

# Compilers and Formal Languages (4)

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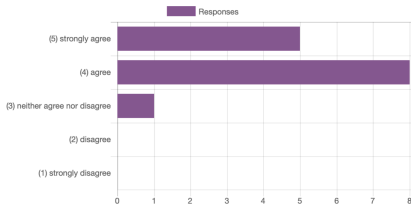
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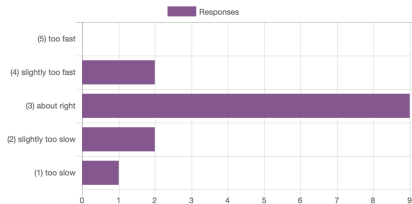


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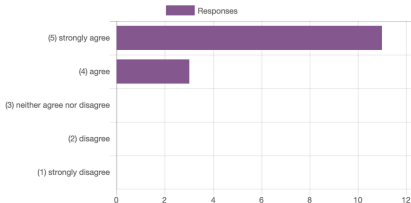
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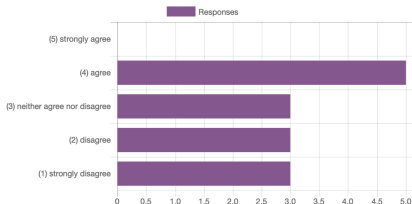


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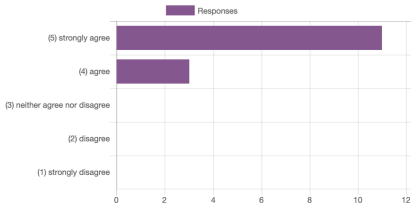
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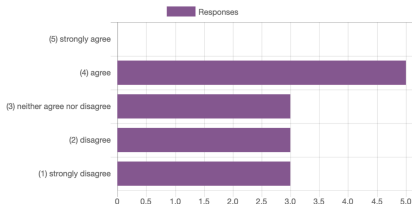


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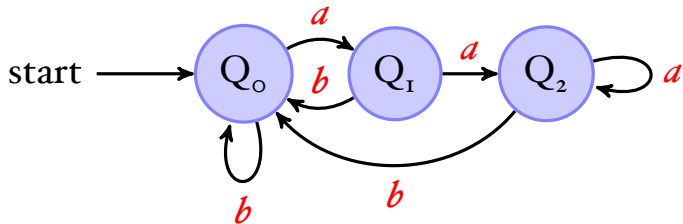
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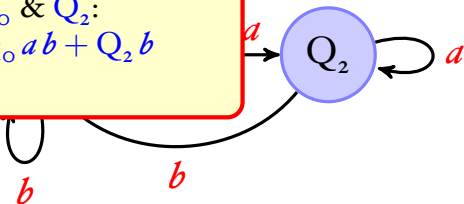
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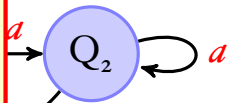
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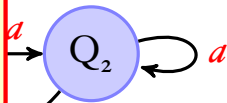
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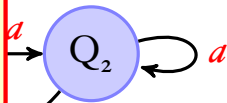
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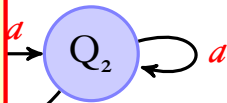
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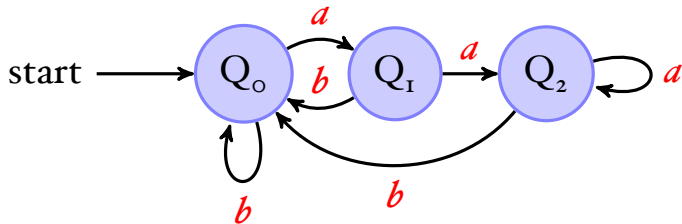
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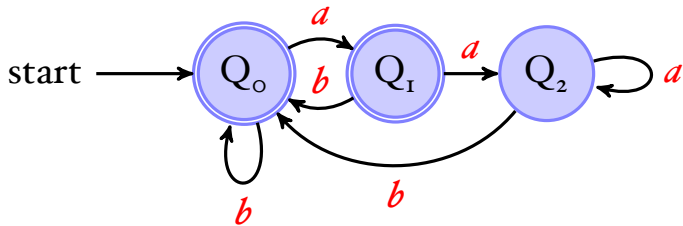
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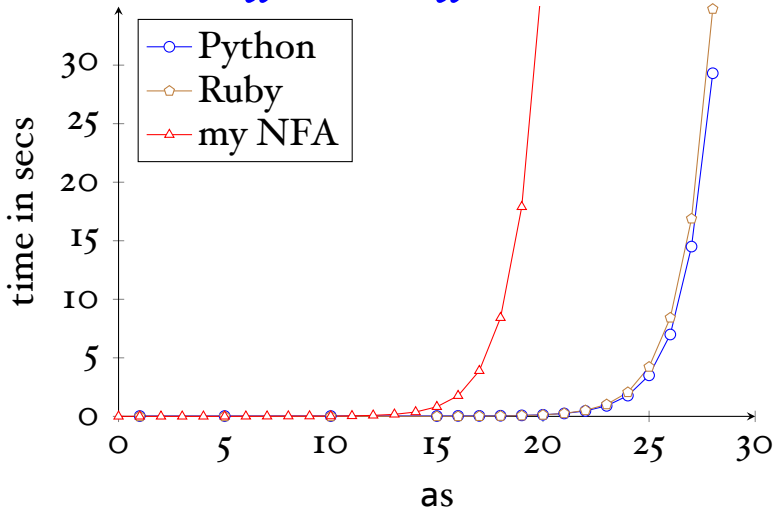
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# Regexps and Automata



