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## Context-Free Grammar

- A context-free grammar is specified by:
  - A finite set of terminal symbols (input language)
  - A finite set of nonterminal symbols
  - A finite set of production sof the form
    - \*  $\langle A \rangle \rightarrow \alpha$
    - \* Where  $\langle A \rangle$  is a nonterminal symbol and  $\alpha$  is a sequence (possibly the null sequence) of terminal and non terminal symbols
  - A starting nonterminal symbol
- A context-free language is a set of all terminal strings that can be derived from the starting symbol of a context-free grammar

1.  $\langle s \rangle \rightarrow a \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle c$
2.  $\langle A \rangle \rightarrow b \langle A \rangle$
3.  $\langle A \rangle \rightarrow \varepsilon$
4.  $\langle B \rangle \rightarrow b$
5.  $\langle B \rangle \rightarrow \varepsilon$

## Derivations

- $\Rightarrow$  : Derives
- $\stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow}$  : Derives in 0 or more steps
- $\stackrel{+}{\Rightarrow}$  : Derives in 1 or more steps

- $\xRightarrow{N}$  : Derives with N step

Derive string `abc`

- $\langle s \rangle \xRightarrow{1} a \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle c$
- $a \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle c \xRightarrow{2} ab \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle c$
- $ab \langle B \rangle \langle B \rangle c \xRightarrow{3} ab \langle B \rangle c$
- $ab \langle B \rangle c \xRightarrow{5} abc$

- **Leftmost Derivation**

- $\langle s \rangle \xRightarrow{1} a \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle c$
- $a \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle c \xRightarrow{3} a \langle B \rangle c$
- $a \langle B \rangle c \xRightarrow{4} abc$

- **Leftmost Derivation**

- Can make a string in two leftmost derivations the language is ambiguous

- $\langle s \rangle \xRightarrow{1} a \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle c$
- $a \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle c \xRightarrow{5} a \langle A \rangle c$
- $a \langle A \rangle c \xRightarrow{2} ab \langle A \rangle c$
- $ab \langle A \rangle c \xRightarrow{3} abc$
- **\*\*Rightmost derivaion\***

If there is only one leftmost and rightmost derivation tree for each string then the language is unambiguous

## Grammar for Arithmetic Expressions

1.  $\langle E \rangle \rightarrow \langle E \rangle + \langle T \rangle$
2.  $\langle E \rangle \rightarrow \langle T \rangle$
3.  $\langle T \rangle \rightarrow \langle T \rangle * \langle P \rangle$
4.  $\langle T \rangle \rightarrow \langle P \rangle$
5.  $\langle P \rangle \rightarrow ( \langle E \rangle )$
6.  $\langle P \rangle \rightarrow \text{const}$

$1+2*3+4$

- $\langle E \rangle$  - Expression
- $\langle T \rangle$  - Term
- $\langle P \rangle$  - Primary
- $\langle F \rangle$  - Factor (used for exponentiation)

Starting terminal is  $\langle E \rangle$

- $\langle E \rangle \xRightarrow{1} \langle E \rangle + \langle T \rangle$
- $\langle E \rangle + \langle T \rangle \xRightarrow{1} \langle E \rangle + \langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle$
- $\langle E \rangle + \langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle \xRightarrow{2} \langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle$
- $\langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle \xRightarrow{4} \langle P \rangle + \langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle$
- $\langle P \rangle + \langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle \xRightarrow{6} \text{const}_1 + \langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle$
- $\text{const}_1 + \langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle \xRightarrow{3} \text{const}_1 + \langle T \rangle * \langle P \rangle + \langle T \rangle$
- $\text{const}_1 + \langle T \rangle * \langle P \rangle + \langle T \rangle \xRightarrow{*} \text{const}_1 + \text{const}_2 * \text{const}_3 + \text{const}_4$

$\text{const}_1$  from the lexical analyser

- Convert derivation tree to the lexical values
- Tree shows the structure of the expression

## Another Grammar for Arithmetic Expressions

1.  $\langle E \rangle \rightarrow \langle E \rangle + \langle T \rangle$
  2.  $\langle E \rangle \rightarrow \langle T \rangle$
- $\langle E \rangle \Rightarrow \langle T \rangle$
  - $\langle E \rangle \Rightarrow \langle E \rangle + \langle T \rangle = \langle E \rangle + \langle T \rangle \Rightarrow \langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle$

Replace them with the following

1.  $\langle E \rangle \rightarrow \langle T \rangle \langle E\text{-list} \rangle$
  2.  $\langle E\text{-list} \rangle \rightarrow + \langle T \rangle \langle E\text{-list} \rangle$
  3.  $\langle E\text{-list} \rangle \rightarrow \varepsilon$
- $\langle E \rangle \Rightarrow \langle T \rangle \langle E\text{-list} \rangle$
  - $\langle T \rangle \langle E\text{-list} \rangle \xRightarrow{3} \langle T \rangle$
  - $\langle T \rangle \xRightarrow{2} \langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle \langle E\text{-list} \rangle$
  - $\langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle \langle E\text{-list} \rangle \Rightarrow \langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle \langle E\text{-list} \rangle$
  - $\langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle \langle E\text{-list} \rangle \xRightarrow{3} \langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle + \langle T \rangle$

This is an e-list grammar

## E-list Grammar

Are always leftmost derived

1.  $\langle E \rangle \rightarrow \langle T \rangle \langle E\text{-list} \rangle$
2.  $\langle E\text{-list} \rangle \rightarrow + \langle T \rangle \langle E\text{-list} \rangle$
3.  $\langle E\text{-list} \rangle \rightarrow \varepsilon$
4.  $\langle T \rangle \rightarrow \langle P \rangle \langle T\text{-list} \rangle$
5.  $\langle T\text{-list} \rangle \rightarrow * \langle P \rangle \langle T\text{-list} \rangle$
6.  $\langle T\text{-list} \rangle \rightarrow \varepsilon$
7.  $\langle P \rangle \rightarrow (\langle E \rangle)$
8.  $\langle P \rangle \rightarrow \text{const}$

$1+2*3+4$

- $\langle E \rangle \xRightarrow{1} \langle T \rangle \langle E\text{-list} \rangle$
- $\langle T \rangle \langle E\text{-list} \rangle \xRightarrow{4} \langle P \rangle \langle T\text{-list} \rangle \langle E\text{-list} \rangle$
- $\langle P \rangle \langle T\text{-list} \rangle \langle E\text{-list} \rangle \xRightarrow{8} \text{const}_1 \langle T\text{-list} \rangle \langle E\text{-list} \rangle$
- $\text{const}_1 \langle T\text{-list} \rangle \langle E\text{-list} \rangle \xRightarrow{6} \text{const}_1 \langle E\text{-list} \rangle$
- $\text{const}_1 \langle E\text{-list} \rangle \xRightarrow{7} \text{const}_1 + \langle T \rangle \langle E\text{-list} \rangle$
- $\text{const}_1 + \langle T \rangle + \langle E\text{-list} \rangle \xRightarrow{*} \text{const}_1 + \text{const}_2 * \text{const}_3 + \text{const}_4$

## Consider

1.  $\langle E \rangle \rightarrow \langle E \rangle \langle \text{op} \rangle \langle T \rangle$
2.  $\langle E \rangle \rightarrow \langle T \rangle$
3.  $\langle T \rangle \rightarrow \text{ident}$
4.  $\langle \text{op} \rangle \rightarrow +$
5.  $\langle \text{op} \rangle \rightarrow \text{or}$