

## Bottom Up Parsing

Construct parse tree for input from leaves up

- reducing a string of tokens to single start symbol (inverse of deriving a string of tokens from start symbol)

“Shift-reduce” strategy:

- read (“shift”) tokens until seen r.h.s. of “correct” production  $xyzab\hat{c}def \quad A ::= bc.D$
- reduce handle to l.h.s. nonterminal, then continue
- done when all input read and reduced to start nonterminal

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## LR(k)

- LR(k) parsing
  - Left-to-right scan of input, Rightmost derivation
  - $k$  tokens of look ahead
- Strictly more general than LL( $k$ )
  - Gets to look at whole rhs of production before deciding what to do, not just first  $k$  tokens of rhs
  - can handle left recursion and common prefixes fine
  - Still as efficient as any top-down or bottom-up parsing method
- Complex to implement
  - need automatic tools to construct parser from grammar

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## LR Parsing Tables

Construct parsing tables implementing a FSA with a stack

- rows: states of parser
- columns: token(s) of lookahead
- entries: action of parser
  - shift, goto state  $x$
  - reduce production “ $X ::= RHS$ ”
  - accept
  - error

Algorithm to construct FSA similar to algorithm to build DFA from NFA

- each state represents set of possible places in parsing

LR( $k$ ) algorithm builds huge tables

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## LALR-Look Ahead LR

LALR( $k$ ) algorithm has fewer states ==> smaller tables

- less general than LR( $k$ ), but still good in practice
- size of tables acceptable in practice
- $k == 1$  in practice
  - most parser generators, including `yacc` and `flex`, are LALR(1)

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## Global Plan for LR(0) Parsing

- Goal: Set up the tables for parsing an LR(0) grammar
  - Add  $S' \rightarrow S\$$  to the grammar, i.e. solve the problem for a new grammar with terminator
  - Compute parser states by starting with state 1 containing added production,  $S' \rightarrow .S\$$
  - Form closures of states and shifting to complete diagram
  - Convert diagram to transition table for PDA
  - Step through parse using table and stack

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## LR(0) Parser Generation

Example grammar:

```
S' ::= S $ // always add this production
S ::= beep | { L }
L ::= S | L ; S
```

- Key idea: simulate where input might be in grammar as it reads tokens
- "Where input might be in grammar" captured by set of items, which forms a state in the parser's FSA
  - LR(0) item:  $lhs ::= rhs$  production, with dot in rhs somewhere marking what's been read (shifted) so far
    - LR(k) item: also add  $k$  tokens of lookahead to each item
  - Initial item:  $S' ::= . S \$$

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## Closure

Initial state is **closure** of initial item

- closure: if dot before non-terminal, add all productions for that non-terminal with dot at the start
  - "epsilon transitions"

Initial state (1):

```
S' ::= . S $
S ::= . beep
S ::= . { L }
```

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## State Transitions

Given set of items, compute new state(s) for each symbol (terminal and non-terminal) after dot

- state transitions correspond to shift actions
- New item derived from old item by shifting dot over symbol

– do closure to compute new state Initial state (1):

```
S' ::= . S $ S ::= . beep S ::= . { L }
```

– State (2) reached on transition that shifts  $S$ :

```
S' ::= S . $
```

– State (3) reached on transition that shifts **beep**:

```
S ::= beep .
```

– State (4) reached on transition that shifts  $\{$ :

```
S ::= { . L }
L ::= . S
L ::= . L ; S
S ::= . beep
S ::= . { L }
```

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## Accepting Transitions

If state has  $s' ::= \dots . \$$  item,  
then add transition labeled \$ to the accept  
action

Example:

$s' ::= s . \$$   
has transition labeled \$ to accept action

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## Reducing States

If state has  $lhs ::= rhs .$  item, then it has a  
 $reduce\ lhs\ ::=\ rhs$  action

Example:

$s ::= \mathbf{beep} .$   
has  $reduce\ s\ ::=\ \mathbf{beep}$  action

No label; this state always reduces this production

- what if other items in this state shift, or accept?
- what if other items in this state reduce differently?