$$a^{\{n\}} \cdot a^{\{n\}}$$



The punchline is that many existing libraries do depth-first search in NFAs (backtracking).



# Regular Languages

Two equivalent definitions:

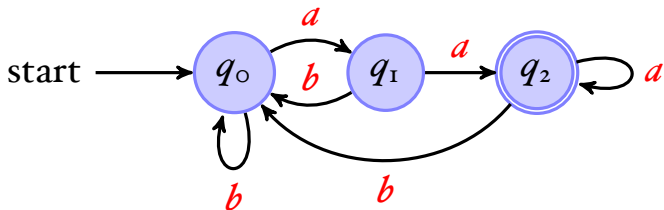
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for example  $a^n b^n$  is not regular

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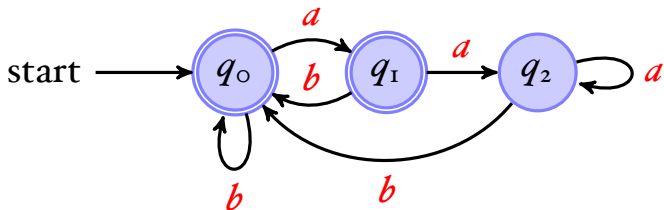
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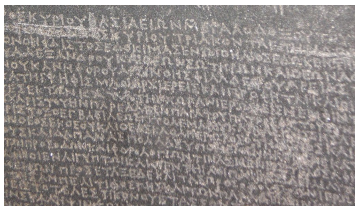
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lexing  $\Rightarrow$  recognising words (Stone of Rosetta)

# Regular Expressions

In programming languages they are often used to recognise:

- symbols, digits
- identifiers
- numbers (non-leading zeros)
- keywords
- comments

<http://www.regexper.com>

# Lexing: Test Case

```
write "Fib";  
read n;  
minus1 := 0;  
minus2 := 1;  
while n > 0 do {  
    temp := minus2;  
    minus2 := minus1 + minus2;  
    minus1 := temp;  
    n := n - 1  
};  
write "Result";  
write minus2
```

”if true then then 42 else +”

KEYWORD:

if, then, else,

WHITESPACE:

” ”, \n,

IDENTIFIER:

LETTER · (LETTER + DIGIT + \_)\*

NUM:

(NONZERODIGIT · DIGIT\*) + 0

OP:

+, -, \*, %, <, <=

COMMENT:

/\* · ~ (ALL\* · (\* / ) · ALL\*) · \*/



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There is one small problem with the tokenizer.  
How should we tokenize...?

”x-3”

ID: ...

