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Parsing, LL(1) Parsing, Pushdown Automata (PDA)

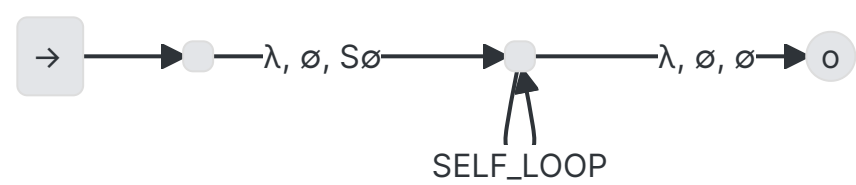
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Say that we have a grammar

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow ABCd \\ A &\rightarrow aA \mid \lambda \\ B &\rightarrow bB \mid \lambda \\ C &\rightarrow cC \mid \lambda \end{aligned}$$

If we wanted to change to a Pushdown Automata (PDA)

SELF_LOOP INPUTS		
a, a, λ	$\lambda, S, ABcd$	λ, B, bB
b, b, λ	λ, A, aA	λ, B, λ
c, c, λ	λ, A, λ	λ, C, cC
d, d, λ		λ, c, λ



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TOK = next
TOP = pop
:
if TOP = X; and TOK ∈ first(wi) // Xi → wi
push(wi)
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- $X \rightarrow \lambda$: nothing
- $X \rightarrow xw$: $x \in \text{first}(X)$
- $X \rightarrow yw$: $\text{first}(Y) \leq \text{first}(X)$

if Y is nullable ...
 $\text{first}(w) \leq \text{first}(X)$

Logic	
$A \rightarrow aA$	
$A \rightarrow \lambda$	
$B \rightarrow bB$	
$B \rightarrow \lambda$	
$C \rightarrow cC$	
$C \rightarrow \lambda$	
$S \rightarrow ABCd$	

Improved Pushdown Automata (PDA)

$\text{Follow}(A)$ is the set of all terminals that can appear immediately after **A** in a derivation

Methodically:

1. Find set constraints
2. Seed sets with \in statements
3. Copy Left-Hand-Side (LHS) at \leq statements to Right-Hand-Side (RHS)
4. Repeat Until no more changes

Patterns to look for:

Pattern	Meaning
$X \rightarrow \dots Yz \dots$	$z \in \text{follow}(Y)$
$X \rightarrow \dots YZ \dots$	$\text{first}(Z) \leq \text{follow}(Y)$
$X \rightarrow \dots Y$	$\text{follow}(X) \leq \text{follow}(Y)$

- $X \rightarrow \dots Y$
 - Where **Y** is at the end of production

Example01 $S \rightarrow aSa \mid bSb \mid x$

1. $S \rightarrow aSa \rightarrow abSba$
 1. aSa: $a \in \text{follow}(S)$
 2. abSba: $b \in \text{follow}(S)$
2. $\text{follow}(S) = \{a, b\}$

Impossible: $\dots Sx\dots$

Example02

1. $A \rightarrow aA$
2. $A \rightarrow \lambda$
3. $B \rightarrow bB$
4. $B \rightarrow \lambda$
5. $C \rightarrow cC$
6. $C \rightarrow \lambda$
7. $S \rightarrow ABCd$

What is our set constraints?

$$S \rightarrow ABCd$$

- $\text{first}(b) \leq \text{follow}(A)$
- $\text{first}(c) \leq \text{follow}(B)$
- $d \in \text{follow}(C)$
- $d \in \text{follow}(B)$
- $d \in \text{follow}(A)$
- $\text{first}(C) \leq \text{follow}(A)$

FIRST	FOLLOW
$S d, a, b, c$	
$A a$	d,b,c
$B b$	d,c
$C c$	d

What to do with these? Build prediction table

$LHS \rightarrow RHS$	FIRST RHS	IF RHS nullable follow of LHS	Predictor (The union of the two other columns)
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$LHS \rightarrow RHS$	FIRST RHS	IF RHS nullable follow of LHS	Predictor (The union of the two other columns)
$A \rightarrow aA$	a		a
$A \rightarrow \lambda$		b, c, d	a, c, d
$B \rightarrow bB$	b		b
$B \rightarrow \lambda$		c, d	c, d
$C \rightarrow cC$	c		c
$C \rightarrow \lambda$		d	d
$S \rightarrow ABCd$	a, b, c, d		a, b, c, d

Pushdown Automata (PDA) parsing, sometimes called **LL(1) parsing**, is appropriate for this grammar if...

1. Each non-terminal group has disjoint predictors
2. Grammar is **NOT** left-recursive
3. Grammar is **NOT** ambiguous

Example03

Grammar:

$$T \rightarrow aTc$$

$$T \rightarrow R$$

$$R \rightarrow bR$$

$$R \rightarrow \lambda$$

STEP 01 - WRITE DOWN OUR CONSTRAINTS

GRAMMAR	CONSTRAINTS
$T \rightarrow aTc$	$a \in first(T), c \in follow(T)$
$T \rightarrow R$	$\$ \large \$$
$R \rightarrow bR$	$\$ \large \$$
$R \rightarrow \lambda$	$\$ \large \$$

STEP 02 - SEED SETS WITH \in STATEMENTS

Take our non-terminals

STEP

GRAMMAR	CONSTRAINTS	IF RHS nullable follow of LHS	Predictor
$T \rightarrow aTc$	a		a
$T \rightarrow R$	b	c	b, c
$R \rightarrow bR$	b		b
$R \rightarrow \lambda$		c	c