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Theory of Computation

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Agenda: 1) Determinism and Parsing 2) Top Down Parsing

Determinism and Parsing



Parser is an Algorithm to determine whether a given string is in the language generated by a given CFG, and, if so, to construct the parse tree of the string.

A PDA is not of **IMMEDIATE** practical use in parsing because of its non-deterministic nature.

Q. Can we make every PDA deterministic ???

To facilitate making most PDA's deterministic, let us modify the acceptance convention.

“ A language is said to be deterministic context free if it is recognized by a deterministic PDA that also has a extra capability of sensing the end of input string”.

Let the last symbol by \$ which is not in Σ .

Q. Let $L = a^* \cup \{a^n b^n : n \geq 1\}$. Case 1: Try making a deterministic PDA for L.
Case 2: Try making a deterministic PDA for $L\$$.

“Heuristic” to prove that some CFL’s are not deterministic



“The class of deterministic CFL’s is closed under complement”

Q. Let $L = \{a^n b^m c^p : m, n, p \geq 0 \text{ and } m \neq n \text{ or } m \neq p\}$.
Prove that this language is not deterministic CFL.

Types of PDA's

- Given a deterministic CFG G , we can make following types of PDA's for it:
 - Non-deterministic PDA.
 - Deterministic PDA which does not act as a parser.
 - Deterministic PDA which acts as a top down parser.
 - Deterministic PDA which acts as a bottom up parser.

Top Down Parsing:

“Look-ahead” WHY and HOW



Let $L = \{a^n b^n : n \geq 0\}$. Let the corresponding Grammar be:

$$G = (\{a, b, S\}, \{a, b\}, R, S)$$

Where R contains: $S \rightarrow aSb \mid \epsilon$ [*Note: ϵ is used for empty string*]

The corresponding PDA will be:

$$M = (\{p, q\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, S\}, \Delta, p, \{q\})$$

Where Δ contains:

$((p, \epsilon, \epsilon), (q, S))$
 $((q, \epsilon, S), (q, aSb))$
 $((q, \epsilon, S), (q, \epsilon))$
 $((q, a, a), (q, \epsilon))$
 $((q, b, b), (q, \epsilon))$

The transformed PDA will be:

$$M_1 = (\{p, q, q_a, q_b, q_\$ \}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, S\}, \Delta_1, p, \{q_\$ \})$$

Where Δ_1 contains:

$((p, \epsilon, \epsilon), (q, S))$
 $((q, a, \epsilon), (q_a, \epsilon))$
 $((q_a, \epsilon, a), (q, \epsilon))$
 $((q_a, \epsilon, S), (q_a, aSb))$
 $((q, b, \epsilon), (q_b, \epsilon))$
 $((q_b, \epsilon, b), (q, \epsilon))$
 $((q_b, \epsilon, S), (q_b, \epsilon))$
 $((q, \$, \epsilon), (q_\$, \epsilon))$

The transformed PDA will be: $M_1 = (\{p, q, q_a, q_b, q_\$ \}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, S\}, \Delta_1, p, \{q_\$\})$, Where Δ_1 contains:

- $((p, e, e), (q, S))$
- $((q, a, e), (q_a, e))$
- $((q_a, e, a), (q, e))$
- $((q_a, e, S), (q_a, aSb))$
- $((q, b, e), (q_b, e))$
- $((q_b, e, b), (q, e))$
- $((q_b, e, S), (q_b, e))$
- $((q, \$, e), (q_\$, e))$

State	Unread Input	Stack	Transition used	Rule of G

- Not all CFL's have deterministic PDA's that can be derived from the “*standard non-deterministic*” one via the look ahead idea.
 - For example: $L = \{w w^R \mid w \in (a \cup b)^*\}$
- Even for certain deterministic CFL's look ahead of just one symbol may not be sufficient.
 - For example: $S \rightarrow a S A \mid e$
 $A \rightarrow a b S \mid c$
- But some languages have certain “always observable” anomalies because of which they cannot become parsers using the idea of look ahead. Let's see these

Ques. Can Look-ahead always work??



