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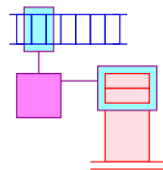
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Chapter 2: Basics of Pushdown Automata

Basics of Pushdown Automata

Languages, specified by context free grammars are accepted by **Pushdown Automata**:



The pushdown is used e.g. to verify correct nesting of braces.

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Conventions:

- We do **not** differentiate between pushdown symbols and states
- The rightmost / upper pushdown symbol represents the state
- Every transition consumes / modifies the upper part of the pushdown

Pushdown Automata



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We define **computations** of pushdown automata with the help of transitions; a particular **computation state** (the current **configuration**) is a pair:

$$(\gamma, w) \in Q^* \times T^*$$

consisting of the **pushdown content** and the **remaining input**.

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- The relation \vdash depends of the pushdown automaton M
- The reflexive and transitive closure of \vdash is called \vdash^*
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We accept with a final state together with empty input.

Deterministic Pushdown Automaton

Definition:

The pushdown automaton M is **deterministic**, if every configuration has maximally one successor configuration.

This is exactly the case if for distinct transitions $(\gamma_1, x, \gamma_2), (\gamma'_1, x', \gamma'_2) \in \delta$ we can assume:
Is γ_1 a suffix of γ'_1 , then $x \neq x' \wedge x \neq \epsilon \neq x'$ is valid.

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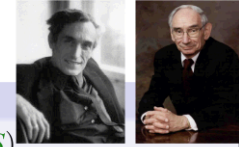
... this obviously holds

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Pushdown Automata

Theorem:

For each context free grammar $G = (N, T, P, S)$ a pushdown automaton M with $\mathcal{L}(G) = \mathcal{L}(M)$ can be built.



The theorem is so important for us, that we take a look at **two** constructions for automata, motivated by both of the special derivations:

- M_G^L to build **Leftmost derivations**
- M_G^R to build **reverse Rightmost derivations**

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Syntactic Analysis

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Item Pushdown Automaton

Construction: Item Pushdown Automaton M_G^L

- Reconstruct a **Leftmost derivation**.
- Expand nonterminals using a rule.
- Verify successively, that the chosen rule matches the input.

⇒ The states are now **Items** (= rules with a **dot**):

$$[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta], \quad A \rightarrow \alpha \beta \in P$$

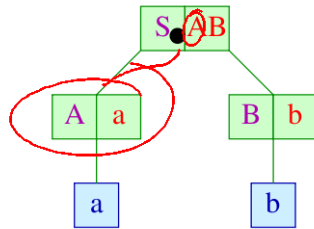
The dot marks the spot, how far the rule is already processed

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Item Pushdown Automaton – Example

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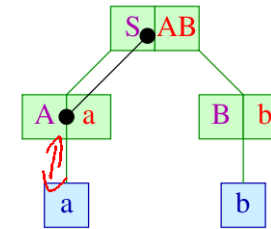


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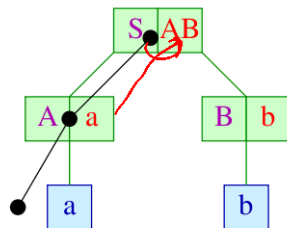


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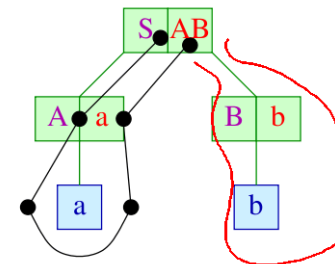


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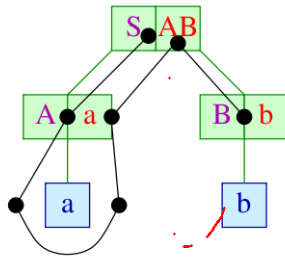


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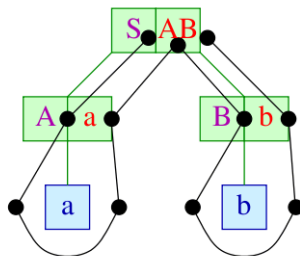
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Discussion:

- The **expansions** of a computation form a **leftmost derivation**
- Unfortunately, the expansions are chosen **nondeterministically**
- For proving correctness of the construction, we show that for every Item $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta]$ the following holds:
$$([A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta], w) \vdash^* ([A \rightarrow \alpha B \bullet \beta], \epsilon) \quad \text{iff} \quad B \xrightarrow{*} w$$
- **LL-Parsing** is based on the item pushdown automaton and tries to make the expansions deterministic ...

