Bottom Up (Shift Reduce) Parsing

Bottom-Up Parsing

- A bottom-up parser creates the parse tree of the given input starting from leaves towards the root
- A bottom-up parser tries to find the right-most derivation of the given input in the reverse order.

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{S} \Rightarrow ... \Rightarrow \omega \quad (\text{the right-most derivation of } \omega) \\ \leftarrow \quad (\text{the bottom-up parser finds the right-most derivation in the reverse order}) \end{split}$$

Bottom Up Parsing

- LR Parsing
 - Also called "Shift-Reduce Parsing"
- Find a rightmost derivation
- Finds it in reverse order
- LR Grammars
 - Can be parsed with an LR Parser
- LR Languages
 - Can be described with LR Grammar
 - Can be parsed with an LR Parser

LR Parsing Techniques

• LR Parsing

Most General Approach

• SLR

- Simpler algorithm, but not as general

• LALR

More complex, but saves space

LL vs. LR

• LR (shift reduce) is more powerful than LL (predictive parsing)

Can detect a syntactic error as soon as possible.

- LR is difficult to do by hand (unlike LL) and
- LL accepts a much smaller set of grammars.

Rightmost Derivation			
<u>Rules Used:</u>	Right-Sentential Forms:		$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
$E \rightarrow T$	E T	T	
$T \rightarrow T * F$ $F \rightarrow id$	T * F	Î	id
$T \rightarrow F$	T * <u>id</u>		
$\mathbf{F} \rightarrow (\mathbf{E})$	r * <u>1a</u> (E) * <u>id</u>		
$E \rightarrow E + I$ $T \rightarrow F$	(E + T) * <u>id</u>		
F → <u>id</u>	(<mark>E + F</mark>) * <u>id</u> (E + id) * id	T F	
$E \rightarrow T$ $T \rightarrow F$	(T + <u>id</u>) * <u>id</u>	F <u>id</u>	
$F \rightarrow \underline{id}$	(F + <u>id</u>) * <u>id</u>	<u>id</u>	
	(1a + 1a) * 1a	(id + id)	* id

Rightmost Derivation In reverse

<u>Rules Used:</u>		
F	→ <u>id</u>	
Т	→ F	
E	→ T	
F	→ <u>id</u>	
Т	→ F	
E	→ E + T	

Right-Sentential Forms:		
(<u>id</u> + <u>id</u>) * <u>id</u>		
(<mark>F</mark> + <u>id</u>) * <u>id</u>		
(T + <u>id</u>) * <u>id</u>		
(<u>E</u> + <u>id</u>) * <u>id</u>		
(<mark>E + F</mark>) * <u>id</u>		
(<mark>E + T</mark>) * <u>id</u>		
(<mark>E</mark>) * <u>id</u>		







LR parsing corresponds to rightmost derivation in reverse

Reduction

 A reduction step replaces a specific substring (matching the body of a production)





- Reduction is the opposite of derivation
- Bottom up parsing is a process of reducing a string ω to the start symbol S of the grammar

- Bottom-up parsing is also known as shift-reduce parsing because its two main actions are shift and reduce.
- data structures: input-string and stack
- Operations
 - At each shift action, the current symbol in the input string is pushed to a stack.
 - At each reduction step, the symbols at the top of the stack (this symbol sequence is the right side of a production) will replaced by the non-terminal at the left side of that production.
 - Accept: Announce successful completion of parsing
 - Error: Discover a syntax error and call error recovery

Shift Reduce Parsing Example

S → a T R e T → T b c | b R → d

Remaining input: abbcde

Rightmost derivation:

S → a T R e
 → a T d e
 → a T b c d e
 → a b b c d e

 $S \rightarrow a T R e$ $T \rightarrow T b c | b$ $R \rightarrow d$

Remaining input: bbcde

→ Shift a

a

Rightmost derivation:

a T R e a T d e a T b c d e a b b c d e

S → a T R e T → T b c | b R → d

Remaining input: bcde

→ Shift a, Shift b

a b

Rightmost derivation:

a T R e a T d e a T b c d e a b c d e

Т

h

a

 $S \rightarrow a T R e$ $T \rightarrow T b c | b$ $R \rightarrow d$

 $\Rightarrow Shift a, Shift b$ $\Rightarrow Reduce T \Rightarrow b$ Remaining input: bcde

