





COMPILER CONSTRUCTION

Bottom-Up Parsing















Chapter 6 Bottom-Up Parsing













Bottom-Up Parsing

- This chapter discusses the techniques and tools for automatically constructing bottom-up parsers
- Especially, the constructions of the parsing table for LR parsers are introduced in this chapter









Why Bottom-Up Parsing?

- Bottom-up parsers are commonly used in the syntaxchecking phase of a compiler
 - because of their power, efficiency, and ease of construction
- Bottom-up parsing can accommodate the grammar features,
 - which are problematic for top-down parsing,
 - e.g., left recursive productions and common prefixes (Fig. 5.12)
- In fact, bottom-up parsers can handle the largest class of grammars that allow parsing to proceed **deterministically**

Figure 5.12: A grammar with common prefixes.









Why Bottom-Up Parsing? (Cont'd)

- Those problems would be addressed by rewriting the grammar,
 - which can be used to construct a topdown parser
 - E.g., grammar in Fig. 5.12 can be converted into another in Fig. 5.16
- Unfortunately, that grammar does not clearly articulate the language's syntax

Figure 5.16: LL(1) version of the grammar in Figure 5.14.











Reprise: Top-Down Parsing (Ch. 5)

- We had learned how to construct top-down parsers based on contextfree grammars (CFGs) that had certain properties
- The fundamental concern of an LL parser is
 - which production to choose in expanding a given nonterminal
 - This choice is based on **the parser's current state** and on a peek at the unconsumed portion of **the parser's input string**
- The **derivations** and **parse trees** produced by LL parsers are constructed as follows:
 - the **leftmost nonterminal** is expanded at each step, and **the parse tree grows** systematically **top-down**, from left to right
 - The LL parser **begins with the tree's root**, which is labeled with the grammar's start symbol
 - Suppose that A is the next nonterminal to be expanded, and that the parser chooses the production $A{\rightarrow}\gamma$
 - In the parse tree, the node corresponding to this A is supplied with children that are labeled with the symbols in γ









Bottom-Up Parsing

- We compare the high-level concepts (e.g., derivations and parse trees) of bottom-up parsers against top-down parsers
 - An LR parser begins with the parse tree's leaves and moves toward its root
 - A top-down parser moves the parse tree's root toward its leaves
 - An LR parser traces a rightmost derivation in reverse
 - A top-down parser traces a leftmost derivation
 - An LR parser uses a grammar rule to replace the rule's right-hand side (RHS) with its left-hand side (LHS)
 - A top-down parser does the opposite, replacing a rule's LHS with its RHS
 - An LR parser can concurrently anticipate the eventual success of multiple nonterminals
 - In an LL parser, each state is committed to expand a particular nonterminal
 - This flexibility makes LR parsers more general than LL parsers









Bottom-Up Parsing (Cont'd)

- You should know the difference between derivation and parsing by now
- If you don't, please
 - write down the left-most and right-most derviation for the input: "begin simplestmt; simplestmt; end \$" and
 - compare the derivations against the parsing steps in Fig. 4.5 and 4.6 respectively

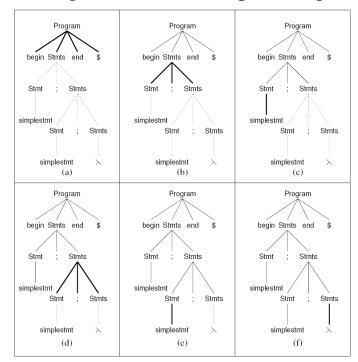


Figure 4.5: Parse of "begin simplestmt; simplestmt; end \$" using the top-down technique. Legend explained on page 126.

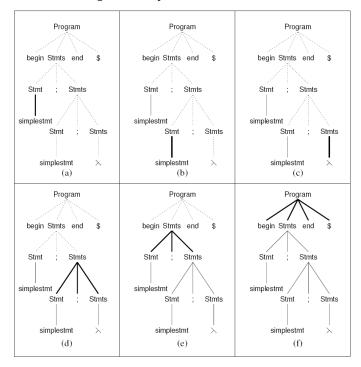


Figure 4.6: Parse of "begin simplestmt; simplestmt; end \$" using the bottom-up technique. Legend explained on page 126.









Bottom-Up Parsing (Cont'd)

• The style of parsing considered in Ch. 6 is known by the following names:

Bottom-up

 The parser works its way from the terminal symbols to the grammar's goal symbol

Shift-reduce

- The two most prevalent actions taken by the bottom-up parsers are:
- to shift symbols onto the parse stack and
- to reduce a string of such symbols located at the top-of-stack to one of the grammar's nonterminals

• **LR**(k)

- The bottom-up parsers **scan the input from the left** (the "L" in LR) producing a **rightmost derivation** (the "R" in LR) **in reverse**, using k symbols of lookahead
- It should be clear in context which meaning is intended; LR denotes both:
- (1) the generic bottom-up parsing engine
- (2) as well as a particular technique for constructing the engine's <u>tables</u>













Shift-Reduce Parsers

- Shift-reduce parsing is a form of bottom-up parsing
- The **bottom-up parsing** is the process of *reducing* a token string to the start symbol of the grammar
 - At each reduction, the token string matching the RHS of a production is replaced by the LHS non-terminal of that production
 - The following slides illustrate the **parsing** procedure and the sequence of **derivation**



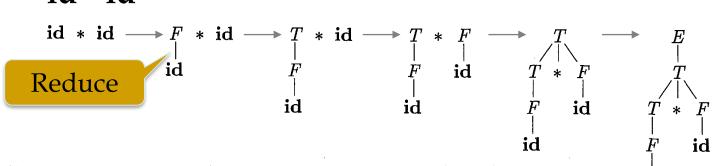






An Illustration of Bottom-Up Parsing

- Given the grammar:
 - $E \Rightarrow T$
 - $T \Rightarrow T * F$
 - $T \Rightarrow F$
 - $F \Rightarrow id$
- The **bottom-up parse** for the input string:
 - id * id



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An Illustration of Bottom-Up Parsing (Cont'd)

- Given the grammar:
 - $E \Rightarrow T$
 - $T \Rightarrow T * F$
 - $T \Rightarrow F$
 - $F \Rightarrow id$
- The rightmost derivation for the input string:

$$E \Rightarrow_{rm} T$$

$$\Rightarrow_{rm} T * F$$

$$\Rightarrow_{rm} T * id$$

$$\Rightarrow_{rm} F * id$$

$$\Rightarrow_{rm} id*id$$









An Illustration of Bottom-Up Parsing (Cont'd)

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$$- E \Rightarrow T$$

$$- T \Rightarrow T * F$$

$$- T \Rightarrow F$$

-
$$F \Rightarrow id$$

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$$\Rightarrow_{rm} T * F$$

$$\Rightarrow_{rm} T * id$$

$$\Rightarrow_{rm} F * id$$

$$\Rightarrow_{rm} id*id$$

To understand an LR parsing sequence is to $\Rightarrow_{rm} T * F$ $\Rightarrow_{rm} T * id$ $\Rightarrow_{rm} F * id$ appreciate that such p construct rightmost derivations in reverse appreciate that such parses



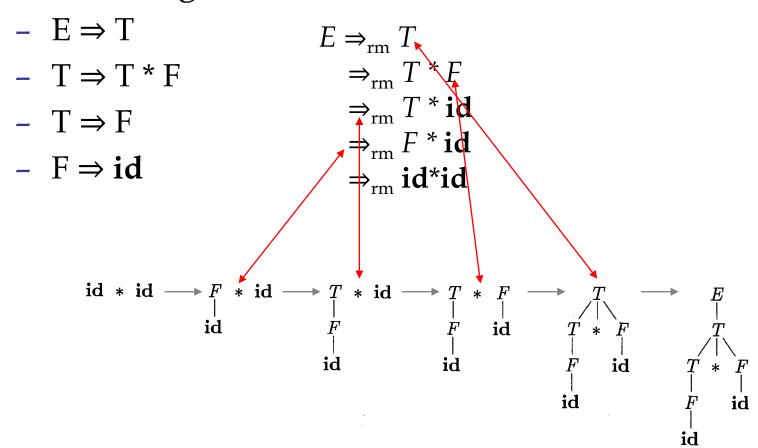






An Illustration of Bottom-Up Parsing (Cont'd)

Given the grammar:











Shift-Reduce Parsing as Knitting

- Two important *needles* for the parsing:
 - a stack holds grammar symbols and
 - an **input buffer** holds the rest of the tokens to be parsed
 - We use \$ to mark the end of the input (and also the bottom of the stack)
- During a left-to-right scan of the input tokens,
 - the parser shifts zero or more input tokens into the stack,
 - until it is ready to reduce a string β of grammar symbols on top of the stack
 - It then reduces β to the LHS of the appropriate production
- The parser repeats this cycle
 - until it has detected an error or
 - until the stack contains the start symbol and the input is empty (\$)















Actions of Shift-Reduce Parsers

- Shift: shift the next input token onto the top of the stack
- Reduce: the string to be reduced must be at the top of the stack
 - Locate the left end of the string within the stack and decide what non-terminal to replace that string
- Accept: announce successful completion of parsing
- Error: discover a syntax error and call an error recovery routine









*Illustration of LR Parsing Steps

- We examine how the RHS of a production is found so that a reduction can occur
- The parser halts and announces successful completion of parsing, upon entering the configuration below:

Stack Input \$ Start \$

- The right figure steps through the actions that
 - a shift-reduce parser takes in parsing the input string id₁ *id₂
- Please do the exercise with the grammar and string in Fig. 6.2, and the parse progress in Fig. 6.1

