

Bottom-up Parsing

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Top-down versus Bottom-up Parsing

❖ Top down:

- Recursive descent parsing
- LL(k) parsing
- ❑ Top to down and leftmost derivation
 - Expanding from starting symbol (top) to gradually derive the input string
- ❑ Can use a parsing table to decide which production to use next
- ❑ The power is limited
 - Many grammars are not LL(k)
 - Left recursion elimination and left factoring can help make some grammars LL(k), but after rewriting, the grammar can be very hard to comprehend
- ❑ Space efficient
- ❑ Easy to build the parse tree

Top-down versus Bottom-up Parsing

❖ Bottom up:

- ❑ Also known as shift-reduce parsing
 - LR family
 - Precedence parsing
- ❑ Shift: allow shifting input characters to the stack, waiting till a matching production can be determined
- ❑ Reduce: once a matching production is determined, reduce
- ❑ Follow the rightmost derivation, in a reversed way
 - Parse from bottom (the leaves of the parse tree) and work up to the starting symbol
- ❑ Due to the added “shift”
 - ⇒ More powerful
 - Can handle left recursive grammars and grammars with left factors
 - ⇒ Less space efficient

Basic Concepts

❖ How to build a predictive bottom-up parser?

❖ Sentential form

□ For a grammar G with start symbol S

A string α is a sentential form of G if $S \Rightarrow^* \alpha$

- α may contain terminals and nonterminals
- If α is in T^* , then α is a sentence of $L(G)$

□ Left sentential form: A sentential form that occurs in the leftmost derivation of some sentence

□ Right sentential form: A sentential form that occurs in the rightmost derivation of some sentence

Basic Concepts

❖ Example of the sentential form

$$\square E \rightarrow E * E \mid E + E \mid (E) \mid id$$

\square Leftmost derivation:

$$\begin{aligned} E &\Rightarrow E + E \Rightarrow E * E + E \Rightarrow \textcolor{red}{id} * \textcolor{red}{E} + \textcolor{red}{E} \Rightarrow id * id + E \Rightarrow \\ &id * id + E * E \Rightarrow id * id + id * E \Rightarrow id * id + id * id \end{aligned}$$

- All the derived strings are of the left sentential form

\square Rightmost derivation

$$\begin{aligned} E &\Rightarrow E + E \Rightarrow E + E * E \Rightarrow \textcolor{red}{E} + \textcolor{red}{E} * \textcolor{red}{id} \Rightarrow E + id * id \Rightarrow \\ &E * E + id * id \Rightarrow E * id + id * id \Rightarrow id * id + id * id \end{aligned}$$

- All the derived strings are of the right sentential form

❖ Another example

$$\square S \rightarrow AB, A \rightarrow CD, B \rightarrow EF$$

$$\square S \Rightarrow AB \Rightarrow CDB$$

$$\square S \Rightarrow AB \Rightarrow AEF$$

Basic Concepts

❖ Handle

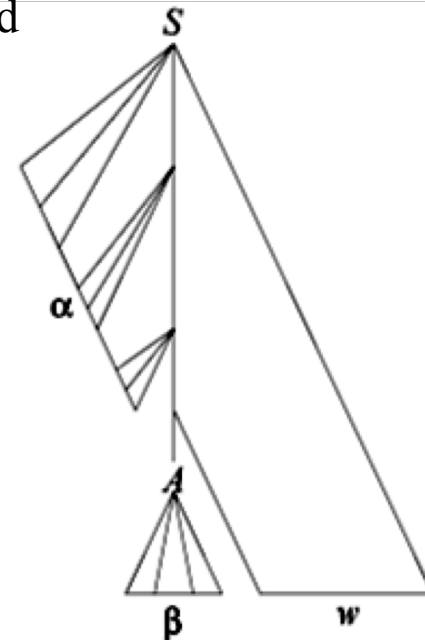
□ Given a rightmost derivation

$$S \Rightarrow \gamma_1 \Rightarrow \gamma_2 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \gamma_k (\alpha A w) \Rightarrow \gamma_{k+1} (\alpha \beta w) \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \gamma_n$$

- γ_i , for all i , are the right sentential forms
- From γ_k to γ_{k+1} , production $A \rightarrow \beta$ is used

□ A handle of γ_{k+1} ($= \alpha \beta w$) is

- the production $A \rightarrow \beta$ and the position of β in γ_{k+1}
- Informally, β is the handle



The handle $A \rightarrow \beta$ in the parse tree for $\alpha \beta w$

Basic Concepts

❖ Theorem

- If G is unambiguous, then every right-sentential form has a unique handle

❖ Proof

- G is unambiguous
 - \Rightarrow rightmost derivation is unique
- Consider a right-sentential form γ_{k+1}
 - \Rightarrow A unique production $A \rightarrow \beta$ is applied to γ_k , and applied at a unique position
 - \Rightarrow A unique handle in γ_{k+1}

❖ But

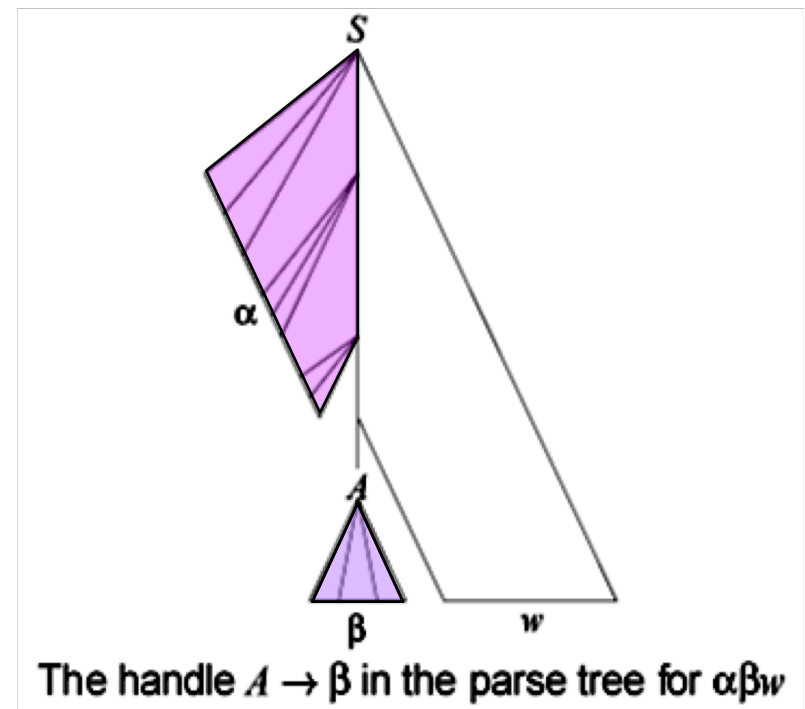
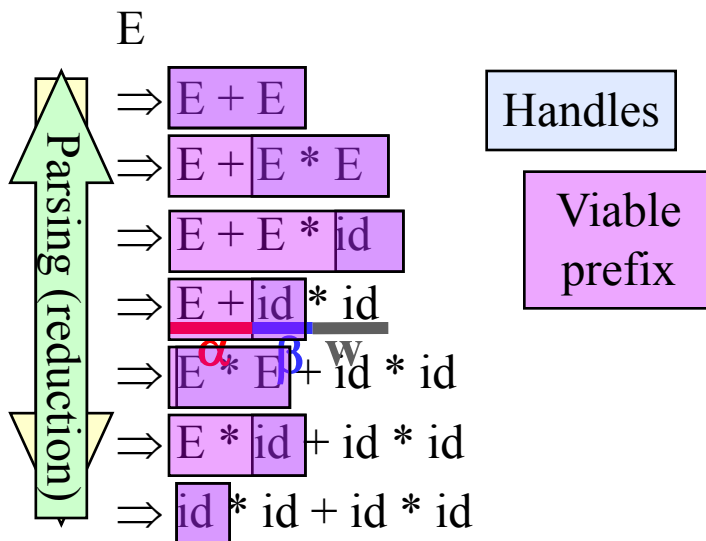
- During the derivation, the production rule is unique
- During the reduction, can we uniquely determine the production that was used during the derivation?

Basic Concepts

❖ Viable prefix

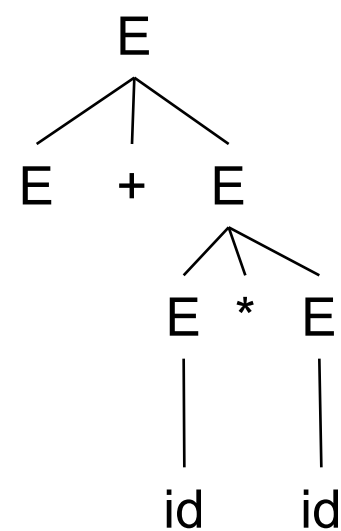
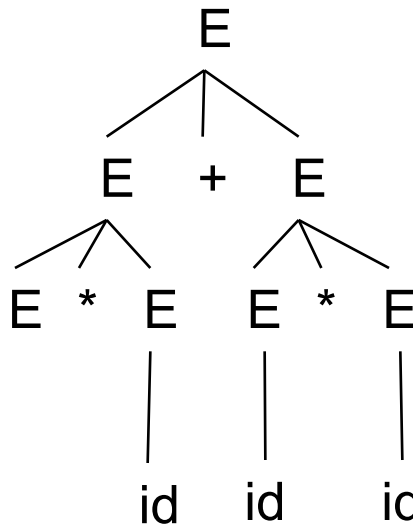
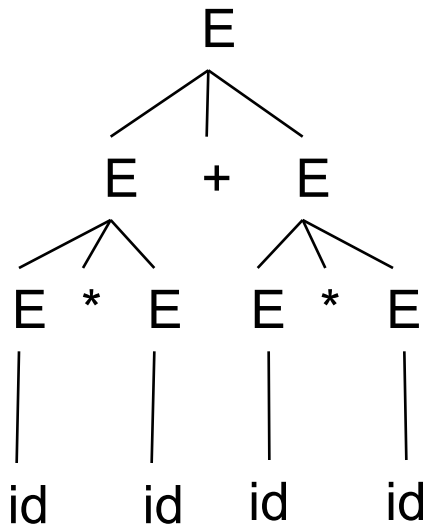
- ❑ Prefix of a right-sentential form, do not pass the end of the handle
- ❑ E.g., $\alpha\beta$
 - Or the prefix of $\alpha\beta$