Rightmost derivation:

→ <u>a T</u> b c d e

 \rightarrow a b b c d e

 $S \rightarrow a T R e$ $T \rightarrow T b c | b$ $R \rightarrow d$

Remaining input: cde

→ Shift a, Shift b
→ Reduce T → b
→ Shift b

T a b b Rightmost derivation: $S \rightarrow aTRe$ $\Rightarrow aTde$ $\Rightarrow aTbcde$ $\Rightarrow abbcde$

S → a T R e T → T b c | b R → d

→ Shift a, Shift b
→ Reduce T → b
→ Shift b, Shift c

Remaining input: de



S → a T R e T → T b c | b R → d

Remaining input: de

→ Shift a, Shift b
→ Reduce T → b
→ Shift b, Shift c
→ Reduce T → T b c

h h 8 С **Rightmost derivation:** → <u>a T</u> d e → a **T b c** d e \rightarrow **a b b c d e**

S → a T R e T → T b c | b R → d

Remaining input: e





→ <u>a T d</u> e

→ a **T b c** d e

 \rightarrow **a b** b c d e

S → a T R e T → T b c | b R → d

Remaining input: e





 $S \rightarrow a T R e$ T $\rightarrow T b c | b$ R $\rightarrow d$

Remaining input:





 $S \rightarrow a T R e$ $T \rightarrow T b c | b$ $R \rightarrow d$

→ Shift a, Shift b
→ Reduce T → b
→ Shift b, Shift c
→ Reduce T → T b c
→ Shift d
→ Reduce R → d
→ Shift e
→ Reduce S → a T R e

Remaining input:



Example Shift-Reduce Parsing

Consider the grammar:

Stack	Input	Action
\$ \$id ₁ \$F \$E \$E + \$E + id ₂ \$E + F \$E + T \$E + T	id ₁ + id ₂ \$ + id ₂ \$ + id ₂ \$ + id ₂ \$ + id ₂ \$ id ₂ \$	shift reduce 6 reduce 4 reduce 2 shift shift reduce 6 reduce 4 reduce 1 accept

1.	$E \rightarrow E + T$
2.	$E \rightarrow T$
3.	$T \rightarrow T * F$
4.	$T \rightarrow F$
5.	F 🛶 (E)
6.	F → <u>id</u>

Conflicts During Shift-Reduce Parsing

- There are context-free grammars for which shift-reduce parsers cannot be used.
- Stack contents and the next input symbol may not decide action:
 - shift/reduce conflict: Whether make a shift operation or a reduction.
 - reduce/reduce conflict: The parser cannot decide which of several reductions to make.
- If a shift-reduce parser cannot be used for a grammar, that grammar is called as non-LR(k) grammar.



• An ambiguous grammar can never be a LR grammar.

Shift-Reduce Conflict in Ambiguous Grammar

 $stmt \rightarrow if expr$ then stmt

| **if** *expr* **then** *stmt* **else** *stmt*

| other

STACKINPUT....if expr then stmtelse\$

• We can't decide whether to shift or reduce?

Reduce-Reduce Conflict in Ambiguous Grammar

- 1. $stmt \rightarrow id(parameter_list)$
- 2. $stmt \rightarrow expr:=expr$
- 3. $parameter_list \rightarrow parameter_list$, parameter
- 4. $parameter_list \rightarrow parameter$
- 5. $parameter_list \rightarrow id$
- 6. $expr \rightarrow id(expr_list)$
- 7. $expr \rightarrow id$
- 8. $expr_list \rightarrow expr_list$, $expr_list$, e
- 9. $expr_list \rightarrow expr$

STACKid (id

INPUT , id) ...\$

 We can't decide which production will be used to reduce id?

