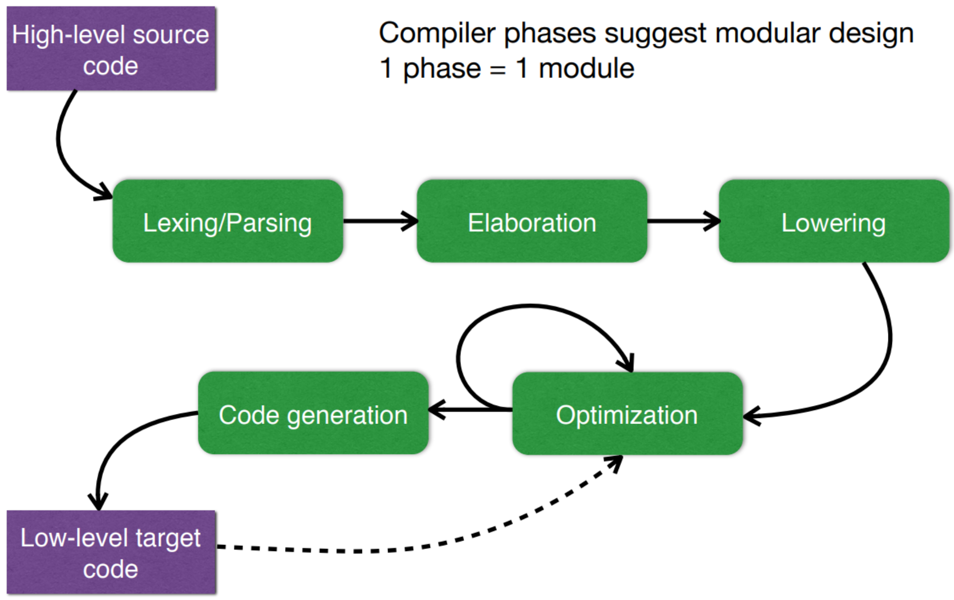

Figure 1: Compiler modular phases.

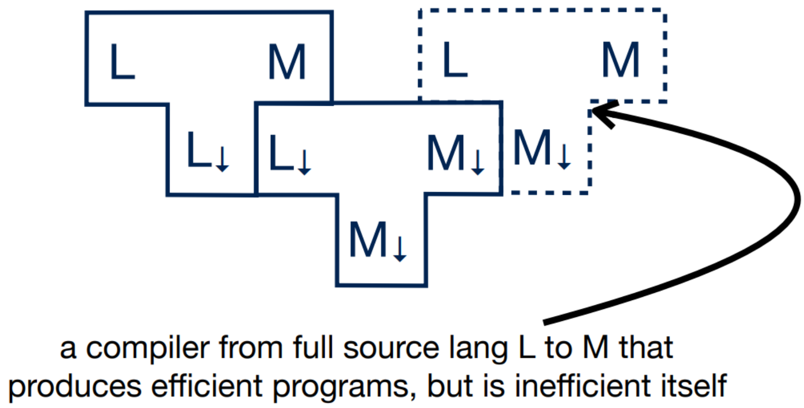

Figure 2: Bootstrap compiling

- **Lexing/Parsing**: String $\rightarrow_{lexing}$ Tokens $\rightarrow_{parsing}$ Abstract Syntax Tree (AST)
- **Elaboration**: *Resolving scope* and *Type checking*. Most errors found here.
- **Lowering**: High-level features to target-language like constructs (e.g. assembly-like). *Intermediate representation*, LLVM.
- **Optimization**: Detect and rewrite expensive operations. Lifting invariants out of loops, parallelization.
- **Code generation**: fx LLVM to X86 (registers, instruction etc.)

- **Bootstrapping compilers**: Compile your language in your own language.

