

CS406: Compilers

Spring 2022

Week 5: Parsers – Bottom-up Parsing (background concepts), Bottom-up parsing (use of 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

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

Grammar


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

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


 $S \rightarrow \bullet E\$$

Concept: closure

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 Non-terminal
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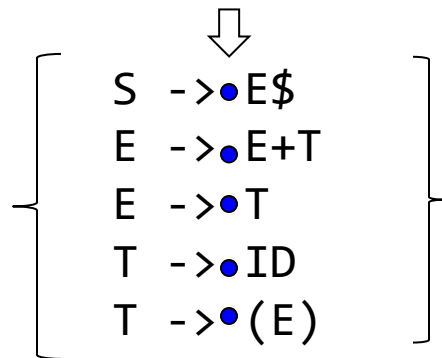
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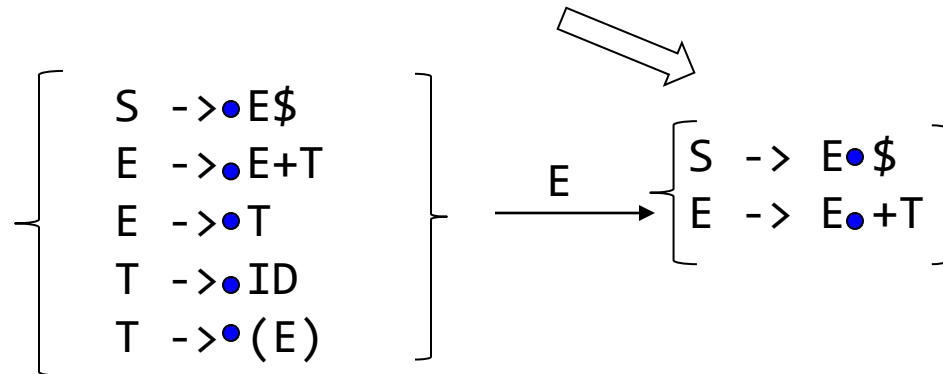
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Concept: successor

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



Grammar

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- 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

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Example: CFSM

Add item

$P \rightarrow \bullet S$

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Grammar

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Example: CFSM

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

P - > • S
S - > • x ; S
S - > • e

state 0

Grammar

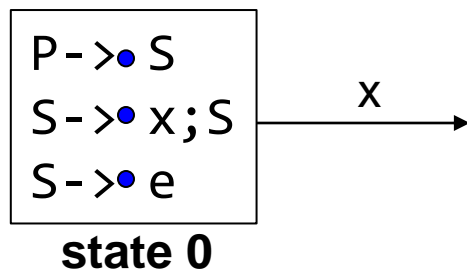
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Example: CFSM

Compute successor (of state 0) under symbol x



Grammar

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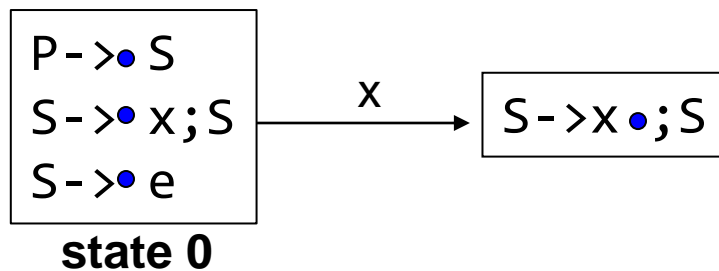
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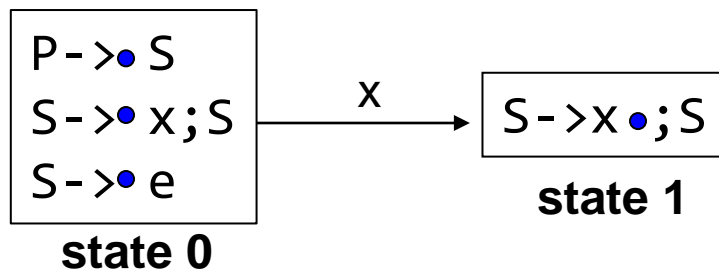
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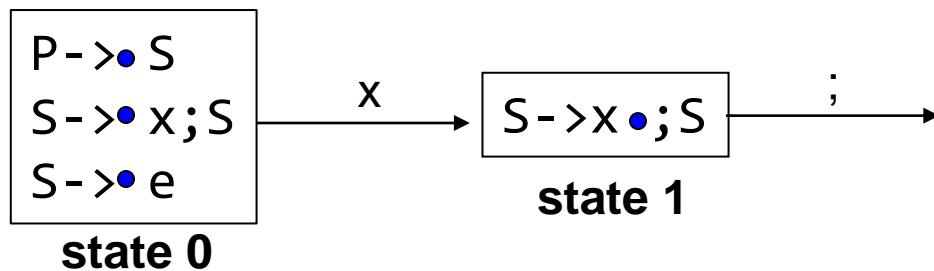


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Advance Dot by one symbol.

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

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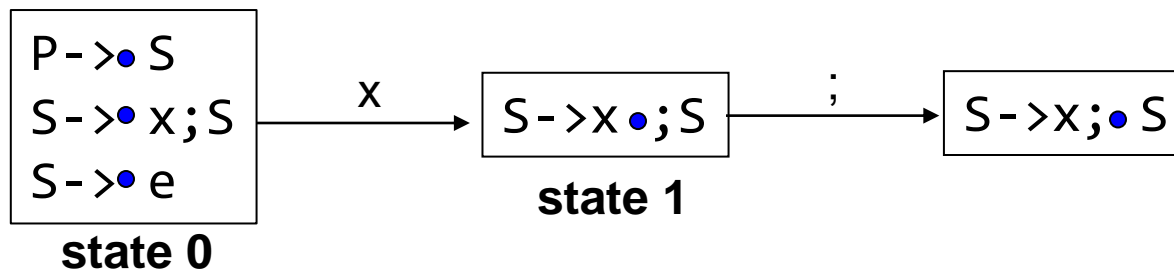
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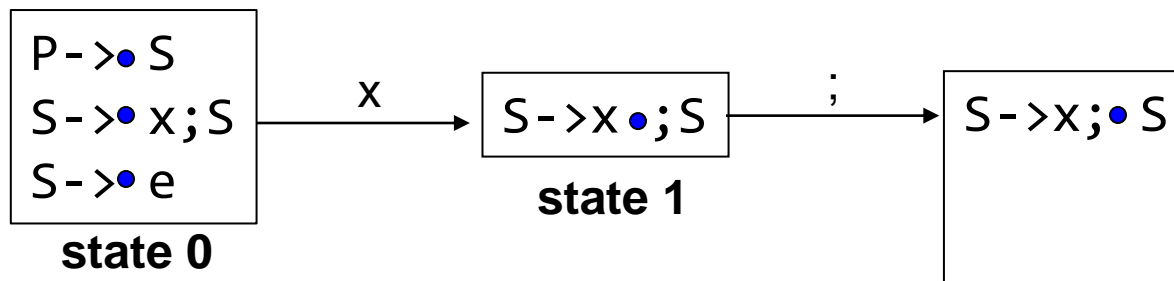
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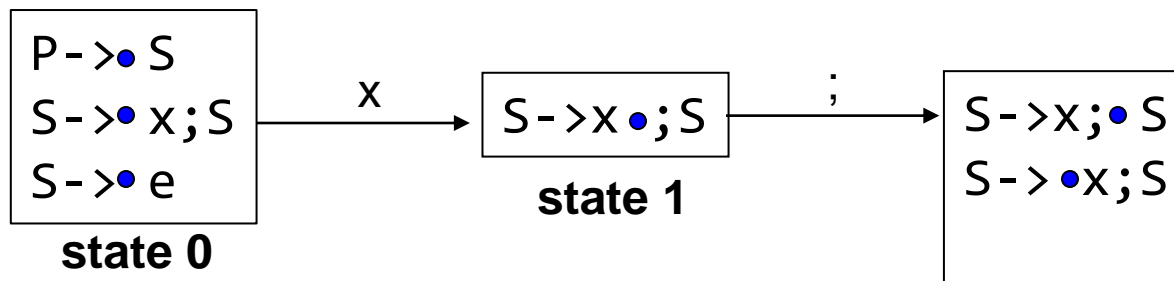


Consider items (in state 1), where ; is to the immediate right of Dot.
Advance Dot by one symbol.

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

Example: CFSM

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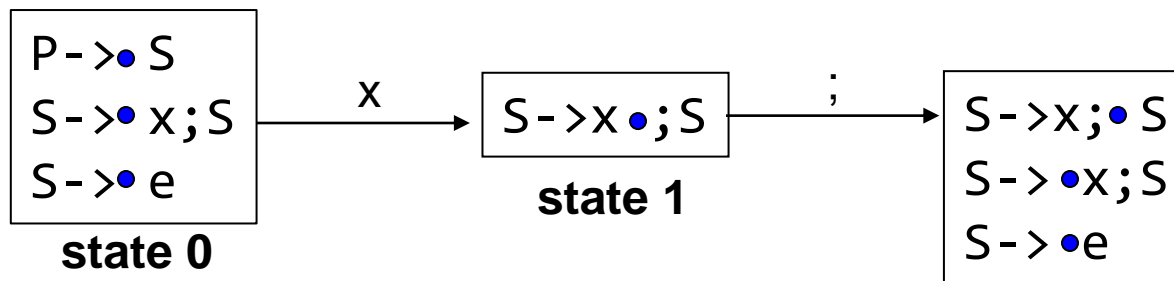
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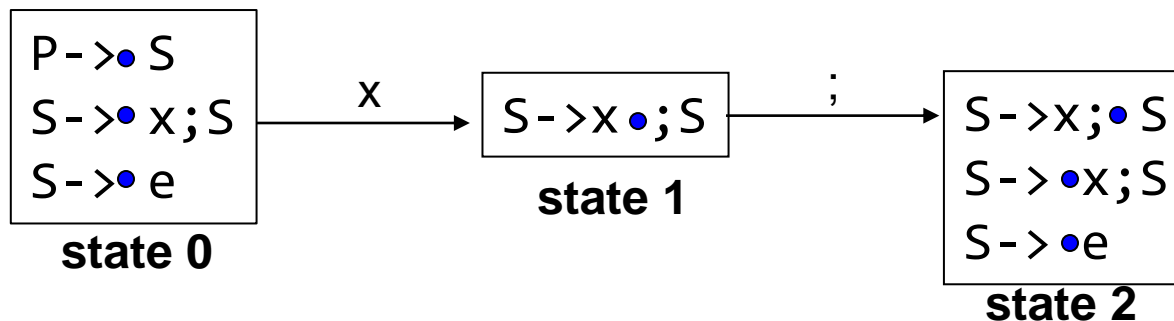
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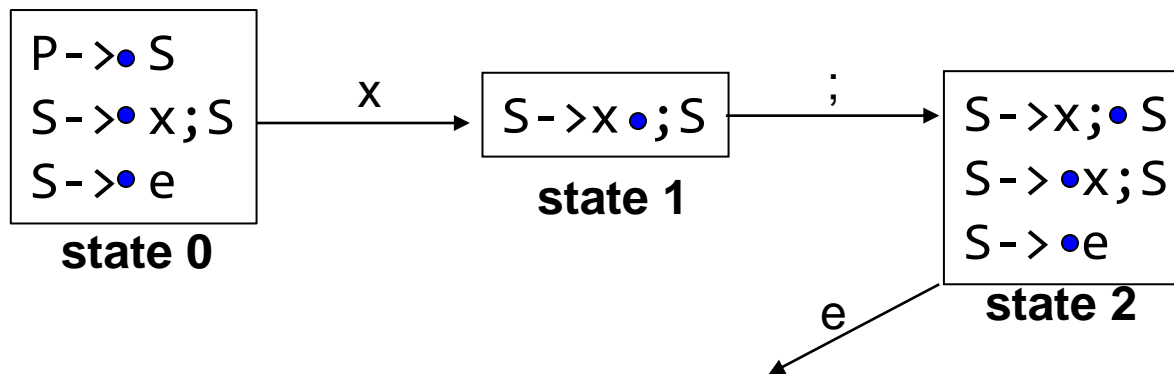


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Advance Dot by one symbol.

