Introducing

PLASSE

Laboratory

& its Current Research

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Programming Languages Application to Software Security & Engineering

Current Research Members

- professor : 1
- research professor : 1
- Ph.D. students : 4 (-3) (+1)
- M.S. students : 7 (-2) (+?)
- on-campus collaborators
- domestic collaborators
- international collaborators

Research Directions

- Theoretical research
  - ✓ develop theory and methodology
- Industrial applications
  - ✓ implement analysis engines and tools
  - ✓ transfer technology to software industry

Research Theme

- Semantics engineering
  - ✓ simple, user-friendly semantics meta-language
- String analysis
  - ✓ syntax and semantics analysis for dynamically generated strings
- Software security
  - ✓ static/dynamic detection of security vulnerabilities from source code
- Software maintenance
  - ✓ extraction of software properties and metrics from source code

Abstract Parsing

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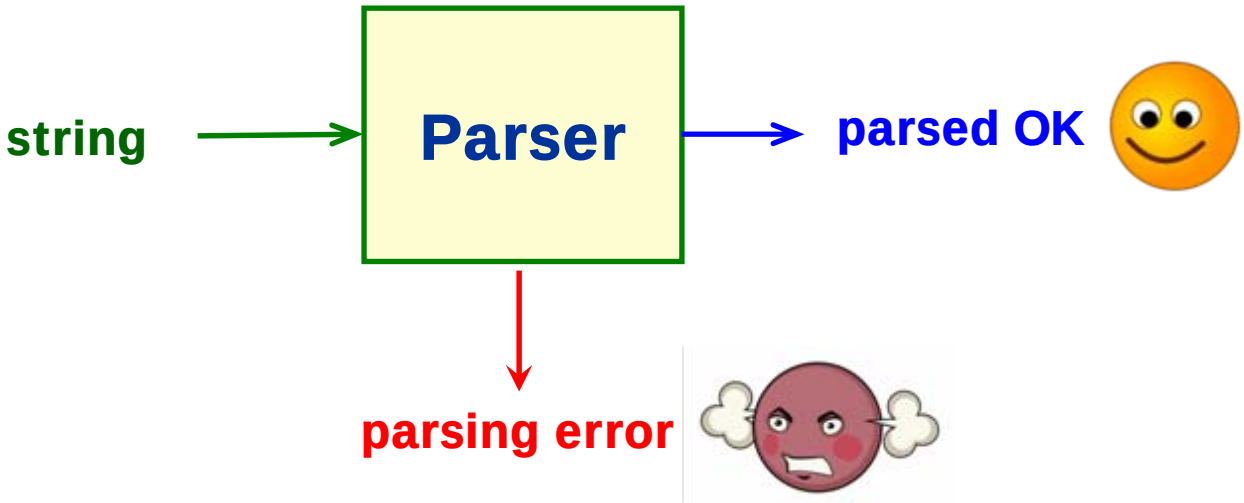
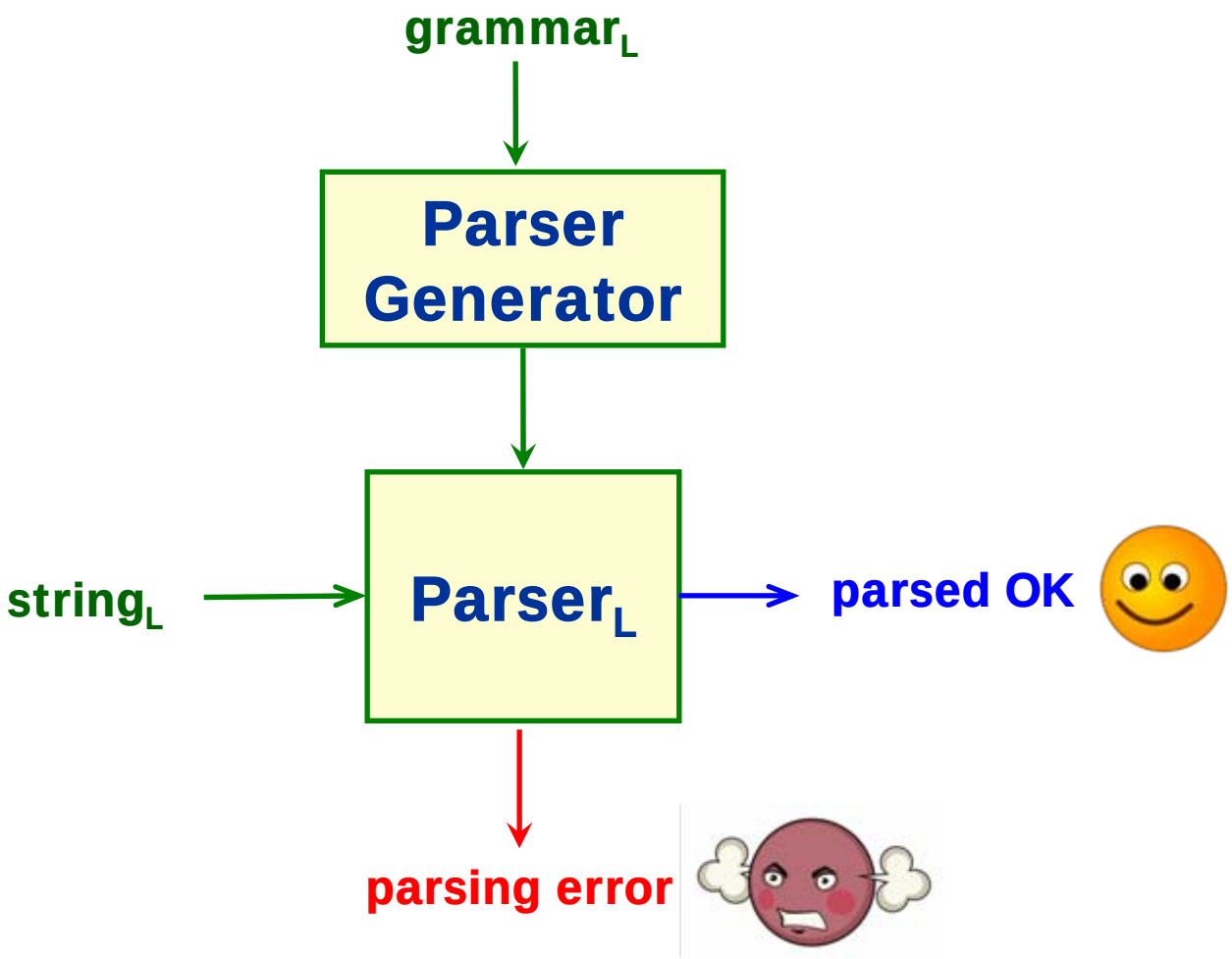
“Classic” String Analysis

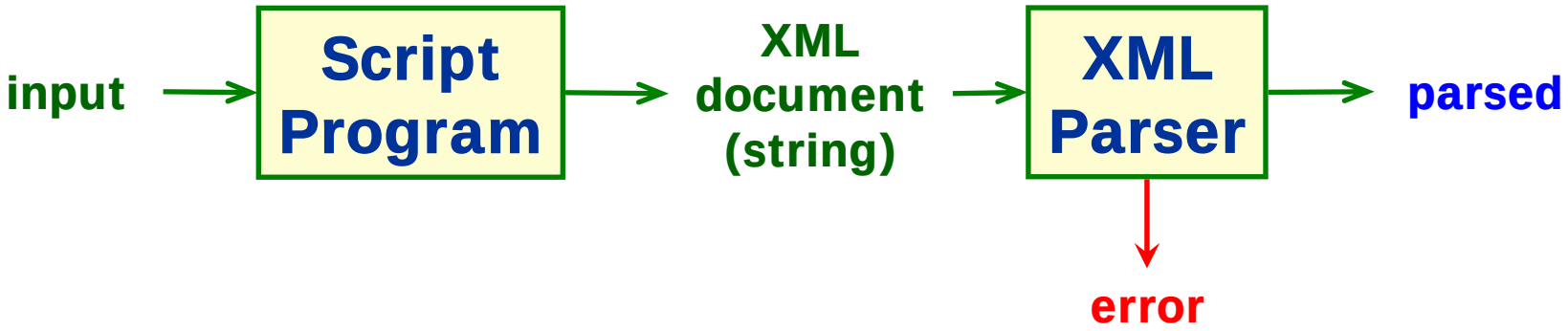
- on statically generated string
- (scanning +) parsing

