

# Problems with Top Down Parsing

- Left Recursion in CFG May Cause Parser to Loop Forever.
- Indeed:
  - In the production  $A \rightarrow A\alpha$  we write the program

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procedure A
{
    if lookahead belongs to First( $A\alpha$ ) then
        call the procedure A
}
```
- Solution: Remove Left Recursion...
  - without changing the Language defined by the Grammar.

# Dealing with Left recursion

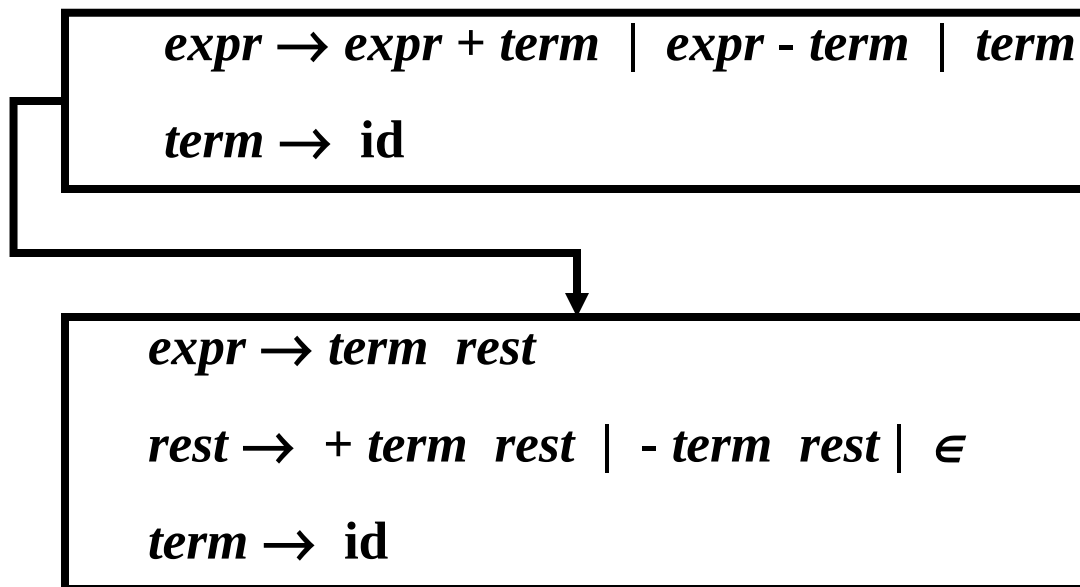
- Solution: Algorithm to Remove Left Recursion:

BASIC IDEA:

$A \rightarrow A\alpha | \beta$  becomes

$A \rightarrow \beta R$

$R \rightarrow \alpha R | \epsilon$



# Resolving Difficulties : Left Recursion

A left recursive grammar has rules that support the derivation :  $A \Rightarrow^+ A\alpha$ , for some  $\alpha$ .

Top-Down parsing can't reconcile this type of grammar, since it could consistently make choice which wouldn't allow termination.

$$A \Rightarrow A\alpha \Rightarrow A\alpha\alpha \Rightarrow A\alpha\alpha\alpha \dots \text{etc.} \quad A \rightarrow A\alpha \mid \beta$$

Take left recursive grammar:

$$A \rightarrow A\alpha \mid \beta$$

To the following:

$$A \rightarrow \beta A'$$

$$A' \rightarrow \alpha A' \mid \epsilon$$

# Resolving Difficulties : Left Recursion (2)

## Informal Discussion:

Take all productions for A and order as:

$$A \rightarrow A\alpha_1 \mid A\alpha_2 \mid \dots \mid A\alpha_m \mid \beta_1 \mid \beta_2 \mid \dots \mid \beta_n$$

Where no  $\beta_i$  begins with A.