❖ Example: $E \rightarrow E * E \mid E + E \mid (E) \mid id$



Meaning of LR

- ❖ L: Process input from left to right
- ❖ R: Use rightmost derivation, but in reversed order
- ❖ $E \Rightarrow E + E \Rightarrow E + E * E \Rightarrow E + E * id \Rightarrow E + id * id$
 $\Rightarrow E * E + id * id \Rightarrow E * id + id * id \Rightarrow id * id + id * id$



Bottom-up Parsing

❖ Traverse rightmost derivation backwards

- ❑ If reduction is done arbitrarily
 - It may not reduce to the starting symbol
 - Need backtracking
- ❑ By follow the path of rightmost derivation
 - All the reductions are guaranteed to be “correct”
 - Guaranteed to lead to the starting symbol without backtracking
- ❑ That is: If it is always possible to correctly find the handle

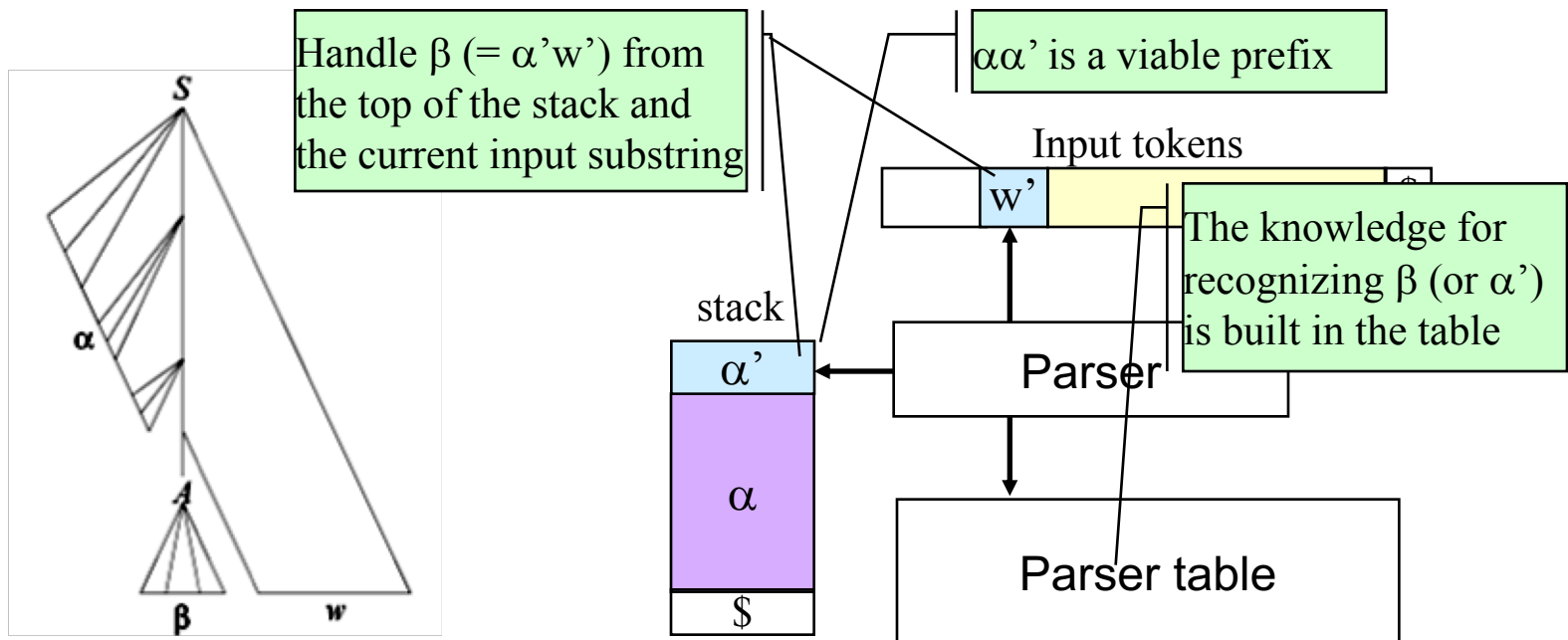
❖ How to find the handle for reduction for each right sentential form

- ❑ Use a stack to keep track of the viable prefix
- ❑ The prefix of the handle will always be at the top of the stack

Bottom-up Parsing

❖ Consider a right-sentential form $\alpha\beta w$

- ❑ Where $A \rightarrow \beta$ and β is a handle (let $\beta = \alpha'w'$)
- ❑ Right to β is always a subsentence (T^*)



Bottom-up Parsing

❖ Example grammar

$S \rightarrow \dots$

$X \rightarrow aAB \mid \dots$

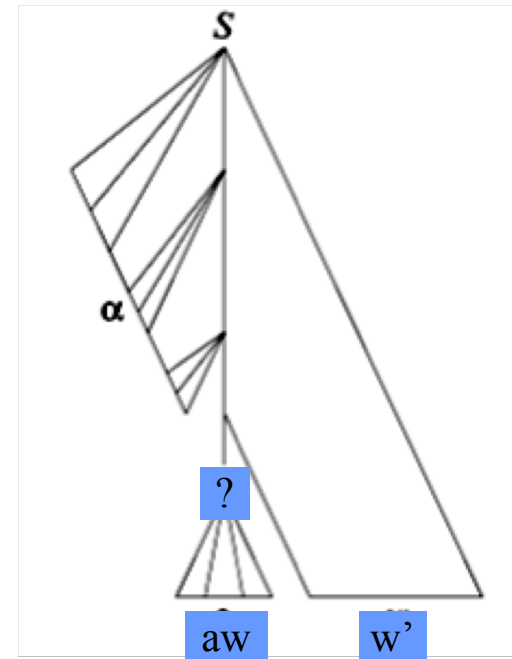
$Y \rightarrow aAC \mid \dots$

❖ Cannot know what aw should be reduced to

□ \Rightarrow shift a to stack,
reduce some part of w to A ,
shift A to stack, ...
till something is clear

□ Shift adds power to parsing

□ How to systematically do this?



Bottom-up Parsing

❖ Shift-reduce operations in bottom-up parsing

❑ Shift the input into the stack

- Wait for the current handle to complete or to appear
- Or wait for a handle that may complete later

❑ Reduce

- Once the handle is completely in the stack, then reduce

❑ The operations are determined by the parsing table

❖ Parsing table includes

❑ Action table

- Determine the action of shift or reduce
- To shift (current handle is not completely or not yet in stack)
- To reduce (current handle is completely in stack)

❑ Goto table

- Determine which state to go to next

Parsing Table

❖ Idea

- ❑ Build a finite automata based on the grammar
- ❑ Follow the automata to construct the parsing tables

❖ Characteristic finite state automata (CFSA)

- ❑ Is the basis for building the parsing table
 - But the automata is not a part of the parsing table
- ❑ States of the automata
 - Each state is represented by a set of LR(0) items
 - o To keep track of what has already been seen (already in the stack)
 - In other words, keep track of the viable prefix
 - o To track the possible productions that may be used for reduction
- ❑ State transitions
 - Fired by grammar symbols (terminals or nonterminals)

Build the Automata

❖ LR(0) Item of a grammar G

- ❑ Is a production of G with a distinguished position
- ❑ Position is used to indicate how much of the handle has already been seen (in the stack)

- For production $S \rightarrow a B S$, items for it include

$S \rightarrow \bullet a B S$

$S \rightarrow a \bullet B S$

$S \rightarrow a B \bullet S$

$S \rightarrow a B S \bullet$

- o Left of \bullet are the parts of the handle that has already been seen
- o When \bullet reaches the end of the handle \Rightarrow reduction

- For production $S \rightarrow \varepsilon$, the single item is

$S \rightarrow \bullet$

Building the Automata

❖ Closure function $\text{Closure}(I)$

- ❑ I is a set of items for a grammar G
- ❑ Every item in I is in $\text{Closure}(I)$
- ❑ If $A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta$ is in $\text{Closure}(I)$ and $B \rightarrow \gamma$ is a production in G
Then add $B \rightarrow \bullet \gamma$ to $\text{Closure}(I)$
 - If it is not already there
 - Meaning
 - o When α is in the stack and B is expected next
 - o One of the B -production rules may be used to reduce the input to B
 - May not be one-step reduction though
- ❑ Apply the rule until no more new items can be added

Building the Automata

❖ Goto function $\text{Goto}(I, X)$

- ❑ X is a grammar symbol
- ❑ If $A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet X \beta$ is in I then $A \rightarrow \alpha X \bullet \beta$ is in $\text{Goto}(I, X)$
 - Let J denote the set constructed by this step
- ❑ All items in $\text{Closure}(J)$ are in $\text{Goto}(I, X)$
- ❑ Meaning
 - If I is the set of valid items for some viable prefix γ
 - Then $\text{goto}(I, X)$ is the set of valid items for the viable prefix γX

Building the Automata

❖ Augmented grammar

□ G is the grammar and S is the starting symbol

□ Construct G' by adding production $S' \rightarrow S$ into G

- S' is the new starting symbol

- E.g.: $G: S \rightarrow \alpha \mid \beta \Rightarrow G': S' \rightarrow S, S \rightarrow \alpha \mid \beta$

□ Meaning

- The starting symbol may have several production rules and may be used in other non-terminal's production rules

- Add $S' \rightarrow S$ to force the starting symbol to have a single production

- When $S' \rightarrow S \bullet$ is seen, it is clear that parsing is done

Building the Automata

❖ Given a grammar G

- ❑ Step 1: augment G

- ❑ Step 2: initial state

- Construct the valid item set “ I ” of State 0 (the initial state)
- Add $S' \rightarrow \bullet S$ into I
 - All expansions have to start from here
- Compute $\text{Closure}(I)$ as the complete valid item set of state 0
 - All possible expansions S can lead into

- ❑ Step 3:

- From state I , for all grammar symbol X
 - Construct $J = \text{Goto}(I, X)$
 - Compute $\text{Closure}(J)$
- Create the new state with the corresponding Goto transition
 - Only if the valid item set is non-empty and does not exist yet

- ❑ Repeat Step 3 till no new states can be derived

Building the Automata -- Example

❖ Grammar G:

$S \rightarrow E$

$E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$

$T \rightarrow \text{id} \mid (E)$

□ Step 1: Augment G

$S' \rightarrow S \quad S \rightarrow E \quad E \rightarrow E + T \mid T \quad T \rightarrow \text{id} \mid (E)$

□ Step 2:

- Construct Closure(I_0) for State 0
- First add into I_0 : $S' \rightarrow \bullet S$
- Compute Closure(I_0)

Expect to see S next

$S' \rightarrow \bullet S \quad S \rightarrow \bullet E$
 $E \rightarrow \bullet E + T \quad E \rightarrow \bullet T$
 $T \rightarrow \bullet \text{id} \quad T \rightarrow \bullet (E)$

S won't just appear
May have to see E first and
reduce it to S using this rule

Building the Automata -- Example

❖ Step 3

I_0 :

$$\begin{array}{ll} S' \rightarrow \bullet S & S \rightarrow \bullet E \\ E \rightarrow \bullet E + T & E \rightarrow \bullet T \\ T \rightarrow \bullet id & T \rightarrow \bullet (E) \end{array}$$

□ I_1

- Add into I_1 : $\text{Goto}(I_0, S) = S' \rightarrow S \bullet$
- No new items to be added to Closure (I_1)

□ I_2

- Add into I_2 : $\text{Goto}(I_0, E) = S \rightarrow E \bullet \quad E \rightarrow E \bullet + T$
- No new items to be added to Closure (I_2)

□ I_3

- Add into I_3 : $\text{Goto}(I_0, id) = T \rightarrow id \bullet$
- No new items to be added to Closure (I_3)

□ I_4

- Add into I_4 : $\text{Goto}(I_0, '(') = T \rightarrow (\bullet E)$
- No new items to be added to Closure (I_4)

When E is moved to the stack (after a reduction), these two are the possible handles
 $S \rightarrow E \bullet$ implies a reduction is to be done
 o should be done if seeing Follow(S)
 $E \rightarrow E \bullet + T$ implies + is expected to be the next input

Building the Automata -- Example

❖ Step 3

□ I_5

- Add into I_5 : $\text{Goto}(I_0, "(") = T \rightarrow (\bullet E)$
- $\text{Closure}(I_5)$

$E \rightarrow \bullet E + T \quad E \rightarrow \bullet T$
 $T \rightarrow \bullet \text{id} \quad T \rightarrow \bullet (E)$

□ No more moves from I_0

□ No possible moves from I_1

□ I_6

- Add into I_6 : $\text{Goto}(I_2, +) = E \rightarrow E + \bullet T$
- $\text{Closure}(I_5)$

$T \rightarrow \bullet \text{id} \quad T \rightarrow \bullet (E)$

□ No possible moves from I_3 and I_4

I_0 :

$S' \rightarrow \bullet S \quad S \rightarrow \bullet E$
 $E \rightarrow \bullet E + T \quad E \rightarrow \bullet T$
 $T \rightarrow \bullet \text{id} \quad T \rightarrow \bullet (E)$

After seeing (, we expect E next
E could be reduced from other
E-production rules
So, put E-productions in the set

Building the Automata -- Example

❖ Step 3

□ I_7

- Add into I_7 : $\text{Goto}(I_5, E) =$

$$T \rightarrow (E \bullet) \quad E \rightarrow E \bullet + T$$

- No new items to be added to Closure (I_7)

□ $\text{Goto}(I_5, T) = I_3$

□ $\text{Goto}(I_5, \text{id}) = I_4$

□ $\text{Goto}(I_5, "(") = I_5$

□ No more moves from I_5

□ I_8

- Add into I_8 : $\text{Goto}(I_6, T) = E \rightarrow E + T \bullet$

- No new items to be added to Closure (I_8)

□ $\text{Goto}(I_6, \text{id}) = I_4$

□ $\text{Goto}(I_6, "(") = I_5$

Building the Automata -- Example

❖ Step 3

□ I_9

- Add into I_9 : $\text{Goto}(I_7, \text{"})") =$

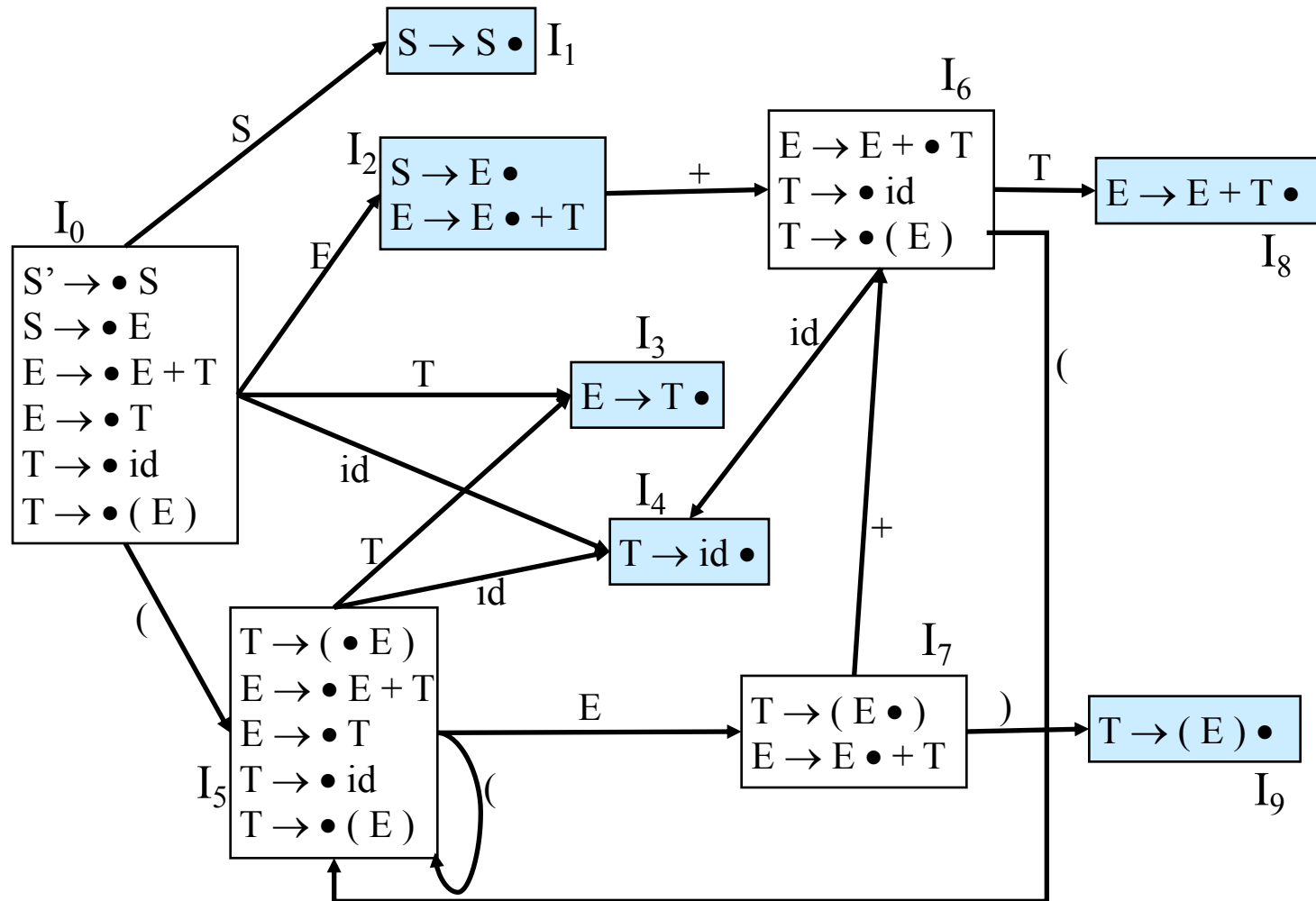
$T \rightarrow (E) \bullet$

- No new items to be added to Closure (I_9)