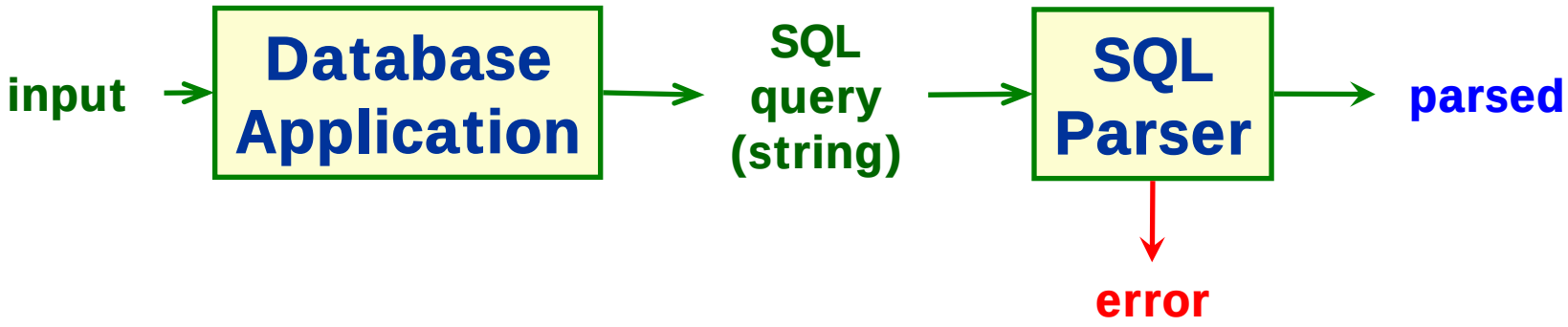


Parsing


grammar$_L$
Parser Generator
string$_L$
Parser$_L$
parsed OK
parsing error

Dynamically Generated String





Example: Database Application

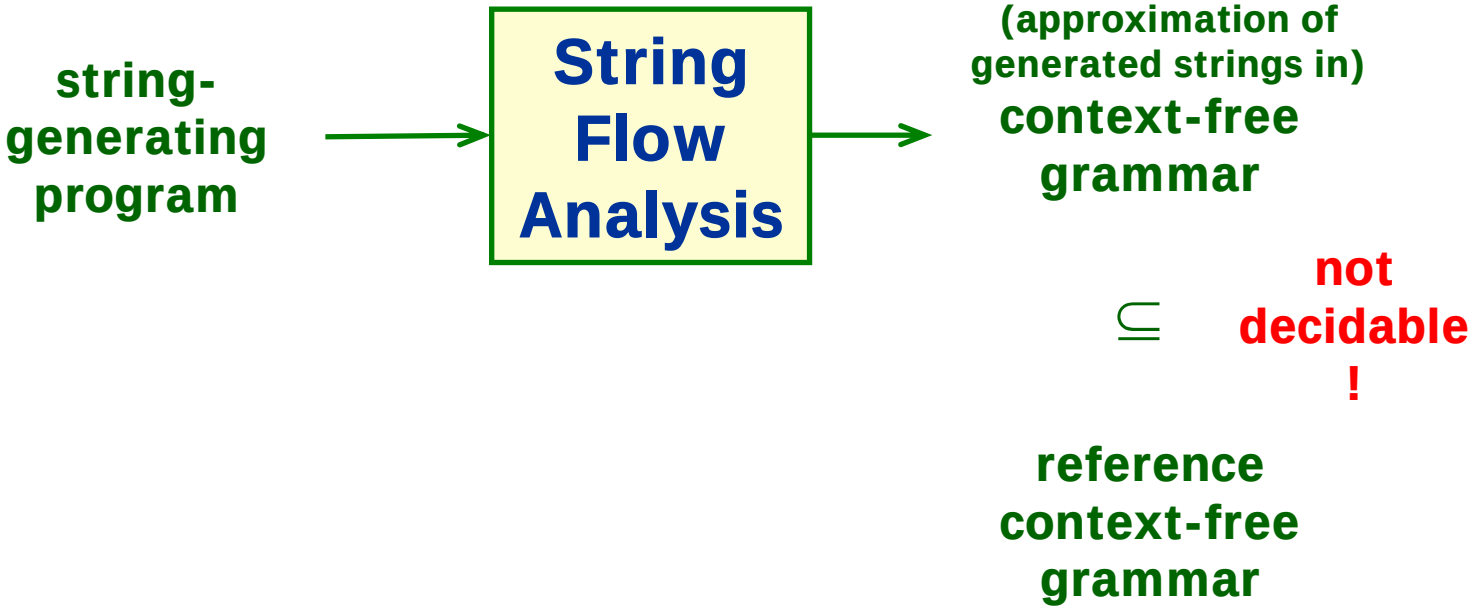
```
public void printAddresses(String id) throws SQLException {
  Connection con = DriverManager.getConnection("students.db");
  String q = "SELECT * FROM address";
  if (id != 0) q = q + "WHERE studentid=" + id;
  ResultSet rs = con.createStatement().executeQuery(q);
  while (rs.next()) { System.out.println.getString("addr")); }
```

taken from Christensen/Moeller/Schwartzbach's SAS2003 paper
"Precise analysis of string expression" with minor modification

- This Java program parses and compiles OK.
- You can check if the dynamically generated SQL query parses OK at run-time.
- Question: Can we statically check if all the SQL queries generated by this program parse OK?

