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Attributes of Symbols

- A set of attributes can be associated to each symbol; attributes can be:
  - **Synthesized**: calculated from the values of the attributes of the node's children in the parse tree,
  - **Inherited**: calculated from the values of the parents / siblings in the parse tree.
- A set of semantic rules, specifying how attributes are calculated, is associated to each production.
- The scanner passes semantic values to the parser which, while recognizing the grammar, updates the nodes of the parse tree

Synthesized attributes

- A grammar whose attributes are all synthesized is denoted as an S-attribute grammar.
- In this case, it is possible to calculate the values of all attributes using a bottom-up strategy, from the leaves to the root of the parse tree.

$E \rightarrow E_1$ '+' T	`E.value ::= E1.value + T.value`
$E \rightarrow T$	`E.value ::= T.value`
$T \rightarrow$ number	`T.value ::= number.value`

Cup & Semantics: the Symbol class

- In Cup, each symbol in the stack is an object of class Symbol (cup/java_cup/runtime/Symbol.java)
- It contains the following information:
  - A number uniquely identifying the symbol
    - public int sym;
  - The state in which the parse is
    - public int parse_state;
  - Two integers that are used to pass the line and column number from the scanner to the parser
    - public int left, right;
  - An object of class Object to handle semantics
    - public Object value;

Passing semantic values to the parser

- Symbol and semantic value:

```
[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9_]*    { return new Symbol(sym.ID, new  String(yytext())); }
```

- Symbol, line number, column number, and semantic value:

```
%{
   private Symbol symbol(int type, Object value){
        return new Symbol(type, yyline,yycolumn,value);
   }
%}

%%
[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9_]* { return symbol(sym.ID, new  String(yytext())); }
```

Symbol Constructors:
public Symbol(int sym_id)
public Symbol(int sym_id, int left, int right)
public Symbol(int sym_id, Object o)
public Symbol(int sym_id, int left, int right, Object o)

- Or equivalently:

```
[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9_]* {
            return new Symbol(sym.ID, yyline, yycolumn, new  String(yytext())); }
```

Cup & Semantic: specifying nodes types

- Cup must know the type of the semantic value of each symbol
- It uses the following definition of terminals and non-terminals:
  - terminal **<Object>** <list_of_terminals> ;
  - non terminal **<Object>** <list_of_not_terminals> ;
- **<Object>** is the class of the object associated to a given symbol
- Example:
  - terminal String ID;
    - An object of class String will be associated to ID.
  - terminal Integer NUM;
  - non terminal MyObject var;

```
class MyObject {
    public String var_name;
    public String var_type;
}
```

Cup & Semantic: using semantic values

- Given a set of productions:

```
E ::=   E PLUS T
      | E MINUS T ;
```

- One can refer to the semantic value of each symbol by adding labels to the symbols of interest:
  - A label is constituted by the ':' character followed by a name

```
E ::= E:n1 PLUS T:n2
    | E:n1 MINUS T:n2 ;
```

- Within each production, the labels can be used normally as objects of the class specified in the definition of terminals and non-terminals:

```
E ::=  E:n1 PLUS T:n2   {: System.out.print(n1 + " + " + n2); :}
     | E:n1 MINUS T:n2  {: System.out.print(n1 + " - " + n2); :}
```

Cup & Semantic: Actions and RESULT

- An action can be associated to each production, (*{: /* Java Code*/ :}*) and is executed every time the corresponding production is reduced
- The action updates the semantic value of each symbol
- For each production, the RESULT object, of class Object, is defined.
- RESULT represents the result of the semanatic rules contained in the action, **and is therefore associated to the symbol in the left hand side of the production**

Calculating synthesized attributes

- Given the algebraic expressions grammar, the following rule assigns to the symbol '**E**' the sum or the subtraction of the values of the addends/subtrahends:

```
non terminal Integer E;

E ::=   E:n1 PLUS T:n2
      {: RESULT = new Integer(n1.intValue() + n2.intValue()); :}
  |   E:n1 MINUS T:n2
      {: RESULT = new Integer(n1.intValue() - n2.intValue()); :}
  ;
```

