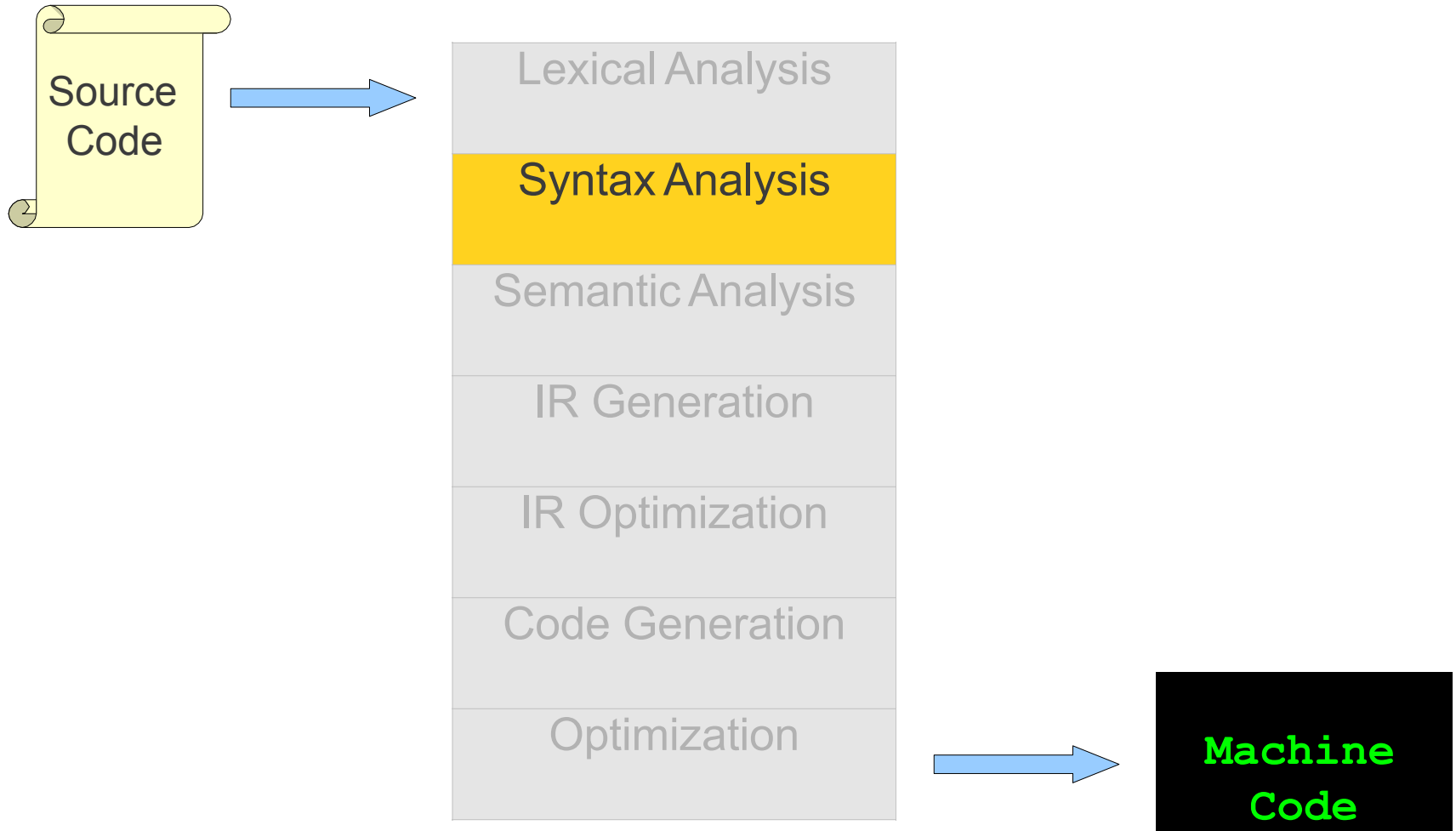


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Parsing: Top-Down Parsing, Recursive Descent & Predictive Parser & LL(1)