Shift-Reduce Parsers

There are two main categories of shift-reduce parsers

- 1. Operator-Precedence Parser
 - simple, but only a small class of grammars.



2. LR-Parsers

- covers wide range of grammars.
 - SLR simple LR parser
 - LR most general LR parser
 - LALR intermediate LR parser (lookhead LR parser)
- SLR, LR and LALR work same, only their parsing tables are different.

LR Parsers

LR parsing is attractive because:

- LR parsing is most general non-backtracking shift-reduce parsing, yet it is still efficient.
- The class of grammars that can be parsed using LR methods is a proper superset of the class of grammars that can be parsed with predictive parsers.

LL(1)-Grammars $\subset LR(1)$ -Grammars

- An LR-parser can detect a syntactic error as soon as it is possible to do so a left-to-right scan of the input.
- LR parsers can be constructed to recognize virtually all programming language constructs for which CFG grammars can be written

Drawback of LR method:

- Too much work to construct LR parser by hand
 - Fortunately tools (LR parsers generators) are available



Bottom-Up Parsing: LR(0) Table Construction

Constructing SLR Parsing Tables – LR(0) Item

- An LR(0) item of a grammar G is a production of G a dot at the some position of the right side.
- Ex: $A \rightarrow aBb$ Possible LR(0) Items: $A \rightarrow aBb$ (four different possibility) $A \rightarrow a \cdot Bb$ $A \rightarrow aB \cdot b$ $A \rightarrow aB \cdot b$
- Sets of LR(0) items will be the states of action and goto table of the SLR parser.
 - States represent sets of "items"
- LR parser makes shift-reduce decision by maintaining states to keep track of where we are in a parsing process

Constructing SLR Parsing Tables – LR(0) Item

- An item indicates how much of a production we have seen at a given point in the parsing process
- For Example the item $A \rightarrow X \bullet YZ$
 - We have already seen on the input a string derivable from X
 - We hope to see a string derivable from YZ
- For Example the item A \rightarrow XYZ
 - We hope to see a string derivable from XYZ
- For Example the item $A \rightarrow XYZ \bullet$
 - We have already seen on the input a string derivable from XYZ
 - It is possibly time to reduce XYZ to A
- Special Case:

Rule: A $\rightarrow \epsilon$ yields only one item

 $\mathsf{A} \to {\scriptstyle \bullet}$

Constructing SLR Parsing Tables

- A collection of sets of LR(0) items (the canonical LR(0) collection) is the basis for constructing SLR parsers.
- Canonical LR(0) collection provides the basis of constructing a DFA called LR(0) automaton
 - This DFA is used to make parsing decisions
- Each state of LR(0) automaton represents a set of items in the canonical LR(0) collection
- To construct the canonical LR(0) collection for a grammar
 - Augmented Grammar
 - CLOSURE function
 - GOTO function

Grammar Augmentation



Our goal is to find an S', followed by \$. S' $\rightarrow \bullet E$, \$

Whenever we are about to reduce using rule 0... Accept! Parse is finished! The Closure Operation

- If *I* is a set of LR(0) items for a grammar G, then *closure(I)* is the set of LR(0) items constructed from *I* by the two rules:
 - 1. Initially, every LR(0) item in *I* is added to *closure(I)*.
 - 2. If $A \rightarrow \alpha.B\beta$ is in *closure(I)* and $B \rightarrow \gamma$ is a production rule of G;
 - then $B \rightarrow .\gamma$ will be in the *closure(I)*.
 - We will apply this rule until no more new LR(0) items can be added to *closure(I)*.

The Closure Operation -- Example

$E' \to E$	$closure({E' \rightarrow \bullet E}) =$
$E\toE{+}T$	$\{ E' \rightarrow \bullet E \longleftarrow kernel items$
$E\toT$	$E \rightarrow \bullet E + T$
$T\toT^*F$	$E \to \bullet T$
$T\toF$	$T \rightarrow \bullet T^*F$
$F \rightarrow (E)$	$T \to ullet F$
$F \to id$	$F \to \bullet(E)$
	$F \rightarrow \bullet id$ }

GOTO Operation

 If I is a set of LR(0) items and X is a grammar symbol (terminal or non-terminal), then GOTO(I,X) is defined as follows:

- If $A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot X\beta$ in I then every item in **closure({A** $\rightarrow \alpha X \cdot \beta$ }) will be in GOTO(I,X).

