

# Grammar Abstract Interpretation

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# Reinhard's work on grammar analysis

- Grammar analysis is like program/  
data flow analysis that is solving  
fixpoint equations

- Bottom-up equations:

• e.g. first

•  $X \rightarrow X_1 \dots X_n$   
flow of information

- Top-down equations:

• e.g. follow

•  $X \rightarrow X_1 \dots X_n$   
flow of information

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# Bottom-up grammar flow analysis (from Reinhard's book on compilation, french translation)

## Définition 8.2.18 (Analyse de flux ascendante)

Soit  $G$  une GNC ; un problème d'analyse de flux ascendant pour  $G$  et  $I$  comprend :

- un domaine de valeurs  $D\uparrow$  : ce domaine est l'ensemble des informations possibles pour les non-terminaux ;
- une fonction de transfert  $F_p\uparrow : D\uparrow^{n_p} \rightarrow D\uparrow$  pour chaque production  $p \in P$  ;
- une fonction de combinaison  $\nabla\uparrow : 2^{D\uparrow} \rightarrow D\uparrow$ .

Abstract domain

Ceci étant posé, on définit pour une grammaire donnée un système récursif d'équations :

$$I(X) = \nabla\uparrow \{ F_p\uparrow (I(p[1]), \dots, I(p[n_p])) \mid p[0] = X \} \quad \forall X \in V_N \quad (I\uparrow)$$

System of abstract fixpoint equations

## Exemple 8.2.12 (Productivité des non-terminaux)

$D\uparrow$  { vrai, faux } vrai pour productif  
 $F_p\uparrow$   $\wedge$  (vrai pour  $n_p = 0$ , i.e. pour les productions terminales)  
 $\nabla\uparrow$   $\vee$  (faux pour les non-terminaux sans alternative)

Le système d'équations pour le problème de la productivité des non-terminaux est alors :

$$Pr(X) = \bigvee_{i=1}^{n_p} Pr(p[i]) \mid p[0] = X \quad \text{pour tous les } X \in V_N \quad (Pr)$$

Instantiation on an example (non-terminal productivity)

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# Top-down grammar analysis :

## Définition 8.2.19 (Analyse de flux descendante)

Soit  $G$  une GNC ; un problème d'analyse de flux descendant pour  $G$  et  $I$  comprend :

- un domaine de valeurs  $D\downarrow$  ;
- $n_p$  fonctions de transfert  $F_{p,i}\downarrow : D\downarrow \rightarrow D\downarrow$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n_p$ , pour chaque production  $p \in P$  ;
- une fonction de combinaison  $\nabla\downarrow : 2^{D\downarrow} \rightarrow D\downarrow$  ;
- une valeur  $I_0$  pour  $S$ .

abstract domain

Etant donnée une grammaire, on définit comme précédemment un système récursif d'équations pour  $I$  ; pour des raisons de lisibilité, nous donnons la définition de  $I$  à la fois pour les non-terminaux et pour les occurrences de non-terminaux :

$$\begin{aligned} I(S) &= I_0 \\ I(p, i) &= F_{p,i}\downarrow (I(p[0])) \quad \text{pour tous } p \in P, 1 \leq i \leq n_p \\ I(X) &= \nabla\downarrow \{ I(p, i) \mid p[i] = X \}, \quad \text{pour tous } X \in V_N - \{S\} \end{aligned} \quad (I\downarrow)$$

system of abstract equations

## Exemple 8.2.13 (Non-terminaux accessibles)

$D\downarrow$  { vrai, faux } vrai pour accessible  
 $F_{p,i}\downarrow$  id identité  
 $\nabla\downarrow$   $\vee$  OU booléen  
 (faux, s'il n'existe pas d'occurrence de non-terminal)

$I_0$  vrai  
 On en déduit pour  $Ac$  le système récursif d'équations :

$$\begin{aligned} Ac(S) &= \text{vrai} \\ Ac(X) &= \bigvee \{ Ac(p[0]) \mid p[i] = X, 1 \leq i \leq n_p \} \quad \forall X \in V_N - \{S\} \end{aligned} \quad (Ac)$$

Instantiation on an example (accessible non-terminals)

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Contribution of this talk (building upon Reinhard's pioneer work):

- We can define an operational semantics of grammars ( $\cong$  pushdown automata)
- We can abstract this semantics
  - Bottom-up  $X \rightarrow X_1 \dots X_n$ , synthesizing information from sons to father
  - Top-down  $X \rightarrow X_1 \dots X_n$ , inheriting information from father to sons, by a replacement / rewriting process of variables  $\square$
- The bottom-up semantics can be abstracted in bottom-up grammar analysis algorithms

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- The top-down semantics can be abstracted in top-down grammar analysis algorithms
- The top-down semantics can be abstracted into the bottom-up semantics (explaining why there are often two equivalent ways  $\downarrow$  or  $\uparrow$  to define the same notion for grammars e.g. protolanguage: inherited from axiom synthesized equationally)
- Not only all grammar flow analysis algorithms but also all parsing algorithms are **abstract interpretations** of the operational semantics  $\xrightarrow{\alpha}$  top-down semantics  $\xrightarrow{\alpha}$  bottom-up semantics

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- This paved the way for
  - automatic / computer assisted design of grammar analysis / parsing algorithms
  - automated formal verification of these algorithms
  - formal verification of compiler front-ends.
- A unifying formalization viewing
  - compilation as a science (with formal justifications for the principles and algorithms)as opposed to
  - compilation as a technology (a collection of techniques and tools).

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## OPERATIONAL - SEMANTICS OF GRAMMARS

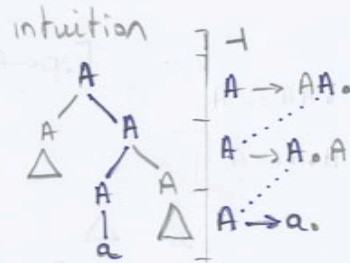
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## Transition system

Grammar  $A \rightarrow AA \mid a$

- states : stacks

$\vdash [A \rightarrow AA.] [A \rightarrow A.A] [A \rightarrow a.]$



- transition : to traverse the syntax tree from top-down left-to right using a stack<sup>(\*)</sup>

(\*) the operational version of recursion!

