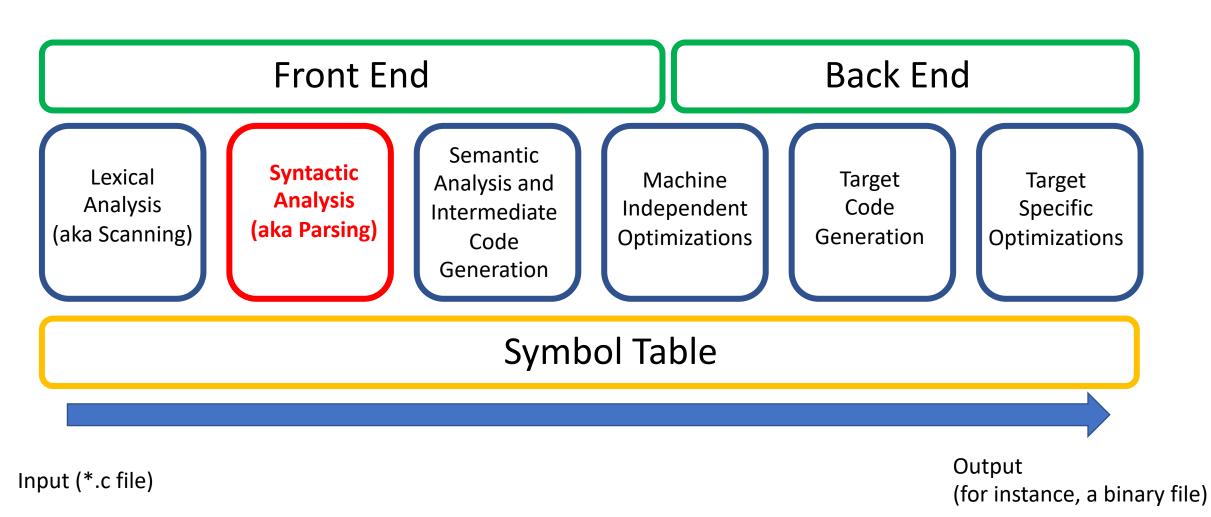
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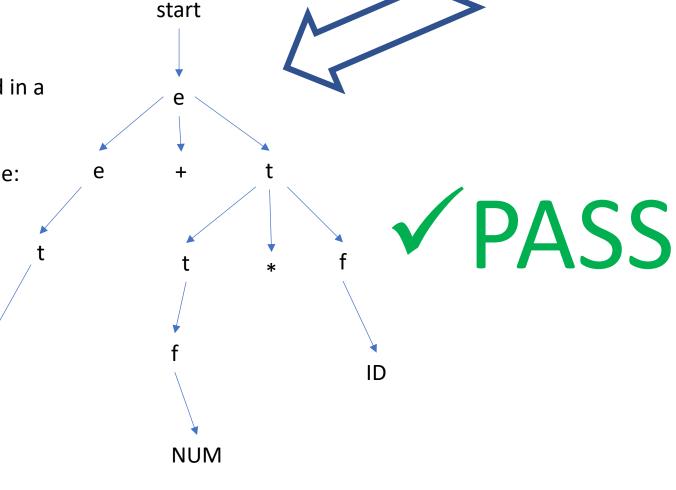


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- $t \rightarrow f$
- $f \rightarrow ID$
- $f \rightarrow NUM$



ID

x + 4 \* y;

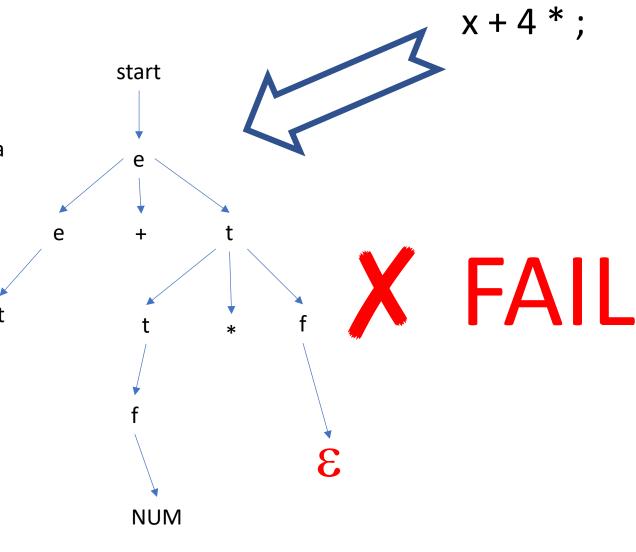
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// rule f does not produce the empty string



ID

#### Overview

- Grammars
- Parsing and derivation trees
- Building LL and LR parsers

- Regular Expressions are unable to specify nested constructs
- Consider the following:

```
expr \rightarrow id \mid number \mid -expr \mid (expr)
\mid expr \ op \ expr
op \rightarrow + \mid - \mid * \mid /
```

- Tokens in bold
- Non-terminals in italic
- means "or"
- → means "can be replaced by"
- Need the ability to represent recursion, something in terms of itself
- For instance, cannot describe matching parenthesis with RE alone

## Context Free Grammars (CFG)

```
\rightarrow id
expr
          number
           - expr
           (expr)
          expr op expr
op
```

- Notation known as Backus-Naur Form (BNF)
- Owed to John Backus and Peter Naur who designed it for Algol-60

- CFG or grammar for short
- "Context Free" means that rules are applicable independently of the context or surroundings
- Each rule in a CFG is a *production*
- Symbols on the left-hand side are variables or nonterminals
- A variable can have any number of productions
- Tokens (symbols in bold) are also known as terminals (because they don't have a right-hand sides or productions)
- Tokens cannot appear on the left-hand side of productions
- Some non-terminal is chosen as the start symbol