Next Time



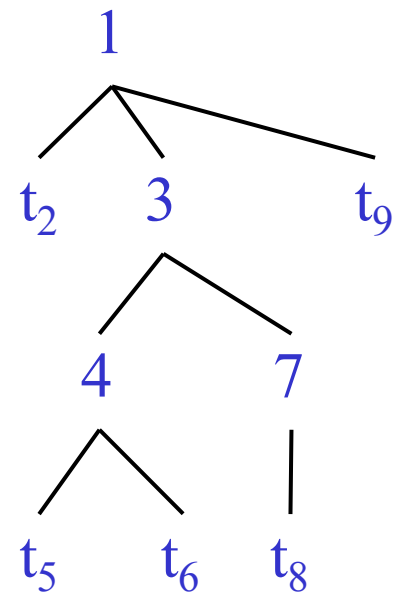
Review from Last Time

- Goal of syntax analysis: recover the intended structure of the program.
- Idea: Use a **context-free grammar** to describe the programming language.
- Given a sequence of tokens, look for a **parse tree** that generates those tokens.
- Recovering this syntax tree is called **parsing** and is the topic of this week (and part of next!)

Intro to Top-Down Parsing: The Idea

- The parse tree is constructed
 - From the top
 - From left to right
- Terminals are seen in order of appearance in the token stream:

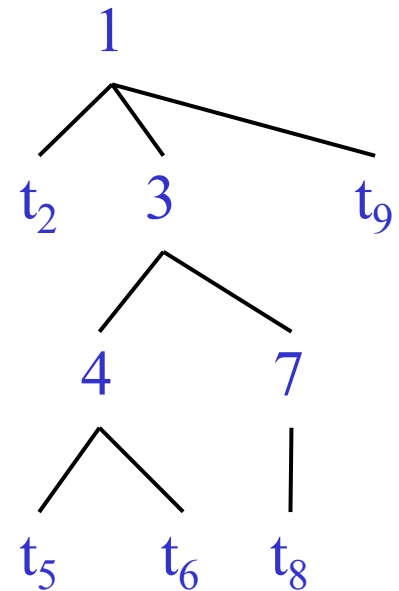
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Intro to Top-Down Parsing: The Idea

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 - BFS: Memory and time problems
 - DFS: Time problems
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Recursive Descent Parsing

- Consider the grammar

$$E \rightarrow T \mid T + E$$

$$T \rightarrow \text{int} \mid \text{int} * T \mid (E)$$

- Token stream is: (int)
- Start with top-level non-terminal E
 - Try the rules for E in order

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E

(int)



