

# CS406: Compilers

Spring 2021

Week 5: Parsers

# First Set - Example

- 1)  $S \rightarrow ABc\$$
- 2)  $A \rightarrow xaA$
- 3)  $A \rightarrow yaA$
- 4)  $A \rightarrow c$
- 5)  $B \rightarrow b$
- 6)  $B \rightarrow \lambda$

$\text{first}(S) = \{ \text{?} \}$

Think of all possible strings derivable from  $S$ .  
Get the **first terminal symbol** in those strings  
or  $\lambda$  if  $S$  derives  $\lambda$

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$\text{follow}(S) = \{ \text{?} \}$

Think of all strings **possible in the language** having the form  $\dots Sa \dots$ . Get the **following terminal symbol**  $a$  after  $S$  in those strings or  $\$$  if you get a string  $\dots S\$$



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e.g.  $xaAbc\$$ ,  $xaAc\$$

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*What happens when you consider:  $A \rightarrow xaA$  or  $A \rightarrow yaA$  ?*

- You will get string of the form  $A \Rightarrow^+ (xa)^+A$
- But we need strings of the form:  $\dots Aa\dots$  or  $\dots Ab\dots$  or  $\dots Ac\dots$

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# Predict Set - Example

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$\text{Predict}(P) =$

$$\begin{cases} \text{First}(X_1 \dots X_m) & \text{if } \lambda \notin \text{First}(X_1 \dots X_m) \\ (\text{First}(X_1 \dots X_m) - \lambda) \cup \text{Follow}(A) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\text{Predict}(1) = \{ ? \} = \text{First}(ABc\$) \text{ if } \lambda \notin \text{First}(ABc\$)$



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- 2) A  $\rightarrow$  xaA
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- 4) A  $\rightarrow$  c
- 5) B  $\rightarrow$  b
- 6) B  $\rightarrow$   $\lambda$

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A						
B						

Predict (1) = { x, y, c }

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	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A						
B						

Predict (1) = { x, y, c }

Predict (2) = { ? } = First(xaA) if  $\lambda \notin \text{First}(xaA)$

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- 2) A  $\rightarrow$  xaA
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- 5) B  $\rightarrow$  b
- 6) B  $\rightarrow$   $\lambda$

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2					
B						

Predict (1) = { x, y, c }

Predict (2) = { x }

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	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2					
B						

Predict (1) = { x, y, c }

Predict (2) = { x }

Predict (3) = { ? } = First(yaA) if  $\lambda \notin \text{First}(yaA)$

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	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3				
B						

Predict (1) = { x, y, c }

Predict (2) = { x }

Predict (3) = { y }

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	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3				
B						

Predict (1) = { x, y, c }

Predict (2) = { x }

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Predict (4) = { ? } = First(c) if  $\lambda \notin \text{First}(c)$

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	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B						

Predict (1) = { x, y, c }

Predict (2) = { x }

Predict (3) = { y }

Predict (4) = { c }

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- 6) B  $\rightarrow$   $\lambda$

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B						

Predict (1) = { x, y, c }

Predict (2) = { x }

Predict (3) = { y }

Predict (4) = { c }

Predict (5) = { ? } = First(b) if  $\lambda \notin \text{First}(b)$



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	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5		

- Predict (1) = { x, y, c }
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= First( $\lambda$ ) ?

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	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5		

Predict (1) = { x, y, c }

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= ~~First( $\lambda$ )~~ ? Follow(B)

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# Computing Parse-Table

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B				5	6	

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$\text{follow}(S) = \{\}$   
 $\text{follow}(A) = \{b, c\}$   
 $\text{follow}(B) = \{c\}$

$P(1) = \{x, y, c\}$   
 $P(2) = \{x\}$   
 $P(3) = \{y\}$   
 $P(4) = \{c\}$   
 $P(5) = \{b\}$   
 $P(6) = \{c\}$

Parsing using parse table and a stack-based model (non-recursive)

# Top-Down Parsing - Example

string: xacc\$

Stack	Rem. Input	Action
?	xacc\$	?

*What do you put on the stack?*

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string: xacc\$

Stack	Rem. Input	Action
?	xacc\$	?

*What do you put on the stack? – strings that you derive*



# Top-Down Parsing - Example

string: xacc\$

Stack*	Rem. Input	Action
S	xacc\$	?

Top-down parsing. So, start with S.

\* Stack top is on the left-side (first symbol) of the column

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# Top-Down Parsing - Example

string: xacc\$

Stack*	Rem. Input	Action
S	xacc\$	?

Top-down parsing. So, start with S.

What action do you take when stack-top has symbol S and the string to be matched has terminal x in front?

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# Top-Down Parsing - Example

string: xacc\$

Stack*	Rem. Input	Action
S	xacc\$	Predict(1) S → ABc\$

Top-down parsing. So, start with S.

What action do you take when stack-top has symbol **S** and the string to be matched has terminal **x** in front? – consult parse table

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

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# Top-Down Parsing - Example

string: xacc\$

**Stack\***

S  
ABc\$

**Rem. Input**

xacc\$

**Action**

Predict(1) S → ABc\$

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

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# Top-Down Parsing - Example

string: xacc\$

Stack*	Rem. Input	Action
S	xacc\$	Predict(1) S->ABc\$
A Bc\$	xacc\$	

What action do you take when stack-top has symbol A and the string to be matched has terminal x in front? – consult parse table

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

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# Top-Down Parsing - Example

string: xacc\$

Stack*	Rem. Input	Action
S	xacc\$	Predict(1) S->ABc\$
ABc\$	xacc\$	Predict(2) A->xaA

What action do you take when stack-top has symbol A and the string to be matched has terminal x in front? – consult parse table

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

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string: xacc\$

Stack*	Rem. Input	Action
S	xacc\$	Predict(1) S->ABc\$
ABc\$	xacc\$	Predict(2) A->xaA
xaABc\$		

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

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# Top-Down Parsing - Example

string: xacc\$

Stack*	Rem. Input	Action
S	xacc\$	Predict(1) S->ABc\$
ABc\$	xacc\$	Predict(2) A->xaA
<b>x</b> aABc\$	<b>x</b> acc\$	<b>?</b>

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

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string: xacc\$

Stack*	Rem. Input	Action
S	xacc\$	Predict(1) S->ABc\$
ABc\$	xacc\$	Predict(2) A->xaA
<b>x</b> aABc\$	<b>x</b> acc\$	<b>match(x)</b>

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

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string: xacc\$

Stack*	Rem. Input	Action
S	xacc\$	Predict(1) S->ABc\$
ABc\$	xacc\$	Predict(2) A->xaA
xaABc\$	xacc\$	match(x)
aABc\$	aacc\$	match(a)

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

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S	xacc\$	Predict(1) S->ABc\$
ABc\$	xacc\$	Predict(2) A->xaA
xaABc\$	xacc\$	match(x)
aABc\$	acc\$	match(a)
<b>A</b> Bc\$	<b>c</b> c\$	?

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

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string: xacc\$

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

Stack*	Rem. Input	Action
S	xacc\$	Predict(1) S->ABc\$
ABc\$	xacc\$	Predict(2) A->xaA
xaABc\$	xacc\$	match(x)
aABc\$	acc\$	match(a)
<b>A</b> Bc\$	<b>c</b> c\$	<b>Predict(4) A-&gt;c</b>

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	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

Stack*	Rem. Input	Action
S	xacc\$	Predict(1) S->ABc\$
ABc\$	xacc\$	Predict(2) A->xaA
xaABc\$	xacc\$	match(x)
aABc\$	acc\$	match(a)
ABc\$	cc\$	Predict(4) A->c
cBc\$		

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	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

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S	xacc\$	Predict(1) S->ABc\$
ABc\$	xacc\$	Predict(2) A->xaA
xaABc\$	xacc\$	match(x)
aABc\$	acc\$	match(a)
ABc\$	cc\$	Predict(4) A->c
cBc\$	cc\$	?