Consider the following grammar and corres. PDA:

Grammar: $G = (V, \Sigma, R, E)$

Where R is

$E \rightarrow E + T$

$E \rightarrow T$

$T \rightarrow T * F$

$T \rightarrow F$

$F \rightarrow (E)$

$F \rightarrow \text{id}$

$F \rightarrow \text{id } (E)$



PDA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \Delta, s, F)$

Where Δ is

$((p, e, e), (q, E))$

$((q, e, E), (q, E + T))$

$((q, e, E), (q, T))$

$((q, e, T), (q, T * F))$

$((q, e, T), (q, F))$

$((q, e, F), (q, (E)))$

$((q, e, F), (q, \text{id}))$

$((q, e, F), (q, \text{id}(E)))$

$((q, a, a), (q, e))$ for all $a \in \Sigma$

Left Factoring



Left Factoring: Whenever rules of the form

$A \rightarrow \alpha\beta_1 \mid \alpha\beta_2 \mid \dots \mid \alpha\beta_n$ where $\alpha \neq \epsilon$ and $n \geq 2$ are present, then replace them by the rules:

$$A \rightarrow \alpha A'$$

$$A' \rightarrow \beta_1 \mid \beta_2 \mid \dots \mid \beta_n$$

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Where Δ is

$((p, e, e), (q, E))$

$((q, e, E), (q, E + T))$

$((q, e, E), (q, T))$

$((q, e, T), (q, T * F))$

$((q, e, T), (q, F))$

$((q, e, F), (q, (E)))$

$((q, e, F), (q, \text{id}))$

$((q, e, F), (q, \text{id}(E)))$

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$E \rightarrow T$

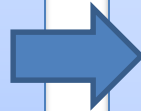
$T \rightarrow T * F$

$T \rightarrow F$

$F \rightarrow (E)$

~~$F \rightarrow id$~~ $F \rightarrow id A$

~~$F \rightarrow id(E)$~~ $A \rightarrow e \mid (E)$



PDA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \Delta, s, F)$

Where Δ is

$((p, e, e), (q, E))$

$((q, e, E), (q, E + T))$

$((q, e, E), (q, T))$

$((q, e, T), (q, T * F))$

$((q, e, T), (q, F))$

$((q, e, F), (q, (E)))$

~~$((q, e, F), (q, id))$~~ $((q, e, F), (q, idA))$

~~$((q, e, F), (q, id(E)))$~~ $((q, e, A), (q, e))$

$((q, e, A), (q, (E)))$

$((q, a, a), (q, e))$ for all $a \in \Sigma$

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Consider the following grammar and corres. PDA:

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PDA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \Delta, s, F)$

Where Δ is

$((p, e, e), (q, E))$

$((q, e, E), (q, E + T))$

$((q, e, E), (q, T))$

$((q, e, T), (q, T * F))$

$((q, e, T), (q, F))$

$((q, e, F), (q, (E)))$

~~$((q, e, F), (q, id))$~~ $((q, e, F), (q, idA))$

~~$((q, e, F), (q, id(E)))$~~ $((q, e, A), (q, e))$

$((q, e, A), (q, (E)))$

$((q, a, a), (q, e))$ for all $a \in \Sigma$

Left Factoring and Left Recursion

Left Recursion: Whenever rules of the form

$$A \rightarrow A\alpha_1 \mid A\alpha_2 \mid \dots \mid A\alpha_n \mid \beta_1 \mid \beta_2 \mid \dots \mid \beta_m$$

where $n > 0$

are present, then replace them by the rules:

$$A \rightarrow \beta_1 A' \mid \beta_2 A' \mid \dots \mid \beta_m A'$$

$$A' \rightarrow \alpha_1 A' \mid \alpha_2 A' \mid \dots \mid \alpha_n A' \mid e$$

Ques. Can Look-ahead always work??



Consider the following grammar and corres. PDA:

Grammar: $G = (V, \Sigma, R, E)$

Where R is

$E \rightarrow E + T$

$E \rightarrow T$

$T \rightarrow T * F$

$T \rightarrow F$

$F \rightarrow (E)$

~~$F \rightarrow id$~~ $F \rightarrow id A$

~~$F \rightarrow id(E)$~~ $A \rightarrow e \mid (E)$



PDA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \Delta, s, F)$

Where Δ is

$((p, e, e), (q, E))$

$((q, e, E), (q, E + T))$

$((q, e, E), (q, T))$

$((q, e, T), (q, T * F))$

$((q, e, T), (q, F))$

$((q, e, F), (q, (E)))$

~~$((q, e, F), (q, id))$~~ $((q, e, F), (q, idA))$

~~$((q, e, F), (q, id(E)))$~~ $((q, e, A), (q, e))$

$((q, e, A), (q, (E)))$

$((q, a, a), (q, e))$ for all $a \in \Sigma$

Ques. Can Look-ahead always work??



Consider the following grammar and corres. PDA:

Grammar: $G = (V, \Sigma, R, E)$

Where R is

$E \rightarrow E + T$ $E \rightarrow TE'$
 $E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid e$

$E \rightarrow T$

$T \rightarrow T * F$ $T \rightarrow FT'$
 $T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid e$

$T \rightarrow F$

$F \rightarrow (E)$

$F \rightarrow id$ $F \rightarrow id A$

$F \rightarrow id(E)$ $A \rightarrow e \mid (E)$

PDA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \Delta, s, F)$

Where Δ is

~~$((p, e, e), (q, E))$~~ ???