Now apply concepts of previous slide:

$$A \rightarrow \beta_1 A' \mid \beta_2 A' \mid \dots \mid \beta_n A'$$

$$A' \rightarrow \alpha_1 A' \mid \alpha_2 A' \mid \dots \mid \alpha_m A' \mid \epsilon$$

For our example:

$$\begin{array}{lll} E \rightarrow E + T \mid T & \longrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} E \rightarrow TE' \\ E' \rightarrow + TE' \mid \epsilon \end{array} \right. \\ T \rightarrow T * F \mid F & \longrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} T \rightarrow FT' \\ T' \rightarrow * FT' \mid \epsilon \end{array} \right. \\ F \rightarrow ( E ) \mid id & \longrightarrow & F \rightarrow ( E ) \mid id \end{array}$$

# Resolving Difficulties : Left Recursion (3)

**Problem: If left recursion is two-or-more levels deep, this isn't enough**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow Aa \mid b \\ A \rightarrow Ac \mid Sd \mid \epsilon \end{array} \right\} \quad S \Rightarrow Aa \Rightarrow Sda$$

## Algorithm:

**Input:** Grammar  $G$  with ordered Non-Terminals  $A_1, \dots, A_n$

**Output:** An equivalent grammar with no left recursion

1. Arrange the non-terminals in some order  $A_1 = \text{start NT}, A_2, \dots, A_n$
2. for  $i := 1$  to  $n$  do begin  
    for  $j := 1$  to  $i - 1$  do begin  
        replace each production of the form  $A_i \rightarrow A_j \gamma$   
        by the productions  $A_i \rightarrow \delta_1 \gamma \mid \delta_2 \gamma \mid \dots \mid \delta_k \gamma$   
        where  $A_j \rightarrow \delta_1 \mid \delta_2 \mid \dots \mid \delta_k$  are all current  $A_j$  productions;  
    end  
    eliminate the immediate left recursion among  $A_i$  productions  
end

# Using the Algorithm

Apply the algorithm to:  $A_1 \rightarrow A_2 \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{b} \mid \epsilon$

$A_2 \rightarrow A_2 \mathbf{c} \mid A_1 \mathbf{d}$

$i = 1$

For  $A_1$  there is no left recursion

$i = 2$

for  $j=1$  to 1 do

Take productions:  $A_2 \rightarrow A_1 \gamma$  and replace with

$A_2 \rightarrow \delta_1 \gamma \mid \delta_2 \gamma \mid \dots \mid \delta_k \gamma$

where  $A_1 \rightarrow \delta_1 \mid \delta_2 \mid \dots \mid \delta_k$  are  $A_1$  productions

in our case  $A_2 \rightarrow A_1 \mathbf{d}$  becomes  $A_2 \rightarrow A_2 \mathbf{ad} \mid \mathbf{bd} \mid \mathbf{d}$

What's left:  $A_1 \rightarrow A_2 \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{b} \mid \epsilon$

**Are we done ?**

$A_2 \rightarrow A_2 \mathbf{c} \mid A_2 \mathbf{ad} \mid \mathbf{bd} \mid \mathbf{d}$

# Using the Algorithm (2)

**No ! We must still remove  $A_2$  left recursion !**

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 \mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{b} \mid \epsilon$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow A_2 \mathbf{c} \mid A_2 \mathbf{ad} \mid \mathbf{bd} \mid \mathbf{d}$$

**Recall:**

$$A \rightarrow A\alpha_1 \mid A\alpha_2 \mid \dots \mid A\alpha_m \mid \beta_1 \mid \beta_2 \mid \dots \mid \beta_n$$

$$A \rightarrow \beta_1 A' \mid \beta_2 A' \mid \dots \mid \beta_n A'$$

$$A' \rightarrow \alpha_1 A' \mid \alpha_2 A' \mid \dots \mid \alpha_m A' \mid \epsilon$$

