

# Noncanonical Parsing

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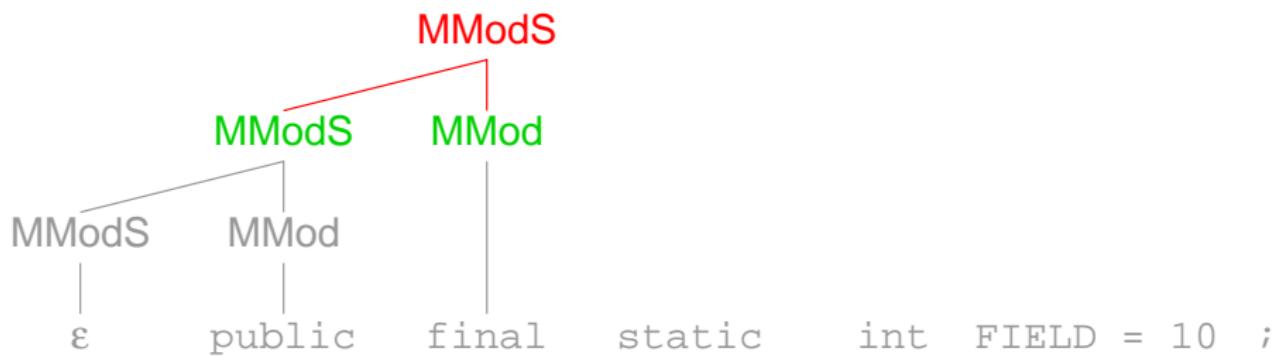


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# Why Determinism Matters

+ Performance

+ Safety

- Generality

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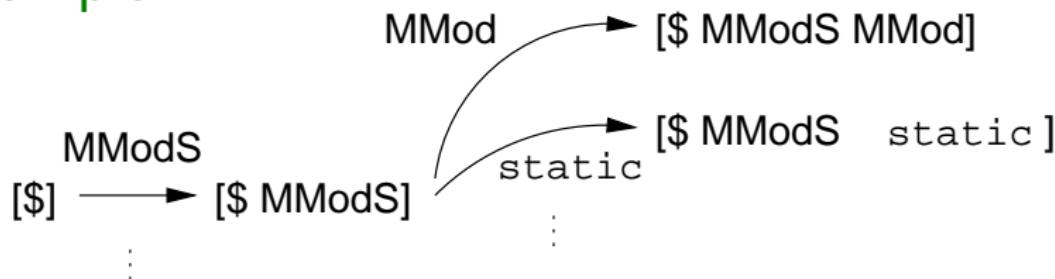
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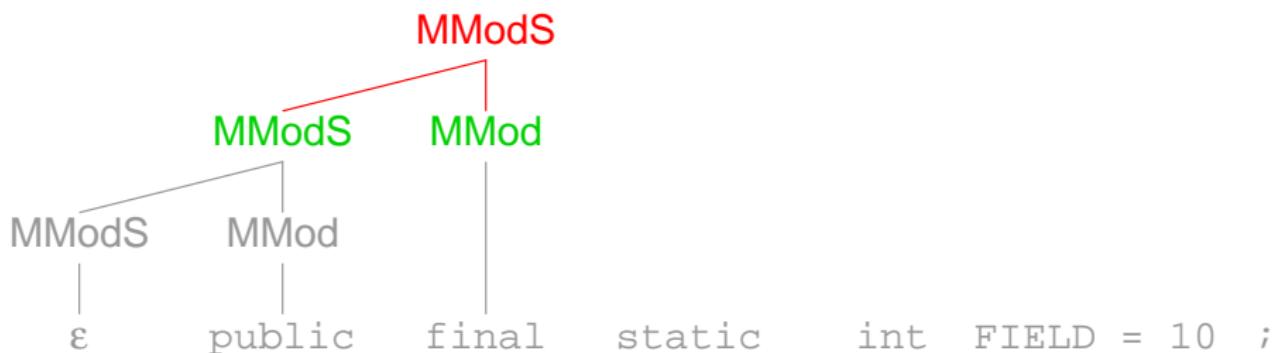
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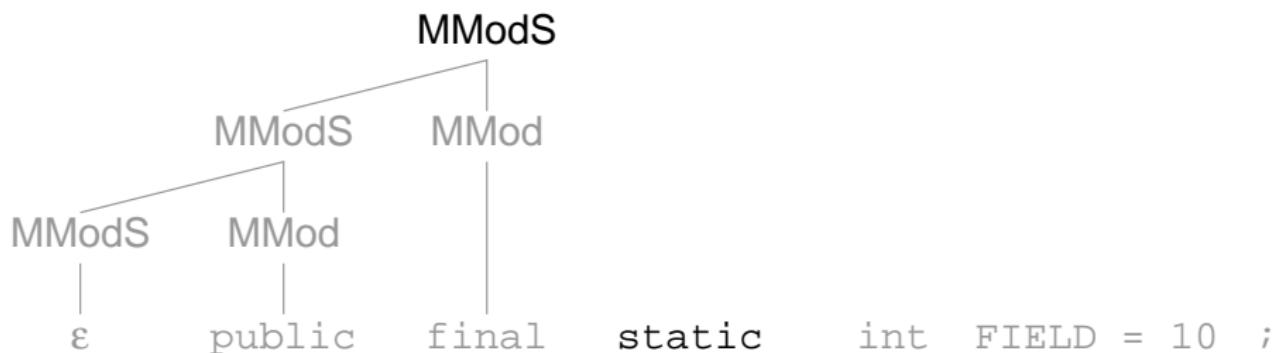
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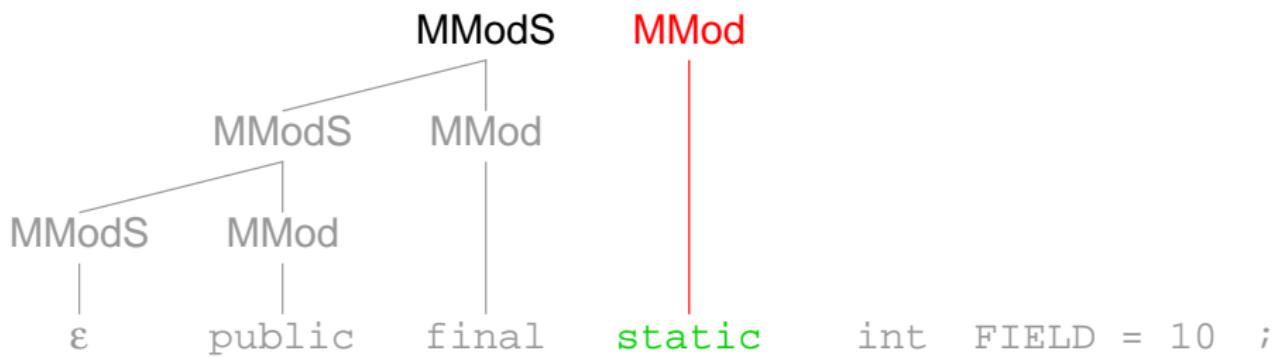


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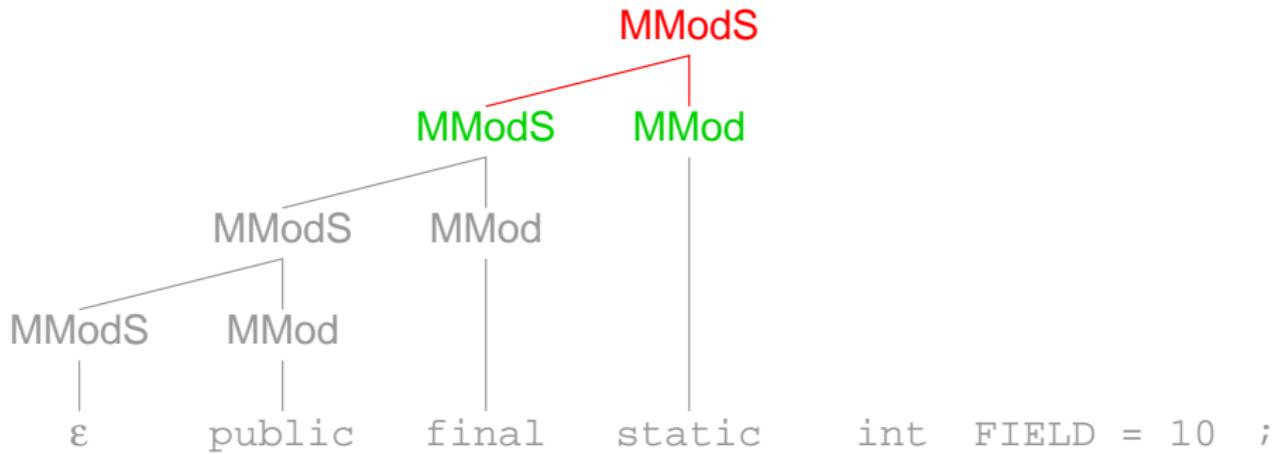
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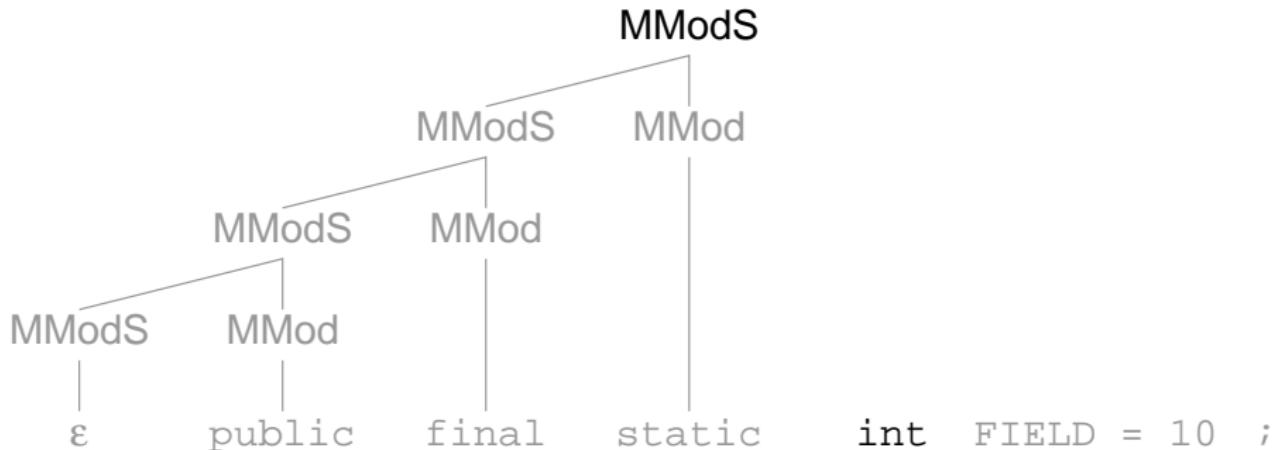
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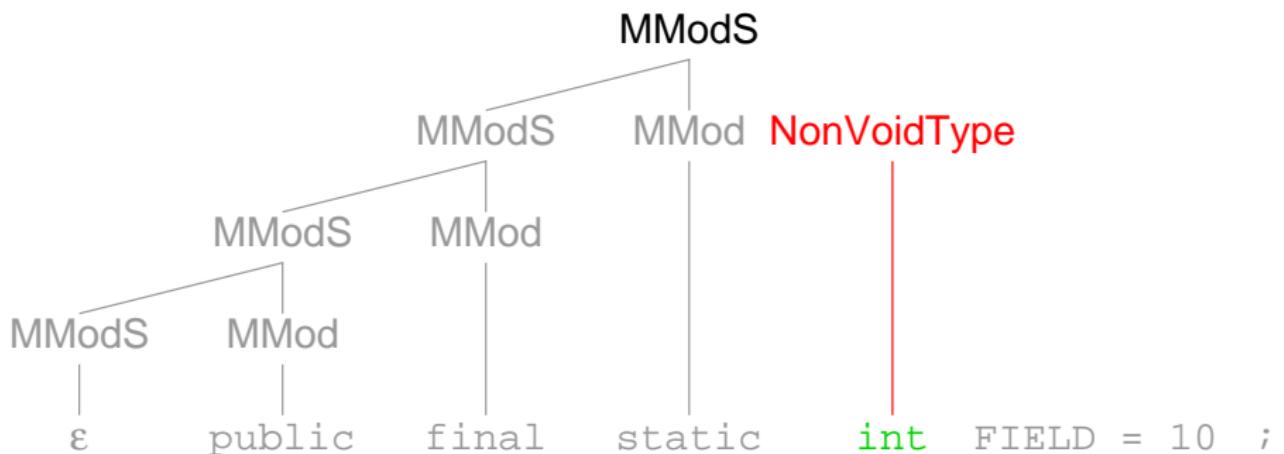