## Context Free Grammars (CFG)

```
\rightarrow id
expr
          →number
         \rightarrow - expr
expr
            ( expr )
          expr op expr
         \rightarrow +
op
```

- If I forget to mark some symbol in bold or italic, the role of the symbol can be easily determined from its context
- It's totally fine to write productions either with → or with |

In summary, a CFG consists of:

- a set of terminals T
- a set of non-terminals N
- a non-terminal S identified as the start symbol
- a set of productions

## Scanning and Parsing

- Recall that tokens such as IDENTIFIER and NUMBER actually represent sets of strings acceptable by a language
- The parser, however, does not distinguish between "1.5", "1" or "10000.0000".
- The actual values (as number, strings or names) are stored in the symbol table along the parsing process

#### Derivation and Parse Trees

A CFG allows to generate syntactically valid string of terminals, i.e. a valid program:

- a. Begin with start symbol
- b. Choose a production with the start symbol on the left-hand side
- c. Replace start symbol with right-hand side of production
- d. Choose a non-terminal A in resulting string
- e. Choose a production P with A on the left-hand side, and replace A with the right-hand side of P

Consider the previous grammar for arithmetic expressions:

How could we produce the string "slope \* x + intercept"?

```
expr \longrightarrow id \mid number \mid -expr \mid (expr) \mid expr op expr
op \longrightarrow + \mid - \mid * \mid /
```

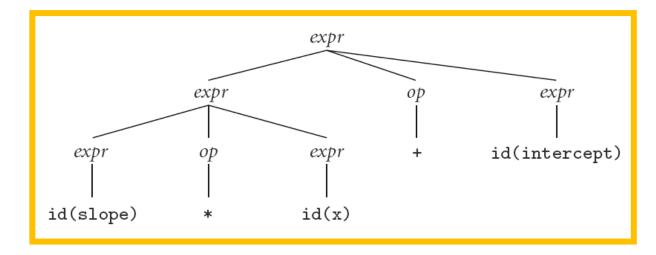
slope \* x + intercept

```
expr op <u>expr</u>
expr <u>op</u> id
expr + id
expr op expr + id
expr \underline{op} id + id
expr * id + id
                          id
           * id +
 (slope) (x) (intercept)
```

```
expr \longrightarrow id \mid number \mid -expr \mid (expr) \mid expr op expr \mid op \longrightarrow + \mid - \mid * \mid /
```

```
expr \implies expr op \ \underline{expr}
\implies expr \ \underline{op} \ \text{id}
\implies \underline{expr} + \text{id}
\implies expr \ op \ \underline{expr} + \text{id}
\implies expr \ \underline{op} \ \text{id} + \text{id}
\implies \underline{expr} * \text{id} + \text{id}
\implies \text{id} * \text{id} + \text{id}
\implies \text{id} * \text{id} + \text{id}
(\text{slope}) \ (x) \ (\text{intercept})
```

slope \* x + intercept

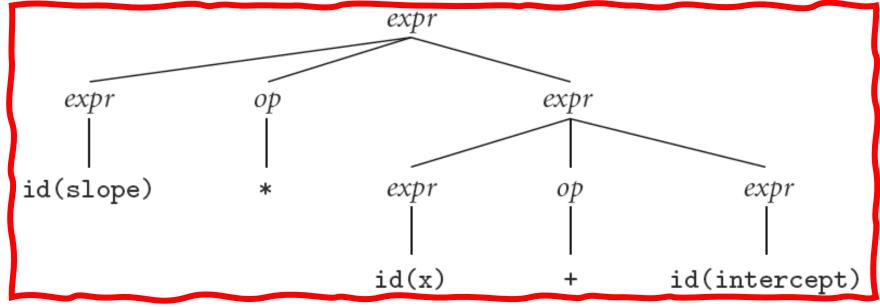


Sentential forms

A parse tree

```
expr \longrightarrow id \mid number \mid -expr \mid (expr) \mid expr \ op \ expr \ op \ + \mid - \mid * \mid /
```

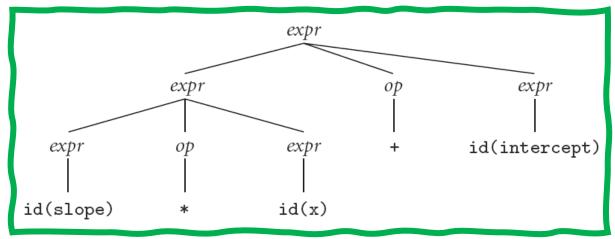
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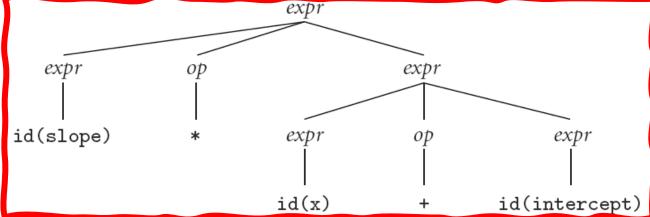


