

Correct this Grammar to be LL(1)

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

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

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

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

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

What to do?

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Changing the A productions to

$$\begin{array}{c} A \rightarrow g A t C x \\ \quad | \\ \quad \lambda \end{array}$$

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:

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

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 $\beta = \lambda$.