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Mismatch: int is not (
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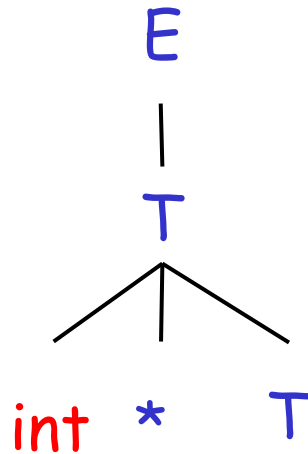
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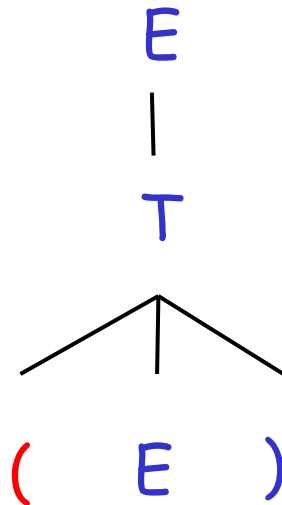
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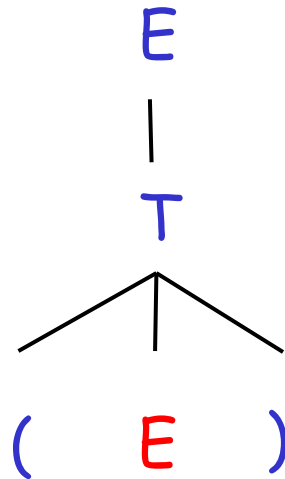
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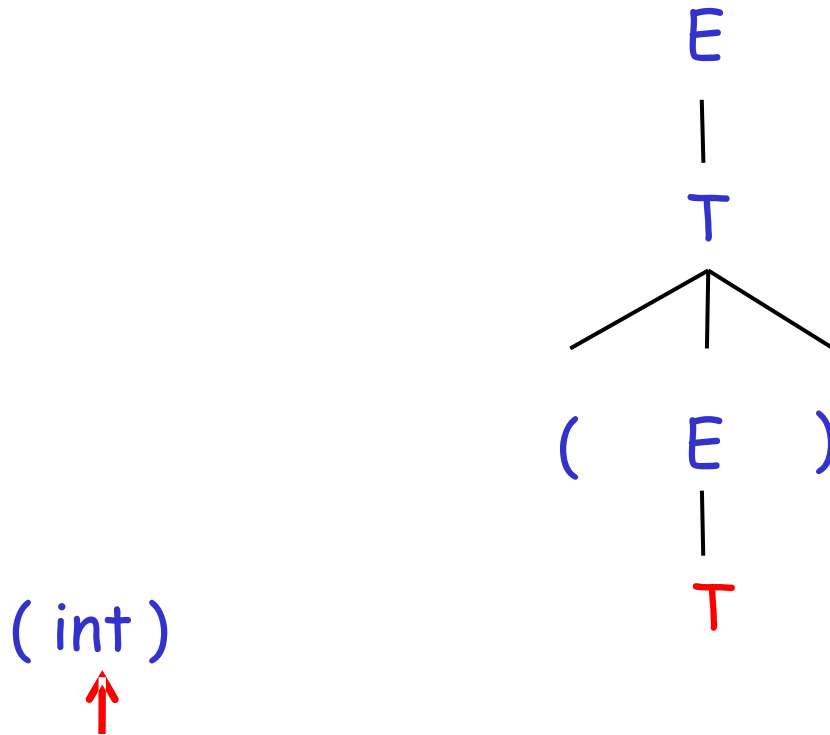


