

Compiler Principle

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Recursive-Descent Parser

Each **grammar production** turns into one clause of a **recursive function**.

- **Predictive parsing**
 - ✓ **Top-down parsing**
 - ✓ **Simple, efficient**
 - ✓ **Can be coded by hand in C quickly**

An Example I

1. $S \rightarrow \text{IF } E \text{ THEN } S \text{ ELSE } S$
2. | $\text{BEGIN } S \text{ L}$
3. | $\text{PRINT } E$

4. $L \rightarrow \text{END}$
5. | $; S \text{ L}$
6. $E \rightarrow \text{NUM} = \text{NUM}$

```
enum token { IF , THEN , ELSE , BEGIN , END , PRINT , SEMI , NUM, EQ}  
extern enum token getToken(void);
```

```
enum token tok;  
void advance( ) { tok = getToken( );}  
void eat(enum token t) { if (tok == t ) advance( ); else error(); }
```

An Example I

1. **S** → IF **E** THEN **S** ELSE **S**
2. | BEGIN **S** L
3. | PRINT **E**

4. **L** → END
5. | ; S L
6. **E** → NUM = NUM

```
void S( ) {switch(tok) {  
    case IF: eat(IF); E(); eat(THEN); S(); eat(ELSE); S(); break;  
    case BEGIN: eat(BEGIN); S( ); L( ); break;  
    case PRINT: eat(PRINT); E( ); break;  
    default: error();  
}}
```

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```
void L( ) {switch(tok) {  
    case END: eat(END); break;  
    case SEMI: eat(SEMI); S( ); L(); break;  
    default: error();  
}}
```

```
void E( ) { eat(NUM); eat(EQ); eat(NUM); }
```


An Example II

S \rightarrow E \$

E \rightarrow E + T
| E - T
| T

T \rightarrow T * F
| T / F
| F

F \rightarrow id
| num
| (E)

```
void S() { E(); eat(EOF); }  
void E() {switch (tok) {  
    case ?: E(); eat(PLUS); T(); break;  
    case ?: E(); eat(MINUS); T();  
break;  
    case ?: T(); break; default: error();  
}}
```

?**predictive**

?**conflict**