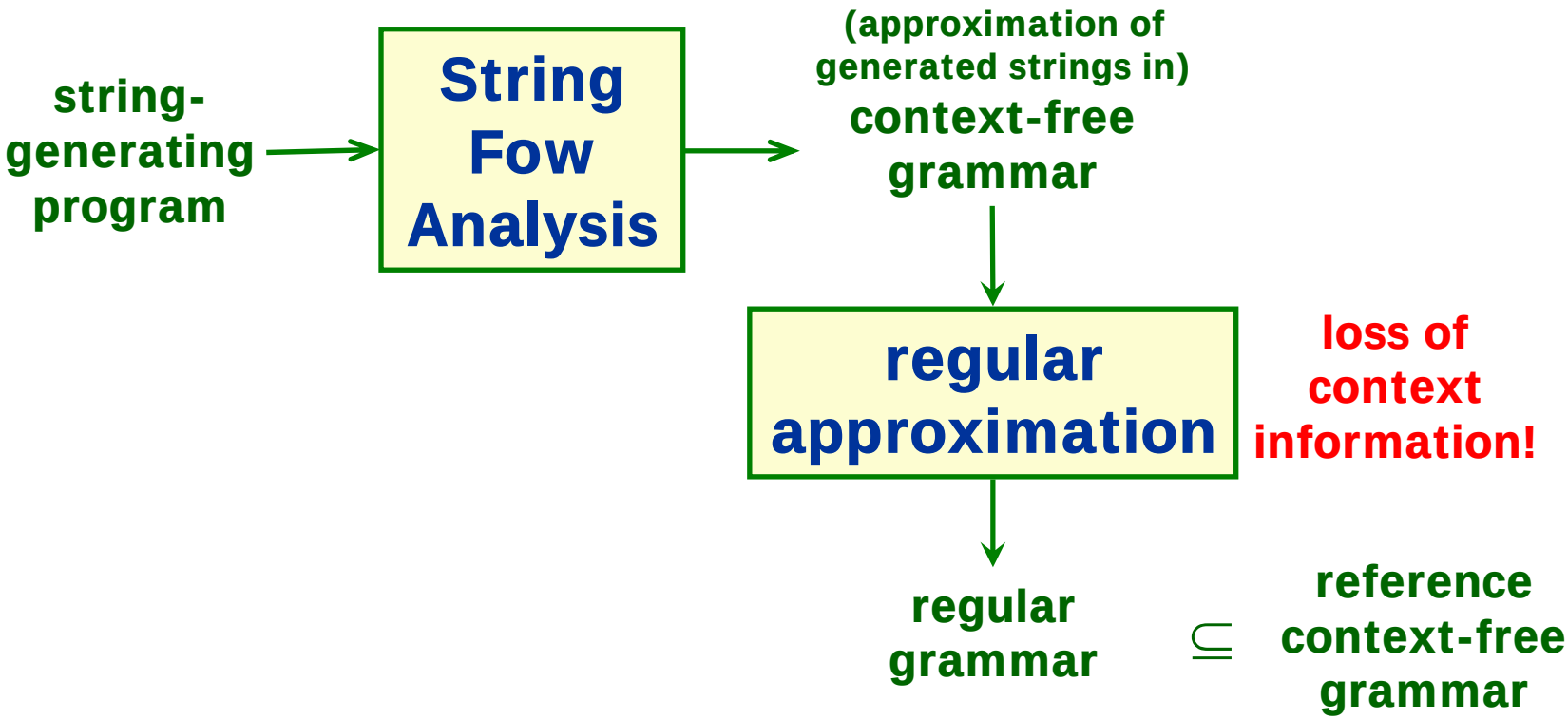
Previous Approach

- Analysis-then-parse



Previous Approach

- Analysis-then-regular_approximation-then-parse



Example

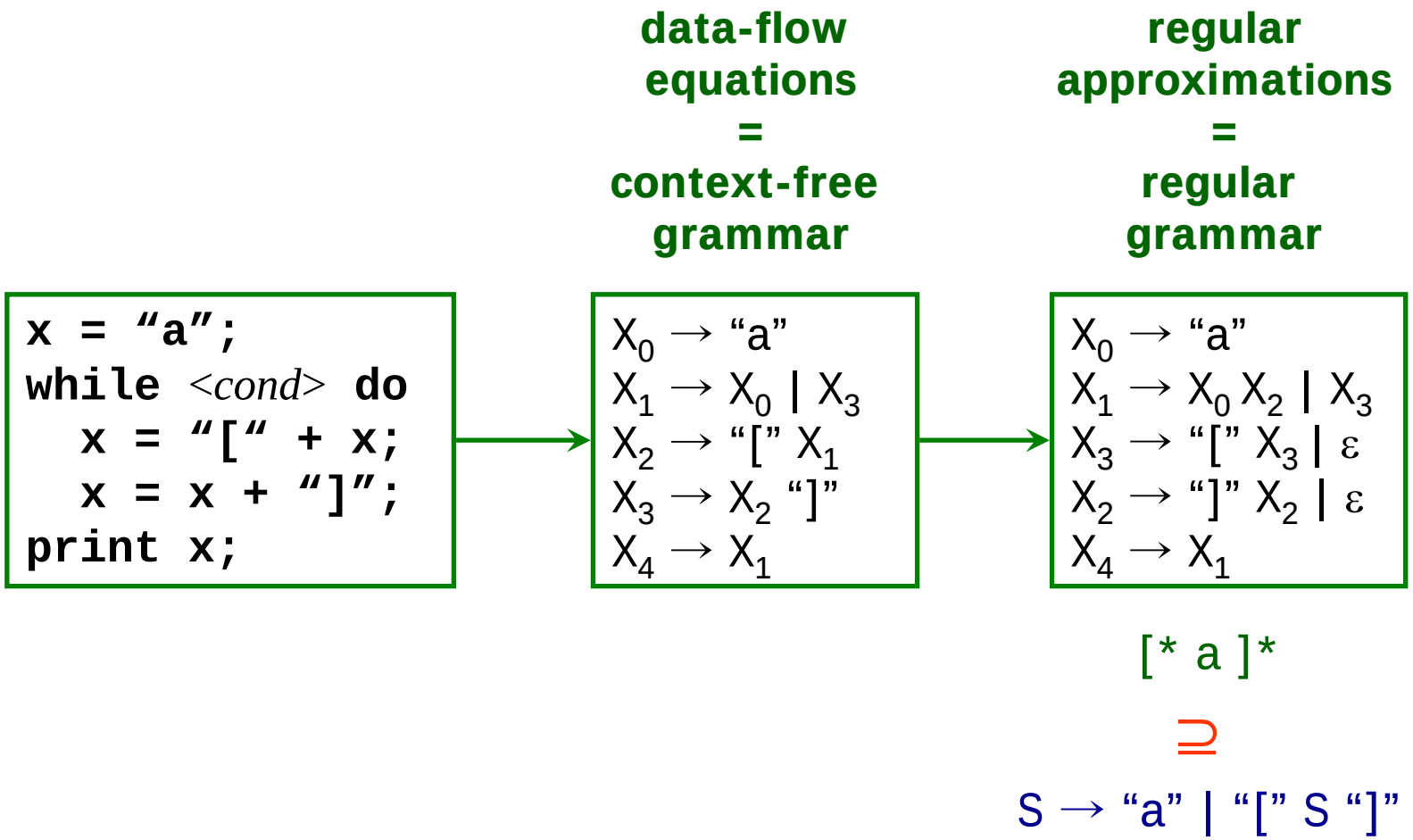
```
x = "a";
while <cond> do
  x = "[" + x;
  x = x + "]";
print x;
```

hot spot

- Is the string generated at hot spot above conformed to the following reference grammar?