OP:

”+”, ”-”

NUM:

(NONZERODIGIT · DIGIT\*) + ”0”

NUMBER:

NUM + (”-” · NUM)

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Or, keywords are `if` and identifiers are letters followed by “letters + numbers + `_`”\*

*if*     *iffoo*

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traditional lexers are fast, but hairy

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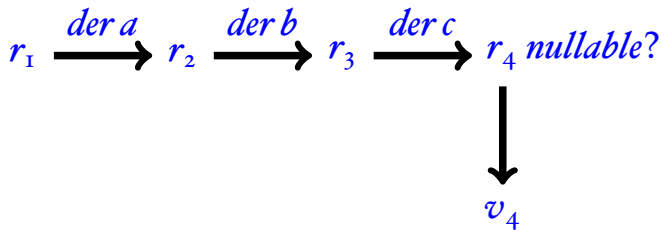
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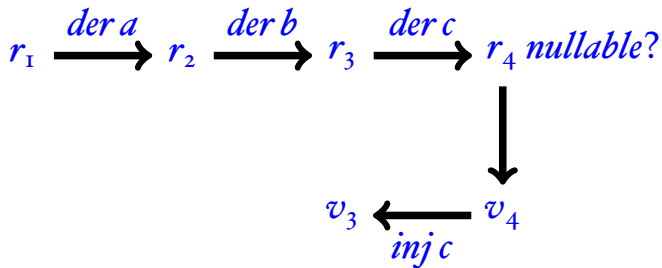
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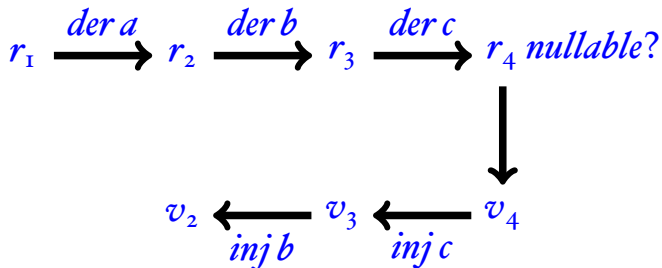
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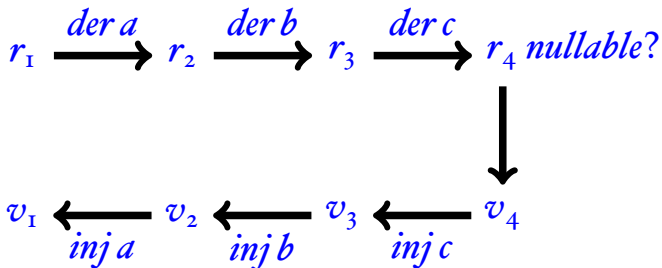
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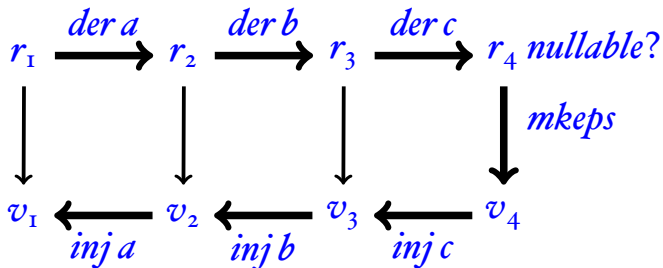
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# Regexes and Values

Regular expressions and their corresponding values:

$r ::=$	<b><math>\emptyset</math></b>	$v ::=$	<i>Empty</i>
	<b><math>\mathbf{I}</math></b>		<i>Char</i> ( $c$ )
	$c$		<i>Seq</i> ( $v_1, v_2$ )
	$r_1 \cdot r_2$		<i>Left</i> ( $v$ )
	$r_1 + r_2$		<i>Right</i> ( $v$ )
	$r^*$		<i>Stars</i> []
			<i>Stars</i> [ $v_1, \dots, v_n$ ]

```
abstract class Rexp
case object ZERO extends Rexp
case object ONE extends Rexp
case class CHAR(c: Char) extends Rexp
case class ALT(r1: Rexp, r2: Rexp) extends Rexp
case class SEQ(r1: Rexp, r2: Rexp) extends Rexp
case class STAR(r: Rexp) extends Rexp
```

```
abstract class Val
case object Empty extends Val
case class Chr(c: Char) extends Val
case class Sequ(v1: Val, v2: Val) extends Val
case class Left(v: Val) extends Val
case class Right(v: Val) extends Val
case class Stars(vs: List[Val]) extends Val
```

