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Chapter 4: Syntactic Analyser

Part 4g: Simple *Precedence Grammars*



Precedence grammars

Introduction

- A *precedence grammar* bases the analysis in the precedence relationships among the symbols in the language.
- Using those relationships, the parser will try to decide which is the symbol with the highest precedence, to start building the bottom-up parse.

Precedence grammars

Previous example

The purpose is to build the grammar in such a way that some symbols have precedence over other symbols.

$i+i*i$

For instance, the following grammar does not give precedence of * over +:

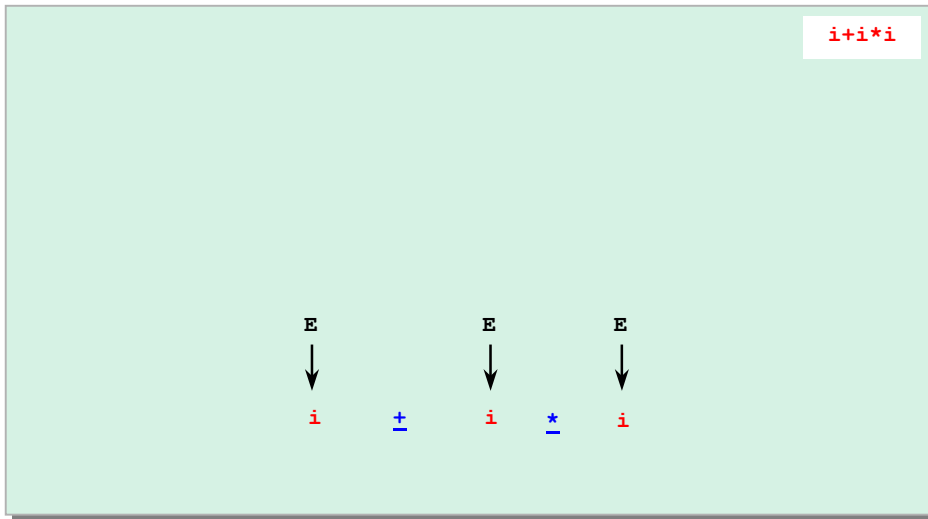
$E ::= E+E \mid E * E \mid i$

but the rule $E ::= i$ has precedence over the other two rules, because they cannot apply if the i 's haven't been reduced to E 's

$i \quad + \quad i \quad * \quad i$

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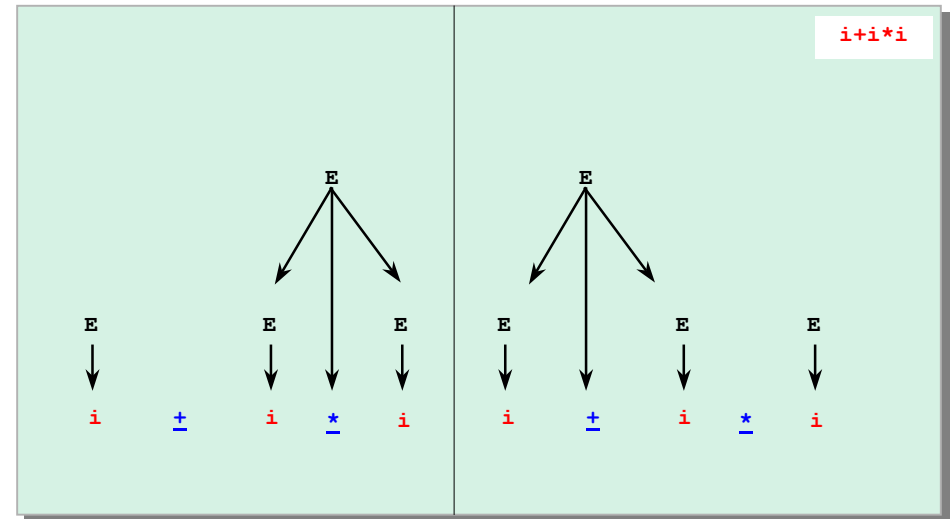
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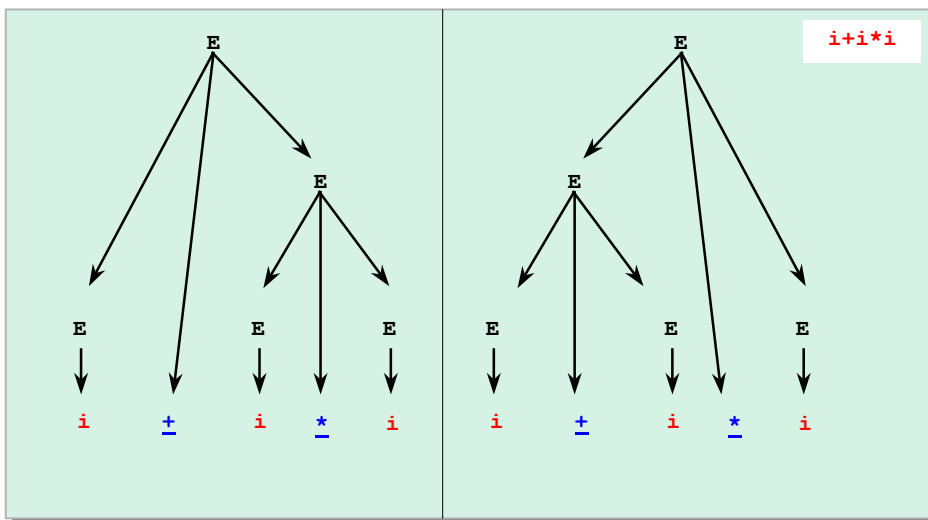
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Idea