$$S \rightarrow \text{“a”} \mid \text{“[”}\ S\ \text{“]”}$$

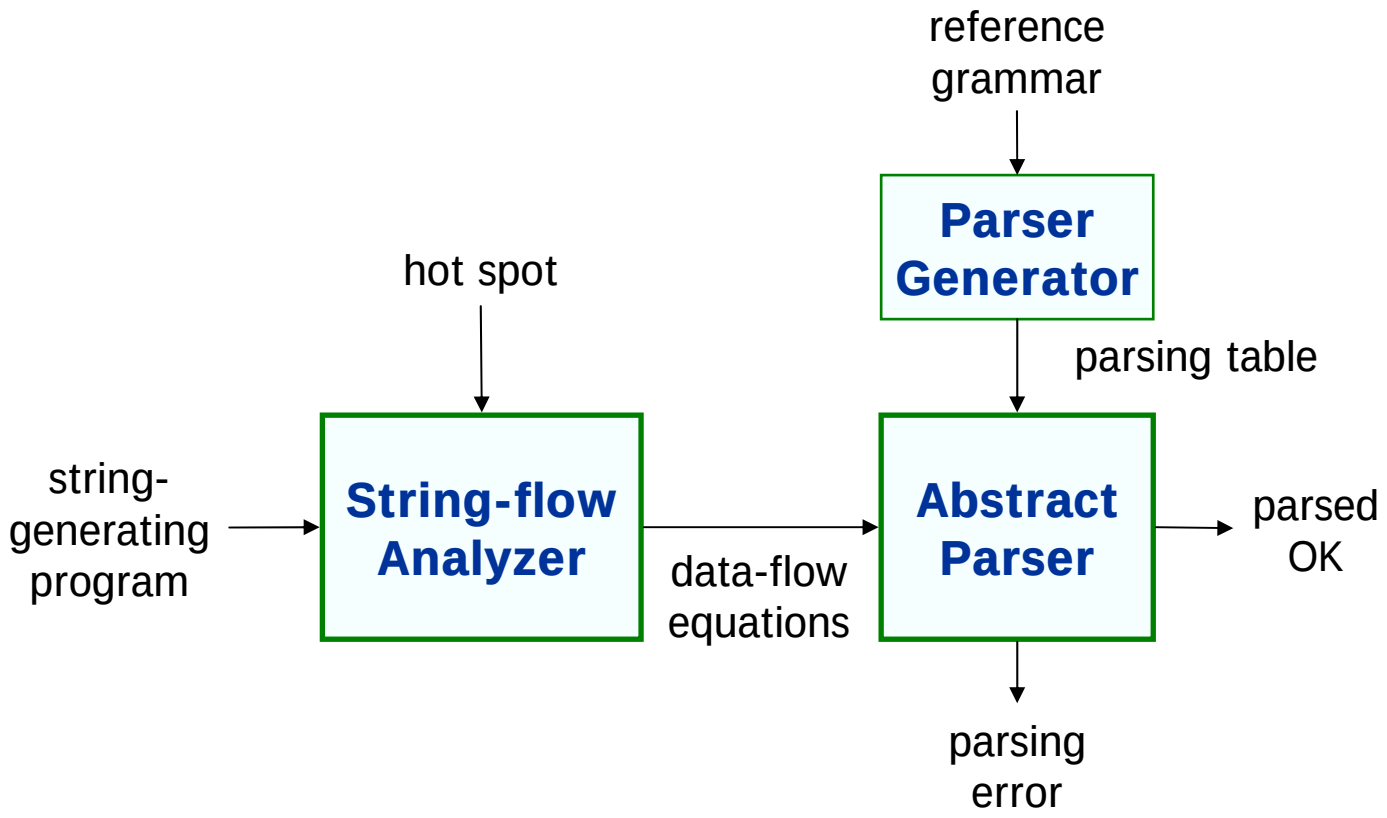
Example: Previous String Analyzer



Abstract Parsing

- Simultaneous analysis-and-parsing
  - ✓ statically analyze a program that dynamically generates strings, and, at the same time, parse the generated strings with the LR(k) reference grammar
- Abstract parse stacks as abstract string values
  - ✓ encode a generated string's context-free structure

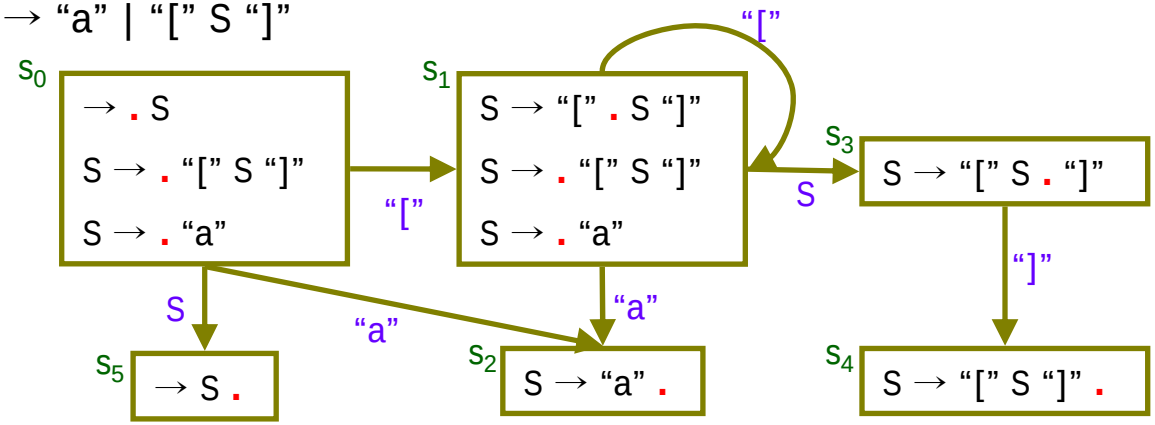
Architecture of Abstract Parsing



Our abstract parser solves data-flow equations in the domain of abstract stack.

LR(0) Parsing

Goto Controller for parser built from LR(0)-items for the reference grammar, S → “a” | “[” S “]”



Parse of input sequence, [[a]]

parse stack (top at right)
s_0
$s_0\ s_1$
$s_0\ s_1\ s_1$
$s_0\ s_1\ s_1\ s_2$
$s_0\ s_1\ s_1$
$s_0\ s_1\ s_1\ s_3$
$s_0\ s_1\ s_1\ s_3\ s_4$
$s_0\ s_1$
$s_0\ s_1\ s_3$
$s_0\ s_1\ s_3\ s_4$
s_0
$s_0\ s_5$

input sequence (front at left)	
[[a]]	shift
[a]]	shift
a]]	shift
]]	reduce: S → “a”
S]]	shift
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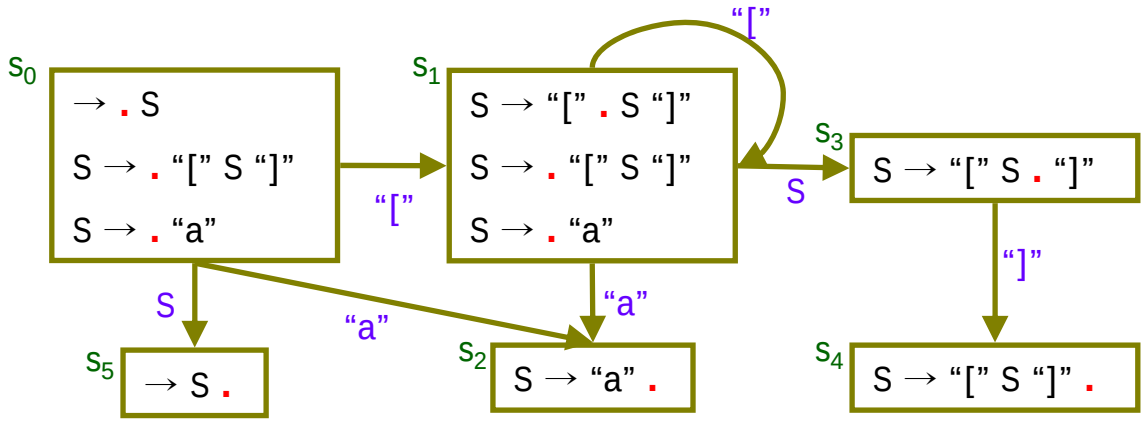
]	reduce: S → “[” S “]”
S]	shift
]	shift
	reduce: S → “[” S “]”
S	shift
	(done)

Abstract Parsing: Example 1

```
if <cond>
then x = "a";
else x = "[" + "a"
print x;
```

X_0 = "a"
X_1 = "[" · "a"
$X_2 = X_0 \sqcup X_1$



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= s_2 (reduce: S → "a")
= goto(s_0,S)
= s_5

$X_1(s_0)$ = ("[" · "a")(s_0)
= goto(s_0, "[") * "a"
= s_1 * "a"
= s_1 · goto(s_1, "a")
= s_1 · s_2 (reduce: S → "a")
= s_1 · goto(s_1, S)
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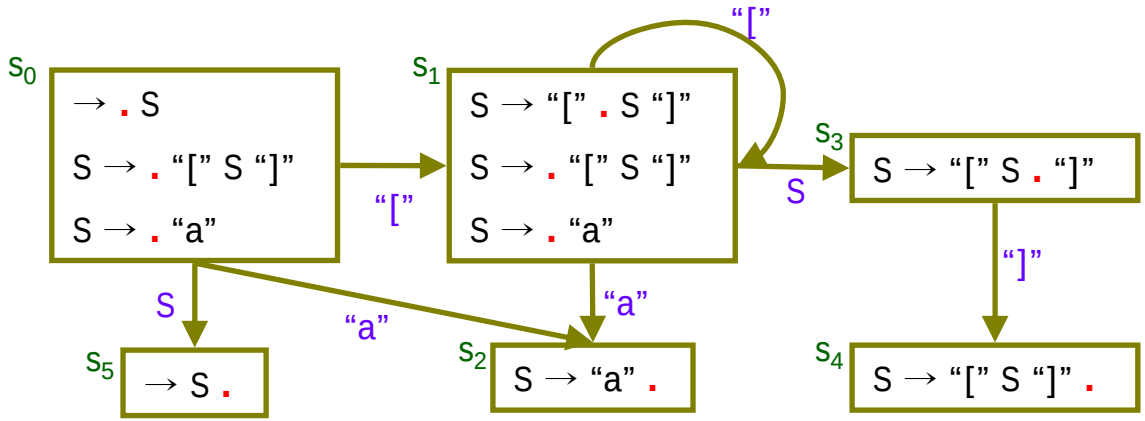