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## Transition rules<sup>(\*)</sup> (derivation from any nonterminal)

$$\begin{aligned} \vdash \xrightarrow{A} \vdash [A \rightarrow \cdot \sigma], & \quad A \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathcal{R} \\ \varpi [A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot a \sigma'] \xrightarrow{a} \varpi [A \rightarrow \sigma a \cdot \sigma'], & \quad A \rightarrow \sigma a \sigma' \in \mathcal{R} \\ \varpi [A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot B \sigma'] \xrightarrow{B} \varpi [A \rightarrow \sigma B \cdot \sigma'] [B \rightarrow \cdot \varsigma], & \quad A \rightarrow \sigma B \sigma' \in \mathcal{R} \wedge B \rightarrow \varsigma \in \mathcal{R} \\ \varpi [A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot] \xrightarrow{A} \varpi, & \quad A \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathcal{R}. \end{aligned}$$

Initial state :  $\vdash$

Intuition :

- $\xrightarrow{A}$  : start generating a terminal sentence from non-terminal A
- $\xrightarrow{AD}$  : the generation of a terminal sentence for non-terminal A is finished
- $\xrightarrow{a}$  : generate a terminal a

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## Derivations

- maximal finite execution traces<sup>(\*)</sup> of the transition system of the grammar

- Grammar  $A \rightarrow AA \mid A$

- Ex. derivation for sentence a :

$$\vdash \xrightarrow{A} \vdash [A \rightarrow \cdot a] \xrightarrow{a} \vdash [A \rightarrow a \cdot] \xrightarrow{AD} \vdash$$

- Ex : derivation for sentence aa :

$$\begin{aligned} \vdash \xrightarrow{A} \vdash [A \rightarrow \cdot A] \xrightarrow{A} \vdash [A \rightarrow A \cdot] \xrightarrow{AD} \vdash \\ \vdash [A \rightarrow \cdot A] \xrightarrow{A} \vdash [A \rightarrow A \cdot] \xrightarrow{AD} \vdash \\ \vdash [A \rightarrow A \cdot] \xrightarrow{AD} \vdash \end{aligned}$$

(\*) immediate generalization to infinite languages

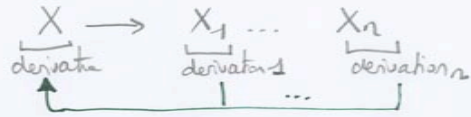
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## BOTTOM-UP SEMANTICS OF GRAMMARS

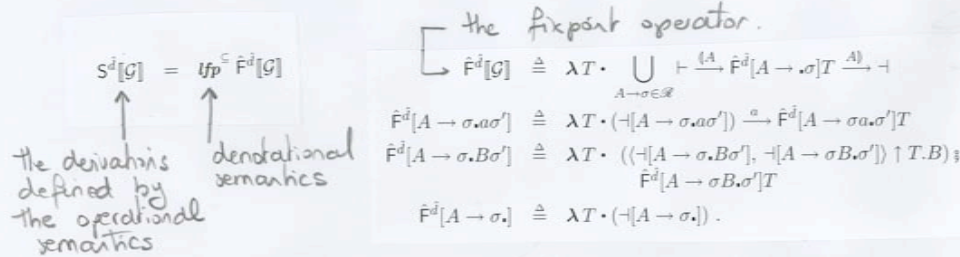
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## Bottom-up derivation semantics of grammars

- Define the derivations for non-terminals
  - By a lfp of a system of equations
  - where derivations are built bottom-up

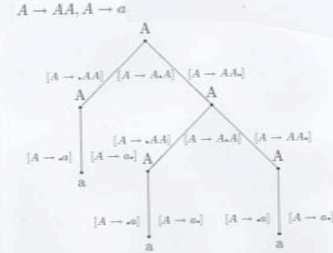


- Here is the bottom-up derivation semantics:



## Abstraction of derivations to derivation trees

- Derivation trees:



abstract (derivation tree)

parenthesized representation



concrete derivation (for aaa)

$$\vdash \frac{A}{\vdash} \vdash [A \rightarrow .AA] \frac{AA}{\vdash} \vdash [A \rightarrow .AA] [A \rightarrow \cdot a] \frac{a}{\vdash} \vdash [A \rightarrow .AA] [A \rightarrow \cdot a] \frac{aa}{\vdash} \vdash [A \rightarrow .AA] [A \rightarrow \cdot a] \frac{aaa}{\vdash} \vdash$$

(\*) essentially get rid of  $\rightarrow$  and abstract stacks by their top

## Fixpoint derivation tree semantics

- $\alpha \circ F^{\#} = F \circ \alpha \Leftrightarrow \alpha(\text{lfp } F) = \text{lfp } F^{\#}$
  - $F^{\#} = \gamma \circ F \circ \alpha$
- so there is only one possible  $F^{\#}$  obtained by calculus:

Definition:  $S^{\#}[G] \triangleq \alpha^{\#}(S^d[G]).$

Abstraction theorem:  $S^{\#}[G] = \text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F^{\#}[G]$

Fixpoint operator:

$$F^{\#}[G] \triangleq \lambda D. \bigcup_{A \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathcal{R}} (A \vdash^{\#}[A \rightarrow \sigma] D)$$

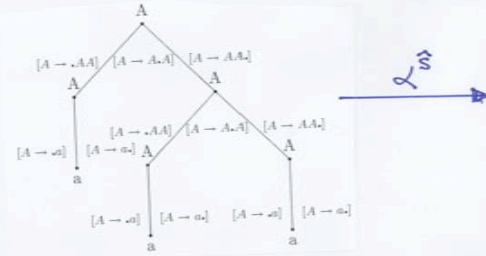
$$\vdash^{\#}[A \rightarrow \sigma \alpha \sigma'] \triangleq \lambda D. [A \rightarrow \sigma \alpha \sigma'] a \vdash^{\#}[A \rightarrow \sigma \alpha \sigma'] D$$

$$\vdash^{\#}[A \rightarrow \sigma B \sigma'] \triangleq \lambda D. [A \rightarrow \sigma B \sigma'] D.B \vdash^{\#}[A \rightarrow \sigma B \sigma'] D$$

$$\vdash^{\#}[A \rightarrow \sigma] \triangleq \lambda D. [A \rightarrow \sigma].$$

## Syntax tree abstraction and bottom-up semantics

- Abstraction



representation:  
(A(AaA))(A(AaA))(AaA)A)A)

- Fixpoint semantics:

Definition:  $S^{\#}[G] \triangleq \alpha^{\#}(S^d[G])$

Abstraction theorem:  $S^{\#}[G] = \text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F^{\#}[G]$

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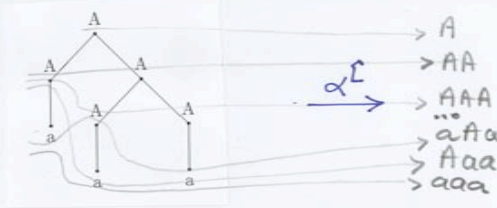
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$$\vdash^{\#}[A \rightarrow \sigma B \sigma'] \triangleq \lambda S. S.B \vdash^{\#}[A \rightarrow \sigma B \sigma'] S$$

$$\vdash^{\#}[A \rightarrow \sigma] \triangleq \lambda S. \epsilon.$$

## Protolanguage abstraction & bottom-up semantics

- Abstraction:



- Fixpoint semantics:

• Definition:  $S^L[G] \triangleq \alpha^L(S^L[G])$

• Abstraction theorem:  $S^L[G] = \text{LFP}^{\subseteq} \hat{F}^L[G]$

$$\hat{F}^L[G] \triangleq \lambda \rho \cdot \lambda A \cdot \bigcup_{A \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathcal{R}} \{A\} \cup \hat{F}^L[A \rightarrow \sigma] \rho$$

$$\hat{F}^L[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot a \sigma'] \triangleq \lambda \rho \cdot a \hat{F}^L[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot a \sigma'] \rho$$

$$\hat{F}^L[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot B \sigma'] \triangleq \lambda \rho \cdot (\{B\} \cup \rho(B)) \hat{F}^L[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot B \sigma'] \rho$$

$$\hat{F}^L[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot ] \triangleq \lambda \rho \cdot \epsilon$$