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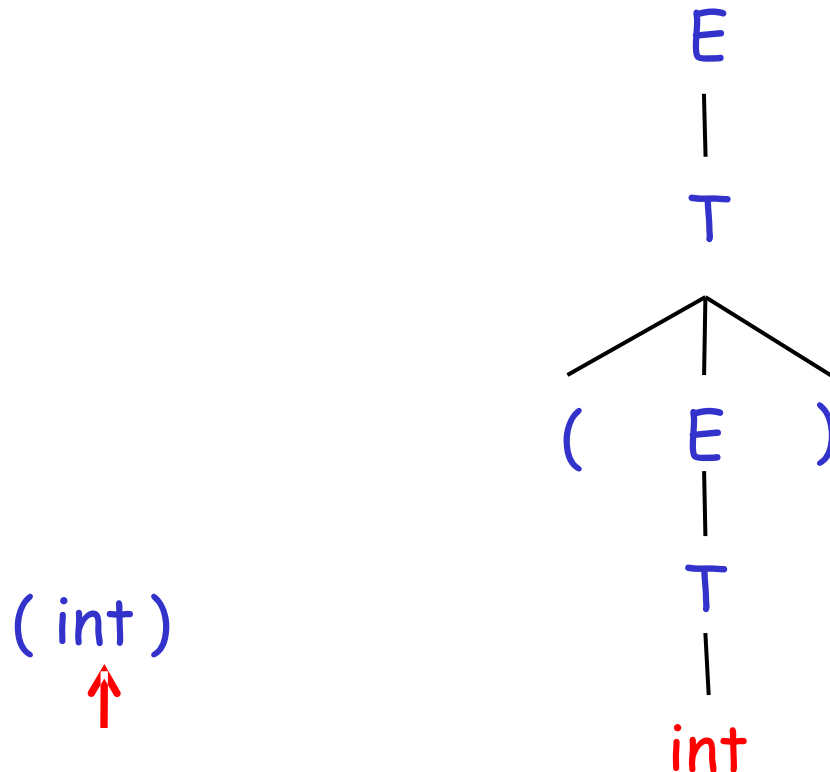
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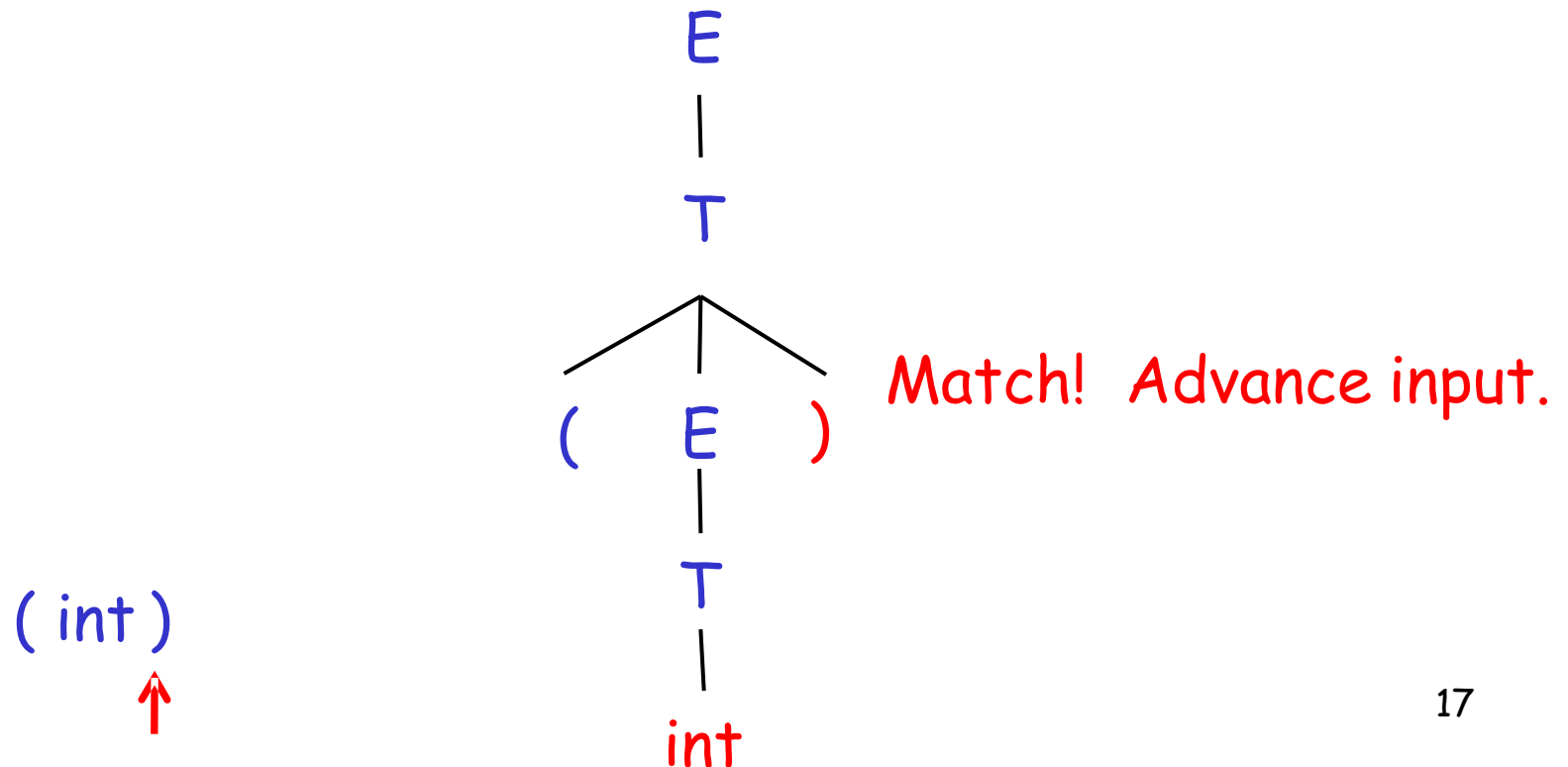