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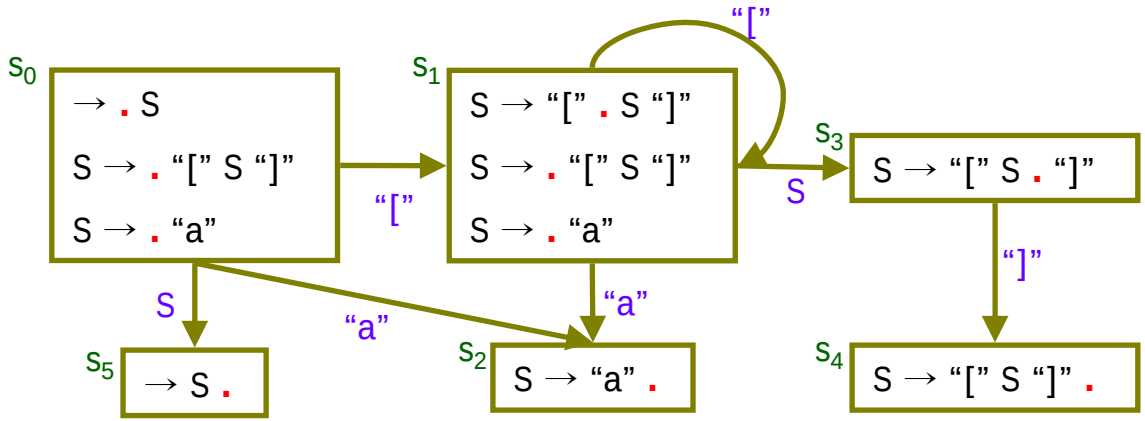

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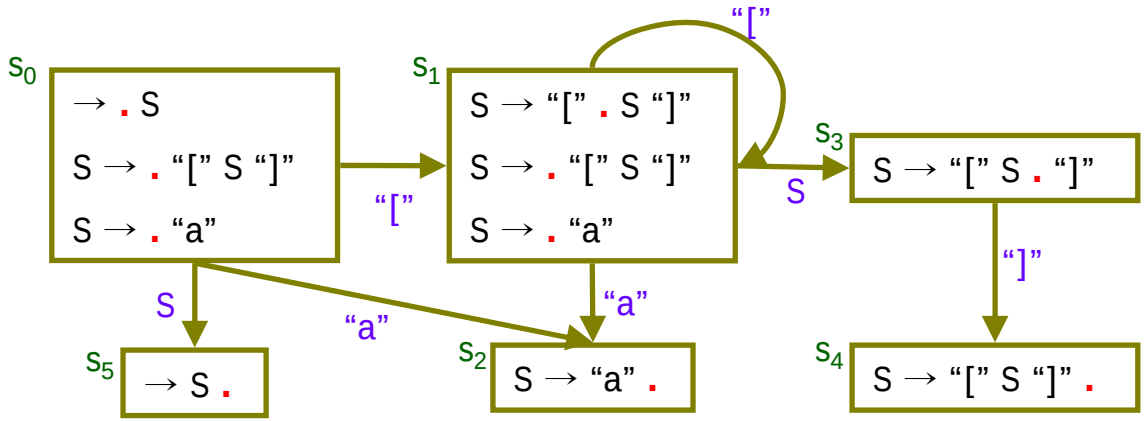

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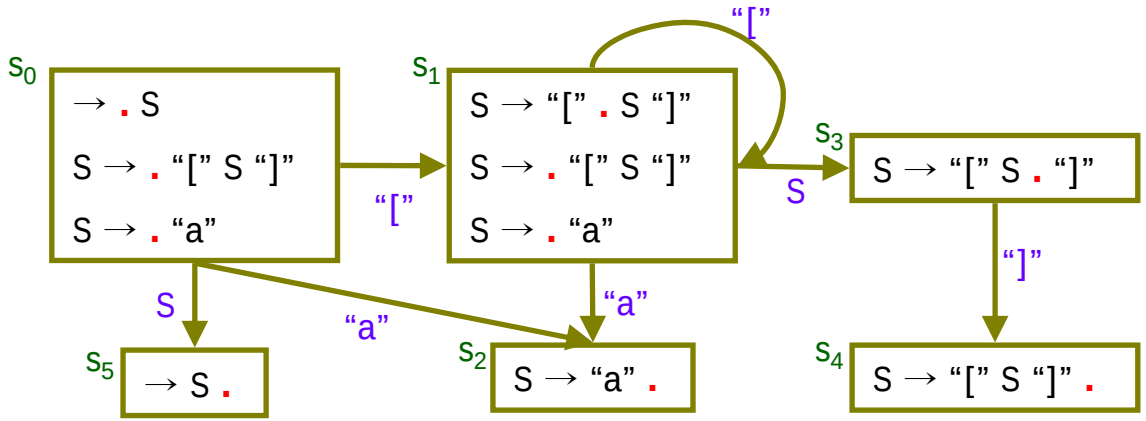

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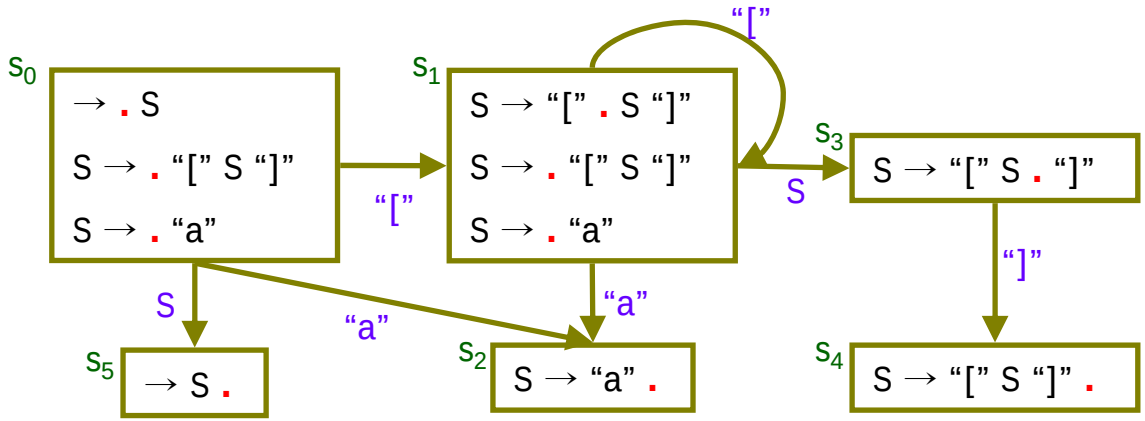

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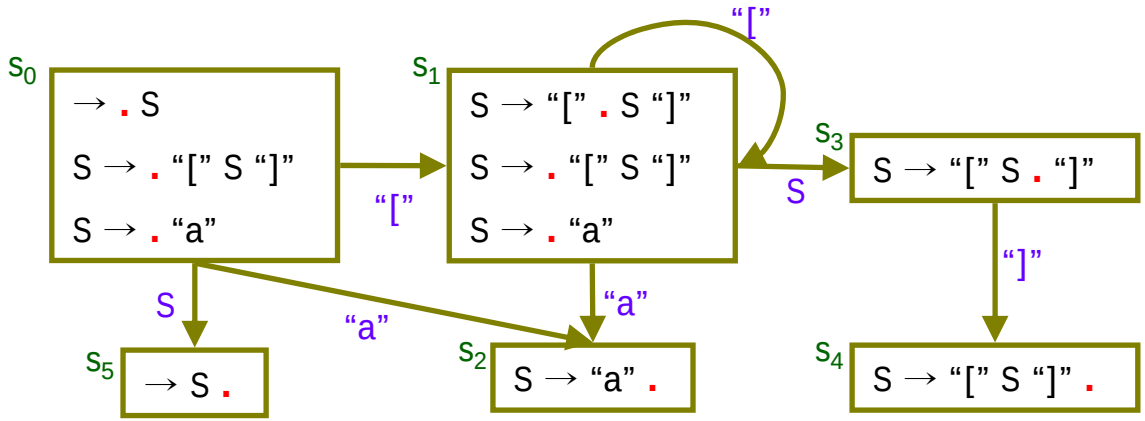