Given the grammar:

 $E \Rightarrow T$

 $T \Rightarrow T * F$

 $T \Rightarrow F$

 $F \Rightarrow id$

The input string: $id_1 * id_2$

Configurations of a shift-reduce parser on input id₁*id₂

Comiguia	tions of a sinit it	
STACK	Input	ACTION
\$	$\mathbf{id}_1*\mathbf{id}_2\$$	shift
$\mathbf{\$id}_1$	$*\mathbf{id}_2\$$	reduce by $F \to \mathbf{id}$
\$F	$*\mathbf{id}_2\$$	reduce by $T \to F$
\$T	$*\mathbf{id}_2\$$	\mathbf{shift}
\$T*	$\mathbf{id}_2\$$	shift
$T*id_2$	\$	reduce by $F \to \mathbf{id}$
T*F	\$	reduce by $T \to T * F$
\$T	\$	reduce by $E \to T$
♦ \$ E	\$	accept

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*Illustration of LR Parsing Steps (Cont'd)

- We examine how the RHS of a production is found so that a reduction can occur
- The right figure steps through the actions that
 - a shift-reduce parser takes in parsing the input string id₁ *id₂
 - Animations reveal the details
 - It is fine...
 The representation style of this example after the reduction is different from what we have in the textbook

Given the grammar:

$$E \Rightarrow T$$

$$T \Rightarrow T * F$$

$$T \Rightarrow F$$

$$F \Rightarrow id$$

The input string: id₁ * id₂

Configurations of a shift-reduce parser on input id₁*id₂

	T	Acmical
STACK	INPUT	ACTION
\$	$\mathbf{id}_1 * \mathbf{id}_2 \$ ($	$\mathfrak{D}\mathrm{shift}$
$\mathbf{\hat{id}_1}$	$*$ \mathbf{id}_2 $\$$ (\mathfrak{D} reduce by $F \to \mathbf{id}$
F eq	$*$ \mathbf{id}_2 $\$($	\mathfrak{F} reduce by $T \to F$
\$ T ✓	$$ * \mathbf{id}_2 \$(4) shift
T *	id_2 $\$($	5) shift
$T*id_2$	\$(6 reduce by $F \to id$
T * F	\$(7) reduce by $T \to T * F$
T	\$(8 reduce by $E \to T$
\$E	\$(9 accept

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LR Parsing and Derivations

- Given a grammar and a rightmost derivation of some string in its language,
- the sequence of productions applied by an LR parser is the sequence used by the rightmost derivation, but played backwards
- It is all about the **order** in which productions are applied to perform a bottom-up parse









Another Example of LR Parsing and Derivation

- Fig. 6.2 shows a grammar and the rightmost derivation of a string in the grammar's language
- Each step of the derivation is annotated with the production number used at that step
- The derivation of the string plus num num \$ is achieved by applying Rules 1, 2, 3, and 3

```
1 Start \rightarrow E $ 2 E \rightarrow plus E E 3
```

```
Rule Derivation

1 Start \Rightarrow_{rm} E $

2 \Rightarrow_{rm} plus E E $

3 \Rightarrow_{rm} plus E num $

3 \Rightarrow_{rm} plus num num $
```

Figure 6.2: Grammar and rightmost derivation of plus num num \$.









Another Example of LR Parsing and Derivation (Cont'd)

- A bottom-up (LR) parse
 - is accomplished by playing this sequence backwards: Rules 3, 3, 2, and 1
 - In contrast to LL parsing, an LR parser finds the RHS of a production and replaces it with the production's LHS
 - First, the leftmost num is reduced to an E
 by the rule E→num
 - This rule is applied again to obtain plus E E \$
 - The rule is then reduced by E→plus E E to obtain E \$
 - This can then be reduced by Rule 1 to the goal symbol Start

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Rule Derivation

1 Start \Rightarrow_{rm} E $

2 \Rightarrow_{rm} plus E E $

3 \Rightarrow_{rm} plus E num $

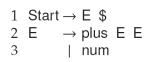
3 \Rightarrow_{rm} plus num num $
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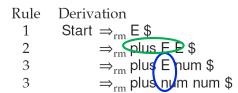
Figure 6.2: Grammar and rightmost derivation of plus num num \$.

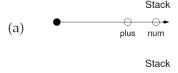


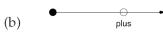
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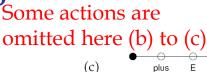
- LR parsing sequence is the rightmost derivation in reverse
- This slide illustrates the matched step for derivation and parsing











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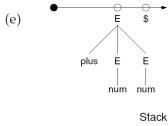




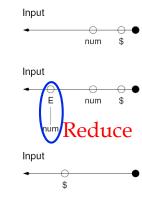
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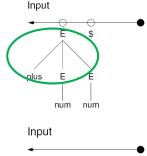
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Stack









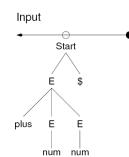


Figure 6.1: Bottom-up parsing resembles knitting.









The Engine of Shift-Reduce Parsers

- A systematic method for the shift-reduce parsing is shown in Fig. 6.3
- The engine is driven by a parse table,
 - which records the action under the certain parser's current state and the next (unprocessed) input symbol
 - The **current state** of the parser is defined by the contents of the parser's stack, especially the top of the stack
- More about the table is discussed later (Sec. 6.2.4)

```
call Stack. Push(StartState)
accepted \leftarrow false
while not accepted do
    action \leftarrow Table[Stack.TOS()][InputStream.peek()]
    if action = shift s
    then
       call Stack. PUSH(s)
       if s \in AcceptStates
        then accepted \leftarrow true
        else call InputStream.AdvAnce()
    else
       if action = reduce A \rightarrow \gamma
        then
            call Stack. POP(|\gamma|)
            call InputStream. PREPEND(A)
        else
            call error()
```

Figure 6.3: Driver for a bottom-up parser.

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The Engine of Shift-Reduce Parsers (Cont'd)

- Given the Stack.**TOS()** and InputStream.**PEEK()**, the next action to be taken is (**Marker 1**):
- shift. It performs a shift of the next input symbol to state s (Marker 2)
- reduce. The RHS of a production is popped off the stack and its LHS symbol is **prepended** to the input (Marker 4 & 5)
- ➤ NOTE: the **prepend** operation is not illustrated in the previous slide (Illustration of LR Parsing Steps); in the next step of the prepending, the prepended symbol/state will be shifted to stack first
- the operations affect the execution result of the tabledriven parsing
- Fig. 6.1 illustrates the parsing steps
- The parser continues to perform shift and reduce actions until one of the following situations occurs:
- ➤ The input is reduced to the grammar's goal symbol (Marker 3); The input string is accepted
- No valid action is found (Marker 1); in this case, the input string has a syntax error (Marker 6)

```
call Stack. PUSH(StartState)
accepted \leftarrow false
while not accepted do
    action \leftarrow Table[Stack.TOS()][InputStream.peek()]
    if action = shift s
    then
        call Stack. PUSH(s)
        if s \in Accept States
        then accepted \leftarrow true
        else call InputStream.ADVANCE()
    else
        if action = reduce A \rightarrow \gamma
        then
            call Stack. POP(|\gamma|)
            call InputStream. PREPEND(A)
        else
            call error()
```

Figure 6.3: Driver for a bottom-up parser.









LR Parse Table

- An LR parse constructs a rightmost derivation in reverse
 - Each reduction step in the LR parse uses a grammar rule such as $A \rightarrow \gamma$ to replace γ by A
 - Given the sentential forms constructed during parsing, the handle is defined as the sequence of symbols that will next be replaced by reduction
- The difficulties of the parsing lie in:
 - identifying the **handle** and
 - in knowing **which production to employ** in the reduction (when there are multiple productions with the same RHS)
 - These activities are arranged by the parse table
- More about the shift and reduce operation
 - Tokens are shifted until a handle appears at the top of the parse stack,
 at which time the next reduction in the reverse derivation can be applied
 - **Shift** actions are essentially implied by the inability to perform a useful reduction
 - The shifted tokens must make progress toward developing a handle

More about LR Parsing

- Fig. 6.6 and 6.7 show the steps of a bottom-up parsing w/ the parse table in Fig. 6.5 and the grammar in Fig. 6.4
- The parser accepts when the **Start** symbol is shifted in the parser's starting state

0	3	2	8		8	8	accept	4	1	5		
1			11			4					14	
2		2	8	8	8	8				13		
3		2	8	8						9		
4						8						
5			10		7	10						6
6			6			6						
7			9			9						
8						1						
9			11	4							10	
10				12								
11				3		3						
12			5			5						
13			7	7	7	7						
14						2						

Figure 6.5: Parse table for the grammar shown in Figure 6.4.

Stack Input

П			
0		Initial Configuration	abbdc\$
0	a 3	shift a	b b d c \$
0	a b 2	shift b	b d c \$
0	a b b 3 2 2	shift b	d c \$
0	a b b 2	Reduce λ to B	B d c \$
0	a b b B 3 2 2 13	shift B	d c \$
0	a b 2	Reduce b B to B	B d c \$
0	a b B 13	shift B	d c \$
0	a 3	Reduce b B to B	B d c \$
0	a B 9	shift B	d c \$
0	a B 9	Reduce λ to C	C d c \$
0	a B C 10	shift C	d c \$
0	a B C d 12	shift d	c\$
0		Reduce a B C d to A	A c \$
		(continue to Figure 6.7)	

Figure 6.6: Bottom-up parse of a b b d c \$.

