

Grammar Exercise - Workshop 2

Let's say that we are trying to define string expressions for a new programming language.

The terminals are as follows:

1. **STRLIT** is a token *string literal*.
2. **SID** is a token *string identifier* representing a name of a string variable or a name of a method returning a string value.
3. '[' is a token.
4. ']' is a token.
5. ':' is a token.
6. '(' is a token.
7. ')' is a token.
8. ',' is a token.
9. '+' is a token.

For simplicity's sake, we will treat the non-terminal *iexpr* as a terminal (i.e. we will not provide a definition for *iexpr* – which is representing an integer expression).

Given the following notation of string expressions below, give a Context-Free Unambiguous Grammar in Backus-Naur Form.

1. **STRLIT** is a string expression (meaning a string literal).
2. **SID** is a string expression (meaning a name of a string variable).
3. **SID()** is a string expression (meaning a call to a method returning a string value).
4. if X, X_1, \dots, X_n are string expressions, then so are the following sentential forms:
 - (a) **SID(X_1)** represents a call to a method with one string argument returning a string value.
 - (b) **SID(X_1, X_2)** represents a call to a method with two string arguments returning a string value.
 - (c) **SID(X_1, X_2, X_3)** represents a call to a method with three string arguments returning a string value.
 - (d) **SID(X_1, \dots, X_n)** represents a call to a method with n string arguments returning a string value.
 - (e) $X[\mathbf{iexpr}]$ represents the symbol of the value of X at position **iexpr**.
 - (f) $X[\mathbf{iexpr}_1:\mathbf{iexpr}_2]$ represents the symbol of the value of X at position **iexpr**₁ to position **iexpr**₂.
 - (g) $X[:\mathbf{iexpr}]$ represents the prefix of the value of X from position 0 to position **iexpr**.
 - (h) $X[\mathbf{iexpr}:]$ represents the suffix of the value of X from position **iexpr** to the end position.
 - (i) $X_1 + X_2$ represents the concatenation of the value of X_1 with the value of X_2 .