- Note:
  - RESULT must be assigned an object of class Integer: new Integer()
  - Mathematical operators work on numbers, not objects: n1.intValue()

Calculating synthesized attributes (2)

- It is possible to propagate more than one semantic value through RESULT, in the following way:

```
terminal RO, RC;
terminal String identifier;
terminal Integer Args;
non terminal Object[ ] Func;
non terminal goal;

goal ::= Func:a {:
      System.out.println( "Function name: " + a[0] + "Number of parameters: " + a[1] );
:} ;

Func ::= identifier:a RO Args:b RC {:
            RESULT = new Object[2];
            RESULT[0] = new String(a);
            RESULT[1] = new Integer(b);
:} ;
```

Calculating synthesized attributes (3)

- Alternatively, one can write a class that contains all the required information:

```
action code {:
    class MyFunc {
        public String id;
        public Integer args;
        MyFunc(String id, Integer args) {
            this.id = new String(id);
            this.args = new Integer(args);
    }
}   :}

non terminal MyFunc Func;

goal ::= Func:a {:
    System.out.println( "Function name : " + a.id + "Number of parameters: " + a.args );
:} ;

Func ::= identifier:a RO Args:b RC {: RESULT = new MyFunc( a, b ); :} ;
```


Parser debugging

- A series of option are available in Cup to visualize the parser's internal structures:
  - -dump_grammar : Prints the list of terminals, non-terminals and productions
  - -dump_states : Prints the state graph
  - -dump_table : Prints the ACTION TABLE and the REDUCE TABLE
  - -dump : Prints all information
- The parser can be executed in debug mode (all the actions performed to analyze the input sequence are printed)

Normal mode:

```
Yylex l = new Yylex(new FileReader(file));
parser p = new parser(l);
Object result = p.parse();
```

Debug mode:

```
Yylex l = new Yylex(new FileReader(file));
parser p = new parser(l);
Object result = p.debug_parse();
```

Grammar

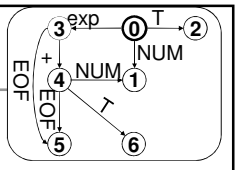
- **-dump_grammar**

exp → exp PLUS T
exp → T
T → NUMBER

```
===== Terminals =====
[0]EOF [1]error [2]NUMBER [3]PLUS
===== Non terminals =====
[0]$START [1]exp [2]T
===== Productions =====
[0] $START ::= exp EOF
[1] exp ::= exp PLUS T
[2] exp ::= T
[3] T ::= NUMBER
```

States

- **-dump_states**




```
==== Viable Prefix Recognizer ====
START lalr_state [0]: {
 [exp ::= (*) T , {EOF PLUS }]
 [exp ::= (*) exp PLUS T , {EOF PLUS }]
 [T ::= (*) NUMBER , {EOF PLUS }]
 [$START ::= (*) exp EOF , {EOF }]
}
transition on exp to state [3]
transition on T to state [2]
transition on NUMBER to state [1]
----------
lalr_state [1]: {
 [T ::= NUMBER (*) , {EOF PLUS }]
}
----------
lalr_state [2]: {
 [exp ::= T (*) , {EOF PLUS }]
}
----------
lalr_state [3]: {
 [exp ::= exp (*) PLUS T , {EOF PLUS }]
 [$START ::= exp (*) EOF , {EOF }]
}
transition on EOF to state [5]
transition on PLUS to state [4]
----------
lalr_state [4]: {
 [exp ::= exp PLUS (*) T , {EOF PLUS }]
 [T ::= (*) NUMBER , {EOF PLUS }]
}
transition on T to state [6]
transition on NUMBER to state [1]
----------
lalr_state [5]: {
 [$START ::= exp EOF (*) , {EOF }]
}
----------
lalr_state [6]: {
 [exp ::= exp PLUS T (*) , {EOF PLUS }]
}
----------
```