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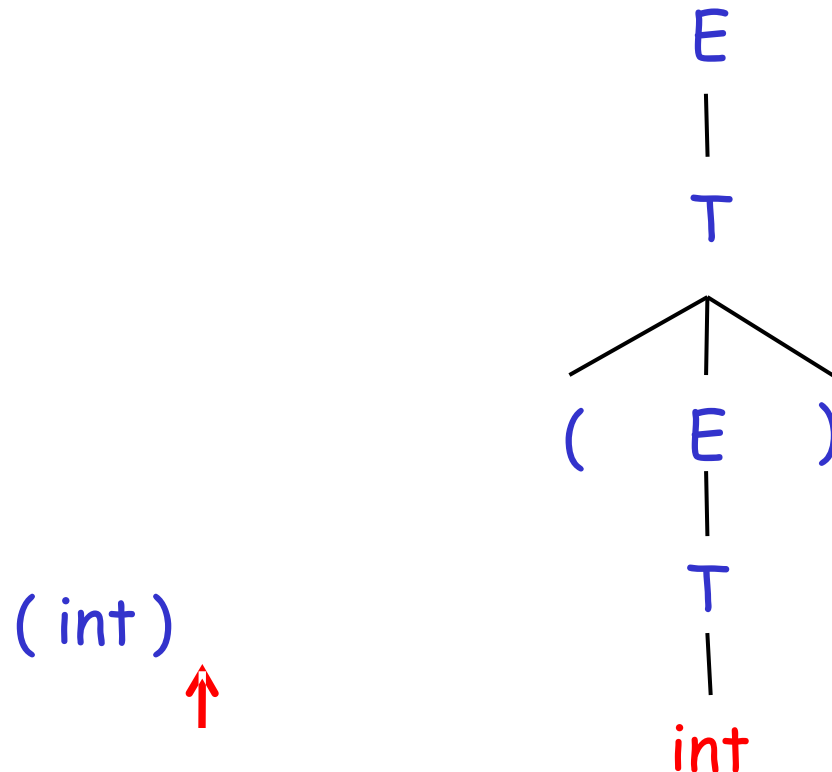
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End of input, accept.

Problems with Top Down Parsing

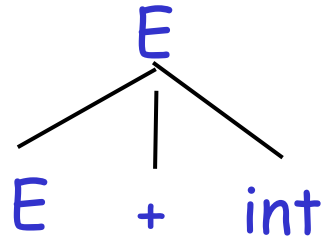
- Left Recursion in CFG may cause parser to loop forever!
- In there is a production of form $A \rightarrow A\alpha$, we say the grammar has left recursion

$$E \rightarrow E + \text{int} \mid \text{int}$$

- Solution: Remove Left Recursion...
 - without changing the Language defined by the Grammar.

Problems with Top Down Parsing (Example)

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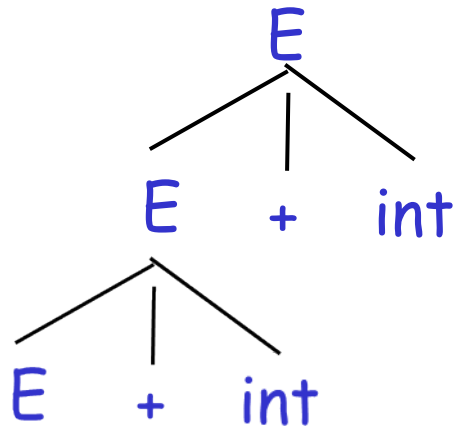


int + int



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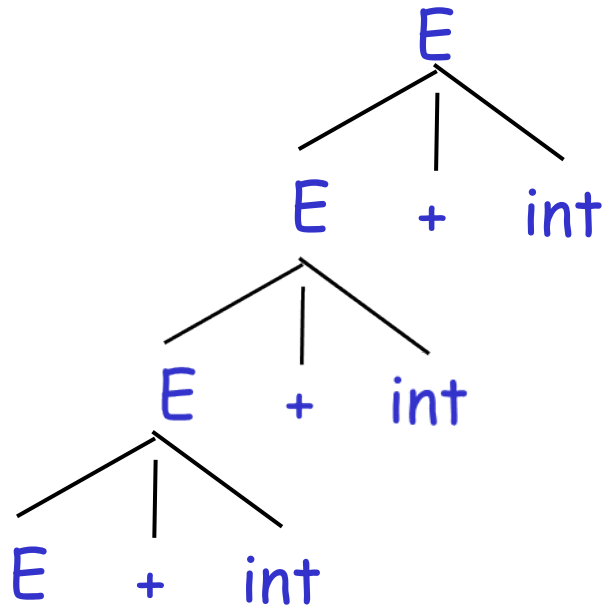
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Elimination of Left Recursion

