

# COMS W4115

## Programming Languages and Translators

### Homework Assignment 2

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Columbia University        at 11:59 PM

CVN students: submit online through CVN.  
Include your name and your Columbia ID (e.g., se2007).  
Do this assignment alone. You may consult the instructor  
or a TA, but not other students.

Number the NFA states; use the numbers to label DFA  
states while performing subset construction, e.g., like  
Figure 3.35 (p. 155).

1. Using Ocamllex-like syntax, write a scanner for C's float-  
ing point numbers following the definition in K&R 2ed.

A floating constant consists of an integer part,  
a decimal part, a fraction part, an e or E, an  
optionally signed integer exponent and an op-  
tional type suffix, one of f, F, l, or L. The in-  
teger and fraction parts both consist of a se-  
quence of digits. Either the integer part, or the  
fraction part (not both) may be missing; either  
the decimal point or the e and the exponent  
(not both) may be missing. The type is deter-  
mined by the suffix; F or f makes it float,  
L or l makes it long double, otherwise it is  
double.

Hint: make sure your scanner accepts constants such as  
1. 0.5e-15 .3e+3 .2 1e5 but not integer constants  
such as 42

2. Draw a DFA for a scanner that recognizes and distin-  
guishes the following set of keywords. Draw accepting  
states with double lines and label them with the name  
of the (single) keyword they accept. Follow the definition  
of a DFA given in class.

```
chan chanin chanout width with if end endif  
elseif
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3. Construct nondeterministic finite automata for the fol-  
lowing regular expressions using Algorithm 3.23 (p. 159,  
shown in class), then use the subset construction algo-  
rithm to construct DFAs for them using Algorithm 3.20  
(p. 153, also shown in class).

- (a)  $(ab|b)^*$
- (b)  $((\epsilon|a)b)^*$
- (c)  $ab(a|b)^*$

4. Using the grammar

$$S \rightarrow (L) | a$$
$$L \rightarrow L, S | S$$

- (a) Construct a rightmost derivation for  $((a, a), (a, a))$   
and show the handle of each right-sentential form.
  - (b) Show the steps of a shift-reduce (bottom-up) parser  
corresponding to this rightmost derivation.
  - (c) Show the concrete parse tree that would be con-  
structed during this shift-reduce parse.
5. Build the LR(0) automaton for the following ambiguous  
grammar. **if**, **else**, and **null** are terminals; the third rule  
indicates  $T$  may be the empty string. Indicate the state in  
which the shift/reduce conflict appears.

$$S' \rightarrow S$$
$$S \rightarrow \text{if } S T$$
$$S \rightarrow \text{null}$$
$$T \rightarrow$$
$$T \rightarrow \text{else } S$$

Check your work by running "ocamlyacc -v" on the gram-  
mar below and looking through the ".output" file.

```
%token IF ELSE NULL  
%start s  
%type <int>s  
  
%%  
  
s : IF s t      { 0 }  
  | NULL       { 0 }  
  
t : /* empty */ { 0 }  
  | ELSE s      { 0 }
```