

## Correct this Grammar to be LL(1)

The grammar is **not LL(1)** due to the left-recursive rule 3.

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- 1  $S \rightarrow A B \$$
- 2  $S \rightarrow B C \$$
- 3  $A \rightarrow A t C x$
- 4  $A \rightarrow g$
- 5  $B \rightarrow y A B$
- 6  $B \rightarrow h$
- 7  $C \rightarrow x C y$
- 8  $C \rightarrow p$

Unfortunately, it doesn't fit into our "left factoring pattern:"

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow A\gamma\beta \\ A \rightarrow \beta \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow \beta R \\ R \rightarrow \gamma\beta R \\ \quad | \quad \lambda \end{array}$$

( $\gamma$  may be "empty," recall lower Greek letters are  $(\Sigma + N)^*$ )

While we can set  $\gamma = t C$ ,  $\beta$  **cannot be both  $g$  and  $x$**

What to do?

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Changing the  $A$  productions to

$$A \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} g A t C x \\ \lambda \end{array}$$

permits sentences with too many  $g$ s:

$$A \Rightarrow g A t C x$$

$$A \Rightarrow g g A t C x t C x$$

$$A \Rightarrow g g \lambda t p x t p x$$

The original grammar permits only one  $g$  per  $A$  recursion.

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We have to use a different (new) non-terminal on the RHS of the new  $A$  rule:

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow A t C x \\ A \rightarrow g \end{array} \equiv \begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow g Q \\ Q \rightarrow Q t C x \\ Q \rightarrow \lambda \end{array} \equiv \begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow g Q \\ Q \rightarrow t C x Q \\ Q \rightarrow \lambda \end{array}$$

This equivlency for  $Q$  can be reasoned out with a little bit of thought, but it also falls out of our left-factoring pattern if we bend the rules a smidge and recognize  $Q$  can be written as  $Q \rightarrow Q t C x \lambda$  and letting  $\gamma = t C x$  and  $\beta = \lambda$ .