□ $\text{Goto}(I_7, +) = I_6$

□ No possible moves from I_8 and I_9

Building the Automata -- Example

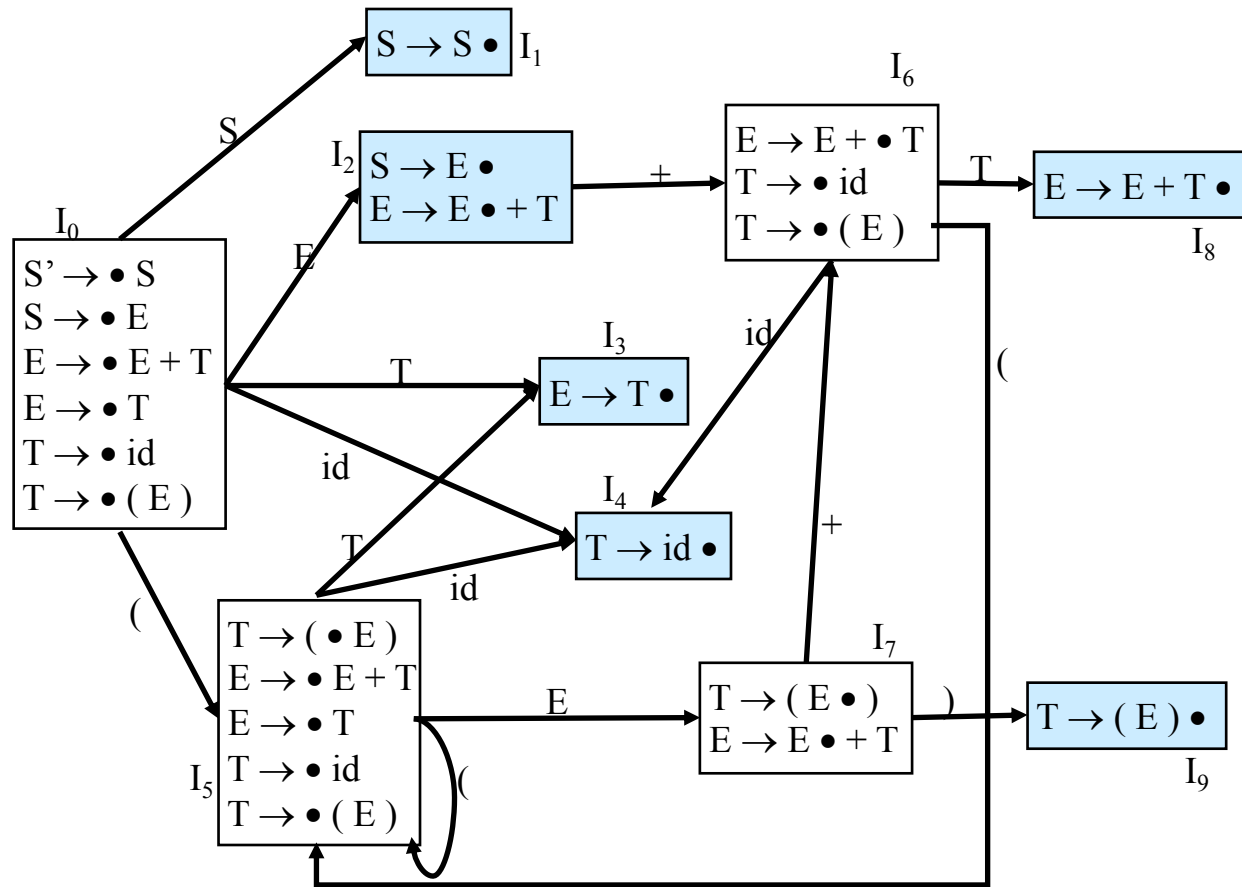


Building the Automata -- Example

Stack	Input	Action
0	id + id \$	S4
0 id 4	+ id \$	T→id, Goto[0,T]=3
0 T 3	+ id \$	E→T, Goto[0,E]=2
0 E 2	+ id \$	s6
0 E 2 + 6	id \$	S4
0 E 2 + 6 id 4 \$		T→id, Goto[6,T]=8
0 E 2 + 6 T 8 \$		E→E+T, Goto[0,E]=2
0 E 2	\$	S→E, Goto[0,S]=1
0 S 1	\$	accept

See how parsing works
directly on the automata

Follow(S) = {\$}
Follow(E) = {+,), \$}
Follow(T) = {+,), \$}



Building the Parsing Table

❖ Action [M, N]

- M states
- N tokens

□ Actions =

- Shift i: shift the input token into the stack and go to state i
- Reduce i: reduce by the i-th production $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$
- Accept
- Error

❖ Goto [M, L]

- M states
- L non-terminals

□ Goto[i, j] = x

- Move to state S_x

Building the Action Table

- ❖ If state I_i has item $A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a \beta$, and
 - ❑ $\text{Goto}(I_i, a) = I_j$
 - ❑ Next symbol in the input is a
- ❖ Then $\text{Action}[I_i, a] = I_j$
 - ❑ Meaning: Shift “ a ” to the stack and move to state I_j
 - Need to wait for the handle to appear or to complete
- ❖ If State I_i has item $A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet$
- ❖ Then $\text{Action}[S, b] = \text{reduce using } A \rightarrow \alpha$
 - ❑ For all b in $\text{Follow}(A)$
 - ❑ Meaning: The entire handle α is in the stack, need to reduce
 - ❑ Need to wait to see $\text{Follow}(A)$ to know that the handle is ready
 - E.g. $S \rightarrow E \bullet$ $E \rightarrow E \bullet + T$
 - Current input can be either $\text{Follow}(S)$ or $+$

Building the Action Table

- ❖ If state has $S' \rightarrow S_0 \bullet$
- ❖ Then $\text{Action}[S, \$] = \text{accept}$

- ❖ Current state
 - ❑ The action to be taken depends on the current state
 - In LL, it depends on the current non-terminal on the top of the stack
 - In LR, non-terminal is not known till reduction is done
 - ❑ Who is keeping track of current state?
 - ❑ The stack
 - Need to push the state also into the stack
 - The stack includes the viable prefix and the corresponding state for each symbol in the viable prefix

Building the Goto Table

- ❖ If $\text{Goto}(I_i, A) = I_j$
- ❖ Then $\text{Goto}[i, A] = j$
- ❖ Meaning
 - ❑ When a reduction $X \rightarrow \alpha$ taken place
 - ❑ The non-terminal X is added to the stack replacing α
 - ❑ What should the state be after adding X
 - ❑ This information is kept in Goto table

Building the Parsing Table -- Example

Follow(S) = {\$}

Follow(E) = {+,), \$}

Follow(T) = {+,), \$}

	+	id	(	)	\$	S	E	T
0		4	5			1	2	3
1					Acc			
2	6				S→E			
3	E→T			E→T	E→T			
4	T→id			T→id	T→id			
5		4	5				7	3
6		4	5					8
7	6			9				
8	E→E+T			E→E+T	E→E+T			
9	T→(E)			T→(E)	T→(E)			

Action Table

Goto Table

LR Parsing Algorithm

❖ Elements

- ❑ Parser, parsing tables, stack, input

❖ Initialization

- ❑ Append the \$ at the end of the input
- ❑ Push state 0 into the stack
 - On the top of the stack, it is always a state
 - It is the current state of parsing

LR Parsing Algorithm

❖ Steps

□ If $\text{Action}[x, a] = y$

- x is the current state, on the top of the stack
- a is the input token

□ Then shift a into the stack and put y on top of the stack

□ If $\text{Action}[x, a] = A \rightarrow \alpha$

- Note that a is in $\text{Follow}(A)$

□ Then

- x is the current state, on the top of the stack
- Pop the handle α and all the state corresponding to α out of the stack
- y is the state on the top of the stack after popping
- Check Goto table, if $\text{Goto}[y, A] = z$
- Push A and then z into the stack

LR Parsing - Example

	+	id	(	)	\$	S	E	T
0		4	5			1	2	3
1	Rightmost derivation: $S \Rightarrow E \Rightarrow E + T \Rightarrow E + id \Rightarrow T + id \Rightarrow id + id$							
2	Reverse trace back: Reduce left most input first.							
4	$T \rightarrow id$			$T \rightarrow id$	$T \rightarrow id$			
5		4	5				7	3
6		4	5					8
7	6			9				
8	$E \rightarrow E + T$			$E \rightarrow E + T$	$E \rightarrow E + T$			
9	$T \rightarrow (E)$			$T \rightarrow (E)$	$T \rightarrow (E)$			

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0 E 2 + 6 T 8	\$	$E \rightarrow E + T$, Goto[0,E]=2
0 E 2	\$	$S \rightarrow E$, Goto[0,S]=1
0 S 1	\$	accept