In the following slides we shall formalise some relations of precedence between the symbols of the grammar:

- Which symbols have equal precedence.
- Which pairs of symbols are such that the first one has more precedence than the second one.

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HEAD relationship

Definition

Let $G = \{\Sigma_N, \Sigma_T, P, A\}$ be a context-independent grammar.

If U is a non-terminal symbol in the grammar, we shall call **head(U)** the set of symbols that can be at the beginning of the strings derived from U .

- If there is a rule $U ::= vx_1x_2\dots x_n$, $v \in \text{head}(U)$
- If $v \in \text{head}(U)$, and $w \in \text{head}(V)$, then $w \in \text{head}(U)$

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HEAD relationship

Matrix representation

$E ::= E+T$
 $E ::= T$
 $T ::= T * F$
 $T ::= F$
 $F ::= i$
 $F ::= (E)$

	Σ_T					Σ_N		
	i	+	*	()	E	T	F
i	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
T	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
F	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

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TAIL relationship

Definition

Let $G = \{\Sigma_N, \Sigma_T, P, A\}$ be a context-independent grammar.

If U is a non-terminal symbol in the grammar, we shall call **tail(U)** the set of symbols that can be at the end of the strings derived from U .

- If there is a rule $U ::= x_1x_2\dots x_nV$, $v \in \text{tail}(U)$
- If $v \in \text{tail}(U)$, and $w \in \text{tail}(V)$, then $w \in \text{tail}(U)$

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TAIL relationship

Matrix representation

$E ::= E+T$
 $E ::= T$
 $T ::= T * F$
 $T ::= F$
 $F ::= i$
 $F ::= (E)$

	Σ_T					Σ_N		
	i	+	*	()	E	T	F
i	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
T	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
F	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

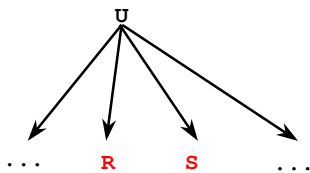
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Precedence relationships

- Two symbols R and S, in a grammar, have equal precedence ($=$) if and only if there is any rule in the grammar in which they appear consecutive

$R =. S$ if and only if there is a rule ($U ::= xRSy$)



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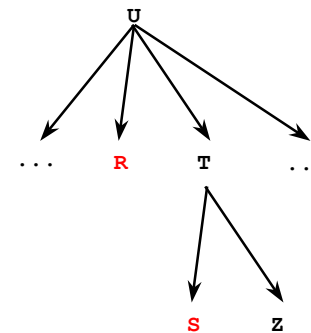
Precedence grammars

