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- Review
- Lexical analysis
- Idea of top-down parsing

Constructing Deterministic Automaton

 Automaton that accepts both binary and decimal numbers, where for binary numbers we use letter o instead of digit 0

 $(o|1)^* | (0|1|2|...|9)^*$

More Examples

- Find automaton or regular expression for:
 - as many digits before as after decimal point?
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Automaton that Claims to Recognize $a^nb^n \mid n \ge 0$

We can make it deterministic

Let the result have K states

Feed it a, aa, aaa,

consider the states it ends up in

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Limitations of Regular Languages

- Every automaton can be made deterministic
 How?
 δ(q,w) state after reading w
 F iff w accepted
- Automaton has finite memory, cannot count
- Deterministic automaton from a given state behaves always the same
- If a string is too long, deterministic automaton will repeat its behavior

Context-Free Grammars

- Σ terminals
- Symbols with recursive defs nonterminals
- Rules are of form

N ::= v

- v is sequence of terminals and non-terminals
- Derivation starts from a starting symbol
- Replaces non-terminals with
 - terminals and
 - non-terminals

Balanced Parentheses Grammar

Sequence of balanced parentheses

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Recall While Syntax

```
program ::= statmt*
statmt ::= println( stringConst , ident )
        | ident = expr
       | if ( expr ) statmt (else statmt)?
        | while (expr) statmt
       { statmt* }
expr ::= intLiteral | ident
      | expr(\&\& | < | == | + | - | * | / | \%) expr
      expr - expr
```

Eliminating Additional Notation

- Grouping alternatives
- Parenthesis notation
 expr (&& | < | == | + | | * | / | %) expr
- Kleene star within grammars

{ statmt* }

Optional parts

if (expr) statmt (else statmt)?