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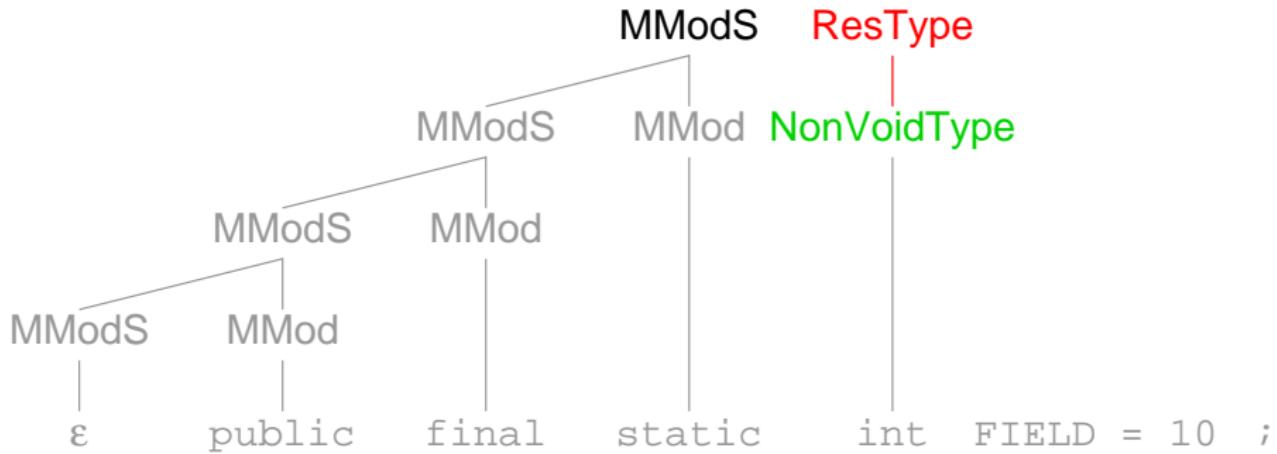


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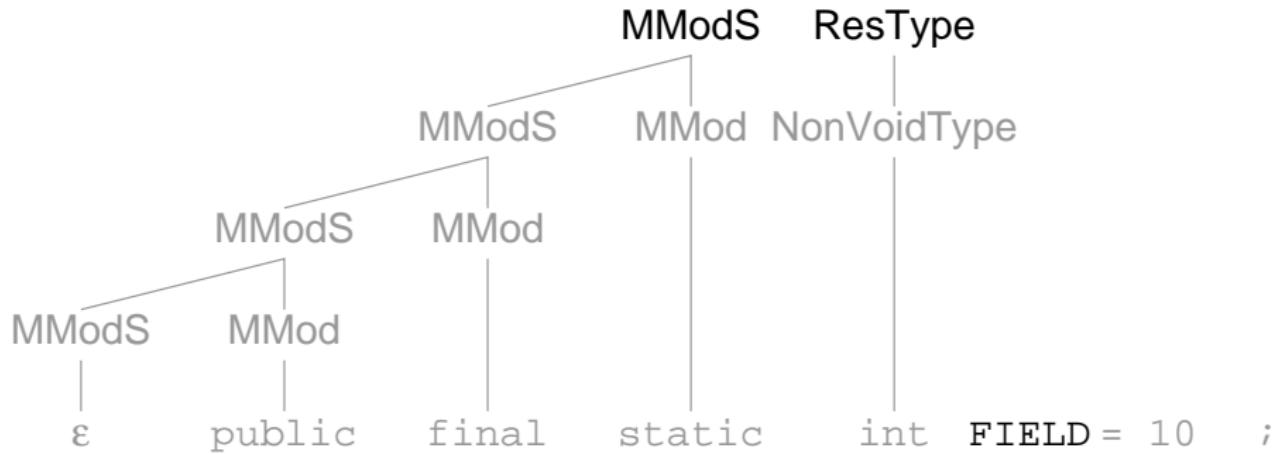
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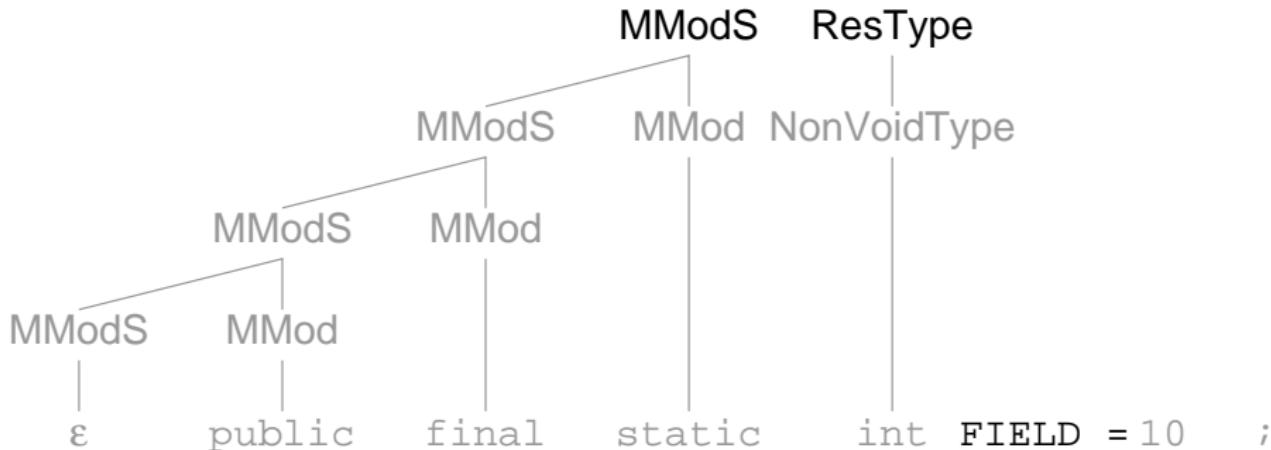


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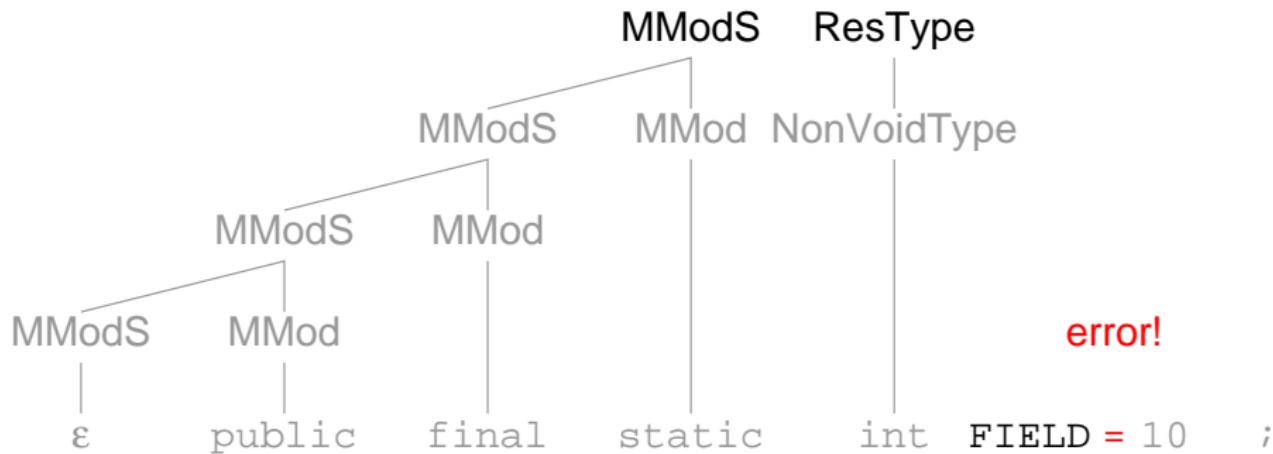


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Noncanonical parsing

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example

```
public    final    static    int   FIELD = 10 ;
```

```
$ || public final static int FIELD = 10;$
```

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## Example

```
public    final    static    int   FIELD = 10 ;
```

```
$ || public final static int FIELD = 10;$  
|= $ public || final static int FIELD = 10;$
```

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example

```
public    final    static    int   FIELD = 10 ;
```

```
$public || final static int FIELD = 10;$  
|= $public final || static int FIELD = 10;$
```

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example

```
public    final    static    int   FIELD = 10 ;
```

```
$public final || static int FIELD = 10;$  
|= $public final static || int FIELD = 10;$
```

# Noncanonical Parsing

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## Example

```
public    final    static    int   FIELD = 10 ;
```

```
$public final static || int FIELD = 10;$  
|= $public final static int || FIELD = 10;$
```

# Noncanonical Parsing

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## Example

```
NonVoidType
|
int  FIELD = 10 ;
```

public final static int FIELD = 10 ;

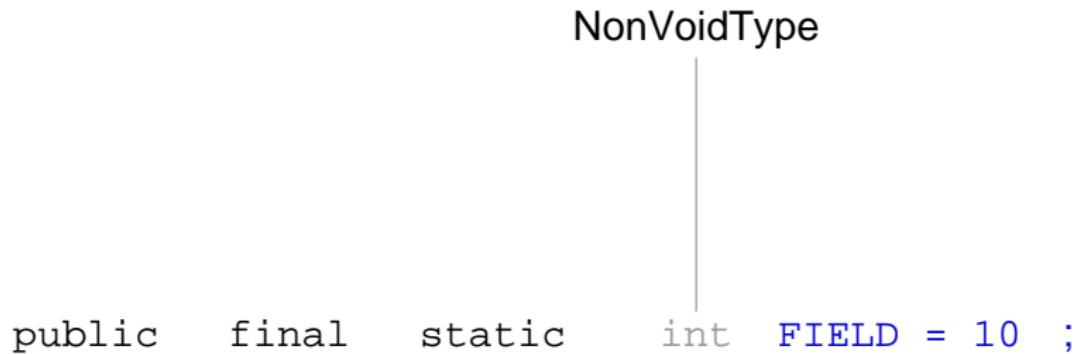
\$public final static int || FIELD = 10;\$

$\models_{\text{reduce}}$  \$public final static || <NonVoidType> FIELD = 10;\$

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example

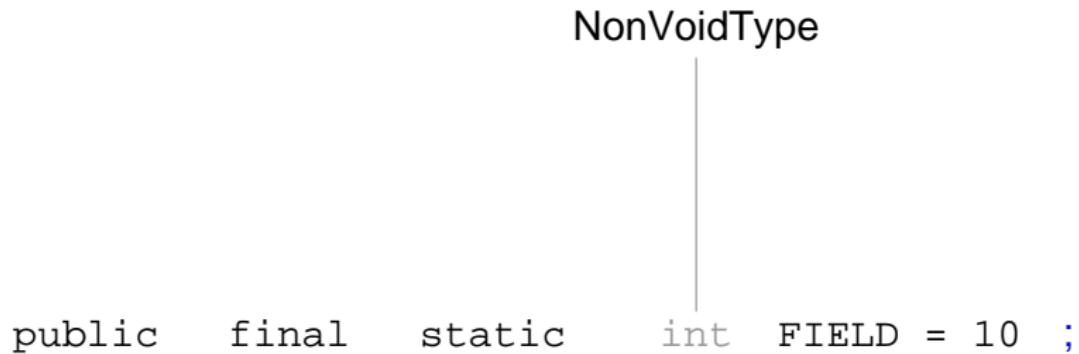


\$public final static || <*NonVoidType*> FIELD = 10;\$  
|= \$public final static <*NonVoidType*> || FIELD = 10;\$

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example

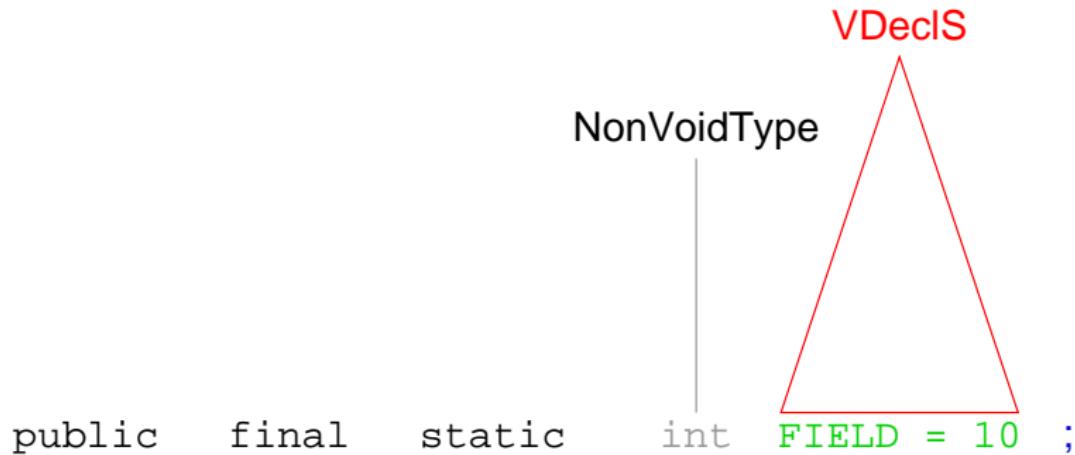


```
$public final static <NonVoidType> || FIELD = 10 ;$  
|= $public final static <NonVoidType> FIELD = 10 || ;$
```