Precedence relationships

- A symbol R has less precedence than a symbol S ($R <. S$) if and only if there is a rule in the grammar

$U ::= w_1RTw_2$, where $w_1, w_2 \in (\Sigma_N + \Sigma_T)^*$

and $S \in \text{Head}(T)$



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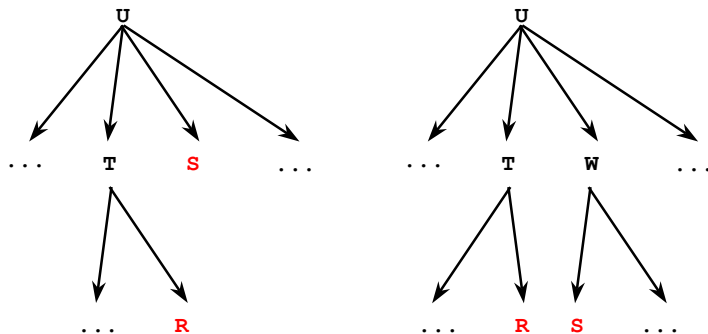
Precedence grammars

Precedence relationships

- A symbol R has more precedence than a symbol S ($R >. S$) if and only if there is a rule in the grammar

$U ::= w_1TWw_2$, where $w_1, w_2 \in (\Sigma_N + \Sigma_T)^*$

- $R \in \text{Tail}(T)$
- Either $S \in \text{Head}(W)$, or $S=W$.



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Precedence relationships

- A grammar is a "simple precedence grammar" if, for every pair of symbols, there is only one precedence relationship.

- If we have a sentential form, we can calculate the precedence relationships between each pair of consecutive symbols:

$x_1 <. x_2 =. x_3 =. x_4 >. x_5 <. x_6 =. x_7 =. x_8 >. x_9$

- A handle will always start with a $<$ relationship, will possibly continue with any number of $=$ relationships, and will always end with a $>$ relationship.
- We are going to see now how to build the precedence matrix showing the relationships.

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Example: =. relationship

$S ::= aSb$

$S ::= c$

	S	a	b	c
S			1	
a	1			
b				
c				

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Example: HEAD relationship

$S ::= aSb$

$S ::= c$

	S	a	b	c
S		1		1
a				
b				
c				

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Example: TAIL relationship

$S ::= aSb$

$S ::= c$

	S	a	b	c
S			1	1
a				
b				
c				

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Example: <. relationship

	S	a	b	c
S			1	
a	1			
b				
c				

X

	S	a	b	c
S		1		1
a				
b				
c				

=

	S	a	b	c
S				
a		1		1
b				
c				

•It can be calculated as the (Boolean) matricial product

=. x Head

$S ::= aSb$

$S ::= c$

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Example: identity relationship

$S ::= aSb$

$S ::= c$

	S	a	b	c
S	1			
a		1		
b			1	
c				1

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Example: $>$. relationship

	S	a	b	c
S				
a				
b	1			
c	1			

 \times

	S	a	b	c
S			1	
a	1			
b				
c				

 \times

	S	a	b	c
S	1	1	1	
a		1		
b			1	
c				1

 $=$

	S	a	b	c
S				
a				
b			1	
c			1	

•It can be calculated as the (Boolean) matricial product:

$(\text{TAIL})^t \times =. \times (\text{HEAD OR Identity})$

$S ::= aSb$

$S ::= c$

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Precedence relationships

$S ::= aSb$

$S ::= c$

	S	a	b	c
S			=.	
a	=.	<.		<.
b			>.	
c			>.	

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Precedence grammars

Precedence relationships

$S ::= aSb$

$S ::= c$

	S	a	b	c
S			=.	
a	=.	<.		<.
b			>.	
c			>.	

If we have the word:

aacbb

the relationships are:

a <. a <. **c** >. b >. b

with the handle marked in red.

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Precedence grammars

Precedence relationships

$S ::= aSb$

$S ::= c$

	S	a	b	c	END
S			=.		>.
a	=.	<.		<.	>.
b			>.		>.
c			>.		>.
START	<.	<.	<.	<.	