Another parse tree

```
expr → id | number | - expr | ( expr )
| expr op expr
op → + | - | * | /
```

slope \* x + intercept



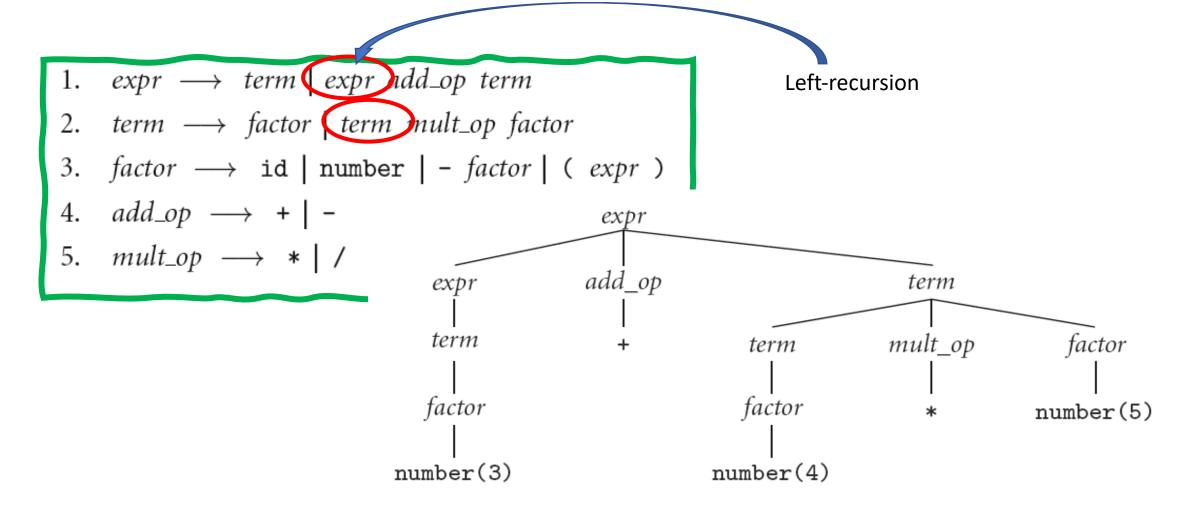


Is there any difference? Thoughts?

How about we re-write the grammar as:

```
    expr → term | expr add_op term
    term → factor | term mult_op factor
    factor → id | number | - factor | ( expr )
    add_op → + | -
    mult_op → * | /
```

```
1. expr \longrightarrow term \mid expr \ add\_op \ term
2. term \longrightarrow factor \mid term \ mult\_op \ factor
3. factor \longrightarrow id \mid number \mid -factor \mid (expr)
4. add\_op \longrightarrow + \mid -
5. mult\_op \longrightarrow * \mid /
```



#### **Derivations**

- Left-most vs right-most derivation: which non-terminal is chosen for the next derivation step
- Left-most derivation: always derive the first non-terminal found in the sentential form, moving from left-to-right
- Right-most derivation: always derive the first non-terminal found in the sentential form, moving from right-to-left
- Do not confuse *left-recursion* or *right-recursion* with *left-most derivation* and *right-most derivation*

## Capturing Structure

- Languages can be designed to capture several aspects, for example associativity and precedence
- Associativity: the order in which a sequence of instances of the same operator is computed
- Example:

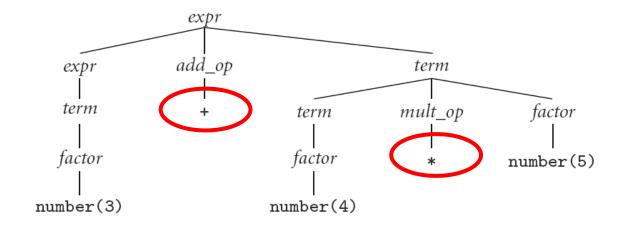
```
10-4-3 is computed as (10-4)-3 \rightarrow (left associative operator)
rather than 10-(4-3) \rightarrow (right associative operator)
```

- Precedence: some operators are applied before others
- Example:

$$3 + 4 * 5 = 3 + (4 * 5)$$
 instead of  $(3 + 4) * 5$ 

## Capturing Structure

- In a parse tree, operators with higher precedence appear closer to the leaves of the tree
- Equivalently, operators with lower precedence appear closer to the root of the tree
- In bison/yacc, associativity is managed with a directive:



```
%left '<'
%left '-'
%left '*'
```

More info in: http://web.mit.edu/gnu/doc/html/bison\_8.html

#### Exercises

- 1. Design a grammar for defining lists of equalities, inequalities and logical expressions.
- 2. Create a grammar for drawing points, lines, circles, rectangles. Language should allow to place figures in a plane.
- 3. Define a grammar for set operations, with variables and assignments.
- 4. Extend the arithmetic grammar to handle rational numbers.

## Recapping Terminology

- Context-Free Grammar (CFG)
- Symbols: terminals (tokens) and non-terminals
- Productions
- Derivations (left-most and right-most)
- Parse trees
- Sentential form

- By analogy to RE and DFAs, a context-free grammar (CFG) is a generator for a context-free language (CFL)
  - a parser is a language recognizer
- There is an infinite number of grammars for every contextfree language
  - not all grammars are created equal, however

- We can create parsers that run in O(n^3) time for any CFG
- Two well-known parsing algorithms that permit this
  - Early's algorithm
  - Cooke-Younger-Kasami (CYK) algorithm
- O(n^3) time is clearly unacceptable for a parser in a compiler too slow

- Fortunately, there are large classes of grammars for which we can build parsers that run in linear time
  - The two most important classes are called LL and LR
- LL stands for 'Left-to-right, Leftmost derivation'.
- LR stands for 'Left-to-right, Rightmost derivation'

- LL parsers are also called 'top-down', or 'predictive' parsers
- LR parsers are also called 'bottom-up', or 'shift-reduce' parsers
- There are several important sub-classes of LR parsers
  - -SLR
  - -LALR
- We won't be going into detail on the differences between them