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example

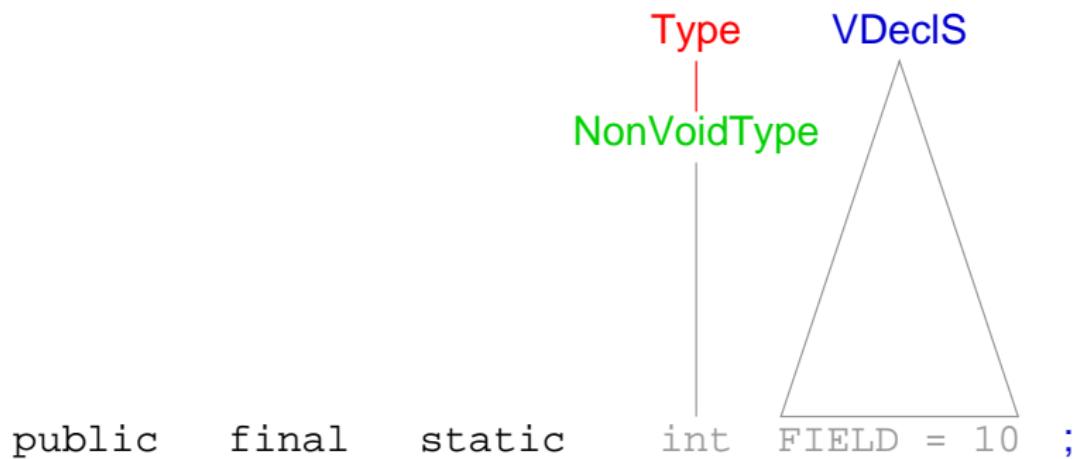


```
$public final static <NonVoidType> FIELD = 10 ;$  
|= $public final static <NonVoidType> || <VDeclS> ;$
```

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example

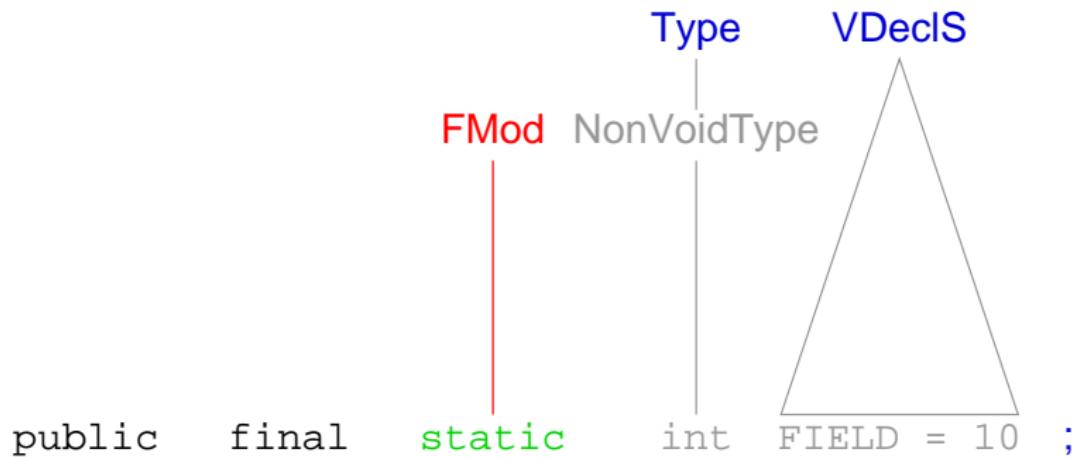


$\$public\ final\ static\ <NonVoidType>\ ||\ <VDeclS>\ ;\$$   
 $\models_{reduce} \$public\ final\ static\ ||\ <Type>\ <VDeclS>\ ;\$$

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example

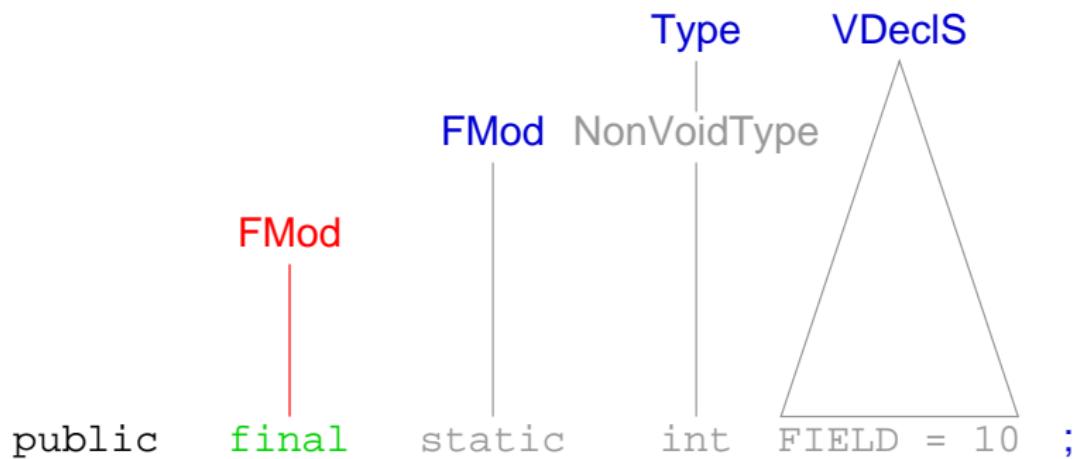


$\$public\ final\ static\ ||\ <Type><VDeclS>\ ;\$$   
 $\models_{reduce} \$public\ final\ ||\ <FMod>\ <Type><VDeclS>\ ;\$$

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example



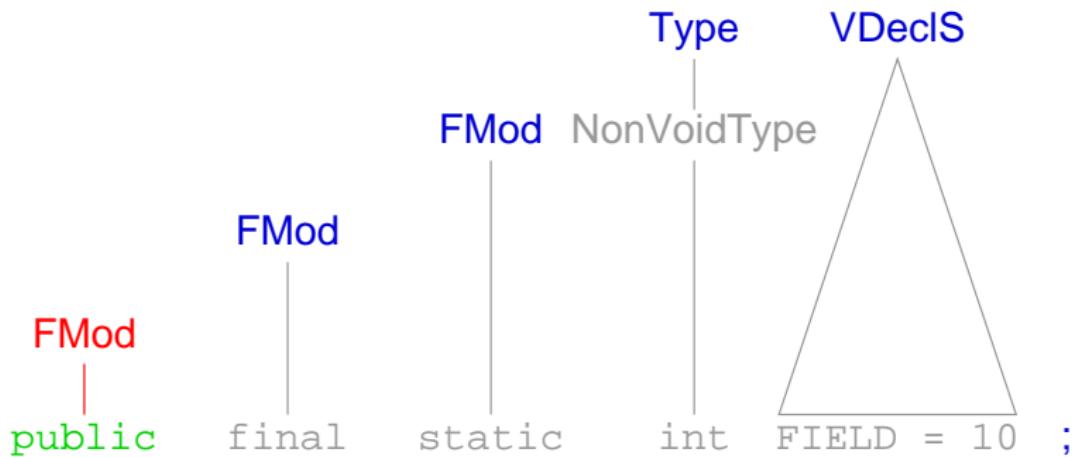
$\$public\ final\ ||\ <FMod><Type><VDecIS>\ ;\$$

$\models_{reduce} \$public\ ||\ <FMod>\ <FMod><Type><VDecIS>\ ;\$$

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example



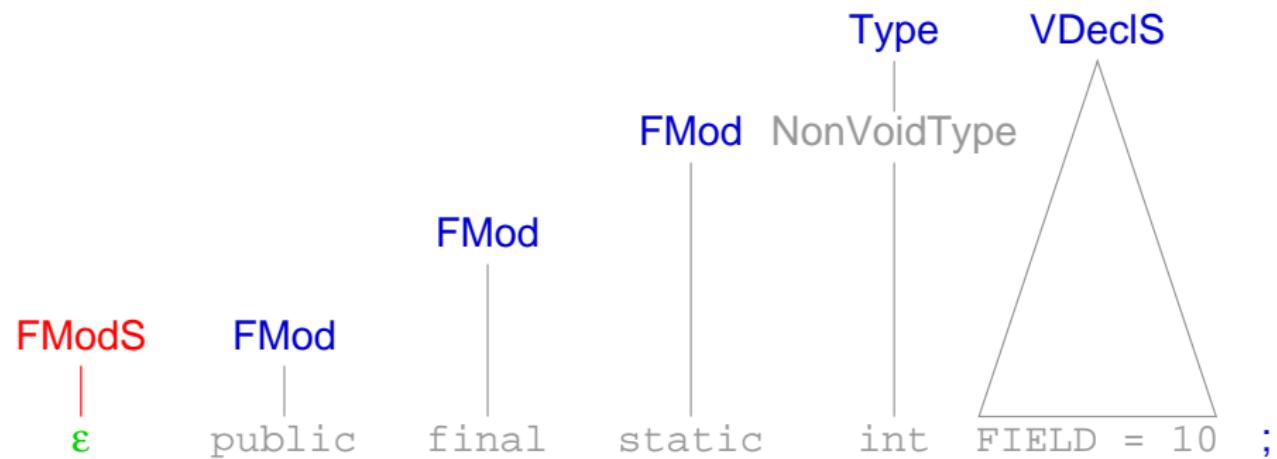
\$ public || <FMod><FMod><Type><VDeclS> ;\$

$\vdash_{\text{reduce}} \$ || <\text{FMod}> <\text{FMod}><\text{FMod}><\text{Type}><\text{VDeclS}> ;\$$

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example



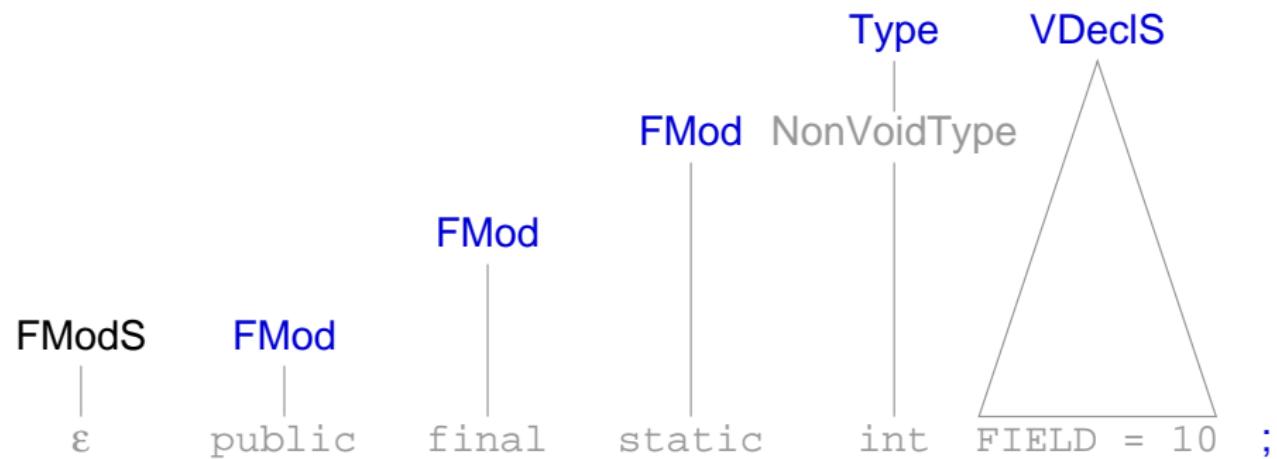
$\$ \varepsilon \parallel < FMod > < FMod > < FMod > < Type > < VDeclS > ; \$$

$\vdash_{\text{reduce}} \$ \parallel < FModS > < FMod > < FMod > < FMod > < Type > < VDeclS >$