**Apply to above case. What do you get ?**

# Removing Difficulties : Left Factoring

**Problem :** Uncertain which of 2 rules to choose:

$$\begin{aligned} stmt &\rightarrow \text{if } expr \text{ then } stmt \text{ else } stmt \\ &| \text{if } expr \text{ then } stmt \end{aligned}$$

**When do you know which one is valid ?**

**What's the general form of *stmt* ?**

$$\begin{aligned} A &\rightarrow \alpha\beta_1 \mid \alpha\beta_2 & \alpha &: \text{if } expr \text{ then } stmt \\ & & \beta_1 &: \text{else } stmt \quad \beta_2 : \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

**Transform to:**

$$A \rightarrow \alpha A'$$
$$A' \rightarrow \beta_1 \mid \beta_2$$

**EXAMPLE:**

$$stmt \rightarrow \text{if } expr \text{ then } stmt \text{ rest}$$
$$rest \rightarrow \text{else } stmt \mid \epsilon$$



# Motivating Table-Driven Parsing

1. Left to right scan input
2. Find leftmost derivation

**Grammar:**  $E \rightarrow TE'$

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

$T \rightarrow \text{id}$

**Input :** id + id \$

**Terminator**  
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**Derivation:**  $E \Rightarrow$

**Processing Stack:**

# LL(1) Grammars

**L : Scan input from Left to Right**

**L : Construct a Leftmost Derivation**

**1 : Use “1” input symbol as lookahead in conjunction with stack to decide on the parsing action**

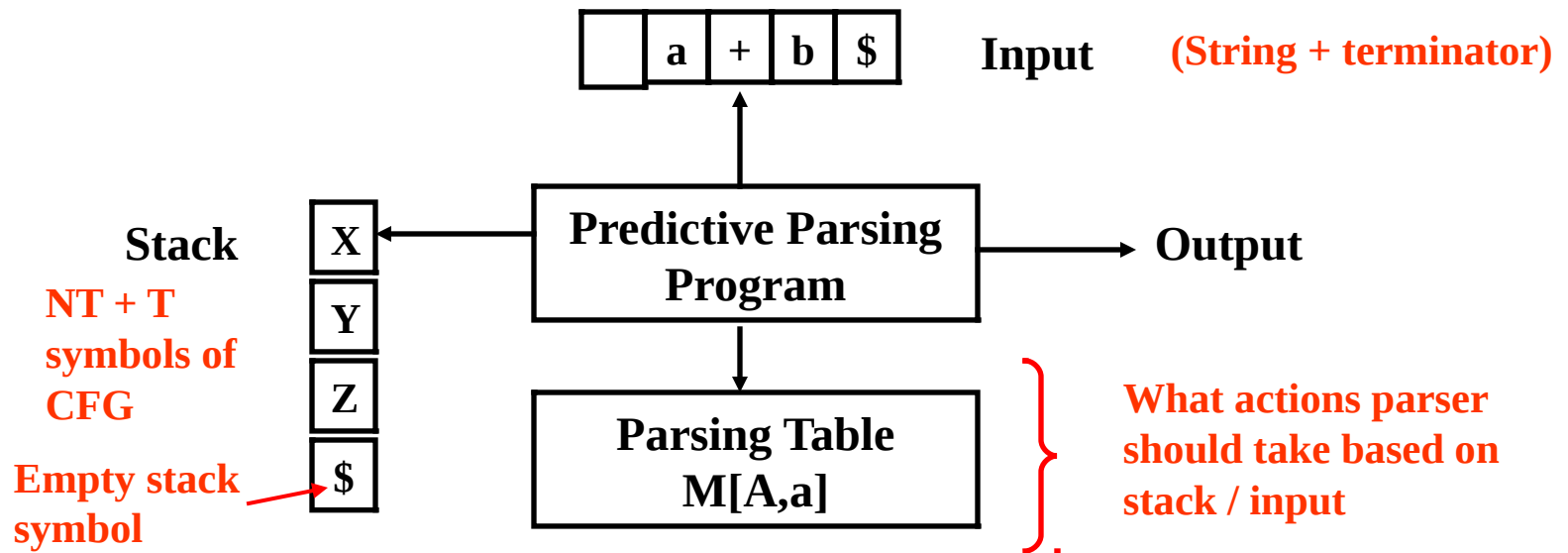
**LL(1) grammars == they have no multiply-defined entries in the parsing table.**

**Properties of LL(1) grammars:**

- Grammar can't be ambiguous or left recursive
- Grammar is LL(1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  when  $A \rightarrow \alpha\beta$ 
  1.  $\alpha$  &  $\beta$  do not derive strings starting with the same terminal  $a$
  2. Either  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  can derive  $\epsilon$ , but not both.

**Note: It may not be possible for a grammar to be manipulated into an LL(1) grammar**

# Non-Recursive / Table Driven



**General parser behavior:**     $X$  : top of stack         $a$  : current input

1. When  $X=a = \$$  halt, accept, success
2. When  $X=a \neq \$$  , POP  $X$  off stack, advance input, go to 1.
3. When  $X$  is a non-terminal, examine  $M[X,a]$ 
  - if it is an error  $\rightarrow$  call recovery routine
  - if  $M[X,a] = \{X \rightarrow UVW\}$ , POP  $X$ , PUSH  $W,V,U$
  - DO NOT expend any input

# Algorithm for Non-Recursive Parsing

Set *ip* to point to the first symbol of *w*\$;

**repeat**

let *X* be the top stack symbol and *a* the symbol pointed to by *ip*;

**if** *X* is terminal or \$ **then**

**if** *X*=*a* **then**

pop *X* from the stack and advance *ip*

**else** *error()*

**else** /\* *X* is a non-terminal \*/

**if**  $M[X,a] = X \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_k$  **then begin**

pop *X* from stack;

push  $Y_k, Y_{k-1}, \dots, Y_1$  onto stack, with  $Y_1$  on top

output the production  $X \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_k$

**end**

**else** *error()*

**until** *X*=\$ /\* stack is empty \*/

**Input pointer**

**May also execute other code  
based on the production used**

# Example

$E \rightarrow TE'$

$T \rightarrow FT' \mid \epsilon$

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

Our well-worn example !