LR Parsing -- Another

$S \rightarrow (S) \mid AB$

$A \rightarrow Aa \mid a$

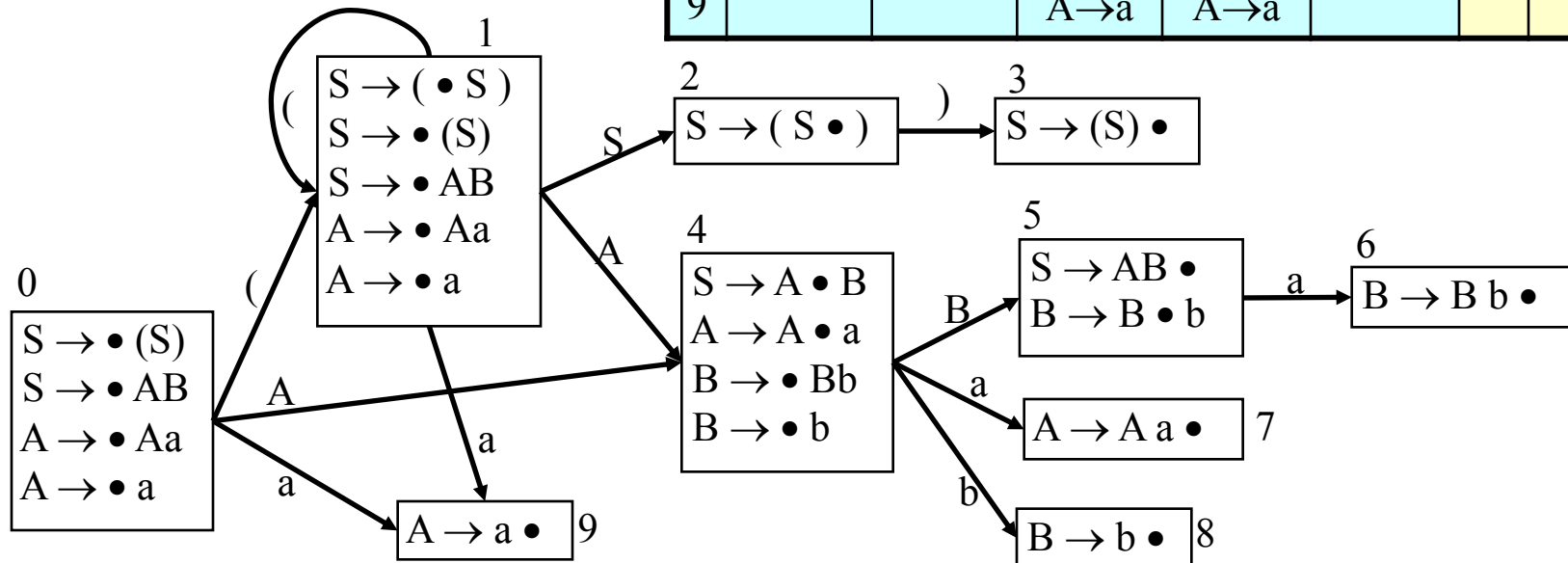
$B \rightarrow Bb \mid b$

$\text{Follow}(S) = \{\$,)\}$

$\text{Follow}(A) = \{a, b\}$

$\text{Follow}(B) = \{\$,), b\}$

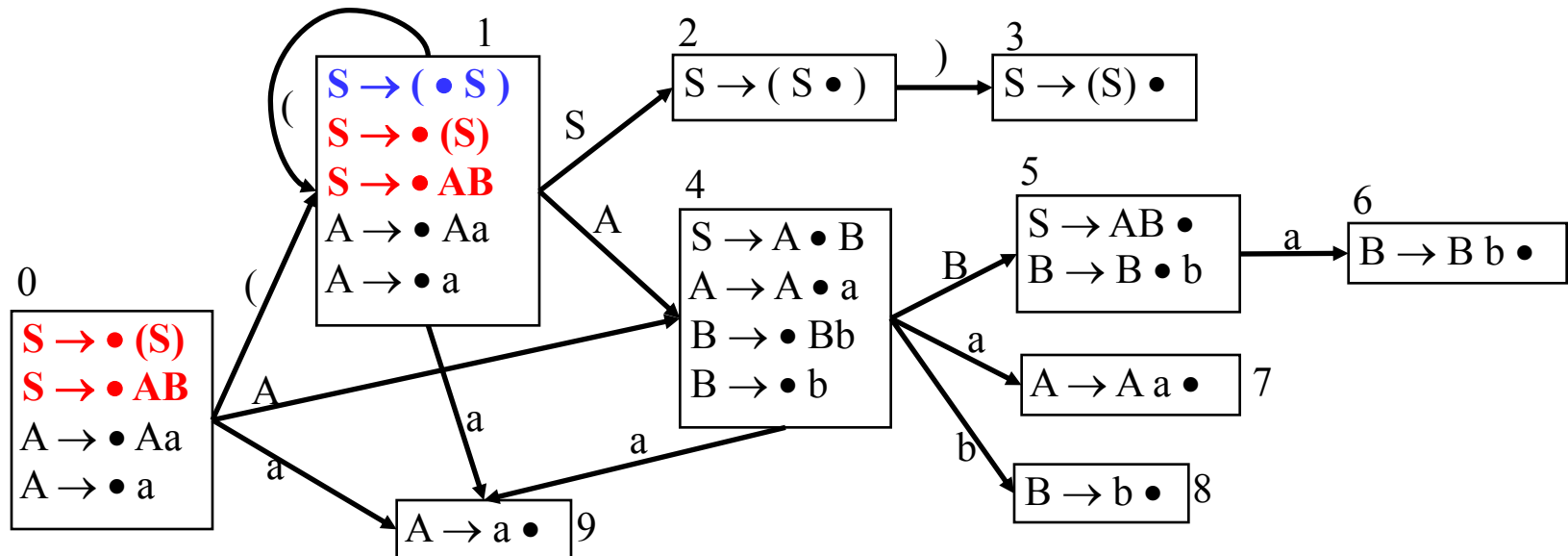
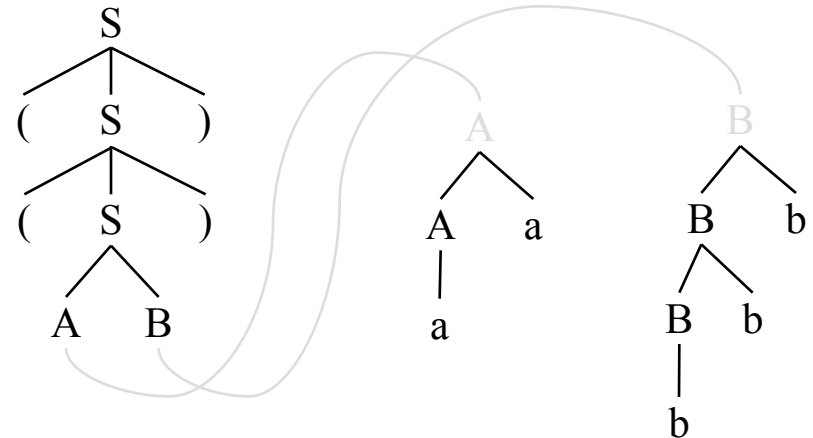
	(	)	a	b	\$	S	A	B
0	1		9			?	4	
1	1		9			2	4	
2		3						
3		$S \rightarrow (S)$			$S \rightarrow (S)$			
4			7	8				5
5		$S \rightarrow AB$		6	$S \rightarrow AB$			
6		$B \rightarrow Bb$		$B \rightarrow Bb$	$B \rightarrow Bb$			
7			$A \rightarrow Aa$	$A \rightarrow Aa$				
8		$B \rightarrow b$		$B \rightarrow b$	$B \rightarrow b$			
9			$A \rightarrow a$	$A \rightarrow a$				



LR Parsing -- Looking into the Automata

Input: ((aabb))\$

$S \Rightarrow (S) \Rightarrow ((S)) \Rightarrow ((AB))$
 $\Rightarrow ((ABb)) \Rightarrow ((ABbb)) \Rightarrow ((Abbb))$
 $\Rightarrow ((Aabbb)) \Rightarrow ((aabb))$



LR Parsing -- The RM Deriv

	(	)	a	b	\$	S	A	B
0	1		9			?	4	
1	1		9			2	4	
2		3						
3		S→(S)			S→(S)			
4			7	8				5
5		S→AB		6	S→AB			
6		B→Bb		B→Bb	B→Bb			
7			A→Aa	A→Aa				
8		B→b		B→b	B→b			
9			A→a	A→a				

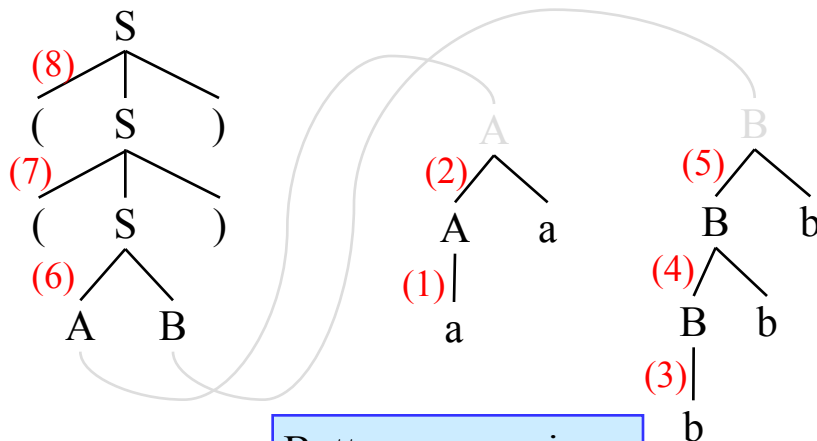
Input: ((abbb))\$

Stack	Input	Action
0	((abbb))\$	S1
0(1	(abbb))\$	S1
0(1(1	abbb))\$	S9
0(1(1a9	abbb))\$	A→a
0(1(1A4	abbb))\$	S6
0(1(1A4a7	bbb))\$	A→Aa
0(1(1A4	bbb))\$	S8
0(1(1A4b8	bb))\$	B→b
0(1(1A4B5	bb))\$	S6
0(1(1A4B5b6	b))\$	B→Bb
0(1(1A4B5	b))\$	S6
0(1(1A4B5b6	))\$	B→Bb
0(1(1A4B5	))\$	S→AB
0(1(1S2	))\$	S3
0(1(1S2)3	)\$	S→(S)
0(1S2	)\$	S3
0(1S2)3	\$	S→(S)
0S	\$	?accept

LR Parsing -- The RM De

S
 (8) \Rightarrow (S)
 (7) \Rightarrow ((S))
 (6) \Rightarrow ((AB))
 (5) \Rightarrow ((ABb))
 (4) \Rightarrow ((ABbb))
 (3) \Rightarrow ((Abbb))
 (2) \Rightarrow ((Aabbb))
 (1) \Rightarrow ((aabbb))

traverse the
rightmost derivation
backwards



Bottom up parsing

Stack	Input	Action	Order
0	((aabbba))\$	S1	
0(1	(aabbba))\$	S1	
0(1(1	aabbba))\$	S9	
0(1(1a	abbba))\$	A \rightarrow a	(1)
0(1(1A	abbba))\$	S6	
0(1(1Aa	bbba))\$	A \rightarrow Aa	(2)
0(1(1A	bbba))\$	S8	
0(1(1Aa	bb))\$	B \rightarrow b	(3)
0(1(1AaB	bb))\$	S6	
0(1(1AaBb	b))\$	B \rightarrow Bb	(4)
0(1(1AaBb	b))\$	S6	
0(1(1AaBb	))\$	B \rightarrow Bb	(5)
0(1(1AaBb	))\$	S \rightarrow AB	(6)
0(1(1S	))\$	S3	
0(1(1S)	)\$	S \rightarrow (S)	(7)
0(1S	)\$	S3	
0(1S)	\$	S \rightarrow (S)	(8)
0S	\$	?accept	

SLR Parsing

❖ LR

- ❑ L: input scanned from left
- ❑ R: traverse the rightmost derivation path

❖ $LR(0) = SLR(1)$

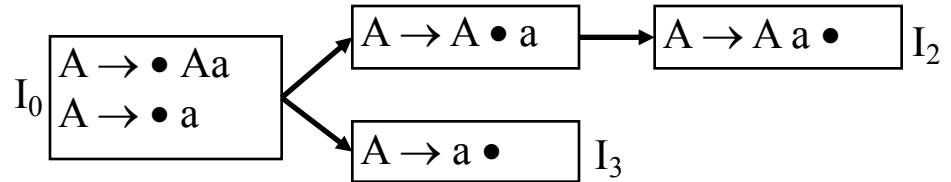
- ❑ The LR parser we discussed is $LR(0)$
 - 0 in LR: lookahead symbol with the item (will be clear later)
- ❑ $LR(0)$ is also called $SLR(1)$
 - Simple LR
 - 1 in SLR: lookahead symbol

SLR and LL

❖ Example:

$A \rightarrow Aa \mid a$

$\text{Follow}(A) = \{a, \$\}$



	a	\$	A
0	3		1
1	2		
2	$A \rightarrow Aa$	$A \rightarrow Aa$	
3	$A \rightarrow a$	$A \rightarrow a$	

Stack	Input	Action
0	aaa\$	S3
0a3	aa\$	$A \rightarrow a$, Goto[0,A]=1
0A1	aa\$	S2
0A1a2	a\$	$A \rightarrow Aa$ Goto[0,A]=1
0A1	a\$	S2
0A1a2	\$	$A \rightarrow Aa$ Goto[0,A]=1
0A1	\$	

❑ Not LL

- Left recursive grammar

❑ But is SLR(1)

- First a got reduced to A
- The remaining a's got reduced with the already generated A (Aa)
- In LR, it is reduction based, when seeing 'a', ' $A \rightarrow a$ ' is the only choice, after there is A, then reduce Aa by $A \rightarrow Aa$

Unclear accepting state
Incorrect state transition

SLR and LL

❖ Example:

$A \rightarrow aA \mid a$

$\text{Follow}(A) = \{ \$ \}$

Potential shift-reduce conflict
shift: expect to see 'a'
reduce: follow(A) only has \$
 \Rightarrow no problem