- A **shift** to State s is denoted by s
- **Reduction** by rule *r* is indicated by an unboxed entry of *r*
- Blank entries are error actions
- Each stack cell is shown as two elements:

The bottom element n is the parser state entered when the cell is pushed

- The top symbol a is the **symbol** causing the cell to be pushed
- The parsing engine in Fig. 6.3 keeps track only of the state

1	Start	\rightarrow	S	\$		
2	S	\rightarrow	Α	С		
3	С	\rightarrow	С			
4			λ			
5	Α	\rightarrow	а	В	С	d
6			В	Q		
7	В	\rightarrow	b	В		
8			λ			
9	Q	\rightarrow	q			
10			λ			

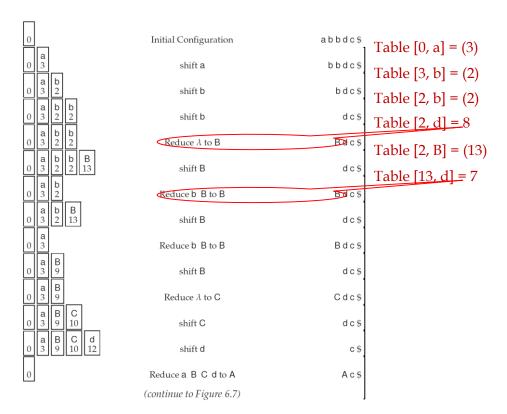
Rule	Derivation
1	Start $\Rightarrow_{rm} S $ \$
2	$\Rightarrow_{\rm rm}$ A C \$
3	$\Rightarrow_{rm} A c $$
5	\Rightarrow_{rm} a B C d c \$
4	⇒ _{rm} a B d c \$
7	\Rightarrow_{rm} a b B d c \$
7	\Rightarrow_{rm} a b b B d c \$
8	$\Rightarrow_{\rm rm}$ a b b d c \$

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Figure 6.4: Grammar and rightmost derivation of a b b d c \$.

Using LR Parse Table (1/2)

- The table determines when to shift and reduce
 - For example, if the next input is b for State 0, 2, and 3, it shifts the input b's all the way
 - When **reduce** is applied, the state remains the same



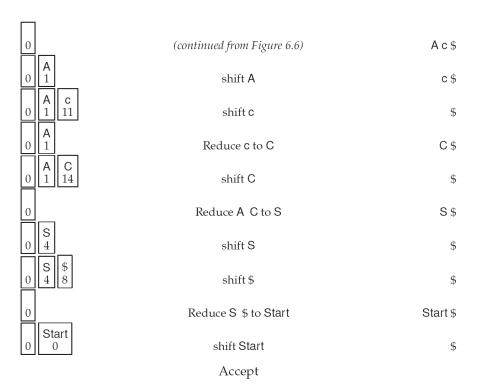
State	a	b	С	d l	lα	\$	Start	S	Α	В	l C	Q
				u	q	_					_	
0	(3)	2	8		8	8	accept	4	1	5		
1			11			4					14	
2		2	8	8	8	8				13		
3		2	8	8						9		
4						8						
5			10		7	10						6
6			6			6						
7			9			9						
8						1						
9			11	4							10	
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12			5			5						
13			7	7	7	7						
14						2						

Figure 6.5: Parse table for the grammar shown in Figure 6.4.

Rule	Derivation
1	Start ⇒ _{rm} S \$
2	$\Rightarrow_{\rm rm}$ A C \$
3	⇒ _{rm} A c \$
5	⇒ _{rm} a B C d c \$
4	⇒ _{rm} a B d c \$
7	\Rightarrow_{rm} a b B d c \$
7	$\Rightarrow_{\rm rm}$ a b b B d c \$
8	$\Rightarrow_{\rm rm}$ a b b d c \$

Using LR Parse Table (2/2)

 You should finish the following steps by yourself



State	а	b	С	d	q	\$	Start	S	Α	В	С	Q
0	3	2	8		8	8	accept	4	1	5		
1			11			4					14	
2		2	8	8	8	8				13		
3		2	8	8						9		
4						8						
5			10		7	10						6
6			6			6						
7			9			9						
8						1						
9			11	4							10	
10				12								
11				3		3						
12			5			5						
13			7	7	7	7						
14						2						

Figure 6.5: Parse table for the grammar shown in Figure 6.4.

2	S	$A \to S$ $A \to A$ $A \to C$		
6		$\begin{array}{c} \mid \ \lambda \\ \rightarrow \ a \\ \mid \ B \end{array}$	Q	C d
7 8 9 10		$ \begin{array}{ccc} \rightarrow & b \\ \mid & \lambda \\ \rightarrow & q \\ \mid & \lambda \end{array} $	В	

	Derivation
1	Start ⇒ _{rm} S \$
2	$\Rightarrow_{\mathrm{rm}}AC$
3	$\Rightarrow_{\mathrm{rm}}Ac$
5	$\Rightarrow_{\rm rm}$ a B C d c \$
4	⇒ _{rm} a B d c \$
7	\Rightarrow_{rm} a b B d c \$
7	\Rightarrow_{rm} a b b B d c \$
8	$\Rightarrow_{\rm rm}$ a b b d c \$

Figure 6.7: Continued bottom-up parse of a b b d c \$.













What's Next?

• The above slides illustrate the high-level concepts of LR parsers

• Now, we take a look at the key properties that an LR(*k*) parser must possess

- Later, we will learn the LR(k) parsers:
 - LR(0), SLR(1), LR(1), and LALR(1)









LR(k) Parsers

- An LR(*k*) parser, guided by its parse table,
 - must decide whether to shift or reduce,
 - knowing only the symbols already shifted (left context) and the next k lookahead symbols (right context)
- A grammar is LR(k) if, and only if,
 - it is possible to construct an LR parse table
 - such that k tokens of lookahead allows the parser to recognize exactly those strings in the grammar's language
- An important property of an LR parse table
 - is that each cell accommodates only one entry
 - In other words, the LR(k) parser is **deterministic** exactly one action can occur at each step

• Please refer to Sec. 6.2.5 for more about LR(k) parsing













LR(0) Table Construction

- The table-construction methods discussed in this chapter
 - analyze a grammar to devise a parse table suitable for use in the generic parser presented in Fig. 6.3
- Determination of inadequate states
 - An important outcome of the LR construction methods
 - States that lack sufficient information to place at most one parsing action in each table entry











Preliminaries - Reduction

- Given a production rule r,
 - prior to reducing the RHS(r) to LHS(r), each component of the RHS must be found

Example

- Consider the rule $E \Rightarrow plus E E$
- A plus must be identified, then two Es must be found
- Once these three symbols are on top-of-stack,
 - then it is possible for the parser to **apply the reduction** and **replace** the three symbols with the left-hand side (LHS) symbol **E**











Preliminaries – Item and Bookmark (1/2)

- An LR parser makes shift-reduce decisions
 - by maintaining states to keep track of where we are in a parse
- States represent sets of items

- An **LR**(0) **item** (item for short)
 - is a grammar production with a bookmark
 - that indicates the current progress through the production's RHS











Preliminaries – Item and Bookmark (2/2)

- The bookmark is analogous to
 - the *progress bar* present in many applications, which indicates the completed fraction of a task

- An **item** of the form:
 - $-A \Rightarrow X_1...X_i \cdot X_{i+1}...X_j$
 - The **bookmark symbol `**', in an item may appear anywhere in the RHS of a production









Preliminaries - Items

- Four items for the rule $A \Rightarrow XYZ$
 - 1. $A \Rightarrow \cdot XYZ$
 - 2. $A \Rightarrow X \cdot YZ$
 - 3. $A \Rightarrow XY \cdot Z$
 - 4. $A \Rightarrow XYZ$
- One item for the rule $A \Rightarrow \lambda$
 - 1. $A \Rightarrow \cdot$
 - λ denotes that there is nothing on this rule's RHS
- Fig. 6.8 shows the progress of the bookmark symbol `•'
 - through all of the possible LR(0) items for the production $E \rightarrow plus E E$

```
LR(0) item Progress of rule in this state
E \rightarrow \bullet plus E \rightarrow \bullet Beginning of rule
E \rightarrow \mathsf{plus} \bullet E \rightarrow \mathsf{E} Processed a plus, expect an E \rightarrow \mathsf{plus} \ E \bullet E Expect another E \rightarrow \mathsf{plus} \ E \rightarrow \mathsf{E} Handle on top-of-stack, ready to reduce
```

Figure 6.8: LR(0) items for production $E \rightarrow plus E E$.