Table M

Non-terminal	INPUT SYMBOL					
	id	+	*	(	)	\$
E	$E \rightarrow TE'$			$E \rightarrow TE'$		
E'		$E' \rightarrow +TE'$			$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$
T	$T \rightarrow FT'$			$T \rightarrow FT'$		
T'		$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$T' \rightarrow *FT'$		$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$
F	$F \rightarrow id$			$F \rightarrow (E)$		

# Trace of Example

STACK	INPUT	OUTPUT

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STACK	INPUT	OUTPUT
\$E	id + id * id\$	
\$E'T	id + id * id\$	$E \rightarrow TE'$
\$E'T'F	id + id * id\$	$T \rightarrow FT'$
\$E'T'id	id + id * id\$	$F \rightarrow id$
\$E'T'	+ id * id\$	
\$E'	+ id * id\$	$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$
\$E'T+	+ id * id\$	$E' \rightarrow +TE'$
\$E'T	id * id\$	
\$E'T'F	id * id\$	$T \rightarrow FT'$
\$E'T'id	id * id\$	$F \rightarrow id$
\$E'T'	* id\$	
\$E'T'F*	* id\$	$T' \rightarrow *FT'$
\$E'T'F	id\$	
\$E'T'id	id\$	$F \rightarrow id$
\$E'T'	\$	
\$E'	\$	$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$
\$	\$	$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$

Expend Input

# Leftmost Derivation for the Example

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**The leftmost derivation for the example is as follows:**

$$\begin{aligned} E &\Rightarrow TE' \Rightarrow FT'E' \Rightarrow \text{id } T'E' \Rightarrow \text{id } E' \Rightarrow \text{id} + TE' \Rightarrow \text{id} + FT'E' \\ &\Rightarrow \text{id} + \text{id } T'E' \Rightarrow \text{id} + \text{id} * FT'E' \Rightarrow \text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id } T'E' \\ &\Rightarrow \text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id } E' \Rightarrow \text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id} \end{aligned}$$



# What's the Missing Puzzle Piece ?

## Constructing the Parsing Table M !

**1<sup>st</sup> : Calculate First & Follow for Grammar**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Apply Construction Algorithm for Parsing Table**  
( We'll see this shortly )

### Basic Tools:

**First:** Let  $\alpha$  be a string of grammar symbols.  $\text{First}(\alpha)$  is the set that includes every terminal that appears leftmost in  $\alpha$  or in any string originating from  $\alpha$ .

**NOTE:** If  $\alpha \xRightarrow{*} \epsilon$ , then  $\epsilon$  is  $\text{First}(\alpha)$ .

**Follow:** Let  $A$  be a non-terminal.  $\text{Follow}(A)$  is the set of terminals  $a$  that can appear directly to the right of  $A$  in some sentential form. ( $S \xRightarrow{*} \alpha A a \beta$ , for some  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ).

**NOTE:** If  $S \xRightarrow{*} \alpha A$ , then  $\$$  is  $\text{Follow}(A)$ .

# Constructing Parsing Table

## Algorithm:

Table has one row per non-terminal / one column per terminal (incl. \$ )

1. Repeat Steps 2 & 3 for each rule  $A \rightarrow \alpha$
