

Compiler Construction
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CORRECTIONS

Corrections to slides missing prime marks

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Eliminating Left Recursion

(G2)
 $S ::= E\$$

 $E ::= E + T$
 | $E - T$
 | T

 $T ::= T * F$
 | T / F
 | F

 $F ::= \text{NUM}$
 | ID
 | (E)

Note that
 $E ::= T$ and
 $E ::= E + T$
will cause problems
since $\text{FIRST}(T)$ will be included
in $\text{FIRST}(E + T)$ ---- so how can
we decide which production
To use based on next token?

Solution: eliminate "left recursion"!

$E ::= T E'$

 $E' ::= + T E'$
 | $- T E'$
 |

(G6)
 $S ::= E\$$

 $E ::= T E'$

 $E' ::= + T E'$
 | $- T E'$
 |

 $T ::= F T'$

 $T' ::= * F T'$
 | $/ F T'$
 |

 $F ::= \text{NUM}$
 | ID
 | (E)

Eliminate left recursion

First, Follow, nullable table for G6

	Nullable	FIRST	FOLLOW
S	False	{ (, ID, NUM }	{ }
E	False	{ (, ID, NUM }	{), \$ }
E'	True	{ +, - }	{), \$ }
T	False	{ (, ID, NUM }	{), +, -, \$ }
T'	True	{ *, / }	{), +, -, \$ }
F	False	{ (, ID, NUM }	{), *, /, +, -, \$ }

(G6)

S ::= E\$

E ::= T E'

E' ::= + T E'
 | - T E'
 |

T ::= F T'

T' ::= * F T'
 | / F T'
 |

F ::= NUM
 | ID
 | (E)

Predictive Parsing Table for G6

Table[X, T] = Set of productions

$X ::= Y_1 \dots Y_k$ in Table[X, T]

if T in FIRST[$Y_1 \dots Y_k$]

or if (T in FOLLOW[X] and nullable[$Y_1 \dots Y_k$])

NOTE: this could lead to more than one entry! If so, out of luck --- can't do recursive descent parsing!

	+	*	()	ID	NUM	\$
S			$S ::= E\$$		$S ::= E\$$	$S ::= E\$$	
E			$E ::= TE'$		$E ::= TE'$	$E ::= TE'$	
E'	$E' ::= +TE'$			$E' ::=$			$E' ::=$
T			$T ::= FT'$		$T ::= FT'$	$T ::= FT'$	
T'	$T' ::=$	$T' ::= *FT'$		$T' ::=$			$T' ::=$
F			$F ::= (E)$		$F ::= ID$	$F ::= NUM$	

(entries for /, - are similar...)

Left-most derivation is constructed by recursive descent

Left-most derivation

(G6)
 $S ::= E\$$
 $E ::= TE'$
 $E' ::= +TE'$
 $\quad | -TE'$
 $\quad |$
 $T ::= FT'$
 $T' ::= *FT'$
 $\quad | /FT'$
 $\quad |$
 $F ::= NUM$
 $\quad | ID$
 $\quad | (E)$

$S \rightarrow E\$$
 $\rightarrow TE'\$$
 $\rightarrow FT' E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (E)T' E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (TE')T' E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (FT' E')T' E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17T' E')T' E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17E')T' E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17+TE')T' E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17+FT' E')T' E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17+4T' E')T' E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17+4E')T' E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17+4)T' E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17+4)*FT' E'\$$
 $\rightarrow \dots$
 $\rightarrow \dots$
 $\rightarrow (17+4)*(2-10)T' E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17+4)*(2-10)E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17+4)*(2-10)$

call S()
 on '(' call E()
 on '(' call T()
 .!
 ...

As a stack machine

$S \rightarrow E\$$
 $\rightarrow TE'\$$
 $\rightarrow FT'E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (E)T'E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (TE')T'E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (FT'E')T'E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17T'E')T'E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17E')T'E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17+TE')T'E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17+FT'E')T'E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17+4T'E')T'E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17+4E')T'E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17+4)T'E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17+4)*FT'E'\$$
 $\rightarrow \dots$
 $\rightarrow \dots$
 $\rightarrow (17+4)*(2-10)T'E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17+4)*(2-10)E'\$$
 $\rightarrow (17+4)*(2-10)$

$E\$$
 $TE'\$$
 $FT'E'\$$
 $(E)T'E'\$$
 $(TE')T'E'\$$
 $(FT'E')T'E'\$$
 $(17T'E')T'E'\$$
 $(17E')T'E'\$$
 $(17+TE')T'E'\$$
 $(17+FT'E')T'E'\$$
 $(17+4T'E')T'E'\$$
 $(17+4E')T'E'\$$
 $(17+4)T'E'\$$
 $(17+4)*FT'E'\$$
 \dots
 \dots
 $(17+4)*(2-10)T'E'\$$
 $(17+4)*(2-10)E'\$$
 $(17+4)*(2-10)$