0	1		
1	1	$A \rightarrow a$	2
2		$A \rightarrow aA$	

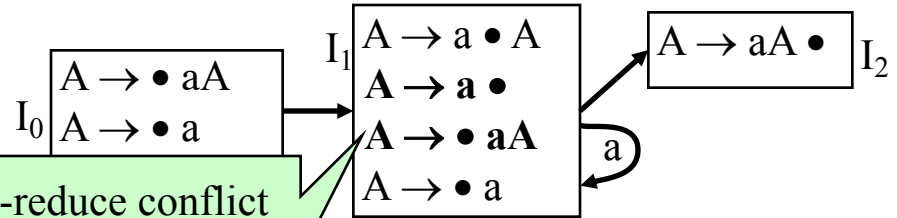
Unclear accepting state
The input string is actually acceptable
If $[0, \$]$ is *accept*, will accept ϵ

❑ Not LL(1)

- Productions for A have left factors

❑ But is SLR(1)

- All 'a's got shifted to stack
- Final 'a', seeing \$, got reduced to 'A'
- All 'a's in stack got reduced with newly generated 'A's



Stack	Input	Action
0	aaa\$	S1
0a1	aa\$	S1
0a1a1	a\$	S1
0a1a1a1	\$	$A \rightarrow a$ $\text{Goto}[1, A] = 2$
0a1a1A2	\$	$A \rightarrow aA$ $\text{Goto}[1, A] = 2$
0a1A2	\$	same as above
0A?	\$	

SLR and LL

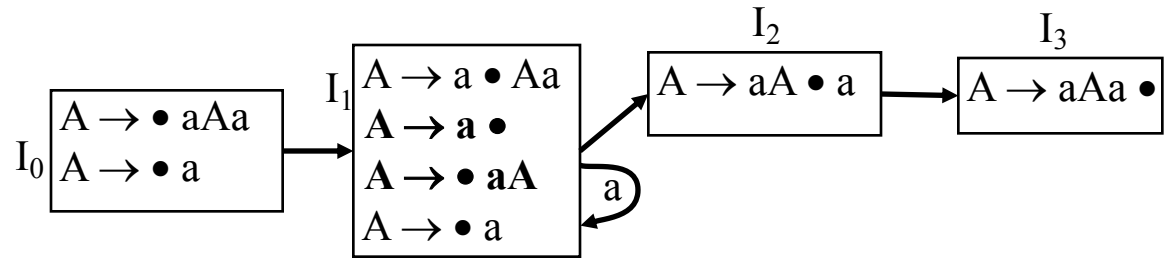
❖ Example:

$A \rightarrow aAa \mid a$

$\text{Follow}(A) = \{\$, a\}$

Shift-reduce conflict
reduce: follow(A) has \$, a
 \Rightarrow conflict

	a	\$	A
0	1		
1	1 $A \rightarrow a$	$A \rightarrow a$	2
2		$A \rightarrow aA$	



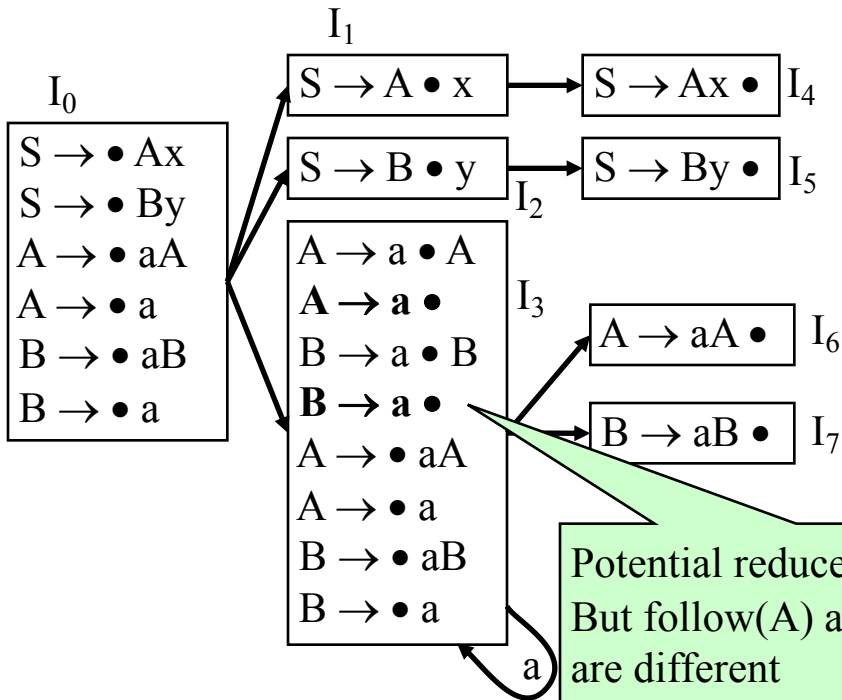
Stack	Input	Action
0	aaa\$	S1
0a1	aa\$	$A \rightarrow a$
0A?	aa\$	

- ❑ Not LL(1)
 - Productions for A have left factors
- ❑ Not SLR(1)
 - Has shift-reduce conflict

SLR and LL

❖ Example:

$S \rightarrow Ax \mid By$ $\text{Follow}(S) = \{\$ \}$
 $A \rightarrow aA \mid a$ $\text{Follow}(A) = \{x\}$
 $B \rightarrow aB \mid a$ $\text{Follow}(B) = \{y\}$



Stack	Input	Action
0	aaax\$	S3
0a3	aax\$	S3
0a3a3	ax\$	S1
0a3a3a3	x\$	A→a Goto[3,A]=6
0a3a3A6	x\$	A→aA Goto[3,A]=6
0a3A6	x\$	same as above
0A1	x\$	S4
0A1x4	\$	S→Ax
0S	\$	

Unclear accepting state
 S does not appear at
 the right hand side
 So, no Goto info

SLR and LL

❖ Continue with the example:

$$S \rightarrow Ax \mid By$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid a$$

$$B \rightarrow aB \mid a$$

❑ Not LL(k)

- $S \rightarrow Ax$ and $S \rightarrow By$, $\text{First}(Ax)$ and $\text{First}(By)$ are 'a'
- Even with large k , First_k of both will have "aa...a"

❑ Is SLR(1)

- No problem with $A \rightarrow aA$ and $A \rightarrow a$, they lead to different states
- No problem with $A \rightarrow a$ and $B \rightarrow a$, just go back to the same state
 - \Rightarrow During parsing, 'a' continuously got shifted into the stack
 - When x or y appears, reduce
 - By that time, it is clear which rule to use for reduction
 - $\text{Follow}(A) = \{x\}$, if seeing x , reduce with $A \rightarrow a$
 - $\text{Follow}(B) = \{y\}$, if seeing y , reduce with $B \rightarrow a$

SLR and LL

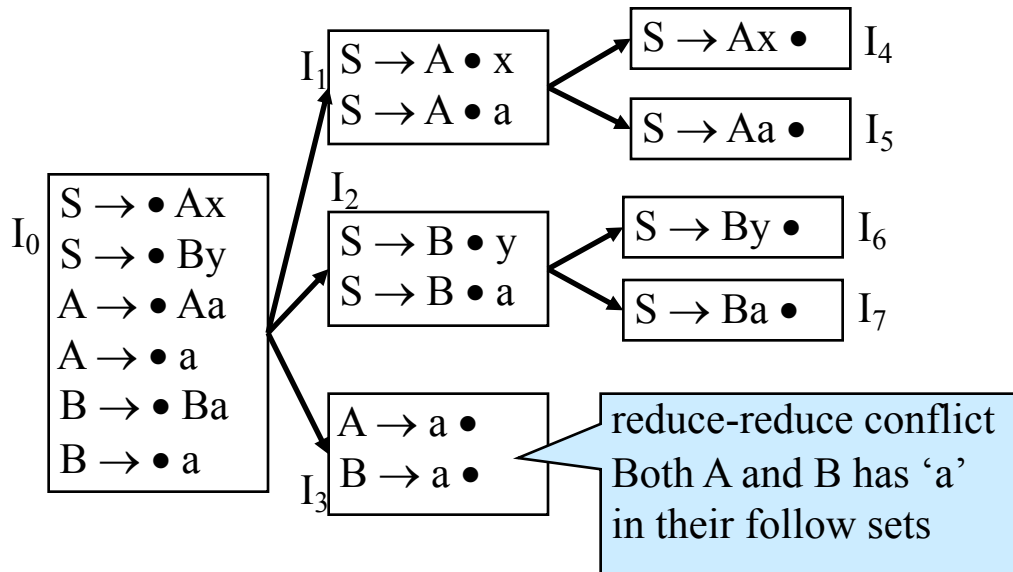
❖ Example:

$S \rightarrow Ax \mid By$

$A \rightarrow Aa \mid a$

$B \rightarrow Ba \mid a$

Stack	Input	Action
0	aaax\$	S3
0a3	aax\$	Reduction Multiple productions



Have to make decision
too soon,
right at the first 'a'

$\text{Follow}(S) = \{\$ \}$

$\text{Follow}(A) = \{x, a\}$

$\text{Follow}(B) = \{y, a\}$

SLR and LL

❖ Continue with the example:

$$S \rightarrow Ax \mid By$$

$$A \rightarrow Aa \mid a$$

$$B \rightarrow Ba \mid a$$

❑ Not LL

- $S \rightarrow Ax$ and $S \rightarrow By$, $\text{First}(Ax)$ and $\text{First}(By)$ are 'a'
- Even with large k , First_k of both A and B will have "aa...a" (A and B are both in S 's productions)

❑ Not SLR either

- Not $\text{SLR}(k)$, for any k
- Even with large k , Follow_k of both A and B will have "aa...a"