The matrix can be extended with a START and an END symbol

aacbb

The relationships will be:

START <. a <. a <. c >. b >. b >. END

with the handle marked in red.

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Parsing algorithm

Parse

1. Initialise a stack with the START symbol.
2. Compare top(stack) with the next element in the string, X.
 1. If top(stack) is not related to X, notify a syntactic error.
 2. If top(stack) <. X, push(X)
 3. If top(stack) =. X, push(X)
 4. If top(stack) >. X, pop from the stack until we find the <. relationship. The symbols extracted from the stack are the handle. We look for the handle in the right-hand-sides of the grammar rules, and substitute it by the left-hand-side, which will be pushed in the stack.

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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

	S	a	b	c	END
S			=.		>.
a	=.	<.		<.	>.
b			>.		>.
c			>.		>.
START	<.	<.	<.	<.	

a	a	c	b	b	END	
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STA						
RT						

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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

	S	a	b	c	END
S			=.		>.
a	=.	<.		<.	>.
b			>.		>.
c			>.		>.
START	<.	<.	<.	<.	

a	c	b	b	END	
---	---	---	---	-----	--

a,<	STA				
RT					

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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

	S	a	b	c	END
S			=.		>.
a	=.	<.		<.	>.
b			>.		>.
c			>.		>.
START	<.	<.	<.	<.	

c	b	b	END		
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a,<	a,<	START				
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

	S	a	b	c	END
S			=.		>.
a	=.	<.		<.	>.
b			>.		>.
c			>.		>.
START	<.	<.	<.	<.	

b	b	END		
---	---	-----	--	--

c,<	a,<	a,<	START			
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

	S	a	b	c	END
S			=.		>.
a	=.	<.		<.	>.
b			>.		>.
c			>.		>.
START	<.	<.	<.	<.	

S	b	b	END	
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a,<	a,<	START				
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

	S	a	b	c	END
S			=.		>.
a	=.	<.		<.	>.
b			>.		>.
c			>.		>.
START	<.	<.	<.	<.	

b	b	END		
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S,=	a,<	a,<	START			
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

	S	a	b	c	END
S			=.		>.
a	=.	<.		<.	>.
b			>.		>.
c			>.		>.
START	<.	<.	<.	<.	

b	END	
---	-----	--

b, =	S, =	a, <	a, <	STA	RT		
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

	S	a	b	c	END
S			=.		>.
a	=.	<.		<.	>.
b			>.		>.
c			>.		>.
START	<.	<.	<.	<.	

S	b	END
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a, <	STA	RT				
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

	S	a	b	c	END
S			=.		>.
a	=.	<.		<.	>.
b			>.		>.
c			>.		>.
START	<.	<.	<.	<.	

b	END	
---	-----	--

S, =	a, <	STA	RT			
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

	S	a	b	c	END
S			=.		>.
a	=.	<.		<.	>.
b			>.		>.
c			>.		>.
START	<.	<.	<.	<.	

END	
-----	--

b, =	S, =	a, <	STA	RT		
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

	S	a	b	c	END
S			=.		>.
a	=.	<.		<.	>.
b			>.		>.
c			>.		>.
START	<.	<.	<.	<.	

S	END					
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START						
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

	S	a	b	c	END
S			=.		>.
a	=.	<.		<.	>.
b			>.		>.
c			>.		>.
START	<.	<.	<.	<.	

END	
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S,<	START					
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ACCEPTED

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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

	S	a	b	c	END
S			=.		>.
a	=.	<.		<.	>.
b			>.		>.
c			>.		>.
START	<.	<.	<.	<.	

a	a	b	b	END		
---	---	---	---	-----	--	--

START						
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

	S	a	b	c	END
S			=.		>.
a	=.	<.		<.	>.
b			>.		>.
c			>.		>.
START	<.	<.	<.	<.	

a	b	b	END		
---	---	---	-----	--	--

a,<	START					
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

	S	a	b	c	END
S			=.		>.
a	=.	<.		<.	>.
b			>.		>.
c			>.		>.
START	<.	<.	<.	<.	

b	b	END		
---	---	-----	--	--

a,<	a,<	STAR				
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ERROR: there is no precedence between "a" and "b", so the word is rejected.