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## Terminal language abstraction & bottom-up semantics

- Abstraction:

$$A \ AA \ AaA \ Aaa \ \dots \ aaa \xrightarrow{\alpha^{\hat{L}}} aaa$$

- Fixpoint semantics:

• Definition:  $S^T[G] \triangleq \alpha^T(S^T[G])$

• Abstraction theorem (\*):  $S^T[G] = \text{LFP}^{\subseteq} \hat{F}^T[G]$

$$\hat{F}^T[G] \triangleq \lambda \rho \cdot \lambda A \cdot \bigcup_{A \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathcal{R}} \hat{F}^T[A \rightarrow \sigma] \rho$$

$$\hat{F}^T[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot a \sigma'] \triangleq \lambda \rho \cdot a \hat{F}^T[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot a \sigma'] \rho$$

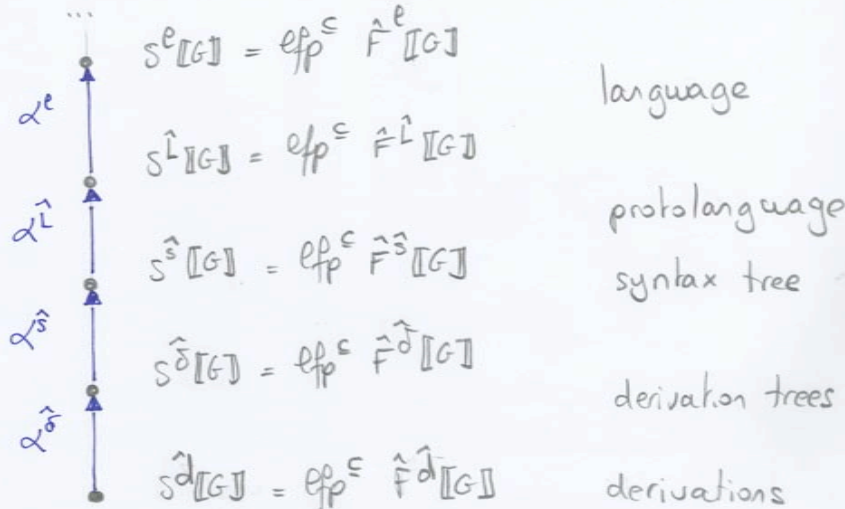
$$\hat{F}^T[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot B \sigma'] \triangleq \lambda \rho \cdot \rho(B) \hat{F}^T[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot B \sigma'] \rho$$

$$\hat{F}^T[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot ] \triangleq \lambda \rho \cdot \epsilon$$

(\*) Ginsburg, Rice, Schützenberger fixpoint characterization of the terminal language

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## The hierarchy of bottom-up grammar semantics



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## TOP-DOWN SEMANTICS OF GRAMMARS

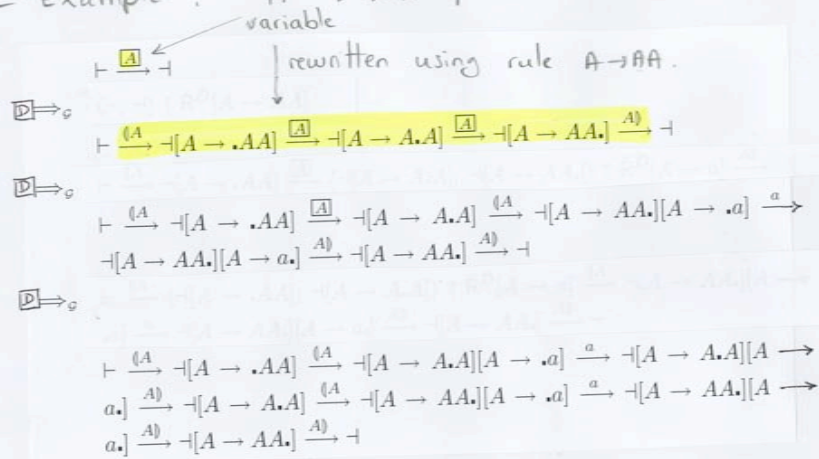
Generalize the protolanguage derivation  $\Rightarrow$  and post  $(\xRightarrow{*}) (\mathcal{L}^S)$  initial state is the start symbol all transitive derivations from axiom

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## Proto derivations

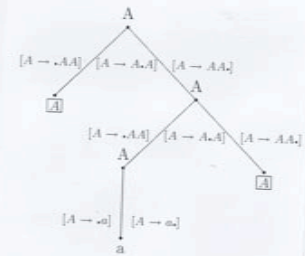
- A top-down definition of maximal derivations

- Example:  $A \rightarrow AA \mid a$

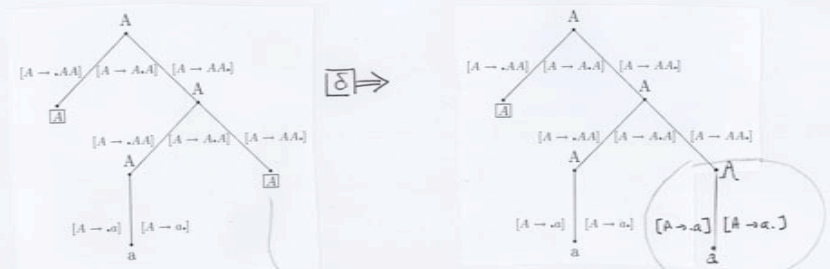


## Abstraction of proto derivations into protoderivation trees

- Protoderivation tree:

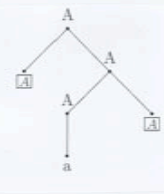


- Example of derivation  $\Rightarrow$ :



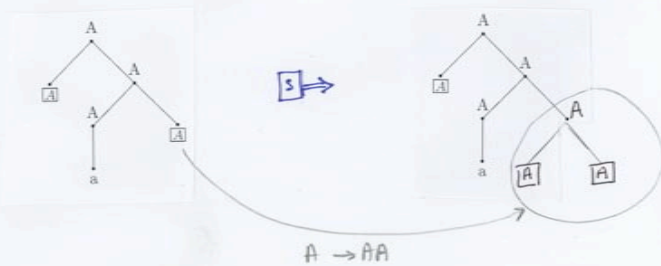
## Abstraction of protoderivation trees into protosyntax tree (i.e. syntax trees with variables)

- Protosyntax tree:



Representation:  
 $(A \Box) (A (A a A) (\Box A) A)$

- Example of derivation:  $\Rightarrow$ :



## Abstraction of protosyntax trees into protosentences

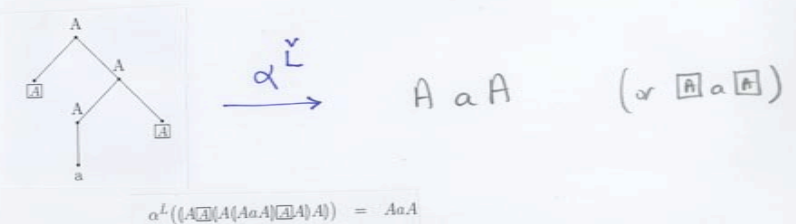
- Protosentences  $(A \rightarrow AA \mid a)$

$A \ Aa \ AaA \ aaa \dots$       $A$  ou  $\Box$  variable

- Protosentence derivation (the classical notion)