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string: xacc\$

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

Stack*	Rem. Input	Action
S	xacc\$	Predict(1) S->ABc\$
ABc\$	xacc\$	Predict(2) A->xaA
xaABc\$	xacc\$	match(x)
aABc\$	acc\$	match(a)
ABc\$	cc\$	Predict(4) A->c
<b>c</b> Bc\$	<b>c</b> c\$	<b>match(c)</b>

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string: xacc\$

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

Stack*	Rem. Input	Action
S	xacc\$	Predict(1) S->ABc\$
ABc\$	xacc\$	Predict(2) A->xaA
xaABc\$	xacc\$	match(x)
aABc\$	acc\$	match(a)
ABc\$	cc\$	Predict(4) A->c
cBc\$	cc\$	match(c)
<b>B</b> c\$	<b>c</b> \$	<b>?</b>

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# Top-Down Parsing - Example

string: xacc\$

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

Stack*	Rem. Input	Action
S	xacc\$	Predict(1) S->ABc\$
ABc\$	xacc\$	Predict(2) A->xaA
xaABc\$	xacc\$	match(x)
aABc\$	acc\$	match(a)
ABc\$	cc\$	Predict(4) A->c
cBc\$	cc\$	match(c)
Bc\$	c\$	Predict(6) B-> $\lambda$

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string: xacc\$

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

Stack*	Rem. Input	Action
S	xacc\$	Predict(1) S->ABc\$
ABc\$	xacc\$	Predict(2) A->xaA
xaABc\$	xacc\$	match(x)
aABc\$	acc\$	match(a)
ABc\$	cc\$	Predict(4) A->c
cBc\$	cc\$	match(c)
Bc\$	c\$	Predict(6) B-> $\lambda$
c\$		

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	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

Stack*	Rem. Input	Action
S	xacc\$	Predict(1) S->ABc\$
ABc\$	xacc\$	Predict(2) A->xaA
xaABc\$	xacc\$	match(x)
aABc\$	acc\$	match(a)
ABc\$	cc\$	Predict(4) A->c
cBc\$	cc\$	match(c)
Bc\$	c\$	Predict(6) B-> $\lambda$
c\$	c\$	?

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string: xacc\$

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

Stack*	Rem. Input	Action
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ABc\$	xacc\$	Predict(2) A->xaA
xaABc\$	xacc\$	match(x)
aABc\$	acc\$	match(a)
ABc\$	cc\$	Predict(4) A->c
cBc\$	cc\$	match(c)
Bc\$	c\$	Predict(6) B-> $\lambda$
c\$	c\$	match(c)

\* Stack top is on the left-side (first symbol) of the column

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# Top-Down Parsing - Example

string: xacc\$

	x	y	a	b	c	\$
S	1	1			1	
A	2	3			4	
B				5	6	

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Bc\$	c\$	Predict(6) B-> $\lambda$
c\$	c\$	match(c)
\$	\$	Done!

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- Not all Grammars are LL(1)

A Grammar is LL(1) iff for a production  $A \rightarrow \alpha \mid \beta$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are distinct:

1. For no terminal  $a$  do both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  derive strings beginning with  $a$  (i.e. no common prefix)
2. At most one of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  can derive an empty string
3. If  $\beta \xRightarrow{*} \epsilon$ , then  $\alpha$  does not derive any string beginning with a terminal in  $\text{Follow}(A)$ . If  $\alpha \xRightarrow{*} \epsilon$ , then  $\beta$  does not derive any string beginning with a terminal in  $\text{Follow}(A)$

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$$A \rightarrow \alpha \beta \mid \alpha \mu$$

$$A \rightarrow \alpha N$$
$$N \rightarrow \beta$$
$$N \rightarrow \mu$$

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E  
E + T  
E + T + T  
E + T + T + T  
...

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# Eliminating Left Recursion

$$A \rightarrow A\alpha \mid \beta$$

$$A \rightarrow NT$$
$$N \rightarrow \beta$$
$$T \rightarrow \alpha T$$
$$T \rightarrow \lambda$$

# Eliminating Left Recursion

$E \rightarrow E + T$



$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ Etail}$

$E_1 \rightarrow T$

$\text{Etail} \rightarrow + T \text{ Etail}$

$\text{Etail} \rightarrow \lambda$

# LL(k) parsers

- Can look ahead more than one symbol at a time
  - $k$ -symbol lookahead requires extending first and follow sets
  - 2-symbol lookahead can distinguish between more rules:  
 $A \rightarrow ax \mid ay$
- More lookahead leads to more powerful parsers
- What are the downsides?

## Are all grammars LL(k)?

- No! Consider the following grammar:

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow E \\ E &\rightarrow (E + E) \\ E &\rightarrow (E - E) \\ E &\rightarrow x \end{aligned}$$

- When parsing E, how do we know whether to use rule 2 or 3?
  - Potentially unbounded number of characters before the distinguishing '+' or '-' is found
  - No amount of lookahead will help!



# LL(k)? - Example

string: ((x+x))\$

- 1) S -> E
- 2) E -> (E+E)
- 3) E -> (E-E)
- 4) E -> x

Stack*	Rem. Input	Action
S	((x+x))\$	Predict(1) S->E
E		Predict(2) or Predict(3)?

LL(1)

	(	+	-	)	x
S	1				1
E	2,3				4

LL(2)

	((	+(	-(	)\$	(x
S	1				1
E	2,3				4

## In real languages?

- Consider the if-then-else problem
- if x then y else z
- Problem: else is optional
- if a then if b then c else d
  - Which if does the else belong to?
- This is analogous to a “bracket language”:  $[^i]^j$  ( $i \geq j$ )

S	$\rightarrow$	[ S C	
S	$\rightarrow$	$\lambda$	[ [ ] can be parsed: SS $\lambda$ C or SSC $\lambda$
C	$\rightarrow$	]	(it's ambiguous!)
C	$\rightarrow$	$\lambda$	

## Solving the if-then-else problem

- The ambiguity exists at the language level. To fix, we need to define the semantics properly
  - “[” matches nearest unmatched “[”
  - This is the rule C uses for if-then-else
  - What if we try this?

$S \rightarrow [ S$   
 $S \rightarrow SI$   
 $SI \rightarrow [ SI ]$   
 $SI \rightarrow \lambda$

This grammar is still not LL(1)  
(or LL(k) for any k!)

## Two possible fixes

- If there is an ambiguity, prioritize one production over another
- e.g., if C is on the stack, always match "]" before matching "λ"

$$\begin{array}{ll} S & \rightarrow [ S C \\ S & \rightarrow \lambda \\ C & \rightarrow ] \\ C & \rightarrow \lambda \end{array}$$

- Another option: change the language!
- e.g., all if-statements need to be closed with an endif

$$\begin{array}{ll} S & \rightarrow \text{if } S \text{ E} \\ S & \rightarrow \text{other} \\ E & \rightarrow \text{else } S \text{ endif} \\ E & \rightarrow \text{endif} \end{array}$$

# Parsing if-then-else

- What if we don't want to change the language?
  - C does not require { } to delimit single-statement blocks
- To parse if-then-else, *we need to be able to look ahead at the entire rhs of a production* before deciding which production to use
  - In other words, we need to determine how many "]" to match before we start matching "["s
- *LR parsers* can do this!

# Bottom-up Parsing

- More general than top-down parsing
- Used in most parser-generator tools
- Need not have left-factored grammars (i.e. can have left recursion)
- E.g. can work with the bracket language

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id \* id + id

$E \rightarrow T + E$

$E \rightarrow T$

$T \rightarrow id * T$

$T \rightarrow id$



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- Reduce a string to start symbol by reverse 'inverting' productions

id \* id + id  
id \* T + id

E  $\rightarrow$  T + E  
E  $\rightarrow$  T  
T  $\rightarrow$  id \* T  
T  $\rightarrow$  id

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- Reduce a string to start symbol by reverse 'inverting' productions

id \* id + id

id \* T + id

T + id

E -> T + E

E -> T

T -> id \* T

T -> id

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T + T

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E  $\rightarrow$  T

T  $\rightarrow$  id \* T

T  $\rightarrow$  id

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- Reduce a string to start symbol by reverse 'inverting' productions

id \* id + id

id \* T + id

T + id

T + T

T + E

E  $\rightarrow$  T + E

E  $\rightarrow$  T

T  $\rightarrow$  id \* T

T  $\rightarrow$  id

# Bottom-up Parsing

- Reduce a string to start symbol by reverse 'inverting' productions

```
id * id + id
id * T + id
T + id
T + T
T + E
E
```

```
E -> T + E
E -> T
T -> id * T
T -> id
```

# Bottom-up Parsing

- Reduce a string to start symbol by reverse 'inverting' productions

id \* id + id

id \* T + id

T + id

T + T

T + E

E



E  $\rightarrow$  T + E

E  $\rightarrow$  T

T  $\rightarrow$  id \* T

T  $\rightarrow$  id

# Bottom-up Parsing

- Reduce a string to start symbol by reverse 'inverting' productions

id \* id + id  
id \* T + id  
T + id  
T + T  
T + E  
E

Right-most derivation

E  $\rightarrow$  T + E  
E  $\rightarrow$  T  
T  $\rightarrow$  id \* T  
T  $\rightarrow$  id