```
void T() {switch (tok) {  
    case ?: T(); eat(TIMES); F();  
break;  
    case ?: T(); eat(DIV); F(); break;  
    case ?: F(); break; default: error();  
}}
```

Problem

- Predictive parsing **only works** for grammars where **the first terminal symbol** of each subexpression provides **enough information** to choose which production to use

How to derive **conflict-free recursive-descent parsers using a simple algorithm**

Nullable Sets

- Non-terminal **X is Nullable** only if the following constraints are satisfied

base case:

✓ if $(X := \)$ then X is Nullable

inductive case:

✓ if $(X := ABC\dots)$ and A, B, C, ... are all Nullable then X is Nullable

Computing Nullable Sets

- Compute **X is Nullable** by **iteration**:

Initialization:

Nullable := { }

if (**X** :=) then Nullable := Nullable **U** {**X**}

While Nullable different from last iteration do:

for all X,

if (**X** := ABC...) and A, B, C, ... are all Nullable then
Nullable := Nullable **U** {**X**}

First Sets

- **First(X)** is specified like this:

base case:

if T is a **terminal** symbol then $\text{First}(T) = \{T\}$

inductive case:

if X is a non-terminal and $(X := ABC\dots)$ then

$\text{First}(X) = \text{First}(ABC\dots)$

where $\text{First}(ABC\dots) = F1 \cup F2 \cup F3 \cup \dots$ and

$F1 = \text{First}(A)$

$F2 = \text{First}(B)$, if A is Nullable; emptyset otherwise

$F3 = \text{First}(C)$, if A is Nullable & B is Nullable; emp...

...

Computing Follow Sets

- **Follow(X)** is computed iteratively

base case:

- ✓ Initially, assume nothing in particular follows X
(when computing, Follow (X) is initially { })

inductive case:

- ✓ if $(Y := s1 \text{ X } s2)$ for any strings $s1, s2$ then
Follow (X) = Follow(X) \cup First (s2)
- ✓ if $(Y := s1 \text{ X } s2)$ for any strings $s1, s2$ then
Follow (X) = Follow(x) \cup Follow(Y), if $s2$ is Nullable

Building a Predictive Parser

$Z \rightarrow X Y Z$

$Z \rightarrow d$

$Y \rightarrow c$

$Y \rightarrow$

$X \rightarrow a$

$X \rightarrow Y$

	nullable	first	follow
Z			
Y			
X			

Building a Predictive Parser

$Z \rightarrow X Y Z$

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$X \rightarrow Y$

	nullable	first	follow
Z	no		
Y	yes		
X	yes		

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Z	no	{ }	
Y	yes	{ }	
X	yes	{ }	

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X	yes	a	

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Building parsing table

Grammar:

$Z \rightarrow X Y Z$ $Y \rightarrow c$ $X \rightarrow a$
 $Z \rightarrow d$ $Y \rightarrow$ $X \rightarrow Y$

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Z	no	d,a,c	
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X	yes	a,c	a,c,d

Build parsing table where row X, col T
tells parser **which clause** to execute
in
function X with next-token T:

	a	c	d
Z			
Y			
X			

- if $T \in \text{First}(s)$ then
enter ($X \rightarrow s$) in row X, col T
- if s is Nullable and $T \in \text{Follow}(X)$
enter ($X \rightarrow s$) in row X, col T

Building parsing table

Grammar:

$Z \rightarrow XYZ$ $Y \rightarrow c$ $X \rightarrow a$
 $Z \rightarrow d$ $Y \rightarrow$ $X \rightarrow Y$

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X			

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X			

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Z	$Z \rightarrow XYZ$	$Z \rightarrow XYZ$	$Z \rightarrow d$ $Z \rightarrow XYZ$
Y		$Y \rightarrow c$	
X			

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Z	$Z \rightarrow XYZ$	$Z \rightarrow XYZ$	$Z \rightarrow d$ $Z \rightarrow XYZ$
Y	$Y \rightarrow$	$Y \rightarrow$ $Y \rightarrow c$	$Y \rightarrow$
X			

Building parsing table

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Z	$Z \rightarrow XYZ$	$Z \rightarrow XYZ$	$Z \rightarrow d$ $Z \rightarrow XYZ$
Y	$Y \rightarrow$	$Y \rightarrow$ $Y \rightarrow c$	$Y \rightarrow$
X	$X \rightarrow a$ $X \rightarrow Y$	$X \rightarrow Y$	$X \rightarrow Y$

Building parsing table

Grammar:

$Z \rightarrow XYZ$ $Y \rightarrow c$ $X \rightarrow a$
 $Z \rightarrow d$ $Y \rightarrow$ $X \rightarrow Y$

	nullable	first	follow
Z	no	d,a,c	
Y	yes	c	a,c,d
X	yes	a,c	a,c,d

Is it possible to **put 2 grammar rules in the same box?**

	a	c	d
Z	$Z \rightarrow XYZ$	$Z \rightarrow XYZ$	$Z \rightarrow d$ $Z \rightarrow XYZ$
Y	$Y \rightarrow$	$Y \rightarrow$ $Y \rightarrow c$	$Y \rightarrow$
X	$X \rightarrow a$ $X \rightarrow Y$	$X \rightarrow Y$	$X \rightarrow Y$

Predictive Parsing: LL(1)

- If a predictive parsing table constructed this way contains **no duplicate** entries, **the grammar is called LL(1)**
- if not, of the grammar is not LL(1)

LL(1): Left-to-right parse, Left-most derivation, 1 symbol lookahead

- In LL(**k**) parsing table, columns include every **k-length** sequence of terminals:

aa	ab	ba	bb	ac	ca	...

PREDICTIVE PARSING:LL(1)

- $S \rightarrow (S) S \mid \epsilon$

$M[N,T]$	()	\$
S	$S \rightarrow (S) S$	$S \rightarrow \epsilon$	$S \rightarrow \epsilon$

Steps	Parsing Stack	Input	Action
1	$\$S$	$() \$$	$S \rightarrow (S) S$
2	$\$S)S($	$() \$$	match
3	$\$S)S$	$) \$$	$S \rightarrow \epsilon$
4	$\$S)$	$) \$$	match
5	$\$S$	$\$$	$S \rightarrow \epsilon$
6	$\$$	$\$$	accept

Eliminate left-recursion

- Rewrite the grammar so it parses the same language but the rules are different:

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow A \\ A &\rightarrow ID := E \\ &\quad | PRINT (L) \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow ID \\ &\quad | NUM \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} L &\rightarrow L, E \\ &\quad | E \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow A \\ A &\rightarrow ID := E \\ &\quad | PRINT (L) \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow ID \\ &\quad | NUM \end{aligned}$$
$$L \rightarrow E M$$
$$\begin{aligned} M &\rightarrow , E M \\ &\quad | \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Eliminate left-recursion

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow E + T \\ E &\rightarrow T \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow T E' \\ E' &\rightarrow +T E' \mid \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

$$A \rightarrow A \alpha \mid \beta \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} A &\rightarrow \beta A' \text{ (To generate } \beta \text{ first) } \\ A' &\rightarrow \alpha A' \mid \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

(To generate the repetitions of α , using right recursion.)

Eliminate left-recursion

- An Example

$$S \rightarrow E \$$$

$$E \rightarrow E + T$$

$$E \rightarrow E - T$$

$$E \rightarrow T$$

$$T \rightarrow T * F$$

$$T \rightarrow T / F$$

$$T \rightarrow F$$

$$F \rightarrow \text{id}$$

$$F \rightarrow \text{num}$$

$$F \rightarrow (E)$$

Eliminate left-recursion

$S \rightarrow E \$$
 $E \rightarrow T E'$
 $E' \rightarrow + T E'$
 $E' \rightarrow - T E'$
 $E' \rightarrow$
 $T \rightarrow F T'$
 $T' \rightarrow * F T'$
 $T' \rightarrow / F T'$
 $T' \rightarrow$
 $F \rightarrow \text{id}$
 $F \rightarrow \text{num}$
 $F \rightarrow (E)$

	nullable	FIRST	FOLLOW
S	no	(id num	
E	no	(id num) \$
E'	yes	+ -) \$
T	no	(id num) + - \$
T'	yes	* /) + - \$
F	no	(id num) * / + - \$

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

Left Factoring

$S \rightarrow \text{IF } E \text{ THEN } S \text{ ELSE } S$

$S \rightarrow \text{IF } E \text{ THEN } S$



$S \rightarrow \text{IF } E \text{ THEN } S \text{ } X$
 $X \rightarrow \text{ELSE } S \mid \varepsilon$

ERROR RECOVERY

How should *error* be handled?

- Raise an **exception** and **quit** parsing
- Print an **error message** and **recover** from the error

This can proceed by **deleting**, **replacing**, or **inserting** tokens.