Preliminaries - Fresh and Reducible Items

- A fresh item has its bookmark at the extreme left
 - E.g., $E \rightarrow \cdot$ plus E E

- The item is reducible when the bookmark is at the extreme right
 - e.g., as in **E**→**plus E E** ·













Preliminaries - Parser State

- A parser state is a set of LR(0) items
 - While each state is formally a set,
 - we drop the usual braces notation and
 - simply list the set's elements (items)

• The start state for our parsers is **state 0**









*Preliminaries - Closure (Items)

- Consider *I* as a set of items for a grammar G
 - **CLOSURE(***I***)** is the set of items constructed from *I* by the 2 rules:
 - 1. Initially, add every item in *I* to **CLOSURE**(*I*)
 - 2. If $A \to \alpha \cdot B$ β is in **CLOSURE**(*I*), and $B \to \gamma$ is a production, then add $B \to \gamma$ to **CLOSURE**(*I*), if it is not already there Apply this until no more new items can be added









*Preliminaries - Closure (Items) (Cont'd)

- Intuitively, $A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot B \beta$ in **CLOSURE**(*I*) indicates:
 - at some point in the parsing process, we think we might next see a substring derivable from ${f B}{f \beta}$ as input
- The substring **derivable from B** β
 - will have a prefix derivable from B by applying one of the B-productions
 - E.g., $B \rightarrow \gamma$, $B \rightarrow C$
- We therefore add items for all the B-productions
 - that is, if $B \to \gamma$ is a production, we also include $B \to \gamma$ in **CLOSURE**(*I*)





 $B \rightarrow v$





Preliminaries - Closure (State)

- The closure of state *s* is computed at **Marker 14** in Fig. 6.10
- More about the Closure(state)

for the nonterminal B of each item A $\rightarrow \alpha \cdot B \beta$ in s (Marker 15)

for each production of B

add the ·RHS(**B**) into the *ans* set (**Marker 16**)

repeat the above until the *ans* set is converged

The major difference between the definition of **CLOSURE()** and of **Closure(***state***)** in Fig. 6.10 is the input argument, items or the state for the items

```
function CLOSURE(state) returns Set

ans \leftarrow state

repeat

prev \leftarrow ans

foreach A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet By \in ans do

foreach p \in PRODUCTIONSFOR(B) do

ans \leftarrow ans \cup \{B \rightarrow \bullet RHS(p)\}

until ans = prev

return (ans)

end

Figure 6.10: LR(0) closure and transitions.
```









LR(0) Closure Example

- Given the grammar as follows:
 - $-E' \Rightarrow E$
 - $-E \Rightarrow E + T \mid T$
 - $-T \Rightarrow T * F | F$
 - $-F \Rightarrow (E) \mid id$
 - Where *I* is the set of one item $\{E' \Rightarrow \cdot E\}$

• We compute the **CLOSURE(I)**











LR(0) Closure Example (Cont'd)

- 1. E' \Rightarrow E is put in CLOSURE(I) by rule 1
- 2. Fresh items for E (E-productions with bookmarks at the left end) are added:
 E ⇒ ·E + T and E ⇒ ·T
- 3. As there is a T immediately to the right of a bookmark (i.e., $E \Rightarrow \cdot T$), so we add $T \Rightarrow \cdot T * F$ and $T \Rightarrow \cdot F$
- **4.** $T \Rightarrow F$ forces us to add $F \Rightarrow (E)$ and $F \Rightarrow id$











Another LR(0) Closure Example

• Given the grammar as follows:

$$S \Rightarrow E \$$$

 $E \Rightarrow E + T \mid T$
 $T \Rightarrow ID \mid (E)$

```
CLOSURE(\{S \rightarrow \cdot E\$\}) = \{S \rightarrow \cdot E\$,

E \rightarrow \cdot E+T,

E \rightarrow \cdot T,

T \rightarrow \cdot ID,

T \rightarrow \cdot (E)
```

The **five items** above forms an item set called **state s0**













Preliminaries - AdvanceDot

Be aware of the difference between state and item

- Consider a state s (an item set) and a grammar symbol X
 - AdvanceDot(s, X) = s'

function AdvanceDo (state, X) returns Set return $(\{A \rightarrow \alpha X \bullet \beta \mid A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet X \beta \in state\})$ end

Figure 6.9: LR(0) construction.

- AdvanceDot(s, X) computes the next state s' (the item set reachable from s via X)

- AdvanceDot(s, X) is defined to be
 - the closure of the set of all items $[A \rightarrow \alpha X \cdot \beta]$ such that $[A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot X \beta]$ is in s
 - This functions defines the transitions in the LR(0) automaton for a grammar









AdvanceDot Example

- Given the grammar, G
 - $-E' \Rightarrow E$
 - $-E \Rightarrow E + T \mid T$
 - $-T \Rightarrow T * F | F$
 - $-F \Rightarrow (E) \mid id$
- and the state *s* (item set)
 - -s refers to {E ⇒ E · + T}

• Please find AdvanceDot(s, +) = s'









AdvanceDot Example (Cont'd)

• The next state *s'* should be:

```
    E ⇒ E +·T (Move the bookmark one step)
    T ⇒ ·T * F (by closure)
    T ⇒ ·F (by closure)
    F ⇒ ·(E) (by closure)
    F ⇒ ·id (by closure)
```

- An example of shift from one state to another
 - Note state s' is comprised of the five items above
- Repeating the above steps, we can build all the states and construct the transition diagram for G





end

Figure 6.9: LR(0) construction.





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Preliminaries - ComputeGoto

- ComputeGoto(States, s)
 - is responsible for computing all possible states reachable from s for all the grammar symbol X
 - The parameter **States** is a global variable, recording all the states of the parse table
 - This function reflects the parser's progress after shifting across every item in this state *s* with *X* after the bookmark
- ComputeGoto(States, s) works as follows:

get all the items (closed) from the given state s (Marker 17)

for each grammar symbol *X* (**Marker 18**)

find all items (*RelevantItems*) reachable from the state *s* (*closed*) via *X* (**Marker 19**)

if RelevantItems is an empty set we continue the loop add the items we found (RelevantItems) to the (new) state Y set parse table entry Table[s][X] = shift Y (Marker 20)

- All such items indicate transition to the same state since the parsers we construct must operate deterministically
 - In other words, the parse table has only one entry for a given state and symbol

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```
function Closure(state) returns Set
   ans \leftarrow state \leftarrow Obtain the items of the given state
                                                                                  (14)
        prev ← ans
        foreach A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B\gamma \in ans do
                                                                                  (15)
            foreach p \in ProductionsFor(B) do
                ans \leftarrow ans \cup \{B \rightarrow \bullet RHS(p)\}\
    until ans = prev
    return (ans)
end
procedure ComputeGoto(States, s)
    closed \leftarrow Closure(s)
    foreach X \in (N \cup \Sigma) do
        RelevantItems \leftarrow AdvanceDot(closed, X)
        if RelevantItems \neq \emptyset
        then
             Table[s][X] \leftarrow \text{shift AddState}(States, RelevantItems)
end
```

```
Figure 6.10: LR(0) closure and transitions.

function AddState(States, States) returns State

if States States
```









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Construction of LR(0) Parse Table I

- ComputeLRO(Grammar)
 - Given the grammar *G*, it returns the *States* and Start State Start for G
- **ComputeLRO**(*Grammar*) works as follows:

initialize table states *States*

find the starting items (*StarItems*) with the Start symbol of *G* (Marker 7)

add a new state *Start* with the *StarItems*

get the state *s* from the *WorkList* (**Marker 8**) call **ComputeGoto(States**, s) to find the next states reachable from s

go to Marker 8 until all of the states in *WorkList* has been processed

return the *States* and *Start*

```
function ComputeLR0( Grammar ) returns (Set, State)
    States \leftarrow \emptyset
    StartItems \leftarrow \{Start \rightarrow \bullet RHS(p) \mid p \in ProductionsFor(Start)\} \bigcirc
    StartState ← AddState(States, StartItems)
    while (s \leftarrow WorkList.ExtractElement()) \neq \bot do
         call ComputeGoto(States, s)
    return ((States, StartState))
end
function AddState(States, items) returns State
    if items ∉ States
    then
        s \leftarrow newState(items)
         States \leftarrow States \cup \{s\}
         WorkList \leftarrow WorkList \cup \{s\} \longleftarrow Add the new state to the list (1)
         Table[s][\star] \leftarrow error
    else s \leftarrow FindState(items)
    return (s)
end
function AdvanceDot(state, X) returns Set
    return (\{A \rightarrow \alpha X \bullet \beta \mid A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet X \beta \in state\})
end
```

Figure 6.9: LR(0) construction.









The Transition Diagram for the Grammar (1/2)

- Fig. 6.11 shows the transitions among the states for the grammar in Fig. 6.2
 - Each state is shown as a separate box
- The **kernel** of state s
 - is the set of items explicitly represented in the state
 - E.g., **Start** \rightarrow **E** \$ in State 0
 - In States 0, 1, and 5, the horizontal line within a box (state) separates the kernel and closure items
 - In the other states, no item contains a · before a nonterminal, so no closure items are indicated for those states, i.e., State 2, 3, 4, & 6
- Transitions
 - Next to each item in each state is the state number reached by shifting the symbol next to the item's bookmark
 - The transitions are also shown with labeled edges between the states