# Bottom-up Parsing

- Scan the input left-to-right and **shift** tokens – put them on the stack.

| id \* id + id

id | \* id + id

id \* | id + id

id \* id | + id

$E \rightarrow T + E$

$E \rightarrow T$

$T \rightarrow id * T$

$T \rightarrow id$



# Bottom-up Parsing

- Replace a set of symbols at the top of the stack that are RHS of a production. Put the LHS of the production on stack – **Reduce**

| id \* id + id

id | \* id + id

id \* | id + id

id \* id | + id

$E \rightarrow T + E$

$E \rightarrow T$

$T \rightarrow id * T$

**$T \rightarrow id$**

# Bottom-up Parsing

- Did not discuss when and why a particular production was chosen

id \* id + id  
id \* T + id

E  $\rightarrow$  T + E  
E  $\rightarrow$  T  
T  $\rightarrow$  id \* T  
T  $\rightarrow$  id

- *i.e. why replace the id highlighted in input string?*

# LR Parsers

- Parser which does a Left-to-right, Right-most derivation
  - Rather than parse top-down, like LL parsers do, parse bottom-up, starting from leaves
- Basic idea: put tokens on a stack until an entire production is found
- Issues:
  - Recognizing the endpoint of a production
  - Finding the length of a production (RHS)
  - Finding the corresponding nonterminal (the LHS of the production)

# Data structures

- At each state, given the next token,
  - A *goto table* defines the successor state
  - An *action table* defines whether to
    - *shift* – put the next state and token on the stack
    - *reduce* – an RHS is found; process the production
    - *terminate* – parsing is complete

## Simple example

1.  $P \rightarrow S$
2.  $S \rightarrow x ; S$
3.  $S \rightarrow e$

		Symbol					Action
		x	;	e	P	S	
State	0	1		3		5	Shift
	1		2				Shift
	2	1		3		4	Shift
	3						Reduce 3
	4						Reduce 2
	5						Accept

## Parsing using an LR(0) parser

- Basic idea: parser keeps track, simultaneously, of all possible productions that *could be matched* given what it's seen so far. When it sees a full production, match it.
- Maintain a *parse stack* that tells you what state you're in
  - Start in state 0
- In each state, look up in action table whether to:
  - *shift*: consume a token off the input; look for next state in goto table; push next state onto stack
  - *reduce*: match a production; pop off as many symbols from state stack as seen in production; look up where to go according to non-terminal we just matched; push next state onto stack
  - *accept*: terminate parse

# Example

I)  $P \rightarrow S$

II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$

III)  $S \rightarrow e$

Input string

$x;x;e$

		Symbol					
		x	:	e	P	S	Action
State	0	1		3		5	Shift
	1		2				Shift
	2	1		3		4	Shift
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	5						Accept

Step	Parse Stack	Rem. Input	Parser Action
1	0	$x;x;e$	?

Start with state 0

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1	0	$x;x;e$	Shift(1)
2	0 1	$;x;e$	?

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State	0	1		3		5			Shift
	1								Shift
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2	0 1	$;x;e$	Shift(2)
3	0 1 2	$x;e$	Shift(1)
4	0 1 2 1	$;e$	Shift(2)
5	0 1 2 1 2	$e$	?

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1	0	$x;x;e$	Shift(1)
2	0 1	$;x;e$	Shift(2)
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4	0 1 2 1	$;e$	Shift(2)
5	0 1 2 1 2	$e$	Shift(3)



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	2	1		3		4	Shift
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1	0	$x;x;e$	Shift(1)
2	0 1	$;x;e$	Shift(2)
3	0 1 2	$x;e$	Shift(1)
4	0 1 2 1	$;e$	Shift(2)
5	0 1 2 1 2	$e$	Shift(3)
6	0 1 2 1 2 <b>3</b>		<b>?</b>

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	2	1		3		4	Shift
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3	0 1 2	$x;e$	Shift(1)
4	0 1 2 1	$;e$	Shift(2)
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6	0 1 2 1 2 3		Reduce 3

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State	Symbol						Action
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1		2					Shift
2	1		3		4		Shift
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Step	Parse Stack	Rem. Input	Parser Action
1	0	$x;x;e$	Shift(1)
2	0 1	$;x;e$	Shift(2)
3	0 1 2	$x;e$	Shift(1)
4	0 1 2 1	$;e$	Shift(2)
5	0 1 2 1 2	$e$	Shift(3)
6	0 1 2 1 2 3		Reduce 3
7	0 1 2 1 2		

- Look at rule III and pop 1 symbol of the stack because RHS of rule III has just 1 symbol

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Input string  
 $x;x;e$

State	Symbol						Action
	0	x	:	e	P	S	
0		1		3		5	Shift
1			2				Shift
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1	0	$x;x;e$	Shift(1)
2	0 1	$;x;e$	Shift(2)
3	0 1 2	$x;e$	Shift(1)
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5	0 1 2 1 2	$e$	Shift(3)
6	0 1 2 1 2 3		Reduce 3
7	0 1 2 1 2		

- Now stack top has symbol 2 and LHS of rule III has S (imagine you saw S at input). Consult goto and action table.

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Input string  
 $x;x;e$

State	Symbol						Action
	0	x	:	e	P	S	
0		1		3			Shift
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1	0	$x;x;e$	Shift(1)
2	0 1	$;x;e$	Shift(2)
3	0 1 2	$x;e$	Shift(1)
4	0 1 2 1	$;e$	Shift(2)
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Step	Parse Stack	Rem. Input	Parser Action
1	0	$x;x;e$	Shift(1)
2	0 1	$;x;e$	Shift(2)
3	0 1 2	$x;e$	Shift(1)
4	0 1 2 1	$;e$	Shift(2)
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 II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$   
 III)  $S \rightarrow e$

Input string  
 $x;x;e$

State	Symbol						Action
	0	x	:	e	P	S	
0	1			3		5	Shift
1		2					Shift
2	1		3			4	Shift
3							Reduce 3
4							Reduce 2
5							Accept

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7	0 1 2 1 2 4		Reduce 2

# Example

I)  $P \rightarrow S$   
 II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$  ↗ Input string  
 III)  $S \rightarrow e$  x;x;e

State	Symbol						Action
	0	x	:	e	P	S	
0		1		3		5	Shift
1			2				Shift
2		1		3		4	Shift
3							Reduce 3
4							Reduce 2
5							Accept

Step	Parse Stack	Rem. Input	Parser Action
1	0	x;x;e	Shift(1)
2	0 1	;x;e	Shift(2)
3	0 1 2	x;e	Shift(1)
4	0 1 2 1	;e	Shift(2)
5	0 1 2 1 2	e	Shift(3)
6	0 1 2 1 2 3		Reduce 3 (shift(4))
7	0 1 2 1 2 4		Reduce 2
8	0 1 2		

- Look at rule II and pop 3 symbols of the stack because RHS of rule II has 3 symbols



# Example

I)  $P \rightarrow S$   
 II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$   
 III)  $S \rightarrow e$

Input string  
 $x;x;e$

State	Symbol						Action
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
0							Shift
1							Shift
2							Shift
3							Reduce 3
4							Reduce 2
5							Accept

Step	Parse Stack	Rem. Input	Parser Action
1	0	$x;x;e$	Shift(1)
2	0 1	$;x;e$	Shift(2)
3	0 1 2	$x;e$	Shift(1)
4	0 1 2 1	$;e$	Shift(2)
5	0 1 2 1 2	$e$	Shift(3)
6	0 1 2 1 2 3		Reduce 3 (shift(4))
7	0 1 2 1 2 4		Reduce 2
8	0 1 2		

- Now stack top has symbol 2 and LHS of rule II has S (imagine you saw S at input). Consult goto and action table.