```
void T( ) { switch (tok) {
    case ID:
    case NUM:
    case LPAREN: F( ); Tprime( ); break;
    default: error!
}}
```

	+	*	id	()	\$
S			$S \rightarrow ES$	$S \rightarrow ES$		
E			$E \rightarrow TE'$	$E \rightarrow TE'$		
E'	$E' \rightarrow +TE'$				$E' \rightarrow$	$E' \rightarrow$
T			$T \rightarrow FT'$	$T \rightarrow FT'$		
T'	$T' \rightarrow$	$T' \rightarrow *FT'$			$T' \rightarrow$	$T' \rightarrow$
F			$F \rightarrow id$	$F \rightarrow (E)$		

ERROR RECOVERY

```
void T( ) { switch (tok) {  
    case ID:  
    case NUM:  
    case LPAREN: F( ); Tprime( ); break;  
    default: print("expected id, num, or left-paren");  
}}
```

- Error recovery by **deletion is safer**, because the loop must eventually terminate when end-of-file is reached.
- Simple recovery by deletion works by skipping tokens **until** a token in the FOLLOW set is reached.

ERROR RECOVERY

```

int Tprime_follow [ ] = {PLUS, RPAREN, EOF};
void Tprime( ) { switch (tok) {
    case PLUS: break;
    case TIMES: eat(TIMES); F(); Tprime(); break;
    case RPAREN: break;
    case EOF: break;
    default: print("expected +, *, right-paren, or end-of-file");
             skipto(Tprime_follow);
}}
    
```

	+	*	id	()	\$
<i>S</i>			$S \rightarrow ES$	$S \rightarrow ES$		
<i>E</i>			$E \rightarrow TE'$	$E \rightarrow TE'$		
<i>E'</i>	$E' \rightarrow +TE'$				$E' \rightarrow$	$E' \rightarrow$
<i>T</i>			$T \rightarrow FT'$	$T \rightarrow FT'$		
<i>T'</i>	$T' \rightarrow$	$T' \rightarrow *FT'$			$T' \rightarrow$	$T' \rightarrow$
<i>F</i>			$F \rightarrow id$	$F \rightarrow (E)$		

The end of Chapter 3(2)