$((q, e, E), (q, E + T))$???

$((q, e, E), (q, T))$???

~~$((q, e, T), (q, T * F))$~~ ???

~~$((q, e, T), (q, F))$~~ ???

$((q, e, F), (q, (E)))$

~~$((q, e, F), (q, id))$~~ $((q, e, F), (q, idA))$

~~$((q, e, F), (q, id(E)))$~~ $((q, e, A), (q, e))$

$((q, e, A), (q, (E)))$

$((q, a, a), (q, e))$ for all $a \in \Sigma$



Deterministic PDA

Thus we can construct the following deterministic PDA M_4 that accepts the language $L(G)\$$:

$$M_4 = (K, \Sigma \cup \{\$, \}, V', \Delta, p, \{q_\$ \}),$$

$$K = \{p, q, q_{id}, q_+, q_*, q_(), q_\$, \}$$

Where delta is given as $\rightarrow \rightarrow$

$E \rightarrow TE'$
 $E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid e$
 $T \rightarrow FT'$
 $T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid e$
 $F \rightarrow (E)$
 $F \rightarrow id A$
 $A \rightarrow e \mid (E)$

$$((p, e, e), (q, E))$$

$$((q, a, e), (q_a, e)) \quad \text{for each } a \in \Sigma \cup \{\$, \}$$

$$((q_a, e, a), (q, e)) \quad \text{for each } a \in \Sigma$$

$$((q_a, e, E), (q_a, TE')) \quad \text{for each } a \in \Sigma \cup \{\$, \}$$

$$((q_+, e, E'), (q_+, +TE'))$$

$$((q_a, e, E'), (q_a, e)) \quad \text{for each } a \in \{), \$\}$$

$$((q_a, e, T), (q_a, FT')) \quad \text{for each } a \in \Sigma \cup \{\$, \}$$

$$((q_*, e, T'), (q_*, *FT'))$$

$$((q_a, e, T'), (q_a, e)) \quad \text{for each } a \in \{+,), \$\}$$

$$((q_(), e, F), (q_(), (E)))$$

$$((q_{id}, e, F), (q_{id}, idA))$$

$$((q_(), e, A), (q_(), (E)))$$

$$((q_a, e, A), (q_a, e)) \quad \text{for each } a \in \{+, *,), \$\}$$

Step	State	Unread Input	Stack	Rule of G'
0	p	$\text{id} * (\text{id})\$$	e	
1	q	$\text{id} * (\text{id})\$$	E	
2	q_{id}	$*(\text{id})\$$	E	
3	q_{id}	$*(\text{id})\$$	TE'	1
4	q_{id}	$*(\text{id})\$$	$FT'E'$	4
5	q_{id}	$*(\text{id})\$$	$\text{id}AT'E'$	8
6	q	$*(\text{id})\$$	$AT'E'$	
7	q_*	$(\text{id})\$$	$AT'E'$	
8	q_*	$(\text{id})\$$	$T'E'$	9
9	q_*	$(\text{id})\$$	$*FT'E'$	5
10	q	$(\text{id})\$$	$FT'E'$	
11	$q($	$\text{id})\$$	$FT'E'$	
12	$q($	$\text{id})\$$	$(E)T'E'$	7
13	q	$\text{id})\$$	$E)T'E'$	
14	q_{id}	$)\$$	$E)T'E'$	
15	q_{id}	$)\$$	$TE')T'E'$	1
16	q_{id}	$)\$$	$FT'E')T'E'$	4
17	q_{id}	$)\$$	$\text{id}AT'E')T'E'$	8
18	q	$)\$$	$AT'E')T'E'$	
19	$q)$	$\$$	$AT'E')T'E'$	
20	$q)$	$\$$	$T'E')T'E'$	10
21	$q)$	$\$$	$E')T'E'$	6
22	$q)$	$\$$	$)T'E'$	3
23	q	$\$$	$T'E'$	6
24	$q\$$	e	$T'E'$	
25	$q\$$	e	E'	6
26	$q\$$	e	e	3

- (1) $E \rightarrow TE'$
- (2) $E' \rightarrow +TE'$
- (3) $E' \rightarrow e$
- (4) $T \rightarrow FT'$
- (5) $T' \rightarrow *FT'$
- (6) $T' \rightarrow e$
- (7) $F \rightarrow (E)$
- (8) $F \rightarrow \text{id}A$
- (9) $A \rightarrow e$
- (10) $A \rightarrow (E)$

Next :

Bottom Up Parsing



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