SLR and LL

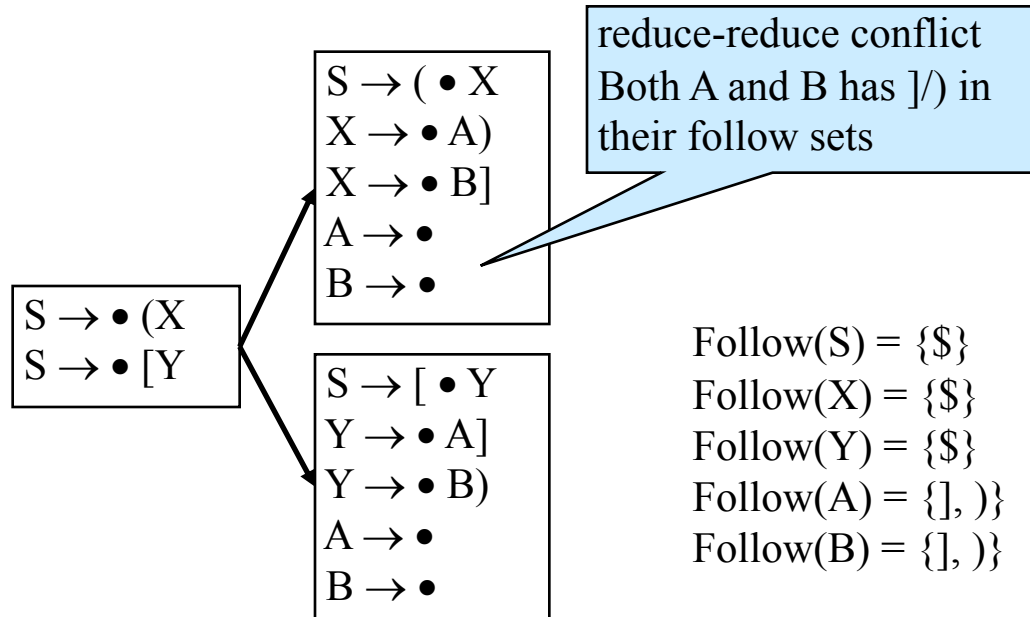
❖ Example:

$S \rightarrow (X \mid [Y$
 $X \rightarrow A) \mid B]$
 $Y \rightarrow A] \mid B)$
 $A \rightarrow \varepsilon$
 $B \rightarrow \varepsilon$

❑ Not SLR(1)

❑ Is LL(1)

$\text{First}(A) = \{ \varepsilon \}$
 $\text{First}(B) = \{ \varepsilon \}$
 $\text{First}(X) = \{ \varepsilon,),] \}$
 $\text{First}(Y) = \{ \varepsilon,),] \}$
 $\text{First}(S) = \{ (, [\}$



$\text{Follow}(S) = \{ \$ \}$
 $\text{Follow}(X) = \{ \$ \}$
 $\text{Follow}(Y) = \{ \$ \}$
 $\text{Follow}(A) = \{],) \}$
 $\text{Follow}(B) = \{],) \}$

The rules of each nonterminal have different first symbols
 $A \rightarrow \varepsilon$ and $B \rightarrow \varepsilon$ are from different nonterminals

	([)]	\$
S	$S \rightarrow (X$	$S \rightarrow [Y$			
X			$X \rightarrow A)$	$X \rightarrow B]$	
Y			$Y \rightarrow B)$	$Y \rightarrow A]$	
A			$A \rightarrow \varepsilon$	$A \rightarrow \varepsilon$	
B			$B \rightarrow \varepsilon$	$B \rightarrow \varepsilon$	

SLR Parser Family

❖ Consider grammar G

$S \rightarrow A b c \mid B b d$

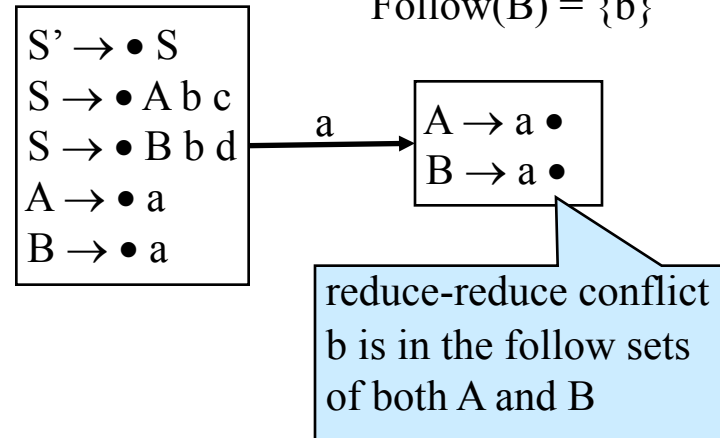
$A \rightarrow a$

$B \rightarrow a$

$\text{Follow}(S) = \{\$ \}$

$\text{Follow}(A) = \{b\}$

$\text{Follow}(B) = \{b\}$



□ G is SLR(2)

- Lookahead two characters will resolve the conflict
- $\text{Follow}_2(A) = \{bc\}$, $\text{Follow}_2(B) = \{bd\}$
- $\text{Action}[4, bc] = A \rightarrow a$
- $\text{Action}[4, bd] = B \rightarrow a$

SLR Parser Family

❖ Consider grammar G

$$S \rightarrow A b^{k-1}c \mid B b^{k-1}d$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow a$$

□ G is SLR(k) not SLR(k-1)

- Need to lookahead k characters in the Follow set
- $\text{Follow}_{k-1}(A) = \{b^{k-1}\}$, $\text{Follow}_{k-1}(B) = \{b^{k-1}\}$
- $\text{Follow}_k(A) = \{b^{k-1}c\}$, $\text{Follow}_k(B) = \{b^{k-1}d\}$

SLR and LR

❖ Consider grammar G

$S \rightarrow L = R$

$S \rightarrow R$

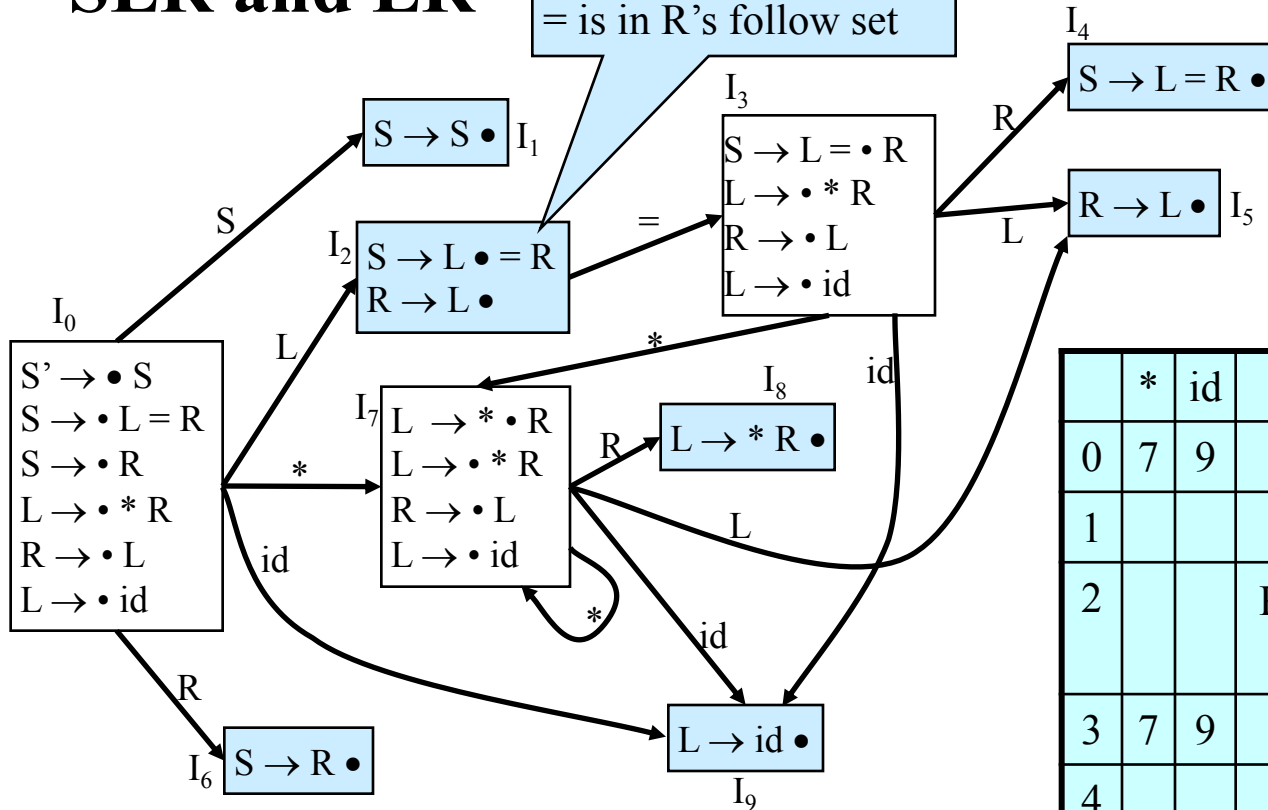
$R \rightarrow L$

$L \rightarrow * R$

$L \rightarrow \text{id}$

SLR and LR

shift-reduce conflict
the shift rule expect =
= is in R's follow set



$S \rightarrow L = R$

$S \rightarrow R$

$R \rightarrow L$

$L \rightarrow * R$

$L \rightarrow id$

$\text{Follow}(S) = \{\$, \}$

$\text{Follow}(L) = \{=, \$\}$

$\text{Follow}(R) = \{=, \$\}$

	*	id	=	\$	S	L	R
0	7	9			1	2	6
1				Acc			
2			$R \rightarrow L$ 3	$R \rightarrow L$			
3	7	9				5	4
4				$S \rightarrow L = R$			
5			$R \rightarrow L$	$R \rightarrow L$			
6				$S \rightarrow R$			
7	7	9				5	8
8			$R \rightarrow * L$	$R \rightarrow * L$			
9			$L \rightarrow id$	$L \rightarrow id$			

SLR and LR

❖ Grammar G has shift-reduce conflict

□ Not helpful by looking further ahead the Follow set

- $\text{Follow}_k(L) = \{\$, =\text{id}\$, =*\text{id}\$, =**\text{id}\$, \dots, =*\dots*\text{id}\$, =*\dots*\text{id}, =*\dots*\}$
- $\text{Follow}_k(R) = \text{Follow}_k(L)$

\Rightarrow This is not SLR(k)

- o Further lookahead will not help with distinguishing $\text{Follow}_k(R)$ from $\text{Follow}_k(L)$

SLR and LR

❖ What is the problem?