$A \Rightarrow AA \Rightarrow Aa \Rightarrow AaA \Rightarrow aaa$

- Example of abstraction:



## Fixpoint top-down semantics

- All top-down semantics are based on a derivation relation  $\Rightarrow$  (for protoderivations, protoderivation trees, protosyntax trees, protosentences)

The semantics is

$$S = \text{post}(\Rightarrow^*)(\underbrace{\mathcal{I}(\bar{S})}_{\text{initial states for start symbol } \bar{S}})$$

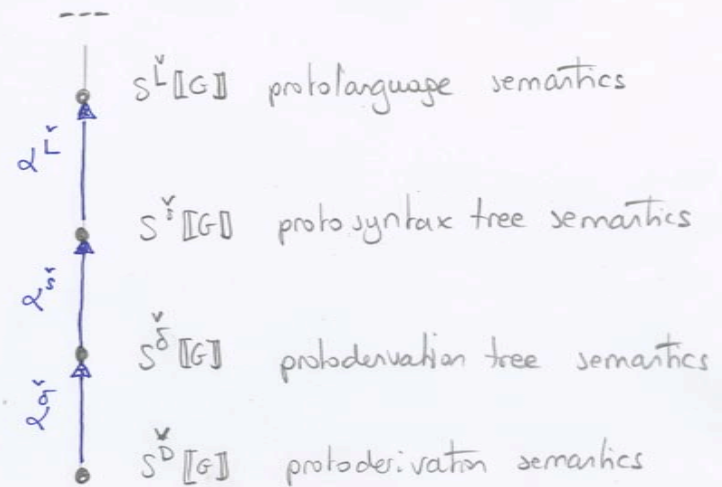
$$= \text{lfp } F$$

$$\text{where } F(X) = \mathcal{I}(\bar{S}) \cup \underbrace{\{x' \mid \exists x \in X: x \Rightarrow x'\}}_{\text{post}(\Rightarrow)X}$$

- fixpoint property preserved by abstraction (a result not specific to grammars).

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## The hierarchy of top-down semantics<sup>(\*)</sup>



(\*) Obviously no variables in terminal sentences!

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## ABSTRACTION OF TOP-DOWN TO BOTTOM-UP SEMANTICS

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Abstraction of the protoXXX top-down semantics into the XXX bottom-up semantics

$$\alpha(X) = \{x \in X \mid x \text{ has no variables } \square \text{ or } A\}$$

Example: protolanguage  $\rightarrow$  terminal language

$$\alpha(X) = X \cap \text{terminals}^*$$

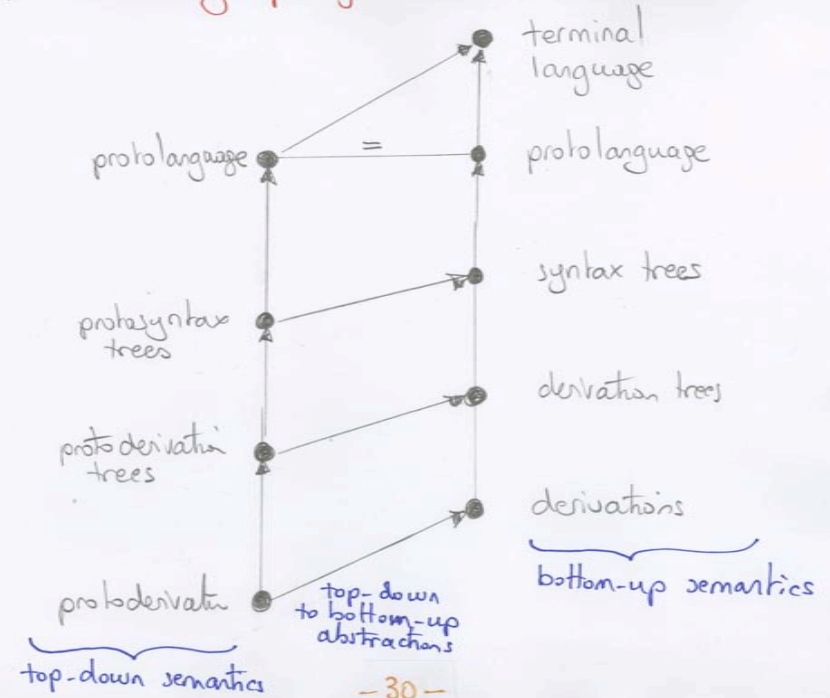
so we just record the finished derivations.

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## THE HIERARCHY OF GRAMMAR SEMANTICS

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## The hierarchy of grammar semantics



## BOTTOM-UP GRAMMAR ANALYSIS

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## Bottom-up grammar analysis algorithms

- choose some bottom-up semantics  $S = \text{pp}^S F$
  - define an abstraction  $\alpha$  into a finite domain
  - design  $F^\# = \alpha \circ F \circ \delta$  such that  $\alpha \circ F = F^\# \circ \alpha$
  - it follows that  $S^\# \triangleq \alpha(S) = \text{pp}^S F^\#$
  - the algorithm is just the iterative computation  $x^0 = \perp, \dots, x^{n+1} = F^\#(x^n)$  using chaotic iterations (as found in Reinhard's book!)
  - To design  $F^\#$ , simplify  $\alpha \circ F(x)$  into some expression  $e(\alpha(x))$  and define  $F^\#(x) \triangleq e(x)$
- It follows that  $F^\# = \alpha \circ F \circ \delta$ !

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## Example: nonterminal productivity

Abstraction:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\alpha}^\circ &\triangleq \lambda L. \lambda A. \alpha^\circ(L(A)), \\ \alpha^\circ &\triangleq \lambda \Sigma. [\Sigma \neq \emptyset \ ? \ \text{tt} \ : \ \text{ff}] \end{aligned} \quad (\mathcal{N} \mapsto \wp(\mathcal{S}^*), \subseteq) \xrightarrow[\hat{\alpha}^\circ]{\alpha^\circ} (\mathcal{N} \mapsto \mathbb{B}, \Rightarrow).$$

Non terminal productivity semantics:

Definition

$$s^\circ[G] \triangleq \hat{\alpha}^\circ(S^l[G])$$

abstraction of the bottom-up language semantics

Abstraction theorem:

$$s^\circ[G] = \wp \hat{p} \hat{F}^\circ[G]$$

$$\hat{F}^\circ[G] \triangleq \lambda \rho. \lambda A. \bigvee_{A \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathcal{R}} \hat{F}^\circ[A \rightarrow \sigma] \rho$$

$$\hat{F}^\circ[A \rightarrow \sigma, \alpha \alpha \sigma'] \triangleq \lambda \rho. \hat{F}^\circ[A \rightarrow \sigma, \alpha \sigma']$$

$$\hat{F}^\circ[A \rightarrow \sigma, B \sigma'] \triangleq \lambda \rho. \rho(B) \wedge \hat{F}^\circ[A \rightarrow \sigma, B \sigma'] \rho$$

$$\hat{F}^\circ[A \rightarrow \sigma, \cdot] \triangleq \lambda \rho. \text{tt}$$

