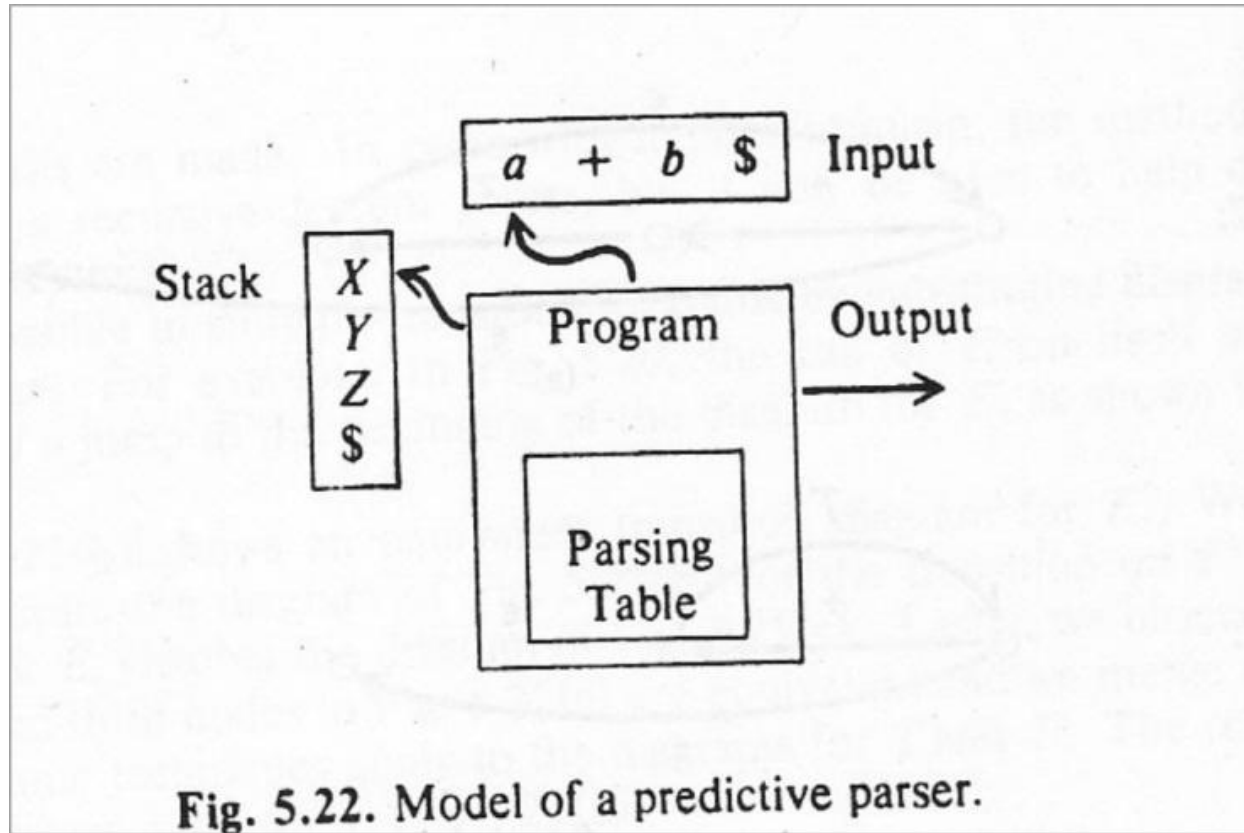


predictive

# Introduction

- The predictive parser has
  1. Input
  2. Stack
  3. Parsing table
  4. Output
- The input contains a sequence of grammar symbols followed by \$ (right endmarker)
- The stack contains a sequence of grammar symbols preceded by \$ (bottom stack marker)
  - Initially it contains the start symbol of the grammar preceded by the \$
- The Parsing table is a two-D array  **$M[A,a]$** 
  - **A** is a nonterminal and **a** is the current input symbol

# Model of a predictive parser



# Parsing

- The parser is controlled by a program that behaves as follows:
  - The program determined **X**, the top stack symbol and **a** the current input symbol
  - These two symbols determined the action of the parser

