



Compilers

Predictive Parsing

- Like recursive-descent but parser can “predict” which production to use
 - By looking at the next few tokens
 - No backtracking
- Predictive parsers accept LL(k) grammars

- In recursive descent,
 - At each step, many choices of production to use
 - Backtracking used to undo bad choices
- In LL(1),
 - At each step, only one choice of production

- Recall the grammar

$$E \rightarrow T + E \mid T$$

$$T \rightarrow \text{int} \mid \text{int} * T \mid (E)$$

- Hard to predict because
 - For T two productions start with int
 - For E it is not clear how to predict
- We need to left-factor the grammar

- Recall the grammar

$$E \rightarrow T + E \mid T$$
$$T \rightarrow \text{int} \mid \text{int} * T \mid (E)$$

Choose the alternative that correctly left factors “if” statements in the given grammar

Predictive Parsing

$EXPR \rightarrow$ if BOOL then { EXPR }
 | if BOOL then { EXPR } else { EXPR }
 | ...
 $BOOL \rightarrow$ true | false

☐ $EXPR \rightarrow$ if true then { EXPR }
 | if false then { EXPR }
 | if true then { EXPR } else { EXPR }
 | if false then { EXPR } else { EXPR }
 | ...

☐ $EXPR \rightarrow$ EXPR' | EXPR' else { EXPR }
 $EXPR' \rightarrow$ if BOOL then { EXPR }
 | ...
 $BOOL \rightarrow$ true | false

☐ $EXPR \rightarrow$ if BOOL EXPR'
 | ...
 $EXPR' \rightarrow$ then { EXPR }
 | then { EXPR } else { EXPR }
 $BOOL \rightarrow$ true | false

☐ $EXPR \rightarrow$ if BOOL then { EXPR } EXPR'
 | ...
 $EXPR' \rightarrow$ else { EXPR } | ϵ
 $BOOL \rightarrow$ true | false

- Left-factored grammar

$$E \rightarrow T X$$

$$X \rightarrow + E \mid \varepsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow (E) \mid \text{int } Y$$

$$Y \rightarrow * T \mid \varepsilon$$

- The LL(1) parsing table:

	int	*	+	()	\$
E	$T X$			$T X$		
X			$+ E$		ε	ε
T	$\text{int } Y$			(E)		
Y		$* T$	ε		ε	ε

next input token

leftmost non-terminal

rhs of production to use

- Consider the $[E, \text{int}]$ entry
 - “When current non-terminal is E and next input is int , use production $E \rightarrow T X$ ”

	int	*	+	()	\$
E	$T X$			$T X$		
X			$+ E$		ϵ	ϵ
T	$\text{int } Y$			(E)		
Y		$* T$	ϵ		ϵ	ϵ

- Consider the $[Y, +]$ entry
 - “When current non-terminal is Y and current token is $+$, get rid of Y ”
 - Y can be followed by $+$ only if $Y \rightarrow \epsilon$

	int	*	+	()	\$
E	TX			TX		
X			$+E$		ϵ	ϵ
T	$\text{int } Y$			(E)		
Y		$*T$	ϵ		ϵ	ϵ

- Consider the $[E, *]$ entry
 - “There is no way to derive a string starting with $*$ from non-terminal E ”

	int	*	+	()	\$
E	TX			TX		
X			$+E$		ϵ	ϵ
T	$\text{int } Y$			(E)		
Y		$*T$	ϵ		ϵ	ϵ

- Method similar to recursive descent, except
 - For the leftmost non-terminal **S**
 - We look at the next input token **a**
 - And choose the production shown at **[S,a]**
- A stack records frontier of parse tree
 - Non-terminals that have yet to be expanded
 - Terminals that have yet to be matched against the input
 - Top of stack = leftmost pending terminal or non-terminal
- Reject on reaching error state
- Accept on end of input & empty stack

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initialize stack = <S $> and next
repeat
  case stack of
    <X, rest> : if T[X,*next] = Y1...Yn
                  then stack ← <Y1... Yn rest>;
                  else error ();
    <t, rest>  : if t == *next ++
                  then stack ← <rest>;
                  else error ();
until stack == < >
```

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Stack	Input	Action
E \$	int * int \$	T X
T X \$	int * int \$	int Y
int Y X \$	int * int \$	terminal
Y X \$	* int \$	* T
* T X \$	* int \$	terminal
T X \$	int \$	int Y
int Y X \$	int \$	terminal
Y X \$	\$	ϵ
X \$	\$	ϵ
\$	\$	ACCEPT

Choose the next parse state given the grammar, parse table, and current state below. The initial string is:

Predictive Parsing

if true then { true } else { if false then { false } } \$

	if	then	else	{	}	true	false	\$
E	if B then { E } E'				ϵ	B	B	ϵ
E'			else { E }		ϵ			ϵ
B						true	false	

	Stack	Input
Current	E' \$	else { if false then { false } } \$
<input type="radio"/>	\$	\$
<input type="radio"/>	else { E } \$	else { if false then { false } } \$
<input type="radio"/>	E } \$	if false then { false } } \$
<input type="radio"/>	else {if B then { E } E' } \$	else { if false then { false } } \$

E → if B then { E } E'

| B | ϵ

E' → else { E } | ϵ

B → true | false