- Every LL(1) grammar is also LR(1), though right recursion in production tends to require very deep stacks and complicates semantic analysis
- Every CFL that can be parsed deterministically has an SLR(1) grammar (which is LR(1))
- Every deterministic CFL with the *prefix property* (no valid string is a prefix of another valid string) has an LR(0) grammar

- Will commonly see LL(K) or LR (K)
  - K indicates how many tokens of look-ahead are required in order to parse
  - -Almost all real compilers use one token of look-ahead
- The expression grammar (with precedence and associativity)
   previously seen is LR(1), but not LL(1)

Class	Direction of Scanning	Derivation Discovered	Parse Tree Construction	Algorithms Used
LL	Left-to-right	Left-most	Top-down	Predictive
LR	Left-to-right	Right-most	Bottom-up	Shift-reduce

Main classes of O(n) parsing algorithms

## Top-down and Bottom-up Parsing

Go over the string:

With the grammar:

- a. id\_list → id id\_list\_tail
- b. id\_list\_tail → , id id\_list\_tail
- c. id\_list\_tail  $\rightarrow$ ;

9.

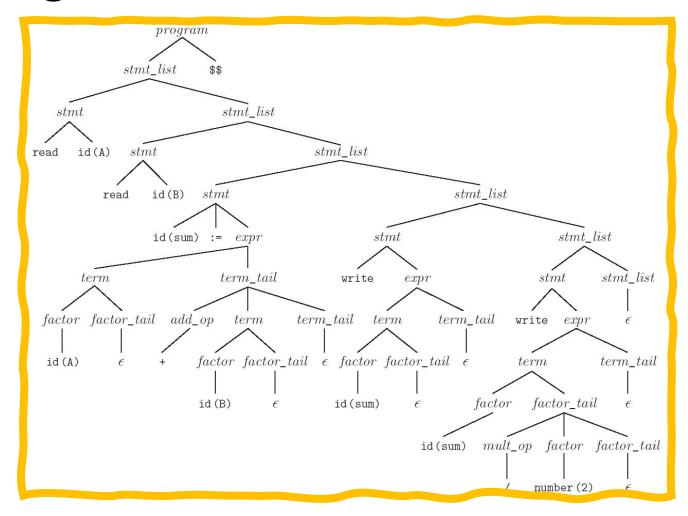
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An example of an LL(1) grammar:
                   → stmt_list $$
   program
    stmt_list
                   → stmt stmt_list
3.
                    3
                   id := expr
   stmt
5.
                    read id
                    | write expr
6.
                   term term_tail
   expr
   term_tail → add op term term_tail
```

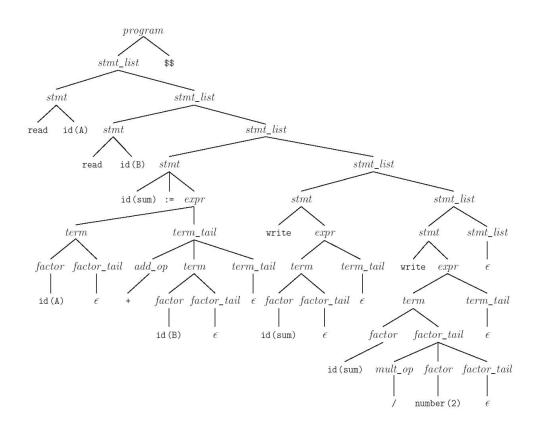
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```
10. term
                    factor fact tail
11. fact_tail → mult_op fact fact_tail
12.
                      3
    factor →
13.
                    (expr)
14.
                      id
15.
                      number
    add_op →
16.
17.
    mult_op → *
18.
19.
```

#### Consider the program:

```
read A
read B
sum := A + B
write sum
write sum / 2
```





- Process tokens in a loop
- Repeatedly look up an action in a twodimensional table based on current leftmost non-terminal and current input token.
- The actions are
  - (1) match a terminal
  - (2) predict a production
  - (3) announce a syntax error

Top-of-stack				Curren	t inp	out to	oken					
nonterminal	id	number	read	write	:=	(	)	+		*	/	\$\$
program	1	-	1	1	_	-	_	_		_	_	1
$stmt\_list$	2	4 <del>2-3</del> 6	2	2	-	-	0 <del>1</del>			<del></del>	-	3
stmt	4	_	5	6	-	-	-	-	-	==0	-	-
expr	7	7	<u>-</u> -	<u> </u>	7 <u>—0</u>	7	0 <u>23</u> 0			2_3	<u> 2</u>	% <u></u>
$term\_tail$	9	-	9	9	-	-	9	8	8	-	-	9
term	10	10	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	8 <u>—13</u>	10	02-30	8_0	_5	<u>-</u>	<u>0-3</u> 3	% <u></u>
$factor\_tail$	12	(s—s	12	12	1-	-	12	12	12	11	11	12
factor	14	15	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	82-13s	13	0 <u>===2</u> 0	( <u></u> )	=50	<u> </u>	20-27	% <u>—13</u>
$add\_op$	====	:	-	<del></del>	-	-		16	17	_	-	-
$mult\_op$	_	<u></u>	2_0	<u>~</u>	8 <u>. 8</u>	90	<u> 2</u> 29	8 <u>. 8</u>	_2	18	19	_

LL(1) parse table for calculator grammar Taken from book: Programming Language Pragmatics