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

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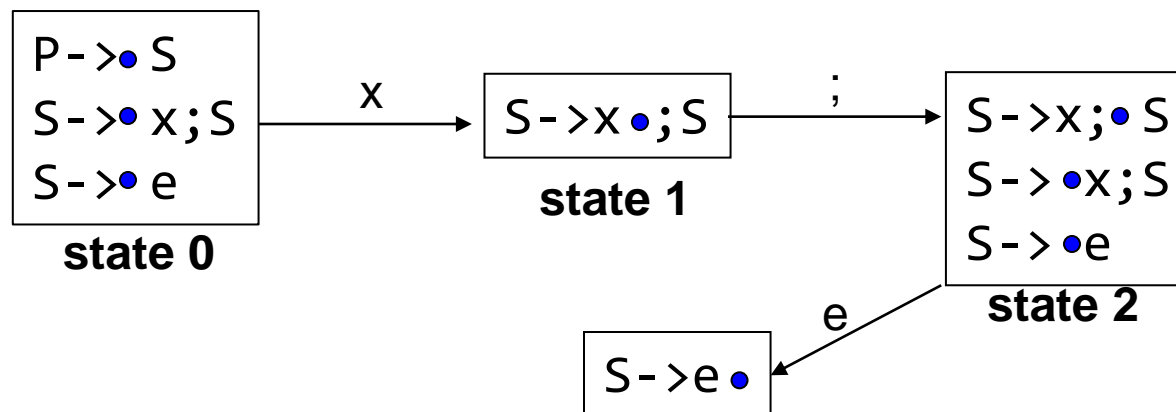
$S \rightarrow x; S$

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

Example: CFSM

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Grammar

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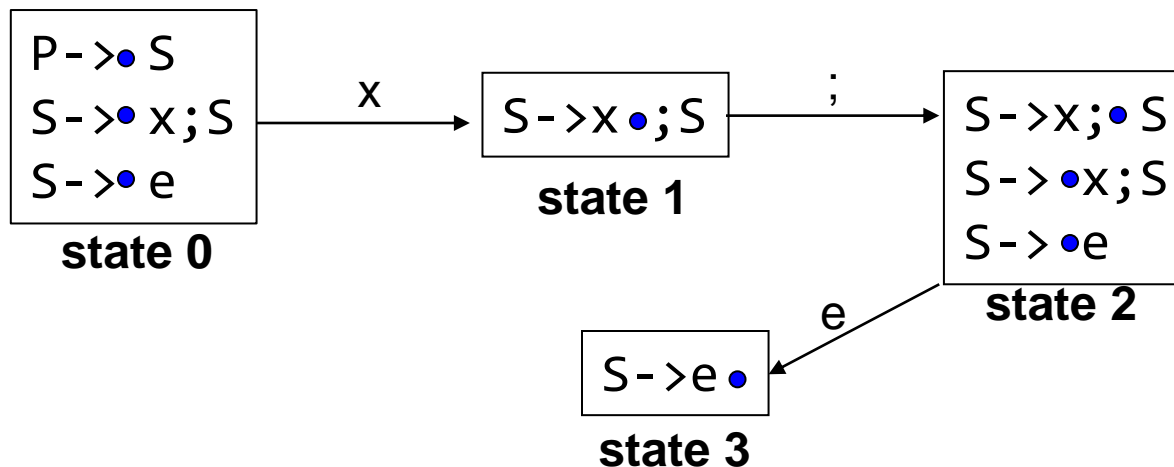
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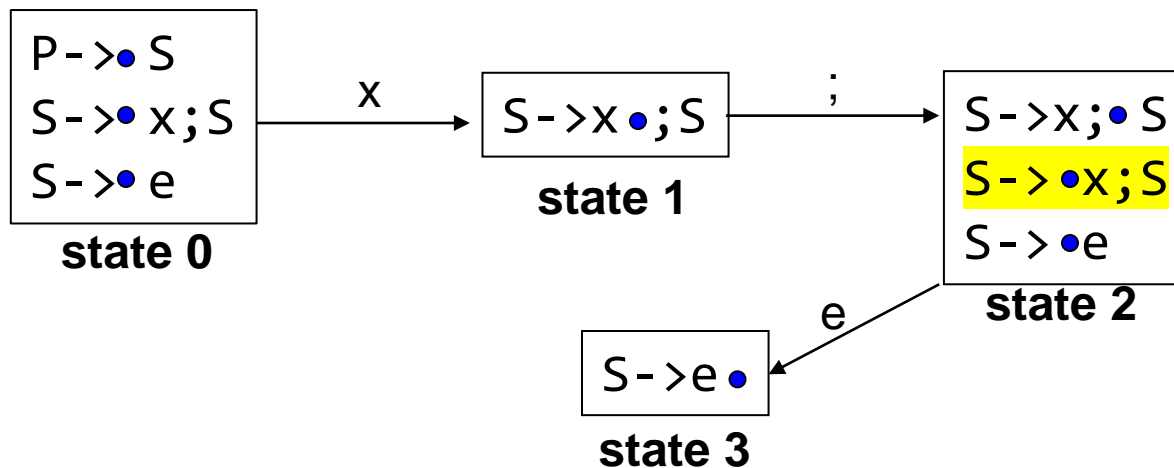
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Consider items (in state 2), where e is to the immediate right of Dot. Advance Dot by one symbol. No more items to be added. Becomes another state in CFSM.

Example: CFSM

Compute successor (of state 2) under symbol x



Grammar

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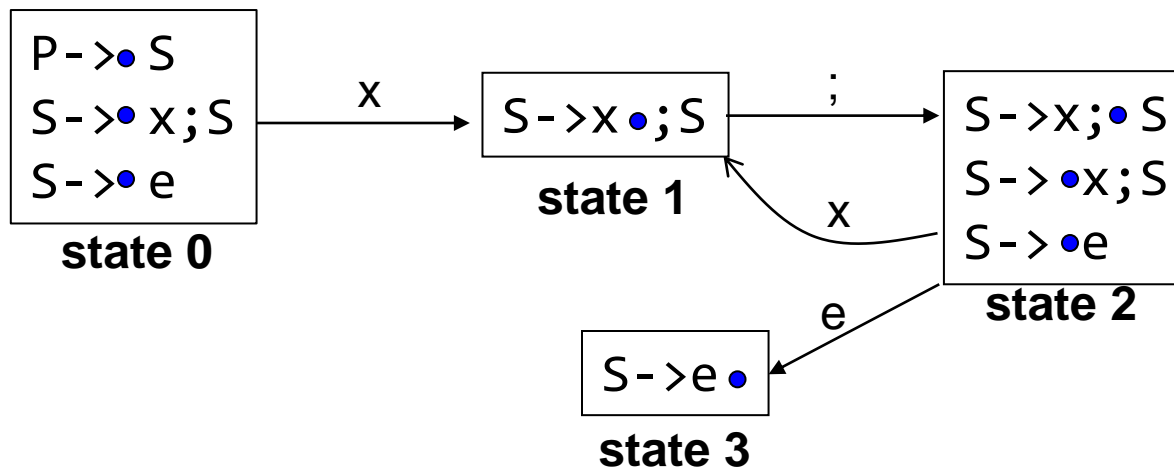
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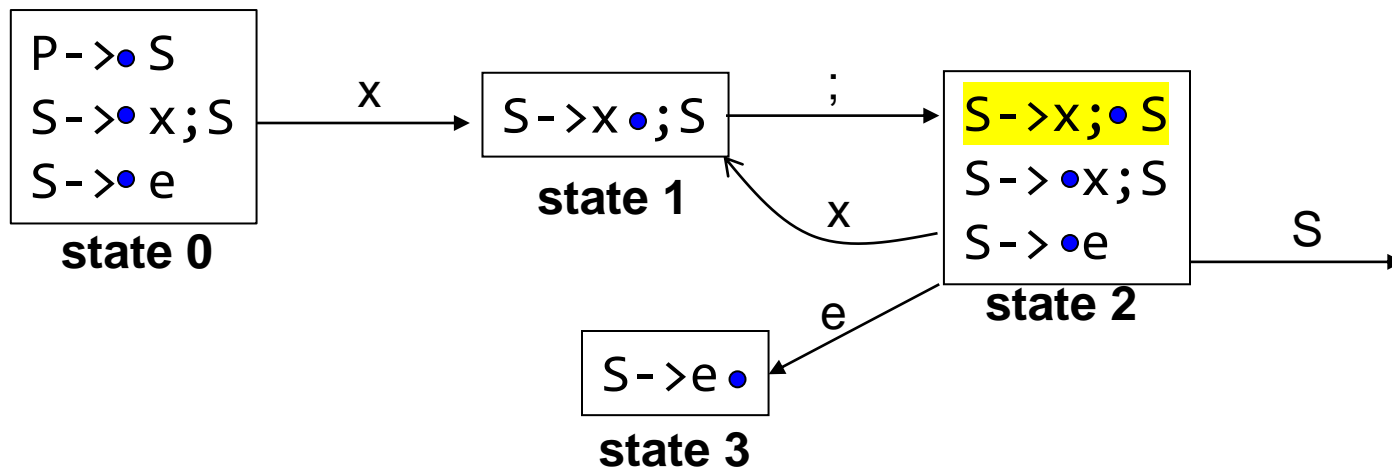
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Example: CFSM