# Parsing

- There are three possibilities
  1. If  $X = a = \$$  then stop and announces successful
  2. If  $X = a \neq \$$  pop  $X$  from the stack and advance the input pointer
  3. If  $X$  is a nonterminal then the program consult entry  **$M[A,a]$** 
    - the entry will be a production or an error
    - If  $M[A,a] = \{X \rightarrow UVW\}$ 
      - the parser replaces  $X$  on top of the stack by  $WVU$  ( $U$  on top)
    - If  $M[A,a]$  is an error, the parser calls an error recovery routine

- Initially the input is  $w\$$
- Stack is  $\$ S$
- $W$  is the input string
- $S$  is the start symbol
- Consider the grammar
- $E \rightarrow TE'$
- $E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$
- $T \rightarrow FT'$
- $T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid \epsilon$
- $F \rightarrow ( E ) \mid \text{id}$

# Predictive parsing Table

- A predictive parsing table for the given grammar is
- Blanks are error entries

	id	+	*	(	)	\$
E	$E \rightarrow TE'$			$E \rightarrow TE'$		
E'		$E' \rightarrow +TE'$			$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$
T	$T \rightarrow FT'$			$T \rightarrow FT'$		
T'		$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$T' \rightarrow *FT'$		$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$
F	$F \rightarrow \text{id}$			$F \rightarrow (E)$		

**Fig. 5.24.** Parsing table for grammar (5.9).

# Predictive parsing program

```
repeat
begin
  let  $X$  be the top stack symbol and  $a$  the next input symbol;
  if  $X$  is a terminal or  $\$$  then
    if  $X = a$  then
      pop  $X$  from the stack and remove  $a$  from the input
    else
      ERROR( )
  else /*  $X$  is a nonterminal */
    if  $M[X, a] = X \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \cdots Y_k$  then
      begin
        pop  $X$  from the stack;
        push  $Y_k, Y_{k-1}, \dots, Y_1$  onto the stack,  $Y_1$  on top
      end
    else
      ERROR( )
  end
until
 $X = \$$  /* stack has emptied */
```

Fig. 5.23. Predictive parsing program.



# example

- Consider  $w = \text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}$
- The sequence of moves of the predictive parser is as follows

Stack	Input	Output
$\$E$	$\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$	
$\$E'T$	$\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$	$E \rightarrow TE'$
$\$E'T'F$	$\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$	$T \rightarrow FT'$
$\$E'T'\text{id}$	$\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}\$$	$F \rightarrow \text{id}$
$\$E'T'$	$+ \text{id} * \text{id}\$$	
$\$E'$	$+ \text{id} * \text{id}\$$	$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$
$\$E'T+$	$+ \text{id} * \text{id}\$$	$E' \rightarrow +TE'$
$\$E'T$	$\text{id} * \text{id}\$$	
$\$E'T'F$	$\text{id} * \text{id}\$$	$T \rightarrow FT'$
$\$E'T'\text{id}$	$\text{id} * \text{id}\$$	$F \rightarrow \text{id}$
$\$E'T'$	$* \text{id}\$$	
$\$E'T'F*$	$* \text{id}\$$	$T' \rightarrow *FT'$
$\$E'T'F$	$\text{id}\$$	
$\$E'T'\text{id}$	$\text{id}\$$	$F \rightarrow \text{id}$
$\$E'T'$	$\$$	
$\$E'$	$\$$	$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$
$\$$	$\$$	$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$

Fig. 5.25. Moves by predictive parser.

# FIRST and FOLLOW

- In order to fill the entries of a predictive parsing table we require two functions which are associated with a grammar  $G$ 
  1. FIRST
    - If  $\alpha$  is any string of grammar symbols. Let  $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$  be the set of terminals that begin strings derived from  $\alpha$
    - If  $\alpha \Rightarrow^* \epsilon$ , then  $\epsilon$  is also in  $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$
  2. FOLLOW
    - For  $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$ , for nonterminal  $A$ , is the set of terminals  $a$  that can appear immediately to the right of  $A$  in some sentential form
    - $S \Rightarrow^* \alpha A a \beta$  for some  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$
    - If  $A$  can be the rightmost symbol in some sentential form then add  $\$$  to  $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$