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## Rest of the States, Part 1

State (4): if shift **beep**, goto State (3)  
State (4): if shift {, goto State (4)  
State (4): if shift S, goto State (5)  
State (4): if shift L, goto State (6)

State (5):  
 $L ::= S .$

State (6):  
 $S ::= \{ L . \}$   
 $L ::= L . ; S$

State (6): if shift }, goto State (7)  
State (6): if shift ;, goto State (8)

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## Rest of the States (Part 2)

State (7):  
 $S ::= \{ L \} .$

State (8):  
 $L ::= L ; . S$   
 $S ::= . \mathbf{beep}$   
 $S ::= . \{ L \}$

State (8): if shift **beep**, goto State (3)  
State (8): if shift {, goto State (4)  
State (8): if shift S, goto State (9)

State (9):  
 $S ::= . \{ L \}$

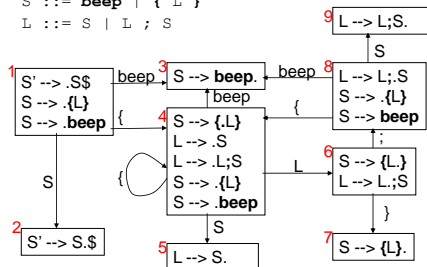
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### LR(0) State Diagram

$S' ::= S \ \$$   
 $S ::= \text{beep} \mid \{ L \}$   
 $L ::= S \mid L ; S$



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### Building Table of States & Transitions

- Create a row for each state
- Create a column for each terminal, non-terminal, and \$
- For every "state (i): if shift X goto state (j)" transition:
  - if X is a terminal, put "shift, goto j" action in row i, column X
  - if X is a non-terminal, put "goto j" action in row i, column X
- For every "state (i): if \$ accept" transition:
  - put "accept" action in row i, column \$
- For every "state (i): lhs ::= rhs." action:
  - put "reduce lhs ::= rhs" action in all columns of row i

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### Table of This Grammar

State	{	}	beep	;	S	L	\$
1	s,g4		s,g3		g2		
2							a!
3	reduce S ::= beep						
4	s,g4		s,g3		g5	g6	
5	reduce L ::= S						
6		s,g7		s,g8			
7	reduce S ::= { L }						
8	s,g4		s,g3		g9		
9	reduce L ::= L ; S						

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### Example

$S' ::= S \ \$$   
 $S ::= \text{beep} \mid \{ L \}$   
 $L ::= S \mid L ; S$

```

1 1 4
1 1 4 beep 3
1 1 4 S 5
1 1 4 L 6
1 1 4 L 6 ; 8
1 1 4 L 6 ; 4 beep 3
1 1 4 L 6 ; 4 S 5
1 1 4 L 6 ; 4 L 6
1 1 4 L 6 ; 4 L 6 } 7
1 1 4 L 6 ; 8 S 9
1 1 4 L 6
1 1 4 L 6 } 7
1 S 2
accept
    
```

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St	{	}	beep	;	S	L	\$
1	s,g4		s,g3		g2		
2							a!
3	reduce S ::= beep						
4	s,g4		s,g3		g5	g6	
5	reduce L ::= S						
6		s,g7		s,g8			
7	reduce S ::= { L }						
8	s,g4		s,g3		g9		
9	reduce L ::= L ; S						

```

{ beep : beep } $
beep : beep
beep : beep
beep : beep
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beep : beep
    
```

## Problems In Shift-Reduce Parsing

Can write grammars that cannot be handled with shift-reduce parsing

Shift/reduce conflict:

- state has both shift action(s) and reduce actions

Reduce/reduce conflict:

- state has more than one reduce action

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## Shift/Reduce Conflicts

LR(0) example:

```
E ::= E + T | T
```

State: E ::= E . + T

```
E ::= T .
```

- Can shift +

- Can reduce E ::= T

LR(k) example:

```
S ::= if E then S |
```

```
if E then S else S | ...
```

State: S ::= if E then S .

```
S ::= if E then S . else S
```

- Can shift else

- Can reduce S ::= if E then S

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## Avoiding Shift-Reduce Conflicts

Can rewrite grammar to remove conflict

- E.g. Matched Stmt vs. Unmatched Stmt

Can resolve in favor of shift action

- try to find longest r.h.s. before reducing
- works well in practice
- yacc, jflex, et al. do this

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## Reduce/Reduce Conflicts

Example:

```
Stmt ::= Type id ; | LHS = Expr ; | ...
```

```
...
```

```
LHS ::= id | LHS [ Expr ] | ...
```

```
...
```

```
Type ::= id | Type [ ] | ...
```

State: Type ::= id .

```
LHS ::= id .
```

Can reduce Type ::= id

Can reduce LHS ::= id

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## Avoid Reduce/Reduce Conflicts

Can rewrite grammar to remove conflict

- can be hard
  - e.g. C/C++ declaration vs. expression problem
  - e.g. MiniJava array declaration vs. array store problem

Can resolve in favor of one of the reduce actions

- but which?
- `yacc`, `jflex`, et al. Pick reduce action for production listed textually first in specification