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Grammar

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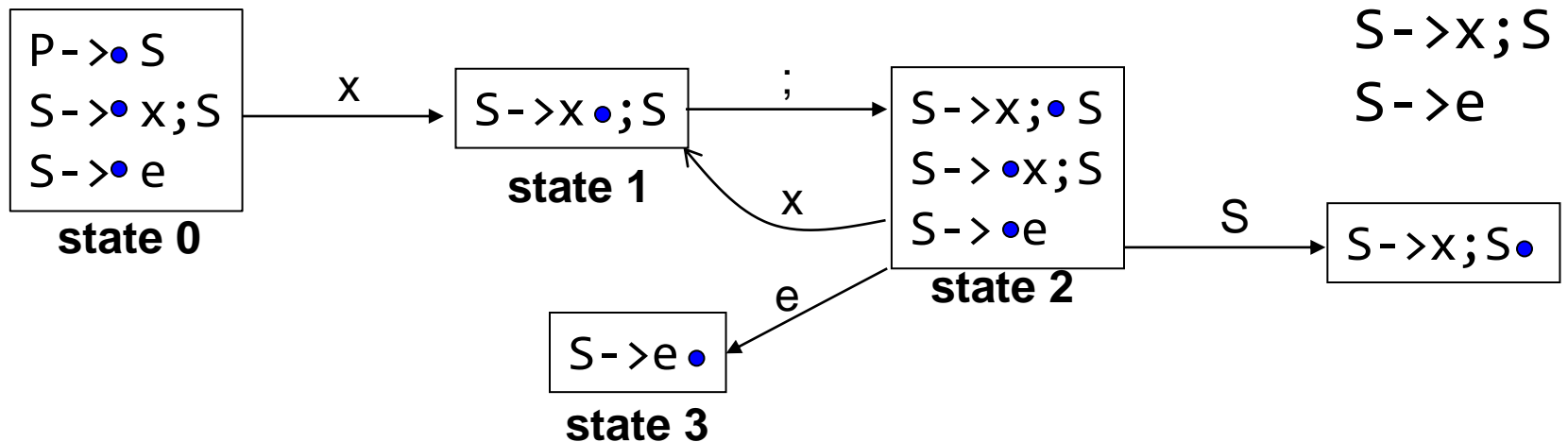
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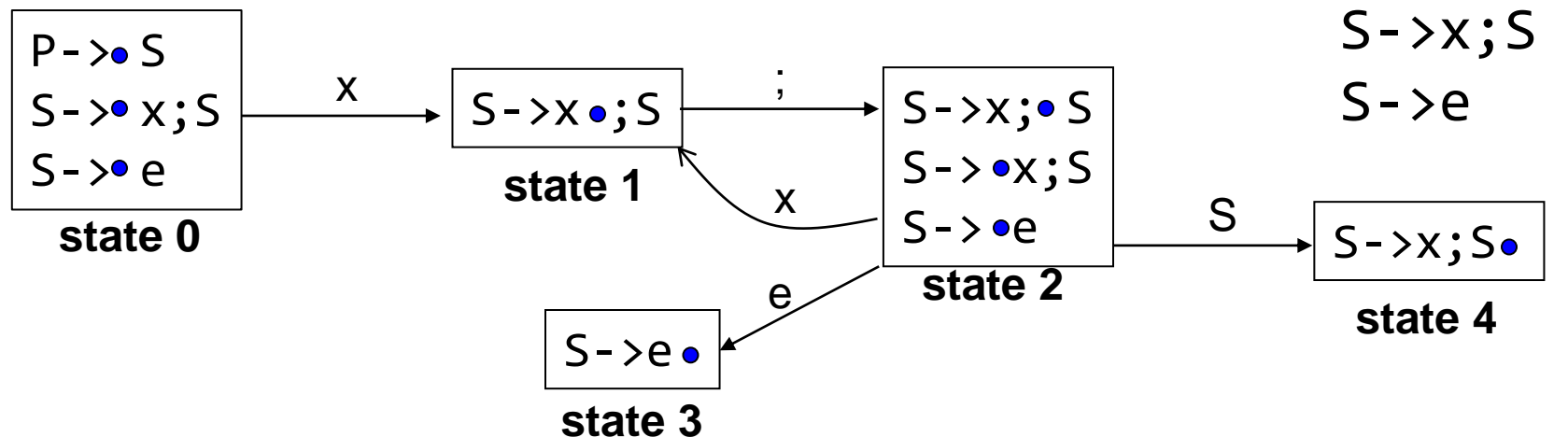
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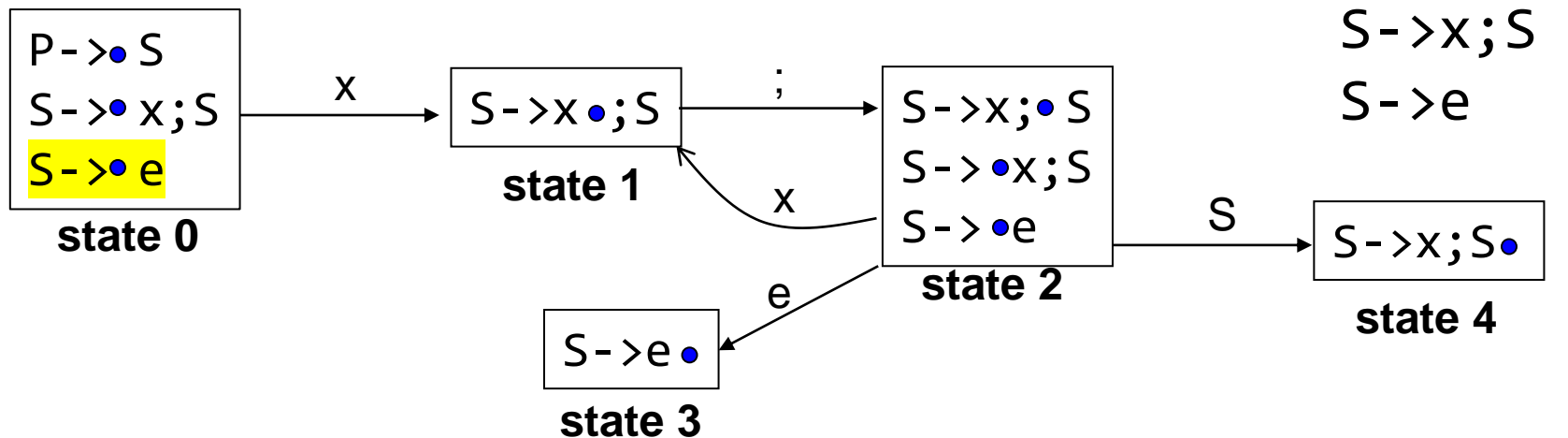
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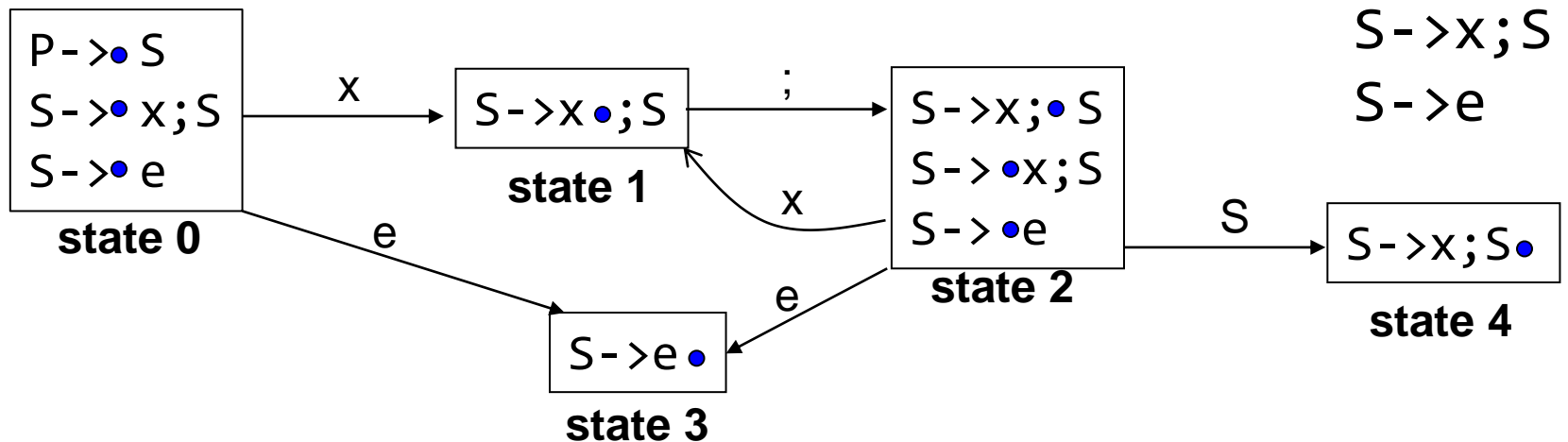
Compute successor (of state 0) under symbol e



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Advance Dot by one symbol.

Example: CFSM

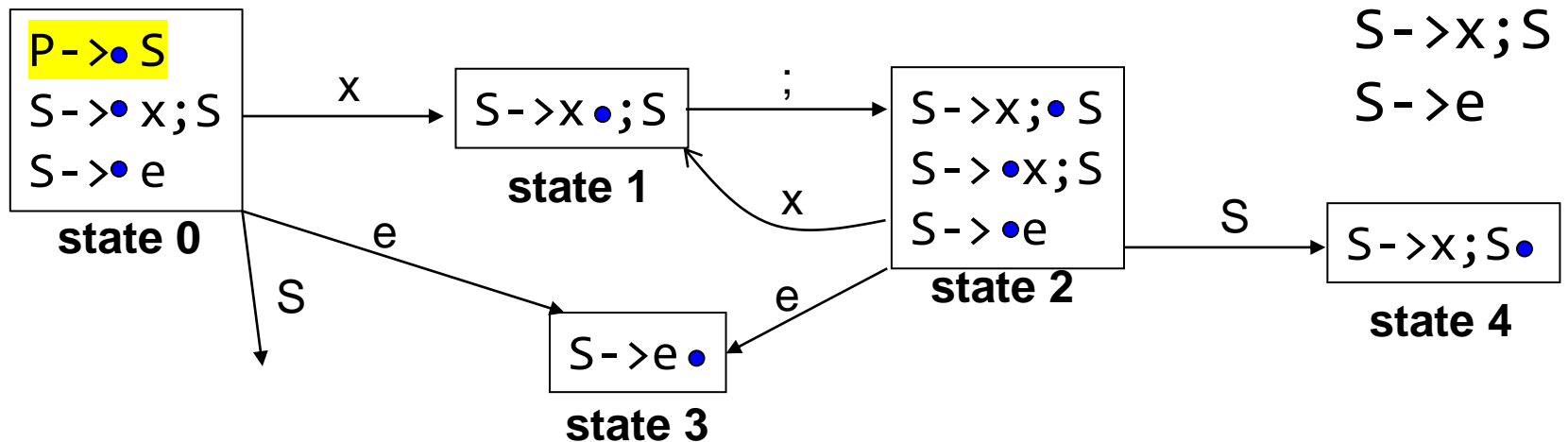
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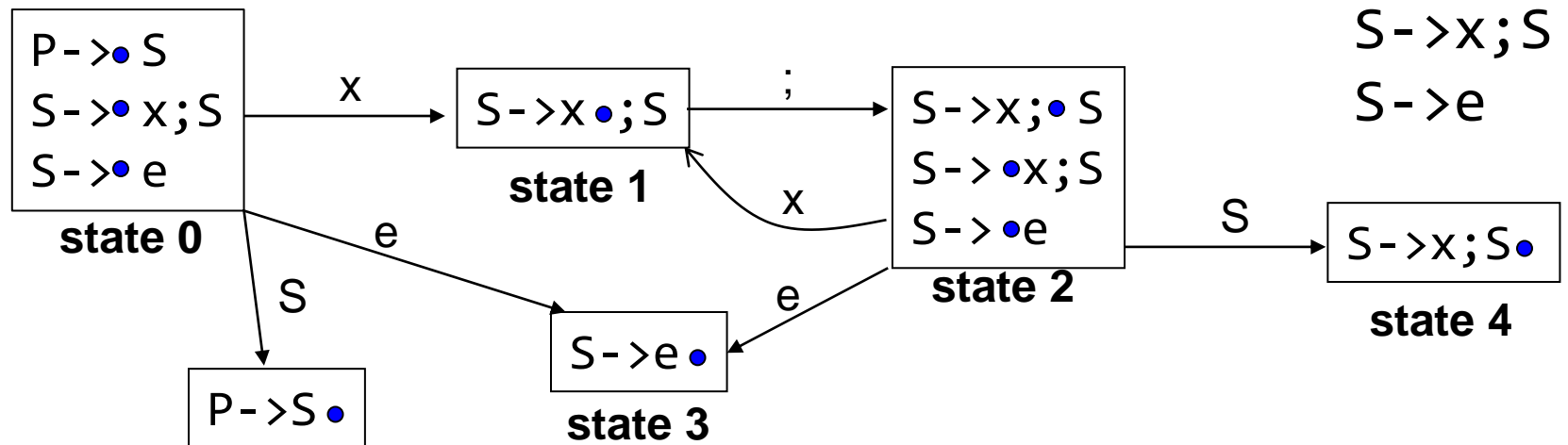
Compute successor (of state 0) under symbol S



