Introduction to Bottom-Up Parsing

Outline

- Review LL parsing
- Shift-reduce parsing
- The LR parsing algorithm
- Constructing LR parsing tables

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- Top-down parsing expands a parse tree from the start symbol to the leaves
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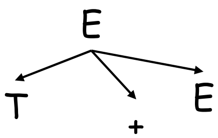

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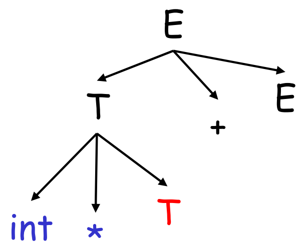

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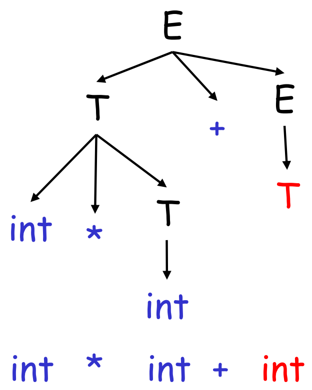

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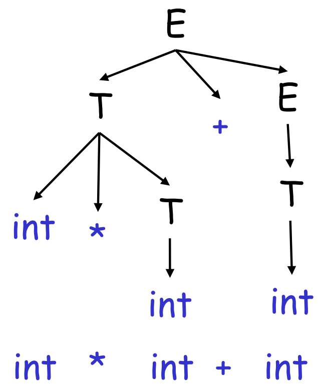

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Predictive Parsing: Review

- A predictive parser is described by a table
  - For each non-terminal A and for each token b we specify a production $A \to \alpha$
  - When trying to expand A we use $A \to \alpha$ if b is the token that follows next
- Once we have the table
  - The parsing algorithm is simple and fast
  - No backtracking is necessary

Constructing Predictive Parsing Tables

Consider the state $S \to^* \beta A \gamma$

- With b the next token
- Trying to match $\beta b \delta$

There are two possibilities:

1. Token b belongs to an expansion of A
   - Any $A \to \alpha$ can be used if b can start a string derived from α
   - We say that $b \in First(\alpha)$

Or…

Constructing Predictive Parsing Tables (Cont.)

2. Token b does not belong to an expansion of A
   - The expansion of A is empty and b belongs to an expansion of γ
   - Means that b can appear after A in a derivation of the form $S \rightarrow^* \beta A b \omega$
   - We say that $b \in Follow(A)$ in this case

   - What productions can we use in this case?
     - Any $A \rightarrow \alpha$ can be used if α can expand to ε
     - We say that $\varepsilon \in First(A)$ in this case

Computing First Sets

<u>Definition</u>

$$First(X) = \{ b \mid X \rightarrow^* b\alpha \} \cup \{ \varepsilon \mid X \rightarrow^* \varepsilon \}$$

<u>Algorithm sketch</u>

1. $First(b) = \{ b \}$
2. $\varepsilon \in First(X)$ if $X \rightarrow \varepsilon$ is a production
3. $\varepsilon \in First(X)$ if $X \rightarrow A_1 \dots A_n$ and $\varepsilon \in First(A_i)$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$
4. $First(\alpha) \subseteq First(X)$ if $X \rightarrow A_1 \dots A_n\ \alpha$ and $\varepsilon \in First(A_i)$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$

First Sets: Example

- Recall the grammar

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

  $T \rightarrow (E) \mid int\ Y$ $\qquad$ $Y \rightarrow * T \mid \varepsilon$

- First sets

First(( ) = { (}	First(T) = { int, (}
First( )) = {) }	First(E) = { int, (}
First(int) = { int }	First(X) = { +, ε }
First(+) = { + }	First(Y) = { *, ε }
First(*) = { * }	

Computing Follow Sets

- <u>Definition</u>

  $$Follow(X) = \{ b \mid S \rightarrow^* \beta\ X\ b\ \delta \}$$

- <u>Intuition</u>
  - If $X \rightarrow A\ B$ then $First(B) \subseteq Follow(A)$ and $Follow(X) \subseteq Follow(B)$
  - Also if $B \rightarrow^* \varepsilon$ then $Follow(X) \subseteq Follow(A)$
  - If S is the start symbol then $\$ \in Follow(S)$

Computing Follow Sets (Cont.)