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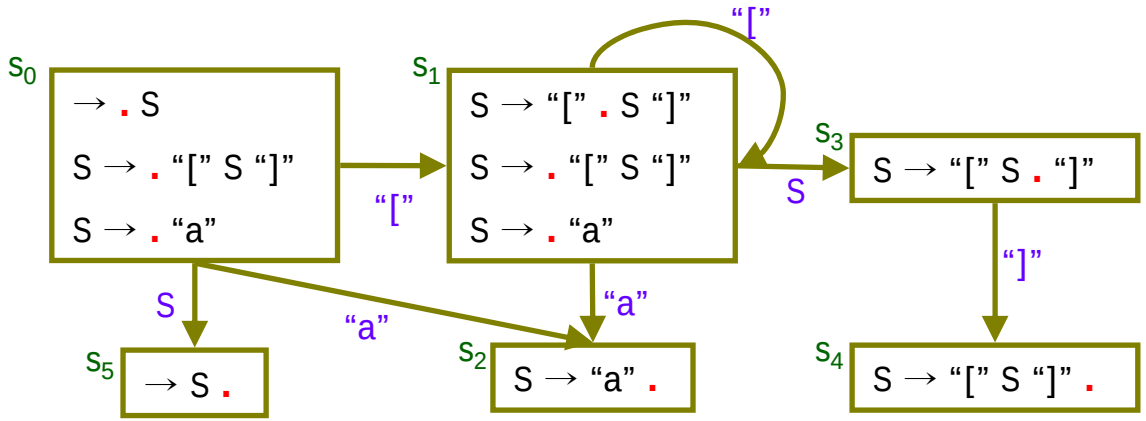

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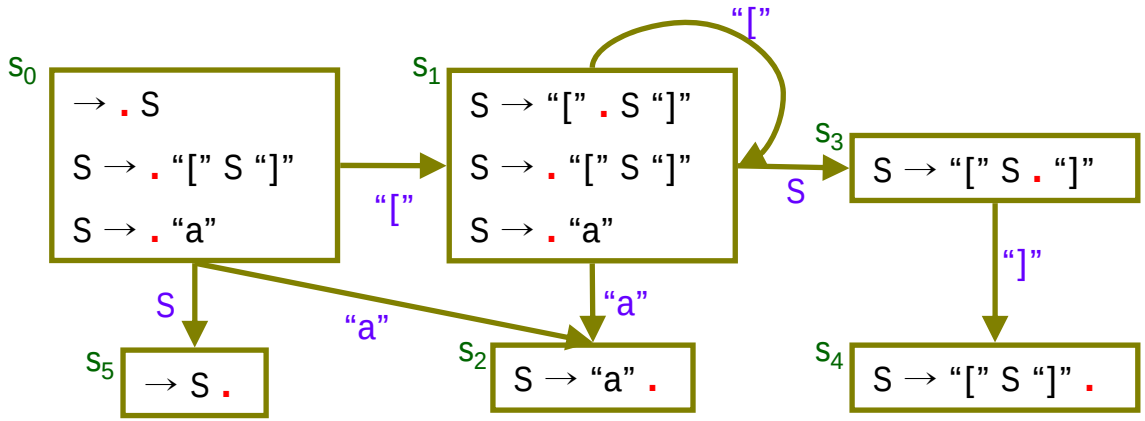

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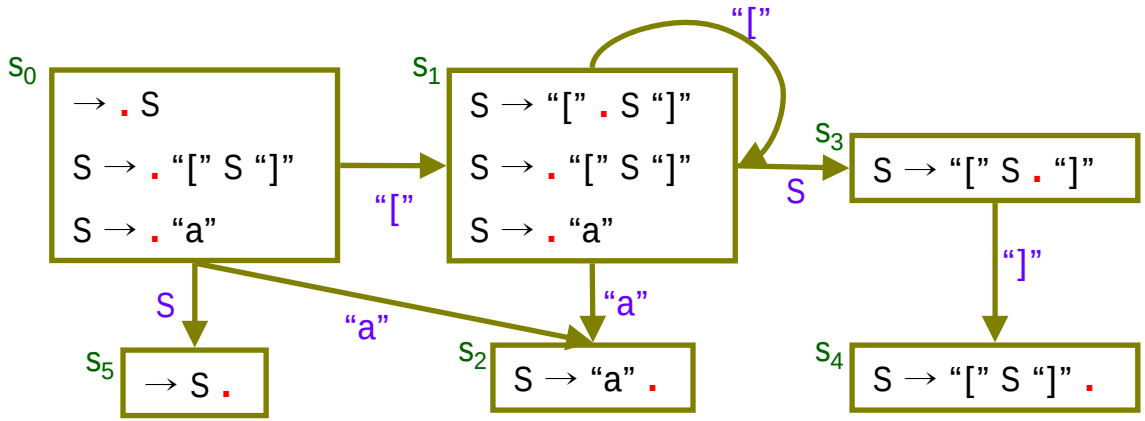

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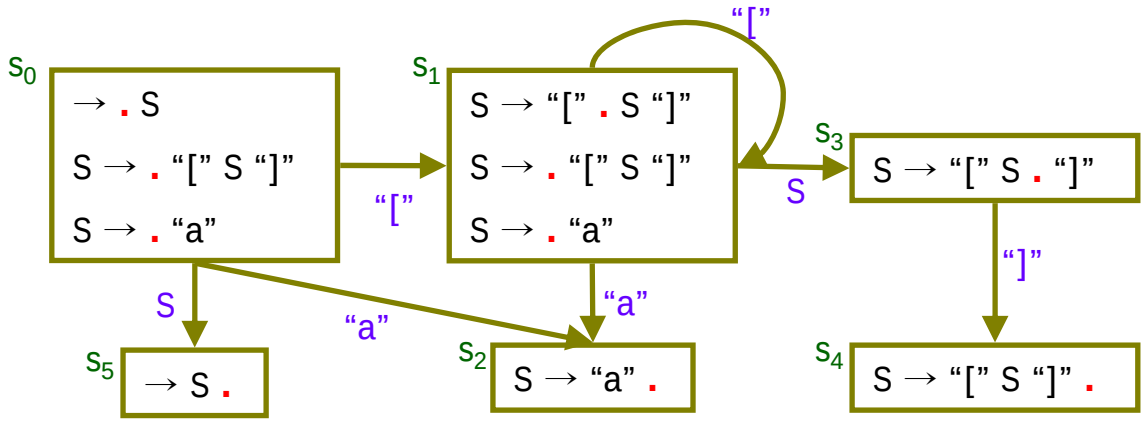

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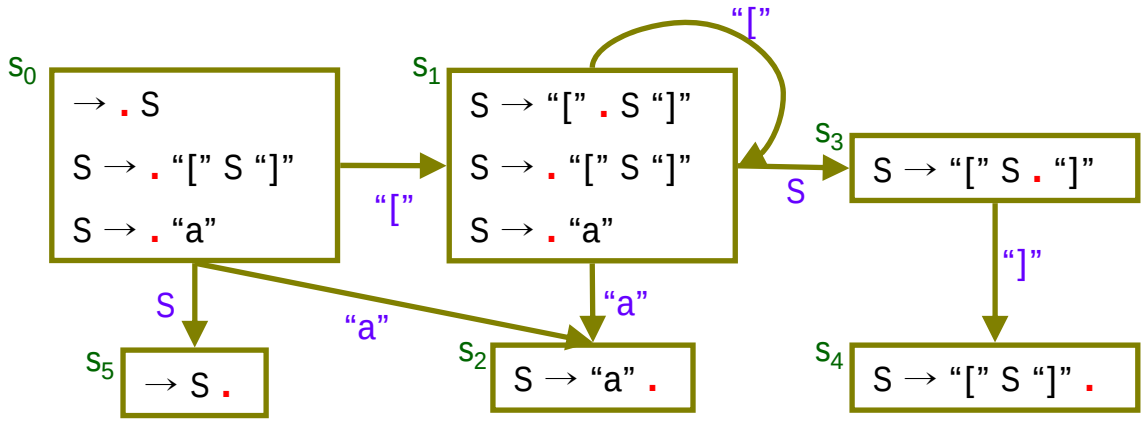

