Syntax and Semantics

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Overview

- Formal Methods of Describing Syntax
 - CFG
 - BNF
 - EBNF
- Derivation, Parse Tree
- Ambiguous/Unambiguous grammar
- Semantics
 - Attribute grammar
 - Operational semantics
 - Denotational semantics
 - Axiomatic semantics
- Example: C-minus language

Syntax of a Language

 Syntax is the set of rules that govern the structure of sentences in a given language

- Sequencing of subject (S), verb (V), and object (O)
 - SVO vs. SOV

Formal language(형식 언어) Artificial language(인공 언어)

- Language's definition
 - expressions, statements, and program units

- Syntax: form or structure
 - The syntax of "if statement" is ...
- Semantics: meaning
 The meaning of "i = j" is ...

Syntax Description

- Context-Free Grammar(CFG): Noam Chomsky
 - Formal grammar
 - Production rule: A → α
 S → NP VP
 NP → NOUN | PRON
 NOUN → computer | pen | book | ...
 PRON → i | you | he | she | it | ...
 VP → VERB | VERB NP
 VERB → is | am | go | eat | ...
- Backus-Naur Form(BNF): Algol 58 인간으로치면 현대 인간
- Extended Backus-Naur Form(EBNF)

Backus-Naur Form(BNF)

The same as CFG: num + (num – num) * num

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수식 = 수식 operator 수식로 정의

<expression> ::= <expression> <op> <expression>

<expression> ::= 'num' 수식 = num

<expression> ::= '(' <expression> ')'

<op> ::= '+' | '-' | '*' | '/'

or or or or

<if_stmt> ::= 'if' <logic_expr> 'then' <stmt>

<logic_expr> ::= ...

<stmt> ::= ...
```

CFG or BNF notations

- Nonterminals (nonterminal symbols) 화살표왼쪽부분
- Terminals (terminal symbols)
- Start symbol 시작기호
- Production rules 생성규칙들 (->) or ::=
 - LHS → RHS
- Example

```
<stmt> → <single_stmt> | 'begin' <stmt_list> 'end'
<single_stmt> → ...
<stmt list> → ...
```

Example: identifier list

변수명

- <id_list> ::= <id> | <id> , <id_list>
- <id>::= 'a' | 'b' | 'c'

a

• a, a

- a, b, c
- a, b, b, a

ex) int a,b,c;

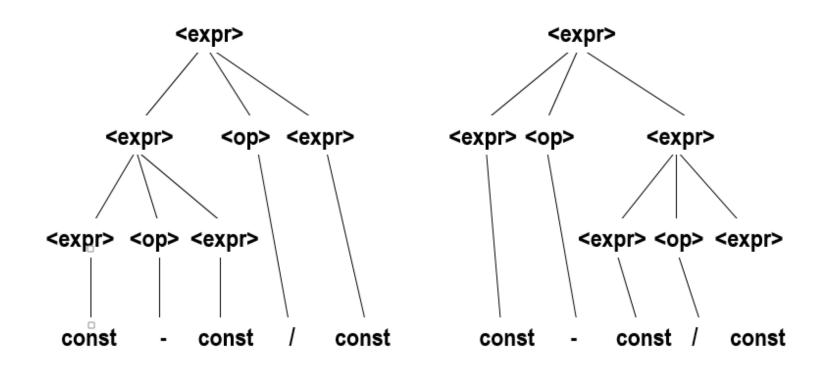
Derivation, Parse Tree

parse, parsing이라는 것은 입력이 먼저 들어와야함

```
문장1 or 문장1; 문장2
\langle stmts \rangle \rightarrow \langle stmt \rangle \mid \langle stmt \rangle ; \langle stmts \rangle
\langle stmt \rangle \rightarrow \langle var \rangle = \langle expr \rangle
                                 c언어는 문장의 끝마다 :가 들어가는데 이게 다른점이다.
변수 = 치환문 '
<var> → a | b | c | d
                                                      cprogram>
<term> → <var>  Const  치환문들이 프로그램이 되는 simple한 프로그램
                                                      <stmts>
                                                       <stmt>
=> <var> = <expr>
                                                            <expr>
           => a = <expr>
           => a = <term> + <term>
           => a = <var> + <term>
                                                                 const
                                                       <var>
           => a = b + <term>
           => a = b + const
                   변수 + 상수 시작기호로부터 생성해 낼 수 있으면 맞는문장 생성못하면 틀린문장
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Ambiguous Grammar

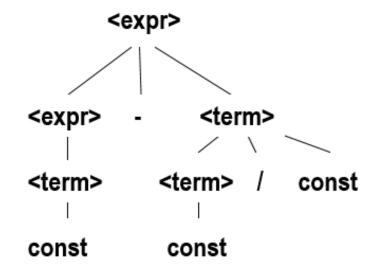
parse tree가 두개 이상 나오는 이유는 문법이 잘못되었기 때문 ambiuous grammer. 아래 예는 우선순위가 달라서 계산결과가 다름 /를 먼저 한다고 치면 오른쪽만 정답임



Unambiguous Grammar

Operator precedence rule

```
<expr> → <expr> - <term> | <term> 시작기호에는 -로만
<term> → <term> / const| const
```