Algorithm sketch

1. $\$ \in \text{Follow}(S)$
2. $\text{First}(\beta) - \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Follow}(X)$
   - For each production $A \to \alpha\ X\ \beta$
3. $\text{Follow}(A) \subseteq \text{Follow}(X)$
   - For each production $A \to \alpha\ X\ \beta$ where $\varepsilon \in \text{First}(\beta)$

Follow Sets: Example

First(T) = { int, (}
First(E) = { int, (}
First(X) = { +, ε }
First(Y) = { *, ε }

- Recall the grammar

  $E \to T\ X \qquad\qquad X \to +\ E \mid \varepsilon$

  $T \to (\ E\ ) \mid \text{int}\ Y \qquad Y \to *\ T \mid \varepsilon$

- Follow sets

  Follow(+) = { int, (}
  Follow(*) = { int, (}
  Follow(( ) = { int, (}
  Follow(E) = {), $ }
  Follow(X) = { $,) }
  Follow(T) = { +,) , $ }
  Follow( )) = { +,) , $ }
  Follow(Y) = { +,) , $ }
  Follow(int) = { *, +,) , $ }

Constructing LL(1) Parsing Tables

- Construct a parsing table T for CFG G

- For each production $A \to \alpha$ in G do:
  - For each terminal $b \in \text{First}(\alpha)$ do
    T[A, b] = α
  - If $\varepsilon \in \text{First}(\alpha)$, for each $b \in \text{Follow}(A)$ do
    T[A, b] = α
  - If $\varepsilon \in \text{First}(\alpha)$ and $\$ \in \text{Follow}(A)$ do
    T[A, $] = α

Constructing LL(1) Tables: Example

- Recall the grammar

  $E \to T\ X \qquad\qquad X \to +\ E \mid \varepsilon$

  $T \to (\ E\ ) \mid \text{int}\ Y \qquad Y \to *\ T \mid \varepsilon$

- Where in the line of Y do we put $Y \to *\ T$?
  - In the lines of First(*T) = { * }

- Where in the line of Y do we put $Y \to \varepsilon$?
  - In the lines of Follow(Y) = { $, +,) }

Notes on LL(1) Parsing Tables

- If any entry is multiply defined then *G* is not LL(1)
  - If *G* is ambiguous
  - If *G* is left recursive
  - If *G* is not left-factored
  - <u>And in other cases as well</u>

- For some grammars there is a simple parsing strategy: *Predictive parsing*
- Most programming language grammars are not LL(1)
- Thus, we need more powerful parsing strategies

Bottom Up Parsing

Bottom-Up Parsing

- Bottom-up parsing is more general than top-down parsing
  - And just as efficient
  - Builds on ideas in top-down parsing
  - Preferred method in practice

- Also called LR parsing
  - L means that tokens are read left-to-right
  - R means that it constructs a rightmost derivation !

An Introductory Example

- LR parsers don't need left-factored grammars and can also handle left-recursive grammars

- Consider the following grammar:

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

  - Why is this not LL(1)?

- Consider the string: int + (int) + (int)

The Idea

- LR parsing *reduces* a string to the start symbol by inverting productions:

str w input string of terminals

repeat

- Identify β in str such that $A \to \beta$ is a production (i.e., str = $\alpha\ \beta\ \gamma$)
- Replace β by A in str (i.e., str w = $\alpha\ A\ \gamma$)

until str = S (the start symbol)

OR all possibilities are exhausted

A Bottom-up Parse in Detail (1)

E → E + (E) | int

int + (int) + (int)

int + (int) + (int)

A Bottom-up Parse in Detail (2)

E → E + (E) | int

int + (int) + (int)

E + (int) + (int)

E

int + (int) + (int)

A Bottom-up Parse in Detail (3)

E → E + (E) | int

int + (int) + (int)

E + (int) + (int)

E + (E) + (int)

E E

int + (int) + (int)

A Bottom-up Parse in Detail (4)

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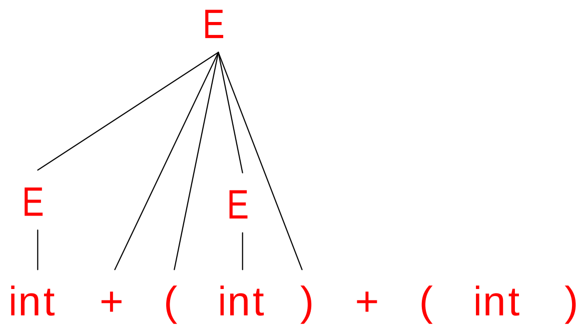

