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BottomUp Parsing

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Bottom-up Parsing

Design a parse tree for an input string starting from leaf nodes and going towards the root.

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Reduce a string w of input to start symbol of the given grammar.

Example of Bottom-up Parsing

Consider the following grammar and reduce the input string `abbcde` to the start symbol of Grammar.

$$S \rightarrow a A B e$$

$$A \rightarrow A b c | b$$

$$B \rightarrow d$$

Example of Bottom-up Parsing

$$S \rightarrow a A B e$$

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It can be defined as an attempt to reduce the input string w to the start symbol of grammar by tracing out the rightmost derivations of w in reverse.

Reduction

$$a \underline{b} b c d e$$

$$a \underline{A} b c d e$$

$$a A \underline{d} e$$

$$\underline{a A B e}$$

$$S$$

Right most derivation

$$S \rightarrow a A \underline{B} e$$

$$\rightarrow a A \underline{d} e$$

$$\rightarrow a \underline{A} b c d e$$

$$\rightarrow a b b c d e$$

Bottom-up Parsing

Also known as Shift-Reduce Parsing.

Stack is going to be utilized for performing the reductions.

Shift Reduce Parsing

Split the string being parsed into two parts

- Two parts are separated by a special character “.”
- Left part is a string of terminals and non terminals.
- Right part is a string of terminals.

Initially the input is **.w**

Actions of Shift Reduce Parsing:

Shift and Reduce



Shift: It moves terminal symbol from right part of string to the left part of string.

- if string before shift is $\alpha.pqr$ then string after shift is $\alpha p.qr$

Reduce: It occurs immediately on the left of “.” and identifies a string same as RHS of a production and replaces it by LHS.

- If string before reduce action is $\alpha\beta.pqr$ and $A \rightarrow \beta$ is a production then string after reduction is $\alpha A.pqr$

Shift Reduce Parsing

Symbols on the left of “.” are kept on a stack.

- Shift **pushes** a terminal on the stack.

Reduce **pops** symbols (RHS of production) and **pushes** a non terminal (LHS of production) onto the stack.

- Reduce operation must be executed only if that reduction could lead to a Start symbol of the Grammar.

Properties of Bottom-up Parsing

It can handle left recursive grammars.

Natural expression of programming language syntax.

Example



Consider the following Grammar and parse the input **id * id + id**

$$E \rightarrow E + E \mid E * E \mid id$$

Example

String to be Parsed $id * id + id$

$$E \rightarrow E + E \mid E * E \mid id$$

String	Action
.id * id + id	Shift
id. * id + id	Reduce by $E \rightarrow id$
E. * id + id	Shift
E*. id + id	Shift
E*id. + id	Reduce by $E \rightarrow id$
E*E. + id	Reduce by $E \rightarrow E * E$
E. + id	Shift
E+.id	Shift
E+id.	Reduce by $E \rightarrow id$
E+E.	Reduce by $E \rightarrow E + E$
E.	Accept

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E*id. + id	Reduce by $E \rightarrow id$
E*E. + id	Shift
E*E+.id	Shift
E*E+id.	Reduce by $E \rightarrow id$
E*E+E.	Reduce by $E \rightarrow E + E$
E*E.	Reduce by $E \rightarrow E * E$
E.	Accept

Handle



A string that matches right hand side of a production and whose replacement gives a step in the reverse of right most derivation.

Always reduce the handle and not any RHS.

Handle Pruning

- If β is a handle and $A \rightarrow \beta$ is a production then replace β by A
- A right most derivation in reverse can be obtained by handle pruning.

Shift Reduce Parsers

It is the process of detecting the handles and reducing them.

Different bottom-up parsers differ in the way they detect handles.

Shift-Reduce Conflict

- Which action to take if both shift and reduce are valid?

Reduce-Reduce Conflict

- Which rule to use for production if reduction is possible by more than one rule?

Shift-Reduce Conflict

Consider the Grammar and the input $id + id * id$

$$E \rightarrow E + E \mid E * E \mid id$$

Stack	Input	Action
E+E	*id	Reduce by E->E+E
E	*id	Shift
E*	id	Shift
E*id		Reduce by E->id
E*E		Reduce by E->E*E
E		

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E+E	*id	Shift
E+E*	id	Shift
E+E*id		Reduce by E->id
E+E*E		Reduce by E->E*E
E+E		Reduce by E->E+E
E		

Reduce-Reduce Conflict

Consider the Grammar and the input

$$M \rightarrow R + R \mid R + c \mid R$$

$$R \rightarrow c$$

Stack	Input	Action
	c+c	Shift
c	+c	Reduce by $R \rightarrow c$
R	+c	Shift
R+	c	Shift
R+c		Reduce by $R \rightarrow c$
R+R		Reduce by $M \rightarrow R+R$
M		

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M		

Issues in Bottom-up Parser

Whether to shift or reduce?

Which production to use for reduction?