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

Example: CFSM

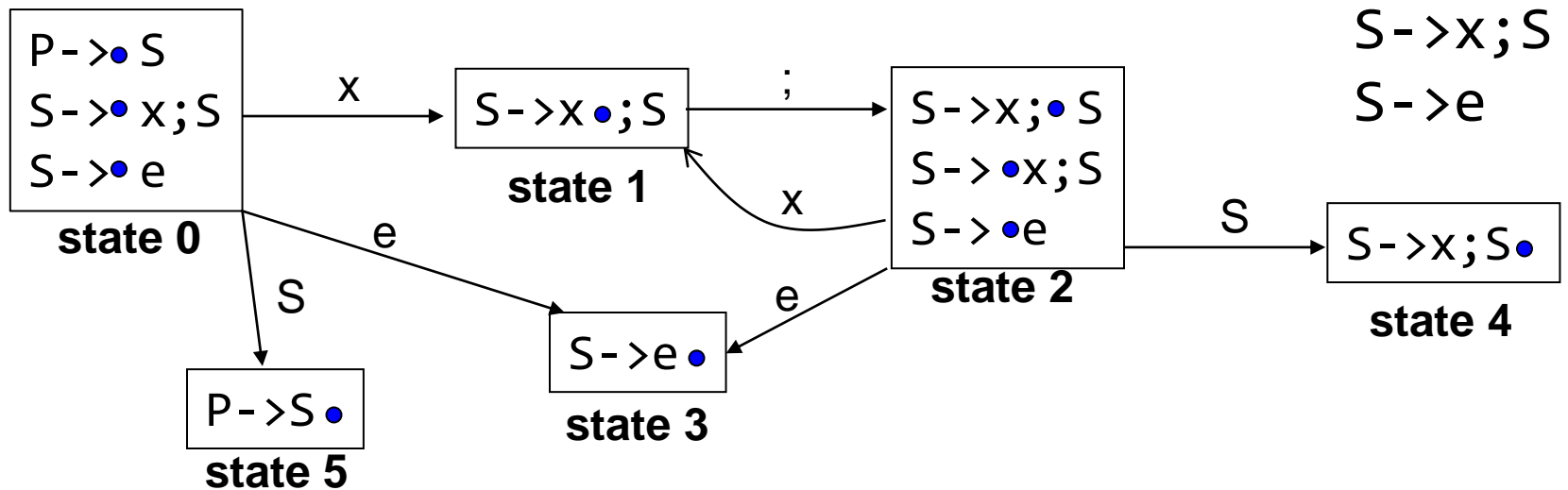
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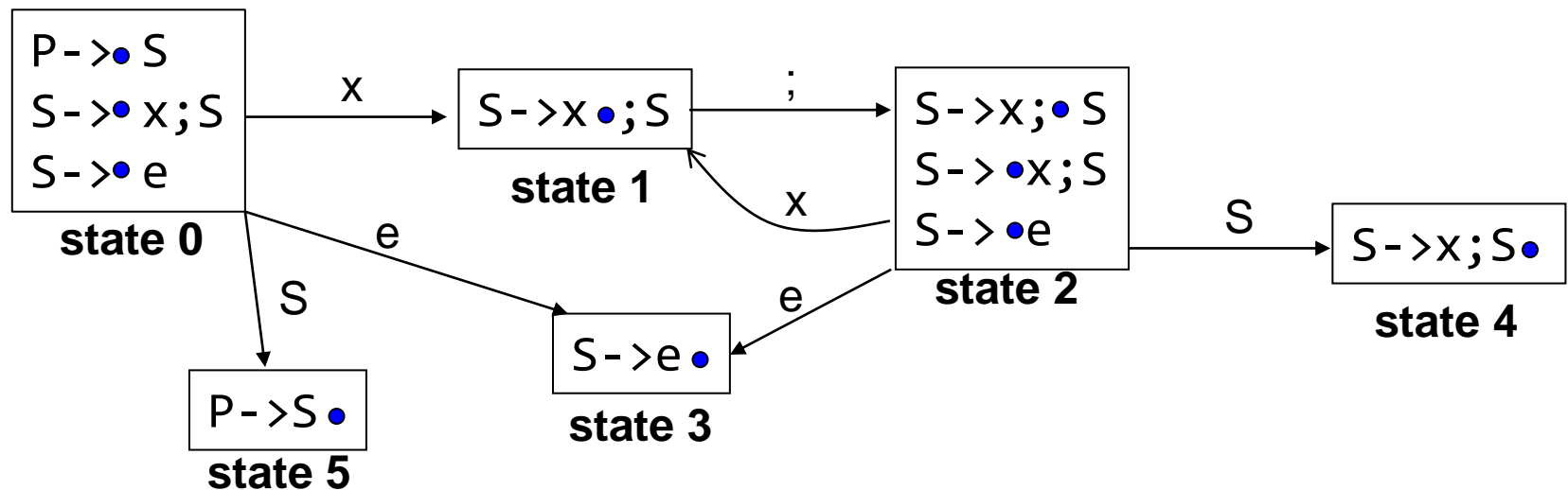
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Consider items (in state 0), where S is to the immediate right of Dot.
Advance Dot by one symbol. **Cannot expand CFSM anymore.**

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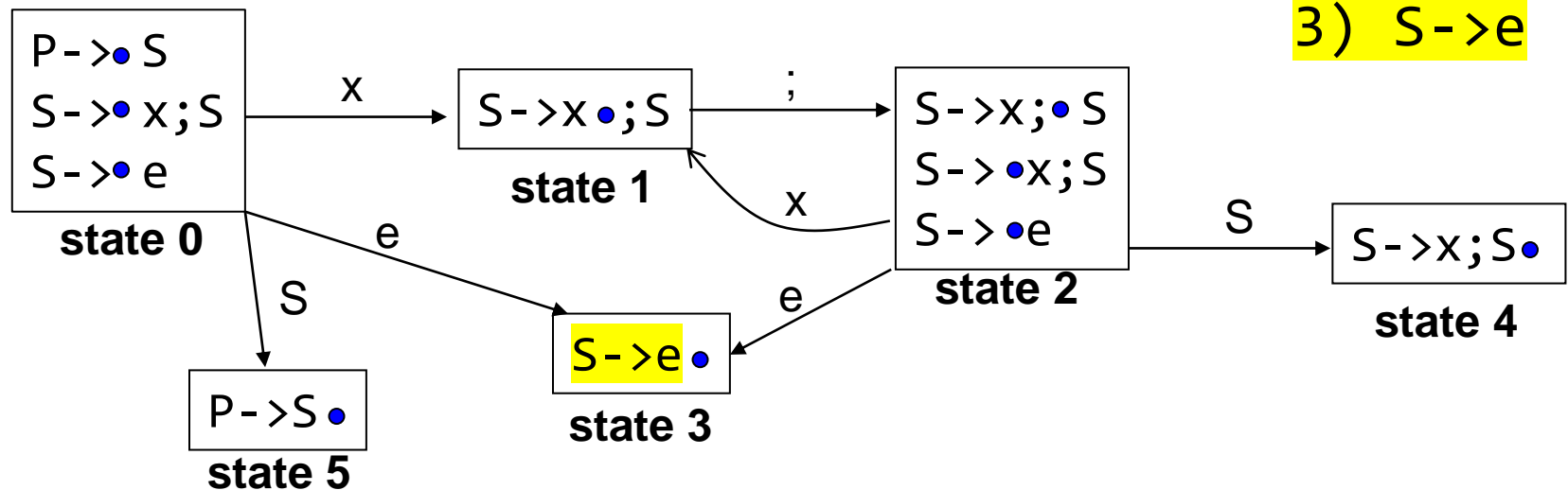
Reduce 3

Grammar

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Example: CFSM

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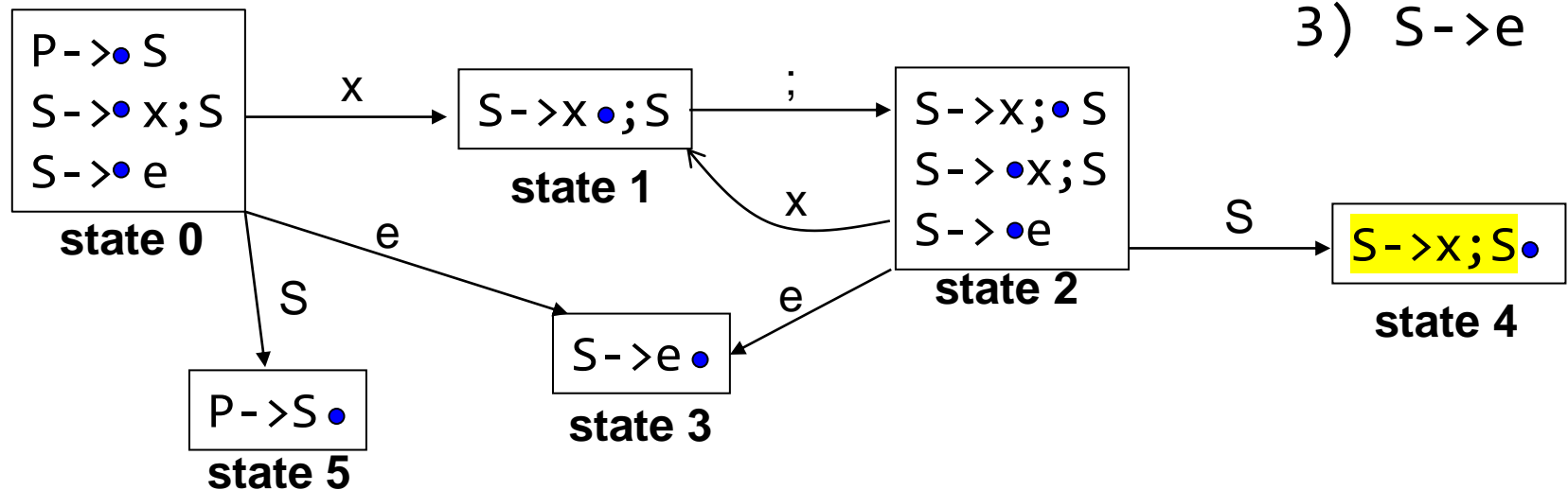
Reduce 2

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Example: CFSM

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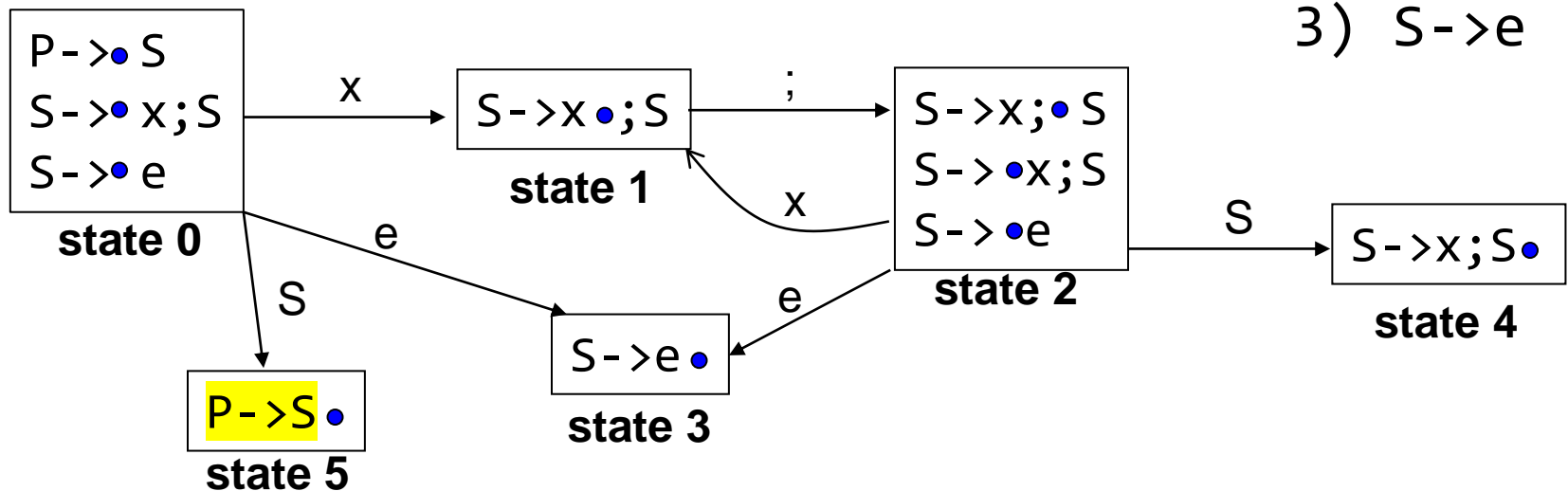
Accept