```
 \begin{array}{lll} \text{Rule} & \text{Derivation} \\ 1 & \text{Start} \Rightarrow_{\text{rm}} \text{E \$} \\ 2 & \Rightarrow_{\text{rm}} \text{plus E E \$} \\ 3 & \Rightarrow_{\text{rm}} \text{plus E num \$} \\ 3 & \Rightarrow_{\text{rm}} \text{plus num num \$} \\ \end{array}
```

Figure 6.2: Grammar and rightmost derivation of plus num num \$

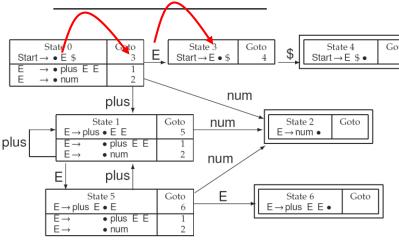


Figure 6.11: LR(0) computation for Figure 6.2, shown as a characteristic finite-state machine. State 0 is the initial state, and the double-boxed states are accept states.









The Transition Diagram for the Grammar (2/2)

- If a state contains a reducible item, then the state is double-boxed
- From the (double-boxed) states and edges, the basis for LR parsing is
 - A deterministic finite automaton (DFA)
 - called the characteristic finite-state machine (CFSM)
- Each transition
 - shifts the symbols of a valid sentential form
- When the automaton arrives in a double-boxed state
 - a reduction can be performed
- This process can be repeated until
 - the grammar's goal symbol is shifted (successful parse)
 - or the CFSM blocks (an input error)

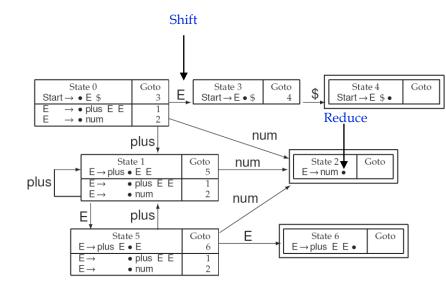


Figure 6.11: LR(0) computation for Figure 6.2, shown as a characteristic finite-state machine. State 0 is the initial state, and the double-boxed states are accept states.

NOTE:

- A **viable prefix** of a right sentential form is any prefix that does not extend beyond its handle
- The handle is the RHS of the (unique) reducible item in the state; an example is illustrated in Fig. 6.8









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Construction of LR(0) Parse Table II (1/2)

- The decision to call for a reduce is reflected in the code of Fig. 6.14
 - → Arrival in a double-boxed state signals a reduction irrespective of the next input token
- CompleteTable(Table, Grammar)
 - Given the grammar *G*, and the *Table* constructed by **ComputeLRO**(*Grammar*)
- CompleteTable(*Table*, *Grammar*) adds the reduce operations:

search for **the reducible items** from the **states** in the *Table* (Marker 1-3)

if the item of the rule r in the state s is reducible (i.e., LHS(r) \rightarrow RHS(r) \cdot) (Marker 8), then

call **AssertEntry** (*s*, *X*, reduce *r*) to add the entry in the *Table*

```
procedure Complete Table (Table, grammar)
call Compute Lookahead()

1 foreach state ∈ Table do
2 foreach rule ∈ Productions(grammar) do
3 call TryRule Instate (state, rule)
4 call Assert Entry (Start State, Goal Symbol, accept)
end
procedure Assert Entry (state, symbol, action)
5 if Table [state] [symbol] = error
6 then Table [state] [symbol] ← action
else
7 call Report Conflict (Table [state] [symbol], action)
end
```

Figure 6.13: Completing an LR(0) parse table.

Figure 6.14: LR(0) version of TRYRULEINSTATE.









Construction of LR(0) Parse Table II (2/2)

- As reduce actions are inserted,
 - AssertEntry reports any conflicts that arise when a given state and grammar symbol call for multiple parsing actions (Marker 7)
 - Marker 6 allows an action to be asserted only if the relevant table cell was previously undefined (cells are initialized to the value of error at Marker 12 in Fig. 6.9)
- Finally, Marker 4 establishes the State accept; Later, the parser calls for acceptance when the goal symbol is shifted in the table's start state
- Given the construction in Fig. 6.9 & 6.13 and the grammar in Figure 6.2, LR(0) analysis yields the parse table as shown in Fig. 6.15

State	num	plus	\$	Start	E			
0	2	1		accept	3			
1	2	1			5			
2	reduce 3							
3		4						
4	reduce 1							
5	2	1			6			
6	reduce 2							

```
procedure Complete Table (Table, grammar)
   call ComputeLookahead()
1 foreach state \in Table do
2
       foreach rule ∈ Productions(grammar) do
3
          call TryRuleInState(state, rule)
(4) call AssertEntry(StartState, GoalSymbol, accept)
end
procedure AssertEntry(state, symbol, action)
5 if Table[state][symbol] = error
(6) then Table[state][symbol] ← action
   else
7
       call ReportConflict( Table[state][symbol], action )
end
```

Figure 6.13: Completing an LR(0) parse table.

```
procedure ComputeLookahead()

/* Reserved for the LALR(k) computation given in Section 6.5.2 */
end

procedure TryRuleInState(s,r)