- Consider the left-recursive grammar

$$S \rightarrow S \alpha \mid \beta$$

- S generates all strings starting with a β and followed by a number of α
- Can rewrite using right-recursion

$$S \rightarrow \beta S'$$

$$S' \rightarrow \alpha S' \mid \epsilon$$

More Elimination of Left-Recursion

- In general

$$S \rightarrow S \alpha_1 \mid \dots \mid S \alpha_n \mid \beta_1 \mid \dots \mid \beta_m$$

- All strings derived from S start with one of β_1, \dots, β_m and continue with several instances of $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$
- Rewrite as

$$S \rightarrow \beta_1 S' \mid \dots \mid \beta_m S'$$

$$S' \rightarrow \alpha_1 S' \mid \dots \mid \alpha_n S' \mid \varepsilon$$

General Left Recursion

- The grammar

$$S \rightarrow A \alpha \mid \delta$$

$$A \rightarrow S \beta$$

is also left-recursive because

$$S \rightarrow^+ S \beta \alpha$$

- This left-recursion can also be eliminated
- See Dragon Book for general algorithm
 - Section 4.3.3

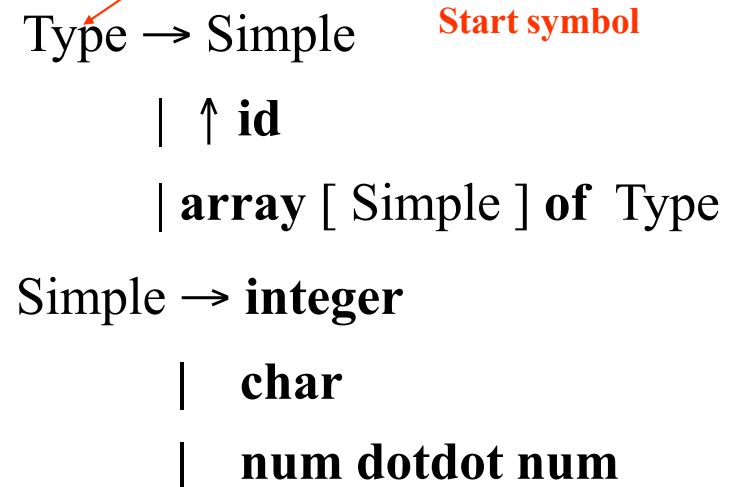
Left Recursion Elimination

- 1) Remove ϵ -productions ($A \rightarrow \epsilon$)
- 2) For $i = 1 \dots n$:
 - 2-a) Remove $A_i \rightarrow A_i \gamma$
 - 2-b) Remove $A_i \rightarrow A_j \gamma$ ($j < i$)
 - 2-c) $A_i \rightarrow A_j \rightarrow A_i$ needs special attention

Predictive Top-Down Parsing

Parser that Never Backtracks

For Example, Consider:



```
Type → Simple
      | ↑ id
      | array [ Simple ] of Type
Simple → integer
      | char
      | num dotdot num
```

Start symbol

Suppose **input** is :

array [num dotdot num] of integer

Parsing would begin with

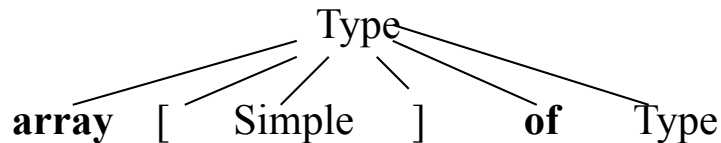
Type → ???

Predictive Parsing Example

Lookahead symbol

Input : **array [num dotdot num] of integer**

Type
?