Grammar

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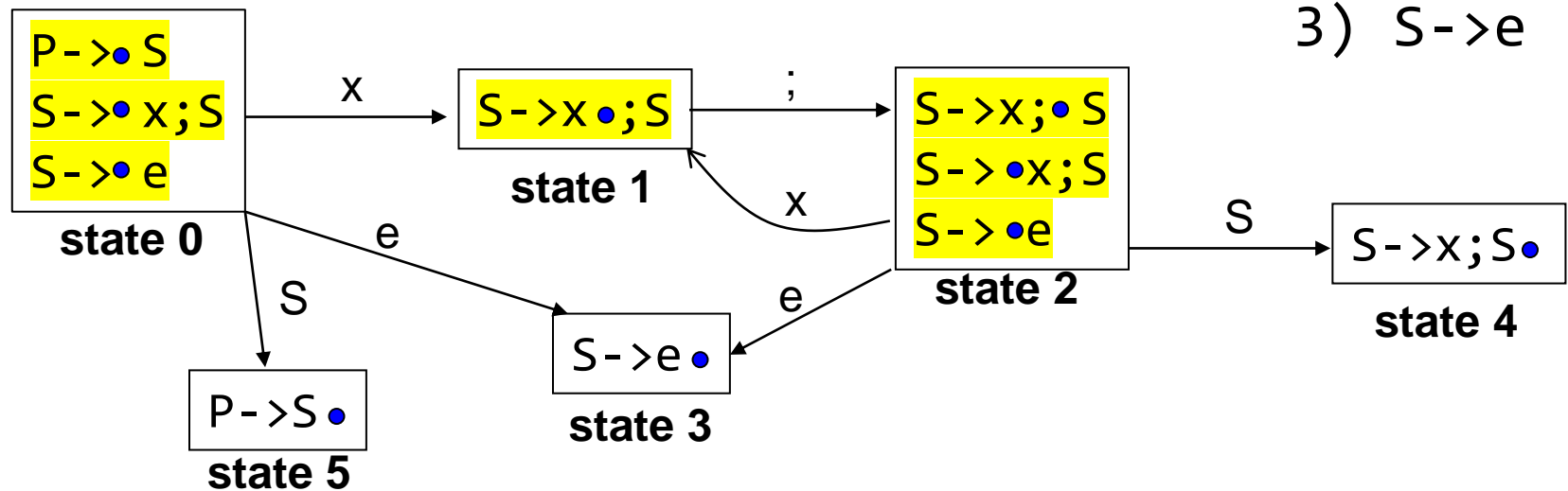


Example: CFSM

- Remaining states become *shift* states

Grammar

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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

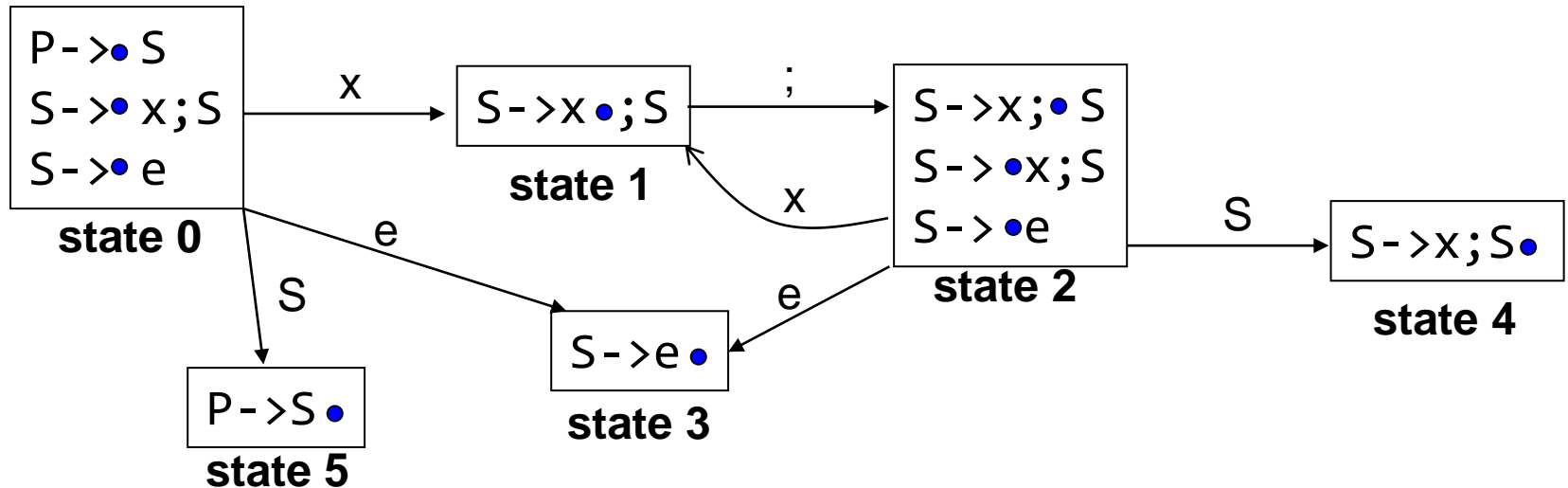
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- When Dot is at the extreme right for more than one items?

Reduce-Reduce conflict

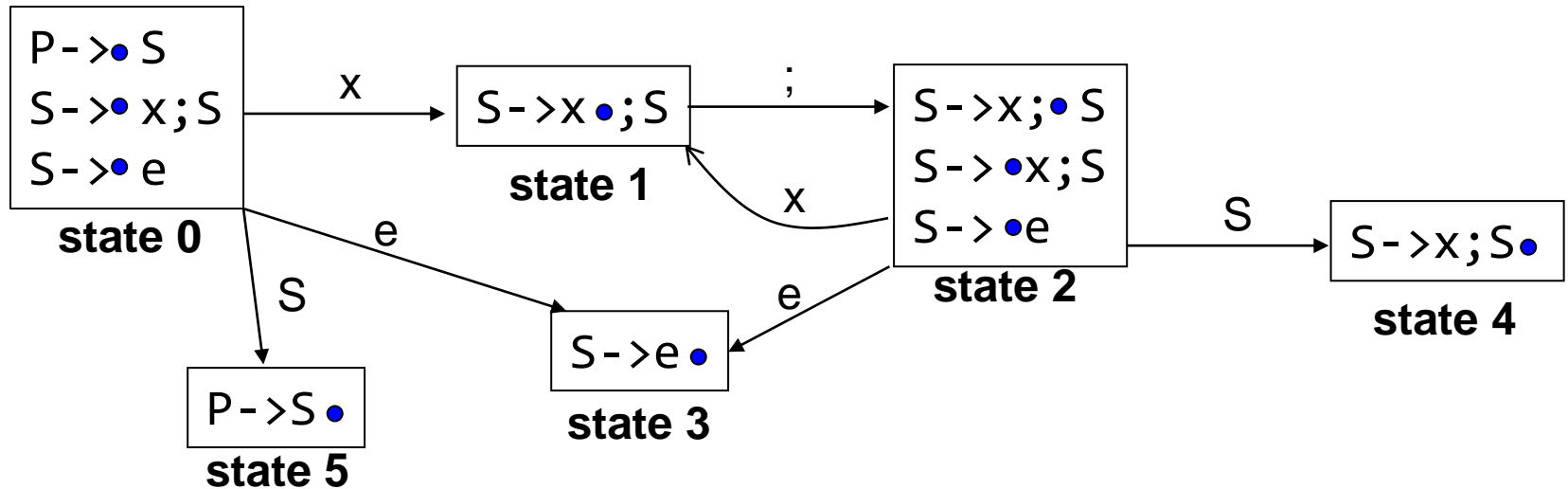
Parser is unable to decide between which productions to choose for reducing

Example: goto table



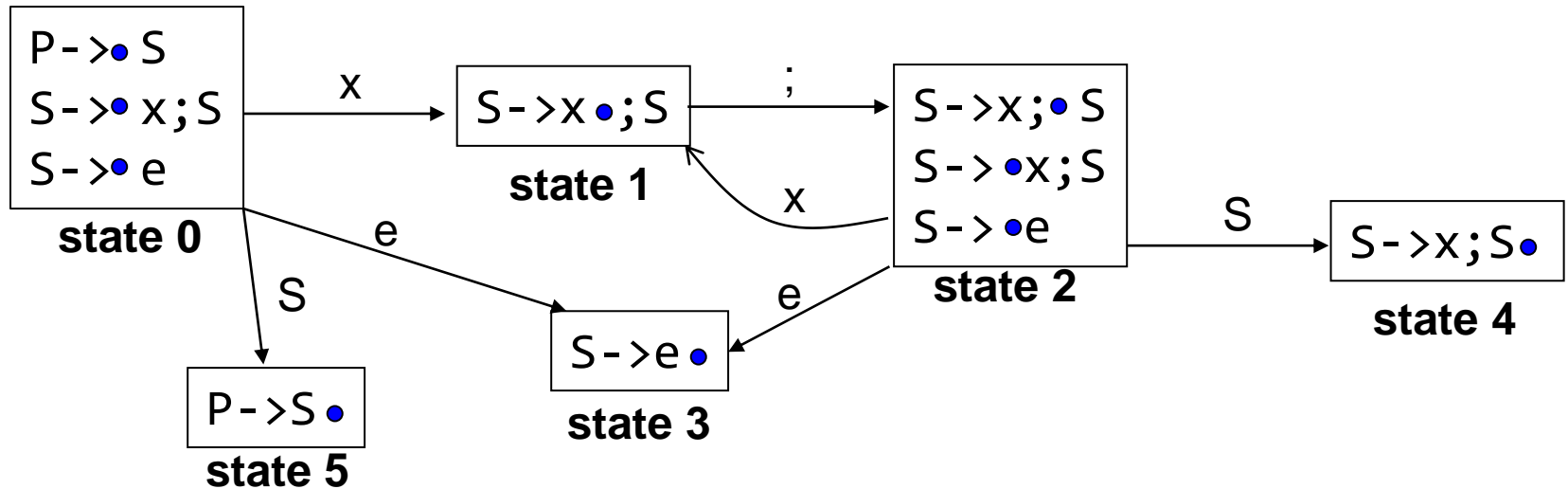
- construct transition table from CFSM.
 - Number of rows = number of states
 - Number of columns = number of symbols

Example: goto table



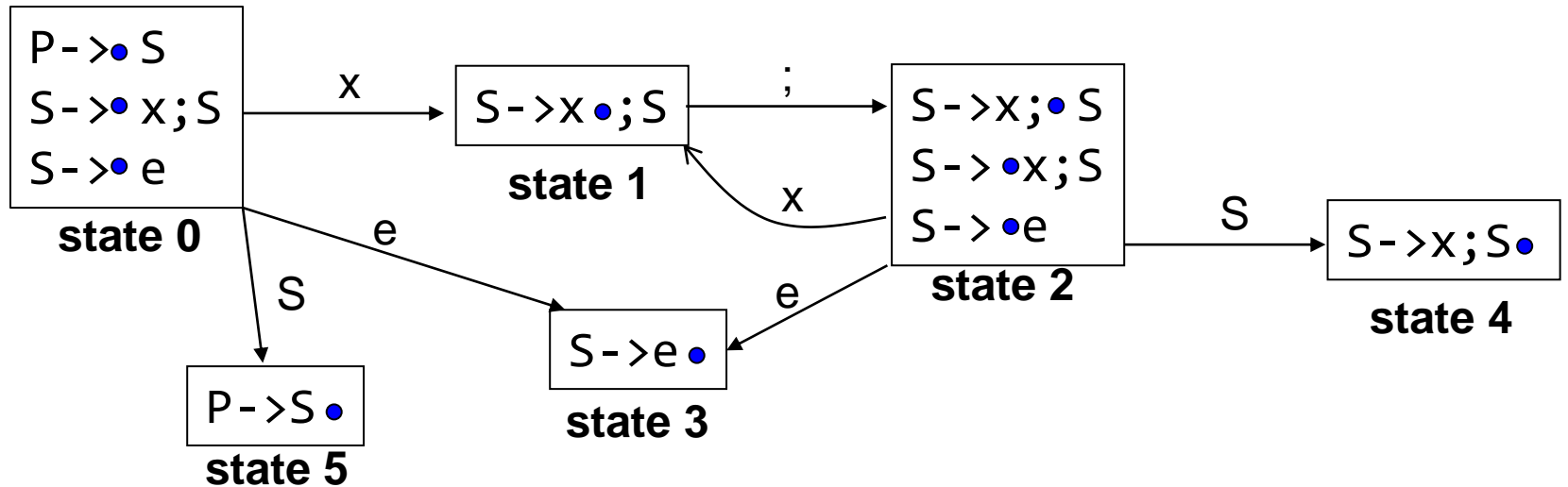
state	x	;	e	P	S
0	1		3		5
1		2			
2	1		3		4
3					
4					
5					