# Example

- I)  $P \rightarrow S$   
 II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$   
 III)  $S \rightarrow e$

Input string  
 $x;x;e$

State	Symbol						Action
	0	x	:	e	P	S	
0		1		3			Shift
1			2				Shift
2		1		3		4	Shift
3							Reduce 3
4							Reduce 2
5							Accept

Step	Parse Stack	Rem. Input	Parser Action
1	0	$x;x;e$	Shift(1)
2	0 1	$;x;e$	Shift(2)
3	0 1 2	$x;e$	Shift(1)
4	0 1 2 1	$;e$	Shift(2)
5	0 1 2 1 2	$e$	Shift(3)
6	0 1 2 1 2 3		Reduce 3 (shift(4))
7	0 1 2 1 2 4		Reduce 2 (shift(4))
8	0 1 2 4		

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# Example

- I)  $P \rightarrow S$   
 II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$   
 III)  $S \rightarrow e$

Input string  
 $x;x;e$

		Symbol					Action
		x	:	e	P	S	
State	0	1		3		5	Shift
	1		2				Shift
	2	1		3		4	Shift
	3						Reduce 3
	4						Reduce 2
	5						Accept

Step	Parse Stack	Rem. Input	Parser Action
1	0	$x;x;e$	Shift(1)
2	0 1	$;x;e$	Shift(2)
3	0 1 2	$x;e$	Shift(1)
4	0 1 2 1	$;e$	Shift(2)
5	0 1 2 1 2	$e$	Shift(3)
6	0 1 2 1 2 3		Reduce 3 (shift(4))
7	0 1 2 1 2 4		Reduce 2 (shift(4))
8	0 1 2 4		?

# Example

- I)  $P \rightarrow S$   
 II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$   
 III)  $S \rightarrow e$

Input string  
 $x;x;e$

State	Symbol						Action
	0	x	:	e	P	S	
0		1		3		5	Shift
1			2				Shift
2		1		3		4	Shift
3							Reduce 3
4							Reduce 2
5							Accept

Step	Parse Stack	Rem. Input	Parser Action
1	0	$x;x;e$	Shift(1)
2	0 1	$;x;e$	Shift(2)
3	0 1 2	$x;e$	Shift(1)
4	0 1 2 1	$;e$	Shift(2)
5	0 1 2 1 2	$e$	Shift(3)
6	0 1 2 1 2 3		Reduce 3 (shift(4))
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# Example

- I)  $P \rightarrow S$   
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 III)  $S \rightarrow e$

Input string

$x;x;e$

		Symbol					Action
		x	:	e	P	S	
State	0	1		3		5	Shift
	1		2				Shift
	2	1		3		4	Shift
	3						Reduce 3
	4						Reduce 2
	5						Accept

Step	Parse Stack	Rem. Input	Parser Action
1	0	$x;x;e$	Shift(1)
2	0 1	$;x;e$	Shift(2)
3	0 1 2	$x;e$	Shift(1)
4	0 1 2 1	$;e$	Shift(2)
5	0 1 2 1 2	$e$	Shift(3)
6	0 1 2 1 2 3		Reduce 3 (shift(4))
7	0 1 2 1 2 4		Reduce 2 (shift(4))
8	0 1 2 4		Reduce 2
9	0		

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# Example

- I)  $P \rightarrow S$   
 II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$   
 III)  $S \rightarrow e$

Input string

$x;x;e$

		Symbol					
		x	:	e	P	S	Action
State	0	1		3		5	Shift
	1		2				Shift
	2	1		3		4	Shift
	3						Reduce 3
	4						Reduce 2
	5						Accept

Step	Parse Stack	Rem. Input	Parser Action
1	0	$x;x;e$	Shift(1)
2	0 1	$;x;e$	Shift(2)
3	0 1 2	$x;e$	Shift(1)
4	0 1 2 1	$;e$	Shift(2)
5	0 1 2 1 2	$e$	Shift(3)
6	0 1 2 1 2 3		Reduce 3 (shift(4))
7	0 1 2 1 2 4		Reduce 2 (shift(4))
8	0 1 2 4		Reduce 2 (shift(5))
9	0 5		

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# Example

- I)  $P \rightarrow S$   
 II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$   
 III)  $S \rightarrow e$

Input string  
 $x;x;e$

		Symbol					
		x	:	e	P	S	Action
State	0	1		3		5	Shift
	1		2				Shift
	2	1		3		4	Shift
	3						Reduce 3
	4						Reduce 2
	5						Accept

Step	Parse Stack	Rem. Input	Parser Action
1	0	$x;x;e$	Shift(1)
2	0 1	$;x;e$	Shift(2)
3	0 1 2	$x;e$	Shift(1)
4	0 1 2 1	$;e$	Shift(2)
5	0 1 2 1 2	$e$	Shift(3)
6	0 1 2 1 2 3		Reduce 3 (shift(4))
7	0 1 2 1 2 4		Reduce 2 (shift(4))
8	0 1 2 4		Reduce 2 (shift(5))
9	0 5		?

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# Example

- I)  $P \rightarrow S$   
 II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$   
 III)  $S \rightarrow e$

Input string  
 $x;x;e$

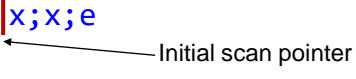
		Symbol					Action
		x	:	e	P	S	
State	0	1		3		5	Shift
	1		2				Shift
	2	1		3		4	Shift
	3						Reduce 3
	4						Reduce 2
	5						Accept

Step	Parse Stack	Rem. Input	Parser Action
1	0	$x;x;e$	Shift(1)
2	0 1	$;x;e$	Shift(2)
3	0 1 2	$x;e$	Shift(1)
4	0 1 2 1	$;e$	Shift(2)
5	0 1 2 1 2	$e$	Shift(3)
6	0 1 2 1 2 3		Reduce 3 (shift(4))
7	0 1 2 1 2 4		Reduce 2 (shift(4))
8	0 1 2 4		Reduce 2 (shift(5))
9	0 5		Accept

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# Example

I)  $P \rightarrow S$       Input string  
II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$       x;x;e  
III)  $S \rightarrow e$       

Step	Parser Action
1	Shift(1)
2	Shift(2)
3	Shift(1)
4	Shift(2)
5	Shift(3)
6	Reduce 3 (shift(4))
7	Reduce 2 (shift(4))
8	Reduce 2 (shift(5))
9	Accept

# Example

I)  $P \rightarrow S$       Input string

II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$       |x;x;e

III)  $S \rightarrow e$       x | x ; e      ← Initial scan pointer

Step	Parser Action
1	Shift(1)
2	Shift(2)
3	Shift(1)
4	Shift(2)
5	Shift(3)
6	Reduce 3 (shift(4))
7	Reduce 2 (shift(4))
8	Reduce 2 (shift(5))
9	Accept

x | x ; e

# Example

I)  $P \rightarrow S$       Input string  
 II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$       **|** $x;x;e$   
 III)  $S \rightarrow e$       ← Initial scan pointer

Step	Parser Action
1	Shift(1)
2	Shift(2)
3	Shift(1)
4	Shift(2)
5	Shift(3)
6	Reduce 3 (shift(4))
7	Reduce 2 (shift(4))
8	Reduce 2 (shift(5))
9	Accept

$x ; | x ; e$

# Example

I)  $P \rightarrow S$       Input string  
II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$       x;x;e  
III)  $S \rightarrow e$       ← Initial scan pointer

Step	Parser Action
1	Shift(1)
2	Shift(2)
3	Shift(1)
4	Shift(2)
5	Shift(3)
6	Reduce 3 (shift(4))
7	Reduce 2 (shift(4))
8	Reduce 2 (shift(5))
9	Accept

x ; x | ; e

# Example

I)  $P \rightarrow S$       Input string  
 II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$       x;x;e  
 III)  $S \rightarrow e$       ← Initial scan pointer

Step	Parser Action
1	Shift(1)
2	Shift(2)
3	Shift(1)
4	Shift(2)
5	Shift(3)
6	Reduce 3 (shift(4))
7	Reduce 2 (shift(4))
8	Reduce 2 (shift(5))
9	Accept

x ; x ; | e

# Example

I)  $P \rightarrow S$       Input string  
II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$       x;x;e  
III)  $S \rightarrow e$       ← Initial scan pointer

Step	Parser Action
1	Shift(1)
2	Shift(2)
3	Shift(1)
4	Shift(2)
5	Shift(3)
6	Reduce 3 (shift(4))
7	Reduce 2 (shift(4))
8	Reduce 2 (shift(5))
9	Accept

x ; x ; e |

# Example

I)  $P \rightarrow S$       Input string  
 II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$       |x;x;e  
 III)  $S \rightarrow e$       x ; x ; e ← Initial scan pointer

