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3.1 Analysis Continued

3.1.1 DFA Recognition

- input: sequence of symbols w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_n , DFA $< \sum$, Q, q_0 , A
 - $q := q_0$
 - for each i from 1 to S
 - $* q := \delta(q, w_i)$
 - return $q \in A$

3.1.2 Maximal Munch Scanning Pseudo Code

- \bullet Input: sequence of symbols w and a DFA which defines language L of valid tokens
- \bullet Output: A sequence of **tokens** than each exist in L and concatenate to form w
- Types of Tokens
 - Kind (Id, Num, If, While, etc)
 - Lexene (Substring of w)
- \bullet General Algorithm for any language L
 - While there is still input
 - 1. Find the longest prefix of rest of input that is in L
 - 2. If no non-empty prefix exists in L, then throw ERROR
- \bullet Algorithm with DFA for any language L
 - Loop while there is still input
 - 1. Run DFA on rest of input until DFA gets stuck
 - 2. Backtrack to last-seen accepting state
 - 3. If no states were accepting, then throw ERROR
 - 4. Output token
 - * Lexene = prefix of rest of input and kind determined by DFA state
 - 5. Set DFA back to start state

3.1.2.1 Java/Joose Maximal Munch Quirks

- $L = \{-, --, \ldots\}$
- w = a -b
 - Scanner would accept this, but the parser would reject it
 - Scanner would scan it as a, --, b, but if it were scanned as a, -, -, b the parser would accept this.
 - -a,-,-,b is not valid in java though, so Joos still needs the -- token in order reject the decrement operator