

# Automata and Formal Languages (9)

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# While-Language

*Stmt* → skip  
| *Id* := *AExp*  
| if *BExp* then *Block* else *Block*  
| while *BExp* do *Block*  
| write *Id*

*Stmts* → *Stmt* ; *Stmts*  
| *Stmt*

*Block* → {*Stmts*}  
| *Stmt*

*AExp* → ...

*BExp* → ...

# Fibonacci Numbers

```
1  /* Fibonacci Program
2     input: n
3     output: fib_res */
4
5  n := 90;
6  minus1 := 0;
7  minus2 := 1;
8  temp := 0;
9  while n > 0 do {
10     temp := minus2;
11     minus2 := minus1 + minus2;
12     minus1 := temp;
13     n := n - 1
14 };
15 fib_res := minus2;
16 write fib_res
```

# Interpreter

# Interpreting a List of Tokens

The lexer cannot prevent errors like

$\langle b \rangle \dots \langle p \rangle \dots \langle /b \rangle \dots \langle /p \rangle$

or

$\langle /b \rangle \dots \langle b \rangle$

# Parser Combinators

Parser combinators:

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

- sequencing
- alternative
- semantic action

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 parts
- then combine the results:  
((output<sub>1</sub>, output<sub>2</sub>), unparsed part)

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



Function parser (code  $p \implies f$ )

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Token parser:

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then return

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## Parenthesis

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

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

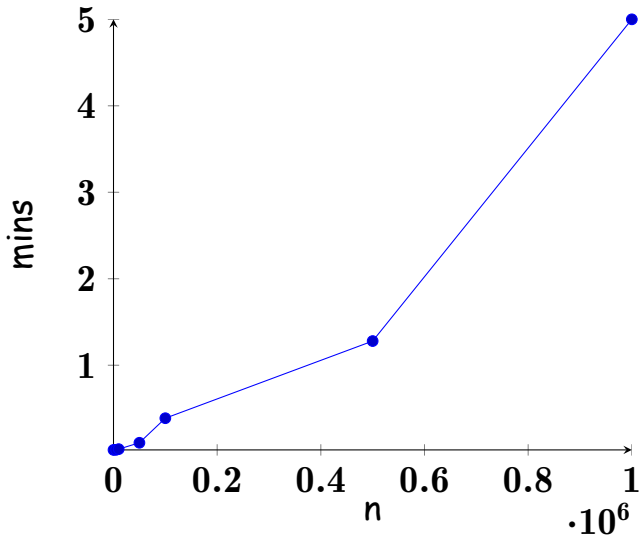
# Scannerless Parsers

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

but lexers are better when whitespaces or comments need to be filtered out



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