Step	Parser Action
1	Shift(1)
2	Shift(2)
3	Shift(1)
4	Shift(2)
5	Shift(3)
6	Reduce 3 (shift(4))
7	Reduce 2 (shift(4))
8	Reduce 2 (shift(5))
9	Accept

x ; x ; e |

S  
|  
x ; x ; e

# Example

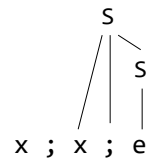
I)  $P \rightarrow S$       Input string

II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$        $x;x;e$

III)  $S \rightarrow e$       ← Initial scan pointer

Step	Parser Action
1	Shift(1)
2	Shift(2)
3	Shift(1)
4	Shift(2)
5	Shift(3)
6	Reduce 3 (shift(4))
7	Reduce 2 (shift(4))
8	Reduce 2 (shift(5))
9	Accept

$x ; x ; S$





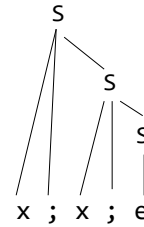
# Example

I)  $P \rightarrow S$       Input string

II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$        $x;x;e$

III)  $S \rightarrow e$       ← Initial scan pointer

Step	Parser Action
1	Shift(1)
2	Shift(2)
3	Shift(1)
4	Shift(2)
5	Shift(3)
6	Reduce 3 (shift(4))
7	Reduce 2 (shift(4))
8	Reduce 2 (shift(5))
9	Accept



$x;S$  |

# Example

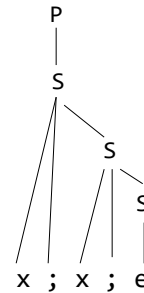
I)  $P \rightarrow S$       Input string

II)  $S \rightarrow x;S$        $x;x;e$

III)  $S \rightarrow e$       ← Initial scan pointer

Step	Parser Action
1	Shift(1)
2	Shift(2)
3	Shift(1)
4	Shift(2)
5	Shift(3)
6	Reduce 3 (shift(4))
7	Reduce 2 (shift(4))
8	Reduce 2 (shift(5))
9	Accept

$S$  |



# Shift-Reduce Parsing

The LR parsing seen previously is an example of shift-reduce parsing

- When do we *shift* and when do we *reduce*?
  - How do we construct *goto* and *action* tables?

## Concept: configuration / item

- Configuration or item has a form:

$$A \rightarrow X_1 \dots X_i \bullet X_{i+1} \dots X_j$$

- Dot  $\bullet$  can appear anywhere
- Represents a production part of which has been matched (what is to the left of Dot)
- LR parsers keep track of multiple (all) productions that can be potentially matched
  - We need a *configuration set*

# Concept: configuration / item

- E.g. configuration set

```
stmt -> ID • := expr
stmt -> ID • : stmt
stmt -> ID •
```

*Corresponding to productions:*

```
stmt -> ID := expr
stmt -> ID : stmt
stmt -> ID
```

- Dot at the **extreme left** of RHS of a production denotes that production is **predicted**
- Dot at the **extreme right** of RHS of a production denotes that production is **recognized**
- if Dot precedes a Non-Terminal in a configuration set, more configurations need to be added to the set

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# Concept: closure

- For each configuration in the configuration set,  
     $A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \gamma$ , where B is a non-terminal,
  - 1      add configurations of the form:  
         $B \rightarrow \bullet \delta$
  - 2      if the addition introduces a configuration with Dot  
        behind a new non-Terminal N, add all configurations having the  
        form  $N \rightarrow \bullet \epsilon$   
        Repeat 2 when another new non-terminal is introduced  
        and so on..

# Concept: closure

➤ E.g. closure  $\{S \rightarrow \bullet E \$\}$

$\downarrow$   
 $S \rightarrow \bullet E \$$   
Non-terminal

Grammar

$S \rightarrow E \$$   
 $E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$   
 $T \rightarrow ID \mid (E)$

# Concept: closure

➤ E.g. closure  $\{S \rightarrow \bullet E \$\}$

↓  
Non-terminal  
 $S \rightarrow \bullet E \$$   
 $E \rightarrow \bullet E + T$

Grammar

$S \rightarrow E \$$   
 $E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$   
 $T \rightarrow ID \mid (E)$



# Concept: closure

➤ E.g. closure  $\{S \rightarrow \bullet E \$\}$

↓  
Non-terminal  
 $S \rightarrow \bullet E \$$   
 $E \rightarrow \bullet E + T$   
 $E \rightarrow \bullet T$

Grammar

$S \rightarrow E \$$   
 $E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$   
 $T \rightarrow ID \mid (E)$

# Concept: closure

➤ E.g. closure  $\{S \rightarrow \bullet E \$\}$



$S \rightarrow \bullet E \$$

$E \rightarrow \bullet E + T$

$E \rightarrow \bullet T$

New Non-terminal

Grammar

$S \rightarrow E \$$

$E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$

$T \rightarrow ID \mid (E)$

# Concept: closure

➤ E.g. closure  $\{S \rightarrow \bullet E \$\}$



$S \rightarrow \bullet E \$$

$E \rightarrow \bullet E + T$

$E \rightarrow \bullet T$

$T \rightarrow \bullet ID$

New Non-terminal

Grammar

$S \rightarrow E \$$

$E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$

$T \rightarrow ID \mid (E)$

# Concept: closure

➤ E.g. closure  $\{S \rightarrow \bullet E \$\}$



$S \rightarrow \bullet E \$$

$E \rightarrow \bullet E + T$

$E \rightarrow \bullet T$

$T \rightarrow \bullet ID$

$T \rightarrow \bullet (E)$

New Non-terminal

Grammar

$S \rightarrow E \$$

$E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$

$T \rightarrow ID \mid (E)$

# Concept: closure

➤ E.g. closure  $\{S \rightarrow \bullet E \$\}$

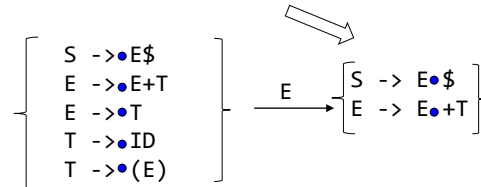

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow \bullet E \$ \\ E \rightarrow \bullet E + T \\ E \rightarrow \bullet T \\ T \rightarrow \bullet ID \\ T \rightarrow \bullet (E) \end{array} \right\}$$

Grammar

$S \rightarrow E \$$   
 $E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$   
 $T \rightarrow ID \mid (E)$

# Concept: successor

- E.g. successor ( $\{S \rightarrow \bullet E \$\}$ , **E**)



Grammar  
 $S \rightarrow E \$$   
 $E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$   
 $T \rightarrow ID \mid (E)$

- Consider all symbols that are to the immediate right of Dot and compute respective successors
  - You must compute closure of successor before finalizing items in successor

# Concept: CFSM

- Each configuration set becomes a state
- The symbol used as input for computing the successor becomes the transition
- Configuration-set finite state machine (CFSM)
  - The state diagram obtained after computing the chain of all successors (for all symbols) starting from the configuration involving the first production

# Example: CFSM

Start with a configuration for the first production

$P \rightarrow \bullet S$

## Grammar

$P \rightarrow S$

$S \rightarrow x; S$

$S \rightarrow e$



# Example: CFSM

Compute closure

$P \rightarrow \bullet S$  ← Non-terminal

Grammar

$P \rightarrow S$

$S \rightarrow x; S$

$S \rightarrow e$

# Example: CFSM

Add item

$P \rightarrow \bullet S$   
 $S \rightarrow \bullet x; S$

Grammar

$P \rightarrow S$

$S \rightarrow x; S$

$S \rightarrow e$

# Example: CFSM

## Add item

$P \rightarrow \bullet S$   
 $S \rightarrow \bullet x; S$   
 $S \rightarrow \bullet e$

## Grammar

$P \rightarrow S$   
 $S \rightarrow x; S$   
 $S \rightarrow e$

# Example: CFSM

No new non-terminal before Dot. This becomes a state in CFSM

P- $\rightarrow$ •S  
S- $\rightarrow$ •x;S  
S- $\rightarrow$ •e

**state 0**

## Grammar

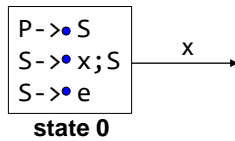
P  $\rightarrow$  S

S  $\rightarrow$  x;S

S  $\rightarrow$  e

# Example: CFSM

Compute successor (of state 0) under symbol x



## Grammar

P → S

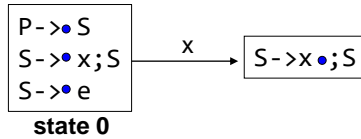
S → x; S

S → e

Consider items (in state 0), where x is to the immediate right of Dot.  
Advance Dot by one symbol.

