Lexical and Syntax Analysis

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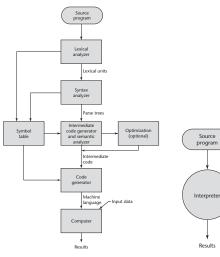
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Language Implementation



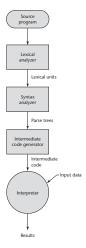
(a) Compilation

(b) Pure Interpretation

Results

Source

-Input data



(c) Hybrid Implementation

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Syntax Analysis

- Consisting of two parts
 - Lexical analyzer (a finite automaton/finite state machine based on a regular grammar)
 - Syntax analyzer (a pushdown automaton based on a context-free grammar)

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Lexical Analyzer

- Front-end for the parser
- ▶ Identifies *lexemes* and the tokens to which they belong
- Example: consider Java statement

$$index = 2 * count + 17;$$

Lexeme	Token
index	identifier
=	equal_sign
2	int_literal
*	mult_op
count	identifier
+	plus_op
17	int_literal
;	semicolon

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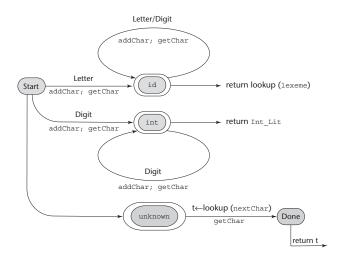
Building Lexical Analyzer

- Directly implementing the state diagram of a finite automaton from scratch
 - Design a state diagram that describes the tokens
 - write a program that implements the state diagram
- Implementing the state diagram of a finite automaton using a table-driven approach
 - Design a state diagram that describes the tokens
 - ► Hand-construct a table-driven implementation of the state diagram
- Implementing a finite automaton using a table-driven approach with a software tool
 - Write a formal description of the tokens
 - Use a software tool that constructs a table-driven lexical analyzer from formal description of tokens

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An Example of Lexical Analyzer

State Diagram



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An Example of Lexical Analyzer

► Implementation: In Github

Obtaining Program from Github and Run Example on Linux System

```
$ git clone https://github.com/huichen-cs/sebesta.git
$ cd sebesta/lexer
$ make lexer
$ make test
```

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The Example of Lexical Analyzer in Lex

- Implementing a finite automaton using a table-driven approach with a software tool
 - Write a formal description of the tokens
 - ▶ Use a software tool that constructs a table-driven lexical analyzer from formal description of tokens
 - ► Example software tool: Lex (C, Java, Python ...)

Run Example on Linux System

```
$ cd sebesta/lexer/lex
$ make test
```

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Syntax Analysis

- Syntax analysis is also called parsing.
- ▶ Top-down parsing
- ► Tottom-up parsing
- Complexity of parsing

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Notation

- ▶ Terminal symbols: lowercase letters at the beginning of the alphabet (a,b,\ldots)
- Nonterminal symbols: uppercase letters at the beginning of the alphabet (A,B,\ldots)
- ▶ Terminals or nonterminals: uppercase letters at the end of the alphabet (W,X,Y,Z)
- lacktriangle Strings of terminals: lowercase letters at the end of the alphabet (w,x,y,z)
- ▶ Mixed strings (terminals and/or nonterminals): lowercase Greek letters $(\alpha, \beta, ...)$

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Goal of Parsing

- ▶ Determine whether an input program is syntactically correct, produce a diagnostic message and recover.
- ▶ Produce a complete parse tree, or at least trace the structure of the complete parse tree, for syntactically correct input for translation.

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Categories of Parser

- Top down
 - Produce the parse tree, beginning at the root
 - Order is that of a leftmost derivation
 - Traces or builds the parse tree in preorder
- Bottom up
 - Produce the parse tree, beginning at the leaves
 - Order is that of the reverse of a rightmost derivation
 - Useful parsers look only one token ahead in the input

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Top-Down Parser

- ▶ Given a sentential form, $xA\alpha$, the parser must choose the correct A-rule to get the next sentential form in the *leftmost* derivation, using only the *first token* produced by A, where x is a string of terminal symbols, α is a mixed string of terminals and nonterminals, and A is a nonterminal.
- ▶ The most common top-down parsing algorithms:
 - ▶ Recursive descent: a coded implementation
 - LL parsers: a table driven implementation

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Top-Down Parser: Example

▶ Given $xA\alpha$ and A-rules,

$$A \to bB$$
$$A \to cBb$$
$$A \to a$$

which one of the three rules to choose to get the next sentential form, which could be xbB, xcBb, or xa.