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## Calculational design

PROOF We calculate

$$\begin{aligned} &\hat{\alpha}^\circ \circ \hat{F}^l[G](\rho) && \{\text{def. } \circ\} \\ = &\hat{\alpha}^\circ(\hat{F}^l[G](\rho)) && \{\text{def. } \hat{F}^l[G]\} \\ = &\hat{\alpha}^\circ(\lambda A. \bigcup_{A \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathcal{R}} \hat{F}^l[A \rightarrow \sigma] \rho) && \{\text{def. } \hat{\alpha}^\circ\} \\ = &\lambda A. \hat{\alpha}^\circ(\bigcup_{A \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathcal{R}} \hat{F}^l[A \rightarrow \sigma] \rho) && \{\hat{\alpha}^\circ \text{ preserves lubs}\} \\ = &\lambda A. \bigvee_{A \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathcal{R}} \hat{\alpha}^\circ(\hat{F}^l[A \rightarrow \sigma] \rho) && \{\text{provided we can define } \hat{F}^\circ \text{ such that } \hat{\alpha}^\circ \circ \hat{F}^l[A \rightarrow \sigma] = \hat{F}^\circ[A \rightarrow \sigma] \circ \hat{\alpha}^\circ\} \\ = &\lambda A. \bigvee_{A \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathcal{R}} \hat{F}^\circ[A \rightarrow \sigma](\hat{\alpha}^\circ(\rho)) && \{\text{by defining } \hat{F}^\circ[G] \rho \triangleq \lambda A. \bigvee_{A \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathcal{R}} \hat{F}^\circ[A \rightarrow \sigma] \rho\} \end{aligned}$$

It remains to define  $\hat{F}^\circ$  such that  $\hat{\alpha}^\circ \circ \hat{F}^l[A \rightarrow \sigma, \sigma'] = \hat{F}^\circ[A \rightarrow \sigma, \sigma'] \circ \hat{\alpha}^\circ$ . We proceed by structural induction on the length of  $\sigma'$  in  $[A \rightarrow \sigma, \sigma']$ . We have the following cases

$$\begin{aligned} - &\hat{\alpha}^\circ(\hat{F}^l[A \rightarrow \sigma, \alpha \alpha \sigma'] \rho) && \{\text{def. } \hat{F}^l[A \rightarrow \sigma, \alpha \alpha \sigma']\} \\ = &\hat{\alpha}^\circ(\alpha \hat{F}^l[A \rightarrow \sigma, \alpha \sigma'] \rho) && \{\text{def. } \hat{\alpha}^\circ\} \\ = &\hat{\alpha}^\circ(\hat{F}^l[A \rightarrow \sigma, \alpha \sigma'](\rho)) && \{\text{by defining } \hat{F}^\circ[A \rightarrow \sigma, \alpha \sigma'](\rho) \triangleq \text{ff}\} \\ = &\hat{F}^\circ[A \rightarrow \sigma, \alpha \sigma'](\hat{\alpha}^\circ(\rho)) \end{aligned}$$

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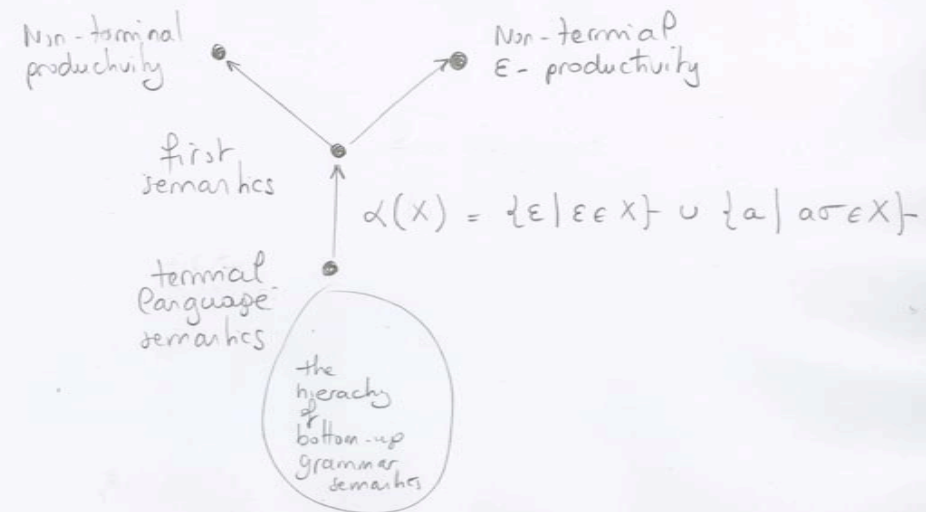
$$\begin{aligned} - &\hat{\alpha}^\circ(\hat{F}^l[A \rightarrow \sigma, B \sigma'] \rho) && \{\text{def. } \hat{F}^l[A \rightarrow \sigma, B \sigma']\} \\ = &\hat{\alpha}^\circ(\rho(B) \hat{F}^l[A \rightarrow \sigma, B \sigma'] \rho) && \{\text{def. } \hat{F}^l[A \rightarrow \sigma, B \sigma']\} \\ = &\hat{\alpha}^\circ(\rho(B)) \wedge \hat{\alpha}^\circ(\hat{F}^l[A \rightarrow \sigma, B \sigma'] \rho) && \{\text{def. concatenation and } \hat{\alpha}^\circ\} \\ = &\hat{\alpha}^\circ(\rho(B)) \wedge \hat{\alpha}^\circ(\hat{F}^l[A \rightarrow \sigma, B \sigma'] \rho) && \{\text{def. } \hat{\alpha}^\circ\} \\ = &\hat{\alpha}^\circ(\rho(B)) \wedge \hat{F}^\circ[A \rightarrow \sigma, B \sigma'](\hat{\alpha}^\circ(\rho)) && \{\text{ind. hyp.}\} \\ = &\{\text{by defining } \hat{F}^\circ[A \rightarrow \sigma, B \sigma'](\rho) \triangleq \rho(B) \wedge \hat{F}^\circ[A \rightarrow \sigma, B \sigma'] \rho\} \\ &\hat{F}^\circ[A \rightarrow \sigma, B \sigma'](\hat{\alpha}^\circ(\rho)) \\ - &\hat{\alpha}^\circ(\hat{F}^l[A \rightarrow \sigma, \cdot] \rho) && \{\text{def. } \hat{F}^l[A \rightarrow \sigma, \cdot]\} \\ = &\hat{\alpha}^\circ(\{\epsilon\}) && \{\text{def. } \hat{\alpha}^\circ\} \\ = &\text{tt} && \{\text{def. } \hat{\alpha}^\circ\} \\ = &\hat{F}^\circ[A \rightarrow \sigma, \cdot](\hat{\alpha}^\circ(\rho)) && \{\text{by defining } \hat{F}^\circ[A \rightarrow \sigma, \cdot] \rho \triangleq \text{tt}\} \end{aligned}$$

We have shown the commutation property  $\hat{\alpha}^\circ \circ \hat{F}^l[G] = \hat{F}^\circ[G] \circ \hat{\alpha}^\circ$  and conclude by Cor. 12. ■

- One can reasonably anticipate that this calculation is mechanizable
- otherwise use a proof assistant (e.g. Coq)

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## Hierarchy of bottom-up grammar analysis algorithms