# Example: CFSM

Compute successor (of state 0) under symbol x



## Grammar

$P \rightarrow S$

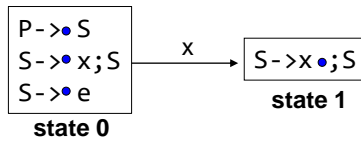
$S \rightarrow x; S$

$S \rightarrow e$

Consider items (in state 0), where x is to the immediate right of Dot.  
Advance Dot by one symbol.

# Example: CFSM

Compute successor (of state 0) under symbol x



## Grammar

$P \rightarrow S$

$S \rightarrow x; S$

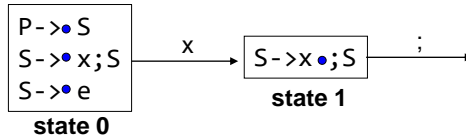
$S \rightarrow e$

Consider items (in state 0), where x is to the immediate right of Dot.  
Advance Dot by one symbol.

No non-terminals immediately after Dot in the successor. So, no configurations get added. Successor becomes another state in CFSM.

# Example: CFSM

Compute successor (of state 1) under symbol ;



## Grammar

$P \rightarrow S$

$S \rightarrow x; S$

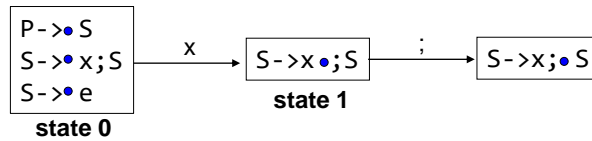
$S \rightarrow e$

Consider items (in state 1), where ; is to the immediate right of Dot.  
Advance Dot by one symbol.



# Example: CFSM

Compute successor (of state 1) under symbol ;



## Grammar

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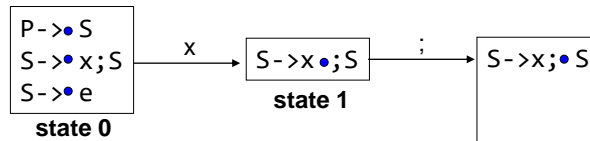
$S \rightarrow x; S$

$S \rightarrow e$

Consider items (in state 1), where ; is to the immediate right of Dot.  
Advance Dot by one symbol.

# Example: CFSM

Compute successor (of state 1) under symbol ;



## Grammar

$P \rightarrow S$

$S \rightarrow x; S$

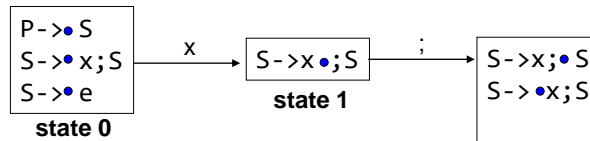
$S \rightarrow e$

Consider items (in state 1), where ; is to the immediate right of Dot.  
Advance Dot by one symbol.

There is a non-terminal immediately after Dot in the successor of state 1. So, add configurations.

# Example: CFSM

Compute successor (of state 1) under symbol ;



## Grammar

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$S \rightarrow x; S$

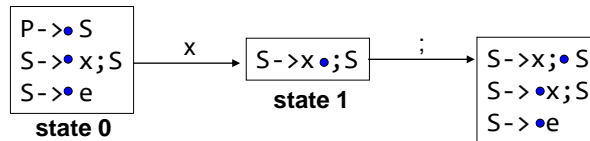
$S \rightarrow e$

Consider items (in state 1), where ; is to the immediate right of Dot.  
Advance Dot by one symbol.

There is a non-terminal immediately after Dot in the successor of state 1. So, add configurations.

# Example: CFSM

Compute successor (of state 1) under symbol ;



## Grammar

$P \rightarrow S$

$S \rightarrow x; S$

$S \rightarrow e$

Consider items (in state 1), where ; is to the immediate right of Dot. Advance Dot by one symbol.

There is a non-terminal immediately after Dot in the successor of state 1. So, add configurations.

# Example: CFSM

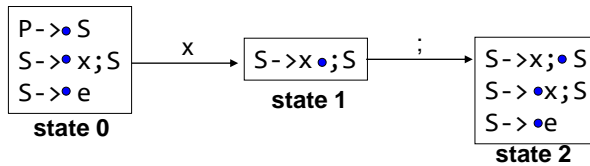
## Grammar

$P \rightarrow S$

$S \rightarrow x; S$

$S \rightarrow e$

Compute successor (of state 1) under symbol ;

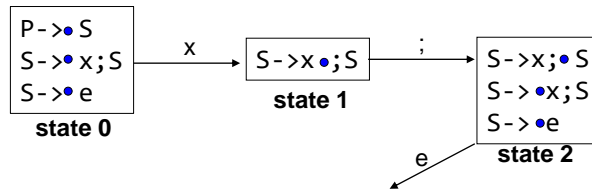


Consider items (in state 1), where ; is to the immediate right of Dot. Advance Dot by one symbol.

There is a non-terminal immediately after Dot in the successor of state 1. So, add configurations. **No more items to be added.**  
**Becomes another state in CFSM.**

# Example: CFSM

Compute successor (of state 2) under symbol e



## Grammar

$P \rightarrow S$

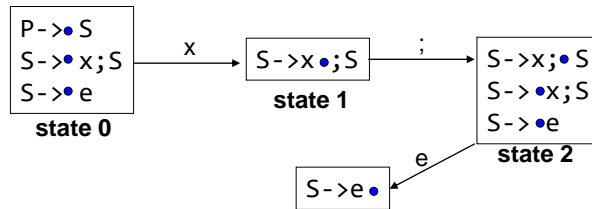
$S \rightarrow x; S$

$S \rightarrow e$

Consider items (in state 2), where e is to the immediate right of Dot.  
Advance Dot by one symbol.

# Example: CFSM

Compute successor (of state 2) under symbol e



## Grammar

$P \rightarrow S$

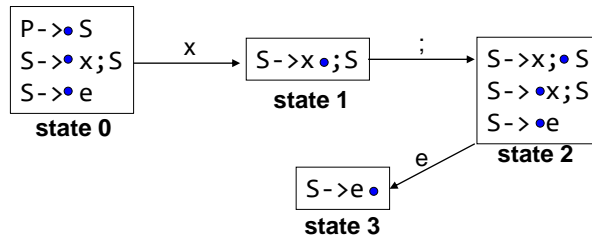
$S \rightarrow x; S$

$S \rightarrow e$

Consider items (in state 2), where e is to the immediate right of Dot.  
Advance Dot by one symbol.

# Example: CFSM

Compute successor (of state 2) under symbol e



## Grammar

$P \rightarrow S$

$S \rightarrow x; S$

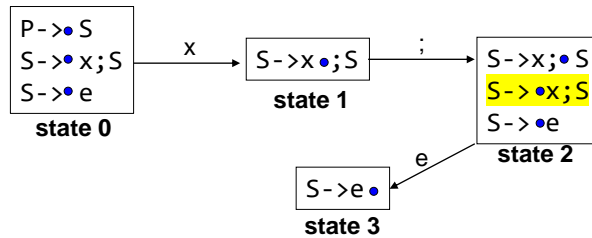
$S \rightarrow e$

Consider items (in state 2), where e is to the immediate right of Dot. Advance Dot by one symbol. No more items to be added. Becomes another state in CFSM.



# Example: CFSM

Compute successor (of state 2) under symbol x



## Grammar

$P \rightarrow S$

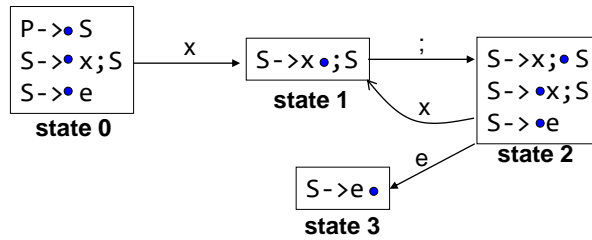
$S \rightarrow x; S$

$S \rightarrow e$

Consider items (in state 2), where  $x$  is to the immediate right of Dot.  
Advance Dot by one symbol.