2 Lexical

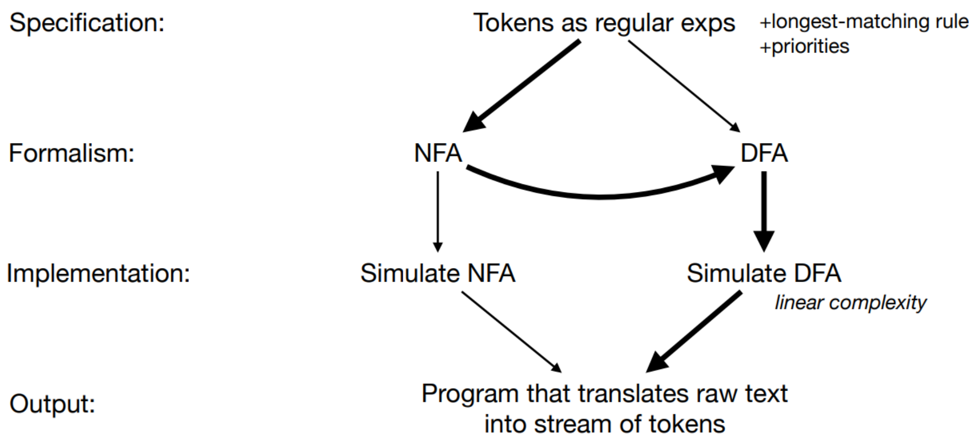

Figure 3: REG to NFA to DFA

- Tokens: E.g. ID("a"), INT, IF etc. Some tokens include metadata like names in ID.
- Non-tokens: comments, whitespace etc.
- REG → NFA → (closures) DFA → Minimized DFA (more effective)
- REG: Handle priorities and longest matching string token wins.
- Ocamllex: Lexer generator

3 Parsing

A context-free grammar (CFG) is a 4-tuple $G = (V, \Sigma, S, P)$

- V is a finite set of *nonterminal* symbols
- Σ is an alphabet of *terminal* symbols and $V \cap \Sigma = \varnothing$
- $S \in V$ is a *start* symbol
- P is a finite set of *productions* of the form $A \rightarrow \alpha$, where
  - $A \in V$, i.e., A is a nonterminal, and
  - $\alpha \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$, i.e., α is possibly empty string of nonterminals or terminals

Figure 4: CFG Definition

S → if E then S else S
S → begin S L
S → print E
L → end
L → ; S L
E → num = num

- FIRST (α) : set of terminals that begin strings derived from α
- FOLLOW(X): set of terminals a that can appear immediately to the right of X in some derivable string, e.g., $S \Rightarrow^* \alpha X a \beta$
- Let nullable(X) be true when X can derive empty string ε

Nonterminal	Nullable?	First set	Follow set
S		if, begin, print	else, end, ;, $
L		end, ;	else, end, ;, $
E		num	then, else, end, ; $

Figure 5: Top-down parsing table. You do not want more than one possibility in a cell.

- Abstract Syntax Tree (AST):
- Context-Free Grammars (CFG):
  - *Terminals* $\rightarrow$ *production rules*
  - Terminals are leafs in the tree (e.g. x, y).
  - Non-Terminals are links in the tree (e.g. BinExp)
  - Definition see figure 4.
  - Ambiguity: You don't want ambiguity, you want determinism. *Associativity* (right/left) and *precedence* (e.g. times before plus).
- Top-down/Bottom-up parsing:
  - Top-down is predictive parsing:

    * leftmost derivation
    * "see whats coming"
    * Breaks down at for example: $S \to S + x \mid S - x \mid x$. Here you don't know what to do when you see an $x \ldots$
    * See figure 5 for parsing table.
  - Bottom-up: **LR parsing** is rightmost reduction.
    * Rightmost reduction
    * Includes EOF "$" symbol.

3.1 LR parsing

Bottom-up:

- Rightmost reduction
- Includes EOF "$" symbol.

