

# Compilers and Formal Languages (5)

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# Coursework 1: Submissions

- Scala (29)
- Haskell (1)
- Kotlin (1)
- Rust (1)

Please get in contact if you intend to do CW Strand 2. No zips please. Give definitions also on paper if asked. BTW, simp can stay unchanged. Use ders for CW2, not ders2!

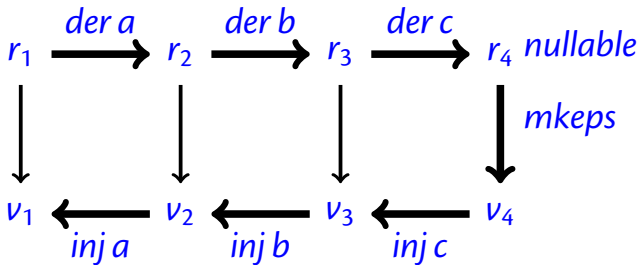
# Last Week

## Regexes and Values

Regular expressions and their corresponding values:

$r ::=$	$0$	$v ::=$	
	$1$		<i>Empty</i>
	$c$		<i>Char</i> ( $c$ )
	$r_1 \cdot r_2$		<i>Seq</i> ( $v_1, v_2$ )
	$r_1 + r_2$		<i>Left</i> ( $v$ )
			<i>Right</i> ( $v$ )
	$r^*$		<i>Stars</i> [ $v_1, \dots, v_n$ ]

$r_1: a \cdot (b \cdot c)$   
 $r_2: 1 \cdot (b \cdot c)$   
 $r_3: (0 \cdot (b \cdot c)) + (1 \cdot c)$   
 $r_4: (0 \cdot (b \cdot c)) + ((0 \cdot c) + 1)$

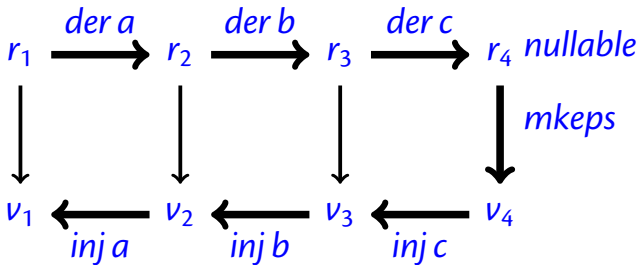


$v_1: \text{Seq}(\text{Char}(a), \text{Seq}(\text{Char}(b), \text{Char}(c)))$   
 $v_2: \text{Seq}(\text{Empty}, \text{Seq}(\text{Char}(b), \text{Char}(c)))$   
 $v_3: \text{Right}(\text{Seq}(\text{Empty}, \text{Char}(c)))$   
 $v_4: \text{Right}(\text{Right}(\text{Empty}))$

$v_1: abc$   
 $v_2: bc$   
 $v_3: c$   
 $v_4: []$

# Simplification

- If we simplify after the derivative, then we are building the value for the simplified regular expression, but *not* for the original regular expression.



$$(b \cdot c) + (\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{1}) \mapsto (b \cdot c) + \mathbf{1}$$

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for extracting subpatterns  $(z : ((x : ab) + (y : ba)))$



# Environments

Obtaining the “recorded” parts of a value:

$env(Empty)$	$\stackrel{def}{=} []$
$env(Char(c))$	$\stackrel{def}{=} []$
$env(Left(v))$	$\stackrel{def}{=} env(v)$
$env(Right(v))$	$\stackrel{def}{=} env(v)$
$env(Seq(v_1, v_2))$	$\stackrel{def}{=} env(v_1) @ env(v_2)$
$env(Stars[v_1, \dots, v_n])$	$\stackrel{def}{=} env(v_1) @ \dots @ env(v_n)$
$env(Rec(x : v))$	$\stackrel{def}{=} (x :  v ) :: env(v)$

# While Tokens

WHILE\_REGS  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} ((\text{"k"} : \text{KEYWORD}) +$   
     $(\text{"i"} : \text{ID}) +$   
     $(\text{"o"} : \text{OP}) +$   
     $(\text{"n"} : \text{NUM}) +$   
     $(\text{"s"} : \text{SEMI}) +$   
     $(\text{"p"} : (\text{LPAREN} + \text{RPAREN})) +$   
     $(\text{"b"} : (\text{BEGIN} + \text{END})) +$   
     $(\text{"w"} : \text{WHITESPACE}))^*$

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# Lexer, Parser



Today a parser.