# Example: CFSM

Compute successor (of state 2) under symbol x



## Grammar

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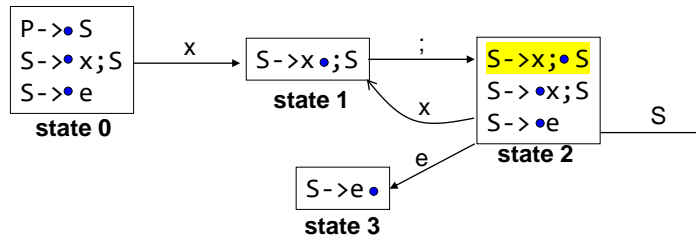
$S \rightarrow x; S$

$S \rightarrow e$

Consider items (in state 2), where x is to the immediate right of Dot.  
Advance Dot by one symbol.

# Example: CFSM

Compute successor (of state 2) under symbol S



## Grammar

$P \rightarrow S$

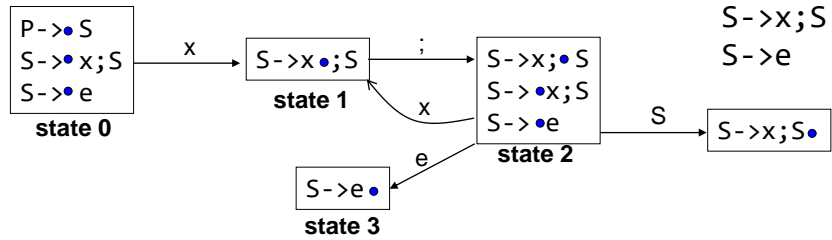
$S \rightarrow x; S$

$S \rightarrow e$

Consider items (in state 2), where S is to the immediate right of Dot.  
Advance Dot by one symbol.

# Example: CFSM

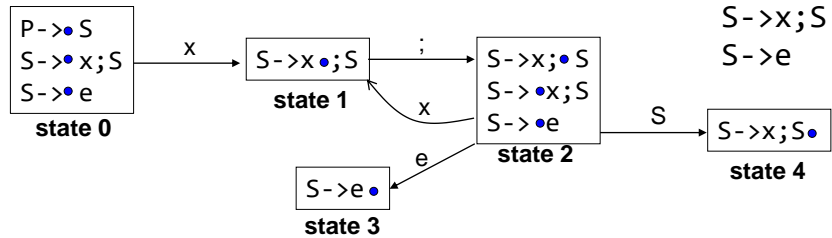
Compute successor (of state 2) under symbol S



Consider items (in state 2), where S is to the immediate right of Dot.  
 Advance Dot by one symbol.

# Example: CFSM

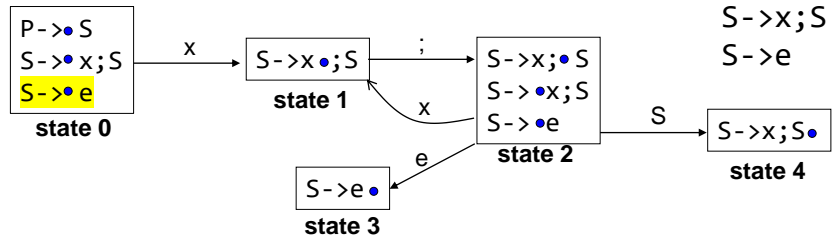
Compute successor (of state 2) under symbol S



Consider items (in state 2), where  $S$  is to the immediate right of Dot. Advance Dot by one symbol. **No more items to be added. Becomes another state in CFSM.**

# Example: CFSM

Compute successor (of state 0) under symbol e



## Grammar

$P \rightarrow S$

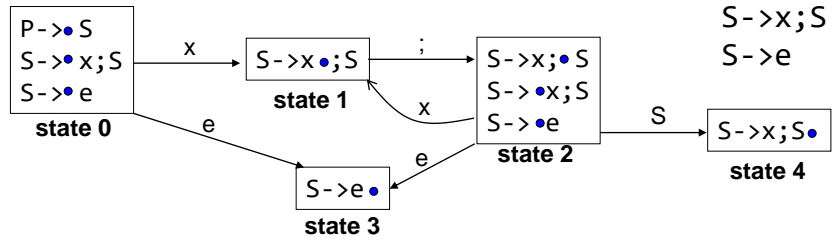
$S \rightarrow x; S$

$S \rightarrow e$

Consider items (in state 0), where e is to the immediate right of Dot.  
Advance Dot by one symbol.

# Example: CFSM

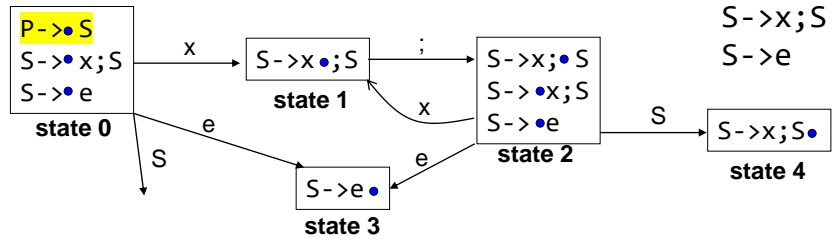
Compute successor (of state 0) under symbol e



Consider items (in state 0), where e is to the immediate right of Dot.  
 Advance Dot by one symbol.

# Example: CFSM

Compute successor (of state 0) under symbol S

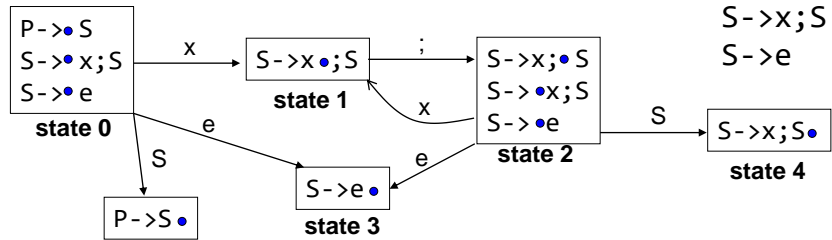


Consider items (in state 0), where S is to the immediate right of Dot.  
Advance Dot by one symbol.



# Example: CFSM

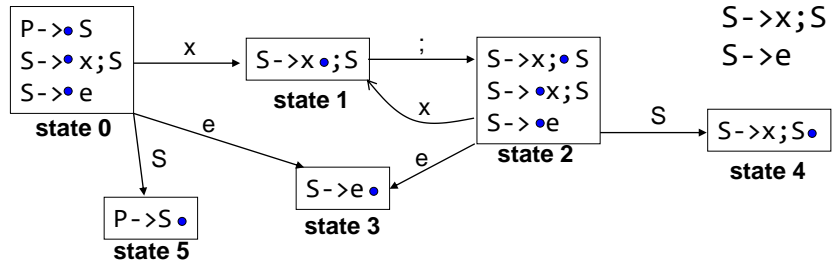
Compute successor (of state 0) under symbol S



Consider items (in state 0), where S is to the immediate right of Dot.  
 Advance Dot by one symbol.

# Example: CFSM

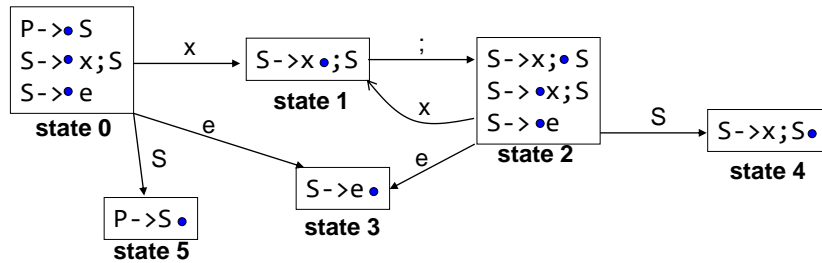
Compute successor (of state 0) under symbol S



Consider items (in state 0), where S is to the immediate right of Dot.  
Advance Dot by one symbol. **Cannot expand CFSM anymore.**