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example



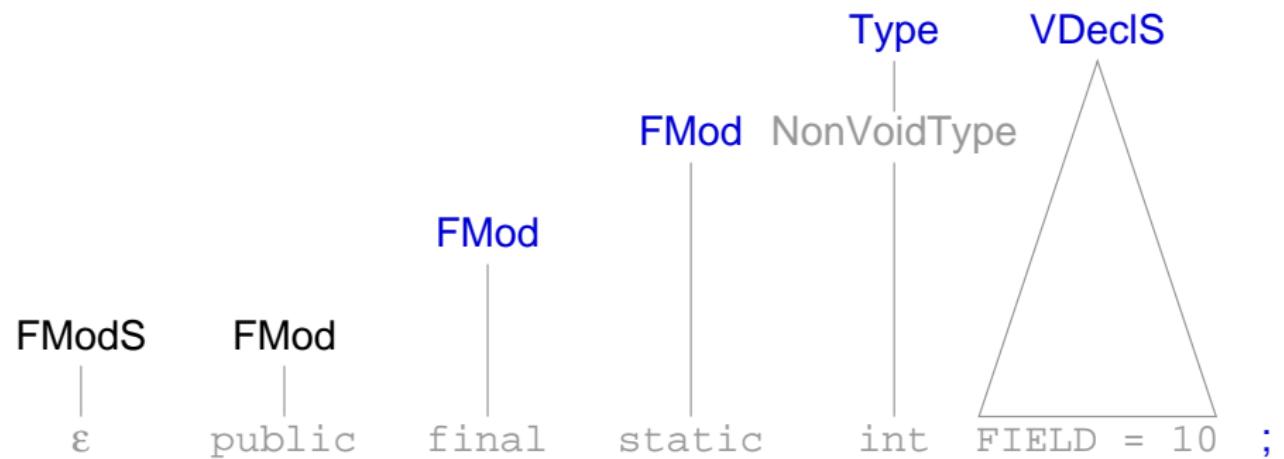
$\$ \parallel \langle FModS \rangle \quad \langle FMod \rangle \langle FMod \rangle \langle FMod \rangle \langle Type \rangle \langle VDeclS \rangle$

$\vdash_{shift} \$ \langle FModS \rangle \parallel \langle FMod \rangle \langle FMod \rangle \langle FMod \rangle \langle Type \rangle \langle VDeclS \rangle$

# Noncanonical Parsing

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## Example

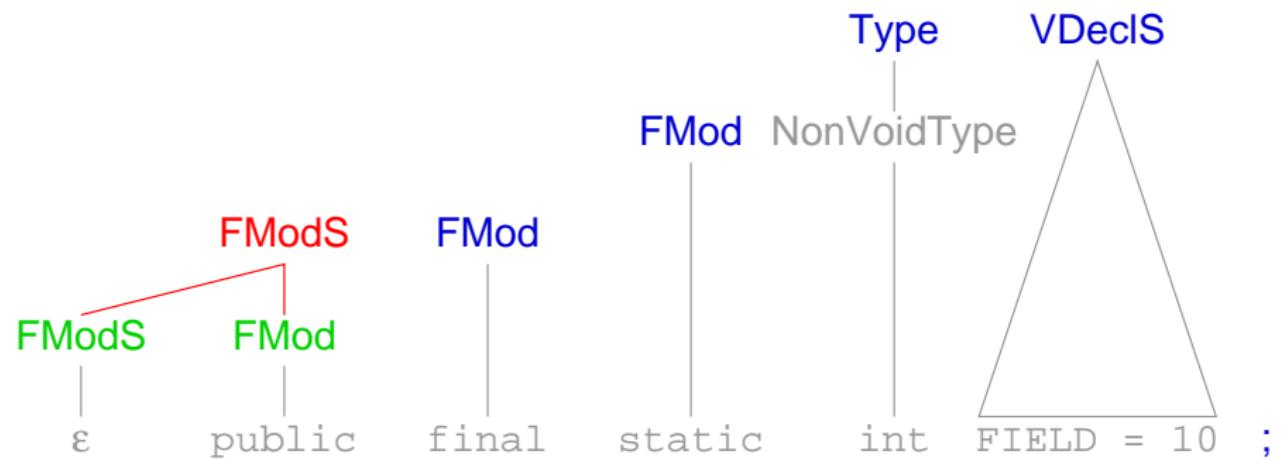


$\$ <FModS> \parallel <FMod> <FMod><FMod><Type><VDeclS>$   
 $\vdash_{shift} \$ <FModS> <FMod> \parallel <FMod><FMod><Type><VDeclS>$

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example

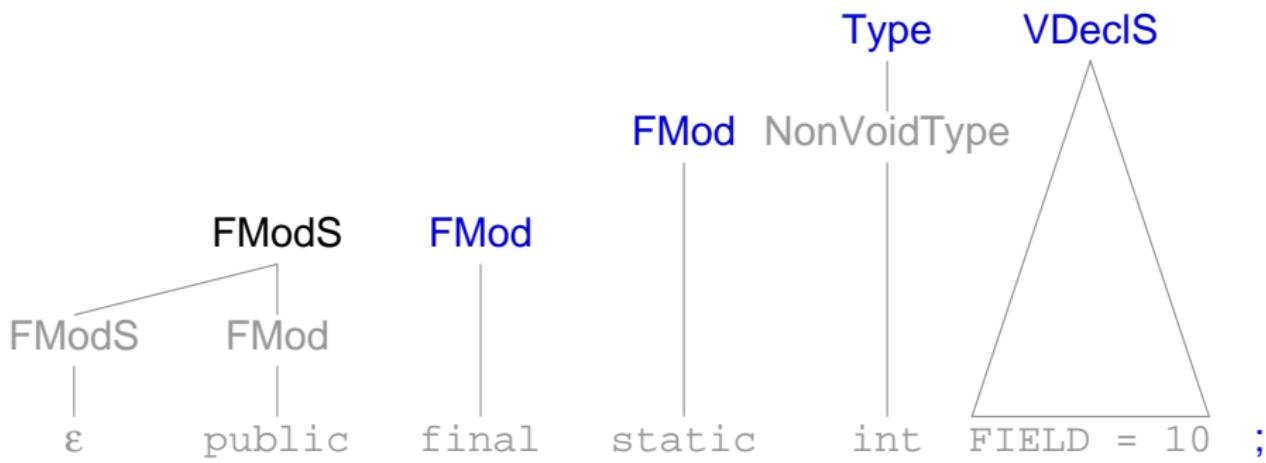


$\$ <FModS><FMod> \parallel <FMod><FMod><Type><VDeclS>$   
 $\vdash_{\text{reduce}} \$ \parallel <FModS> <FMod><FMod><Type><VDeclS> ;\$$

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example



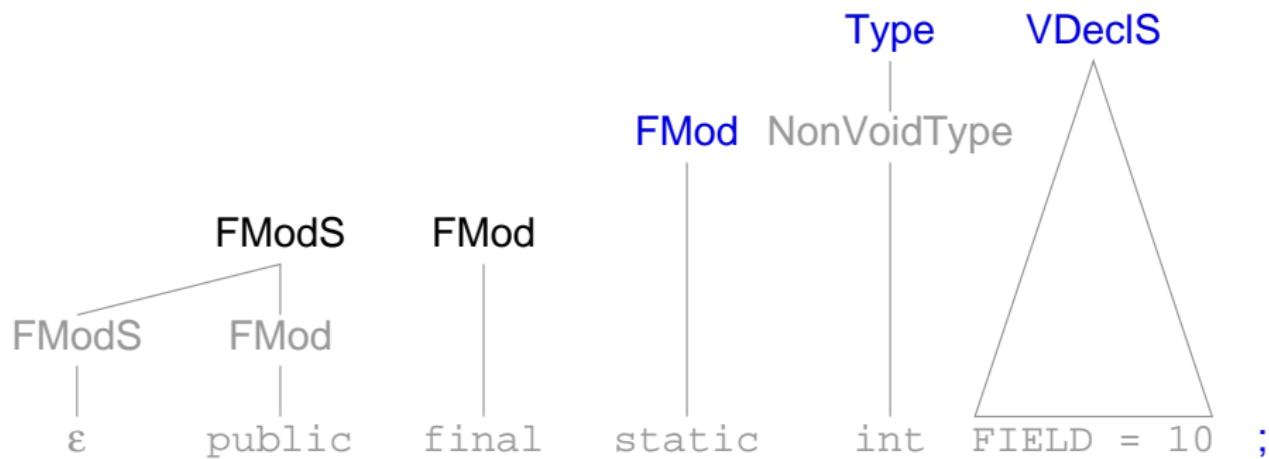
$\$ \parallel < FModS > < FMod > < FMod > < Type > < VDeclS > ; \$$

$\models_{shift} \$ < FModS > \parallel < FMod > < FMod > < Type > < VDeclS > ; \$$

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example

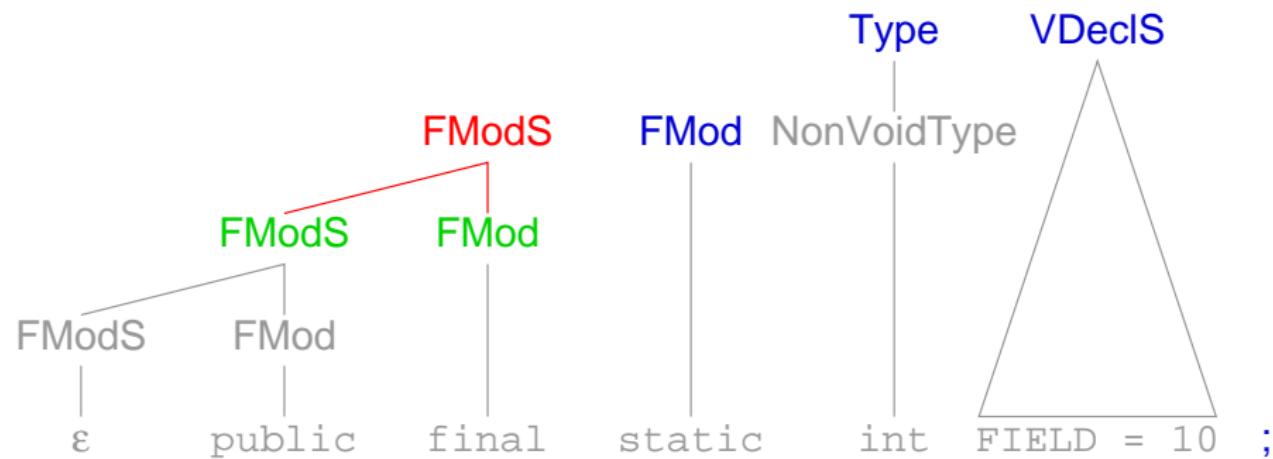


$\$ <FModS> \parallel <FMod> <FMod><Type><VDeclS> ; \$$   
 $\models \$ <FModS> <FMod> \parallel <FMod><Type><VDeclS> ; \$$

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example



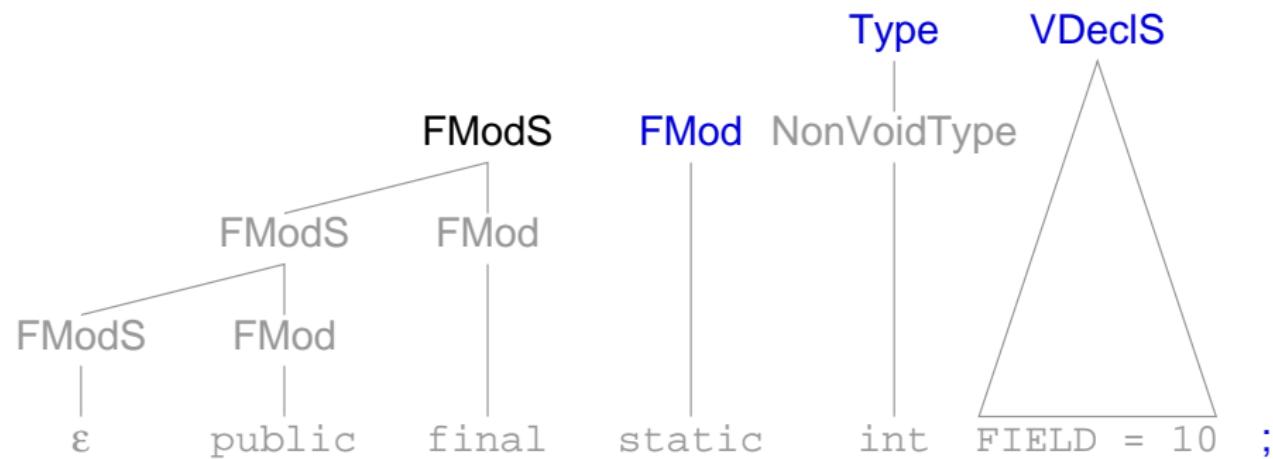
$\$ <FModS><FMod> \parallel <FMod><Type><VDeclS> ; \$$