Example: action table



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

Example: action table



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

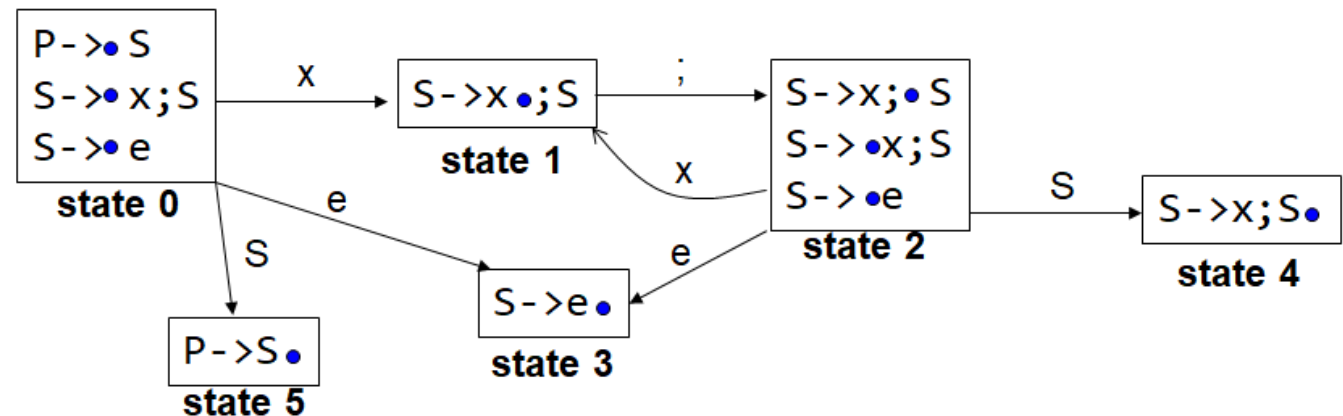
LR(0) Parsing

- Previous Example of LR Parsing was LR(0)
 - No (0) lookahead involved
 - Operate based on the parse stack state and with goto and action tables (How?)

LR(0) Parsing

- Assume: Parse stack contains α == saying that α e.g. prefix of **x;x** is seen in the input string

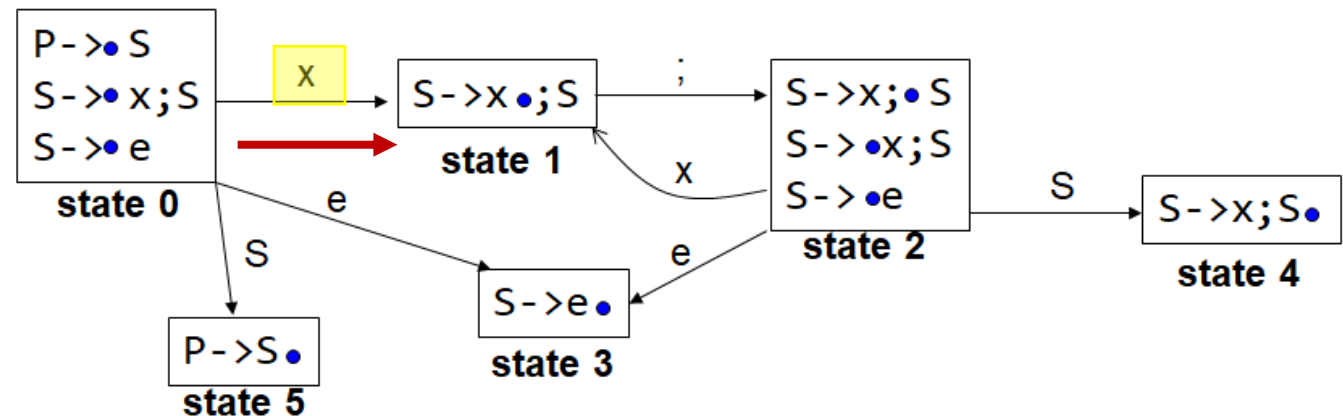
Parse Stack
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0 1
0 1 2
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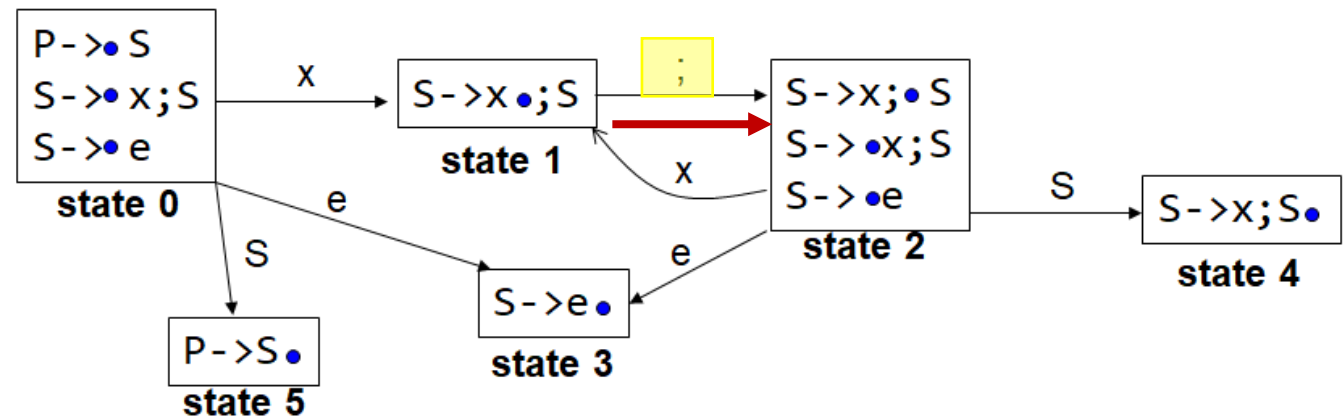


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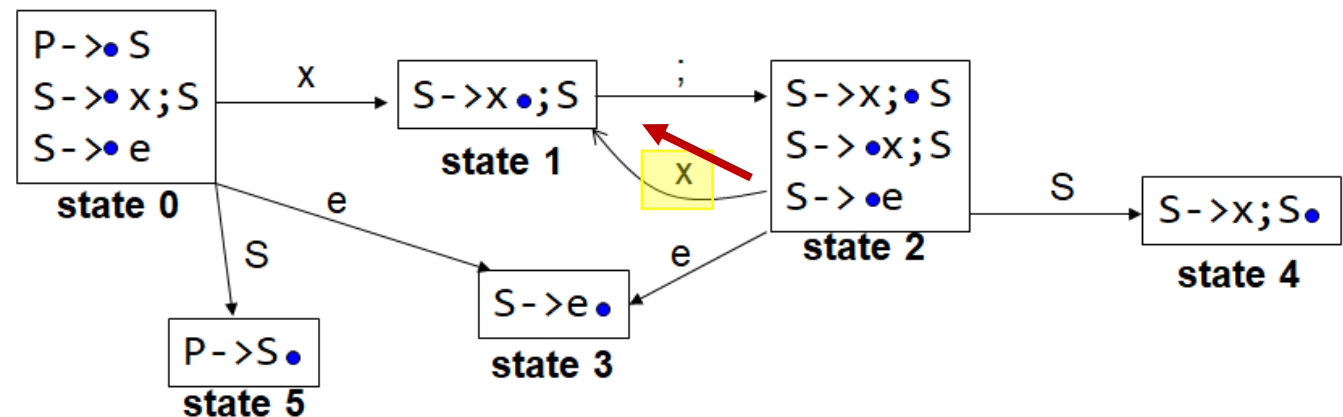


Go from state 1 to state 2 consuming S ;

LR(0) Parsing

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0 1 2 1



Go from state 2 to state 1 consuming x

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We reduce by $X \rightarrow \beta$ if state s contains $X \rightarrow \beta \bullet$
- Note: reduction is done based solely on the current state.

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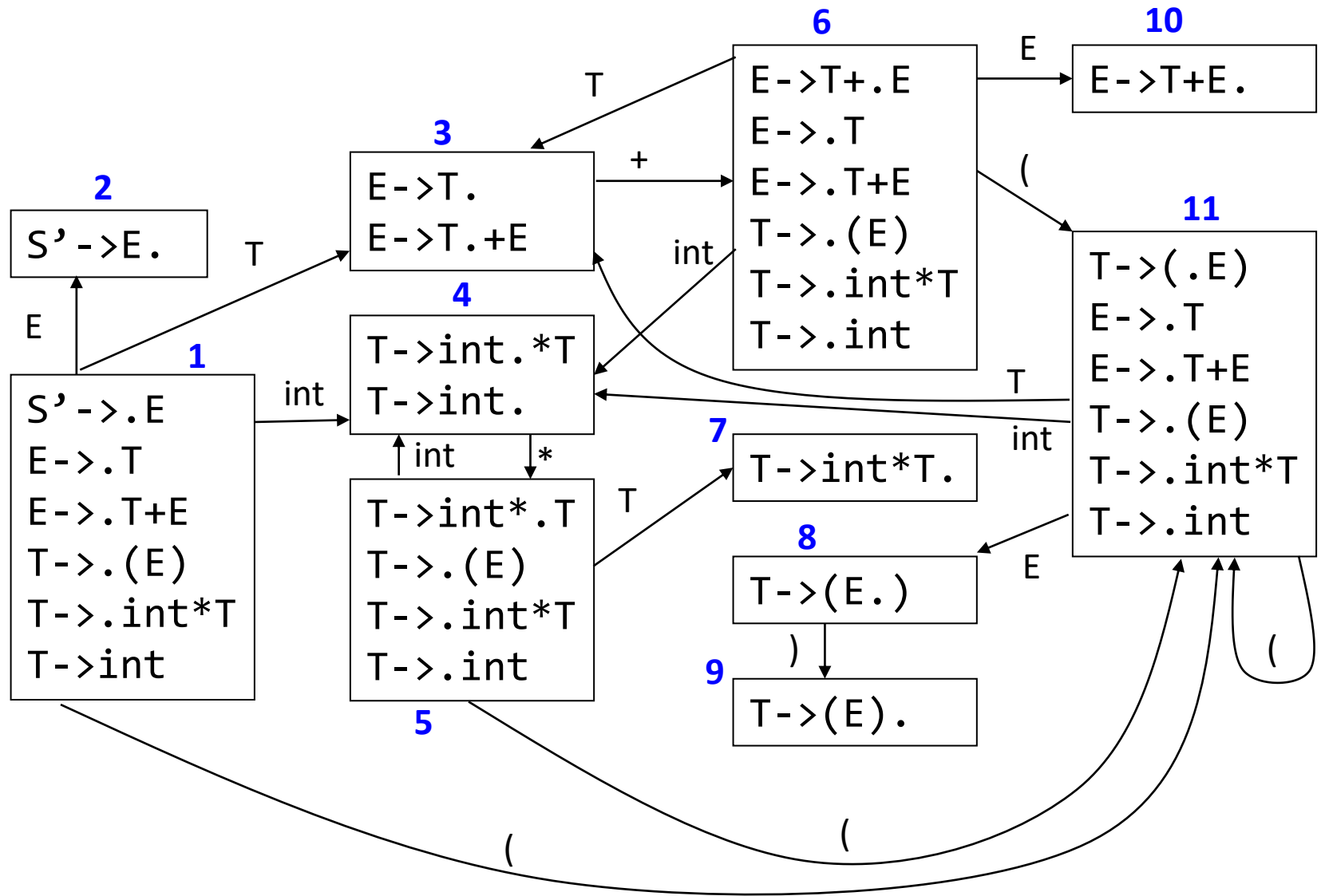
- Assume: Next input is t

We **shift** if s contains $X \rightarrow \beta \bullet t \omega$

== s has a transition labelled t

LR(0) Parsing

- What if s contains $X \rightarrow \beta \bullet t\omega$ and $X \rightarrow \beta \bullet$?