# Mkeps

Finding a (posix) value for recognising the empty string:

$$mkeps(\mathbf{I}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \textit{Empty}$$

$$mkeps(r_1 + r_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{array}{l} \textit{if nullable}(r_1) \\ \textit{then Left}(mkeps(r_1)) \\ \textit{else Right}(mkeps(r_2)) \end{array}$$

$$mkeps(r_1 \cdot r_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \textit{Seq}(mkeps(r_1), mkeps(r_2))$$

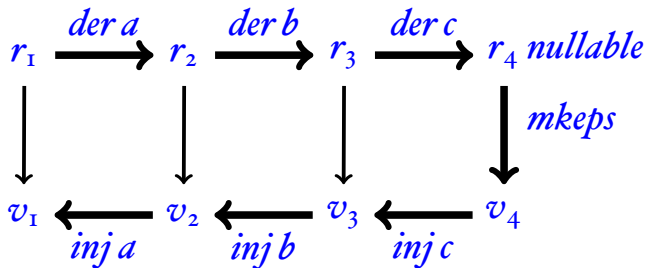
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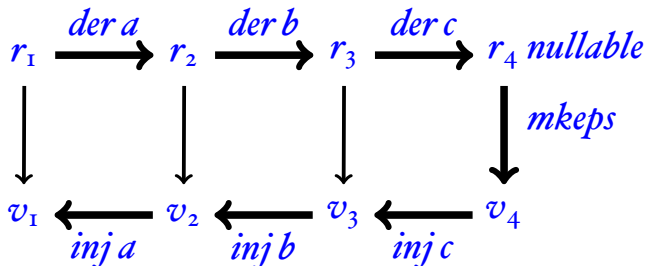
Injecting (“Adding”) a character to a value

$$\begin{aligned} \text{inj } (c) \ c \ (Empty) & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Char } c \\ \text{inj } (r_1 + r_2) \ c \ (Left(v)) & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Left}(\text{inj } r_1 \ c \ v) \\ \text{inj } (r_1 + r_2) \ c \ (Right(v)) & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Right}(\text{inj } r_2 \ c \ v) \\ \text{inj } (r_1 \cdot r_2) \ c \ (Seq(v_1, v_2)) & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Seq}(\text{inj } r_1 \ c \ v_1, v_2) \\ \text{inj } (r_1 \cdot r_2) \ c \ (Left(Seq(v_1, v_2))) & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Seq}(\text{inj } r_1 \ c \ v_1, v_2) \\ \text{inj } (r_1 \cdot r_2) \ c \ (Right(v)) & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Seq}(mkeps(r_1), \text{inj } r_2 \ c \ v) \\ \text{inj } (r^*) \ c \ (Seq(v, Stars \ v_s)) & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Stars}(\text{inj } r \ c \ v \ :: \ v_s) \end{aligned}$$

*inj*: 1st arg  $\mapsto$  a rexp; 2nd arg  $\mapsto$  a character; 3rd arg  $\mapsto$  a value



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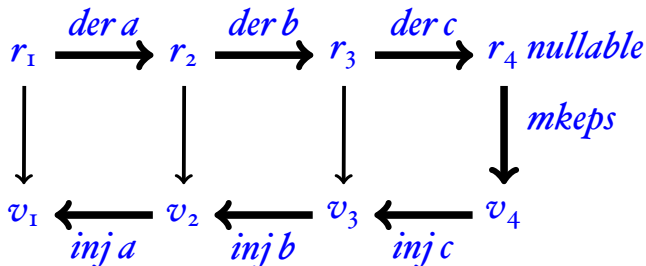
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# Flatten

Obtaining the string underlying a value:

$ Empty $	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	$[]$
$ Char(c) $	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	$[c]$
$ Left(v) $	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	$ v $
$ Right(v) $	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	$ v $
$ Seq(v_1, v_2) $	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	$ v_1  @  v_2 $
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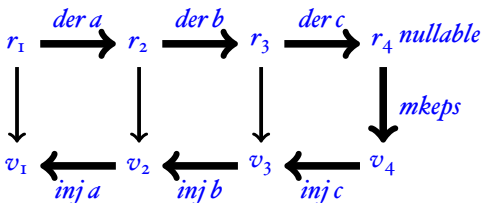
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# Lexing

$lex\ r\ [] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{if } nullable(r) \text{ then } mkeps(r) \text{ else } error$

