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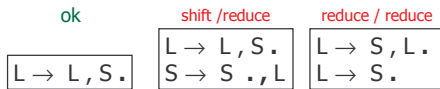
Lecture 9: LR(1) Parsing  
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## LR(0) Parsing Summary

- LR(0) state = set of LR(0) items
- LR(0) item = a production with a dot in RHS
- Compute LR(0) states and build DFA:
  - Use the closure operation to compute states
  - Use the goto operation to compute transitions between states
- Build the LR(0) parsing table from the DFA
- Use the LR(0) parsing table to determine whether to reduce or to shift

## LR(0) Limitations

- An LR(0) machine only works if states with reduce actions have a **single** reduce action
- With more complex grammar, construction gives states with shift/reduce or reduce/reduce conflicts
- Need to use look-ahead to choose



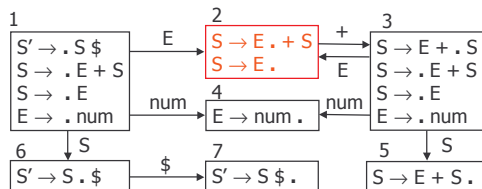
## LR(0) Parsing Table

	(	)	id	,	\$	S	L
1	s3		s2				g4
2	S->id	S->id	S->id	S->id	S->id		
3	s3		s2				g7 g5
4						accept	
5	s6		s8				
6	S->(L	S->(L	S->(L	S->(L	S->(L		
7	L->S	L->S	L->S	L->S	L->S		
8	s3		s2				g9
9	L->L,S	L->L,S	L->L,S	L->L,S	L->L,S		

## A Non-LR(0) Grammar

- Grammar for addition of numbers:
  - $S \rightarrow S + E \mid E$
  - $E \rightarrow \text{num}$
- Left-associative version is LR(0)
- Right-associative version is not LR(0)
  - $S \rightarrow E + S \mid E$
  - $E \rightarrow \text{num}$

## LR(0) Parsing Table



What to do in state 2:  
shift or reduce?

	num	+	\$	E	S
1	s4				g2 g6
2	S->E	s3/S->E	S->E		

## SLR Parsing

- SLR Parsing = easy extension of LR(0)
  - For each reduction  $X \rightarrow \gamma$ , look at the next symbol C
  - Apply reduction only if C is in FOLLOW(X)
- SLR parsing table eliminates some conflicts
  - Same as LR(0) table except reduction rows
  - Adds reductions  $X \rightarrow \gamma$  only in the columns of symbols in FOLLOW(X)

• Example:

	num	+	\$	E	S
1	s4			g2	g6
2		s3	$S \rightarrow E$		

FOLLOW(S)={}

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## SLR Parsing Table

- Reductions do not fill entire rows
- Otherwise, same as LR(0)

	num	+	\$	E	S
1	s4			g2	g6
2		s3	$S \rightarrow E$		
3	s4			g2	g5
4				$S \rightarrow E$	
5				$S \rightarrow E+S$	
6				s7	
7				accept	

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## LR(1) Parsing

- Get as much power as possible out of 1 look-ahead symbol parsing table
- LR(1) grammar = recognizable by a shift/reduce parser with 1 look-ahead
- LR(1) parsing uses similar concepts as LR(0)
  - Parser states = sets of items
  - LR(1) item = LR(0) item + look-ahead symbol possibly following production

LR(0) item :  $S \rightarrow \cdot S + E$   
 LR(1) item :  $S \rightarrow \cdot S + E \quad +$

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## LR(1) States

- LR(1) state = set of LR(1) items
- LR(1) item =  $(X \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta, \gamma)$
- Meaning:  $\alpha$  already matched at top of the stack; next expect to see  $\beta \gamma$
- Shorthand notation
  - $(X \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta, \{x_1, \dots, x_n\})$
  - means:

$S \rightarrow S \cdot + E$	$+, \$$
$S \rightarrow S + \cdot E$	num

- Extend closure and goto operations

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## LR(1) Closure

- LR(1) closure operation:
  - Start with Closure(S) = S
  - For each item in S:
    - $X \rightarrow \alpha \cdot Y \beta, z$
    - and for each production  $Y \rightarrow \gamma$ , add the following item to the closure of S:
      - $Y \rightarrow \cdot \gamma, \text{FIRST}(\beta z)$
  - Repeat until nothing changes
- Similar to LR(0) closure, but also keeps track of the look-ahead symbol

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## LR(1) Start State

- Initial state: start with  $(S' \rightarrow \cdot S, \$)$ , then apply the closure operation

- Example: sum grammar

$S' \rightarrow S \$$   
 $S \rightarrow E + S \mid E$   
 $E \rightarrow \text{num}$

$S' \rightarrow \cdot S$	$\$$
$S \rightarrow \cdot E + S$	$\$$
$S \rightarrow \cdot E$	$\$$
$E \rightarrow \cdot \text{num}$	$+, \$$

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### LR(1) Goto Operation

- LR(1) goto operation = describes transitions between LR(1) states
- Algorithm: for a state S and a symbol Y
  - $S' = \{(X \rightarrow \alpha Y \beta, z) \mid (X \rightarrow \alpha \cdot Y \beta, z) \in S\}$
  - $\text{Goto}(S, Y) = \text{Closure}(S')$

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### LR(1) DFA Construction

- If  $S' = \text{goto}(S, x)$  then add an edge labeled x from S to  $S'$

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### LR(1) Reductions

- Reductions correspond to LR(1) items of the form  $(X \rightarrow \gamma \cdot, y)$

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### LR(1) Parsing Table Construction