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Bottom-Up Parser

▶ Given a right sentential form, α , a mixed string of terminals and nonterminals, determine what substring of α is the right-hand side of the rule in the grammar that must be reduced to produce the previous sentential form in the right derivation

▶ The most common bottom-up parsing algorithms are in the LR family

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Bottom-Up Parser: Example

Consider the following grammar,

$$S \to aAc$$
$$A \to aA|b$$

and derivation:

$$S \Rightarrow aAc \Rightarrow aaAc \Rightarrow aabc$$

where S is a start nonterminal symbol; A is a nonterminal; a, b, and c are nonterminals.

▶ A bottom-up parser of this sentence, *aabc*, starts with the sentence and must find the handle (i.e., the correct RHS to reduce) in it.

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Complexity of Parsing

- ▶ The time complexity of parsers that work for any unambiguous grammar are of $O(n^3)$ where n is the length of the input.
- ightharpoonup Compilers use parsers that only work for a subset of all unambiguous grammars and do it in linear time, i.e., O(n)

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Implementation of Parsers

► Top-down: Recursivee descent parsers

► Top-down: LL parsers

► Bottom-up: LR parsers

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Recursive Descent Parsers

- ► A subprogram for each nonterminal in the grammar, which can parse sentences that can be generated by that nonterminal
- EBNF is ideally suited for being the basis for a recursive-descent parser, because the extensions in EBNF minimizes the number of nonterminals

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Consider the following EBNF description of simple arithmetic expressions:

$$<$$
expr $> \rightarrow <$ term $> \{(+|-)<$ term $> \}$
 $<$ term $> \rightarrow <$ factor $> \{(*|/)<$ factor $> \}$
 $<$ factor $> \rightarrow$ id | int_constant |($<$ expr $>$)

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- Assume we have a lexical analyzer named lex that puts the next token code in nextToken
- ▶ When a nonterminal has only one RHS, the coding process:
 - ► For each terminal symbol in the RHS, compare it with the next input token; if they match, continue, else there is an *error*
 - ► For each nonterminal symbol in the RHS, call its associated parsing subprogram

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For the first rule,

```
\langle expr \rangle \rightarrow \langle term \rangle \{(+|-)\langle term \rangle \}
```

```
/* expr
 * Parses strings in the language generated by the rule:
 * <expr> -> <term> {(+ | -) <term>}
 */
void expr() {
    printf("Enter ( < expr > ");
    /* Parse the first term */
    term():
    /* As long as the next token is + or -, get
    the next token and parse the next term */
    while (nextToken == ADD OP || nextToken == SUB OP) {
        lex():
        term();
    printf("Exit, <expr>");
} /* End of function expr */
```

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For the second rule,

```
\langle \mathsf{term} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \mathsf{factor} \rangle \{(*|/) \langle \mathsf{factor} \rangle \}
```

```
/* term
* Parses strings in the language generated by the rule:
 * <term> -> <factor> {(* | /) <factor>)
 */
void term() {
    printf("Enteru<term>");
    /* Parse the first factor */
    factor():
    /* As long as the next token is * or /, get the
    next token and parse the next factor */
    while (nextToken == MULT_OP || nextToken == DIV_OP) {
            lex():
            factor();
   printf("Exit, <term>");
} /* End of function term */
```

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- ▶ A nonterminal that has *more than one RHS*, it requires an initial process to determine which RHS it is to parse
 - ► The correct RHS is chosen on the basis of the next token of input (the lookahead)
 - ► The next token is compared with the first token that can be generated by each RHS until a match is found
 - ▶ If no match is found, it is a syntax error