Terms:

- An **Item** is a hypothesis about sub-derivations: N is hypothesis, α is confirmed to be parsed, β is to be confirmed, $N \to \alpha.\beta$. Notice that it looks like a production rule, but with a dot somewhere in it.
- Item is reducible if β is empty. The right side of the dot is empty.
- ϵ-closure of an item set: add new hypothesis to set if expecting a non-terminal. Accessible steps while doing lambda steps.
- Stack based: stack of alternating items sets and derivation trees.
- Conflicts: shift/reduce, reduce/reduce. You don't know what to do from one state, when seeing an input symbol.

Operations: Look up stack state, and input symbol to get action

- Reduce k: Pop stack as many times as the number of symbols on the right-hand side of rule k. Choose a grammar rule $X \to A\ B\ C$; pop C, B, A from the top of the stack, and push X onto the stack. If dot is found on the right side of all symbols.
- Shift: Advance input one token; push token to stack. Go from one state to another after seeing a terminal input. Move dot one spot.
- Goto: Add hypethesis to stack - which sub-derivations we can go to. Goto state (move across edge). Go from one state to another after seeing a non-terminal. Move dot one spot.

Goto and shift must preserve the structure of the stack (item set > derivation).

Examples: All LR parsing examples

You can create a DFA by calculating first, the starting state and its closure. Then calculate the closures (dot in front of non-terminal) developed by shifting each terminal and non-terminal from that state (moving the dot after the shifted input symbol). Afterwards, you can develop a parsing table, *state* by terminal/non-terminal. See figure 6 for parsing table, DFA for shift reduce grammar.

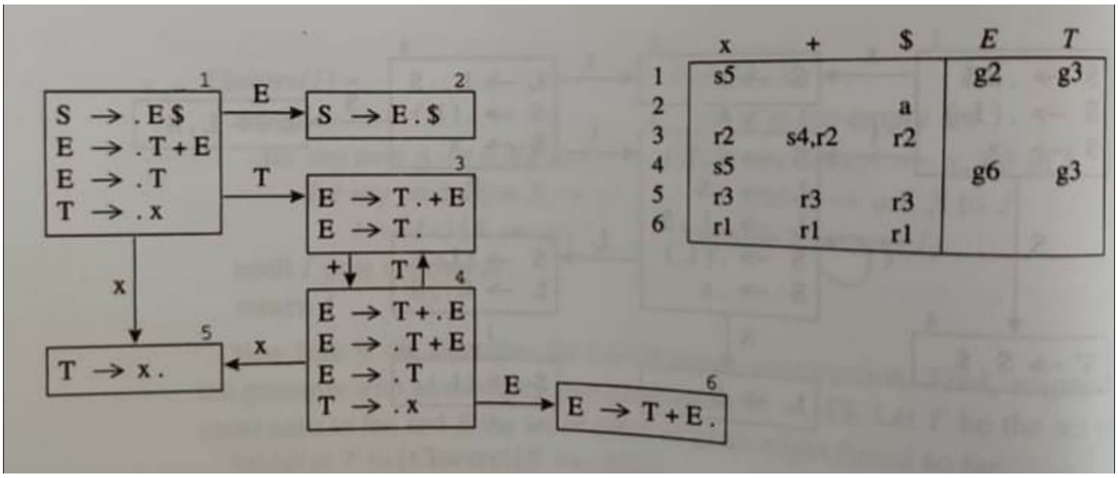

Figure 6: LR(0) shift/reduce conflict, parsing table and state DFA, sn: shift to state n

3.1.1 LR(k)

Reduction based on k lookahead. The higher k, the less conflicts. However, more than 1 is not used for compilation, as the parsing table would be huge.

Since LR(0) needs no lookahead, we require one action for each state. With shift and reduce, we get a shift/reduce conflict.

LR(1) items consists of a *grammar production*, a *right-hand-side position* and a *lookahead symbol*. Choose whether or not to reduce based on stack and one lookahead on input.