2. Terminal **a** in  $\text{First}(\alpha)$ ? Add  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  to  $M[A, \mathbf{a}]$
3.  $\epsilon$  in  $\text{First}(\alpha)$ ? Add  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  to  $M[A, \mathbf{b}]$  for all terminals **b** in  $\text{Follow}(A)$ .
4. All undefined entries are errors.

# Constructing Parsing Table – Example 1

$S \rightarrow i E t S S' \mid a$	$\text{First}(S) = \{ i, a \}$	$\text{Follow}(S) = \{ e, \$ \}$
$S' \rightarrow e S \mid \epsilon$	$\text{First}(S') = \{ e, \epsilon \}$	$\text{Follow}(S') = \{ e, \$ \}$
$E \rightarrow b$	$\text{First}(E) = \{ b \}$	$\text{Follow}(E) = \{ t \}$

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$E \rightarrow b$	$\text{First}(E) = \{ b \}$	$\text{Follow}(E) = \{ t \}$

$S \rightarrow i E t SS'$

$S \rightarrow a$

$E \rightarrow b$

$\text{First}(i E t SS') = \{ i \}$

$\text{First}(a) = \{ a \}$

$\text{First}(b) = \{ b \}$

$S' \rightarrow eS$

$S' \rightarrow \epsilon$

$\text{First}(eS) = \{ e \}$

$\text{First}(\epsilon) = \{ \epsilon \}$

$\text{Follow}(S') = \{ e, \$ \}$

Non-terminal	INPUT SYMBOL					
	a	b	e	i	t	\$
S	<u><math>S \rightarrow a</math></u>			<u><math>S \rightarrow iEtSS'</math></u>		
S'			<u><math>S' \rightarrow \epsilon</math></u> <u><math>S' \rightarrow eS</math></u>			<u><math>S \rightarrow \epsilon</math></u>
E		<u><math>E \rightarrow b</math></u>				

# Constructing Parsing Table – Example 2

$E \rightarrow TE'$	$\text{First}(E, F, T) = \{ (, id \}$	$\text{Follow}(E, E') = \{ ), \$ \}$
$TE' \rightarrow E' TE' \mid \epsilon$	$\text{First}(E') = \{ +, \epsilon \}$	$\text{Follow}(F) = \{ *, +, ), \$ \}$
$FT' \rightarrow (E) FT' \mid id \epsilon$	$\text{First}(T') = \{ *, \epsilon \}$	$\text{Follow}(T, T') = \{ +, ), \$ \}$

# Constructing Parsing Table – Example 2

$E \rightarrow TE'$	$\text{First}(E, F, T) = \{ (, id \}$	$\text{Follow}(E, E') = \{ ), \$ \}$
$TE' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$	$\text{First}(E') = \{ +, \epsilon \}$	$\text{Follow}(F) = \{ *, +, ), \$ \}$
$FT' \rightarrow \epsilon FT' \mid id$	$\text{First}(T') = \{ *, \epsilon \}$	$\text{Follow}(T, T') = \{ +, ), \$ \}$

Expression Example:  $E \rightarrow TE' : \text{First}(TE') = \text{First}(T) = \{ (, id \}$

$M[E, (] : E \rightarrow TE'$

$M[E, id] : E \rightarrow TE'$

} by rule 2

(by rule 2)  $E' \rightarrow +TE' : \text{First}(+TE') = + : M[E', +] : E' \rightarrow +TE'$

(by rule 3)  $E' \rightarrow \epsilon : \epsilon \text{ in } \text{First}(\epsilon)$

$M[E', )] : E' \rightarrow \epsilon$  (3)

$M[E', \$] : E' \rightarrow \epsilon$  (3)

(Due to Follow(E'))

$T' \rightarrow \epsilon : \epsilon \text{ in } \text{First}(\epsilon)$

$M[T', +] : T' \rightarrow \epsilon$  (3)

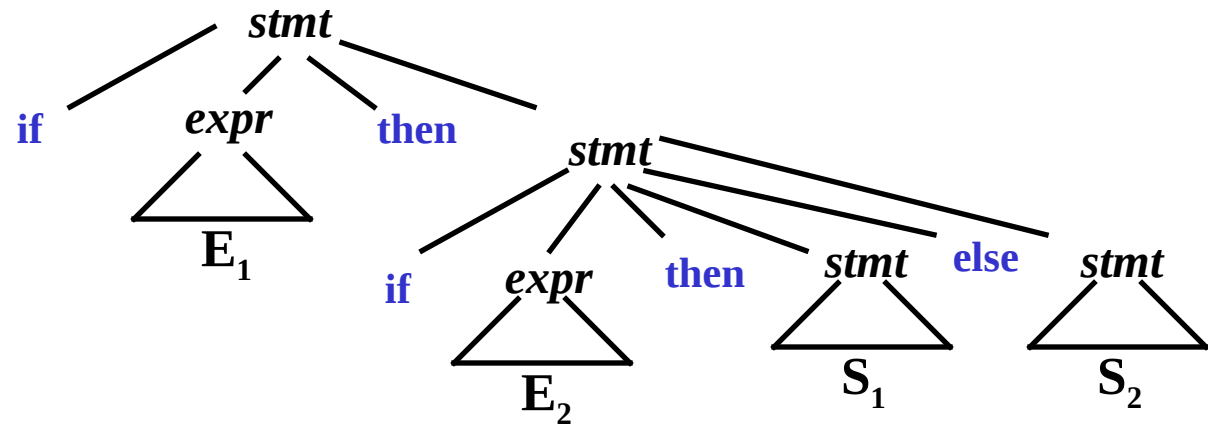
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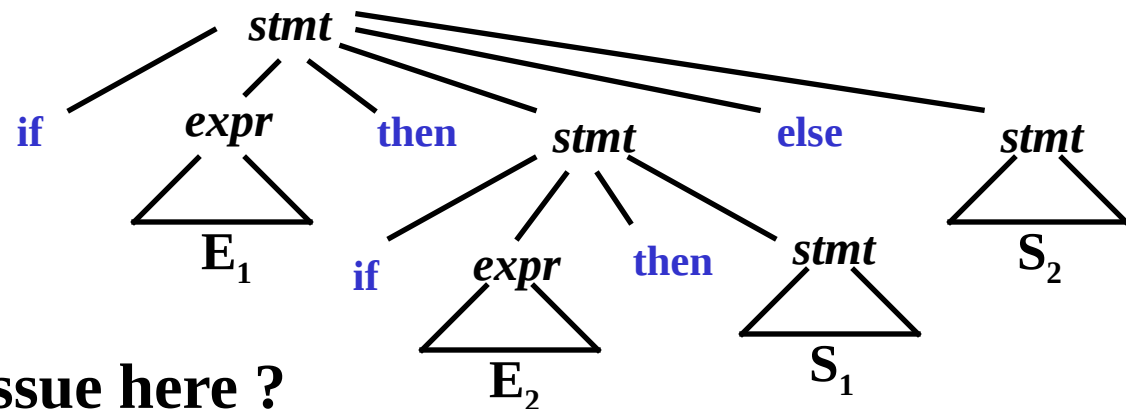
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# Parse Trees for Example