A Bottom-up Parse in Detail (5)

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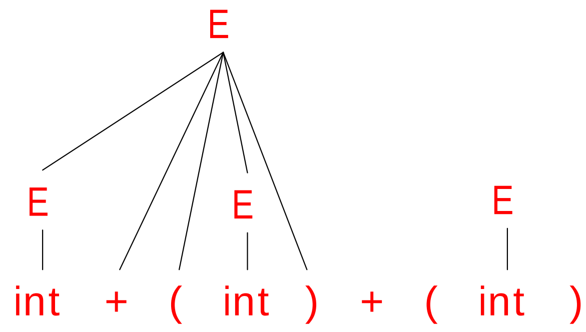

A Bottom-up Parse in Detail (6)

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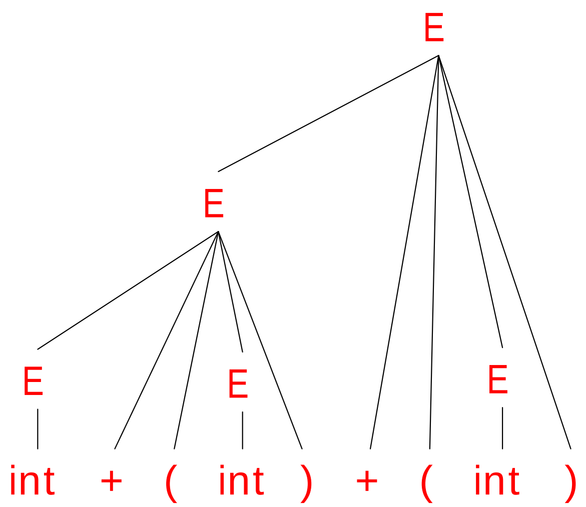
A rightmost
derivation in reverse



Important Fact #1 about Bottom-up Parsing

An LR parser traces a rightmost derivation in reverse

Where Do Reductions Happen

Fact #1 has an interesting consequence:

- Let $\alpha\beta\gamma$ be a step of a bottom-up parse
- Assume the next reduction is by using $A \rightarrow \beta$
- Then γ is a string of terminals

Why?

Because $\alpha A\gamma \rightarrow \alpha\beta\gamma$ is a step in a right-most derivation

Notation

- Idea: Split string into two substrings
  - Right substring is as yet unexamined by parsing (a string of terminals)
  - Left substring has terminals and non-terminals
- The dividing point is marked by a I
  - The I is not part of the string
- Initially, all input is unexamined: $\mathrm{I}x_1x_2 \ldots x_n$

Shift-Reduce Parsing

Bottom-up parsing uses only two kinds of actions:

Shift

Reduce

Shift

Shift: Move I one place to the right

- Shifts a terminal to the left string

$$E + (\mathrm{I}\ \text{int}\ ) \Rightarrow E + (\text{int}\ \mathrm{I}\ )$$

In general:

$$ABC\ \mathrm{I}\ xyz \Rightarrow ABCx\ \mathrm{I}\ yz$$

Reduce

Reduce: Apply an inverse production at the right end of the left string

- If $E \rightarrow E + (E)$ is a production, then

$$E + (\underline{E + (E)} \mid) \Rightarrow E + (\underline{E} \mid)$$

In general, given $A \rightarrow xy$, then:

$$Cbxy \mid ijk \Rightarrow CbA \mid ijk$$

Shift-Reduce Example

$E \rightarrow E + (E) \mid int$

| int + (int) + (int)$ shift

int + (int) + (int)

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Shift-Reduce Example

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Shift-Reduce Example

$E \rightarrow E + (E) \mid int$

| int + (int) + (int)$ shift

int | + (int) + (int)$ reduce $E \rightarrow$ int

E | + (int) + (int)$ shift 3 times

E

int + (int) + (int)

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Shift-Reduce Example

E → E + (E) | int

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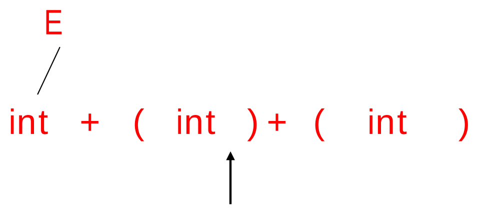