$\vdash_{\text{reduce}} \$ \parallel <FModS> <FMod><Type><VDeclS> ; \$$

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example

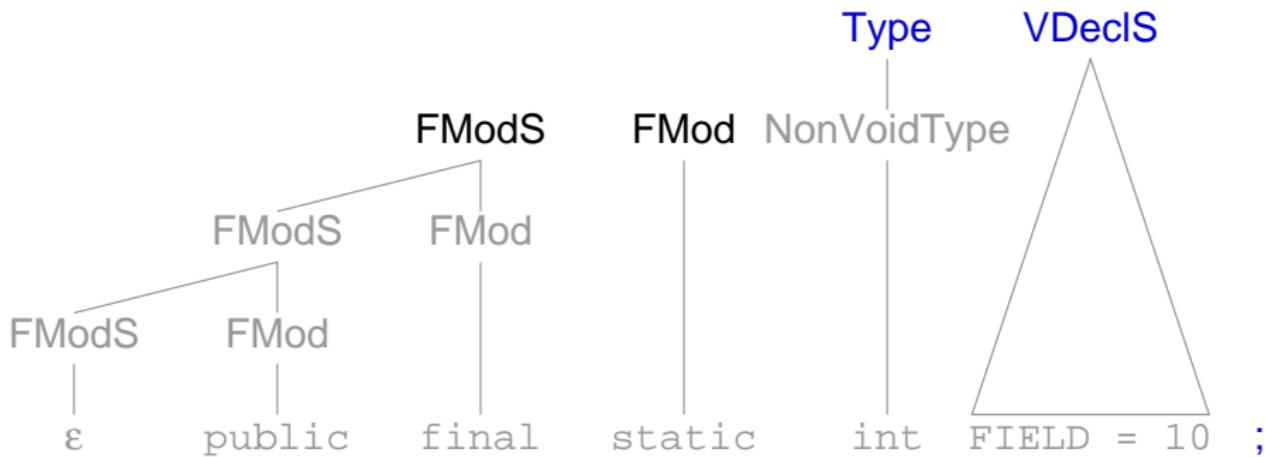


$\$ \parallel < FModS > < FMod > < Type > < VDeclS > ; \$$   
 $\models_{shift} \$ < FModS > \parallel < FMod > < Type > < VDeclS > ; \$$

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example



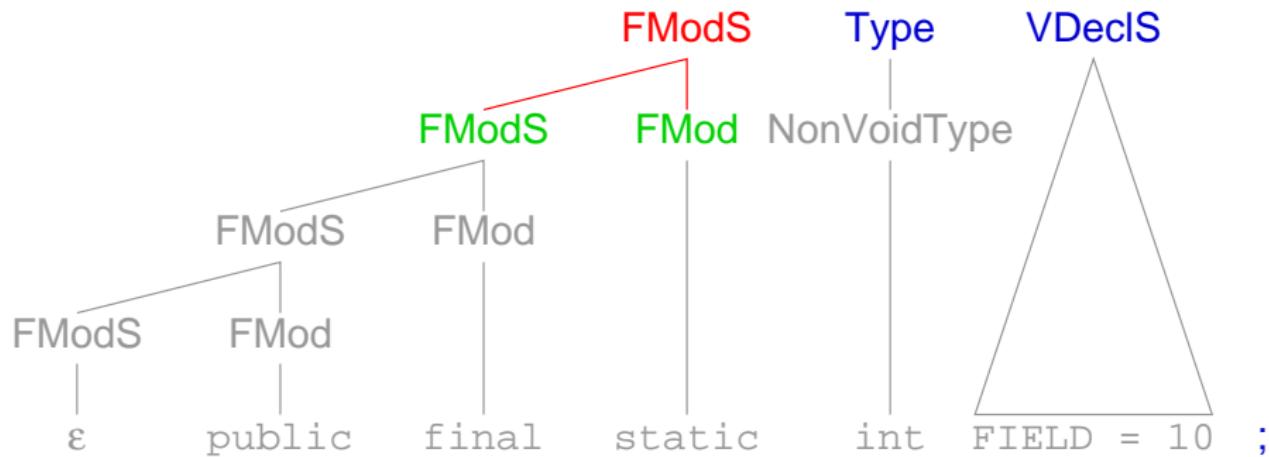
$\$ <FModS> \parallel <FMod> <Type><VDeclS> ; \$$

$\models_{shift} \$ <FModS> <FMod> \parallel <Type><VDeclS> ; \$$

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example



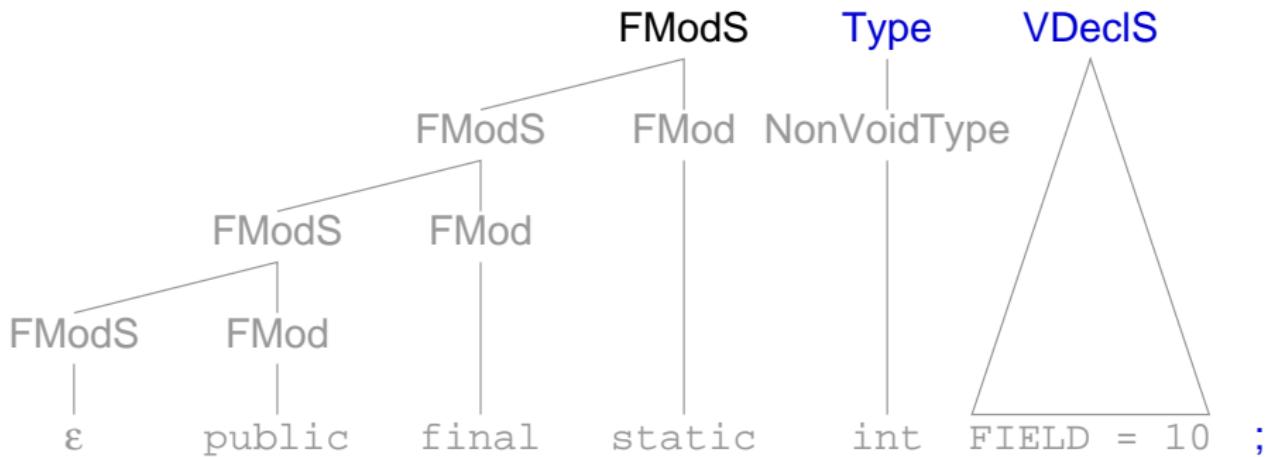
$\$ <FModS><FMod> \parallel <Type><VDeclS> ; \$$

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Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example

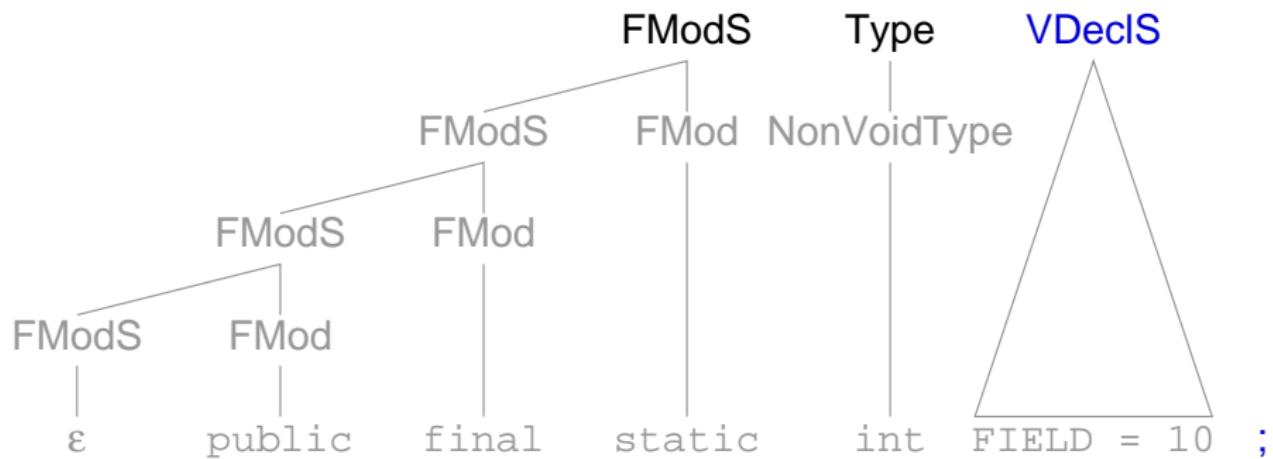


$\$ \parallel \langle FModS \rangle \langle Type \rangle \langle VDeclS \rangle ; \$$   
 $\models_{shift} \$ \langle FModS \rangle \parallel \langle Type \rangle \langle VDeclS \rangle ; \$$

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Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

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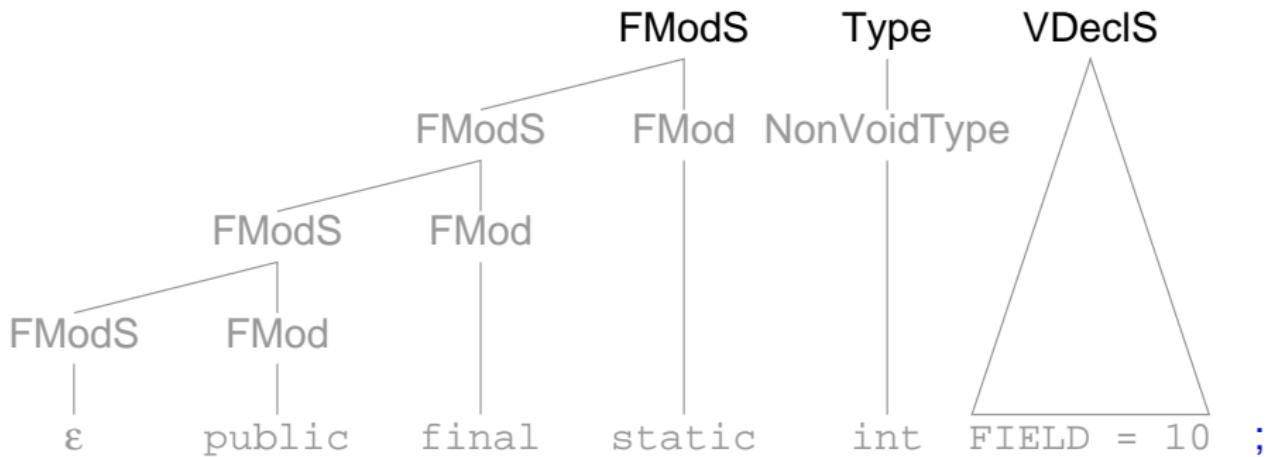


$$\begin{aligned}
 & \$ < \text{FModS} > \parallel < \text{Type} > < \text{VDeclS} > ; \$ \\
 \models_{\text{shift}} & \$ < \text{FModS} > < \text{Type} > \parallel < \text{VDeclS} > ; \$ 
 \end{aligned}$$

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example

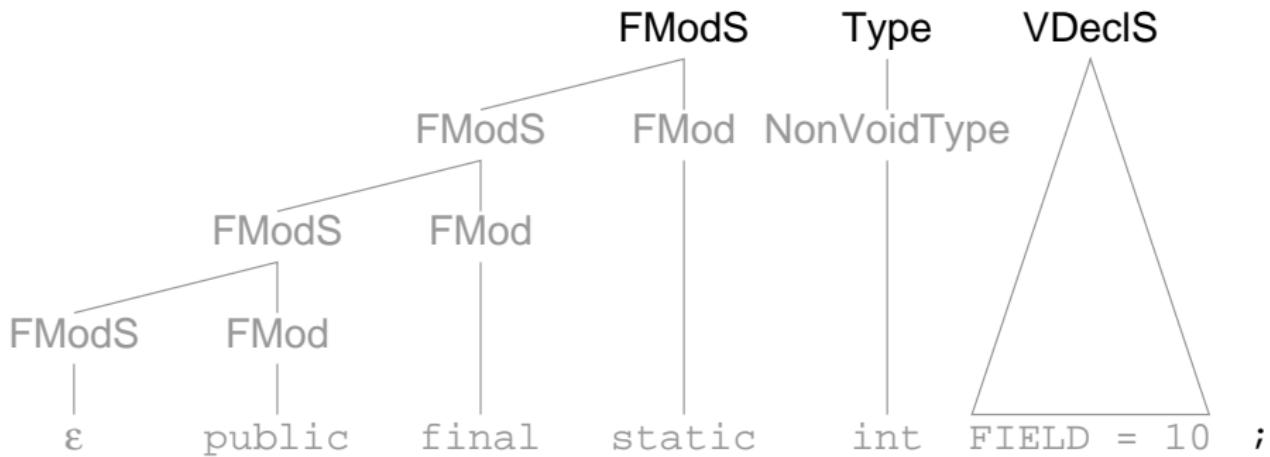


$\$ < FModS > < Type > \parallel < VDeclS > ; \$$   
 $\models_{shift} \$ < FModS > < Type > < VDeclS > \parallel ; \$$