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# Reinhard's bottom up abstract interpreter

$$S^{\sharp}[G] \in \mathcal{N} \mapsto L$$

$$S^{\sharp}[G] = \text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \hat{F}^{\sharp}[G]$$

where  $(L, \sqsubseteq, \perp, \sqcup)$  is a complete lattice and  $\hat{F}^{\sharp}[G] \in (\mathcal{N} \mapsto L) \mapsto (\mathcal{N} \mapsto L)$  is a transformer defined in the form

$$\hat{F}^{\sharp}[G] \triangleq \lambda \rho. \lambda A. \bigcup_{A \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathcal{R}} A^{\sharp} \sqcup \hat{F}^{\sharp}[A \rightarrow \sigma] \rho$$

$$\hat{F}^{\sharp}[A \rightarrow \sigma, A \sigma'] \triangleq \lambda \rho. [A \rightarrow \sigma, A \sigma']^{\sharp} \hat{F}^{\sharp}[A \rightarrow \sigma, A \sigma'] \rho$$

$$\hat{F}^{\sharp}[A \rightarrow \sigma, B \sigma'] \triangleq \lambda \rho. [A \rightarrow \sigma, B \sigma']^{\sharp}(\rho, B) \hat{F}^{\sharp}[A \rightarrow \sigma, B \sigma'] \rho$$

$$\hat{F}^{\sharp}[A \rightarrow \sigma, \cdot] \triangleq \lambda \rho. [A \rightarrow \sigma, \cdot]^{\sharp}$$

Instances :

	Protolanguage	Language	First	$\epsilon$ -Productivity
$L$	$\rho(\mathcal{Y}^*)$	$\rho(\mathcal{F}^*)$	$\rho(\mathcal{F} \cup \{\epsilon\})$	$\mathbb{B}$
$\sqsubseteq$	$\subseteq$	$\subseteq$	$\subseteq$	$\Rightarrow$
$\perp$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\#$
$\sqcup$	$\cup$	$\cup$	$\cup$	$\vee$
$A^{\sharp}$	$\{A\}$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\#$
$[A \rightarrow \sigma, A \sigma']^{\sharp}$	$\{a\}$	$\{a\}$	$\{a\}$	$\#$
$\vdots$	$\cdot$	$\cdot$	$\oplus^1$	$\wedge$
$[A \rightarrow \sigma, B \sigma']^{\sharp}(\rho, B)$	$\{B\} \cup \rho(B)$	$\rho(B)$	$\rho(B)$	$\rho(B)$
$\vdots$	$\cdot$	$\cdot$	$\oplus^1$	$\wedge$
$[A \rightarrow \sigma, \cdot]^{\sharp}$	$\{\epsilon\}$	$\{\epsilon\}$	$\{\epsilon\}$	$\#$

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# TOP-DOWN GRAMMAR ANALYSIS

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## Bottom-up grammar analysis algorithms

- Choose some ~~bottom-up~~ <sup>top-down</sup> remarks  $S = \text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} F$
  - define an abstraction  $\alpha$  into a finite domain
  - design  $F^{\#} = \alpha \circ F \circ \gamma$  such that  $\alpha \circ F = F^{\#}$
  - it follows that  $S^{\#} \triangleq \alpha(S) = \text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} F^{\#}$
  - the algorithm is just the iterative compute  $X^0 = \perp, \dots, X^{n+1} = F^{\#}(X^n)$  using chaotic iteration (as found in Reinhard's book!)
  - To design  $F^{\#}$ , simplify  $\alpha \circ F(x)$  into some expression  $e(\alpha(x))$  and define  $F^{\#}(x) = e(\alpha(x))$
- It follows that  $F^{\#} = \alpha \circ F \circ \gamma$ !

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## Example : nonterminal accessibility

### - Abstraction :

$$\alpha^{\bar{S}}(f) = f(\bar{S})$$

$$\alpha^{\sigma} \triangleq \lambda \Sigma. \lambda A. \{\exists \sigma, \sigma' \in \mathcal{Y}^* : \sigma A \sigma' \in \Sigma \text{ ? } \# : \# \}$$

### - Nonterminal accessibility semantics

o Definition

$$S^{\sigma}[G] \triangleq \alpha^{\sigma}(S^L[G](\bar{S})) = \alpha^{\sigma} \circ \alpha^{\bar{S}}(S^L[G])$$

o Abstraction

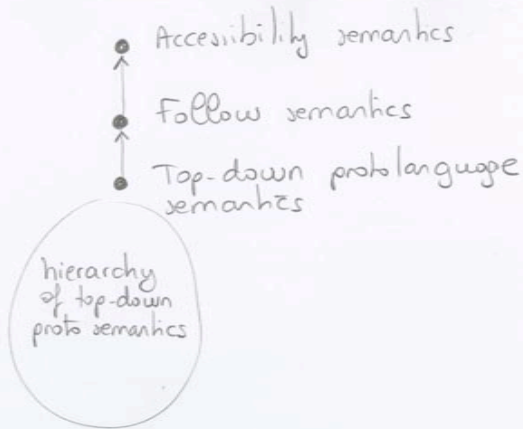
$$\text{theorems : } \alpha^{\bar{S}}(S^L[G]) = \text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \lambda X. \{ \bar{S} \} \cup \text{post}[\Rightarrow_{\sigma}] X$$

$$S^{\sigma}[G] = \text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} F^{\sigma}[G]$$

where  $F^{\sigma}[G] \triangleq \lambda \phi. \lambda A. (A = \bar{S}) \vee \bigvee_{B \rightarrow \sigma A \sigma' \in \mathcal{R}} \phi(B)$

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# Hierarchy of top-down grammar analysis algorithms



Again, Reinhard's top-down grammar abstract interpreter.

# TOP-DOWN PARSING

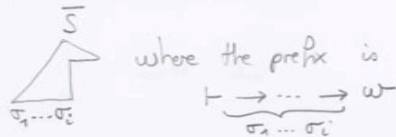
## Nonrecursive predictive parser

Abstraction:

- Abstract maximal derivations into their prefixes

$$S^{\bar{v}}[G] = \text{IIP}^{\bar{v}} F^{\bar{v}}[G] \text{ where } F^{\bar{v}}[G] \triangleq \lambda X. \cdot ( \vdash ) \cup X_1 \rightarrow$$

- Abstract these prefixes into items  $\langle i, w \rangle$



as follows:

$$\alpha^{LL} \triangleq \lambda \bar{S} \cdot \lambda \sigma \cdot \lambda X \cdot \{ (i, \varpi) \mid \exists \theta = \varpi_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon_0} \varpi_1 \dots \varpi_{m-1} \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{m-1}} \varpi_m \in X \cdot \bar{S} : i \in [0, |\sigma|] \wedge \alpha^{\tau}(\theta) = \sigma_1 \dots \sigma_i \wedge \varpi = \varpi_m \} .$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^{\tau}(\theta_1 \xrightarrow{\epsilon_1} \theta_2) &\triangleq \alpha^{\tau}(\theta_1) \alpha^{\tau}(\theta_2) \\ \alpha^{\tau}(\theta_1 \xrightarrow{A} \theta_2) &\triangleq \alpha^{\tau}(\theta_1) \alpha^{\tau}(\theta_2) \\ \alpha^{\tau}(\theta_1 \xrightarrow{a} \theta_2) &\triangleq \alpha^{\tau}(\theta_1) a \alpha^{\tau}(\theta_2), \quad a \in \mathcal{F} \\ \alpha^{\tau}(\varpi) &\triangleq \epsilon, \quad \varpi \in \mathcal{S} \\ \alpha^{\tau}(\vdash) &\triangleq \epsilon \\ \alpha^{\tau}(\cdot) &\triangleq \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