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For the third rule,

```
<factor> \rightarrow id \mid int\_constant \mid (<expr> )
void factor() {
    printf("Enter..<factor>\n");
    /* Determine which RHS */
    if (nextToken == IDENT || nextToken == INT LIT) {
        lex(); /* Get the next token */
    } else {
        /* If the RHS is (<expr>), call lex to pass over the
        left parenthesis, call expr, and check for the right
        parenthesis */
        if (nextToken == LEFT_PAREN) {
            lex(); expr();
            if (nextToken == RIGHT_PAREN) lex(); else error();
        } /* End of if (nextToken == ... */
        /* It was not an id, an integer literal, or a left parent
        else { error(); }
    } /* End of else */
    printf("Exitu<factor>\n");;
} /* End of function factor */
```

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Run the Example Parser on Linux System

```
cd sebesta/parser
make test
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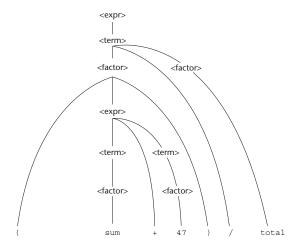
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► The parsing result

```
Next token is: 25, Next lexeme is (
Enter <expr>
Enter <term>
Enter <factor>
Next token is: 11, Next lexeme is sum
Enter <expr>
Enter <term>
Enter <factor>
Next token is: 21. Next lexeme is +
Exit <factor>
Exit <term>
Next token is: 10, Next lexeme is 47
Enter <term>
Enter <factor>
Next token is: 26, Next lexeme is )
Exit <factor>
Exit <term>
Exit <expr>
Next token is: 24. Next lexeme is /
Exit <factor>
Next token is: 11, Next lexeme is total
Enter <factor>
Next token is: -1. Next lexeme is EOF
Exit <factor>
Exit <term>
Exit <expr>
```

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► The resulting parse tree



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Grammatical description of the Java if statement

$$<$$
ifstmt $> \rightarrow$ if $(<$ boolexpr $>$) $<$ statement $>$ [else $<$ statement $>$]

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```
/* Function ifstmt
Parses strings in the language generated by the rule:
<ifstmt> -> if (<boolexpr>) <statement> [else <statement>]
*/
void ifstmt() { /* Be sure the first token is 'if' */
 if (nextToken != IF_CODE) { error(); }
 else { lex(); /* Call lex to get to the next token */
    /* Check for the left parenthesis */
    if (nextToken != LEFT PAREN) { error(): }
    else {
     boolexpr(); /* Call it to parse the Boolean expression */
     /* Check for the right parenthesis */
     if (nextToken != RIGHT_PAREN) { error(); }
     else { statement(); /* Call it to parse the then clause */
        /* If an else is next, parse the else clause */
        if (nextToken == ELSE_CODE) {
          lex(); /* Call lex to get over the else */
          statement():
       } /* end of if (nextToken == ELSE_CODE ... */
     } /* end of else of if (nextToken != RIGHT ... */
   } /* end of else of if (nextToken != LEFT ... */
 } /* end of else of if (nextToken != IF_CODE ... */
} /* end of ifstmt */
```

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- ▶ If a grammar has left recursion, either direct or indirect, it cannot be the basis for a top-down parser
- Example: consider the following grammar and its recursive descent parser,

$$A \rightarrow A + B$$

```
void A() {
    A();
    lex();
    if (nexToken != ADD_OP) {
        error();
    } else {
        lex();
        B();
    }
}
```

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Removing Direct Left Recursion: Example

Consider the following grammar,

$$E \to E + T|T$$

$$T \to T * F|F$$

$$F \to (E)|id$$

▶ Which rules are *direct left recursions*?

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Removing Direct Left Recursion: Example

► For the *E*-rule,

$$E \to E + T|T$$

Let $\alpha_1 = +T$ and $\beta_1 = T$, then, replace the E-rules with,

$$E \to \beta_1 E'$$
$$E' \to \alpha_1 E' | \epsilon$$

i.e.,

$$E \to TE'$$

 $E' \to +TE' | \epsilon$

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Removing Direct Left Recursion