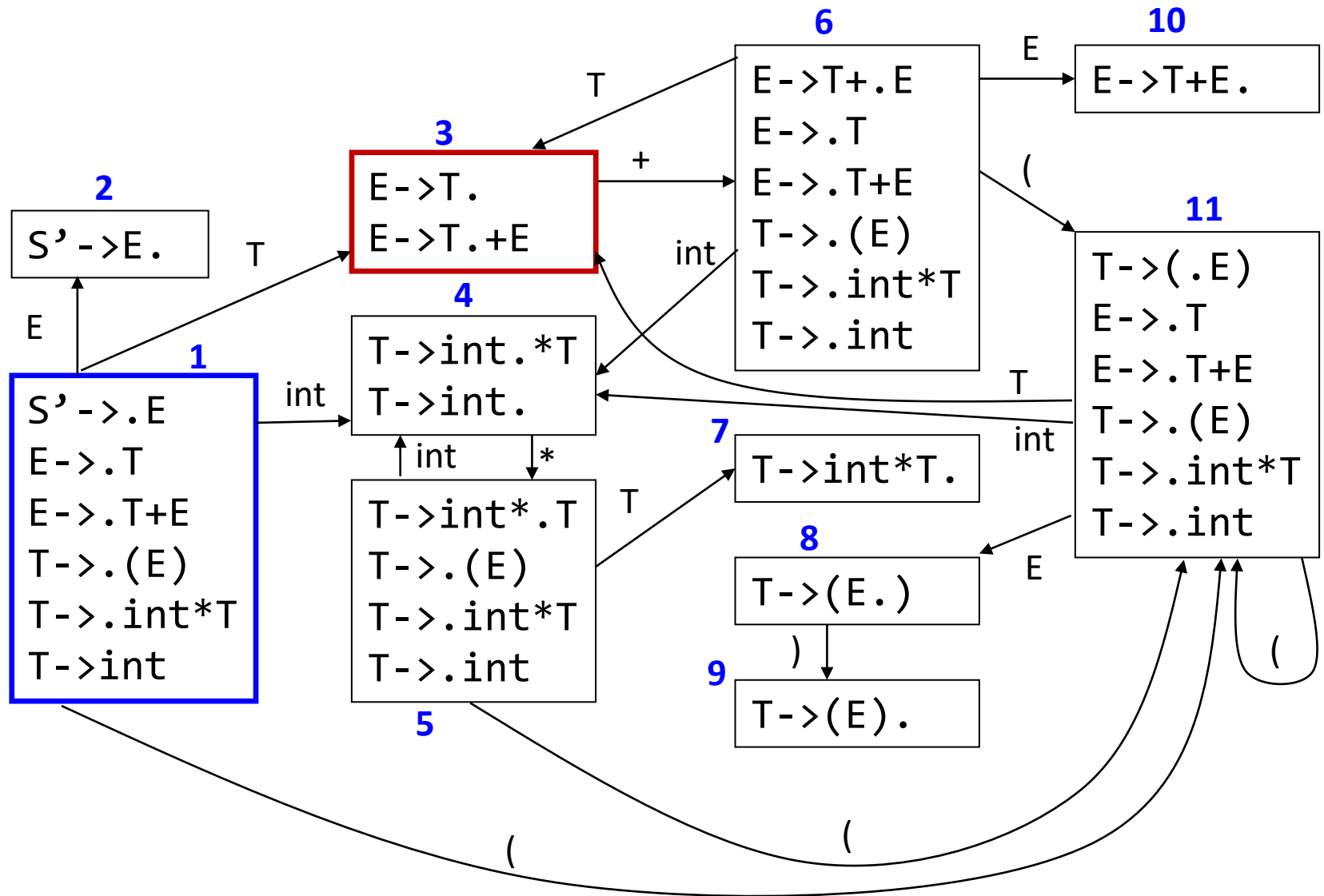
Conflicts or not?

SLR Parsing

- SLR Parsing improves the shift-reduce conflict states of LR(0):

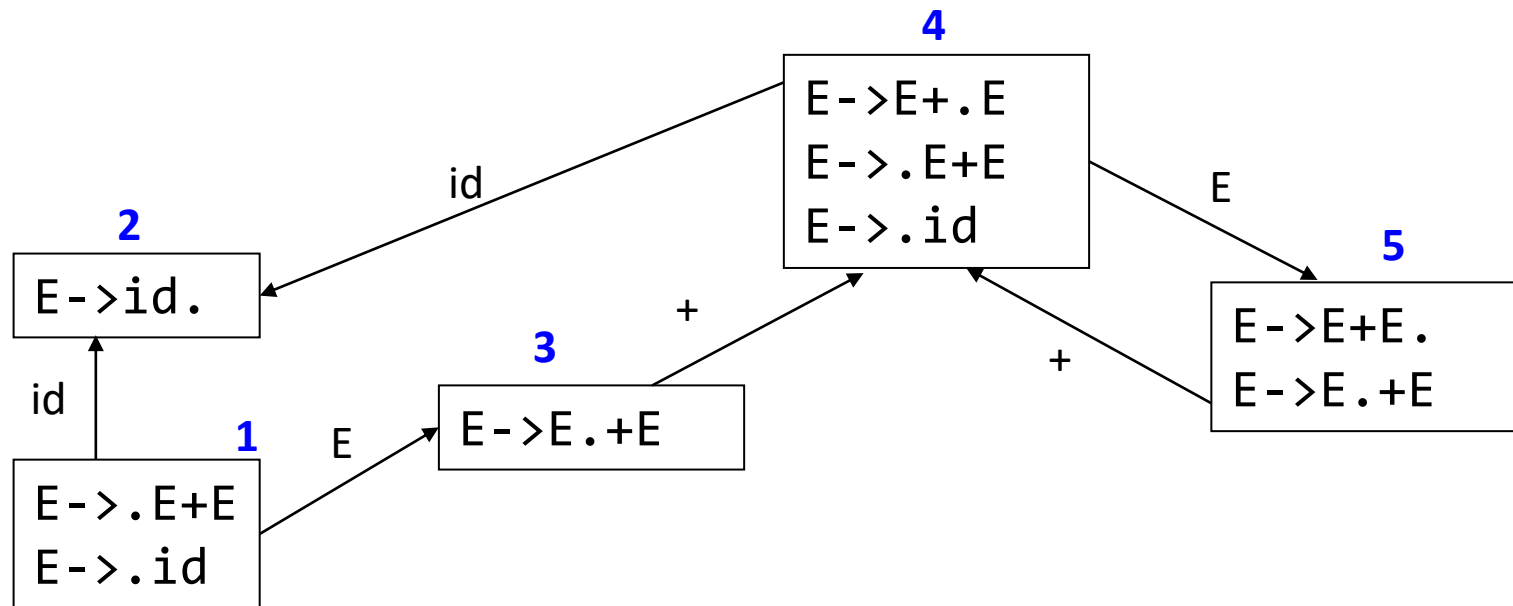
Reduce $X \rightarrow \beta \bullet$ only if

$t \in \text{Follow}(X)$



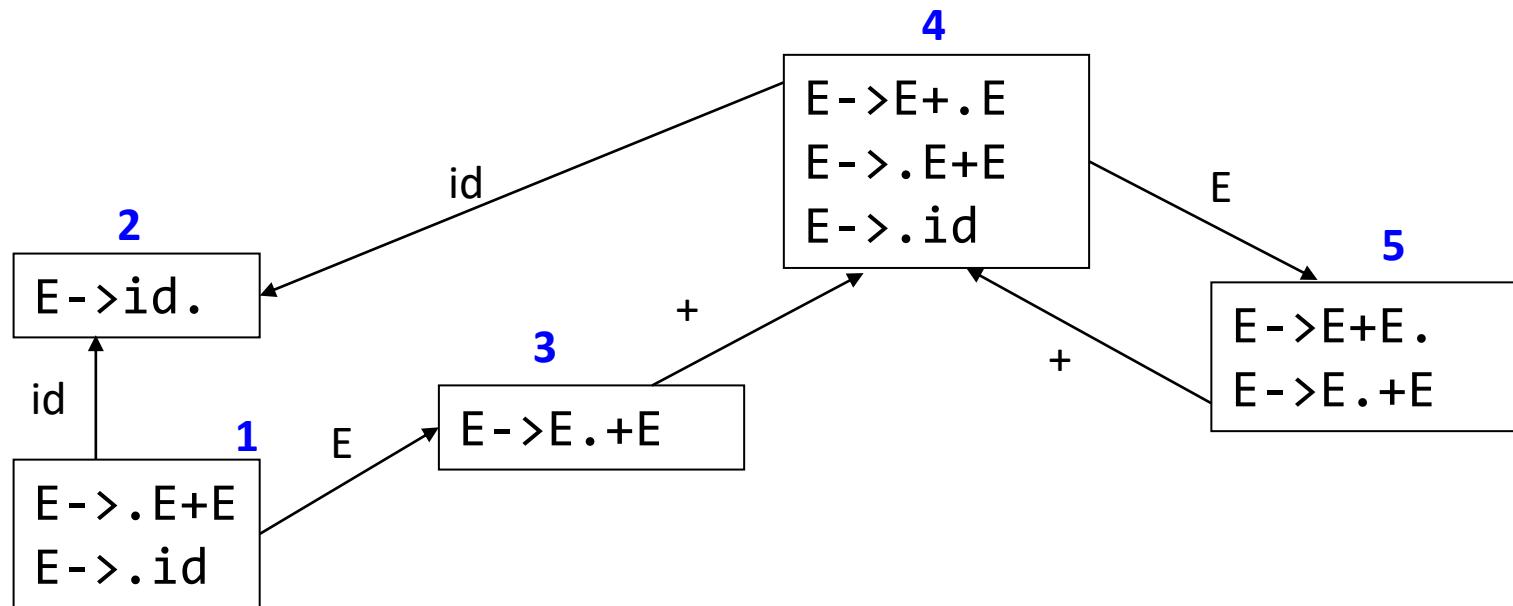
$\text{Follow}(E) = \{ \$,) \} \Rightarrow \text{reduce by } E \rightarrow T \text{ only if } \underline{\text{next input}} \text{ is } \$ \text{ or })$

lookahead 1



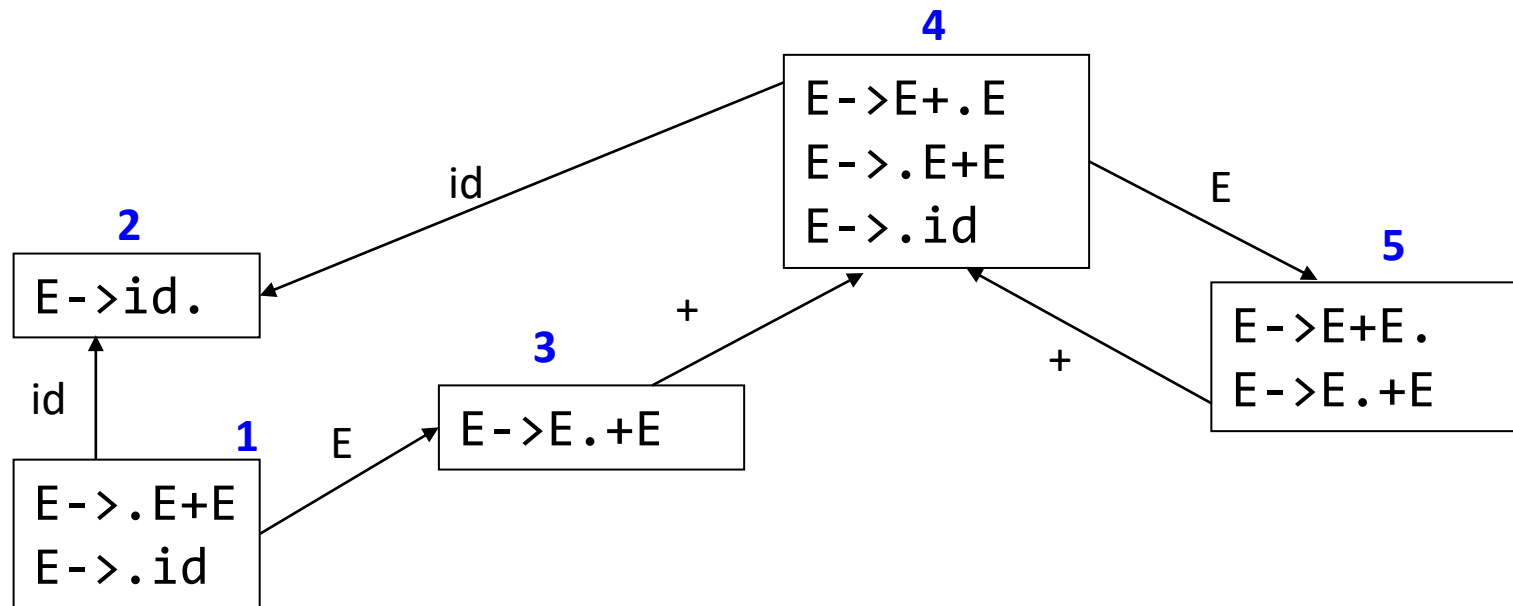
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LR(0)?