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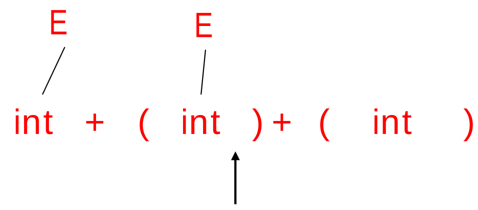

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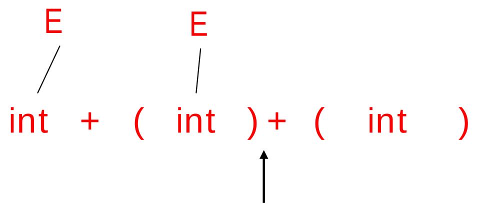

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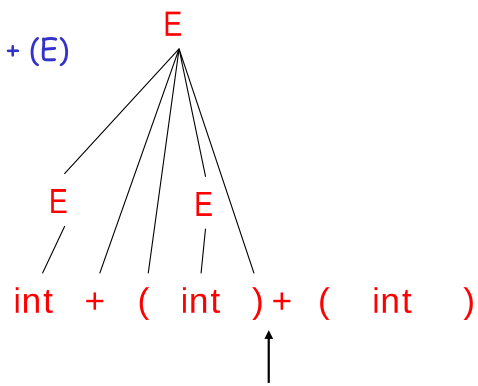

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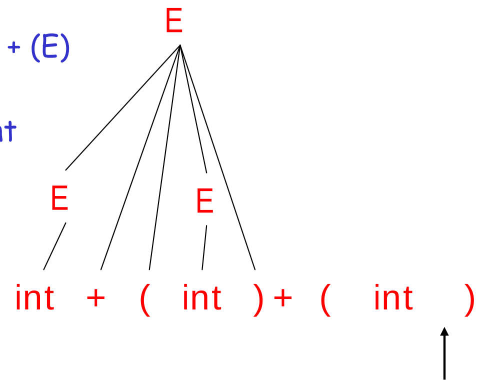

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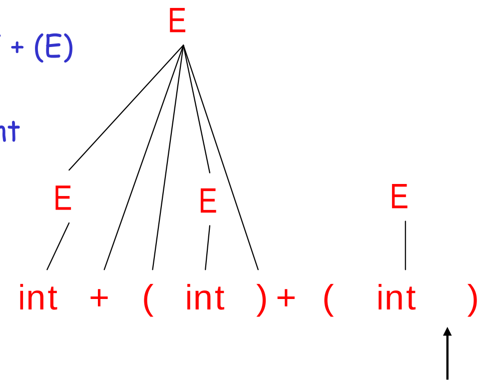

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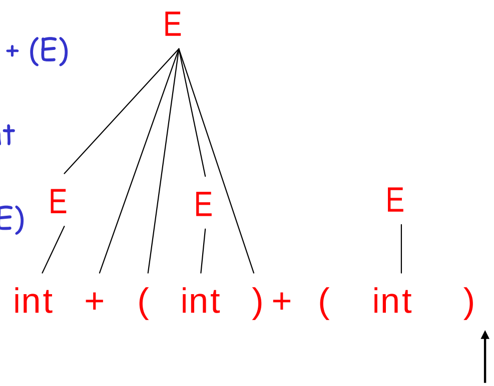

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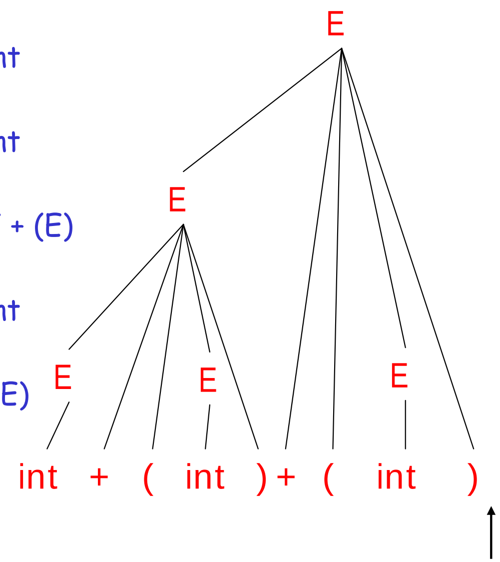
E + (E) | $ — reduce E → E + (E)
E | $ — accept