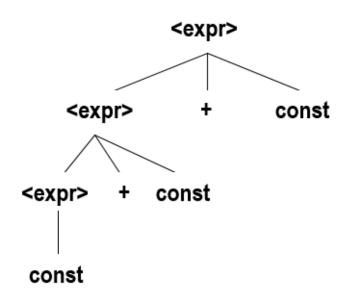
Unambiguous Grammar

Operator associative rule

연산자가 하나인경우에도 unambiguous 나타남 좌결합을 먼저

하나만 나오면 ambiguous하지 않고 두개이상이 나오면 ambiguous

```
<expr> -> <expr> + <expr> | const (ambiguous)
<expr> -> <expr> + const | const (unambiguous)
```



Extended BNF

```
있어도 되고 없어도 되는
• [] --- optional parts
                                              없어도 되는 부분을 대괄호로
    <if stmt> ::= 'if' <cond> 'then' <stmt> [ 'else' <stmt> ]
• () --- alternative parts
    <exp> ::= <exp> ( '+' | '-' | '*' | '/' ) <exp>
                                예전 컴파일러들은 변수에 len 정해뒀지만 요즈음 컴파일러들은
                                변수명 함수명 길이 제약이 없음
• { } --- repetitions
    <id>::= <|etter> { <|etter> | <digit> }
    <letter> ::= 'a' | 'b' | 'c' | ... | 'z'
    <digit> ::= '0' | '1' | '2' | ... | '9'
```

BNF and EBNF

반복하는부분이 왼쪽에 있으면 우결합 반복하는 부분이 오른쪽에 있으면 좌결합

a+a+a+a+a 반복하는부분 a+

ex 좌결합: a +a+a+a+a+a ex 우결합: a+a+a+a+a

BNF

EBNF

Semantics

- Variables must be declared before they are used.
- Type Correspondence in "A = B"

```
<assign> → <var> '='<expr>
<expr> → <var> '+' <var> | <var>
<var> → 'A' | 'B' | 'C'
```

• Name Correspondence

```
procedure 'name' (void)
begin
...
end 'name'
```

Semantics

- Static Semantics
 - Attribute Grammar
 - Synthesized, inherited attributes
- Dynamic Semantics
 - Operational Semantics
 - Computer simulation of execution
 - Denotational Semantics
 - Abstract semantics description by recursive function
 - Axiomatic Semantics
 - Formal program verification by formal logic(predicate calculus)

Attribute Grammar: Example

Syntax rule:

```
\langle expr \rangle \rightarrow \langle var \rangle [1] + \langle var \rangle [2]
```

Semantic rule:

```
<expr>.actual_type <math>\leftarrow <var>[1].actual_type
```

• Predicate:

```
<var>[1].actual_type == <var>[2].actual_type
<expr>.expected_type == <expr>.actual_type
```

Example for S-attributed grammar

CFG

```
Expr - Expr + Term
Expr - Term
Term - Term * Factor
Term - Factor
Factor - "(" Expr ")"
Factor - integer
```

Synthesized attributes

```
Expr1 -> Expr2 + Term [ Expr1.value = Expr2.value + Term.value ]
Expr -> Term [ Expr.value = Term.value ]
Term1 -> Term2 * Factor [ Term1.value = Term2.value * Factor.value ]
Term -> Factor [ Term.value = Factor.value ]
Factor -> "(" Expr ")" [ Factor.value = Expr.value ]
Factor -> integer [ Factor.value = strToInt(integer.str) ]
```

BNF Grammar for C-Minus

```
program → declaration-list
      declaration-list \rightarrow declaration-list declaration | declaration
3.
      declaration \rightarrow var-declaration \mid fun-declaration
      var-declaration \rightarrow type-specifier ID; | type-specifier ID [ NUM ];
5.
      type-specifier → int | void
6.
     fun-declaration \rightarrow type-specifier ID ( params ) compound-stmt
     params → param-list | void terminal (bold체)
8.
     param-list → param-list , param | param
9.
     param \rightarrow type-specifier ID | type-specifier ID [ ]
10.
      compound-stmt \rightarrow \{ local-declarations statement-list \}
11.
      local-declarations → local-declarations var-declarations | empty
12.
      statement-list \rightarrow statement-list statement \mid empty
      statement \rightarrow expression-stmt \mid compound-stmt \mid selection-stmt \mid iteration-stmt \mid return-stmt
13.
14.
      expression-stmt \rightarrow expression; ;
15.
      selection-stmt \rightarrow if ( expression ) statement | if ( expression ) statement else statement
16.
      iteration-stmt \rightarrow while (expression) statement
17.
      return-stmt → return ; | return expression ;
18.
      expression \rightarrow var = expression \mid simple-expression
19.
      var \rightarrow ID \mid ID [expression]
20.
      simple-expression \rightarrow additive-expression relop additive-expression | additive-expression
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21.
     relop \rightarrow \langle = | \langle | \rangle | \rangle = | == | !=
22.
     additive-expression \rightarrow additive-expression addop term | term
23.
     addop \rightarrow + \mid -
24.
     term → term mulop factor | factor
25.
     mulop \rightarrow * | /
26. factor \rightarrow ( expression ) | var | call | NUM
27. call \rightarrow ID (args)
28. args → arg-list | empty
29.
     arg-list \rightarrow arg-list , expression | expression
Keywords: else if int return void while
Special symbols: + - * / < <= > >= != = ; , ( ) [ ] { } /* */
ID = letter letter
NUM = digit digit
letter = a | .. | z | A | .. | Z
digit = 0 | .. | 9
Comments: /* ... */
```