

1. **Advantages of compilers over interpreters:**
 - Code generated by a compiler generally works faster than code generated by an interpreter
 - Once a code is compiled, it can be reused multiple times
2. (a) In the production rule “term : term * factor”, why is “term” on the left of the “*” operator?
(b) What would change if the rule had been written as “term : factor * term” instead?
 - It acts as left recursion
 - It would now change to right recursion
3. Does always using one kind of derivation (right or left) avoid ambiguity problems in CFG?
 - No
4. **Types of operator associativity:**
 - Left-to-right, Right-to-left, and Non-associative or does-not-apply
5. **LL(1)** -- Left-to-right scan of i/p stream, Leftmost derivation, 1 token of lookahead
6. **LR(k) errors:**
 - Reduce/reduce conflict when the top of the stack matches with RHS of multiple production rules
 - Shift/reduce conflict when it is not clear whether to shift a token onto the stack or reduce whatever is at the top of the stack
7. **What is not possible in an RE that is possible in a CFG?**
 - RE is limited in expressiveness and has no ability to recurse
 - RE cannot define strings that are required to have nested parentheses, brackets, etc or matching pairs
 - RE uses DFA that cannot be used to recognize nesting that is too deep because there won't be enough states in the DFA. But this is possible with a CFG.
8. **Disadvantages of hand-coded compilers:**
 - Tedious to write
 - Difficult to extend and scal
 - Error-prone

9. The semantic analysis phase of a compiler converts:
 - parse tree into an intermediate form
10. Precedence and associativity of operators in a programming language are:
 - Syntactic properties
11. (a) Source-to-source compiling with an example language:
 - Using one compiler to generate a relatively high-level intermediate program and using another compiler to get to the final target program
 - C++ was originally implemented this way
12. Terminal vs Non-terminal symbols in CFG?
 - Terminal symbol represents a single element of the language
 - Non-terminal symbol represents a group of terminal symbols defined by production rules
13. What are bison's precedence directives used for?
 - %left to represent left associativity
 - %right to represent right associativity
14. Is a misspelled keyword a lexical error? Why?
 - No, because it can be an identifier in the program. So, it is a syntactic error
15. Listing grammars in a hierarchy (such as the Chomsky) differentiates them in at least four different ways:
 - Parsing complexity, Expressiveness, Resource requirements, Recognizing Automaton
 - In terms of expressivity, the types of grammars are:
 - Regular, CFG, Context-sensitive, and Recursively enumerable
16. Just because an FA is finite, does the language it accepts have to be finite? Why?
 - No, because as long as the input string is of finite length and satisfies the pattern, it is accepted.
 - e.g. $S \rightarrow aS$, $S \rightarrow (\epsilon)$ is an example of an infinite language that could be accepted by an FA
17. An example when interpretation may still be required for a compiled language:
 - When "on-the-fly" code generation is desired

18. **Bison:**

- Bison is a parse generator for an LALR(1) context-free grammar

19. **Two ways associativity may be enforced in a CFG?**

- By having the production rules recurse on the left side
- Introduce additional production rules to keep the operators separate

20. **Enforcing precedence in a CFG?**

- By having nested rules that permit the repetition of only certain operators at each precedence level.
- e.g. add_op is lower than mul_op as it is written higher in CFG definition

21. **What kind of conflict occurs in the following grammar:**

A -> B c d

A -> E c f

B -> x y

E -> x y

- Reduce/reduce conflict occurs
- Because when processing "c" from the input stream, the top of the stack matches with the first two rules in the definition.
- This conflict can be avoided either by refactoring & restating the production rules or by increasing the number of lookahead tokens.

22. **For lexical analysis, which is easier to use, DFA, or NFA?**

- DFA is easier to use
- Although DFA is easier to use, it is not easier to generate a DFA. Hence, first, an NFA is generated that is converted to DFA for use in lexical analysis.

23. **Lexical Errors:**

- Badly formed literals, Illegal characters

Syntactic Errors:

- Misspelled keywords, Improper structure, Bad statement and expression construct

Semantic Errors:

- Undeclared identifiers, mismatched function calls, etc