Language Processing Systems

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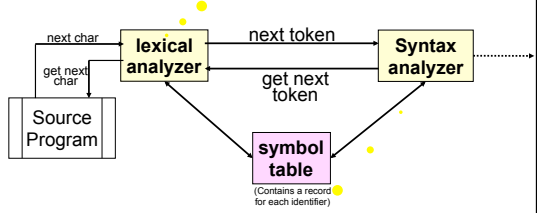
Syntax Analysis (Parsing)

1. Uses Regular Expressions to define tokens
2. Uses Finite Automata to recognize tokens



Uses Top-down parsing or Bottom-up parsing
To construct a Parse tree

Parsing

- Top Down Parsing
  - Predictive Parsing
    - LL(k) Parsing
    - Left Recursion
    - Left Factoring
- Bottom Up Parsing
  - Shift-reduce Parsing
    - LR(k) Parsing

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Top-down parsers: starts constructing the parse tree at the top (root) of the tree and move down towards the leaves.
Easy to implement by hand, but work with restricted grammars.
Example: predictive parsers

A Predictive Parser

How it works?

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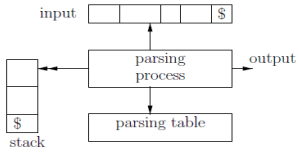
2. Apply the predictive parsing algorithm to construct the parse tree



A Predictive Parser

1. Construct the *parsing table* from the given grammar

The following algorithm shows how we can construct the *parsing table*:

Input: a grammar G

Output: the corresponding parsing table M

Method: For each production A → α of the grammar do the following steps:

1. For each terminal a in FIRST(α), add A → α to M[A,a].
2. If λ in FIRST(α), add A → α to M[A,b] for each terminal b in FOLLOW(A).
3. If λ FIRST(α) and $ in FOLLOW(A), add A → α to M[A,$]

A Predictive Parser

2. Apply the predictive parsing algorithm to construct the parse tree

The following algorithm shows how we can construct the move parsing table for an input string w$ with respect to a given grammar G.

```
set ip to point to the first symbol of the input string w$
repeat
    if Top(stack) is a terminal or $ then
        if Top(stack) = Current-Input(ip) then
            Pop(stack) and advance ip
        else null
    else
        if M[X,a]= X→ Y1Y2 …Yk then
        begin
            Pop(stack);
            Push Y1; Y2;… ; Yk onto the stack, with Y1 on top;
            Output the production X→ Y1Y2 …Yk
        end
    else null
until Top(stack) = $ (i.e. the stack become empty)
```

A Predictive Parser

2. Apply the predictive parsing algorithm to construct the parse tree

Example

Grammar:

E → TE'
E' → +TE' | λ
T → FT'
T' → *FT' | λ
F → (E) | id

Parsing Table:

NON-TERMINAL	INPUT SYMBOL					
	id	+	*	(	)	$
E	E → TE'			E → TE'		
E'		E' → +TE'			E' → λ	E' → λ
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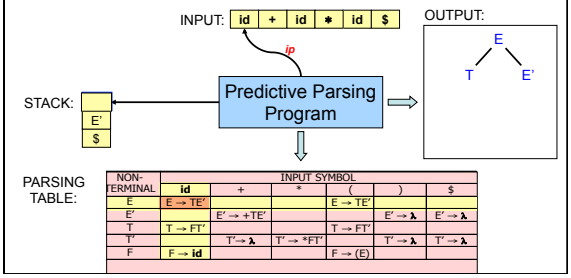

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E | E → TE' | | | E → TE' | | |
E' | | E' → +TE' | | | E' → λ | E' → λ |
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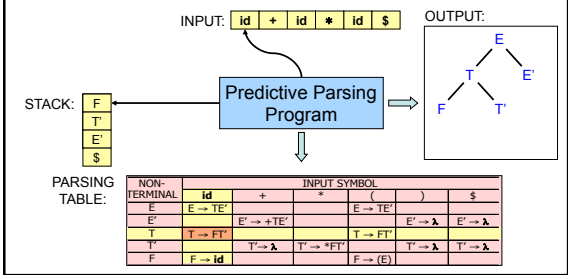

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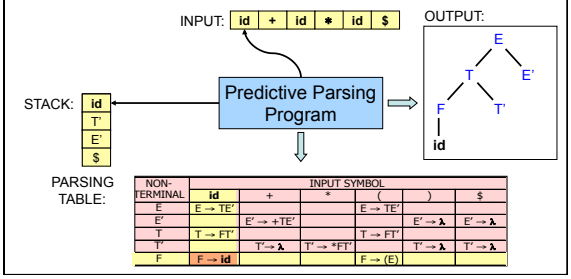