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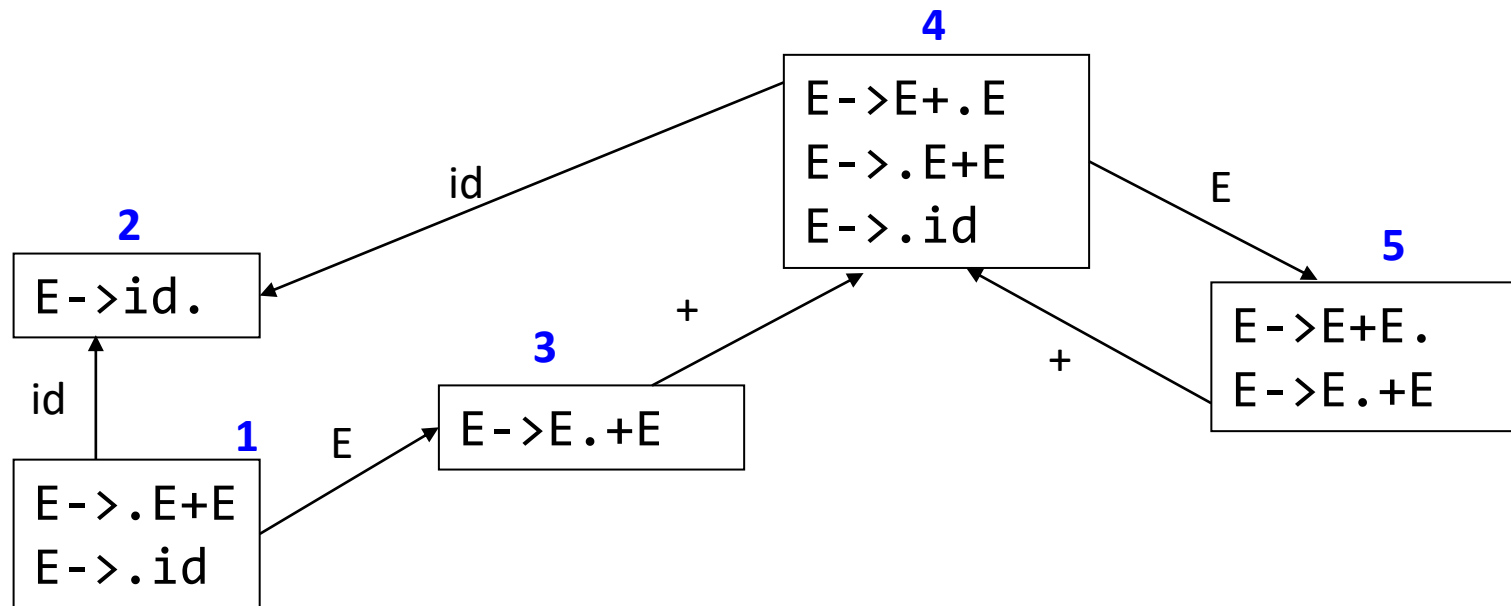
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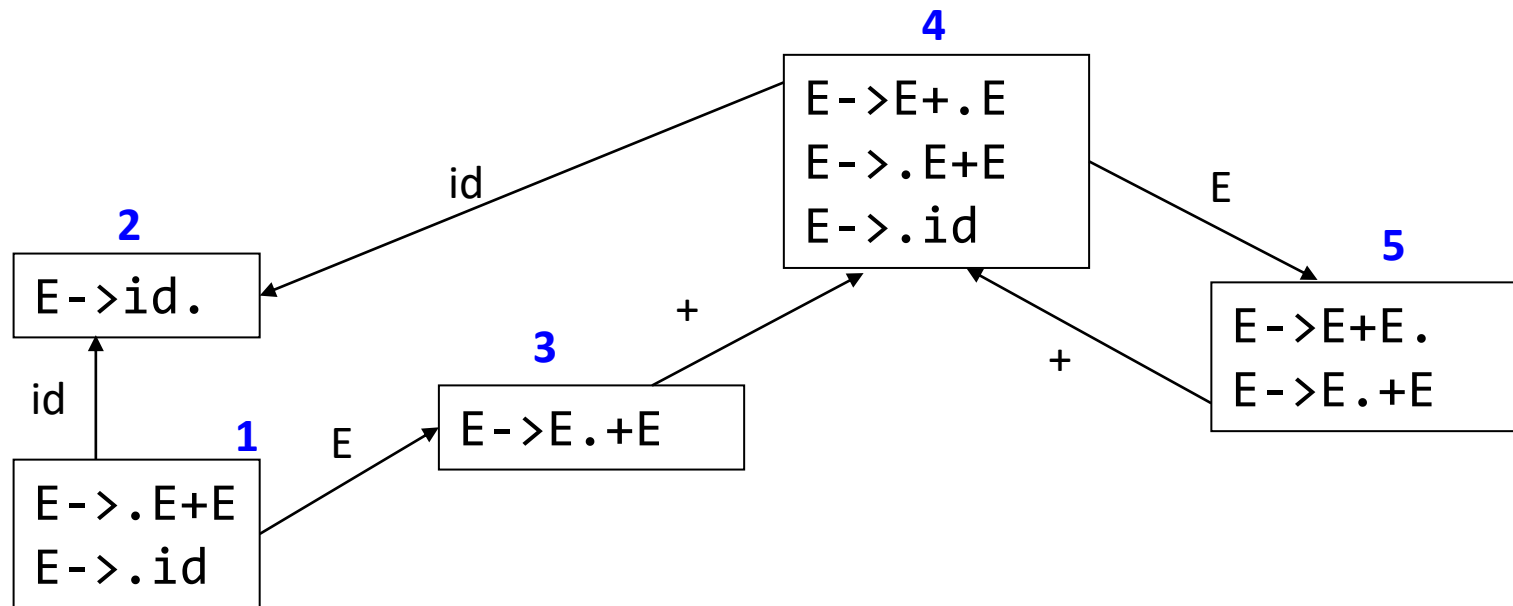


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says reduce if the next input symbol is + i.e. prioritize rule $E+E$. over $E.+E$

Discussion: LR and LL Parsers

- LR Parsers:
 - For the next token, t , in input sequence, LR parsers try to answer:
i) should I put this token on stack? or ii) should I replace a set of tokens that are at the top of a stack?

In shift states (case i), if there is no transition out of that state for t , it is a syntax error.

- LL Parsers:
 - LL parsers ask the question: which rule should I use next based on the next input token t ?. Only after expanding all non-terminals of the rule considered, they move on to consume the subsequent input tokens

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Parse Table (Top-Down)

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Goto and Action Table?

Hand-Written Parser - FPE

- Fully parenthesized expression (FPE)
 - Expressions (algebraic notation) are the normal way we are used to seeing them. E.g. $2 + 3$
 - *Fully-parenthesized* expressions are simpler versions: every binary operation is enclosed in parenthesis
 - E.g. $2 + 3$ is written as $(2+3)$
 - E.g. $(2 + (3 * 7))$
 - We can ignore order-of-operations (PEMDAS rule) in FPEs.

FPE – definition

- Either a:
 1. A number (integer in our example) OR
 2. *Open parenthesis* ‘(’ followed by
FPE followed by
an operator (‘+’, ‘-’, ‘*’, ‘/’) followed by
FPE followed by
closed parenthesis ‘)’

FPE – Notation

1. $E \rightarrow \text{INTLITERAL}$

2. $E \rightarrow (E \text{ op } E)$

3. $\text{op} \rightarrow \text{ADD} \mid \text{SUB} \mid \text{MUL} \mid \text{DIV}$

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This function checks if the next token returned by the scanner matches the expected token. Returns true if match. false if no match.

Assume that a scanner module has been provided.
The scanner has one function, `GetNextToken`, that
returns the next token in the sequence.

Can be any one of: `INTLITERAL`, `LPAREN`,
`RPAREN`, `ADD`, `SUB`, `MUL`, `DIV`



```
bool IsTerm(Scanner* s, TOKEN tok) {  
    return s->GetNextToken() == tok;  
}
```

The diagram shows two arrows. One arrow points from the text 'returns the next token in the sequence.' to the parameter `s` in the function signature. The other arrow points from the text 'Can be any one of: INTLITERAL, LPAREN, RPAREN, ADD, SUB, MUL, DIV' to the parameter `tok` in the function signature.

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This function implements production #1: $E \rightarrow \text{INTLITERAL}$

Returns true if the next token returned by the scanner is an INTLITERAL. false otherwise.

```
bool E1(Scanner* s) {  
    return IsTerm(s, INTLITERAL);  
}
```

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This function implements production #2: $E \rightarrow (E \text{ op } E)$

Returns true if the Boolean expression on line 2 returns true. false otherwise.

```
1: bool E2(Scanner* s) {  
  
2:   return IsTerm(s, LPAREN) &&  
           E(s) &&  
           OP(s) &&  
           E(s) &&  
           IsTerm(s, RPAREN);  
  
3: }
```


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Implementing a parser for FPE

This function implements production #3: $op \rightarrow \text{ADD} \mid \text{SUB} \mid \text{MUL} \mid \text{DIV}$

Returns true if the next token returned by the scanner is any one from ADD, SUB, MUL, DIV. false otherwise.

```
bool OP(Scanner* s) {  
  
    TOKEN tok = s->GetNextToken();  
  
    if((tok == ADD) || (tok == SUB) || (tok ==  
        MUL) || (tok == DIV))  
        return true;  
  
    return false;  
  
}
```

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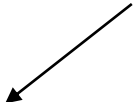
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Implementing a parser for FPE

This function implements the routine for matching non-terminal E

```
bool E(Scanner* s) {  
    TOKEN* prevToken = s->GetCurTokenSequence();  
    if(!E1(s)) {  
        s->SetCurTokenSequence(prevToken);  
        return E2(s);  
    }  
    return true;  
}
```

Assume that GetCurTokenSequence
returns a reference to the first token in
a sequence of tokens maintained by
the scanner



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//because E1(s) calls s->GetNextToken() internally, the reference to the sequence of tokens would have moved forward. This line restores the reference back to the first node in the sequence so that the scanner provides the correct sequence to the call E2 in next line

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}
```

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//This line implements the check to see if the sequence of tokens match production #2:  
E->(E op E)
```

Implementing a parser for FPE

```
IsTerm(Scanner* s, TOKEN tok) { return s->GetNextToken() == tok;}

bool E1(Scanner* s) {
    return IsTerm(s, INTLITERAL);
}

bool E2(Scanner* s) { return IsTerm(s, LPAREN) && E(s) && OP(s) && E(s) && IsTerm(s, RPAREN); }

bool OP(Scanner* s) {
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Start the parser by invoking E().

Value returned tells if the expression is FPE or not.

Exercise

- What parsing technique does this parser use?

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