**Form 1:**



**Form 2:**



**What's the issue here ?**



# Removing Ambiguity

Take Original Grammar:

$$\begin{aligned} stmt &\rightarrow \text{if } expr \text{ then } stmt \\ &\quad | \text{ if } expr \text{ then } stmt \text{ else } stmt \\ &\quad | \text{ other (any other statement)} \end{aligned}$$

Or to write more simply:

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow i E t S \\ &\quad | i E t S e S \\ &\quad | s \\ E &\rightarrow a \end{aligned}$$

The problem string: **i a t i a t s e s**

Revise to remove ambiguity:

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow i E t S \\ &\quad | i E t S e S \\ &\quad | s \\ E &\rightarrow a \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow M | U \\ M &\rightarrow i E t M e M | s \\ U &\rightarrow i E t S | i E t M e U \\ E &\rightarrow a \end{aligned}$$

Try the above on **i a t i a t s e s**

*stmt*  $\rightarrow$  *matched\_stmt* | *unmatched\_stmt*

*matched\_stmt*  $\rightarrow$  **if** *expr* **then** *matched\_stmt* **else** *matched\_stmt* | **other**

*unmatched\_stmt*  $\rightarrow$  **if** *expr* **then** *stmt*

| **if** *expr* **then** *matched\_stmt* **else** *unmatched\_stmt* 26

# Error Processing

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## Syntax Error Identification / Handling

Recall typical error types:

**Lexical : Misspellings**

**Syntactic : Omission, wrong order of tokens**

**Semantic : Incompatible types**

**Logical : Infinite loop / recursive call**

Majority of error processing occurs during syntax analysis

**NOTE: Not all errors are identifiable !! Which ones?**

# Error Processing

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- **Detecting errors**
- **Finding position at which they occur**
- **Clear / accurate presentation**
- **Recover (pass over) to continue and find later errors**
- **Don't impact compilation of “correct” programs**

# Error Recovery Strategies

**Panic Mode– Discard tokens until a “synchronizing” token is found ( end, “;”, “}”, etc. )**

- Decision of designer

- Problems:

  - skip input  $\Rightarrow$  miss declaration – causing more errors

  - $\Rightarrow$  miss errors in skipped material

- Advantages:

  - simple  $\Rightarrow$  suited to 1 error per statement

**Phrase Level – Local correction on input**

- “,”  $\Rightarrow$  “;” – Delete “,” – insert “;”

- Also decision of designer

- Not suited to all situations

- Used in conjunction with panic mode to allow less input to be skipped

# Error Recovery Strategies – (2)

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## Error Productions:

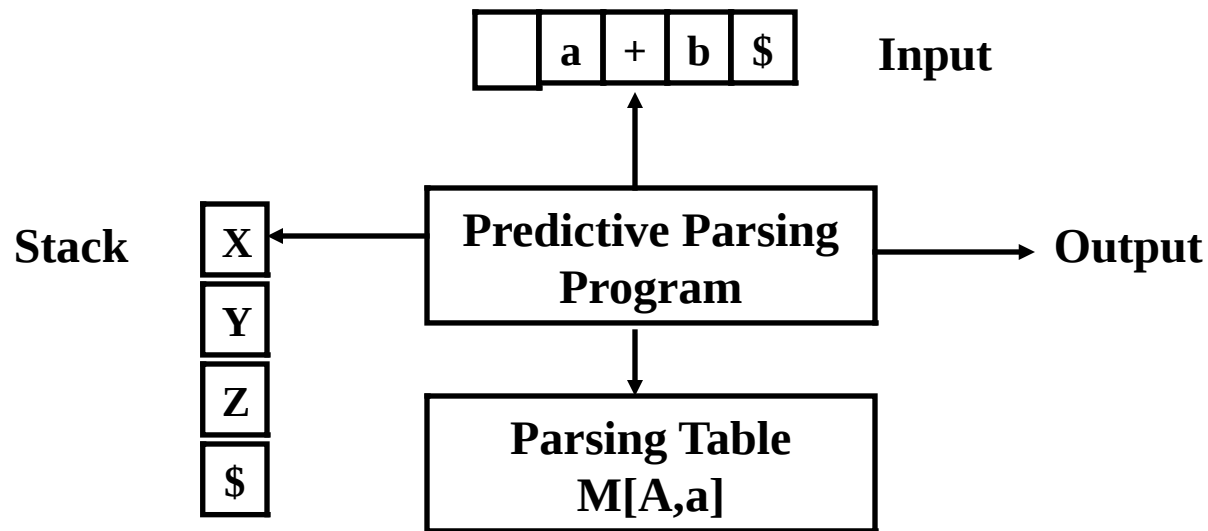
- Augment grammar with rules
- Augment grammar used for parser construction / generation
- example: add a rule for  
    := in C assignment statements  
    Report error but continue compile
- Self correction + diagnostic messages

## Global Correction:

- Adding / deleting / replacing symbols is  
    chancy – may do many changes !