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$= \{s_0 * \text{"a"}, s_0 \cdot s_1^+ * \text{"a"}\} =$

$s_0 * \text{"a"}$
$= s_0 \cdot goto(s_0, \text{"a"})$
$= s_0 \cdot s_2$ [reduce: S → "a"]
$= s_0 \cdot goto(s_0, S)$
$= s_0 \cdot s_5$

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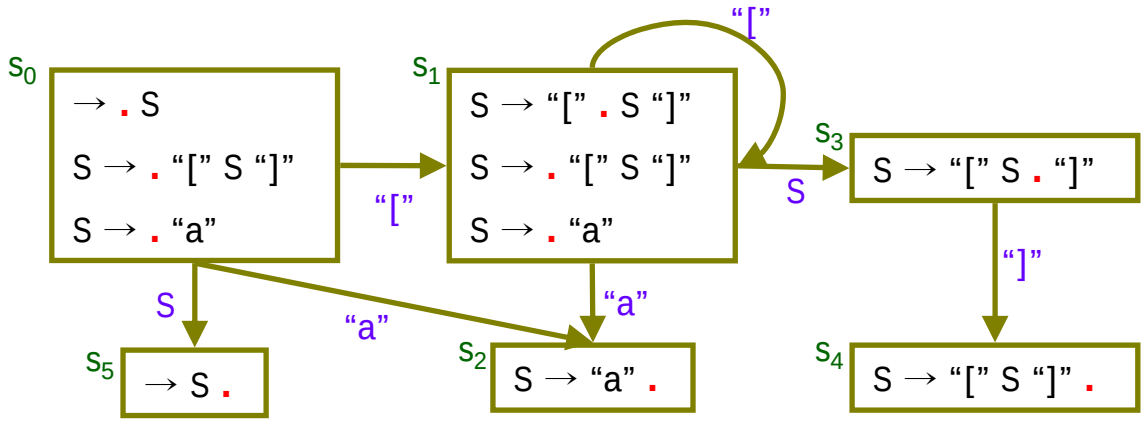

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$= s_0 \cdot s_5$

$s_0 \cdot s_1^+ * \text{"a"}$
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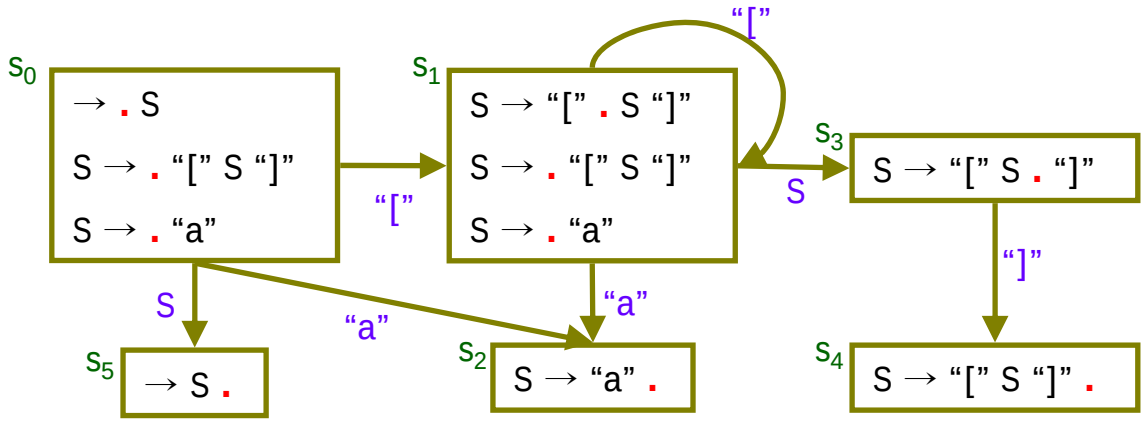
$X_3(s_0)$ = ?



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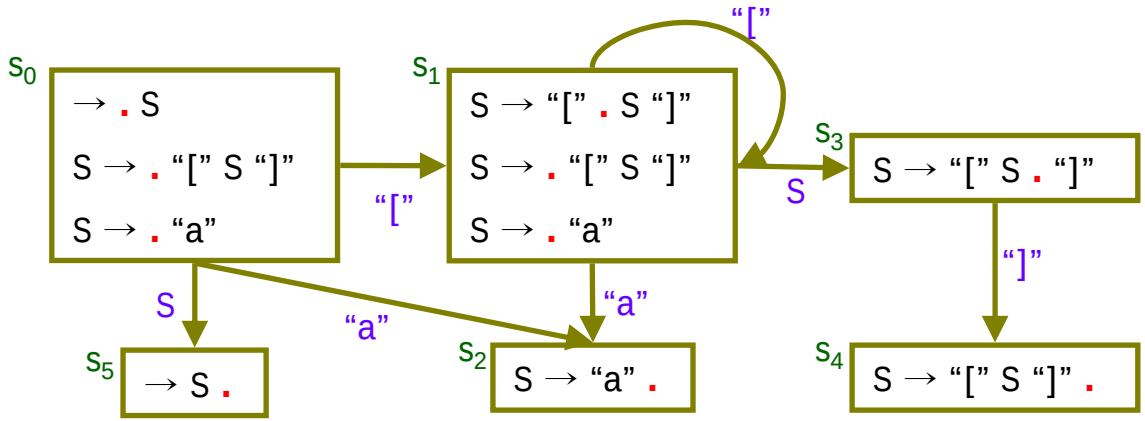

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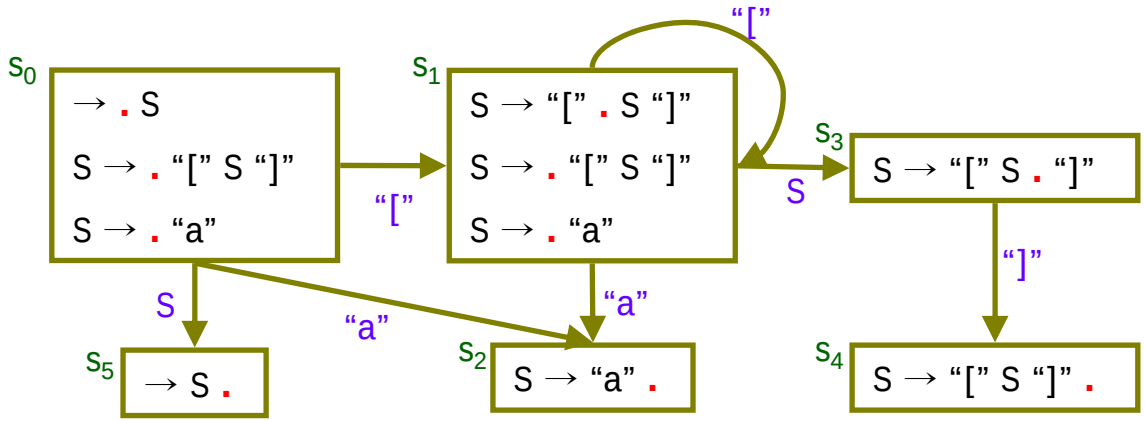

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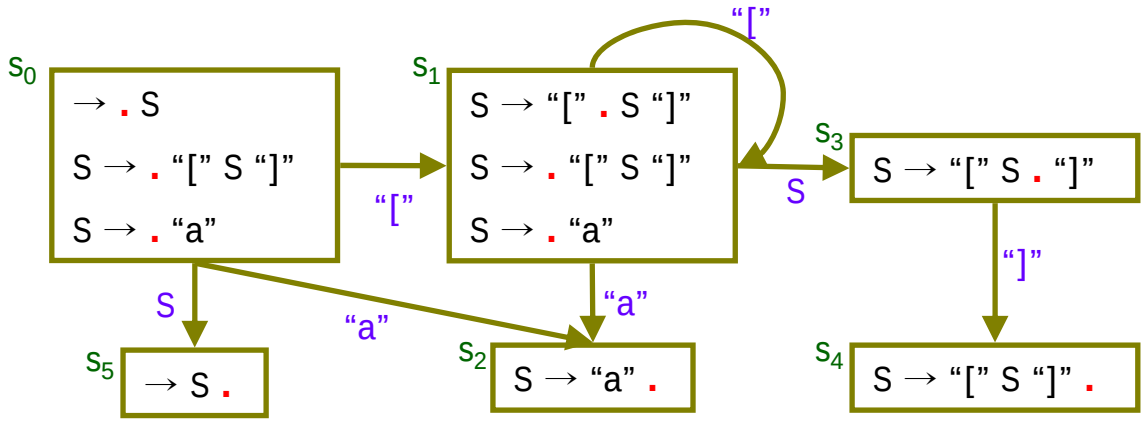