Action / Reduce Tables

- **-dump_tables**

```
-------- ACTION_TABLE --------
From state #0
 [term 2:SHIFT(to state 1)]
From state #1
 [term 0:REDUCE(with prod 3)] [term 3:REDUCE(with prod 3)]
From state #2
 [term 0:REDUCE(with prod 2)] [term 3:REDUCE(with prod 2)]
From state #3
 [term 0:SHIFT(to state 5)] [term 3:SHIFT(to state 4)]
From state #4
 [term 2:SHIFT(to state 1)]
From state #5
 [term 0:REDUCE(with prod 0)]
From state #6
 [term 0:REDUCE(with prod 1)] [term 3:REDUCE(with prod 1)]
------------------------------
```

```
-------- REDUCE_TABLE --------
From state #0
 [non term 1->state 3] [non term 2->state 2]
From state #1
From state #2
From state #3
From state #4
 [non term 2->state 6]
From state #5
From state #6
------------------------------
```

Debugging

- **debug_parse()**

Input string: 3+5

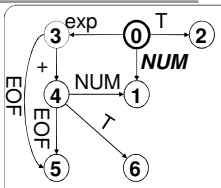
```
# Initializing parser
FOUND: 3
# Current Symbol is #2
# Shift under term #2 to state #1
FOUND: +
# Current token is #3
# Reduce with prod #3 [NT=2, SZ=1]
# Reduce rule: top state 0, lhs sym 2 -> state 2
# Goto state #2
# Reduce with prod #2 [NT=1, SZ=1]
# Reduce rule: top state 0, lhs sym 1 -> state 3
# Goto state #3
# Shift under term #3 to state #4
FOUND: 5
# Current token is #2
```

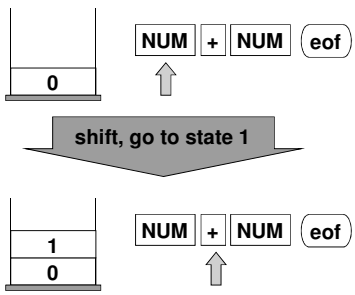
```
# Shift under term #2 to state #1
# Current token is #0
# Reduce with prod #3 [NT=2, SZ=1]
# Reduce rule: top state 4, lhs sym 2 -> state 6
# Goto state #6
Found expression
# Reduce with prod #1 [NT=1, SZ=3]
# Reduce rule: top state 0, lhs sym 1 -> state 3
# Goto state #3
------------------------------------------------------------
# Shift under term #0 to state #5
# Current token is #0
# Reduce with prod #0 [NT=0, SZ=2]
# Reduce rule: top state 0, lhs sym 0 -> state -1
# Goto state #-1
```

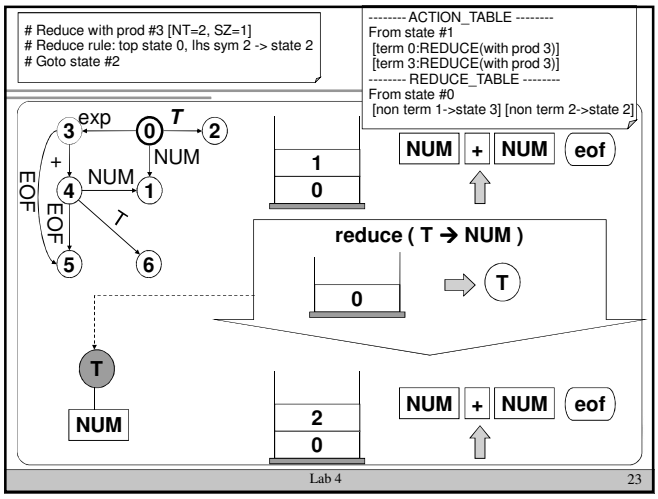
OTHER SLIDES


```
# Initializing parser
# Current Symbol is #2
# Shift under term #2 to state #1
# Current token is #3
```

```
-------- ACTION_TABLE --------
From state #0
 [term 2:SHIFT(to state 1)]
```