▶ A grammar can be modified to remove direct left recursion

Removing Direct Left Recursion

For each nonterminal, A,

- 1. Group the A-rules as $A \to A\alpha_1, |\ldots|A\alpha_m|\beta_1|\beta_2|\ldots|\beta_n$ where none of the β 's begins with A
- 2. Replace the original A-rules with

$$A \to \beta_1 A' | \beta_2 A' | \dots | \beta_n A'$$

 $A \to \alpha_1 A' | \alpha_2 A' | \dots | \alpha_m A' | \epsilon$

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Removing Direct Left Recursion: Example

► For the *T*-rule.

$$T \to T * F|F$$

Let $\alpha_1 = *F$ and $\beta_1 = F$, then, replace the T-rules with,

$$T \to \beta_1 T'$$

 $T' \to \alpha_1 T' | \epsilon$

i.e.,

$$T \to FT'$$

 $T' \to *FT' | \epsilon$

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Removing Direct Left Recursion: Example

▶ The complete replacement grammar without direct left recursion becomes,

$$E \to TE'$$

$$E' \to +TE'|\epsilon$$

$$T \to FT'$$

$$T' \to *FT'|\epsilon$$

$$F \to (E)|id$$

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Indirect Left Recursion

▶ Indirect left recursion poses the same problem as direct left recursion

 $A \rightarrow BaA$

Example:

```
B \to Ab \begin{tabular}{ll} & & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & &
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► An algorithm to modify a given grammar to remove indirect left recursion is in [Aho et al., 2006].

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Direct and Indirect Left Recursion

- ► The problem of left recursion is not confined to the recursive-descent approach to building topdown parsers.
- ▶ It is a problem for all top-down parsing algorithms
- ▶ When writing a grammar for a programming language, one can usually avoid including left recursion, both direct and indirect.

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- ► Top-down parsers can *not* always choose the correct RHS on the basis of the next token of input, using only the first token generated by the leftmost nonterminal in the current sentential form
- ▶ Pairwise disjointness test: whether the correct RHS on the basis of one token of lookahead can be determined, given a non–left recursive grammar

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Pairwise Disjointness

FIRST Set

$$\mathsf{FIRST}(\alpha) = \{a | \alpha \Rightarrow^* \alpha \beta\} \; (\mathsf{If} \; \alpha \Rightarrow^* \epsilon, \epsilon \; \mathsf{is} \; \mathsf{in} \; \mathsf{FIRST}(\alpha))$$

where \Rightarrow^* means 0 or more derivation steps.

The Pairwise Disjointness Test

For each nonterminal, A, in the grammar that has n RHS and n>1, i.e., the grammar has n rules, $A\to\alpha_k$, $1\le k\le n$. It must be true that $\mathsf{FIRST}(\alpha_i)\cap\mathsf{FIRST}(\alpha_j)=\phi \text{, for any } i \text{ and } j \text{ where } i\ne j,\ 1\le i\le n, \\ 1\le j\le n.$

► An algorithm to compute FIRST for any mixed string can be found in [Aho et al., 2006]

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▶ Informally, if a nonterminal A has more than one RHS, the first terminal symbol that can be generated in a derivation for each of them must be unique to that RHS.

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Consider the following grammar rules:

$$A \to aB|bAb|Bb$$
$$B \to cB|d$$

▶ The FIRST sets for the RHSs of the A-rules are $\{a\}$, $\{b\}$, and $\{c,d\}$, which are clearly disjoint. Therefore, these rules pass the pairwise disjointness test

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Pairwise Disjointness

Consider the following grammar rules:

$$A \to aB|BAb$$
$$B \to aB|b$$

▶ The FIRST sets for the RHSs in the A-rules are $\{a\}$ and $\{a,b\}$, which are clearly not disjoint. So, these rules fail the pairwise disjointness test.

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Left Factoring

- ▶ In *many cases*, a grammar that fails the pairwise disjointness test can be modified so that it will pass the test.
- Example: the following rules clearly do not pass the pairwise disjointness test,