Example:

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\begin{split} & \mathsf{I} = \{ \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{E}' \to \bullet \mathsf{E}, \hspace{0.1cm} \mathsf{E} \to \bullet \mathsf{E} + \mathsf{T}, \hspace{0.1cm} \mathsf{E} \to \bullet \mathsf{T}, \\ & \mathsf{T} \to \bullet \mathsf{T}^*\mathsf{F}, \hspace{0.1cm} \mathsf{T} \to \bullet \mathsf{F}, \\ & \mathsf{F} \to \bullet (\mathsf{E}), \hspace{0.1cm} \mathsf{F} \to \bullet \mathsf{id} \hspace{0.1cm} \} \\ & \mathsf{GOTO}(\mathsf{I},\mathsf{E}) = \{ \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{E}' \to \mathsf{E} \bullet, \hspace{0.1cm} \mathsf{E} \to \mathsf{E} \bullet + \mathsf{T} \hspace{0.1cm} \} \\ & \mathsf{GOTO}(\mathsf{I},\mathsf{E}) = \{ \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{E} \to \mathsf{T} \bullet, \hspace{0.1cm} \mathsf{T} \to \mathsf{T} \bullet ^*\mathsf{F} \hspace{0.1cm} \} \\ & \mathsf{GOTO}(\mathsf{I},\mathsf{T}) = \{ \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{E} \to \mathsf{T} \bullet, \hspace{0.1cm} \mathsf{T} \to \mathsf{T} \bullet ^*\mathsf{F} \hspace{0.1cm} \} \\ & \mathsf{GOTO}(\mathsf{I},\mathsf{F}) = \{ \mathsf{T} \to \mathsf{F} \bullet \end{array} \right\} \\ & \mathsf{GOTO}(\mathsf{I},\mathsf{C}) = \{ \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{F} \to (\bullet \mathsf{E}), \hspace{0.1cm} \mathsf{E} \to \bullet \bullet \mathsf{E} + \mathsf{T}, \hspace{0.1cm} \mathsf{E} \to \bullet \bullet \mathsf{T}, \hspace{0.1cm} \mathsf{T} \to \bullet \mathsf{T}^*\mathsf{F}, \hspace{0.1cm} \mathsf{T} \to \bullet \mathsf{F}, \\ & \hspace{0.1cm} \mathsf{F} \to \bullet \bullet (\mathsf{E}), \hspace{0.1cm} \mathsf{F} \to \bullet \bullet \mathsf{id} \end{array} \right\} \\ & \mathsf{GOTO}(\mathsf{I},\mathsf{id}) = \{ \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{F} \to \mathsf{id} \bullet \end{array} \} \end{split}
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LR(0) Automation

□ Start with start rule & compute initial state with closure

Pick one of the items from the states and move "." to the right one symbol (as if you parsed the symbol)

- this creates a new item..
- ... and a new state when you compute the closure of the new item
- mark the edge between the two states with:

✓ a terminal T, if you moved "." over T

✓ a non-terminal X, if you moved "." over x

Continue until there are no further ways to move "." across items and generate the new states or new edges in the automation.

- 0. S' ::= S \$
- S ::= (L)
- S ::= x
- L ::= S
- L ::= L , S

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- S ::= x
 L ::= S
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- S ::= x
 L ::= S
- L ::= L , S













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- S ::= x
- L ::= S









Assigning numbers to states:



Computing Parse table

- At every point in the parse, the LR parser table tells us what to do next according to the automaton state at the top of the stack
 - shift
 - reduce
 - accept
 - error