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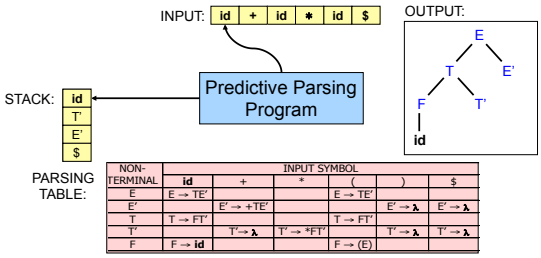
A Predictive Parser

Action when Top(Stack) = input ≠ $: Pop stack, advance input.



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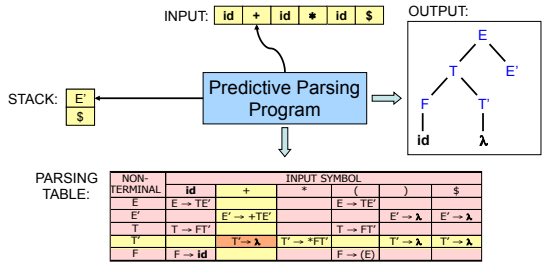

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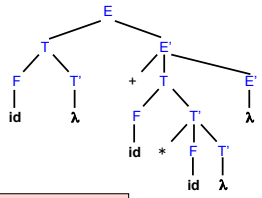
A Predictive Parser

The predictive parser proceeds in this fashion emiting the following productions:

E' → +TE'
T → FT'
F → **id**
T' → * FT'
F → **id**
T' → λ
E' → λ



When Top(Stack) = input = $ the parser halts and accepts the input string.

LL(*k*) Parser

This parser parses **from left to right**, and does a **leftmost-derivation**. It looks up **1 symbol ahead** to choose its next action. Therefore, it is known as a **LL(1)** parser.

An **LL(k)** parser looks **k symbols ahead** to decide its action.

LL(1) A grammar whose parsing table has no multiply-defined entries

LL(1) grammars enjoys several nice properties: for example they are not ambiguous and not left recursive.

LL(1) A grammar whose parsing table has no multiply-defined entries

Example 1 The grammar

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F → (E) | **id**

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Is **LL(1)** grammar

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Example 2 The grammar

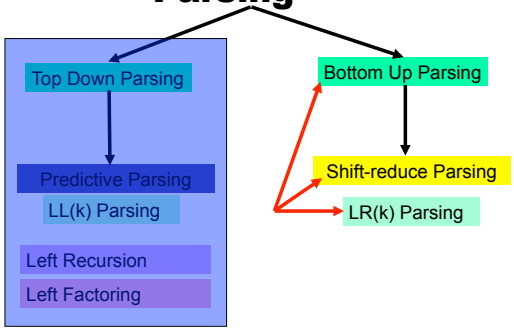
S → iEtSS`| a
S' → eS | λ
E → Fb

Whose PARSINGTABLE:

NON-TERMINAL	INPUT SYMBOL					
	a	b	e	i	t	$
S	S→ a			S → iEtSS'		
S'			S' → λ S' →eS			S' → λ
E		E →b				

Is NOT **LL(1)** grammar

Parsing



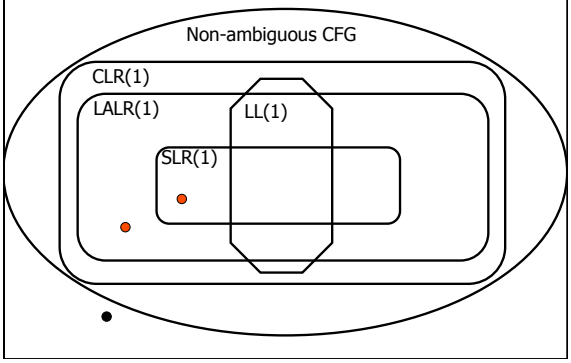
Bottom-Up Parsers

Bottom-up parsers: build the nodes on the bottom of the parse tree first. Suitable for automatic parser generation, handle a larger class of grammars.
Examples: shift-reduce parser (or LR(*k*) parsers)

Bottom-up Parsing

- No problem with left-recursion
- Widely used in practice
- LR(1), SLR(1), LALR(1)