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example



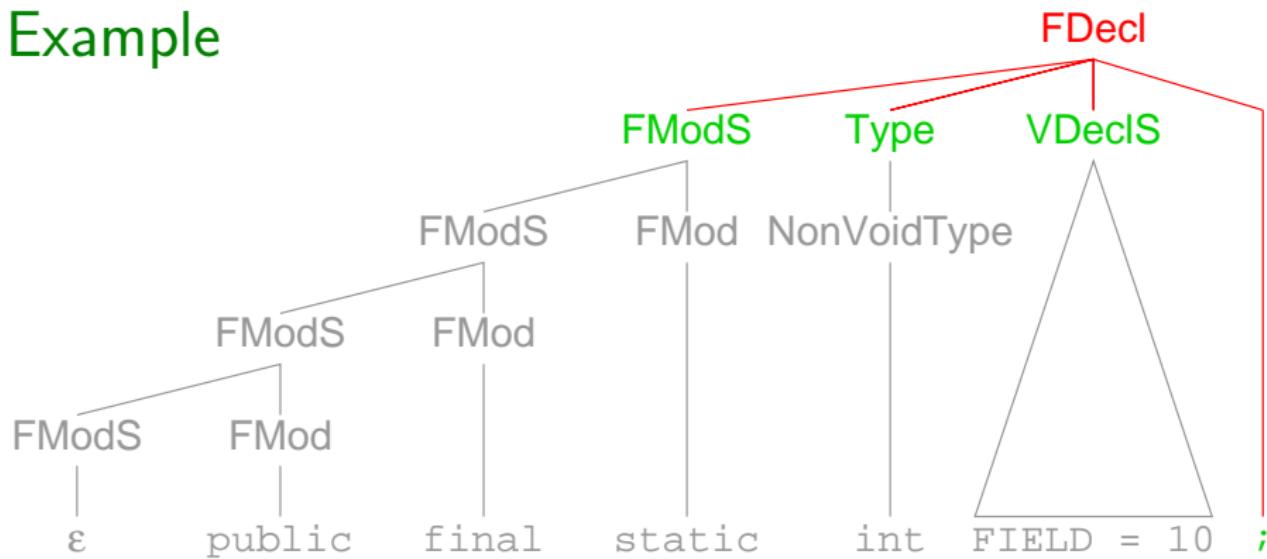
$\$ <FModS><Type><VDeclS> \parallel ; \$$

$\models_{\text{shift}} \$ <FModS><Type><VDeclS> ; \parallel \$$

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example



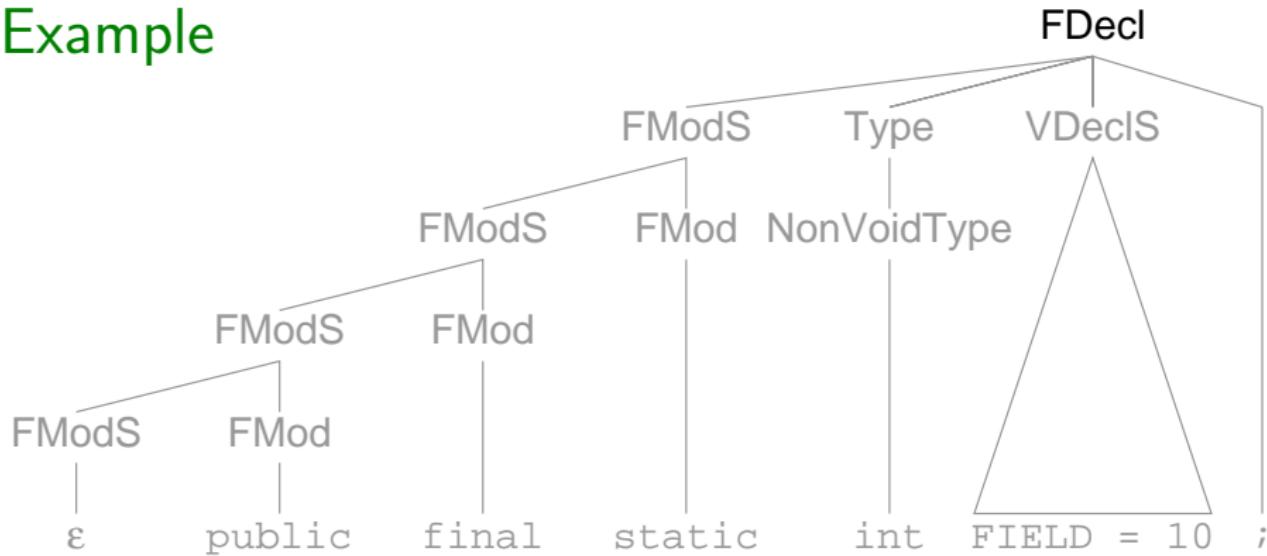
$\$ <FModS><Type><VDeclS> ; \parallel \$$

$\models_{\text{reduce}} \$ \parallel <FDecl> \$$

# Noncanonical Parsing

Colmerauer [1970], Szymanski and Williams [1976], Tai [1979]

## Example



$\$ \parallel \langle FDecl \rangle \$$   
 $\models_{shift} \$ \langle FDecl \rangle \parallel \$$

# Noncanonical Lookaheads

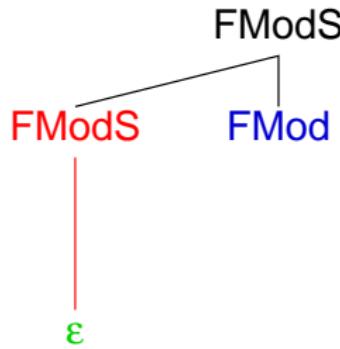
## Example

FModS

ε

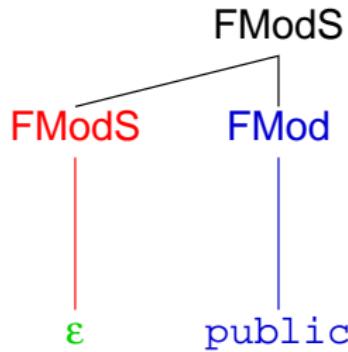
# Noncanonical Lookaheads

## Example



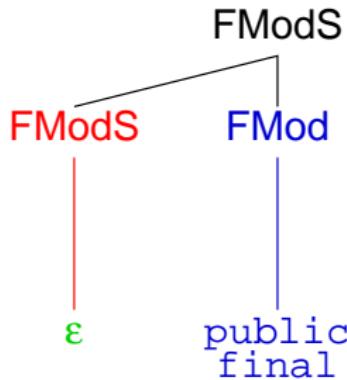
# Noncanonical Lookaheads

## Example



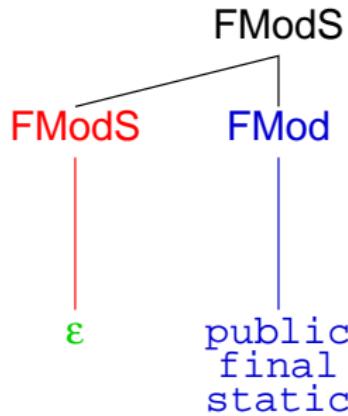
# Noncanonical Lookaheads

## Example



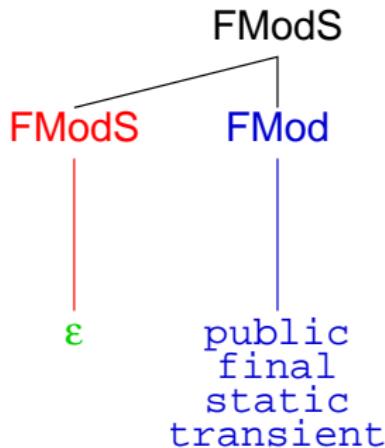
# Noncanonical Lookaheads

## Example



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## Example



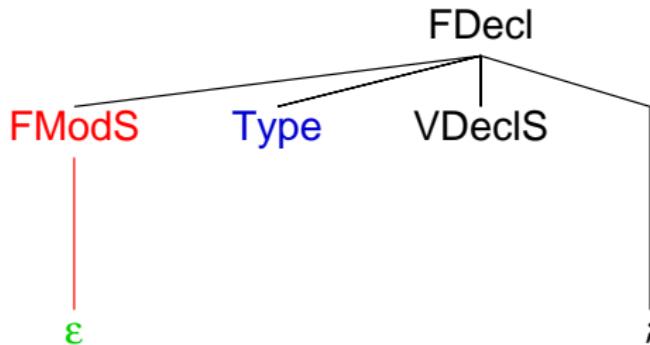
# Noncanonical Lookaheads

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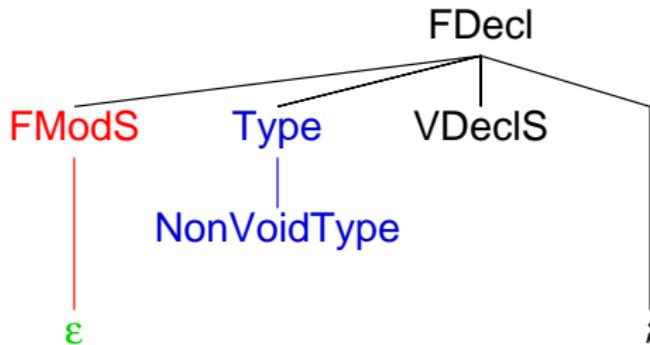
# Noncanonical Lookaheads

## Example



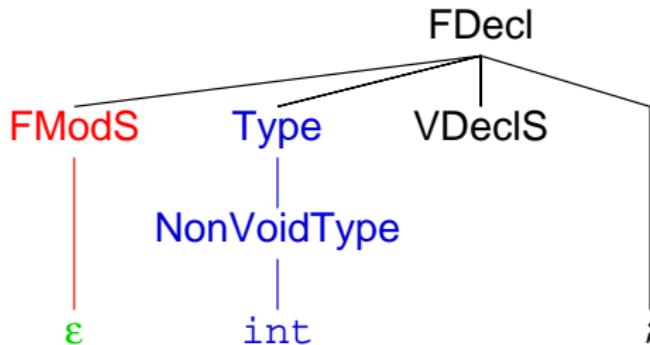
# Noncanonical Lookaheads

## Example



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# Noncanonical Lookaheads

## Notation

$\langle FModS \rangle \rightarrow \varepsilon$  {public, final, static, int,  
transient,  $\langle FMod \rangle$ ,  $\langle Type \rangle$ ,  
 $\langle NonVoidType \rangle$ }

# Noncanonical Lookaheads

## Comparison

$\langle FModS \rangle \rightarrow \varepsilon$  {public, final, static, int,  
transient,  $\langle FMod \rangle$ ,  $\langle Type \rangle$ ,  
 $\langle NonVoidType \rangle$ }

$\langle MModS \rangle \rightarrow \varepsilon$  {public, final, static, int,  
abstract,  $\langle MMod \rangle$ ,  $\langle ReturnType \rangle$ ,  
 $\langle NonVoidType \rangle$ }

# Noncanonical Lookaheads

## Conflicts

$\langle FModS \rangle \rightarrow \varepsilon$  {public, final, static, int,  
transient,  $\langle FMod \rangle$ ,  $\langle Type \rangle$ ,  
 $\langle NonVoidType \rangle$ }

$\langle MModS \rangle \rightarrow \varepsilon$  {public, final, static, int,  
abstract,  $\langle MMod \rangle$ ,  $\langle ReturnType \rangle$ ,  
 $\langle NonVoidType \rangle$ }