```
\langle variable \rangle \rightarrow identifier | identifier | \langle expression \rangle |
```

Replace them with the equvalent rules,

$$<$$
variable $> \rightarrow$ identifier $<$ new $>$ $<$ new $> \rightarrow \epsilon | [<$ expression $>]$

or

$$<$$
variable $> \rightarrow$ identifier [[$<$ expression $>$]]

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which would pass the pairwise disjointness test.

► A formal algorithm for left factoring is in [Aho et al., 2006].

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Bottom-up Parsing

▶ To find the handle of any given right sentential form that can be generated by its associated grammar.

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$$E \to E + T|T$$

$$T \to T * F|F$$

$$F \to (E)|id$$

and the following rightmost derivation,

$$\begin{split} E &\Rightarrow \underline{E+T} \\ &\Rightarrow E+\underline{T*F} \\ &\Rightarrow E+T*\underline{id} \\ &\Rightarrow E+\underline{F}*id \\ &\Rightarrow E+\underline{id}*id \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{T}+id*id \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{id}+id*id \end{split}$$

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Examples of Grammar and Deriviation

Consider the following grammar for arithmetic expressions,

$$E \to E + T|T$$

$$T \to T * F|F$$

$$F \to (E)|id$$

the right sentential form,

$$E + T * id$$

what is the handle (or the correct RHS to reduce)?

- ▶ There are 3 RHS, E + T, T, and id
- Which one is the correct RHS to reduce?

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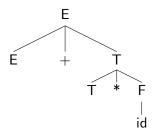
Handle

▶ Definition: β is the *handle* of the right sentential form $\gamma = \alpha \beta w$ if and only if $S \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \alpha Aw \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \alpha \beta w$.

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Phrase and Simple Phrase

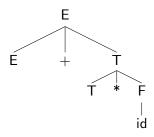
- Definition: β is a *phrase* of the right sentential form γ if and only if $S \Rightarrow^* \alpha_1 A \alpha_2 \Rightarrow^+ \alpha_1 \beta \alpha_2$
- Definition: β is a *simple phrase* of the right sentential form γ if and only if $S \Rightarrow^* \gamma = \alpha_1 A \alpha_2 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 \beta \alpha_2$
- What a phrase is and what a simple phrase is relative to a parse tree?
- For example, consider the a parse tree for E + T * id



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Phrase and Simple Phrase

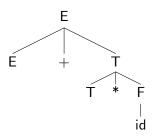
- ightharpoonup Consider the a parse tree for E+T*id
- ▶ 3 internal nodes, 3 subtrees, and 3 phrases
 - Leaves E + T * id rooted at E
 - Leaves T * id rooted at T
 - \blacktriangleright Leaves id rooted F
- Simple phrases are a subset of the phrases, in this example,
 - \blacktriangleright Leaves id rooted F



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Intuition about Handles

- ► The handle of any rightmost sentential form is its leftmost simple phrase.
- \triangleright With this intuition, consider again the a parse tree for E+T*id, what is the handle (or the correct RHS to reduce)?
 - ▶ There are 3 RHS, E + T, T, and id, which one is the correct RHS to reduce?
 - \triangleright Since we know phrase id rooted F in the parse tree is a simple phrase, id is the handle.
 - E + T * id should be reduced to E + T * F



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Intuition about Handles

- ▶ The handle of a right sentential form is its leftmost simple phrase
- Given a parse tree, it is now easy to find the handle
- Parsing can be thought of as handle pruning

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- Bottom-up parsers are often called shift-reduce algorithms
- Reduce is the action of replacing the handle on the top of the parse stack with its corresponding LHS
- ► Shift is the action of moving the next token to the top of the parse stack

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LR Parsers

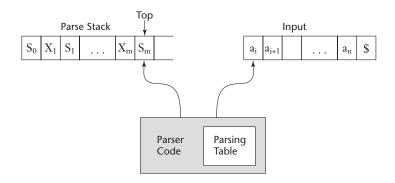
- Many bottom-up parsing algorithms are variations of a process called LR
- Advantage
 - They will work for nearly all grammars that describe programming languages.
 - ► They work on a larger class of grammars than other bottom-up algorithms, but are as efficient as any other bottom-up parser.
 - ▶ They can detect syntax errors as soon as it is possible.
 - ► The LR class of grammars is a superset of the class parsable by LL parsers.