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Beispiel: $S \rightarrow \epsilon \mid aSb$

The transitions of the according Item Pushdown Automaton:

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8	$[S' \rightarrow \bullet S] [S \rightarrow \bullet]$	ϵ	$[S' \rightarrow S \bullet]$
9	$[S' \rightarrow \bullet S] [S \rightarrow aSb \bullet]$	ϵ	$[S' \rightarrow S \bullet]$

Conflicts arise between the transitions $(0, 1)$ and $(3, 4)$, resp..

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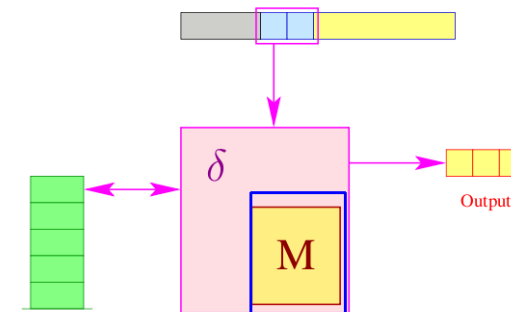
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Idee 3: Recursive Descent & Lookahead

Conflicts are resolved by considering a lookup of the next input symbol.

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Structure of the $LL(1)$ -Parser:



- The parser accesses a frame of length 1 of the input;
- it corresponds to an item pushdown automaton, essentially;
- table $M[q, w]$ contains the rule of choice.

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Definition:

A reduced grammar is called $LL(1)$, if for each two distinct rules $A \rightarrow \alpha$, $A \rightarrow \alpha' \in P$ and each derivation $S \rightarrow_L^* u A \beta$ with $u \in T^*$ the following is valid:

$$\text{Firs}(\alpha \beta) \cap \text{Firs}(\alpha' \beta) = \emptyset$$



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... is not $LL(k)$ for any $k > 0$.

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Lookahead Sets

Definition:

For a set $L \subseteq T^*$ we define:

$$\text{First}_1(L) = \{\epsilon \mid \epsilon \in L\} \cup \{u \in T \mid \exists v \in T^* : uv \in L\}$$

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Arithmetics:

$\text{First}_1(_)$ is compatible with union and concatenation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{First}_1(\emptyset) &= \emptyset \\ \text{First}_1(L_1 \cup L_2) &= \text{First}_1(L_1) \cup \text{First}_1(L_2) \\ \text{First}_1(L_1 \cdot L_2) &= \text{First}_1(\text{First}_1(L_1) \cdot \text{First}_1(L_2)) \\ &:= \text{First}_1(L_1) \odot \text{First}_1(L_2) \end{aligned}$$

1 – concatenation

Observation:

Let $L_1, L_2 \subseteq T \cup \{\epsilon\}$ with $L_1 \neq \emptyset \neq L_2$. Then:

$$L_1 \odot L_2 = \begin{cases} L_1 & \text{if } \epsilon \notin L_1 \\ (L_1 \setminus \{\epsilon\}) \cup L_2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If all rules of G are productive, then all sets $\text{First}_1(A)$ are non-empty.

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We characterize the ϵ -free First_1 -sets with an inequality system:

$$\begin{aligned} F_\epsilon(a) &= \{a\} & \text{if } a \in T \\ F_\epsilon(A) &\supseteq F_\epsilon(X_j) & \text{if } A \rightarrow X_1 \dots X_m \in P, \\ & & \text{empty}(X_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \text{empty}(X_{j-1}) \end{aligned}$$

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Lookahead Sets

for example...

$$\begin{array}{lcl} E & \rightarrow & E + T \quad | \quad T \\ T & \rightarrow & T * F \quad | \quad F \\ F & \rightarrow & (E) \quad | \quad \text{name} \quad | \quad \text{int} \end{array}$$

with $\text{empty}(E) = \text{empty}(T) = \text{empty}(F) = \text{false}$

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