- Correctness of the parser :

$$\sigma \in S^{\bar{v}}(G)(\bar{S}) \iff \langle \sigma, \cdot \rangle \in \alpha^{LL}(\bar{S})(\sigma)(S^{\bar{v}}[G]) .$$

- Nonrecursive predictive parsing semantics :

$$\alpha^{LL}(\bar{S})(\sigma)(S^{\bar{v}}[G]) = \text{IIP}^{\bar{v}} F^{LL}[G](\sigma)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} F^{LL}[G](\sigma) &\in \wp([0, |\sigma|] \times \mathcal{S}) \mapsto \wp([0, |\sigma|] \times \mathcal{S}) \\ F^{LL}[G](\sigma) &= \lambda X \cdot \{ (0, \vdash) \} \cup \{ (0, \cdot) \} \cup \{ (0, \vdash) \mid (0, \vdash) \in X \wedge \bar{S} \rightarrow \eta \in \mathcal{R} \} \cup \\ &\{ (i+1, \varpi[A \rightarrow \eta a \eta']) \mid (i, \varpi[A \rightarrow \eta a \eta']) \in X \wedge a = \sigma_{i+1} \} \cup \\ &\{ (i, \varpi[A \rightarrow \eta B \eta']) \mid B \rightarrow \zeta \} \mid (i, \varpi[A \rightarrow \eta B \eta']) \in X \wedge B \rightarrow \zeta \in \mathcal{R} \} \\ &\cup \{ (i, \varpi) \mid (i, \varpi[A \rightarrow \eta]) \in X \} . \end{aligned}$$

- Parsing algorithm : reachable states of :

the transition system  $([0, |\sigma|] \times \mathcal{S}, \xrightarrow{\epsilon})$  where

$$\begin{aligned} (0, \vdash) &\xrightarrow{\epsilon} (0, \cdot) \mid \bar{S} \rightarrow \eta \in \mathcal{R} \\ (i, \varpi[A \rightarrow \eta \sigma_{i+1} \eta']) &\xrightarrow{\epsilon} (i+1, \varpi[A \rightarrow \eta \sigma_{i+1} \eta']) \\ (i, \varpi[A \rightarrow \eta B \eta']) &\xrightarrow{\epsilon} (i, \varpi[A \rightarrow \eta B \eta'] \mid B \rightarrow \zeta \in \mathcal{R} \\ (i, \varpi[A \rightarrow \eta]) &\xrightarrow{\epsilon} (i, \varpi) \end{aligned}$$

- Examples:  $A \rightarrow A | a$

- input  $\sigma = a$

$\xrightarrow{1}$  (0,  $\vdash$ )  
 $\xrightarrow{2}$  (0,  $\vdash[A \rightarrow a]$ )  
 $\xrightarrow{3}$  (1,  $\vdash[A \rightarrow a]$ )  
 $\xrightarrow{4}$  (1,  $\vdash$ )

- input  $\sigma = b$  : loops!

$\xrightarrow{1}$   $\langle 0, \vdash \rangle$   
 $\xrightarrow{2}$   $\langle 0, \vdash[A \rightarrow A] \rangle$   
 $\xrightarrow{3}$   $\langle 0, \vdash[A \rightarrow A][A \rightarrow A] \rangle$   
 $\xrightarrow{4}$   $\langle 0, \vdash[A \rightarrow A][A \rightarrow A][A \rightarrow A] \rangle$   
 $\xrightarrow{5}$  ...

- Termination :

**Theorem 107** The nonrecursive predictive parsing algorithm for a grammar  $G = (\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{N}, S, \mathcal{R})$  terminates (i.e. the transition relation  $\xrightarrow{1}$  has no infinite trace for all input sentences  $\sigma \in \mathcal{F}^*$ ) if and only if the grammar  $G$  has no left recursion (that is  $\exists A \in \mathcal{N} : \exists \eta \in \mathcal{F}^* : A \xrightarrow{0} A\eta$ ).

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$$\alpha^{LL(1)} \triangleq \lambda \bar{S} \cdot \lambda \sigma \cdot \lambda X \cdot \{(i, \varpi) \mid \exists \theta = \varpi_0 \xrightarrow{\ell_0} \varpi_1 \dots \varpi_{m-1} \xrightarrow{\ell_{m-1}} \varpi_m \in X \cdot \bar{S} : \\ i \in [0, |\sigma|] \wedge \alpha^r(\theta) = \sigma_1 \dots \sigma_i \wedge \varpi = \varpi_m \wedge \forall \varpi' \in S, A \rightarrow \eta\eta' \in \mathcal{R} : \\ (\varpi = \varpi'[A \rightarrow \eta, \eta'] \wedge i \leq |\sigma|) \Rightarrow (\sigma_{i+1} \in S^r[[G][A \rightarrow \eta, \eta']])\}.$$

where  $S^r[[G]]$  is the extension of the first semantics  $S^1[[G]]$  to proto-sentences:

$$S^r[[G]] = \lambda \eta \cdot \{a \in \mathcal{F} \mid \exists \sigma \in \mathcal{F}^* : \eta \xrightarrow{0} \sigma a\} \cup \{\epsilon \mid \eta \xrightarrow{0} \epsilon\}$$

(can be expressed in fixpoint form).

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BOTTOM-UP PARSING

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Approach

As was the case for top-down parsing (e.g. Earley, TCS 2003), the bottom-up parsers are complete abstract interpretations of the bottom-up semantics.

In general non deterministic, deterministic under specific conditions

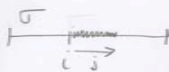
e.g. non-deterministic  $\rightarrow$  Tomita algorithm  
 deterministic  $\rightarrow$  Knuth LR(k) algorithm.

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# The Cocke-Younger-Kasami (CYK) Algorithm

- Abstract domain for input  $\sigma$ :

$$\hat{D}^{CYK} \triangleq \lambda \sigma \cdot \{(i, j) \mid i \in [1, |\sigma| + 1] \wedge j \in [0, |\sigma|] \wedge i + j \leq |\sigma| + 1\}$$



- Abstraction:

$$\alpha^{CYK} \triangleq \lambda \sigma \cdot \lambda X \cdot \{(i, j) \in \hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma) \mid \sigma_i \dots \sigma_{i+j-1} \in X\} \quad \langle \wp(\mathcal{F}^*), \subseteq \rangle \xrightarrow[\alpha^{CYK}(\sigma)]{\gamma^{CYK}(\sigma)} \langle \wp(\hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma)), \subseteq \rangle$$

$$\alpha^{CYK} \triangleq \lambda \sigma \cdot \lambda X \cdot \lambda A \cdot \alpha^{CYK}(X(A)) \quad \langle \mathcal{N} \mapsto \wp(\mathcal{F}^*), \subseteq \rangle \xrightarrow[\alpha^{CYK}(\sigma)]{\gamma^{CYK}(\sigma)} \langle \mathcal{N} \mapsto \wp(\hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma)), \subseteq \rangle$$