# What Parsing is Not

Usually parsing does not check semantic correctness, e.g.

- whether a function is not used before it is defined
- whether a function has the correct number of arguments or are of correct type
- whether a variable can be declared twice in a scope

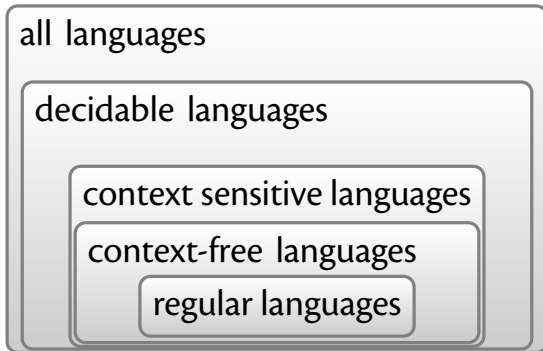
# Regular Languages

While regular expressions are very useful for lexing, there is no regular expression that can recognise the language  $a^n b^n$ .

$((((( ))) ) )$  vs.  $((((( ))) ) )$

So we cannot find out with regular expressions whether parentheses are matched or unmatched. Also regular expressions are not recursive, e.g.  $(1 + 2) + 3$ .

# Hierarchy of Languages





# CF Grammars

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We also allow rules

$$A ::= rhs_1 | rhs_2 | \dots$$

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Can you find the grammar rules for matched parentheses?

# Arithmetic Expressions

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# A CFG Derivation

- 1 Begin with a string containing only the start symbol, say  $S$
- 2 Replace any nonterminal  $X$  in the string by the right-hand side of some production  $X ::= rhs$
- 3 Repeat 2 until there are no nonterminals left

$S \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \dots$



# Example Derivation

$$S ::= \epsilon \mid a \cdot S \cdot a \mid b \cdot S \cdot b$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aSa \\ &\rightarrow abSba \\ &\rightarrow abaSaba \\ &\rightarrow abaaba \end{aligned}$$

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Time flies like an arrow;  
fruit flies like bananas.

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- Terminals, because there are no rules for replacing them.
- Once generated, terminals are “permanent”.
- Terminals ought to be tokens of the language (but can also be strings).



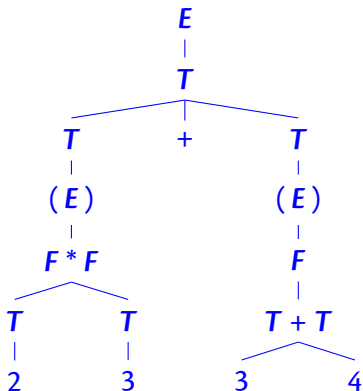
# Parse Trees

$E ::= T \mid T \cdot + \cdot E \mid T \cdot - \cdot E$

$T ::= F \mid F \cdot * \cdot T$

$F ::= \text{num\_token} \mid (\cdot E \cdot)$

$(2*3)+(3+4)$



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A CFG is **left-recursive** if it has a nonterminal  $E$  such that  
 $E \rightarrow^+ E \cdot \dots$

# Ambiguous Grammars

A grammar is **ambiguous** if there is a string that has at least two different parse trees.

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# 'Dangling' Else

Another ambiguous grammar:

$$\begin{array}{l} E \rightarrow \text{if } E \text{ then } E \\ \quad | \text{if } E \text{ then } E \text{ else } E \\ \quad | \dots \end{array}$$

if a then if x then y else c

# Parser Combinators

One of the simplest ways to implement a parser, see <https://vimeo.com/142341803>

Parser combinators:

$\underbrace{\text{list of tokens}}_{\text{input}} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\text{set of (parsed input, unparsed input)}}_{\text{output}}$

- atomic parsers
- sequencing
- alternative
- semantic action

Atomic parsers, for example, number tokens

$$\text{Num}(123) :: \text{rest} \Rightarrow \{(\text{Num}(123), \text{rest})\}$$

- you consume one or more token from the input (stream)
- also works for characters and strings

Alternative parser (code  $p \parallel q$ )

- apply  $p$  and also  $q$ ; then combine the outputs

$$p(\text{input}) \cup q(\text{input})$$



## Sequence parser (code $p \sim q$ )

- apply first  $p$  producing a set of pairs
- then apply  $q$  to the unparsed part
- then combine the results:

$((\text{output}_1, \text{output}_2), \text{unparsed part})$

$$\{((o_1, o_2), u_2) \mid (o_1, u_1) \in p(\text{input}) \wedge (o_2, u_2) \in q(u_1)\}$$

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$f$  is the semantic action (“what to do with the parsed input”)

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## Parenthesis

$$(\sim E \sim) \Rightarrow f((x, y), z) \Rightarrow y$$

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actually it can be any input type as long as it is a kind of sequence (for example a string)

# Scannerless Parsers

- input: `string`
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but using lexers is better because whitespaces or comments can be filtered out; then input is a sequence of tokens

# Successful Parses

- input: string
- output: **set of** (output\_type, string)

a parse is successful whenever the input has been fully “consumed” (that is the second component is empty)

# Abstract Parser Class

```
abstract class Parser[I, T] {  
  def parse(ts: I): Set[(T, I)]  
  
  def parse_all(ts: I) : Set[T] =  
    for ((head, tail) <- parse(ts);  
         if (tail.isEmpty)) yield head  
}
```

```
class AltParser[I, T](p: => Parser[I, T],
                    q: => Parser[I, T])
    extends Parser[I, T] {
  def parse(sb: I) = p.parse(sb) ++ q.parse(sb)
}
```

```
class SeqParser[I, T, S](p: => Parser[I, T],
                       q: => Parser[I, S])
    extends Parser[I, (T, S)] {
  def parse(sb: I) =
    for ((head1, tail1) <- p.parse(sb);
         (head2, tail2) <- q.parse(tail1))
      yield ((head1, head2), tail2)
}
```

```
class FunParser[I, T, S](p: => Parser[I, T], f: T => S)
    extends Parser[I, S] {
  def parse(sb: I) =
    for ((head, tail) <- p.parse(sb))
      yield (f(head), tail)
}
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# Two Grammars

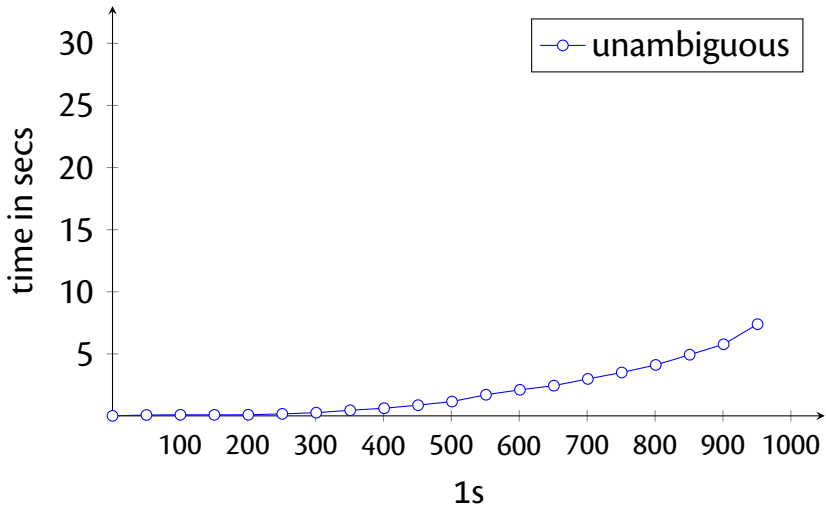
Which languages are recognised by the following two grammars?

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow 1 \cdot S \cdot S \\ \quad | \quad \epsilon \end{array}$$

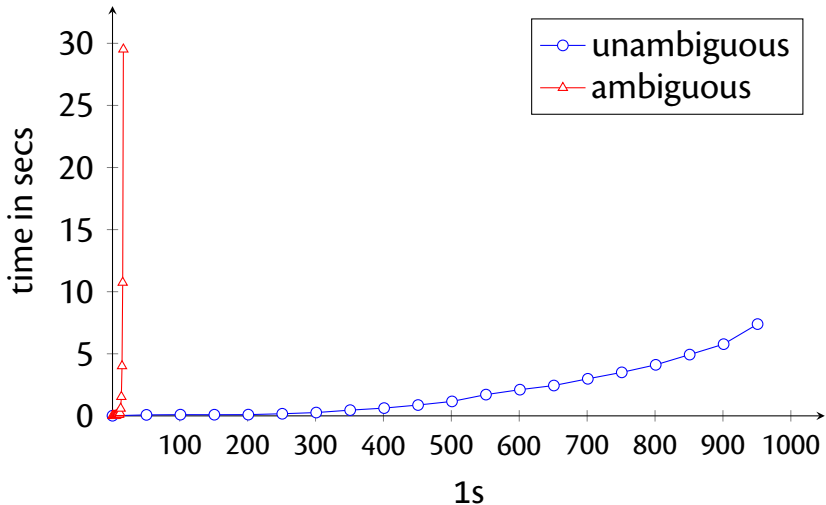
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# While-Language

*Stmt* ::= skip

| *Id* := *AExp*

| if *BExp* then *Block* else *Block*

| while *BExp* do *Block*

*Stmts* ::= *Stmt* ; *Stmts*

| *Stmt*

*Block* ::= { *Stmts* }

| *Stmt*

*AExp* ::= ...