if LHS(r) \rightarrow RHS(r) \bullet \in s

then

8 foreach X \in (\Sigma \cup N) do call AssertEntry(s, X, reduce r)
end
```

Figure 6.14: LR(0) version of TRYRULEINSTATE.

Figure 6.15: LR(0) parse table for the grammar in Figure 6.2.

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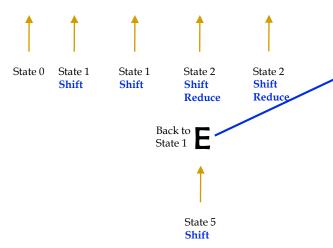
Example of Processing the Input w/ the LR(0) Machine (1/4)





- The input string:plus plus num num \$
- Processing the input from the left

plus plus num num num \$



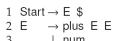


Figure 6.2: Grammar and rightmost derivation of plus num num \$

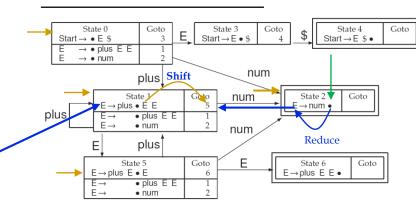


Figure 6.11: LR(0) computation for Figure 6.2, shown as a characteristic finite-state machine. State 0 is the initial state, and the double-boxed states are accept states.

		_
Sentential	Transitions Reduce	Resulting
Prefix		Sentential Form
	Shift	plus plus num num num \$
plus plus num	States 1, 1, and 2	plus plus E num num \$ plus plus E E num shift E and num \$ plus plus E F num \$
plus plus E num	States 1, 1, 5, and 2	plus plus E E num \$ """
plus plus E E	States 1, 1, 5, and 6	plus E num \$
plus E num	States 1, 5, and 2	plus E E \$
plus E E	States 1, 5, and 6	E \$
E\$	States 1, 3, and 4	Start

Figure 6.12: Processing of plus plus num num num \$ by the LR(0) machine in Figure 6.11.

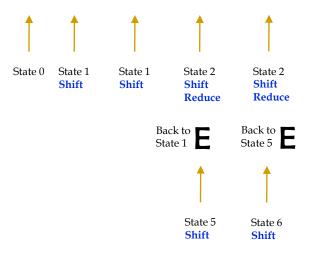
Example of Processing the Input w/ the LR(0) Machine (2/4)





- The input string:plus plus num num \$
- Processing the input from the left

plus plus num num num \$



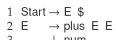


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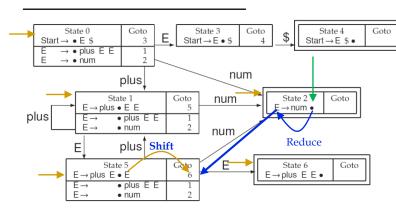


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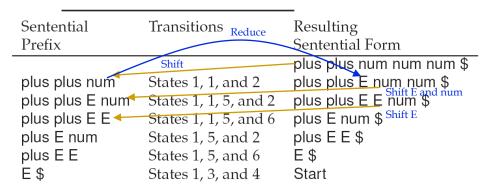


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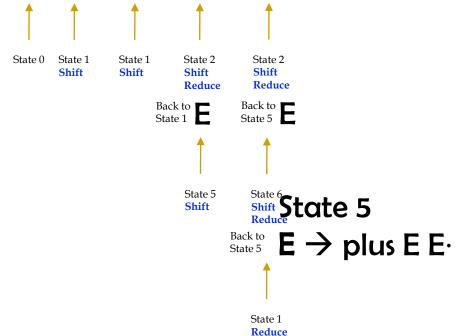
Example of Processing the Input w/ the LR(0) Machine (3/4)





- The input string:plus plus num num \$
- Processing the input from the left

plus plus num num num \$



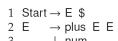


Figure 6.2: Grammar and rightmost derivation of plus num num \$

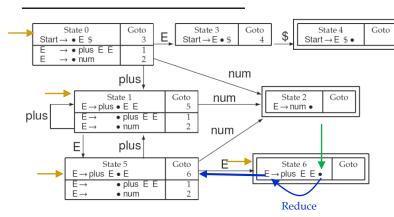


Figure 6.11: LR(0) computation for Figure 6.2, shown as a characteristic finite-state machine. State 0 is the initial state, and the double-boxed states are accept states.

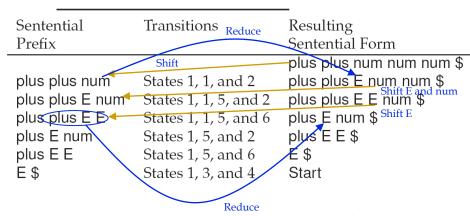


Figure 6.12: Processing of plus plus num num num \$ by the LR(0) machine in Figure 6.11.

Example of Processing the Input w/ the LR(0) Machine (4/4)





- The input string: plus plus num num \$
- You should exercise the transitions in Fig. 6.11 on your own

- What is missing in the example in Fig. 6.12?
 - Shift and Reduce operations are applied implicitly
 - You could follow the Knitting mechanism introduced in the beginning of this chapter to derive the input string

1 Start \rightarrow E \$ 2 E \rightarrow plus E E 3

Figure 6.2: Grammar and rightmost derivation of plus num num \$

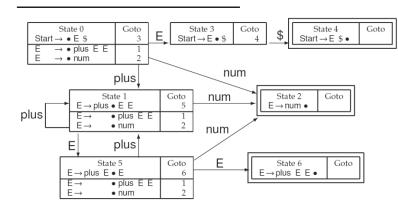


Figure 6.11: LR(0) computation for Figure 6.2, shown as a characteristic finite-state machine. State 0 is the initial state, and the double-boxed states are accept states.

Sentential Prefix	Transitions	Resulting Sentential Form
plus plus num plus plus E num plus plus E E plus E num plus E E E \$	States 1, 1, and 2 States 1, 1, 5, and 2 States 1, 1, 5, and 6 States 1, 5, and 2 States 1, 5, and 6 States 1, 3, and 4	plus plus num num num \$ plus plus E num num \$ plus plus E E num \$ plus E num \$ plus E E \$ E \$ Start

Figure 6.12: Processing of plus plus num num s by the LR(0) machine in Figure 6.11.











Conflict Diagnosis

- We consider table-construction methods,
 - which are more powerful than LR(0), thereby accommodating a much larger class of grammars
- A parse table conflict arises
 - when the table-construction method cannot decide between multiple alternatives for some table-cell entry
 - Then, the associated state (row of the parse table) is inadequate for that method
 - An inadequate state for a weaker table-construction algorithm can sometimes be resolved by a stronger algorithm









Conflict Diagnosis (Cont'd)

- Now, we examine why conflicts arise during LR table construction
 - and develops approaches for understanding and resolving such conflicts
- We use figures below to depict the different characteristics of
 - the parse tables for a weaker LR(0) (Fig. 6.15) and
 - a stronger method (Fig. 6.5)
 - E.g., the grammar of Fig. 6.4 is not LR(0) since a mix of shift and reduce actions can be seen in State 0 (shown in Fig. 6.5); simple reduce in State 2, 4, & 6 in LR(0) table in Fig. 6.15

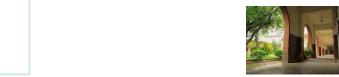
- Fortunately, the table-construction algorithms introduced in Sec. 6.5.1 resolve the LR(0) conflicts for the grammar

resol	lve	: T	n	е.	LI	\mathbf{X}	U) CC	\mathbf{n}	Π	.1C	$\tau_{\rm S}$	IC
A mix of shift and	State	а	b	С	d	g \	\$	Start	S	Α	В	С	Q
	0	3	2	8		8	8	accept	4	1	5		
reduce ops	1			11			4					14	
	2		2	8	8	8	8				13		
	3		2	8	8						9		
	4						8						
	5			10		7	10						6
	6			6			6						
	7			9			9						
	8						1						
	9			11	4							10	
	10				12								
	11				3		3						
	12			5			5						
	13			7	7	7	7						
	14						2						

State	num	plus	\$	Start	E
0	2	1		accept	3
1	2	1			5
2		re	educe	3	
3			4		
4		re	educe	e 1	
5	2	1			6
6	reduce 2				
	0 1 2 3 4 5	0 2 1 2 2 3 4 5 2	0 2 1 1 2 1 2 re 3 4 re 5 2 1	0 2 1 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 2 1 2	0 2 1 accept 1 2 1 reduce 3 3 4 reduce 1 5 2 1

Figure 6.15: LR(0) parse table for the grammar in Figure 6.2.









What Are Those Conflicts?

Two possible the conflict types during LR(k) parsing

1. shift/reduce conflicts exist in a state

- when table construction cannot use the next *k* tokens to decide whether to **shift the next input token** or **call for a reduction**
 - The bookmark symbol must occur **before a terminal symbol** *t* in one of the state's items, so that a shift of t could be appropriate
 - The bookmark symbol must also occur at the end of some other item, so that a reduction in this state is also possible

2. reduce/reduce conflicts exist

- when table construction cannot use the next k tokens to distinguish between multiple reductions that could be applied in the inadequate state
- Of course, a state with such a conflict must have at least two reducible items
 - Recall that State 2, 4, and 6 in Fig. 6.11 have single item for reduction













What Are Those Conflicts? (Cont'd)

- Other combinations of actions in a table cell do not make sense
- Example
 - It cannot be the case that some terminal *t* could be **shifted** but also cause an **error**
 - There cannot be a shift/shift error
 - A terminal symbol which might shift the current state to more than one target state
 - if a state admits the shifting of terminal symbols t and u, then the target state for the two shifts is different, and there is no conflict













Sources of the Conflicts I

• Two reasons for the arisen conflicts:

I. The grammar is ambiguous

- No (deterministic) table-construction method, e.g.,
 LR(k), can resolve conflicts that arise due to ambiguity
- If a grammar is ambiguous, then some input string has at least two distinct parse trees
 (Recall the ambiguity grammar definition in Sec. 4.2.2)
- A program specified in a computer language should have an unambiguous interpretation
- Handling ambiguous grammars is given in Sec. 6.4.1













Sources of the Conflicts II

- Two reasons for the arisen conflicts:
- II. The grammar is not ambiguous, but the current table-building approach could not resolve the conflict (Limitation of LR(k) gives an example)