Start symbol

Type → simple

| ↑ id

| **array [Simple] of** Type

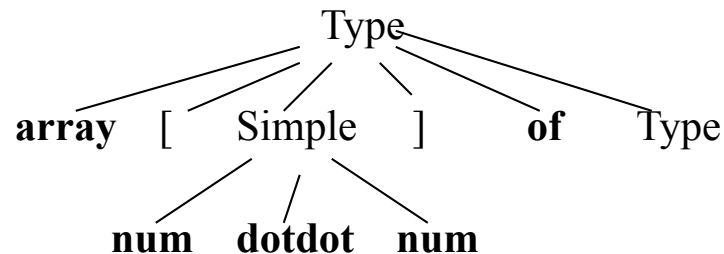
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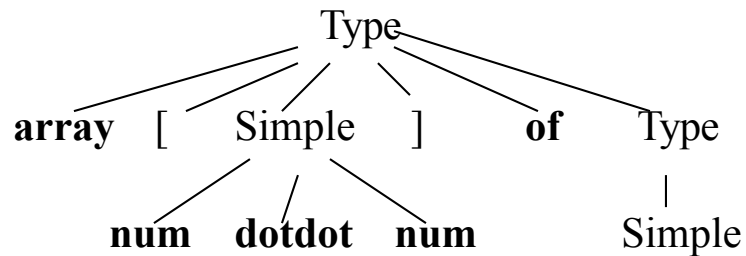
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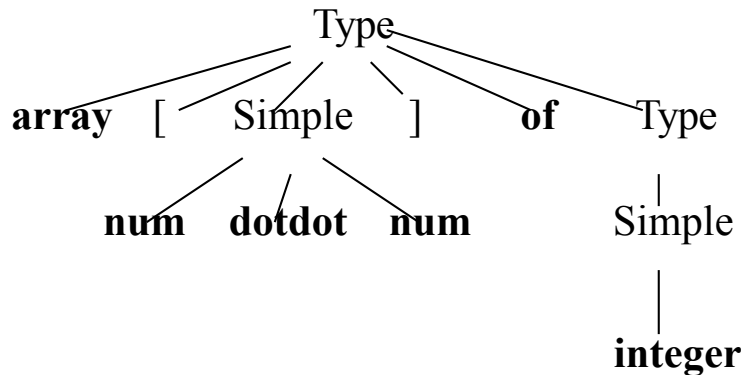
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Predictive Recursive Descent

- Parser is implemented by $N + 1$ subroutines, where N is the number grammar non-terminals
- There is one subroutine for attempting to Match tokens in the input stream
- There is also one subroutine for each non-terminal with two tasks:
 1. Deciding on the next production to use
 2. Applying the selected production

Predictive Recursive Descent (Cont.)

Procedure "Match" checks if the token matches the expected input

```
procedure Match ( expected_token ) ;  
  {  
    if lookahead = expected_token then  
      lookahead := get_next_token  
    else error  
  }
```

Predictive Recursive Descent (Cont.)

- The subroutine for each non-terminals has two tasks:
 1. Selecting the appropriate production
 2. Applying the chosen production
- Selection is done based on the result of a number of if-then-else statements
- Applying a production is implemented by calling the match procedure or other subroutines, based on the rhs of the production

Predictive Recursive Descent (Cont.)

Subroutine "Simple" for the given example:

```
procedure Simple {  
  if lookahead = integer then call Match ( integer );  
  else if lookahead = char then call Match ( char );  
  else if lookahead = num then {  
    call Match ( num );  
    call Match ( dotdot );  
    call Match ( num )  
  } else error  
}
```

Type	→	Simple
		↑ id
		array [Simple] of Type
Simple	→	integer
		char
		num dotdot num

Predictive Recursive Descent (Cont.)

```
procedure Type ;{  
  if lookahead is in { integer, char, num } then call Simple;  
  else if lookahead = '↑' then {  
    call Match ( '↑' );  
    call Match( id );  
  } else if lookahead = array then {  
    call Match( array );  
    call Match( '[' );  
    call Simple;  
    call Match( ']' );  
    call Match( of );  
    call Type  
  } else error  
}
```

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