# Noncanonical Lookaheads

## Decisions

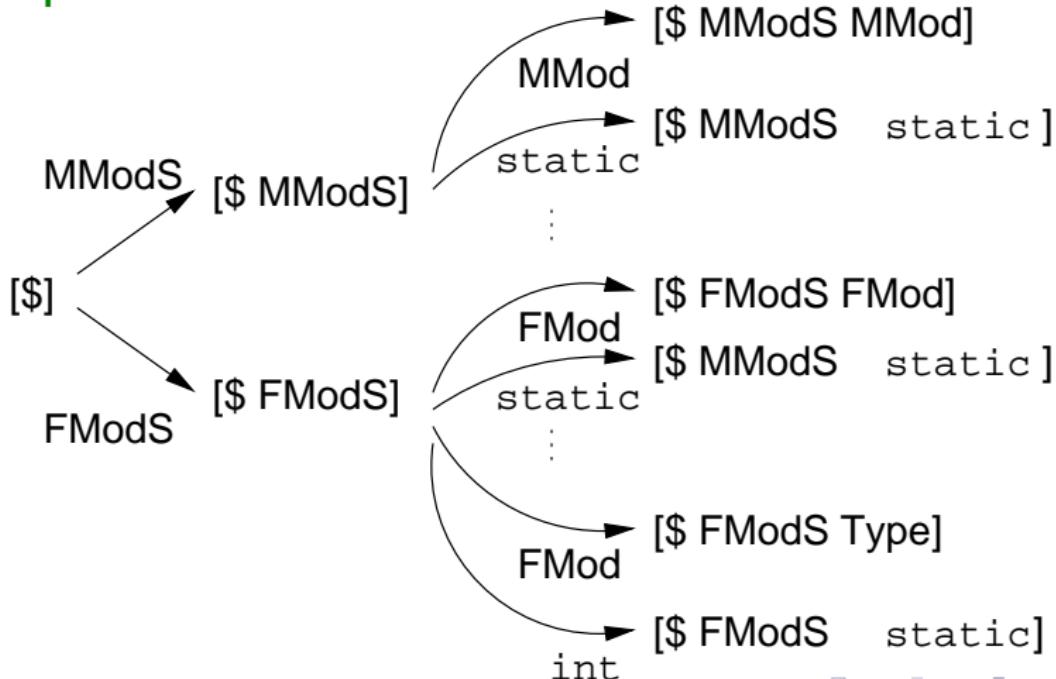
$\langle FModS \rangle \rightarrow \varepsilon$  {public, final, static, int,  
transient,  $\langle FMod \rangle$ ,  $\langle Type \rangle$ ,  
 $\langle NonVoidType \rangle$ }

$\langle MModS \rangle \rightarrow \varepsilon$  {public, final, static, int,  
abstract,  $\langle MMod \rangle$ ,  $\langle ReturnType \rangle$ ,  
 $\langle NonVoidType \rangle$ }

# Noncanonical LALR(1)

DeRemer and Pennello [1982], Schmitz [2006]

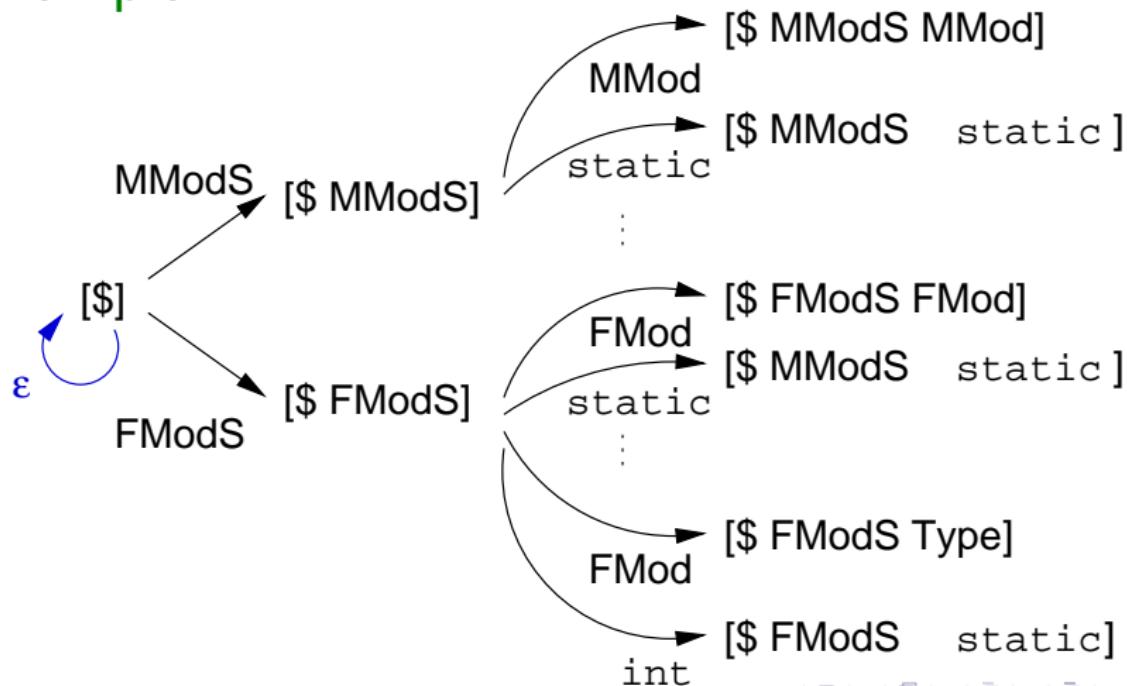
## Example



# Noncanonical LALR(1)

DeRemer and Pennello [1982], Schmitz [2006]

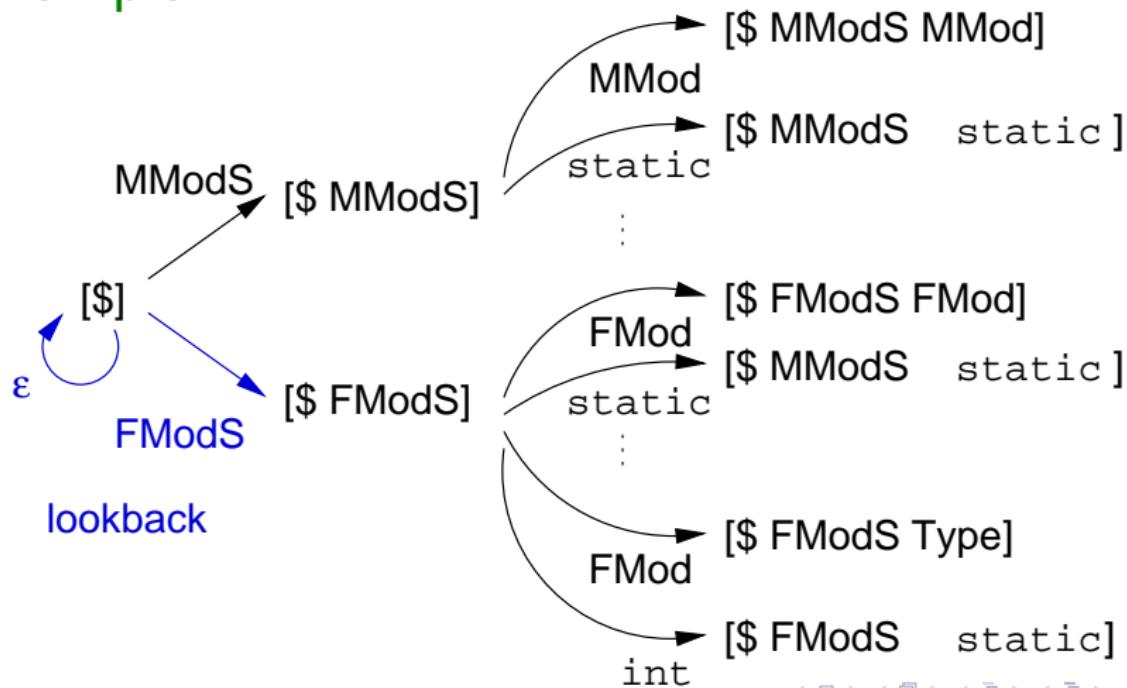
## Example



# Noncanonical LALR(1)

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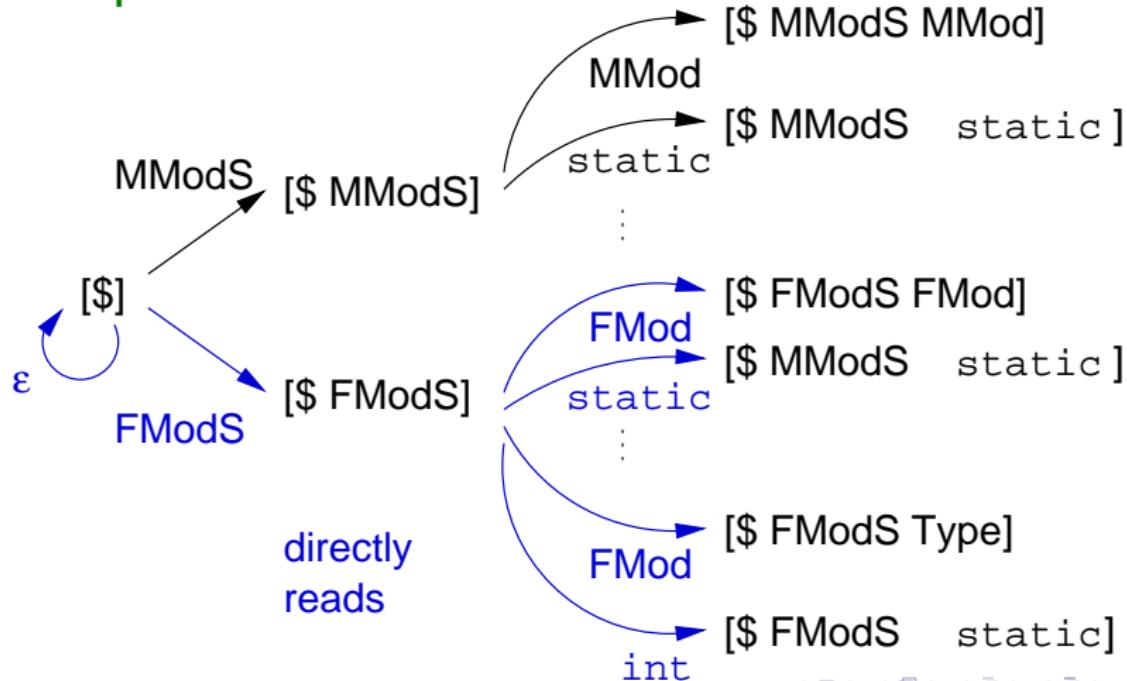
## Example



# Noncanonical LALR(1)

DeRemer and Pennello [1982], Schmitz [2006]

## Example



# Valid Covers

Schmitz [2006]

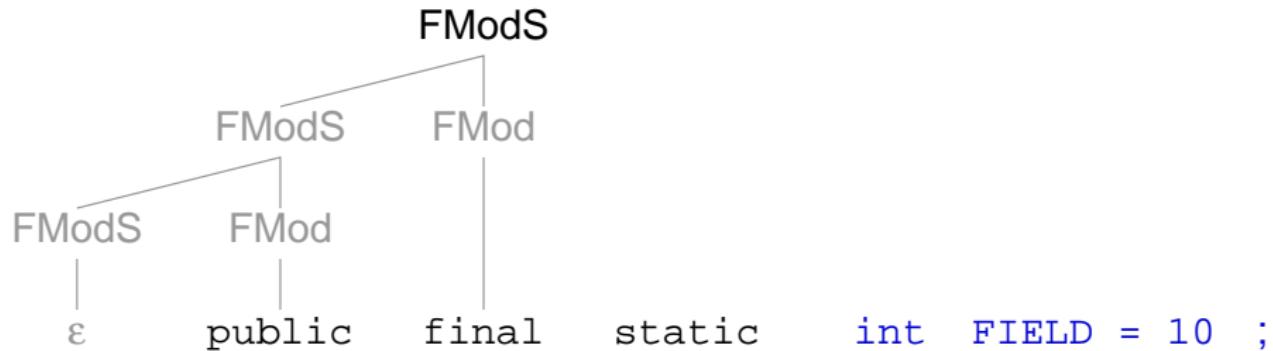
## Example

```
public    final    static    int   FIELD = 10 ;
```

# Valid Covers

Schmitz [2006]

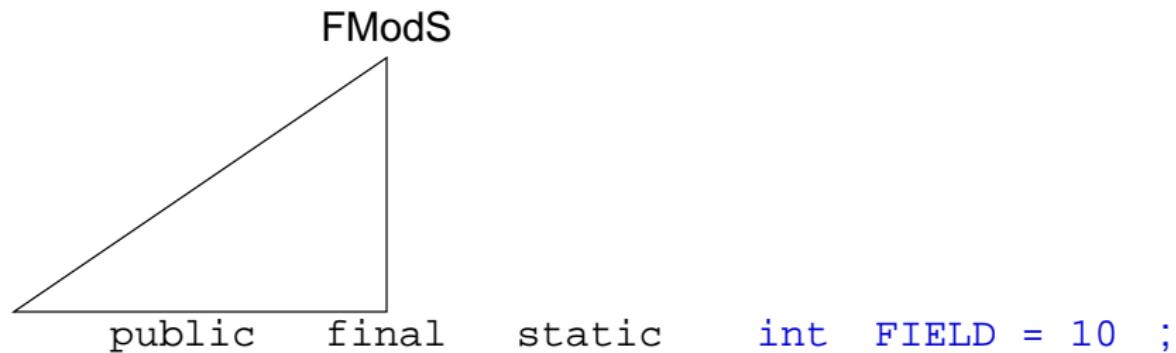
## Example



# Valid Covers

Schmitz [2006]