Reduce with prod #3 [NT=2, SZ=1]
Reduce rule: top state 0, lhs sym 2 -> state 2
Goto state #2
-------- ACTION_TABLE --------
From state #1
[term 0:REDUCE(with prod 3)]
[term 3:REDUCE(with prod 3)]
-------- REDUCE_TABLE --------
From state #0
[non term 1->state 3] [non term 2->state 2]
exp
T
NUM
EOF
reduce (T → NUM)
NUM + NUM eof
Lab 4
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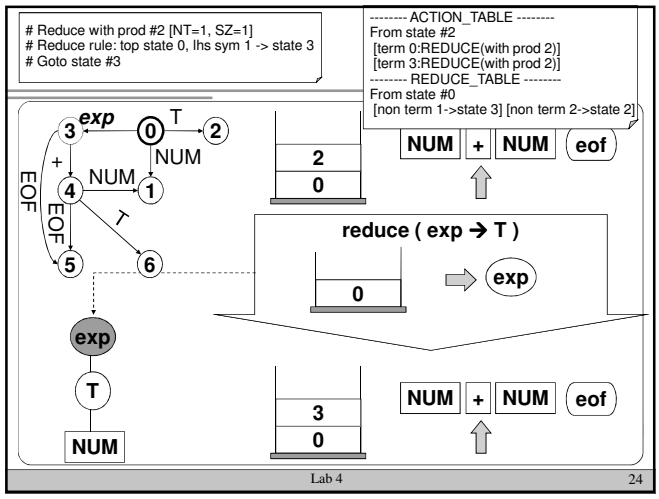
Reduce with prod #2 [NT=1, SZ=1]
Reduce rule: top state 0, lhs sym 1 -> state 3
Goto state #3
-------- ACTION_TABLE --------
From state #2
[term 0:REDUCE(with prod 2)]
[term 3:REDUCE(with prod 2)]
-------- REDUCE_TABLE --------
From state #0
[non term 1->state 3] [non term 2->state 2]
exp
T
NUM
EOF
reduce (exp → T)
NUM + NUM eof
Lab 4
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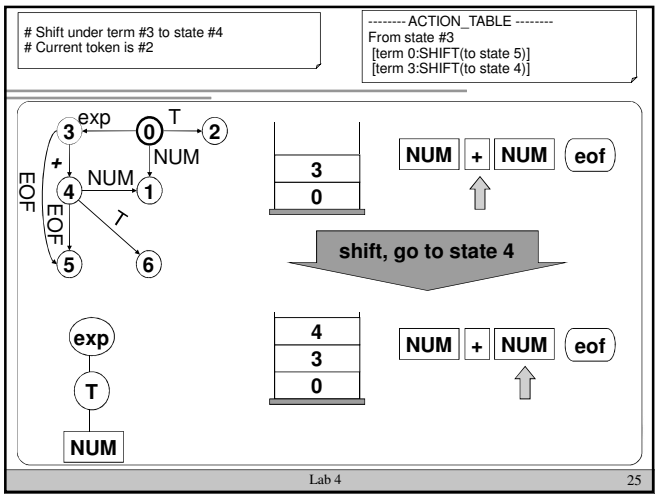
Shift under term #3 to state #4
Current token is #2
-------- ACTION_TABLE --------
From state #3
[term 0:SHIFT(to state 5)]
[term 3:SHIFT(to state 4)]
exp
T
NUM
EOF
shift, go to state 4
NUM + NUM eof
Lab 4