The Stack

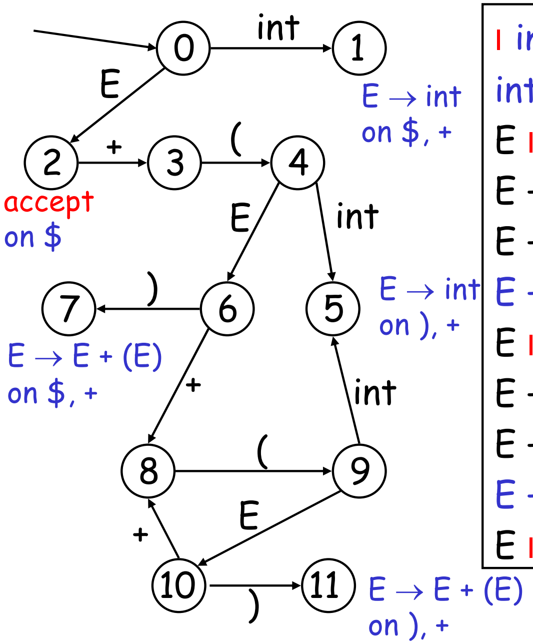
- Left string can be implemented by a stack
  - Top of the stack is the |
- Shift pushes a terminal on the stack
- Reduce pops 0 or more symbols off of the stack (production RHS) and pushes a non-terminal on the stack (production LHS)

Key Question: To Shift or to Reduce?

<u>**Idea**</u>: use a finite automaton (DFA) to decide when to shift or reduce
- The input is the stack
- The language consists of terminals and non-terminals

- We run the DFA on the stack and examine the resulting state X and the token tok after |
  - If X has a transition labeled tok then <u>shift</u>
  - If X is labeled with "$A \to \beta$ on tok" then <u>reduce</u>

LR(1) Parsing: An Example



$\mid$ int + (int) + (int)$	shift
int $\mid$ + (int) + (int)$	E → int
E $\mid$ + (int) + (int)$	shift(x3)
E + (int $\mid$) + (int)$	E → int
E + (E $\mid$) + (int)$	shift
E + (E) $\mid$ + (int)$	E → E+(E)
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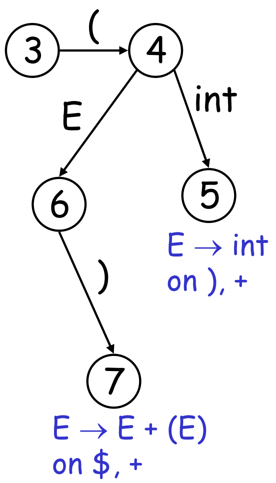
E + (int $\mid$)$	E → int
E + (E $\mid$)$	shift
E + (E) $\mid$ $	E → E+(E)
E $\mid$ $	accept

Representing the DFA

- Parsers represent the DFA as a 2D table
  - (Recall table-driven lexical analysis)
- Lines correspond to DFA states
- Columns correspond to terminals and non-terminals
- Typically columns are split into:
  - Those for terminals: action table
    - action = shift or reduce
  - Those for non-terminals: goto table

Representing the DFA: Example

- The table for a fragment of our DFA:



	int	+	(	)	$	E
…						
3			s4			
4	s5					g6
5		$r_{E \to int}$		$r_{E \to int}$		
6		s8		s7		
7		$r_{E \to E+(E)}$			$r_{E \to E+(E)}$	
…						

The LR Parsing Algorithm

- After a shift or reduce action we rerun the DFA on the entire stack
  - This is wasteful, since most of the work is repeated
- Remember for each stack element on which state it brings the DFA
- LR parser maintains a stack

$$\langle sym_1, state_1 \rangle \ldots \langle sym_n, state_n \rangle$$

$state_k$ is the final state of the DFA on $sym_1 \ldots sym_k$

The LR Parsing Algorithm

```
let I = w$ be initial input
let j = 0
let DFA state 0 be the start state
let stack = ⟨ dummy, 0 ⟩
  repeat
    case action[top_state(stack), I[j]] of
      shift k: push ⟨ I[j++], k ⟩
      reduce X → A:
          pop |A| pairs,
          push ⟨X, Goto[top_state(stack),X]⟩
      accept: halt normally
      error: halt and report error
```


LR Parsers

- Can be used to parse more grammars than LL
- Most programming languages grammars are LR
- LR Parsers can be described as a simple table
- There are tools for building the table
- How is the table constructed?