$lex\ r\ c :: s \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} inj\ r\ c\ lex(der(c, r), s)$

*lex*: returns a value



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

- A regular expression for email addresses

(name:  $[a-z0-9_.-]^+$ ).@.  
(domain:  $[a-z0-9.-]^+$ ) ..  
(top\_level:  $[a-z.]{2,6}$ )

christian.urban@kcl.ac.uk

- the result environment:

$[(name : christian.urban),$   
 $(domain : kcl),$   
 $(top\_level : ac.uk)]$

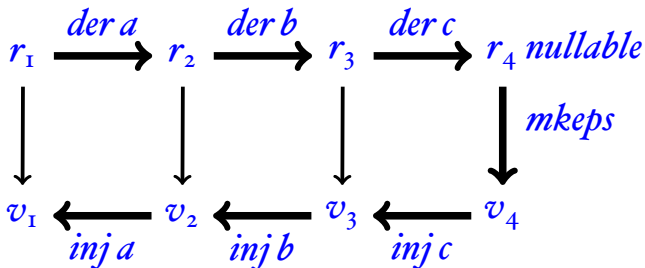
# While Tokens

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



# 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.



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

Normally we would have

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

and answer how this regular expression matches the empty string with the value

$$\mathit{Right}(\mathit{Right}(\mathit{Empty}))$$

But now we simplify this to  $\mathbf{1}$  and would produce *Empty* (see *mkeps*).

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functions:

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$$\mathbf{I} \cdot r \mapsto r \quad \lambda f_1 f_2 v. \text{Seq}(f_1 \text{Empty}, f_2 v)$$

$$r + \mathbf{0} \mapsto r \quad \lambda f_1 f_2 v. \text{Left}(f_1 v)$$

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old *simp* returns a rexp;  
new *simp* returns a rexp and a rectification function.

# Rectification

$simp(r)$ :

case  $r = r_1 + r_2$

let  $(r_{1s}, f_{1s}) = simp(r_1)$

$(r_{2s}, f_{2s}) = simp(r_2)$

case  $r_{1s} = \mathbf{0}$ : return  $(r_{2s}, \lambda v. Right(f_{2s}(v)))$

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case  $r_{1s} = r_{2s}$ : return  $(r_{1s}, \lambda v. Left(f_{1s}(v)))$

otherwise: return  $(r_{1s} + r_{2s}, f_{alt}(f_{1s}, f_{2s}))$

$f_{alt}(f_1, f_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$

$\lambda v. \text{case } v = Left(v') : \text{return } Left(f_1(v'))$

$\text{case } v = Right(v') : \text{return } Right(f_2(v'))$

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def simp(r: Rexp): (Rexp, Val => Val) = r match {
  case ALT(r1, r2) => {
    val (r1s, f1s) = simp(r1)
    val (r2s, f2s) = simp(r2)
    (r1s, r2s) match {
      case (ZERO, _) => (r2s, F_RIGHT(f2s))
      case (_, ZERO) => (r1s, F_LEFT(f1s))
      case _ =>
        if (r1s == r2s) (r1s, F_LEFT(f1s))
        else (ALT (r1s, r2s), F_ALT(f1s, f2s))
    }
  }
  ...
}

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def F_RIGHT(f: Val => Val) = (v:Val) => Right(f(v))
def F_LEFT(f: Val => Val) = (v:Val) => Left(f(v))
def F_ALT(f1: Val => Val, f2: Val => Val) =
  (v:Val) => v match {
    case Right(v) => Right(f2(v))
    case Left(v) => Left(f1(v)) }

```

# Rectification

$simp(r):...$

case  $r = r_1 \cdot r_2$

let  $(r_{1s}, f_{1s}) = simp(r_1)$

$(r_{2s}, f_{2s}) = simp(r_2)$

case  $r_{1s} = \mathbf{0}$ : return  $(\mathbf{0}, f_{error})$

case  $r_{2s} = \mathbf{0}$ : return  $(\mathbf{0}, f_{error})$

case  $r_{1s} = \mathbf{I}$ : return  $(r_{2s}, \lambda v. Seq(f_{1s}(Empty), f_{2s}(v)))$

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$f_{seq}(f_1, f_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$

$\lambda v. \text{case } v = Seq(v_1, v_2): \text{return } Seq(f_1(v_1), f_2(v_2))$