# Compute FIRST(X)

1. If  $X$  is terminal, then  $\text{FIRST}(X)$  is  $\{X\}$
2. If  $X$  is nonterminal and  $X \rightarrow a \alpha$  is a production, then add  $a$  to  $\text{FIRST}(X)$ 
  - If  $X \rightarrow \epsilon$ , then add  $\epsilon$  to  $\text{FIRST}(X)$
3. If  $X \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_k$  is a production, then
  - For all  $i$  such that all of  $Y_1 \dots Y_{i-1}$  are nonterminals and  $\text{FIRST}(Y_j)$  contains  $\epsilon$  for  $j=1,2,\dots,i-1$ , add every non- $\epsilon$  symbol in  $\text{FIRST}(Y_i)$  to  $\text{FIRST}(X)$
  - If  $\epsilon$  is in  $\text{FIRST}(Y_j)$  for all  $j=1,2,\dots,k$  then add  $\epsilon$  to  $\text{FIRST}(X)$

# Compute FOLLOW(X)

1. \$ is in FOLLOW(S), where S is the start symbol
2. If there is a production  $A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$ ,  $\beta \neq \epsilon$ , then everything in FIRST( $\beta$ ) but  $\epsilon$  is in FOLLOW(B)
3. If there is a production  $A \rightarrow \alpha B$  or a production  $A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$  where FIRST( $\beta$ ) contains  $\epsilon$ , then everything in FOLLOW(A) is in FOLLOW(B)

# Application

- Consider the grammar G given below
- $E \rightarrow TE'$
- $E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$
- $T \rightarrow FT'$
- $T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid \epsilon$
- $F \rightarrow (E) \mid \text{id}$
- $\text{FIRST}(E) = \text{FIRST}(T) = \text{FIRST}(F) = \{ (, \text{id} \}$
- $\text{FIRST}(E') = \{ +, \epsilon \}$
- $\text{FIRST}(T') = \{ *, \epsilon \}$
- $\text{FOLLOW}(E) = \text{FOLLOW}(E') = \{ ), \$ \}$
- $\text{FOLLOW}(T) = \text{FOLLOW}(T') = \{ +, ), \$ \}$
- $\text{FOLLOW}(F) = \{ +, *, ), \$ \}$

# Construction of Parsing table

- The idea behind the algorithm is
  - $A \rightarrow \alpha$  is a production with  $a$  in  $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ 
    - Then whenever  $A$  is on the top stack and  $a$  the current input symbol the parser expand  $A$  by  $\alpha$
  - $\alpha = \epsilon$  or  $\alpha \Rightarrow^* \epsilon$ 
    - Expand  $A$  by  $\epsilon$  if the current input is in  $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$
    - or if  $\$$  is on the input and  $\$$  is in  $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$

# Algorithm for constructing a predictive parsing table

- Input: Grammar  $G$
- Output: Parsing table  $M$
- Method
  1. For each production  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  of the grammar do step 2 and 3
  2. For terminal  $a$  in  $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ , add  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  to  $M[A, a]$
  3. If  $\epsilon$  is in  $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ , add  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  to  $M[A, b]$  for each terminal  $b$  in  $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$ 
    1. If  $\epsilon$  is in  $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$  and  $\$$  is in  $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$ , add  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  to  $M[A, \$]$
  4. Make each undefined entry of  $M$  error

	id	+	*	(	)	\$
$E \rightarrow TE'$				$E \rightarrow TE'$		
	$E' \rightarrow +TE'$				$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$
$T \rightarrow FT'$				$T \rightarrow FT'$		
	$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$T' \rightarrow *FT'$			$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$
$F \rightarrow \text{id}$				$F \rightarrow (E)$		

Fig. 5.24. Parsing table for grammar (5.9).



# LL(1) Grammars

- A grammar  $G$  is LL(1) iff whenever  $A \rightarrow \alpha \mid \beta$  are two distinct productions of  $G$  the following conditions hold:
  1. For no terminal  $a$  do  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  derive strings beginning with  $a$
  2. At most one of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  can derive an empty string
  3. If  $\beta \Rightarrow^* \epsilon$  then  $\alpha$  does not derive any strings beginning with a terminal in  $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$

# LL(1) Grammars

- A grammar whose parsing table has no multiply defined entries is said to be LL(1)

# Not an LL(1)

	$a$	$b$	$e$	$i$	$t$	$\$$
$S$	$S \rightarrow a$			$S \rightarrow iCtSS'$		
$S'$			$S' \rightarrow \epsilon$ $S' \rightarrow eS$			$S' \rightarrow \epsilon$
$C$		$C \rightarrow b$				

**Fig. 5.26.** Parsing table.