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Precedence grammars

Simplification with precedence functions

- The precedence matrix has a size of N by N .
- We can represent it with less space using a couple of functions, f and g , called "precedence functions". They have the following properties:
 - $f(x) = g(y)$ if and only if $x = y$
 - $f(x) < g(y)$ if and only if $x < y$
 - $f(x) > g(y)$ if and only if $x > y$
- Example:

	START	S	a	b	c	END
f	0	2	2	3	3	-
g	-	2	3	2	3	0

	S	a	b	c	END
S			=.		>.
a	=.	<.		<.	>.
b			>.		>.
c			>.		>.
START	<.	<.	<.	<.	

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Precedence grammars

Simplification with precedence functions

Advantages:

- The relations of precedence can be stored in a matrix of size $2 \times N$, rather than $N \times N$.

Disadvantages:

- We lose some information, such as the empty cells in the original matrix.
- In some cases, it will be impossible to find such functions. For instance, consider the following matrix:

	a	b
a	=.	>.
b	=.	=.

- The restrictions are:

- $f(a) = g(a)$
- $f(a) > g(b)$
- $f(b) = g(a)$
- $f(b) = g(b)$,

which are impossible to satisfy.

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Precedence grammars

Procedure for calculating the precedence functions

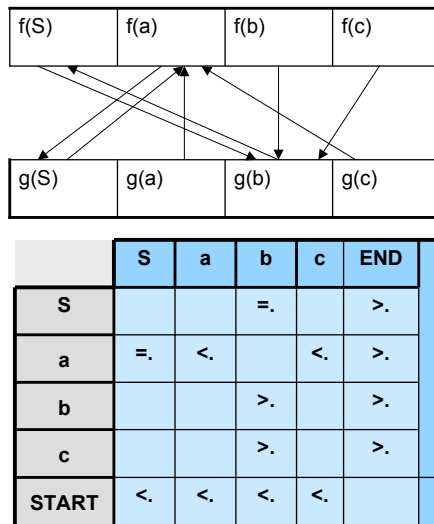
The precedence functions can be calculated with the following procedure:

- Represent in a diagram:
 - Function f , applied to all the symbols in the grammar, in a row.
 - Function g , applied to every symbol, in a row below.
- For every pair (x, y) ,
 - Draw an arc from $f(x)$ to $g(y)$ if $x > y$ or $x = y$
 - Draw an arc from $g(y)$ to $f(x)$ if $y < x$ or $y = x$
- Finally, for every cell $f(x)$ or $g(x)$:
 - We count how many cells are accessible from it, in zero, one or several steps.
 - That number will be the value of the function for that symbol.

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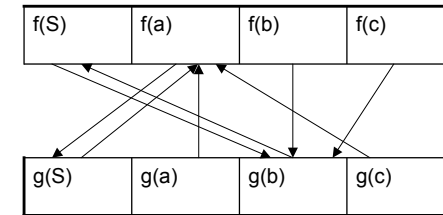
Procedure for calculating the precedence functions



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Procedure for calculating the precedence functions



1. We start from $f(S)$. There are two nodes accessible (including itself): $f(S)$ and $g(b)$. Therefore, we set

$$f(S) = 2$$
2. From $f(a)$, we can go to $f(a)$ and $g(S)$. Therefore, we set, again,

$$f(a) = 2$$
3. From $f(b)$, we can go to $\{f(b), g(b), f(S)\} \rightarrow f(b) = 3$
4. From $f(c)$, we can go to $\{f(c), g(b), f(S)\} \rightarrow f(c) = 3$
5. From $g(S)$, we can go to $\{g(S), f(a)\} \rightarrow g(S) = 2$
6. From $g(a)$, we can go to $\{g(a), f(a), g(S)\} \rightarrow g(a) = 3$
7. From $g(b)$, we can go to $\{g(b), f(S)\} \rightarrow g(b) = 2$
8. From $g(c)$, we can go to $\{g(c), f(a), g(S)\} \rightarrow g(c) = 3$

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Procedure for calculating the precedence functions

If $x = y$, then

- $f(x) = g(y)$, because every node accessible from $f(x)$ will be accessible from $g(y)$.