```

def simp(r: Rexp): (Rexp, Val => Val) = r match {
  case SEQ(r1, r2) => {
    val (r1s, f1s) = simp(r1)
    val (r2s, f2s) = simp(r2)
    (r1s, r2s) match {
      case (ZERO, _) => (ZERO, F_ERROR)
      case (_, ZERO) => (ZERO, F_ERROR)
      case (ONE, _) => (r2s, F_SEQ_Void1(f1s, f2s))
      case (_, ONE) => (r1s, F_SEQ_Void2(f1s, f2s))
      case _ => (SEQ(r1s, r2s), F_SEQ(f1s, f2s))
    }
  }
}
...

```

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def F_SEQ_Void1(f1: Val => Val, f2: Val => Val) =
  (v:Val) => Sequ(f1(Void), f2(v))

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def F_SEQ_Void2(f1: Val => Val, f2: Val => Val) =
  (v:Val) => Sequ(f1(v), f2(Void))

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def F_SEQ(f1: Val => Val, f2: Val => Val) =
  (v:Val) => v match {
    case Sequ(v1, v2) => Sequ(f1(v1), f2(v2)) }

```



# Rectification Example

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

$$\begin{aligned} f_{s_1} &= \lambda v.v \\ f_{s_2} &= \lambda v.Right(v) \end{aligned}$$

$$f_{alt}(f_{s_1}, f_{s_2}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda v. \text{ case } v = Left(v'): \text{ return } Left(f_{s_1}(v')) \\ \text{ case } v = Right(v'): \text{ return } Right(f_{s_2}(v'))$$

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$\lambda v.$  case  $v = Left(v')$ : return  $Left(v')$   
case  $v = Right(v')$ : return  $Right(Right(v'))$

# Rectification Example

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case  $v = Right(v')$ : return  $Right(Right(v'))$

*mkeps* simplified case:  $Right(Empty)$

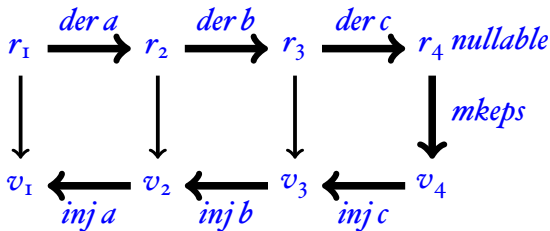
rectified case:  $Right(Right(Empty))$

# Lexing with Simplification

$\text{lex } r \ [] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{if } \text{nullable}(r) \text{ then } \text{mkeps}(r) \text{ else } \text{error}$

$\text{lex } r \ c \ :: \ s \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{let } (r', \text{frect}) = \text{simp}(\text{der}(c, r))$

$\text{inj } r \ c \ (\text{frect}(\text{lex}(r', s)))$



# Environments

Obtaining the “recorded” parts of a value:

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



# While Tokens

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

”if true then then 42 else +”

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KEYWORD(if),  
WHITESPACE,  
IDENT(true),  
WHITESPACE,  
KEYWORD(then),  
WHITESPACE,  
KEYWORD(then),  
WHITESPACE,  
NUM(42),  
WHITESPACE,  
KEYWORD(else),  
WHITESPACE,  
OP(+)
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”if true then then 42 else +”

KEYWORD(if),  
IDENT(true),  
KEYWORD(then),  
KEYWORD(then),  
NUM(42),  
KEYWORD(else),  
OP(+)

# Lexer: Two Rules

- Longest match rule (“maximal munch rule”): The longest initial substring matched by any regular expression is taken as next token.
- Rule priority: For a particular longest initial substring, the first regular expression that can match determines the token.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{zeroable}(\mathbf{0}) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{true} \\
\text{zeroable}(\mathbf{1}) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{false} \\
\text{zeroable}(c) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{false} \\
\text{zeroable}(r_1 + r_2) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{zeroable}(r_1) \wedge \text{zeroable}(r_2) \\
\text{zeroable}(r_1 \cdot r_2) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{zeroable}(r_1) \vee \text{zeroable}(r_2) \\
\text{zeroable}(r^*) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{false}
\end{aligned}$$

$\text{zeroable}(r)$  if and only if  $L(r) = \{\}$