- Same as construction of LR(0) parsing table, except for reductions
- For a transition  $S \rightarrow S'$  on terminal x:
 
$$\text{Shift}(S') \subseteq \text{Table}[S, x]$$
- For a transition  $S \rightarrow S'$  on non-terminal N:
 
$$\text{Goto}(S') \subseteq \text{Table}[S, N]$$
- If  $(X \rightarrow \gamma \cdot, y) \in S$ , then:
 
$$\text{Reduce}(X \rightarrow \gamma) \subseteq \text{Table}[S, y]$$

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### LR(1) Parsing Table Example

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$S' \rightarrow \cdot S$	\$
$S \rightarrow \cdot E + S$	\$
$S \rightarrow \cdot E$	\$
$E \rightarrow \cdot \text{num}$	+, \$

2

$S \rightarrow E \cdot + S$	\$
$S \rightarrow E \cdot$	\$

3

$S \rightarrow E + \cdot S$	\$
$S \rightarrow \cdot E + S$	\$
$S \rightarrow \cdot E$	\$
$E \rightarrow \cdot \text{num}$	+, \$

Fragment of the Parsing table:

	+	\$	E
1	s3	S→E	2
2			

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### LALR(1) Grammars

- Problem with LR(1): too many states
- LALR(1) Parsing (Look-Ahead LR)
  - Constructs LR(1) DFA and then merge any two LR(1) states whose items are identical except look-ahead
  - Results in smaller parser tables
  - Theoretically less powerful than LR(1)

$S \rightarrow \text{id} \cdot +$	+	$S \rightarrow \text{id} \cdot \$$	\$
$S \rightarrow E \cdot \$$	\$	$S \rightarrow E \cdot +$	+

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- LALR(1) Grammar = a grammar whose LALR(1) parsing table has no conflicts

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## LL/LR Grammar Summary

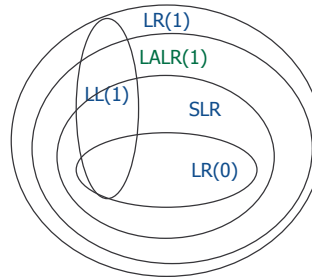
- LL parsing tables
  - Nonterminals x terminals → productions
  - Computed using FIRST/FOLLOW
- LR parsing tables
  - LR states x terminals → {shift/reduce}
  - LR states x non-terminals → goto
  - Computed using closure/goto operations on LR states
- A grammar is:
  - LL(1) if its LL(1) parsing table has no conflicts
  - LR(0) if its LR(0) parsing table has no conflicts
  - SLR if its SLR parsing table has no conflicts
  - LALR(1) if its LALR(1) parsing table has no conflicts
  - LR(1) if its LR(1) parsing table has no conflicts

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## Classification of Grammars



$LR(k) \subseteq LR(k+1)$   
 $LL(k) \subseteq LL(k+1)$   
 $LL(k) \subseteq LR(k)$   
 $LR(0) \subseteq SLR$   
 $LALR(1) \subseteq LR(1)$

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## Automate the Parsing Process

- Can automate:
  - The construction of LR parsing tables
  - The construction of shift-reduce parsers based on these parsing tables
- Automatic parser generators: *yacc*, *bison*, *CUP*
- LALR(1) parser generators
  - No much difference compared to LR(1) in practice
  - Smaller parsing tables than LR(1)
  - Augment LALR(1) grammar specification with declarations of precedence, associativity
- output: LALR(1) parser program

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## Associativity

$S \rightarrow S + E \mid E$   
 $E \rightarrow \text{num}$

→

$E \rightarrow E + E$   
 $E \rightarrow \text{num}$

What happens if we run this grammar through LALR construction?

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## Shift/Reduce Conflict

$E \rightarrow E + E$   
 $E \rightarrow \text{num}$

$E \rightarrow E + E \cdot$     +  
 $E \rightarrow E \cdot + E$     +, \$

→

shift/reduce conflict

shift:  $1+(2+3)$   
 reduce:  $(1+2)+3$

$1+2+3$   
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## Grammar in CUP

non terminal E; terminal PLUS, LPAREN...

precedence left PLUS;

↑  
"when shifting '+' conflicts with reducing a production, choose reduce"

$E ::= E \text{ PLUS } E$   
 $\mid \text{LPAREN } E \text{ RPAREN}$   
 $\mid \text{NUMBER};$

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## Precedence

- CUP can also handle operator precedence

$$E \rightarrow E + E \mid T$$

$$T \rightarrow T \times T \mid \text{num} \mid ( E )$$


$$E \rightarrow E + E \mid E \times E$$

$$\mid \text{num} \mid ( E )$$

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## Conflicts without Precedence

$$E \rightarrow E + E \mid E \times E$$

$$\mid \text{num} \mid ( E )$$

$$E \rightarrow E . + E \dots$$

$$E \rightarrow E \times E . +$$

$$E \rightarrow E + E . \times$$

$$E \rightarrow E . \times E \dots$$

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## Precedence in CUP

precedence left PLUS;  
 precedence left TIMES; // TIMES > PLUS  
 $E ::= E \text{ PLUS } E \mid E \text{ TIMES } E \mid \dots$

RULE: in conflict, choose **reduce** if production symbol higher precedence than shifted symbol; choose **shift** if vice-versa

$$E \rightarrow E . + E \dots$$

$$E \rightarrow E \times E . +$$

reduce  $E \rightarrow E \times E$

$$E \rightarrow E + E . \times$$

$$E \rightarrow E . \times E \dots$$

Shift  $\times$

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## Summary

- Look-ahead information makes SLR(1), LALR(1), LR(1) grammars expressive
- Automatic parser generators support LALR(1) grammars
- Precedence, associativity declarations simplify grammar writing

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