Top-of-stack nonterminal	id	number	read	Curren write	t inp	out to	oken )	+	_	*	/	\$\$	
program	1	-	1	1	_	_	_	_		_	_	1	
$stmt\_list$	2	-	2	2	1000	-		S		22-00	-	3	
stmt	4	-	5	6	-	-	_	_		_	-	_	
expr	7	7	_	<u>=</u>		7	( <u></u> )	_	_6	_		_	
$term\_tail$	9	-	9	9	-	-	9	8	8	-	-	9	
term	10	10		<u> </u>	-	10	<u>(=3)</u>		=6	<u>==</u> =	(22)	7 <u>—</u>	
$factor\_tail$	12	1-	12	12	-	-	12	12	12	11	11	12	
factor	14	15		<u>=</u>		13	( <u>==</u> )		_	_	-	_	
$add\_op$		-	_	_	_	-	<del>-</del>	16	17	_	-	_	
$mult\_op$	_	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	_0	18	19	_	

#### Grammar

```
program → stmt_list $$
                                                             PREDICT
stmt_list ---> stmt stmt_list
stmt\_list \longrightarrow \epsilon
stmt \longrightarrow id := expr
stmt \longrightarrow read id
stmt \longrightarrow write expr
expr → term term_tail
term_tail → add_op term term_tail
term\_tail \longrightarrow \epsilon
term → factor factor_tail
factor_tail --> mult_op factor factor_tail
factor\_tail \longrightarrow \epsilon
factor \longrightarrow (expr)
factor \longrightarrow id
factor \longrightarrow number
add\_op \longrightarrow +
add\_op \longrightarrow -
mult\_op \longrightarrow *
mult\_op \longrightarrow /
```

#### **Predict Sets**

```
1 program \longrightarrow stmt\_list \$\$ \{id, read, write, \$\$\}
       stmt_list → stmt stmt_list {id, read, write}
      stmt\_list \longrightarrow \epsilon  {$$}
      stmt \longrightarrow id := expr \{id\}
      stmt \longrightarrow read id \{read\}
     stmt \longrightarrow write \ expr \ \{write\}
      expr \longrightarrow term \ term \ tail \{(, id, number)\}
     term\_tail \longrightarrow add\_op \ term \ term\_tail \{+, -\}
      term\_tail \longrightarrow \epsilon \{), id, read, write, \$\$}
10 term \longrightarrow factor factor\_tail \{(, id, number)\}
11 factor_tail \(\to \) mult_op factor factor_tail \(\{*, \/\}\)
      factor\_tail \longrightarrow \epsilon \{+, -, \}, id, read, write, \$\}
     factor \longrightarrow (expr) \{(\}
      factor \longrightarrow id \{id\}
      factor → number {number}
     add\_op \longrightarrow + \{+\}
      add\_op \longrightarrow - \{-\}
     mult\_op \longrightarrow * \{*\}
19 mult\_op \longrightarrow / \{/\}
```

Example string: read a; write a + b \* 2;

LL(1) parse table for calculator grammar
Taken from book: Programming Language Pragmatics

To keep track of the left-most nonterminal, you push the as-yetunseen portions of productions onto a stack

• for details see Figure 2.21

The key thing to keep in mind is that the stack contains all the stuff you expect to see between now and the end of the program

• what you *predict* you will see

Some issues with LL parsing:

- Left-recursion
- Common prefixes
- Dangling else

NOTE: eliminating left recursion and common prefixes does NOT make a grammar LL:

- there are infinitely many non-LL LANGUAGES, and the mechanical transformations work on them just fine
- the few that arise in practice, however, can generally be handled with kludges

Fixing left recursion:

```
id_list → id
| id_list , id
```

#### Becomes

- Common prefixes: solved by "left-factoring"
- Example:

```
stmt → id := expr | id ( arg_list )
```

equivalently

we can eliminate left-factor mechanically

- The "dangling else" problem prevents grammars from being LL(1) (or in fact LL(k) for any k)
- The following natural grammar fragment is ambiguous (Pascal)

The less natural grammar fragment can be parsed bottom-up but not top-down

```
stmt → balanced_stmt | unbalanced_stmt
balanced_stmt → if cond then balanced_stmt
else balanced_stmt
other_stuff
unbalanced_stmt → if cond then stmt
if cond then balanced_stmt
else unbalanced_stmt
```

Usual fix (top-down OR bottom-up): use the ambiguous grammar together with a *disambiguating rule* that says

- else goes with the closest then or
- ☐ more generally, the first of two possible productions is the one to predict (or reduce)

- Better yet, languages (since Pascal) generally employ explicit endmarkers, which eliminate this problem
- In Modula-2, for example, one says:

```
if A = B then
    if C = D then E := F end
else
    G := H
end
```

• Ada says 'end if'; other languages say 'fi'

- Overall parsing algorithm
- Build **First** and **Follow** sets
- Build parsing table and driver with sets.

```
repeat
 next sym = stack.pop ()
  if (next_sym in Terminals)
   match (next_sym) // removes symbol from input and stack
    if (next sym == $) return ACCEPT
 else if (table[next_sym,next_token].action == ERROR)
    parse error
 else
    prod = table[next_sym,next_token].prod
    foreach sym in reverse(rhs(prod))
      tack.push (sym)
until stack.top () == $
```

Stack	id	Num	Read	Write	:=	(	)	+	-	*	1	\$
prog	1		1	1								1
s_list	2		2	2								3
stmt	4		5	6								-
expr	7	7				7						-
t_tail	9		9	9			9	8	8			9
term	10	10				10						-
f_tail	12		12	12			12	12	12	11	11	12
factor	14	15				13						-
add_op								16	17			-
mul_op										18	19	-

Consider the following simpler grammar:

$$E \rightarrow T E'$$

$$E' \rightarrow + E$$

$$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow int T'$$

$$T \rightarrow (E)$$

$$T' \rightarrow * T$$

$$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$$

#### Building the FIRST set

- FIRST(a): set of terminals that can start a string of terminals
- T: Set of terminal symbols
- N: Set of non-terminal symbols