*BExp* ::= ...

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- `eval(stmt, env)`

# Interpreter

$\text{eval}(n, E)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} n$
$\text{eval}(x, E)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E(x) \quad \text{lookup } x \text{ in } E$
$\text{eval}(a_1 + a_2, E)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{eval}(a_1, E) + \text{eval}(a_2, E)$
$\text{eval}(a_1 - a_2, E)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{eval}(a_1, E) - \text{eval}(a_2, E)$
$\text{eval}(a_1 * a_2, E)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{eval}(a_1, E) * \text{eval}(a_2, E)$
$\text{eval}(a_1 = a_2, E)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{eval}(a_1, E) = \text{eval}(a_2, E)$
$\text{eval}(a_1 \neq a_2, E)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg(\text{eval}(a_1, E) = \text{eval}(a_2, E))$
$\text{eval}(a_1 < a_2, E)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{eval}(a_1, E) < \text{eval}(a_2, E)$

# Interpreter (2)

$\text{eval}(\text{skip}, E) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E$

$\text{eval}(x := a, E) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E(x \mapsto \text{eval}(a, E))$

$\text{eval}(\text{if } b \text{ then } cs_1 \text{ else } cs_2, E) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \\ \text{if } \text{eval}(b, E) \text{ then } \text{eval}(cs_1, E) \\ \text{else } \text{eval}(cs_2, E)$

$\text{eval}(\text{while } b \text{ do } cs, E) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \\ \text{if } \text{eval}(b, E) \\ \text{then } \text{eval}(\text{while } b \text{ do } cs, \text{eval}(cs, E)) \\ \text{else } E$

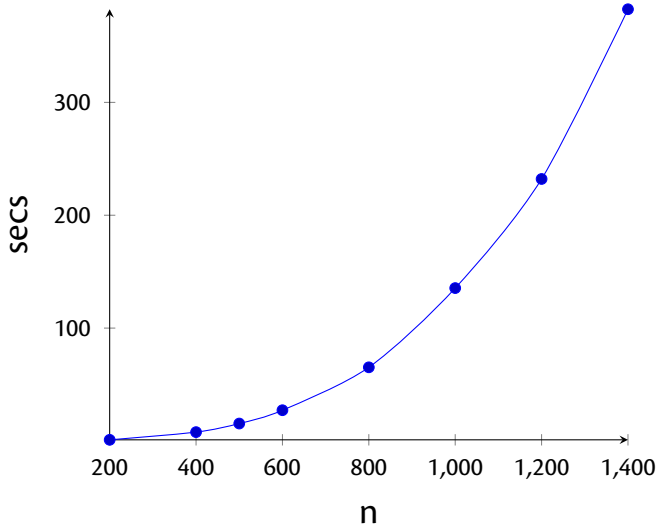
$\text{eval}(\text{write } x, E) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \text{println}(E(x)) ; E \}$

# Test Program

```
start := 1000;
x := start;
y := start;
z := start;
while 0 < x do {
  while 0 < y do {
    while 0 < z do { z := z - 1 };
    z := start;
    y := y - 1
  };
  y := start;
  x := x - 1
}
```



# Interpreted Code



# Java Virtual Machine

- introduced in 1995
- is a stack-based VM (like Postscript, CLR of .Net)
- contains a JIT compiler
- many languages take advantage of JVM's infrastructure (JRE)
- is garbage collected  $\Rightarrow$  no buffer overflows
- some languages compile to the JVM: Scala, Clojure...