- Algorithms available to minimize changes  
    costly - key issues

# Error Recovery

**When Do Errors Occur? Recall Predictive Parser Function:**



1. If  $X$  is a terminal and it doesn't match input.
2. If  $M[X, \text{Input}]$  is empty – No allowable actions

**Consider two recovery techniques:**

- A. Panic Mode
- B. Phrase-level Recovery

# Panic-Mode Recovery

- Assume a non-terminal on the top of the stack.
- Idea: skip symbols on the input until a token in a selected set of *synchronizing* tokens is found.
- The choice for a synchronizing set is important.
  - some ideas:
  - define the synchronizing set of A to be FOLLOW(A). then skip input until a token in FOLLOW(A) appears and then pop A from the stack. Resume parsing...
  - add symbols of FIRST(A) into synchronizing set. In this case we skip input and once we find a token in FIRST(A) we resume parsing from A.
  - Productions that lead to  $\epsilon$  if available might be used.
- If a terminal appears on top of the stack and does not match to the input == pop it and and continue parsing (issuing an error message saying that the terminal was inserted).



# Panic Mode Recovery, II

**General Approach: Modify the empty cells of the Parsing Table.**

1. if  $M[A,a] = \{\text{empty}\}$  and  $a$  belongs to  $\text{Follow}(A)$  then we set  $M[A,a] = \text{"synch"}$

**Error-recovery Strategy :**

**If  $A = \text{top-of-the-stack}$  and  $a = \text{current-input}$ ,**

1. If  $A$  is NT and  $M[A,a] = \{\text{empty}\}$  then skip  $a$  from the input.
2. If  $A$  is NT and  $M[A,a] = \{\text{synch}\}$  then pop  $A$ .
3. If  $A$  is a terminal and  $A \neq a$  then pop token (essentially inserting it).

# Revised Parsing Table / Example

Non-terminal	INPUT SYMBOL					
	id	+	*	(	)	\$
E	$E \rightarrow TE'$	_____	_____	$E \rightarrow TE'$	_____	_____
E'	_____	$E' \rightarrow +TE'$	_____	_____	$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$
T	$T \rightarrow FT'$	_____	_____	$T \rightarrow FT'$	_____	_____
T'	_____	$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$T' \rightarrow *FT'$	_____	$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$
F	$F \rightarrow id$	_____	_____	$F \rightarrow (E)$	_____	_____

From Follow sets. Pop  
top of stack NT

“synch” action

Skip input symbol

# Revised Parsing Table / Example(2)

STACK	INPUT	Remark
\$E	+ id * + id\$	error, skip +
\$E	id * + id\$	
\$E'T	id * + id\$	
\$E'T'F	id * + id\$	
\$E'T'id	id * + id\$	
\$E'T'	* + id\$	
\$E'T'F*	* + id\$	
\$E'T'F	+ id\$	error, M[F,+] = synch
\$E'T'	+ id\$	F has been popped
\$E'	+ id\$	
\$E'T+	+ id\$	
\$E'T	id\$	
\$E'T'F	id\$	
\$E'T'id	id\$	
\$E'T'	\$	
\$E'	\$	
\$	\$	

Possible  
Error Msg:  
"Misplaced +  
I am skipping it"

Possible  
Error Msg:  
"Missing Term"

# Writing Error Messages

- Keep input counter(s)
- Recall: every non-terminal symbolizes an abstract language construct.
- Examples of Error-messages for our usual grammar
  - $E = \text{means expression.}$ 
    - top-of-stack is  $E$ , input is  $+$   
“Error at location  $i$ , expressions cannot start with a ‘+’” or  
“error at location  $i$ , invalid expression”
    - Similarly for  $E, *$
  - $E' = \text{expression ending.}$ 
    - Top-of-stack is  $E'$ , input is  $*$  or  $\text{id}$   
“Error: expression starting at  $j$  is badly formed at location  $i$ ”
    - Requires: every time you pop an ‘ $E$ ’ remember the location

# Writing Error-Messages, II

- Messages for Synch Errors.