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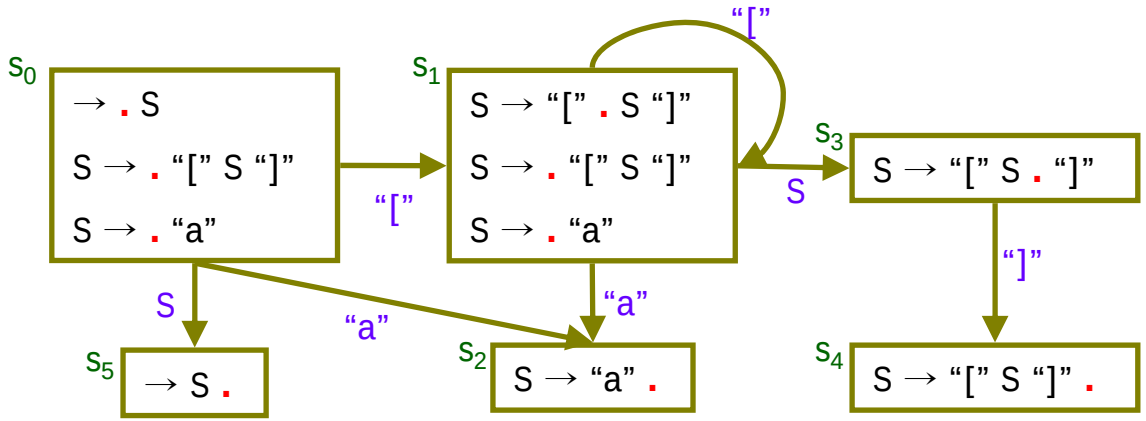

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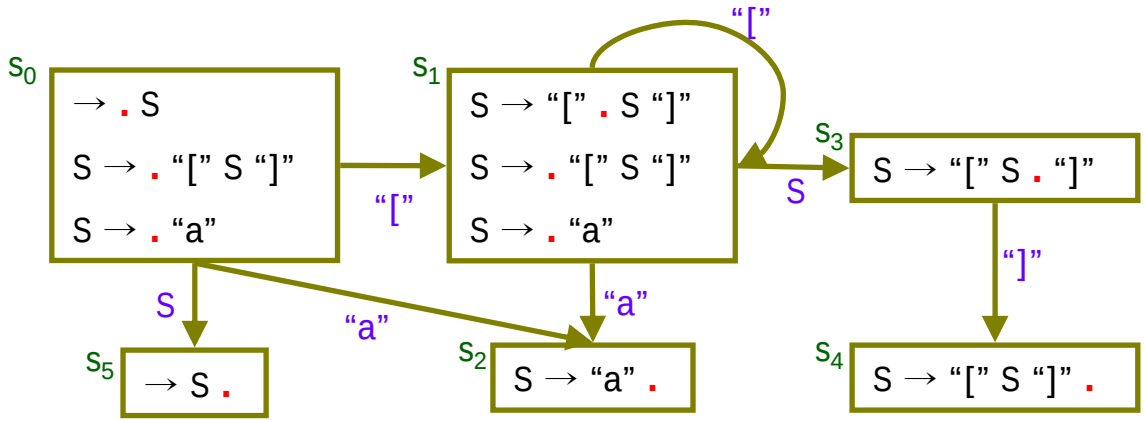

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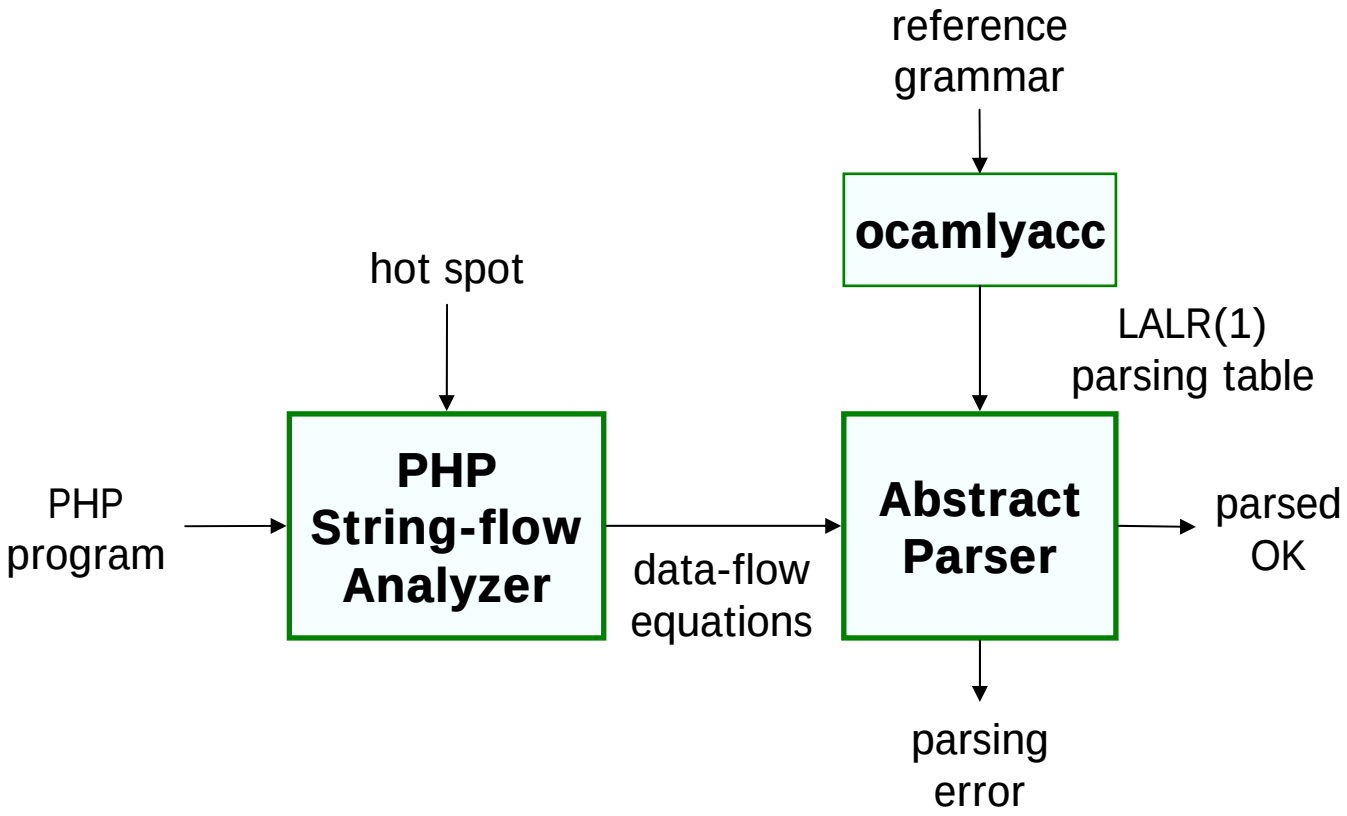
Implementation



Conclusion

- Impact
  - ✓ improve the precision on the syntax analysis of dynamically generated strings
  - ✓ enhance the entire group of work based on previous string-analysis technique.
- Future work
  - ✓ Abstract semantic processing on parsed strings.
    - type checking on dynamically generated strings
    - static analysis on dynamically generated strings

Discussion

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