



Compilers

Recursive Descent Algorithm

- Let TOKEN be the type of tokens
 - Special tokens INT, OPEN, CLOSE, PLUS, TIMES
- Let the global **next** point to the next input token

- Define boolean functions that check for a match of:
 - A given token terminal

```
bool term(TOKEN tok) { return *next++ == tok; }
```
 - The n th production of S :

```
bool Sn() { ... }
```
 - Try all productions of S :

```
bool S() { ... }
```

- For production $E \rightarrow T$
 `bool E1() { return T(); }`
- For production $E \rightarrow T + E$
 `bool E2() { return T() && term(PLUS) && E(); }`
- For all productions of E (with backtracking)
 `bool E() {
 TOKEN *save = next;
 return (next = save, E1())
 || (next = save, E2()); }`

- Functions for non-terminal T

```
bool T1() { return term(INT); }
```

```
bool T2() { return term(INT) && term(TIMES) && T(); }
```

```
bool T3() { return term(OPEN) && E() && term(CLOSE); }
```

```
bool T() {  
    TOKEN *save = next;  
    return (next = save, T1())  
        || (next = save, T2())  
        || (next = save, T3()); }
```

- To start the parser
 - Initialize **next** to point to first token
 - Invoke **E()**
- Easy to implement by hand

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

(int)

```
bool term(TOKEN tok) { return *next++ == tok; }
```

```
bool E1() { return T(); }
```

```
bool E2() { return T() && term(PLUS) && E(); }
```

```
bool E() { TOKEN *save = next; return    (next = save, E1())  
                                     || (next = save, E2()); }
```

```
bool T1() { return term(INT); }
```

```
bool T2() { return term(INT) && term(TIMES) && T(); }
```

```
bool T3() { return term(OPEN) && E() && term(CLOSE); }
```

```
bool T() { TOKEN *save = next; return  (next = save, T1())  
                                       || (next = save, T2())  
                                       || (next = save, T3()); }
```

Which lines are incorrect in the recursive descent implementation of this grammar?

$$E \rightarrow E' \mid E' + id$$
$$E' \rightarrow -E' \mid id \mid (E)$$

☐ Line 3

☐ Line 5

☐ Line 6

☐ Line 12

RD Algorithm

```
1  bool term(TOKEN tok) { return *next++ == tok; }
2  bool E1() { return E'(); }
3  bool E2() { return E'() && term(PLUS) && term(ID); }
4  bool E() {
5      TOKEN *save = next;
6      return (next = save, E1()) && (next = save, E2());
7  }

8  bool E'1() { return term(MINUS) && E'(); }
9  bool E'2() { return term(ID); }
10 bool E'3() { return term(OPEN) && E() && term(CLOSE); }
11 bool E'() {
12     TOKEN *next = save; return (next = save, T1())
13                             || (next = save, T2())
14                             || (next = save, T3());
15 }
```