  - Top-of-stack is F input is +
    - “error at location i, expected summation/multiplication term missing”
  - Top-of-stack is E input is )
    - “error at location i, expected expression missing”

# Writing Error Messages, III

- When the top-of-the stack is a terminal that does not match...
  - E.g. top-of-stack is id and the input is +
    - “error at location i: identifier expected”
  - Top-of-stack is ) and the input is terminal other than )
    - Every time you match an ‘(
      - push the location of ‘(’ to a “left parenthesis” stack.
      - this can also be done with the symbol stack.
    - When the mismatch is discovered look at the left parenthesis stack to recover the location of the parenthesis.
    - “error at location i: left parenthesis at location m has no closing right parenthesis”
      - E.g. consider ( id \* + (id id) \$

# Incorporating Error-Messages to the Table

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- Empty parsing table entries can now fill with the appropriate error-reporting techniques.

# Phrase-Level Recovery

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- Fill in blanks entries of parsing table with error handling routines that do not only report errors but may also:
  - change/ insert / delete / symbols into the stack and / or input stream
  - + issue error message
- Problems:
  - Modifying stack has to be done with care, so as to not create possibility of derivations that aren't in language
  - infinite loops must be avoided
- Essentially extends panic mode to have more complete error handling



# How Would You Implement TD Parser

- Stack – Easy to handle. Write ADT to manipulate its contents
- Input Stream – Responsibility of lexical analyzer
- Key Issue – How is parsing table implemented ?

One approach: Assign unique IDs

Non-terminal	INPUT SYMBOL					
	id	+	*	(	)	\$
E	$E \rightarrow TE'$			$E \rightarrow TE'$	synch	synch
E'		$E' \rightarrow +TE'$			$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$
T	<u><math>T \rightarrow FT'</math></u>	synch		$T \rightarrow FT'$	synch	synch
T'		$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$T' \rightarrow *FT'$		$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$
F	<u><math>F \rightarrow id</math></u>	synch	synch	$F \rightarrow (E)$	synch	synch

All rules have unique IDs

Ditto for synch actions

Also for blanks which handle errors

# Revised Parsing Table:

Non-terminal	INPUT SYMBOL					
	id	+	*	(	)	\$
E	1	18	19	1	9	10
E'	20	2	21	22	3	3
T	4	11	23	4	12	13
T'	24	6	5	25	6	6
F	8	14	15	7	16	17

1  $E \rightarrow TE'$

2  $E' \rightarrow +TE'$

3  $E' \rightarrow \epsilon$

4  $T \rightarrow FT'$

5  $T' \rightarrow *FT'$

6  $T' \rightarrow \epsilon$

7  $F \rightarrow (E)$

8  $F \rightarrow id$

9 – 17 :

Sync  
Actions

18 – 25 :

Error  
Handlers

# Resolving Grammar Problems

**Note:** Not all aspects of a programming language can be represented by context free grammars / languages.

## Examples:

1. Declaring ID before its use
2. Valid typing within expressions
3. Parameters in definition vs. in call

These features are called **context-sensitive** and define yet another language class, **CSL**.



# Context-Sensitive Languages - Examples

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## Examples:

$L_1 = \{ w c w \mid w \text{ is in } (a \mid b)^* \}$  : **Declare before use**

$L_2 = \{ a^n b^m c^n d^m \mid n \geq 1, m \geq 1 \}$

$a^n b^m$  : **formal parameter**

$c^n d^m$  : **actual parameter**

# How do you show a Language is a CFL?

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$$L_3 = \{ w c w^R \mid w \text{ is in } (a \mid b)^* \}$$

$$L_4 = \{ a^n b^m c^m d^n \mid n \geq 1, m \geq 1 \}$$

$$L_5 = \{ a^n b^n c^m d^m \mid n \geq 1, m \geq 1 \}$$

$$L_6 = \{ a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1 \}$$

# Solutions

$$L_3 = \{ w c w^R \mid w \text{ is in } (a \mid b)^* \}$$

$$S \rightarrow a S a \mid b S b \mid c$$

$$L_4 = \{ a^n b^m c^m d^n \mid n \geq 1, m \geq 1 \}$$

$$S \rightarrow a S d \mid a A d$$

$$A \rightarrow b A c \mid bc$$

$$L_5 = \{ a^n b^n c^m d^m \mid n \geq 1, m \geq 1 \}$$

$$S \rightarrow XY$$

$$X \rightarrow a X b \mid ab$$

$$Y \rightarrow c Y d \mid cd$$

$$L_6 = \{ a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1 \}$$