Computing Parse table

- State i contains X ::= s @ \$ ==> table[i,\$] = a
- State i contains rule k: X ::= s @ ==> table[i,T] = rk for all terminals T
- Transition from i to j marked with T ==> table[i,T] = sj
- Transition from i to j marked with X ==> table[i,X] = gj for all nonterminals X

states	Terminal seen next ID, NUM, :=	Non-terminals X,Y,Z
1		
2	sn = shift & goto state n	gn = goto state n
3	rk = reduce by rule k	
	a = accept	
n	= error	

The Parse Table

- Reducing by rule k is broken into two steps:
 - current stack is:
 - A 8 B 3 C 7 RHS 12
 - rewrite the stack according to X ::= RHS:
 - A 8 B 3 C 7 X
 - figure out state on top of stack (ie: goto 13)
 A 8 B 3 C 7 X 13

states	Terminal seen next ID, NUM, :=	Non-terminals X,Y,Z
1		gn = goto state n
2	sn = shift & goto state n	
3	rk = reduce by rule k	
	a = accept	
n	= error	



states	()	х	,	\$ S	L
1						
2						
3						
4						



states	()	Х	,	\$ S	L
1	s3					
2						
3						
4						



states	()	Х	,	\$ S	L
1	s3		s2			
2						
3						
4						



states	()	Х	,	\$ S	L
1	s3		s2		g4	
2						
3						
4						



states	()	Х	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3							
4							



states	()	Х	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3	s3		s2				
4							



states	()	Х	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3	s3		s2			g7	g5
4							



states	()	Х	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3	s3		s2			g7	g5
4					а		

states	()	Х	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3	s3		s2			g7	g5
4					а		
5		s6		s8			
6	r1	r1	r1	r1	r1		
7	r3	r3	r3	r3	r3		
8	s3		s2			g9	
9	r4	r4	r4	r4	r4		

yet to read (x , x) \$

stack: 1

input:

states	()	Х	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3	s3		s2			g7	g5
4					а		
5		s6		s8			
6	r1	r1	r1	r1	r1		
7	r3	r3	r3	r3	r3		
8	s3		s2			g9	
9	r4	r4	r4	r4	r4		

input: (x, x) \$ stack: 1(3)

states	()	Х	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3	s3		s2			g7	g5
4					а		
5		s6		s8			
6	r1	r1	r1	r1	r1		
7	r3	r3	r3	r3	r3		
8	s3		s2			g9	
9	r4	r4	r4	r4	r4		

yet to read input: (x , x) \$ stack: 1 (3 x 2

states	()	Х	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3	s3		s2			g7	g5
4					а		
5		s6		s8			
6	r1	r1	r1	r1	r1		
7	r3	r3	r3	r3	r3		
8	s3		s2			g9	
9	r4	r4	r4	r4	r4		

input: (x, x) \$ stack: 1(3S

states	()	Х	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3	s3		s2			g7	g5
4					а		
5		s6		s8			
6	r1	r1	r1	r1	r1		
7	r3	r3	r3	r3	r3		
8	s3		s2			g9	
9	r4	r4	r4	r4	r4		

input: (x , x) \$
stack: 1 (3 S 7

states	()	Х	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3	s3		s2			g7	g5
4					а		
5		s6		s8			
6	r1	r1	r1	r1	r1		
7	r3	r3	r3	r3	r3		
8	s3		s2			g9	
9	r4	r4	r4	r4	r4		

input: (x, x) \$ stack: 1(3L

states	()	Х	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3	s3		s2			g7	g5
4					а		
5		s6		s8			
6	r1	r1	r1	r1	r1		
7	r3	r3	r3	r3	r3		
8	s3		s2			g9	
9	r4	r4	r4	r4	r4		

yet to read input: (x , x) \$ stack: 1 (3 L 5

states	()	Х	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3	s3		s2			g7	g5
4					а		
5		s6		s8			
6	r1	r1	r1	r1	r1		
7	r3	r3	r3	r3	r3		
8	s3		s2			g9	
9	r4	r4	r4	r4	r4		