#### Rules:

If t in T: First(t) = {t}
 If X in N and X → ε exists: add ε to First(X)
 If X in and X → Y<sub>1</sub> Y<sub>2</sub> ... Y<sub>m</sub>, Y<sub>i</sub> in N, then:
 for i in 1..m:
 if (i = 1 or Y<sub>1</sub>...Y<sub>i-1</sub> is nullable)
 First(x) = First(x) U First(Y<sub>i</sub>)

```
foreach t in T
 Eps(t) = false
 First(t) = { t }
foreach X in N
  Eps(X) = if X \rightarrow \varepsilon then true else false
  First(X) = \{\}
repeat
 foreach productions X \rightarrow Y1 Y2 ... Yk,
  for i in 1..k
    add First(Yi) to First(X)
   if (not Eps(Yi)) continue with foreach loop
    Eps(X) = true
until no further progress
```

#### Algorithm to build First sets

• Apply rule (1):

Symbol	First
(	(
)	)
+	+
*	*
int	int
T'	
E'	
Т	
Е	

• Apply rule (2), we have E'  $\rightarrow \epsilon$  and T'  $\rightarrow \epsilon$ 

Symbol	First
(	(
)	)
+	+
*	*
int	int
T'	<mark>E</mark>
<mark>E'</mark>	<mark>E</mark>
Т	
E	

```
Rule (3):
```

```
3. If X in and X \rightarrow Y<sub>1</sub> Y<sub>2</sub> ... Y<sub>m</sub>, Y<sub>i</sub> in N, then:
for i in 1..m:
if (i = 1 or Y<sub>1</sub>...Y<sub>i-1</sub> is nullable)
First(x) = First(x) U First(Y<sub>i</sub>)
```

```
E \rightarrow T E'

E' \rightarrow + E

E' \rightarrow \varepsilon

T \rightarrow int T'

T \rightarrow (E)

T' \rightarrow * T

T' \rightarrow \varepsilon
```

```
E → T E
First(E) = First(E) U First(T)

Computing First(T) = {int, ( } (By rule a)

So First(E) = First(T)
```

Symbol	First
(	(
)	)
+	+
*	*
int	int
T <b>'</b>	3
E'	3
Т	{int, ( }
Е	{int, ( }

We don't include First(E') because T is not nullable

 $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ 

```
Rule (3):
         If X in and X \rightarrow Y<sub>1</sub> Y<sub>2</sub> ... Y<sub>m</sub>, Y<sub>i</sub> in N, then:
         for i in 1..m:
             if (i = 1 or Y_{1}...Y_{i-1} is nullable)
                   First(x) = First(x) \cup First(Y_i)
     E \rightarrow T E'
                                                              First (E') = \{ \epsilon, + \}
     T \rightarrow int T'
     T \rightarrow (E)
     T' \rightarrow * T
```

Symbol	First
(	(
)	)
+	+
*	*
int	int
T'	3
E'	ε, +
Т	int, (
E	int, (

```
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         If X in and X \rightarrow Y<sub>1</sub> Y<sub>2</sub> ... Y<sub>m</sub>, Y<sub>i</sub> in N, then:
          for i in 1..m:
              if (i = 1 or Y_{1}...Y_{i-1} is nullable)
                   First(x) = First(x) U First(Y_i)
     E \rightarrow T E'
     E' \rightarrow + E
                                                                First (T') = { \epsilon, * }
     E' \rightarrow \epsilon
     T \rightarrow int T'
     T \rightarrow (E)
```

Symbol	First
(	(
)	)
+	+
*	*
int	int
T'	٤, *
E'	ε, +
Т	int, (
Е	int, (

```
foreach symbol X
 Follow(X) = \{ \}
                                           Algorithm to build Follow sets
repeat
 foreach production A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta
  Follow(B) = Follow(B) U First(\beta)
 foreach production A \rightarrow \alpha B or A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta with Eps(\beta) = true
  Follow(B) = Follow(B) U Follow(A)
until no further progress
```

Computing the Follow set of non-terminals

- If \$ is the input end-marker, and S is the start symbol, \$ ∈ Follow(S).
- 2. If there is a production, A  $\rightarrow$  αBβ, then (FIRST(β) − ε) ⊆ Follow(B).
- 3. If there is a production,  $A \rightarrow \alpha B$ , or a production  $A \rightarrow \alpha B\beta$ , where  $\epsilon \in FIRST(\beta)$ , then  $Follow(A) \subseteq Follow(B)$ .

Computing the Follow set of non-terminals

- 1. If \$ is the input end-marker, and S is the start symbol, \$ ∈ FOLLOW(S).
- → Include \$ in Follow(S)

```
E \rightarrow T E'
E' \rightarrow + E
E' \rightarrow \varepsilon
T \rightarrow int T'
T \rightarrow (E)
T' \rightarrow * T
T' \rightarrow e
```

