

6.101 Recitation 11: Week 5 Recipe Midpoint

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Question 1: Read the problem description below, and then generate a set of all the legal phrases that could result from the “greeting” root.

All Phrases Grammar Description:

A *grammar* consists of rules that describe the syntax of legal phrases in a language (programming or otherwise).

For today, we will be using a grammar dictionary that defines the syntax rules of a tiny version of the English language. For example:

```
grammar = {
    "sentence": [["noun", "verb"], ["noun", "never", "verb"]],
    "noun": [["pigs"], ["professors"]],
    "verb": [["fly"], ["think"]],
    "greeting": [["hi", "noun"]],
    "question": [["sentence", "?" ]],
}
```

Within the grammar dictionary,

- the dictionary keys are *non-terminals* (syntax category, i.e., "sentence" or "noun")
- any string that isn't a dictionary key is a (*terminal*) *word* (i.e., "hi" or "fly")
- the dictionary values are a list of rules. Each *rule* is a list containing non-terminals and words (i.e., ["pigs",] or ["hi", "NOUN",])

We want to start with a *root* string (like "sentence" or "pigs") and expand it into a set of all possible *phrases* that can be found from the given root. We will represent a phrase using a tuple containing only terminal word strings.

Examples:

```
All phrases given the root "pigs" => {('pigs',)}
All phrases given the root "noun" => {('pigs',), ('instructors',)}
All phrases given the root "sentence" => {("pigs", "fly"),
    ("pigs", "think"), ("professors", "fly"), ("professors", "think"),
    ("pigs", "never", "fly"), ("pigs", "never", "think"),
    ("professors", "never", "fly"), ("professors", "never", "think"),}
```

What are all the phrases that can be made given the root "greeting"?

Question 3: All Phrases

```
def all_phrases(grammar, root):
    """
    Using rule lists in the grammar dict, expand root into all possible
    phrases. Each phrase is a tuple of terminal word strings.
    Return a set of all valid phrases.
    """

    grammar = {
        "sentence": [["noun", "verb"], ["noun", "never", "verb"]],
        "noun": [["pigs"], ["professors"]],
        "verb": [["fly"], ["think"]],
        "greeting": [["hi", "noun"]],
        "question": [["sentence", "?"]],
    }
    assert all_phrases(grammar, "pigs") == {("pigs",)}

    expected = {("pigs", "fly", "?"), ("pigs", "think", "?"),
        ("professors", "fly", "?"), ("professors", "think", "?"),
        ("pigs", "never", "fly", "?"), ("pigs", "never", "think", "?"),
        ("professors", "never", "fly", "?"), ("professors", "never", "think", "?"),
    }
    assert all_phrases(grammar, "question") == expected
```

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Question 2:

For the `all_phrases` function described in question 3 (see page 2):

What are the base case(s)?

What are the recursive case(s)?