- Correctness of the parser:

$$\sigma \in S^t[G](\bar{S}) \iff (1, |\sigma|) \in \alpha^{CYK}(\sigma)(S^t[G])(\bar{S})$$

- The CYK parser:

$$\alpha^{CYK}(\sigma)(S^t[G])(\bar{S}) = \text{Up}^{\subseteq} \hat{F}^{CYK}[G](\sigma)$$

where

$$\hat{F}^{CYK}[G] \in \wp(\hat{D}^{CYK}) \mapsto \wp(\hat{D}^{CYK})$$

$$\hat{F}^{CYK}[G] \triangleq \lambda \rho \cdot \lambda A \cdot \bigcup_{A \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathcal{R}} \hat{F}^{CYK}[A \rightarrow \sigma] \rho$$

$$\hat{F}^{CYK}[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot a \sigma'] \triangleq \lambda \rho \cdot \{(i, j) \in \hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma) \mid \sigma_i = a \wedge (i+1, j-1) \in \hat{F}^{CYK}[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot a \sigma'] \rho\}$$

$$\hat{F}^{CYK}[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot B \sigma'] \triangleq \lambda \rho \cdot \{(i, j) \in \hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma) \mid \exists k : 0 \leq k \leq j - (i, k) \in \rho(B) \wedge (i+k, j-k) \in \hat{F}^{CYK}[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot B \sigma'] \rho\}$$

$$\hat{F}^{CYK}[A \rightarrow \sigma] \triangleq \lambda \rho \cdot \{(i, 0) \mid 1 \leq i \leq |\sigma|\}$$

□

# The calculational design of the CYK parser by abstract interpretation:

Proof We apply Cor. 12

$$= \alpha^{CYK}(\sigma)(F^t[G])(\bar{S})$$

$$= \alpha^{CYK}(\sigma)(\lambda A \cdot \bigcup_{A \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathcal{R}} F[A \rightarrow \sigma]) \quad \text{[def. (72) of } F^t[G]\text{]}$$

$$= \{(i, j) \in \hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma) \mid \sigma_i \dots \sigma_{i+j-1} \in \bigcup_{A \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathcal{R}} F[A \rightarrow \sigma]\} \quad \text{[def. (189) of } \alpha^{CYK}\text{]}$$

$$= \bigcup_{A \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathcal{R}} \{(i, j) \in \hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma) \mid \sigma_i \dots \sigma_{i+j-1} \in F[A \rightarrow \sigma]\} \quad \text{[def. } \subseteq\text{]}$$

$$= \bigcup_{A \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathcal{R}} \alpha^{CYK}(\sigma)(F[A \rightarrow \sigma]) \quad \text{[def. (198) of } \alpha^{CYK}\text{]}$$

$$= \bigcup_{A \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathcal{R}} \hat{F}^{CYK}[A \rightarrow \sigma](\alpha^{CYK}(\sigma)(\bar{S})) \quad \text{[provided we can define } \hat{F}^{CYK}\text{ such that } \alpha^{CYK}(\sigma)(F[A \rightarrow \sigma]) = \hat{F}^{CYK}[A \rightarrow \sigma](\alpha^{CYK}(\sigma)(\bar{S}))\text{]}$$

We proceed by induction on the length  $|\sigma'$  of  $\sigma'$ , with three cases.

$$= \alpha^{CYK}(\sigma)(F[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot a \sigma'])$$

$$= \alpha^{CYK}(\sigma)(\alpha F[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot a \sigma']) \quad \text{[def. } F^t[G]\text{]}$$

$$= \{(i, j) \in \hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma) \mid \sigma_i \dots \sigma_{i+j-1} \in \alpha F[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot a \sigma']\} \quad \text{[def. (198) of } \alpha^{CYK}\text{]}$$

$$= \{(i, j) \in \hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma) \mid \sigma_i = a \wedge \sigma_{i+1} \dots \sigma_{i+j-1} \in F[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot a \sigma']\} \quad \text{[def. concatenation]}$$

$$= \{(i, j) \in \hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma) \mid \sigma_i = a \wedge (i+1, j-1) \in \{(i', j') \in \hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma) \mid \sigma_{i'} \dots \sigma_{i'+j'-1} \in F[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot a \sigma']\}\} \quad \text{[def. } \subseteq\text{]}$$

$$= \{(i, j) \in \hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma) \mid \sigma_i = a \wedge (i+1, j-1) \in \alpha^{CYK}(\sigma)(F[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot a \sigma'])\} \quad \text{[def. (198) of } \alpha^{CYK}\text{]}$$

$$= \{(i, j) \in \hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma) \mid \sigma_i = a \wedge (i+1, j-1) \in F^{CYK}[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot a \sigma'](\alpha^{CYK}(\sigma)(\bar{S}))\} \quad \text{[ind. hyp.]}$$

$$= \hat{F}^{CYK}[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot a \sigma'](\alpha^{CYK}(\sigma)(\bar{S})) \quad \text{[by defining } \hat{F}^{CYK}[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot a \sigma'] \triangleq \{(i, j) \in \hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma) \mid \sigma_i = a \wedge (i+1, j-1) \in F^{CYK}[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot a \sigma'](\alpha^{CYK}(\sigma)(\bar{S}))\}\text{]}$$

$$= \alpha^{CYK}(\sigma)(F[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot B \sigma'])$$

$$= \alpha^{CYK}(\sigma)(\rho(B) F[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot B \sigma']) \quad \text{[def. } F^t[G]\text{]}$$

$$= \{(i, j) \in \hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma) \mid \sigma_i \dots \sigma_{i+j-1} \in \rho(B) F[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot B \sigma']\} \quad \text{[def. (198) of } \alpha^{CYK}\text{]}$$

$$= \{(i, j) \in \hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma) \mid \exists k : 0 \leq k \leq j - \sigma_i \dots \sigma_{i+k-1} \in \rho(B) \wedge \sigma_{i+k} \dots \sigma_{i+j-1} \in F[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot B \sigma']\} \quad \text{[def. concatenation]}$$

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 $\{(i, j) \in \hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma) \mid \exists k : 0 \leq k \leq j - (i, k) \in \rho(B) \wedge (i+k, j-k) \in F^{CYK}[A \rightarrow \sigma \cdot B \sigma'](\bar{S})\}$

Because the abstract domain  $(\mathcal{N} \mapsto \wp(\hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma)), \subseteq)$  is finite, the iterative computation of  $\text{Up}^{\subseteq} \hat{F}^{CYK}[G](\sigma)$  terminates whenever by Th. 201 and Th. 200 so does the CYK parsing algorithm. The CYK dynamic programming algorithm organizes the computation of the pairs  $(i, j) \in \hat{D}^{CYK}(\sigma)$  in order to avoid repetition of work already done.

- You can only see that it is not so long!
- Surely mechanizable or checkable by a proof assistant

## CONCLUSION

THANKS TO REINHARD on abstract interpretation

- For being among the first to understand
- For extending (a.o. to grammars)
- For promoting (see the A.I. chapter in his compilation book)

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Happy birth year for Reinhard !

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