2. If there is a production,  $A \rightarrow \alpha B\beta$ , then (FIRST( $\beta$ ) –  $\epsilon$ )  $\subseteq$  FOLLOW(B). We look at the occurrence of a non-terminal on the right-hand side of a production which is followed by something

```
2a. E \rightarrow T. E'

Follow(T) contains First(E') = \{\varepsilon, +\} - \{\varepsilon\} = \{+\}

2b. T \rightarrow (E.)

Follow(E) contains (at least) First()) = \{\}

Follow(E) now becomes \{\}, \}
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- a.  $E \rightarrow T X$ . Follow(X) contains (at least) Follow(E) = { ), \$ } (from step 2b)
- b. ε in First( X ) so: Follow( T ) contains (at least) Follow( E ) = { ), \$, +} (from step 2a and 2b)
- c.  $X \rightarrow + E$ . Follow(E) contains (at least) Follow(X) = { ), \$ } (from step 3a)
- d.  $T \rightarrow int Y$ . Follow(Y) contains (at least) Follow(T) = { ), \$, +}. (from step 3b)
- e.  $Y \rightarrow *T$ . Follow(T) contains (at least) Follow(Y) = { ), \$ } (from step 3d)

We do this whole process again until no more additions happen:

- f.  $E \rightarrow T X$ . Follow(X) contains (at least) Follow(E) = {), \$} (no change)
- g.  $\epsilon$  in First( X ) so: Follow( T ) contains (at least) Follow( E ) = { ), \$, +} (no change)
- h.  $X \rightarrow + E$ . Follow(E) contains (at least) Follow(X) = { ), \$ } (no change)
- i.  $T \rightarrow int Y$ . Follow(Y) contains (at least) Follow(T) = { ), \$, +} (no change)
- j.  $Y \rightarrow *T$ . Follow(T) contains (at least) Follow(Y) = { ), \$ } (no change)

Symbol	First	Follow
(	(	
)	)	
+	+	N/A
*	*	
int	int	
T'	ε, *	), \$, +
E'	ε, +	), \$
Т	int, (	), \$, +
E	int, (	), \$

#### Final First and Follow sets

- Builds a forest of partial subtrees of the parse tree
- Performs a replacement of the form  $Y_1 Y_2 ... Y_k \rightarrow A$  when the production  $A \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 ... Y_k$  is recognized
- Table driven
- Roots of partially recognized sub-trees in stack
- Produce reversed right-most (canonical) derivations

- Shift action: performed when new token is found in the input, it's shifted to the stack
- Reduce action: performed when the right—hand side of a production is recognized, pop symbols from stack and insert non-terminal of the left-hand side of the production
- Role of stack is the main difference between LL and LR parsing:
  - Top-down parsing: stack contains symbols that expects to see in the future
  - Bottom-up parsing: stack contains symbols of what the parsing already has seen

#### Grammar for list of identifiers:

- id\_list → ID id\_list\_tail
- id\_list\_tail → , ID id\_list\_tail
- id\_list\_tail →;

Symbols in right-hand side of production that are being replaced by the left-hand side (non-terminal) constitute the <u>handle</u> of the sentential form

Stack Contents (Sentential Forms)	Remaining Input String
ε	A, B, C;
ID (A)	, B, C;
ID (A),	В, С;
ID (A), ID (B)	, C;
ID (A), ID (B),	С;
ID (A), ID (B), ID (C)	;
ID (A), ID (B), ID (C);	
ID (A), ID (B) <mark>, ID (C) id_list_tail</mark>	
ID (A), ID (B) id_list_tail	
ID (A) id_list_tail	
id_list	

1. 
$$e \rightarrow t e'$$

2. 
$$e' \rightarrow + t e'$$

3. 
$$e' \rightarrow \varepsilon$$

4. 
$$t \rightarrow ft'$$

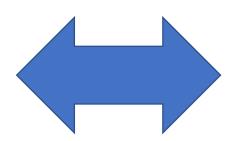
5. 
$$t' \rightarrow * f$$

6. 
$$t' \rightarrow \epsilon$$

7. 
$$f \rightarrow (e)$$

8. 
$$f \rightarrow ID$$

9. 
$$f \rightarrow NUM$$



- 1.  $e \rightarrow e + t$
- 2.  $e \rightarrow t$
- 3.  $t \rightarrow t * f$
- 4.  $t \rightarrow f$
- 5.  $f \rightarrow (e)$
- 6.  $f \rightarrow ID$
- 7.  $f \rightarrow NUM$

- Left recursion allows the parser to collapse lists as it goes along
- Left recursion also captures left associativity while keeping operators and operands together in the same right-hand side
- This wasn't possible in top-down grammars

- Key: keeping track of the set of productions on which the parser might be, and the position within the productions
- At the beginning, the stack's parser is empty; our state is at the beginning of the start non-terminal symbol
- We represent the position in some production (i.e. the location associated to the top of the parser stack) with a dot symbol (.) in some position of the right-hand side of a production:

$$A \rightarrow . B \beta$$

$$A \rightarrow \alpha B . \beta$$

- When augmented with a (.) a production becomes an LR item
- The LR item tells us in which production we can be, and it what position:

1. 
$$e \rightarrow . e + t$$
2.  $e \rightarrow t$ 
3.  $t \rightarrow t * f$ 
4.  $t \rightarrow f$ 
5.  $f \rightarrow (e)$ 
6.  $f \rightarrow ID$ 
7.  $f \rightarrow NUM$ 

2. 
$$e \rightarrow .t$$
  
3.  $t \rightarrow t * f$   
4.  $t \rightarrow f$   
5.  $f \rightarrow (e)$   