Grammar Hierarchy



Bottom-up Parsing

- Works from tokens to start-symbol
- Repeat:
  - identify handle - reducible sequence:
    - non-terminal is not constructed but
    - all its children have been constructed
  - reduce - construct non-terminal and update stack
- Until reducing to start-symbol

Bottom-up Parsing

1 + (2) + (3)
E + (2) + (3)
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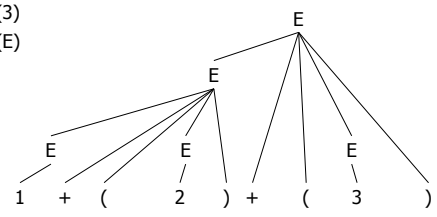
E

E → E + (E)
E → i i = 0,1, 2, …, 9



Bottom-up Parsing

- Is the following grammar LL(1) ?

E → E + (E)
E → i

- NO

1 + (2)
1 + (2) + (3)

- But this is a useful grammar

Bottom-Up Parser

A bottom-up parser, or a shift-reduce parser, begins at the leaves and works up to the top of the tree.

The reduction steps trace a rightmost derivation on reverse.

Consider the Grammar:

S → aABe
A → Abc | b
B → d

We want to parse the input string abbcde.

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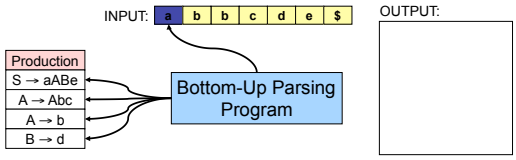

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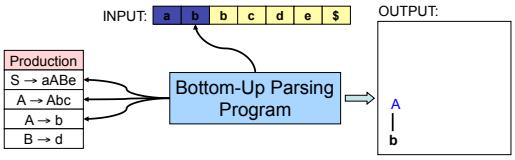

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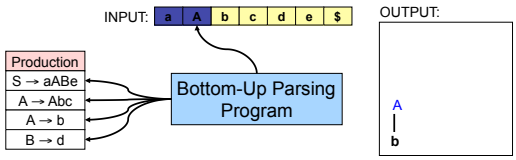

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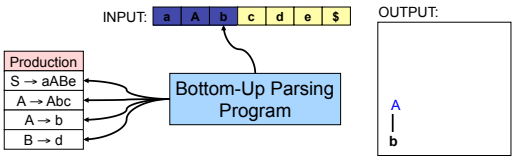

We are not reducing here in this example.
A parser would reduce, get stuck and then backtrack!

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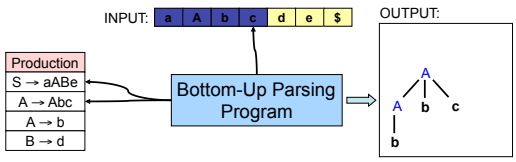

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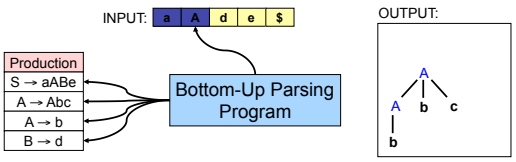

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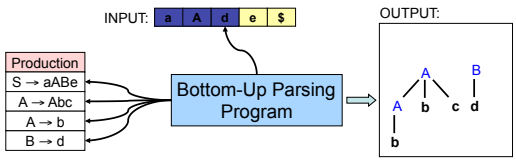

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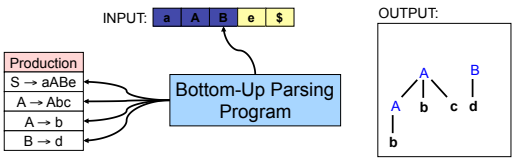

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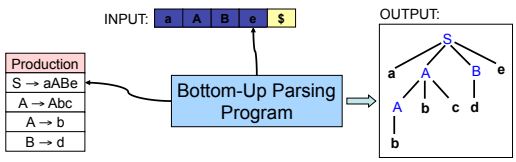

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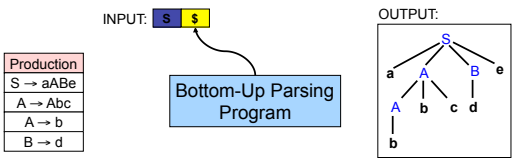

This parser is known as an LR Parser because it scans the input from Left to right, and it constructs a Rightmost derivation in reverse order.

Bottom-Up Parser Example

The scanning of productions for matching with handles in the input string, and backtracking makes the method used in the previous example very inefficient.

Can we do better?

See next lecture