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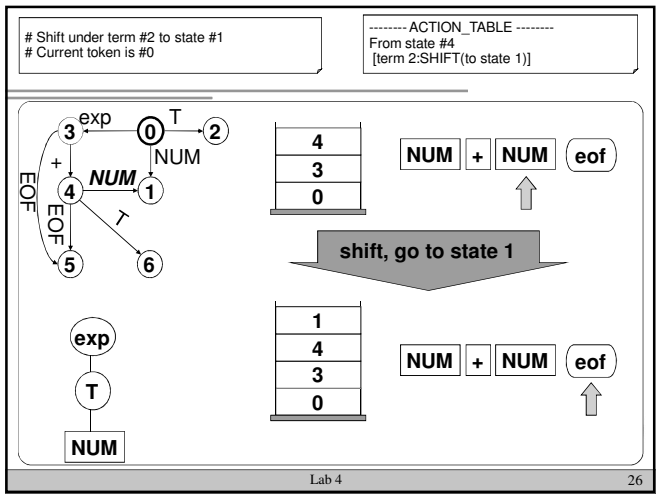
Shift under term #2 to state #1
Current token is #0
-------- ACTION_TABLE --------
From state #4
[term 2:SHIFT(to state 1)]
exp
T
NUM
EOF
shift, go to state 1
NUM + NUM eof
Lab 4
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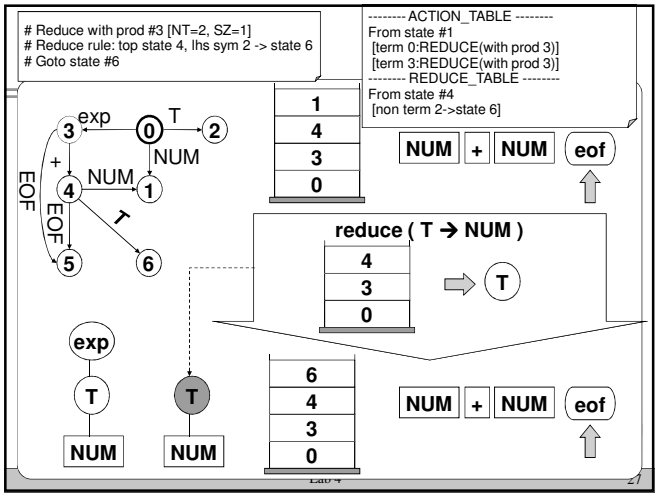
Reduce with prod #3 [NT=2, SZ=1]
Reduce rule: top state 4, lhs sym 2 -> state 6
Goto state #6
-------- ACTION_TABLE --------
From state #1
[term 0:REDUCE(with prod 3)]
[term 3:REDUCE(with prod 3)]
-------- REDUCE_TABLE --------
From state #4
[non term 2->state 6]
exp
T
NUM
EOF
reduce (T → NUM)
NUM + NUM eof
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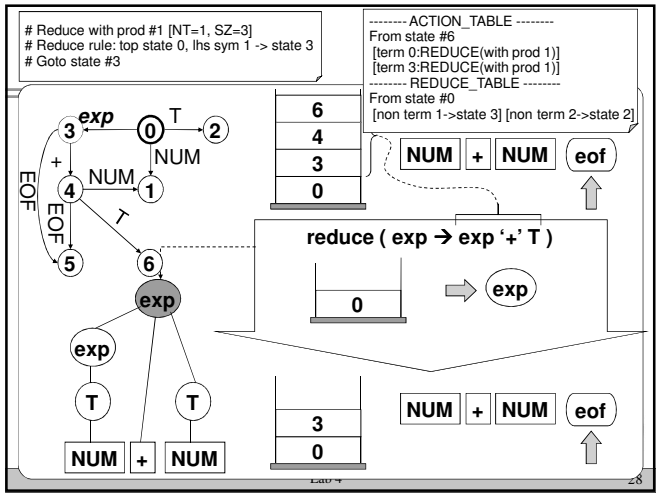
Reduce with prod #1 [NT=1, SZ=3]
Reduce rule: top state 0, lhs sym 1 -> state 3
Goto state #3
-------- ACTION_TABLE --------
From state #6
[term 0:REDUCE(with prod 1)]
[term 3:REDUCE(with prod 1)]
-------- REDUCE_TABLE --------
From state #0
[non term 1->state 3] [non term 2->state 2]
exp
T
NUM
EOF
reduce (exp → exp '+' T)
NUM + NUM eof
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