

# More parsing

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Today :

- HW due
- Next HW, cover flex  
(on hopper)
- Git for next HW  
(due Friday)
- I am gone Mon & Tues  
(you have class)

## Last time

- More parsing:
  - removing ambiguity
  - eliminating left recursion

Back to the practical:

- Any CFG can be parsed

↳ Chomsky Normal Form  
CYK algorithm

Run time:  $O(n^3)$

This is too slow!

Most modern parsers look  
for certain restricted  
families of CFGs.

Result:

- LL - faster, but weaker
- LR - stronger but "slower"

Have  $O(n)$  time parsing

LL:

- left to right parsing
- left most derivation

Anything accepted by this type  
of parser is called  
an LL grammar.

Picture:

$$A \xrightarrow{\alpha} \underbrace{ABC}_{\alpha} \Rightarrow \underbrace{A}_{\alpha} \underbrace{BC}_{\alpha}$$

# Top down parsing (for LLs)

Called predictive parsing.

Works well on LL(1) grammars.

- Table based in practice

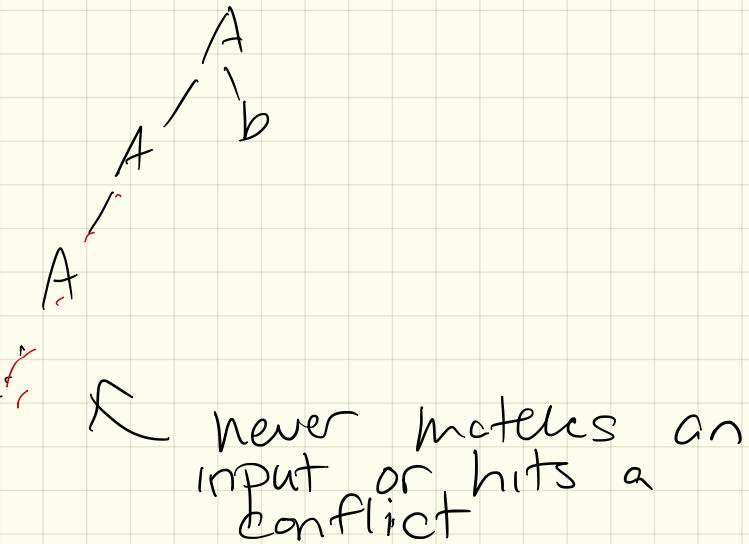
Simple Ex:  $S \rightarrow cAd$   
 $A \rightarrow ab/a$   
Parse  $cad :$

Rule: String w/ S,  
apply rules until  
one matches the  
next input  
(back track if there  
is a mistake)



Note: Left recursion is  
very bad on these!

$$A \rightarrow A b$$



So never forced to back track.

How predictive parsing works:

- the input string  $w$  is in an input buffer.
- Construct a predictive parsing table for  $G$ .
- if you can match a terminal, do it  
(+ move to next character)
- otherwise, look in table for rule to get transition that will eventually match

Hard part :

- build the table!  
(need to decide a transition if at a nonterminal based on the next input(s) terminal)

$LL(k)^c$

# FIRST & FOLLOW Sets (for LL(1)):

$\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$   $\leftarrow$  any string of non-terminals & terminals  
 $\vdash$  set of possible first terminals in any derivation of  $\alpha$  by the grammar

So:

1) if  $x$  is a terminal,

$$\text{FIRST}(x) = \underline{x}$$

2) if  $X \rightarrow \epsilon$  is a production,  
add  $\epsilon$  to  $\text{FIRST}(x)$

3) If  $X$  is a nonterminal:

If  $X \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_k$  is a production:

add a  $\epsilon$  if  $a$  is in  $\text{FIRST}(Y_i)$  and  $\epsilon$  is in  $\text{FIRST}(Y_1), \dots, \text{FIRST}(Y_{i-1})$

add  $\epsilon$  if  $\epsilon$  is in  $\text{FIRST}(Y_1), \dots, \text{FIRST}(Y_k)$

$$\underline{\text{Ex:}} \quad E \rightarrow TE' \\ E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow FT' \\ T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid \epsilon$$

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

$$\text{FIRST}(E) = \{ (, id \}$$

$$\text{FIRST}(E') = \{ +, \epsilon \}$$

$$\text{FIRST}(T) = \{ (, id \}$$

$$\text{FIRST}(T') = \{ *, \epsilon \}$$

$$\text{FIRST}(F) = \{ (, id \}$$

## Follow Sets:

(We'll assume any input ends in \$, just to have an end of file character)

### Rules:

1) Put \$ in Follow(S) where S is start symbol.

2) Given a production:

$$A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$$

everything in  $\text{FIRST}(\beta)$  goes in  $\text{Follow}(B)$  (except  $\epsilon$ , if it is there).

3) Given a production:

$$A \rightarrow \alpha B$$

or  $A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$  with  $\epsilon \in \text{FIRST}(\beta)$

then everything in  $\text{Follow}(A)$  also goes in  $\text{Follow}(B)$

Ex:  $E \rightarrow TE'$   
 $E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$

$$T \rightarrow FT'$$
$$T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid \epsilon$$

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

We had:

$$\text{FIRST}(E) = \text{FIRST}(T) = \text{FIRST}(F)$$
$$= \{ (, id \}$$

$$\text{FIRST}(E') = \{ +, \epsilon \}$$

$$\text{FIRST}(T') = \{ *, \epsilon \}$$

So:

$$\text{FOLLOW}(E) = \{ ), \$ \}$$

$$\text{FOLLOW}(E') = \{ ), \$ \}$$

$$\text{FOLLOW}(T) = \{ +, ), \$ \}$$

$$\text{FOLLOW}(T') = \{ +, ), \$ \}$$

$$\text{FOLLOW}(F) = \{ +, *, ), \$ \}$$

Then, the Table: M :

For any production  $X \rightarrow \alpha, d$

1) for each terminal a in  $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ , add

$X \rightarrow \alpha$  to  $M[A, a]$

2) If  $\epsilon$  is in  $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ ,  
add  $X \rightarrow \alpha$  to  $M[A, b]$

for each terminal b in  $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$ .

If  $\epsilon$  is in  $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$  and  
 $\$$  is in  $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$ ,  
add  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  to  $M[A, \$]$ .

Any other entries are errors.

(construct on board)

End result :

		Inputs					
<u>Nonterminal</u>		id	+	*	(	)	\$
E		$E \rightarrow TE'$			$E \rightarrow TE'$		
E'			$E' \rightarrow +TE'$				$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$ $E' \rightarrow C$
T		$T \rightarrow FT'$			$T \rightarrow FT'$		
T'			$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$T' \rightarrow *FT$			$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$ $T' \rightarrow C$
F		$F \rightarrow id$			$F \rightarrow (E)$		

Then: Parsing!

<u>Stack</u>	<u>Input</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Matched</u>
E \$	id + id * id \$		