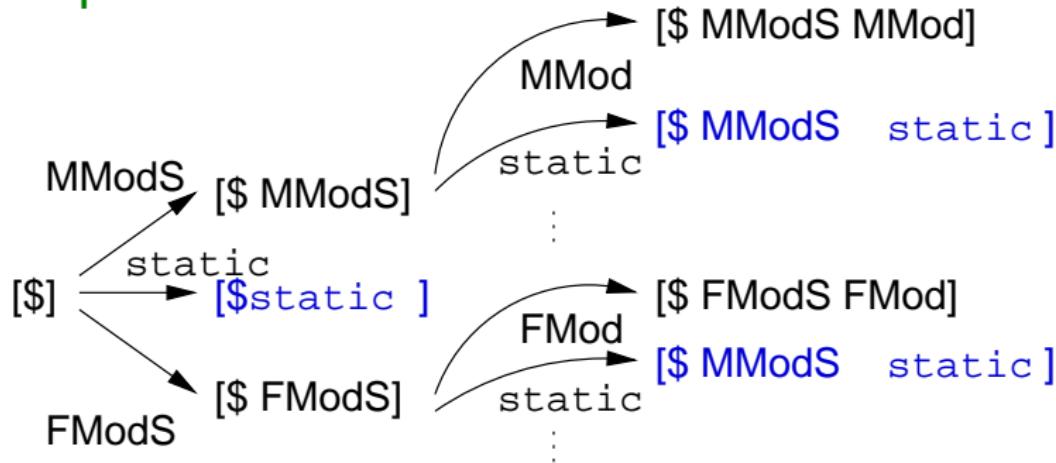
## Example



## Noncanonical States

Schmitz [2006]

## Example



`[$ static] = {[ $ static], [$ <FModS> static],  
[$ <MModS> static]}`

# Closing Comments

## Noncanonical Parsing

- ▶ Good generality
- ▶ Determinism
- ▶  $\mathcal{O}(n)$  time complexity

## NLALR(1)

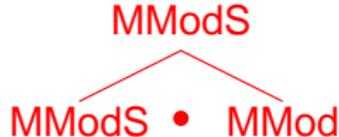
- ▶ Simple & fast computations on LR(0) automaton
- ▶ Other prefix equivalences possible

## Improvements

Better generality: no preset lookahead length

# LR(0) Construction

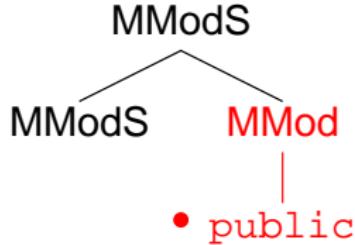
$\text{Valid}_0(\$ < MModS > )$



$< MModS > \rightarrow < MModS > . < MMod >$

# LR(0) Construction

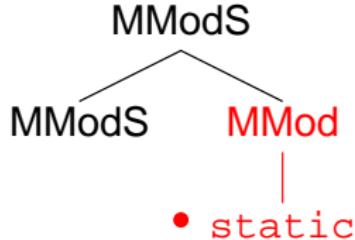
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$< MMod > \rightarrow .public$

# LR(0) Construction

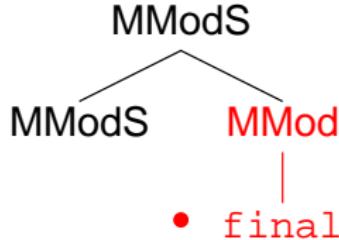
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$< MMod > \rightarrow .static$

# LR(0) Construction

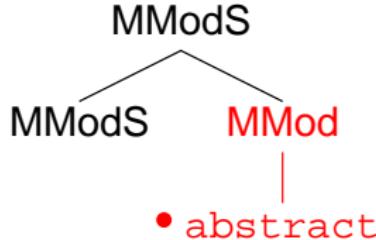
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$< MMod > \rightarrow .final$

# LR(0) Construction

$\text{Valid}_0(\$ < MModS > )$



$< MMod > \rightarrow .abstract$

# LR(0) Construction

$\text{Valid}_0(\$ < MModS > )$

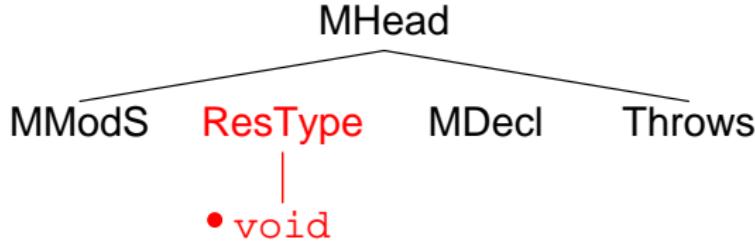
MHead

MModS • ResType      MDecl      Throws

$< MHead > \rightarrow < MModS > . < ResType > < MDecl > < Throw >$

# LR(0) Construction

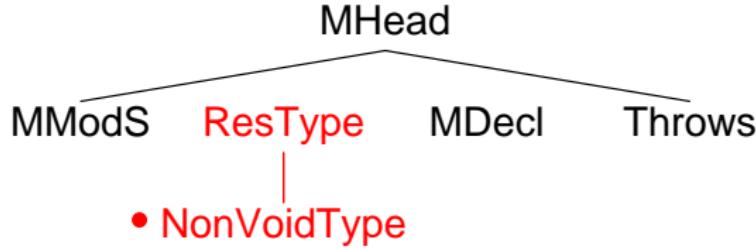
$\text{Valid}_0(\$ < MModS > )$



$<\text{ResType}> \rightarrow . <\text{NonVoidType}>$

# LR(0) Construction

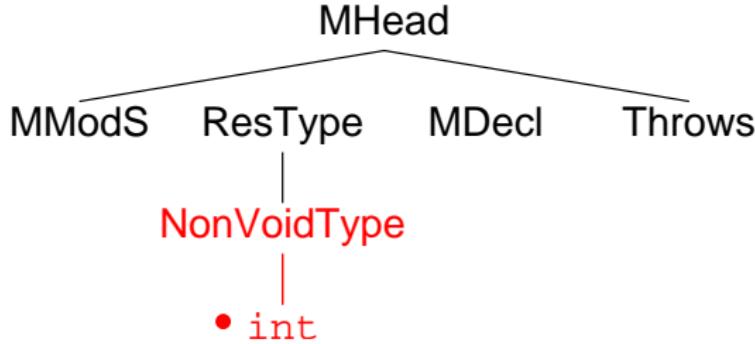
$\text{Valid}_0(\$ < MModS > )$



$<ResType> \rightarrow .void$

# LR(0) Construction

$\text{Valid}_0(\$ < MModS > )$



$<NonVoidType> \rightarrow .int$

# LR(0) Construction

$\text{Valid}_0(\$ <MModS> )$

$<MModS> \rightarrow <MModS> . <MMod>$

$<MMod> \rightarrow . \text{public}$

$<MMod> \rightarrow . \text{static}$

$<MMod> \rightarrow . \text{final}$

$<MMod> \rightarrow . \text{abstract}$

$<MHead> \rightarrow <MModS> . <\text{ResType}> <\text{MDecl}>$

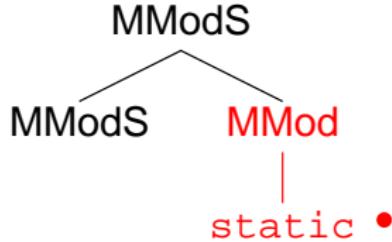
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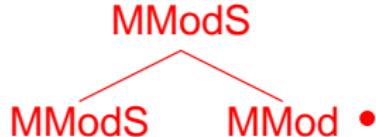
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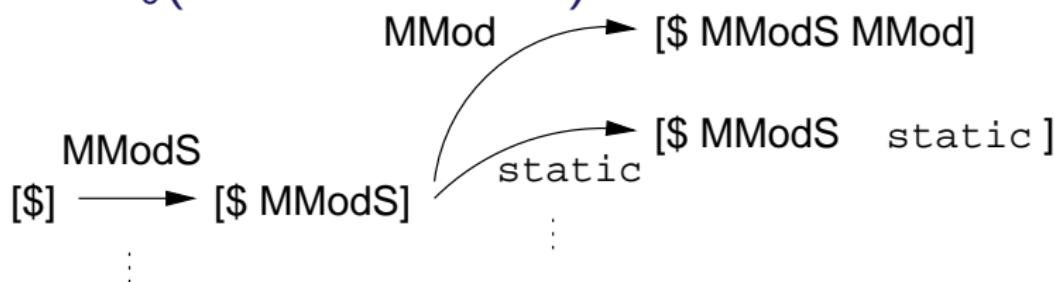
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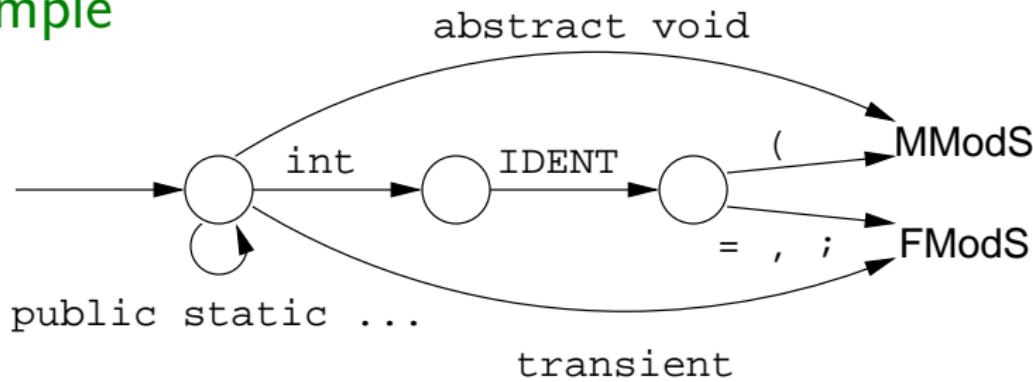
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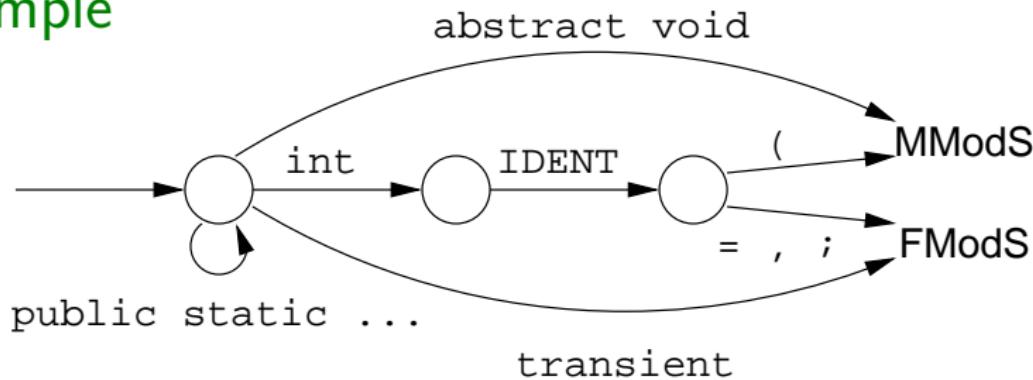
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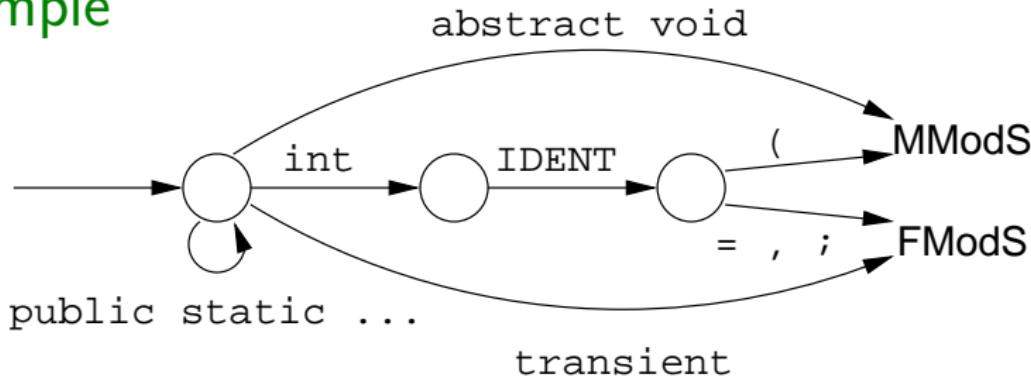
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