 - In this case, the **conflict might disappear** if one or more of the following approaches is taken:
 - a) The current table-construction method is given more lookahead
 - b) A more powerful table-construction method is used
 - It is possible that no amount of lookahead or tablebuilding power can resolve the conflict, even if the grammar is unambiguous
 - We consider such a grammar in Sec. 6.4.2













Identify the Source(s) of Conflicts

- Given an inadequate state during the LR(k) construction
 - it is an unfortunate but important fact that it is impossible to decide automatically which of the above problems afflicts the grammar
- This follows from the impossibility of an algorithm to determine if an arbitrary CFGs is ambiguous [HU79, GJ79]
- It is therefore also impossible to determine generally whether a bounded amount of lookahead can resolve an inadequate state
- As a result, **human** (rather than mechanical) **reasoning** is required to understand and repair grammars for which conflicts arise
- Sec. 6.4.1 and 6.4.2 develop **intuition** and **strategies** for such reasoning



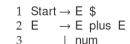






Conflicts Cased by Ambiguous Grammars

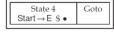
- Consider the grammar and its LR(0) construction shown in Fig. 6.16
- An inadequate state: State 5
 - 1. A **plus** can be **shifted** to arrive in State 3
 - A reduction can also be applied, E→E plus E
- This inadequate state exhibits a **shift/reduce conflict** for LR(0)











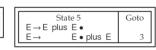


Figure 6.16: An ambiguous expression grammar.











Is the Grammar Ambiguous?

- While there is no automatic method for determining if an arbitrary grammar is ambiguous,
 - the inadequate states can provide valuable assistance in finding a string with multiple derivations
- The bookmark symbol shows the progress made thus far
 - Symbols appearing after the bookmark are symbols that can be shifted to make progress toward a successful parse

Approach

- While our ultimate goal is the discovery of an input string with multiple derivations
 - we begin by trying to find an **ambiguous sentential form**
 - Once identified, the sentential form can easily be extended into a terminal string by replacing nonterminals using the grammar's productions









Is the Grammar Ambiguous? (Cont'd)

- Using State 5 in Fig. 6.16 as an example, the steps taken to understand conflicts are as follows:
- 1. Using the parse table or CFSM, determine a sequence of vocabulary symbols that cause the parser to **move from the start state to the inadequate state**
- The simplest such sequence is E plus E
 - which passes through States 0, 2, 3, and 5
- In State 5 we have E plus E on the top-ofstack
 - i. One option is a reduction by $E \rightarrow E$ plus $E \bullet$
 - ii. However, with the item $E \rightarrow E \bullet plus E$, it is also possible to shift a plus and then an E

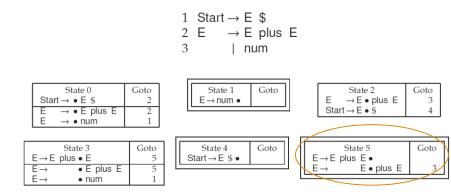


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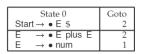


Is the Grammar Ambiguous? (Cont'd)

- Using State 5 in Fig. 6.16 as an example, the steps taken to understand conflicts are as
- 2. We line up the dots of these two items

follows:

- we obtain a snapshot of:
 what is on the stack upon arrival in this state and what may be successfully shifted in the future
- Here we obtain the sentential form prefix:
 E plus E plus E
- The shift/reduce conflict tells us that there are two potentially successful parses
 - We therefore try to construct two derivation trees for E plus E, one assuming the reduction at the bookmark symbol and one assuming the shift
- Completing either derivation
 - may require extending this sentential prefix so that it becomes a sentential form:
 - a string of vocabulary symbols derivable (in two different ways) from the goal symbol



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State 3	Goto
E → E plus • E	5
E→ • E ;	olus E 5
E→ • nur	n 1

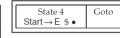




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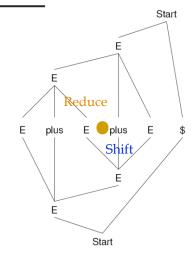


Figure 6.17: Two derivations for E plus E plus E \$. The parse tree on top favors reduction in State 5; the parse tree on bottom favors a shift.







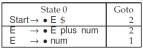


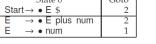
Eliminate the Ambiguity

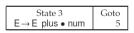
- Having analyzed the ambiguity in the grammar of Fig. 6.16,
 - we eliminate the ambiguity by **creating a** grammar in Fig. 6.18
- The grammars in Fig. 6.16 and 6.18 generate the same language
 - In fact, the language is regular, denoted by the regular expression: num (plus num)* \$
- We see that even simple languages can have ambiguous grammars
- In practice, diagnosing ambiguity can be more difficult
- In particular, finding the ambiguous sentential form may require significant extensions

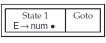
Figure 6.16: An ambiguous expression grammar.

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        → E plus hum
           num
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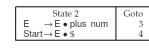












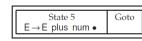


Figure 6.18: Unambiguous grammar for infix sums and its LR(0) construction.









Limitation of LR(k)

- This example shows:
 - the grammar in Fig. 6.19 is not ambiguous,
 - but the current LR(0) tablebuilding approach can not resolve the conflict
- Fig. 6.19 shows
 - a grammar and
 - a portion of its LR(0) construction for a language similar to infix addition,
 - where expressions end in either a or b

State 0	Goto
Start → • Exprs \$	1
Exprs → • E a	4
Exprs → • F b	3
E → • E plus num	4
E → • num	2
F → • F plus num	3
F → • num	2

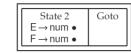


Figure 6.19: A grammar that is not LR(k).









Limitation of LR(k): Not Ambiguous Grammar

- State 2 contains a reduce/reduce conflict
 - LR(0) fails to handle the grammar
 - It is not clear whether num should be reduced to an E or an F
 - The viable prefix (possible combinations of prefix) that takes us to State 2 is simply num
- To obtain a sentential form,
 - which could lead to State 2 from State 0,
 - this must be extended either to num a \$ or num b \$
- Could we obtain more than one derivation?
 - If we use the former sentential form, then F cannot be involved in the derivation
 - Similarly, if we use the latter sentential form, **E** is not involved
 - We cannot; progress past num cannot involve more than one derivation
 - it means it is **not ambiguous grammar**

State 0	Goto
Start → • Exprs \$	1
Exprs → • E a	4
Exprs → • F b	3
E → • E plus num	4
E → • num	2
F → • F plus num	3
F → • num	2

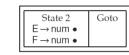


Figure 6.19: A grammar that is not LR(k).













Limitation of LR(k): LR(k) also Fails (1/3)

- Does a more ambitious table-construction method work?
 - Since LR(0) construction failed for the grammar in Fig. 6.19
 - we could try a more ambitious table-construction method from among those discussed in Sec. 6.5.1, 6.5.2, and 6.5.4
- It turns out that none can succeed
 - All LR(k) constructions analyze grammars using k lookahead symbols
 - If a grammar is LR(k), then there is **some value of** k,
 - for which all states are adequate in the LR(k) construction described in Sec. 6.5.4









Limitation of LR(k): LR(k) also Fails (2/3)

- The grammar in Fig. 6.19 is not LR(*k*) for any *k*
 - To see this, consider the following rightmost derivation of a sufficiently long string:
 num plus ... plus num a
 - A bottom-up parse must play the above derivation backwards
 - Thus, the first few steps of the parse will be as follows