# Example: CFSM

- All states with Dot at extreme right become *reduce* states



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# Example: CFSM

- All states with Dot at extreme right become *reduce* states

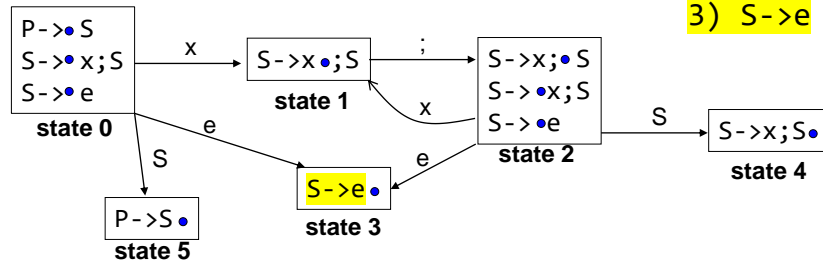
Reduce 3

Grammar

1)  $P \rightarrow S$

2)  $S \rightarrow x; S$

3)  $S \rightarrow e$



# Example: CFSM

- All states with Dot at extreme right become *reduce* states

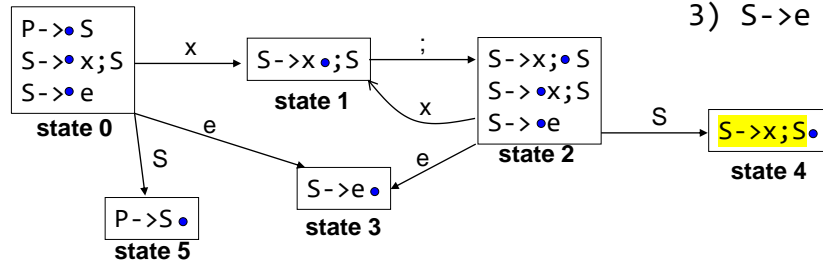
Reduce 2

Grammar

1)  $P \rightarrow S$

2)  $S \rightarrow x; S$

3)  $S \rightarrow e$



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# Example: CFSM

- All states with Dot at extreme right become *reduce* states

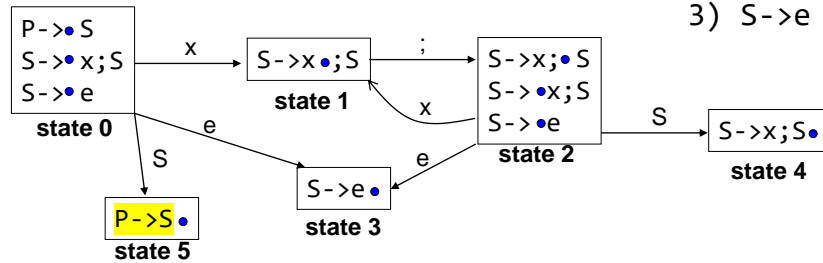
Accept

Grammar

1)  $P \rightarrow S$

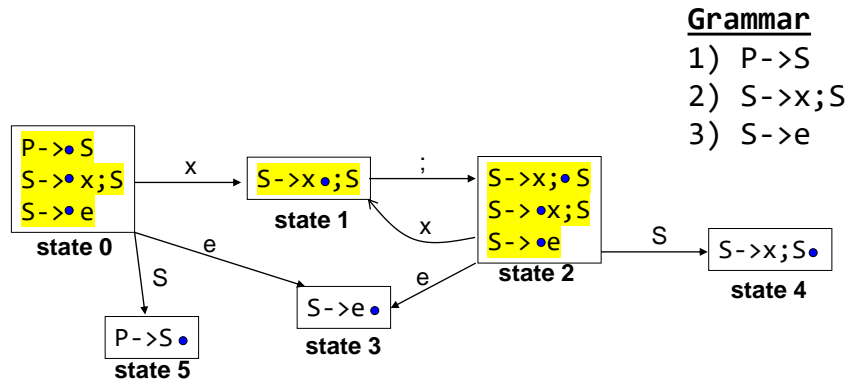
2)  $S \rightarrow x; S$

3)  $S \rightarrow e$



# Example: CFSM

- Remaining states become *shift* states



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# Conflicts

- What happens when a state has Dot at the extreme right for one item and in the middle for other items?

## *Shift-reduce conflict*

Parser is unable to decide between shifting and reducing

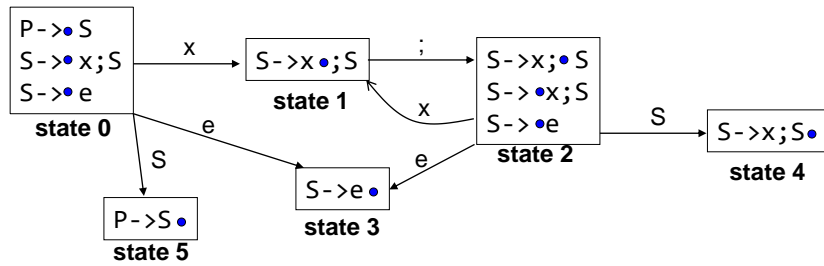
- When Dot is at the extreme right for more than one items?

## *Reduce-Reduce conflict*

Parser is unable to decide between which productions to choose for reducing

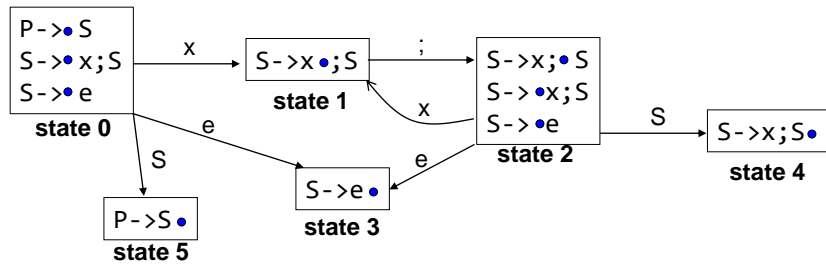


# Example: goto table



- construct transition table from CFSM.
  - Number of rows = number of states
  - Number of columns = number of symbols

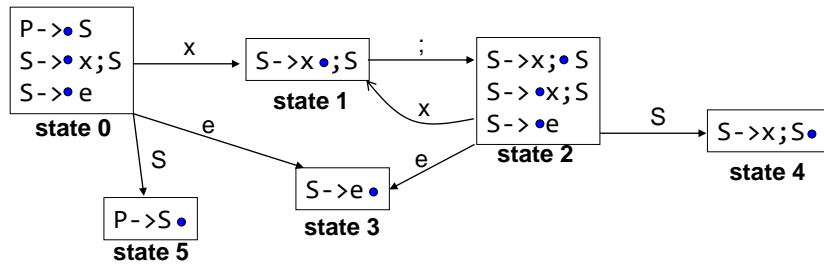
# Example: goto table



state	x	;	e	P	S
0	1		3		5
1		2			
2	1		3		4
3					
4					
5					

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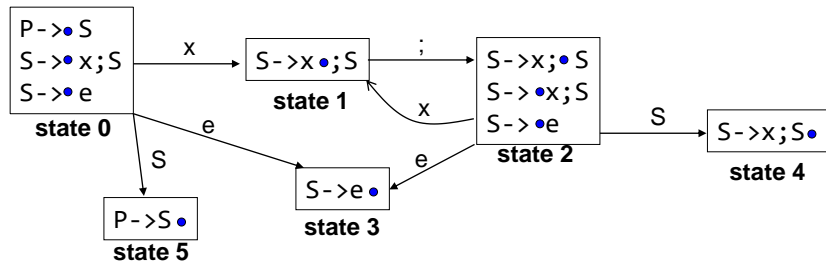
# Example: action table



state	x
0	Shift
1	Shift
2	Shift
3	Reduce 3
4	Reduce 2
5	Accept

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# Example: action table



		Symbol					Action
		x	;	e	P	S	
State	0	1		3		5	Shift
	1		2				Shift
	2	1		3		4	Shift
	3						Reduce 3
	4						Reduce 2
	5						Accept

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# Example

- Example of LR(0) parsing
  - No lookahead involved
  - Operate based on the parse stack state and with goto and action tables

# LR(k) parsers

- LR(0) parsers
  - No lookahead
  - Predict which action to take by looking only at the symbols currently on the stack
- LR(k) parsers
  - Can look ahead  $k$  symbols
  - Most powerful class of deterministic bottom-up parsers
  - LR(1) and variants are the most common parsers

# Top-down vs. Bottom-up parsers

- Top-down parsers expand the parse tree in *pre-order*
  - Identify parent nodes before the children
- Bottom-up parsers expand the parse tree in *post-order*
  - Identify children before the parents
- Notation:
  - LL(1): Top-down derivation with 1 symbol lookahead
  - LL(k): Top-down derivation with k symbols lookahead
  - LR(1): Bottom-up derivation with 1 symbol lookahead

# Abstract Syntax Trees

- Parsing recognizes a production from the grammar based on a sequence of tokens received from Lexer
- Rest of the compiler needs more info: a structural representation of the program construct
  - Abstract Syntax Tree or AST



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