Mid-term Exam COSE312 Compilers, Fall 2015

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Problem 1 Consider the following subset of regular expressions:

$$R \to \emptyset \mid \epsilon \mid a \in \Sigma \mid R_1^+ \mid R_1?$$

The semantics of the language is defined by a function L as follows:

$$L(\emptyset) = \emptyset$$

$$L(\epsilon) = \{\epsilon\}$$

$$L(a) = \{a\}$$

$$L(R_1^+) = (L(R_1))^+ = \bigcup_{i \ge 1} (L(R_1))^i$$

$$L(R_1?) = L(R_1) \cup \{\epsilon\}$$

Define Thomson's construction (i.e., "compilation" from regular expressions to NFAs) for the above language.

Problem 2 Consider the expression grammar:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} E & \rightarrow \ T \ E' \\ E' & \rightarrow \ + \ T \ E' \ | \ \epsilon \\ T & \rightarrow \ F \ T' \\ T' & \rightarrow \ F \ T' \ | \ \epsilon \\ F & \rightarrow \ (E) \ | \ \mathbf{id} \end{array}$$

The FIRST and FOLLOW sets are given:

- $FIRST(F) = FIRST(T) = FIRST(E) = \{(, \mathbf{id}\}.$
- $FIRST(E') = \{+, \epsilon\}.$
- $FIRST(T') = \{*, \epsilon\}.$
- $FOLLOW(E) = FOLLOW(E') = \{\}, \}$.
- $FOLLOW(T) = FOLLOW(T') = \{+, \},$
- $FOLLOW(F) = \{+, *, \}, \}$.

The predictive parsing table is constructed as follows:

| | id | + | * | (|) | \$ |
|----|---------------------|-----|-----|--------------|-----|-------------------|
| E | $E \to T \; E'$ | | | $E \to T E'$ | | |
| E' | | (1) | | | (2) | $E' \to \epsilon$ |
| Т | $T \to F T'$ | | | $T \to F T'$ | | |
| T' | | (3) | (4) | | (5) | $T' \to \epsilon$ |
| F | $F \to \mathbf{id}$ | | | $F \to (E)$ | | |

Find the production rules for (1)–(5).

Problem 3 Consider the expression grammar:

and its bottom-up parsing table:

| | id | + | * | (|) | \$ | E | T | F |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|
| 0 | s5 | | | s4 | | | g1 | g2 | g3 |
| 1 | | s6 | | | | acc | | | |
| 2 | | r2 | s7 | | r2 | r2 | | | |
| 3 | | r4 | r4 | | r4 | r4 | | | |
| 4 | s5 | | | s4 | | | g8 | g2 | g3 |
| 5 | | r6 | r6 | | r6 | r6 | | | |
| 6 | s5 | | | s4 | | | | g9 | g3 |
| 7 | s5 | | | s4 | | | | | g10 |
| 8 | | s6 | | | s11 | | | | |
| 9 | | r1 | s7 | | r1 | r1 | | | |
| 10 | | r3 | r3 | | r3 | r3 | | | |
| 11 | | r5 | r5 | | r5 | r5 | | | |

Complete the following parsing sequence for string id * id:

| Stack | Symbols | Input | Action |
|-------|---------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 0 | | id * id\$ | shift to 5 |
| 0.5 | id | *id\$ | reduce by 6 ($F \rightarrow id$) |
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Problem 4 Consider the following high-level imperative language C:

$$\begin{array}{rrrr} C & \rightarrow & \texttt{skip} \\ & \mid & x = E \\ & \mid & \texttt{while } B \ C \\ & \mid & C_1; C_2 \\ E & \rightarrow & n \mid x \mid E_1 + E_2 \\ B & \rightarrow & \texttt{true} \mid \texttt{false} \mid E_1 < E_2 \end{array}$$

and a low-level language T:

The semantics of T should be clear from what we discussed in class.

Define a translator

trans :
$$C
ightarrow T$$

that takes a program in C and converts it to a semantically equivalent T program.

Problem True/false questions:

- 1. A C compiler can be implemented in C.
- 2. The type of the function L in Problem 1 is $L \in R \to 2^{\Sigma^*}$.
- 3. The language of regular expressions (over some alphabet Σ) can be expressed by a regular expression.
- 4. The language of HTML can be parsed by regular expressions.
- 5. Context-free grammars are regular expressions with recursion.
- 6. Regular expression $c^*a(a \mid b \mid c)^*$ describes the strings over alphabet $\{a, b, c\}$ where the first *a* precedes the first *b*.
- 7. There is a language that is context-free but not regular.
- 8. The ϵ -closure of NFA states I is defined as the smallest set such that

$$I \cup \bigcup_{s \in T} \delta(s, \epsilon) \subseteq T$$

9.
$$fix(\lambda X.((X - \{1, 2, 3\}) \cup \{1\})) = \{1\}.$$

- 10. Every inductively defined object has an equivalent fixed point definition.
- 11. The following language is in LR(k) for some k.

$$\begin{array}{rrrr} S & \rightarrow & i \: E \: t \: S \: S' \mid a \\ S' & \rightarrow & e \: S \mid \epsilon \\ E & \rightarrow & b \end{array}$$

- 12. Every bottom-up parser constructs a parse tree following the rightmost derivation in reverse.
- 13. In bottom-up parsing, a handle is always found at the leftmost substring of a right sentential form.
- 14. If a context-free grammar is unambiguous, every right-sentential form of the grammar has exactly one handle.
- 15. The following language is in LL(1):

$$\begin{array}{cccc} E & \to & E+T \\ E & \to & T \end{array}$$

- There is one-to-one relationship between parse trees and derivations.
- 17. An ambiguous grammar is one that produces more than one rightmost derivation for the same sentence.
- 18. Consider the expression grammar:

$$E \rightarrow E + E \mid E * E \mid (E) \mid \mathbf{id}$$

The SLR parsing for string id+id*id encounters the following shift/reduce conflict:

StackInputAction
$$E+E$$
*idshift or reduce

Assuming that * takes precedence over +, the correct action here is to take the reduce action.

- 19. Automatic translations between programming languages are *always* done recursively on the structure of the source language.
- 20. In static single-assignment form, a variable definition (e.g., x = 1) can be executed many times at runtime.