If $x > y$, then

- There is an arrow from $f(x)$ to $g(y)$, but there is not an inverse arrow. Therefore, we cannot go back from $g(y)$ to $f(x)$.

This means that from $f(x)$ we'll be able to access every node accessible from $g(y)$, plus $f(x)$, plus every other node accessible from $f(x)$.

- $f(x)$ will be strictly higher than $g(y)$

Finally, if $x < y$, then,

- There is an arrow from $g(y)$ to $f(x)$, but not the inverse. Therefore, the number of nodes accessible from $g(y)$ will be strictly higher than the number accessible from $f(x) \rightarrow g(y) > f(x)$.

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Procedure for calculating the precedence functions

We can automate the procedure in the following way:

1. Build the matrix B :

0	\geq
$(\leq)^t$	0

2. Calculate the matrix $B^* = B^0 \text{ OR } B \text{ OR } B^2 \text{ OR } B^3 \text{ OR } \dots$
3. $f(x)$ will be the addition of each row in the top half of the matrix.
4. $g(x)$ will be the addition of each row in the lower half of the matrix.

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Procedure for calculating the precedence functions

	S	a	b	c	END
S			=.		>.
a	=.	<.		<.	>.
b			>.		>.
c			>.		>.
Start	<.	<.	<.	<.	

<=	S	a	b	c
S			1	
a	1	1		1
b				
c				

>=	S	a	b	c
S			1	
a	1			
b			1	
c			1	

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Procedure for calculating the precedence functions

B	s	a	b	c	S	a	b	c
S							1	
a					1			
b								1
c								1
S		1						
a		1						
b	1							
c		1						

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Procedure for calculating the precedence functions

B*	S	a	b	c	S	a	b	c
S	1						1	
a		1			1			
b	1		1					1
c	1			1				1
S		1			1			
a		1			1	1		
b	1							1
c		1			1			1

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Procedure for calculating the precedence functions

f(S)	2	← Σ						
f(a)	2	← Σ						
f(b)	3	← Σ						
f(c)	3	← Σ						
g(S)	2	← Σ						
g(a)	3	← Σ						
g(b)	2	← Σ						
g(c)	3	← Σ						

B*	S	a	b	c	S	a	b	c
S	1						1	
a		1			1			
b	1		1					1
c	1			1				1
S		1			1			
a		1			1	1		
b	1							1
c		1			1			1

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Precedence grammars

Complete example

$E ::= E+T|T$
 $T ::= F*T|F$
 $F ::= i$

=	E	T	F	+	*	i
E				1		
T						
F					1	
+		1				
*		1				
i						

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Example: HEAD relationship

$E ::= E+T|T$
 $T ::= F*T|F$
 $F ::= i$

Head	E	T	F	+	*	i
E	1	1	1			1
T			1			1
F						1
+						
*						
i						

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Example: TAIL relationship

$E ::= E+T|T$
 $T ::= F*T|F$
 $F ::= i$

Tail	E	T	F	+	*	i
E		1	1			1
T		1	1			1
F						1
+						
*						
i						

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Example: <. relationship

=	E	T	F	+	*	i
E				1		
T						
F					1	
+		1				
*		1				
i						

X

H	E	T	F	+	*	i
E	1	1	1			1
T			1			1
F						1
+						
*						
i						

=

<	E	T	F	+	*	i
E						
T						
F						
+			1			1
*			1			1
i						

=. × Head

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Example: identity relationship

$E ::= T+E|T$
 $T ::= F*T|F$
 $F ::= i$

Id	E	T	F	+	*	i
E	1					
T		1				
F			1			
+				1		
*					1	
i						1

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Example: >. relationship

T ^r	E	T	F	+	*	i
E					1	
T	1	1				
F	1	1				
+				1		
*					1	
i	1	1	1			

 \times

=	E	T	F	+	*	i
E					1	
T						
F					1	
+				1		
*					1	
i						

 \times

H	E	T	F	+	*	i
E	1	1	1			1
T		1	1			1
F			1			1
+				1		
*					1	
i						1

 $=$

>	E	T	F	+	*	i
E						
T			1			
F			1			
+						
*						
i				1	1	

$(TAIL)^t \times =. \times (HEAD OR Identity)$

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Precedence relationships

$S ::= aSb$
 $S ::= c$

M	E	T	F	+	*	i
E				=.		
T				>.		
F				>.	=.	
+		=.	<.			<.
*		=.	<.			<.
i				>.	>.	