```
Start ⇒<sub>rm</sub> Exprs $
⇒<sub>rm</sub> E a $
⇒<sub>rm</sub> E plus num a $
⇒<sub>rm</sub> E plus ... plus num a $
⇒<sub>rm</sub> num plus ... plus num a $
```

```
Initial Configuration num plus ... plus num a $

num
2 shift num plus ... plus num a $
```













Limitation of LR(k): LR(k) also Fails (3/3)

- We are in **State 2** as **num** is on top-of-stack
- A deterministic, bottom-up parser must decide at this point
 - whether to reduce num to an E or an F
 - which we cannot do at this point
- If the decision were delayed,
 - then the reduction would have to take place in the middle of the stack, and this is not allowed
- To resolve the reduce/reduce conflict,
 - parser should know the symbol appears just before the \$ symbol, i.e., a or b
- Unfortunately, the relevant **a** or **b** could be **arbitrarily far ahead** in the input,
 - because strings derived from E or F can be arbitrarily long



State 0	Goto
Start → • Exprs \$	1
Exprs → • E a	4
Exprs → • F b	3
E → • E plus num	4
E → • num	2
F → • F plus num	3
F → • num	2



larger than k

Could be

plus \dots plus num a \$



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Summary of the Conflicts

- Simple grammars and languages can have subtle problems
 - that prohibit generation of a bottom-up parser
 - It follows that a top-down parser would also fail on such grammars
- The LR(0) construction can provide **important clues** for diagnosing a grammar's inadequacies
 - understanding and resolving such conflicts requires
 human intelligence
 - Also, the LR(0) construction forms the basis of the more advanced constructions considered next









Conflict Resolution and Table Construction

- While LR(0) construction succeeded for the grammar in Fig. 6.18,
 - most grammars require some lookahead during table construction
- Inclusion hierarchy for the context-free grammars is illustrated on the right
- The advanced parse table construction methods,
 - while based on the LR(0) construction, use increasingly sophisticated **lookahead** techniques to resolve conflicts
- If you are interested in the advanced methods,
 - you could find the related information by yourself
 - We are not going to cover them all, given the course schedule

Context-free grammars Unambiguous **CFGs** LR(k) LR(1) LL(k) LALR(1) SLR(1)

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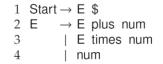
SLR(*k*) Table Construction

- SLR(*k*) method
 - Simple LR with k tokens of lookahead
 - attempts to resolve inadequate states

 $\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & \mathsf{Start} \to \mathsf{E} & \$ \\ 2 & \mathsf{E} & \to \mathsf{E} & \mathsf{plus} & \mathsf{num} \\ 3 & & \mathsf{I} & \mathsf{num} \end{array}$

Figure 6.18: Unambiguous grammar for infix sums and its LR(0) construction.

- To demonstrate the SLR(*k*) construction
 - We begin by extending the grammar in Fig. 6.18 to accommodate expressions involving sums and products
 - Fig. 6.20 shows such a grammar along with a parse tree for the string:
 num plus num times num \$



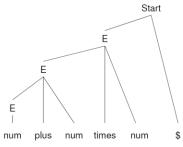


Figure 6.20: Expressions with sums and products.





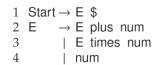






Awareness of Operator Precedence

- The parse tree shown in Fig. 6.20 structures the computation by
 - adding the first two nums and then
 - multiplying that sum by the third
 num
 - As such, the input string 3 + 4 * 7
 would produce a value of 49
 - if evaluation were guided by the computation's parse tree



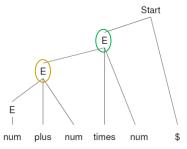


Figure 6.20: Expressions with sums and products.













Awareness of Operator Precedence (Cont'd)

- A common convention in mathematics is that multiplication has precedence over addition
 - Thus, the computation 3 + 4 * 7 should be viewed as adding 3 to the product 4 * 7, resulting in the value **31**
 - Such conventions are typically adopted in programming language design, in an effort to simplify program authoring and readability
- We therefore seek a parse tree
 - that appropriately structures expressions involving multiplication and addition





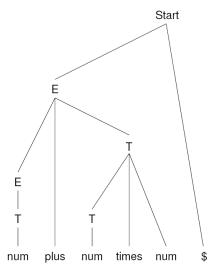




Awareness of Operator Precedence (Cont'd)

- To achieve the desired effect, we first observe that
 - a string in the language of Fig. 6.20 should be regarded as a sum of products
 - The grammar in Fig. 6.18 generates **sums of nums**
- A common technique to expand a language involves
 - replacing a terminal symbol in the grammar by a nonterminal whose role in the grammar is equivalent
 - To produce a sum of Ts rather than a sum of nums,
 - → We need only replace num with T to obtain the rules for E shown in Fig. 6.21

Figure 6.20: Expressions with sums and products.



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Figure 6.21: Grammar for sums of products.





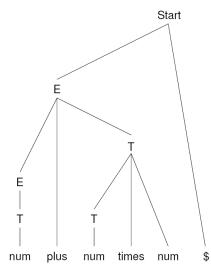




Awareness of Operator Precedence (Cont'd)

- To achieve a sum of products,
 - each T can now derive a product, with the simplest product consisting of a single num
 - Thus, the rules for **T** are based on the rules for **E**, substituting **times** for **plus**
- Fig. 6.21 shows a parse tree for the input string from Fig. 6.20,
 - with multiplication having precedence over addition

Figure 6.20: Expressions with sums and products.



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Figure 6.21: Grammar for sums of products.



LR(0) for the Precedence-Aware Grammar? (1/3)

 $\begin{array}{|c|c|} State 2 & Goto \\ T \rightarrow \mathsf{num} \bullet & \end{array}$

State 3	Goto
Start → E • \$	5
E → E • plus T	4

- Fig. 6.22 shows a portion of the LR(0) construction for precedence respecting grammar



• Fig. 6.22

- State 7
 Goto

 T → T times num
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- shows a sequence of parseractions for the sentential form:
- E plus num times num \$, which blocks in State 6
- In fact, **States 1** and **6** are inadequate for LR(0)
 - because in each of these states, there is the possibility of shifting a times or applying a reduction to E

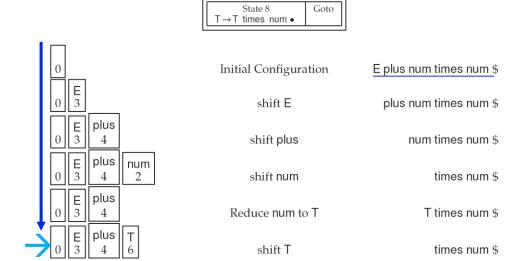
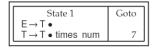


Figure 6.22: LR(0) construction and parse leading to inadequate State 6.



State 0	Goto
Start → • E \$	3
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	3 1 1



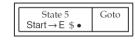
LR(0) for the Precedence-Aware Grammar? (2/3)

	State 2	Goto
Ιl	I → num •	

State 3	Goto
Start → E • \$	5
E → E • plus T	4

 We first determine if the grammar in Fig. 6.21 is **ambiguous**

State 4 Goto E → E plus • T 6 T times num 6 num



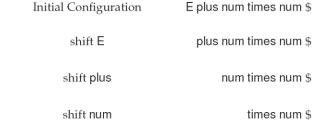
We turn to the methods described in Sec. 6.4 (Is the Grammar Ambiguous?)



State 7 Goto T → T times • num

- by analyzing the sentential form: Eplus T · times num \$ (obtained from merging the items in State 6)
- In particular, we check if we can have more than one derivation from State 6
- The possible **shift** and **reduce** operations
- when we're at State 6 are listed as below

E 3 plus plus l num plus



Goto

- Reduce num to T T times num \$
 - shift T times num \$

- 1. What to shift?
 - → Shift times into stack (E plus T · times num \$)
- 2. What to reduce?
 - \rightarrow Reduce by Rule 2 $E\rightarrow E$ plus T (E plus T · times num \$)

→ E plus T

Figure 6.22: LR(0) construction and parse leading to inadequate State 6.

State 8

→T times num •

LR(0) for the Precedence-Aware Grammar? (3/3)

- The sentential form: E plus T · times num \$
- 1. If the **shift** is taken (i.e., **E plus T times · num \$**),
 - then we can continue the parse in Fig. 6.22 to obtain the parse tree shown in Fig. 6.21

2. If the **reduction** is taken

- by Rule 2 E→E plus T for the sentential form:
 E plus T · times num \$,
- which yields **E** · times num \$ after performing reduction by Rule 2 and shifting **E** to the stack
- which causes the CFSM in Fig. 6.22 to block in State 3 with no progress possible, i.e., impossible to handle times in the next token in input

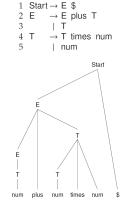
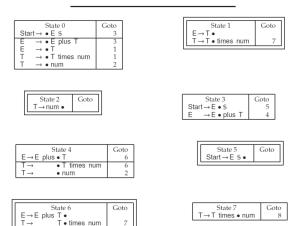


Figure 6.21: Grammar for sums of products.



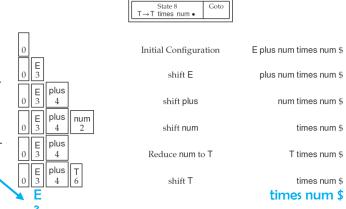


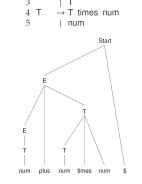
Figure 6.22: LR(0) construction and parse leading to inadequate

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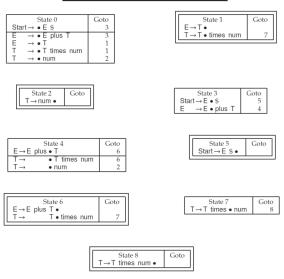
LR(0) for the Precedence-Aware Grammar? (3/3)

- The sentential form: E plus T · times num \$
- 1. If the **shift** is taken (i.e., **E plus T times · num \$**),
 - then we can continue the parse in Fig. 6.22 to obtain the parse tree shown in Fig. 6.21
- 2. If the **reduction** is taken
 - by Rule 2 $E \rightarrow E$ plus T (E plus $T \cdot times$ num \$),
 - We obtain **E** · times num \$ at State 3
 - If we insist to further shift times and num into stack regardless of the transitions listed in the diagram,
 - we obtain **E times num** · \$ and
 - we obtain E times T · \$ after applying Rule 5 T→ num
 - we further obtain **E** times **E** · \$ after applying Rule 3 $E \rightarrow T$
 - The parsing will fail at here since we don't have rule for it
- Thus, a reduction in **State 6** for this sentential form is inappropriate
 - → Neither of the two phrases (E times num \$ and E times E \$) can be further reduced to the goal symbol
- Also, Fig. 6.21 is not an ambiguous grammar since we have one possible derivation



 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Start} \to \mathsf{E} \ \$ \\ \mathsf{E} & \to \mathsf{E} \ \mathsf{plus} \ \mathsf{T} \end{array}$

Figure 6.21: Grammar for sums of products.



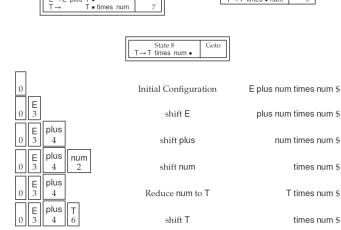


Figure 6.22: LR(0) construction and parse leading to inadequate State 6.











Further Discussion of the Grammar

- With the item E→E plus T• in State 6,
 - reduction by E→E plus T must be appropriate under some conditions
 - In previous slide, we know that E→E plus T times is not working
 - What if we have other terminals after $E \rightarrow E$ plus T?
- For example, if we examine the sentential forms:
 - E plus T \$ and E plus T plus num \$
 - We found that the $E \rightarrow E$ plus $T \bullet$ can be reduced in **State 6** and
 - the parsing can go on if the next input symbol is plus or \$, but not times
- Specifically, we consider the sequence of parser actions
 - that could be applied between <u>a reduction by E→E plus T</u> and <u>the next shift of a</u> terminal symbol
 - 1) **E** must be shifted onto the stack following the reduction
 - 2) At this point, assume terminal symbol plus is the next input symbol
 - If the reduction to E can lead to a successful parse, then plus can appear next to E in some valid sentential form









Further Discussion of the Grammar (Cont'd)

- What do we have so far?
 - E plus T times num \$ Shift could be applied
 - E plus T plus num \$ Reduce could be applied
 - → The action is context (next token) dependent
- Nevertheless, LR(0) could not selectively call for a reduction in any state (see Fig. 6.15)
 - however, methods that can consult lookahead information in TryRuleInState can resolve this conflict

Only reduction is allowed in State 2, 4, and 6

State	num	plus	\$	Start	E
0	2	1		accept	3
1	2	1			5
2		re	educe	3	
3			4		
4		re	educe	∍ 1	
5	2	1			6
6	reduce 2				













Lookahead Information

- The shift/reduce action is context (next token) dependent
 - If the reduction to **E** can lead to a successful parse, then **plus** can appear next to **E** in **some valid sentential form**,
 - which could be checked by the **FOLLOW** information: plus ∈ Follow(E)

- SLR(k) parsing uses $Follow_k(A)$ to determine if we should
 - call for a reduction to A in any state containing a reducible item for A
- Key idea:
 - A handle (RHS) should NOT be reduced to N, if the look ahead token is NOT in Follow_k(N)













SLR(1)

- SLR(1) has the same transition as LR(0)
- SLR(1) parse table construction is similar to LR(0)'s
 - But, with different parse table (finer-grained actions)
- Specifically, we obtain SLR(1) by
 - performing the LR(0) construction in Fig. 6.9;
 - the only change is to the method **TryRuleInState**, whose SLR(1) version is shown in Fig 6.23









SLR(1) Table Construction

- TryRuleInState(s, r)
 - Given the state *s* and the rule *r*, it adds the reduction op to the table entry [s][X] when X is within the **FOLLOW(LHS(r))**
- In the previous example,
 - States 1 and 6 are resolved by computing
 Follow(E) = { plus, \$ }

procedure TryRuleInState(s, r) if LHS $(r) \rightarrow RHS(r) \bullet \in s$ then foreach $X \in (\Sigma \cup N)$ do call AssertEntry(s, X, reduce r) end

Figure 6.14: LR(0) version of TRYRULEINSTATE.

The SLR(1) parse table that results from this analysis is shown in Figure 6.24

State	num	plus	times	\$	Start	E	Т
0	2				accept	3	1
1		3	7	3			
2		5	5	5			
3		4		5			
4	2						6
5				1			
6		2	7	2			
7	8		·				
8		4	4	4			

```
procedure TryRuleInState(s, r)
                                         For items in
    if LHS(r) \rightarrow RHS(r) \bullet \in S \leftarrow
                                         double-checked
                                         boxes
    then
        foreach X \in Follow(LHS(r)) do
            call AssertEntry(s, X, reduce r)
end
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Figure 6.23: SLR(1) version of TryRuleInState.

SLR(1) Table Construction (Cont'd)

- In the previous example,
 - States 1 and 6 are resolved by computing Follow(E) = { plus, \$ }

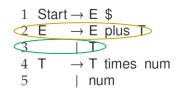
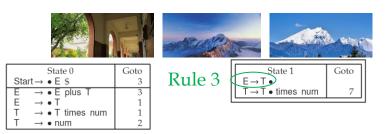


Figure 6.21: Grammar for sums of products.

State	num	plus	times	\$	Start	E	Т
0	2				accept	3	1
1		3	7	3			
2		5	5	5			
3		4		5			
4	2						6
5				1			
6		2	7	2			
7	8						
8		4	4	4			

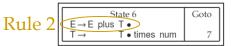


State 2 T → num •	Goto
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State 3	Goto
Start → E • \$	5
E → E • plus T	4

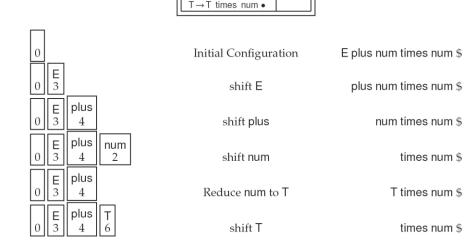
State 4	Goto
E → E plus • T	6
T → • T times num	6
$T \rightarrow \bullet num$	2







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State 8

Goto

Figure 6.22: LR(0) construction and parse leading to inadequate State 6.

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QUESTIONS?