yet to read input: (x, x) \$ stack: 1(3L5,8
states	()	х	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3	s3		s2			g7	g5
4					а		
5		s6		s8			
6	r1	r1	r1	r1	r1		
7	r3	r3	r3	r3	r3		
8	s3		s2			g9	
9	r4	r4	r4	r4	r4		

yet to read input: (x, x) \$ stack: 1(3L5,8x2

states	()	х	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3	s3		s2			g7	g5
4					а		
5		s6		s8			
6	r1	r1	r1	r1	r1		
7	r3	r3	r3	r3	r3		
8	s3		s2			g9	
9	r4	r4	r4	r4	r4		

yet to read input: (x, x) \$ stack: 1(3L5,8S

states	()	X	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3	s3		s2			g7	g5
4					а		
5		s6		s8			
6	r1	r1	r1	r1	r1		
7	r3	r3	r3	r3	r3		
8	s3		s2			g9	
9	r4	r4	r4	r4	r4		

yet to read input: (x, x) \$ stack: 1(3L5,8S9

states	()	Х	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3	s3		s2			g7	g5
4					а		
5		s6		s8			
6	r1	r1	r1	r1	r1		
7	r3	r3	r3	r3	r3		
8	s3		s2			g9	
9	r4	r4	r4	r4	r4		

input: (x, x) \$ stack: 1(3L

states	()	X	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3	s3		s2			g7	g5
4					а		
5		s6		s8			
6	r1	r1	r1	r1	r1		
7	r3	r3	r3	r3	r3		
8	s3		s2			g9	
9	r4	r4	r4	r4	r4		

yet to read input: (x, x) \$ stack: 1(3L5

etc

LR(0)

- Even though we are doing LR(0) parsing we are using some look ahead (there is a column for each non-terminal)
- however, we only use the terminal to figure out which state to go to next, not to decide whether to shift or reduce

states	()	Х	3	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3	s3		s2			g7	g5

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2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		
3	s3		s2			g7	g5

jignore next automaton state

states	no look-ahead	S	L
1	shift	g4	
2	reduce 2		
3	shift	g7	g5

LR(0)

- Even though we are doing LR(0) parsing we are using some look ahead (there is a column for each non-terminal)
- however, we only use the terminal to figure out which state to go to next, not to decide whether to shift or reduce
- If the same row contains both shift and reduce, we will have a conflict ==> the grammar is not LR(0)
- Likewise if the same row contains reduce by two different rules

states	no look-ahead	S	L
1	shift, reduce 5	g4	
2	reduce 2, reduce 7		
3	shift	g7	g5

SLR

- SLR (simple LR) is a variant of LR(0) that reduces the number of conflicts in LR(0) tables by using a tiny bit of look ahead
- To determine when to reduce, **1** symbol of look ahead is used.
- Only put reduce by rule (X ::= RHS) in column T if T is in Follow(X)

states	()	х	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2			g4	
2	r2	s5	r2				
3	/ r1 /		r1	r5	r5	g7	g5
/	/ /						

cuts down the number of rk slots & therefore cuts down conflicts

LR(1) & LALR

- LR(1) automata are identical to LR(0) except for the "items" that make up the states
- LR(0) items:
 X ::= s1 . s2

look-ahead symbol added

LR(1) items
 X ::= s1 . s2, T

Idea: sequence s1 is on stack; input stream is s2 T

- Find closure with respect to X ::= s1 . Y s2, T by adding all items Y ::= s3, U when Y ::= s3 is a rule and U is in First(s2 T)
- Two states are different if they contain the same rules but the rules have different look-ahead symbols
 - Leads to many states
 - LALR(1) = LR(1) where states that are identical aside from look-ahead symbols have been merged
 - ML-Yacc & most parser generators use LALR
- READ: Appel 3.3 (and also all of the rest of chapter 3)

Grammar Relationships

Unambiguous Grammars

Ambiguous Grammars



Summary

- LR parsing is more powerful than LL parsing, given the same look ahead
- to construct an LR parser, it is necessary to compute an LR parser table
- the LR parser table represents a finite automaton that walks over the parser stack
- ML-Yacc uses LALR, a compact variant of LR(1)