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Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

i	*	i	+	i	END	
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STA RT						
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

*	i	+	i	END		
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i,	STA RT					
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

F	*	i	+	i	END	
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STA RT						
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

*	i	+	i	END		
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F,	STA RT					
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

i	+	i	END		
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*,	F,	STA RT				
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

+	i	END	
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i,<	*,<	F,<	STA RT			
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

F	+	i	END
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*,<	F,<	STA RT			
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

+	i	END	
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F,<	*,<	F,<	STA RT			
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

T	+	i	END
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*,<	F,<	STA RT			
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

+	i	END	
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T,=	*,=	F,<	STA RT			
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

T	+	i	END
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STA RT						
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

+	i	END	
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T,<	STA RT					
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

E	+	i	END
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STA RT						
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

+	i	END	
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E,<	STA RT					
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

i	END	
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+,=	E,<	STA RT				
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

END	
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i,<	+,=	E,<	STA RT			
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

F	END
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+,=	E,<	STA RT				
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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

END

F,< +,= E,< STA
RT

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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

T END

+,= E,< STA
RT

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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

END

T,= +,= E,< STA
RT

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Precedence grammars

Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

E END

STA
RT

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Parsing algorithm

M	E	T	F	+	*	i	EN D
E				=.			>.
T				>.			>.
F				>.	=.		>.
+		=.	<.			<.	>.
*		=.	<.			<.	>.
i				>.	>.		>.
St	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	<.	

END

E START

ACCEPTED

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Complete example

Note that the following versions of the same grammar are not simple-precedence grammars:

$E ::= E+T \mid T$
 $T ::= T * F \mid F$
 $F ::= i$

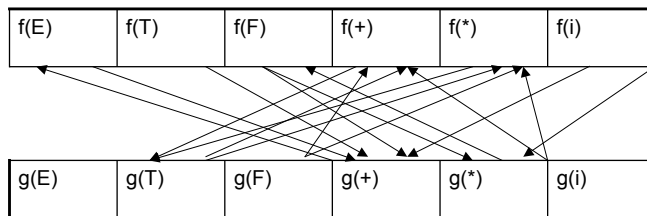
$E ::= T + E \mid T$
 $T ::= F * T \mid F$
 $F ::= i$

Why? (exercise)

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Procedure for calculating the precedence functions



M	E	T	F	+	*	i
E				=.		
T				>.		
F				>.	=.	
+		=.	<.			<.
*		=.	<.			<.
i				>.	>.	

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Complete example

Function	Accessible cells	Function value
f(E)	f(E), g(+)	2
f(T)	f(T), g(+), f(E)	3
f(F)	f(F), g(+), f(E), g(*)	4
f(+)	f(+), g(T), f(*)	3
f(*)	f(*), g(T), f(+)	3
f(i)	f(i), g(+), g(*), f(E), f(F)	5
g(E)	g(E)	1
g(T)	g(T), f(+), f(*)	3
g(F)	g(F), f(+), f(*), g(T)	4
g(+)	g(+), f(E)	2
g(*)	g(*), f(F), g(+), f(E)	4
g(i)	g(i), f(+), f(*), g(T)	4

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Parsing algorithm

Function	Function value
f(E)	2
f(T)	3
f(F)	4
f(+)	3
f(*)	3
f(i)	5
g(E)	1
g(T)	3
g(F)	4
g(+)	2
g(*)	4
g(i)	4
f(START)=g(END)	0

i	*	i	+	i	END	
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STA RT						
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EXERCISE:

Repeat the analysis of the string using the precedence functions