- Disadvantage
 - ▶ It is difficult to produce by hand the parsing table for a given grammar for a complete programming language.
- ► LR parsers are generally constructed with a tool.

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Knuth's Insight

- ► The original LR algorithm was designed by Donald Knuth [Knuth, 1965]
- Knuth's insight
 - ► A bottom-up parser could use the entire history of the parse, up to the current point, to make parsing decisions
 - There are only a finite and relatively small number of different parse situations that could have occurred, so the history could be stored in a parser state, on the parse stack

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▶ The LR parser configuration is a pair of strings (stack, input),

$$(S_0X_1S_1X_2S_2...X_mS_m, a_ia_{i+1}...a_n\$)$$

where the Ss are state symbols and the Xs are grammar symbols

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LR Parsing Table

LR parsers are table driven, where the table has two components, an ACTION table and a GOTO table

- ► The ACTION table specifies the action of the parser, given the parser state and the next token Rows are state names; columns are terminals
- ► The GOTO table specifies which state to put on top of the parse stack after a reduction action is done Rows are state names; columns are nonterminals

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Parser Initialization and Actions

- ▶ Initial configuration: $(S_0, a_1 \dots a_n \$)$
- Parser actions (determined by the ACTION table using the input as column index and the state on the stack as row index)
 - ► For a Shift, *push* the next symbol of input onto the stack, along with the state symbol that is part of the Shift specification in the Action table
 - ▶ For a Reduce, *remove* the handle from the stack, along with its state symbols. *Push* the LHS of the rule. *Push* the state symbol from the GOTO table, using the state symbol just below the new LHS in the stack and the LHS of the new rule as the row and column into the GOTO table
 - Because for every grammar symbol on the stack there is a state symbol, the number of symbols removed from the stack is twice the number of symbols in the handle
 - ▶ For an Accept, the parse is complete and no errors were found.
 - ► For an Error, the parser calls an error-handling routine.

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LR Parsing Table: Example

Consider the following grammar for arithmetic expressions,

$$E \to E + T$$
 (1)

$$E \to T$$
 (2)

$$T \to T * F \tag{3}$$

$$T \to F$$
 (4)

$$F \to (E) \tag{5}$$

$$F \to id$$
 (6)

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LR Parsing Table: Example

R for reduce and S for shift. R4 means reduce using rule 4; S6 means shift the next symbol of input onto the stack and push state S6 onto the stack.

	Action							Goto		
State	id	+	*	()	\$	E	Т	F	
0	\$5			S4			1	2	3	
1		S6				accept				
2		R2	S7		R2	R2				
3		R4	R4		R4	R4				
4	\$5			S4			8	2	3	
5		R6	R6		R6	R6				
6	\$5			S4				9	3	
7	\$5			S4					10	
8		S6			S11					
9		R1	S7		R1	R1				
10		R3	R3		R3	R3				
11		R5	R5		R5	R5				

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LR Parsing: Example

Parsing string the string $id + id * id$							
Stack	Input	Action					
0	id + id * id\$	Shift 5					
0id5	+id*id\$	Reduce 6 (use GOTO[0, F])					
0F3	+id*id\$	Reduce 4 (use GOTO[0, T])					
0T2	+id*id\$	Reduce 2 (use GOTO[0, E])					
0E1	+id*id\$	Shift 6					
0E1 + 6	id*id\$	Shift 5					
0E1 + 6id5	*id\$	Reduce 6 (use GOTO[6, F])					
0E1 + 6F3	*id\$	Reduce 4 (use GOTO[6, T])					
0E1 + 6T9	*id\$	Shift 7					
0E1 + 6T9 * 7	id\$	Shift 5					
0E1 + 6T9 * 7id5	\$	Reduce 6 (use GOTO[7, F])					
0E1 + 6T9 * 7F10	\$	Reduce 3 (use GOTO[6, T])					
0E1 + 6T9	\$	Reduce 1 (use GOTO[0, E])					
0E1	\$	Accept					

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Tool for Generating Parsing Table

A parser table can be generated from a given grammar with a tool, e.g., yacc or bison

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Summary

- Syntax analysis is a common part of language implementation
- ► A lexical analyzer is a pattern matcher that isolates small-scale parts of a program
- A recursive-descent parser is an LL parser
- ▶ Parsing problem for bottom-up parsers: find the substring of current sentential form
- ► The LR family of shift-reduce parsers is the most common bottom-up parsing approach

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