6.  $f \rightarrow ID$   
7.  $f \rightarrow NUM$ 

1.  $e \rightarrow e + t$ 

1. 
$$e \rightarrow e + t$$
  
2.  $e \rightarrow t$   
3.  $t \rightarrow .t * f$   
4.  $t \rightarrow f$   
5.  $f \rightarrow (e)$   
6.  $f \rightarrow ID$   
7.  $f \rightarrow NUM$   
1.  $e \rightarrow e + t$   
2.  $e \rightarrow t$   
3.  $t \rightarrow t * f$   
4.  $t \rightarrow .f$   
5.  $f \rightarrow (e)$   
6.  $f \rightarrow ID$   
7.  $f \rightarrow NUM$ 

1.  $e \rightarrow e + t$ 

- 1.  $e \rightarrow . e + t$
- 2.  $e \rightarrow t$
- 3.  $t \rightarrow t * f$
- 4.  $t \rightarrow f$
- 5.  $f \rightarrow (e)$
- 6.  $f \rightarrow ID$
- 7.  $f \rightarrow NUM$

The original item is the *basis* of the list

Remaining items are the *closure*:

1. 
$$e \rightarrow e + t$$

2. 
$$e \rightarrow .t$$

3. 
$$t \rightarrow t * f$$

4. 
$$t \rightarrow f$$

5. 
$$f \rightarrow (e)$$

6. 
$$f \rightarrow ID$$

7. 
$$f \rightarrow NUM$$

1. 
$$e \rightarrow e + t$$

2. 
$$e \rightarrow t$$

3. 
$$t \rightarrow .t * t$$

4. 
$$t \rightarrow f$$

5. 
$$f \rightarrow (e)$$

6. 
$$f \rightarrow ID$$

7. 
$$f \rightarrow NUM$$

1. 
$$e \rightarrow e + t$$

2. 
$$e \rightarrow t$$

3. 
$$t \rightarrow t * f$$

4. 
$$t \rightarrow .f$$

5. 
$$f \rightarrow (e)$$

6. 
$$f \rightarrow ID$$

7. 
$$f \rightarrow NUM$$

1. 
$$e \rightarrow e + t$$

2. 
$$e \rightarrow t$$

3. 
$$t \rightarrow t * f$$

4. 
$$t \rightarrow f$$

$$f \rightarrow . ID$$

1.  $e \rightarrow . e + t$ 2.  $e \rightarrow . t$ 3.  $t \rightarrow . t * f$ 4.  $t \rightarrow . f$ 5.  $f \rightarrow . (e)$ 6.  $f \rightarrow . ID$ 

7.  $f \rightarrow .NUM$ 

- The list of LR items represents the state of the parser
- By shifting and reducing, the set of items will change
- If a state in which some item has the (.) at the end of the right-hand side of a production, we reduce by that production
- If we need to shift, but the next token cannot follow the (.) in any item of the current state, then we detect a syntax error

- 1.  $e \rightarrow .e + t$
- 2.  $e \rightarrow .t$
- 3.  $t \rightarrow .t * f$
- 4.  $t \rightarrow .f$
- 5.  $f \rightarrow .(e)$
- 6.  $f \rightarrow .ID$
- 7.  $f \rightarrow .NUM$

- Suppose the input string is: ID \* NUM + ID
- Next token is ID, which is shifted into the stack
- Our options are now narrowed down to #6 → single basis and empty closure
- Since the (.) is at the end #6, we must reduce



3.  $t \rightarrow t * f$ 

4.  $t \rightarrow f$ 

Stack: \$ ID Stack: \$ f

- Remaining input string is: \* NUM + ID
- We could be either in #3 or #4
- (.) is at the end of #4, so reduce again
- Next token is \*, so we shift it into the stack

4. 
$$t \rightarrow f$$

Stack: \$ f

3. 
$$t \rightarrow t.*f$$

4. 
$$t \rightarrow f$$

3. 
$$t \rightarrow t * . t$$

- Remaining input string is: NUM + ID
- We could be either in #3, #5, #6 or 7
- Next token is NUM, we should then be in #7
- Shift token from input to stack

7. 
$$f \rightarrow .NUM$$

3. 
$$t \rightarrow t * f$$

5. 
$$f \rightarrow (e)$$

6. 
$$f \rightarrow ID$$

7. 
$$f \rightarrow NUM$$

3. 
$$t \rightarrow t * f$$

1. 
$$e \rightarrow e + t$$

Stack: \$ t

- Remaining input string is: + ID
- We have reached the end of #2: reduce
- Next token is +, shift it to stack
- New item list mark the beginning with t

1. 
$$e \rightarrow e + t$$

2.  $e \rightarrow t$ 

2.  $e \rightarrow t$ 

2.  $e \rightarrow t$ 

Stack: \$ t

Stack: \$ e

Stack: \$ e +

First item is the basis; remaining items form the closure

- 1. e → e +
- 3.  $t \rightarrow .t * f$
- 4.  $t \rightarrow .f$
- 5.  $f \rightarrow .(e)$
- 6.  $f \rightarrow .ID$
- 7.  $f \rightarrow$  NUM

Stack: \$ e +

- Remaining input string is ID, we shift it
- Reduce ID by f
- Reduce f by t
- Reduce e + t by e

6. 
$$f \rightarrow .ID$$

6. 
$$f \rightarrow ID$$
.

4. 
$$t \rightarrow f$$
.

1. 
$$e \rightarrow e + t$$
.

4. 
$$e \rightarrow t$$
.

- Shift rules work as transition functions in the automaton
- Each state of the automaton corresponds to a list of items
- Set of items represent where we can be at some point in the parsing process
- Sets of items constructed during the parser construction, but not needed during actual parsing

#### Family of parsers:

- LR(0): cannot handle shift-reduce conflicts
- SLR(1) or Simple LR: parser peeks at input and use Follow sets to resolve conflicts (reduction A  $\rightarrow \alpha$  is applied if the next token is in Follow( $\alpha$ ))

Issues arise when the token is also in the First set of the symbols following a (.)

- LALR(1):
  - Use state-specific look-ahead to disambiguate
  - Most common parsers; resolve more conflicts
- Full LR:
  - Much larger and complex than LALR and
  - Duplicates states