- ❑ Lookahead information is too crude

- ❑ Need to distinguish

 - If $L \rightarrow * R$ is from $S \Rightarrow L = R \Rightarrow *R = R$, then $\text{Follow}(R) = \{=, \$\}$

 - If $L \rightarrow * R$ is from $S \Rightarrow R \Rightarrow L \Rightarrow *R$, then $\text{Follow}(R) = \{\$\}$

❖ Solution:

- ❑ Carry the specific lookahead information with the LR(0) item

- ❑ The item becomes LR(1) item

- ❑ Use the lookahead symbol(s) with the item to identify the correct reduction rule to apply

❖ Canonical LR Parsing

- ❑ The parsing scheme based on LR(1) item

LR(1) Item

❖ LR(1) Item of a grammar G

- ❑ $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, a]$
- ❑ $A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta$ is an LR(0) item
- ❑ a is the lookahead symbol (a terminal in $\text{Follow}(A)$)
- ❑ $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet, a]$ implies
 - $S \Rightarrow^* \delta A \gamma \Rightarrow \delta \alpha \gamma$
 - a is in $\text{First}(\gamma \$)$
 - I.e., “a” follows A in a right sentential form

❖ When $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet, a]$ is in the state

\Rightarrow Reduction (same as SLR)

- ❑ But only if “a” is seen in the input string

❖ Next, need to define Closure and Goto functions for LR(1) items

Building the Automata

❖ Changes to Closure(I)

- If $A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta$ is in $\text{Closure}(I)$ and $B \rightarrow \gamma$ is a production in G
Then add $B \rightarrow \bullet \gamma$ to $\text{Closure}(I)$

\Rightarrow

- If $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, a]$ is in $\text{Closure}(I)$ and $B \rightarrow \gamma$ is a production in G
Then add $[B \rightarrow \bullet \gamma, c]$ to $\text{Closure}(I)$
 - For all $c, c \in \text{First}(\beta a)$

❖ Changes to Goto(I,X)

- If $A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet X \beta$ is in I then $A \rightarrow \alpha X \bullet \beta$ is in $\text{Goto}(I, X)$

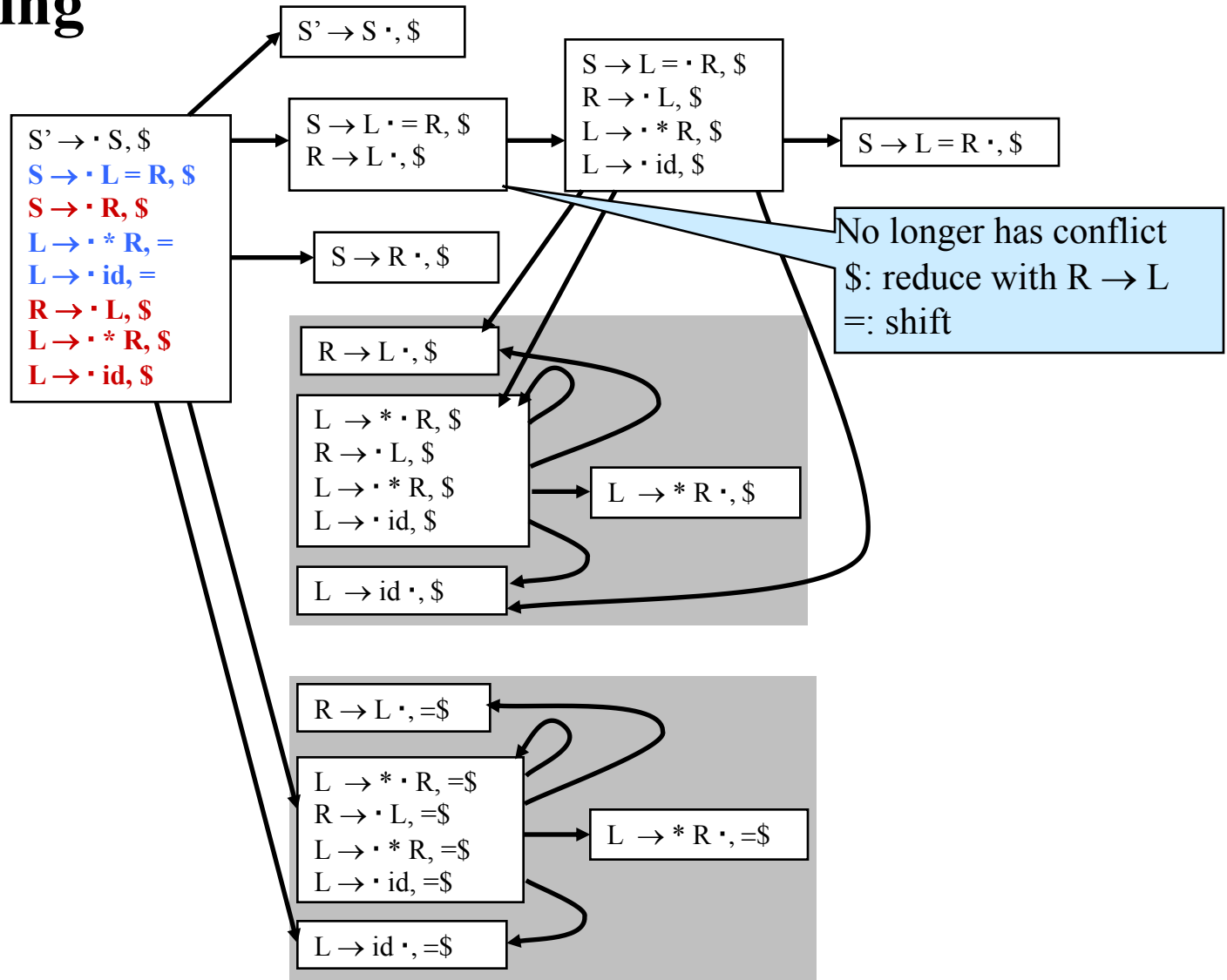
\Rightarrow

- If $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet X \beta, a]$ is in I then $[A \rightarrow \alpha X \bullet \beta, a]$ is in $\text{Goto}(I, X)$
 - Simply carry the lookahead symbol over

Building the Action Table

- ❖ If state has item $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a \beta, b]$
 - ❑ Add the shift action to the Action table (same as before)
- ❖ If state has $[S' \rightarrow S_0 \bullet, \$]$
 - ❑ Add accept to Action table (same as before)
- ❖ If State I_i has item $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet, b]$
 - ❑ $\text{Action}[S, b] = \text{reduce using } A \rightarrow \alpha$
 - Not for all terminals in $\text{Follow}(A)$
 - Only for all terminals in the lookahead part of the item
- ❖ Goto table construction is the same as before

LR Parsing



LR Parsing

❖ The parsing algorithm is the same for the LR family

❑ Only the table is different

❖ LR is more powerful

❑ An SLR(1) grammar is always an LR(1), but not vice versa

❑ LR(1)

▪ Use one lookahead symbol in the item

❑ LR(k)

▪ Use k lookahead symbols in the item

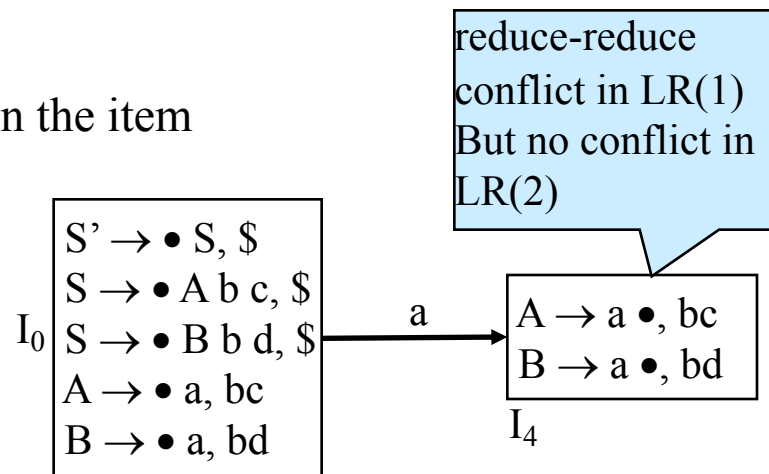
❑ LR(2) grammar

$S \rightarrow A b c \mid B b d$

$A \rightarrow a$

$B \rightarrow a$

▪ SLR(2) also



SLR and LR

❖ Example:

$S \rightarrow (X \mid [Y$

$X \rightarrow A) \mid B]$

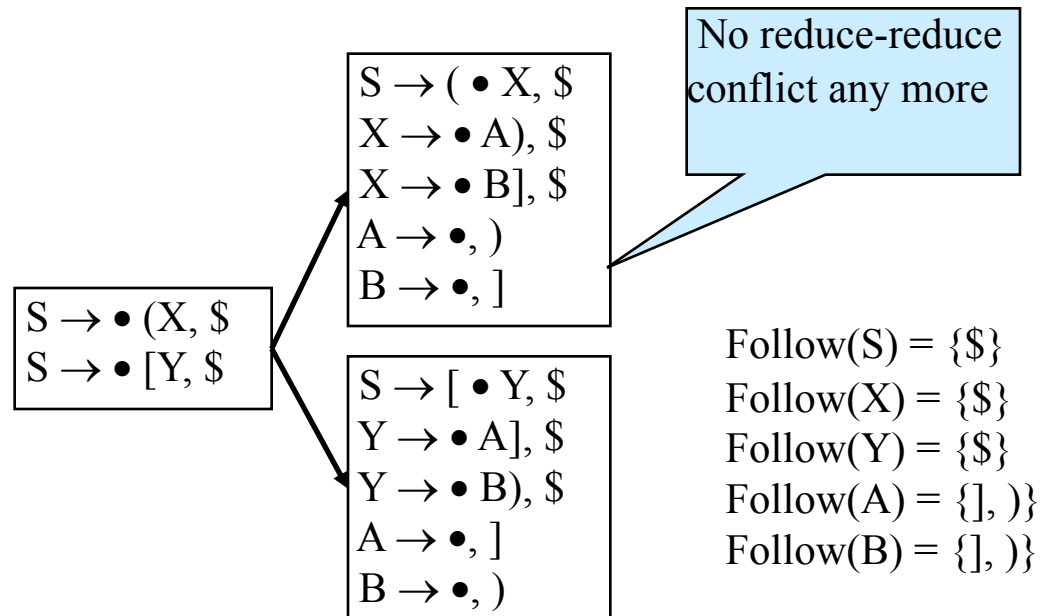
$Y \rightarrow A] \mid B)$

$A \rightarrow \varepsilon$

$B \rightarrow \varepsilon$

❑ Not SLR(1)

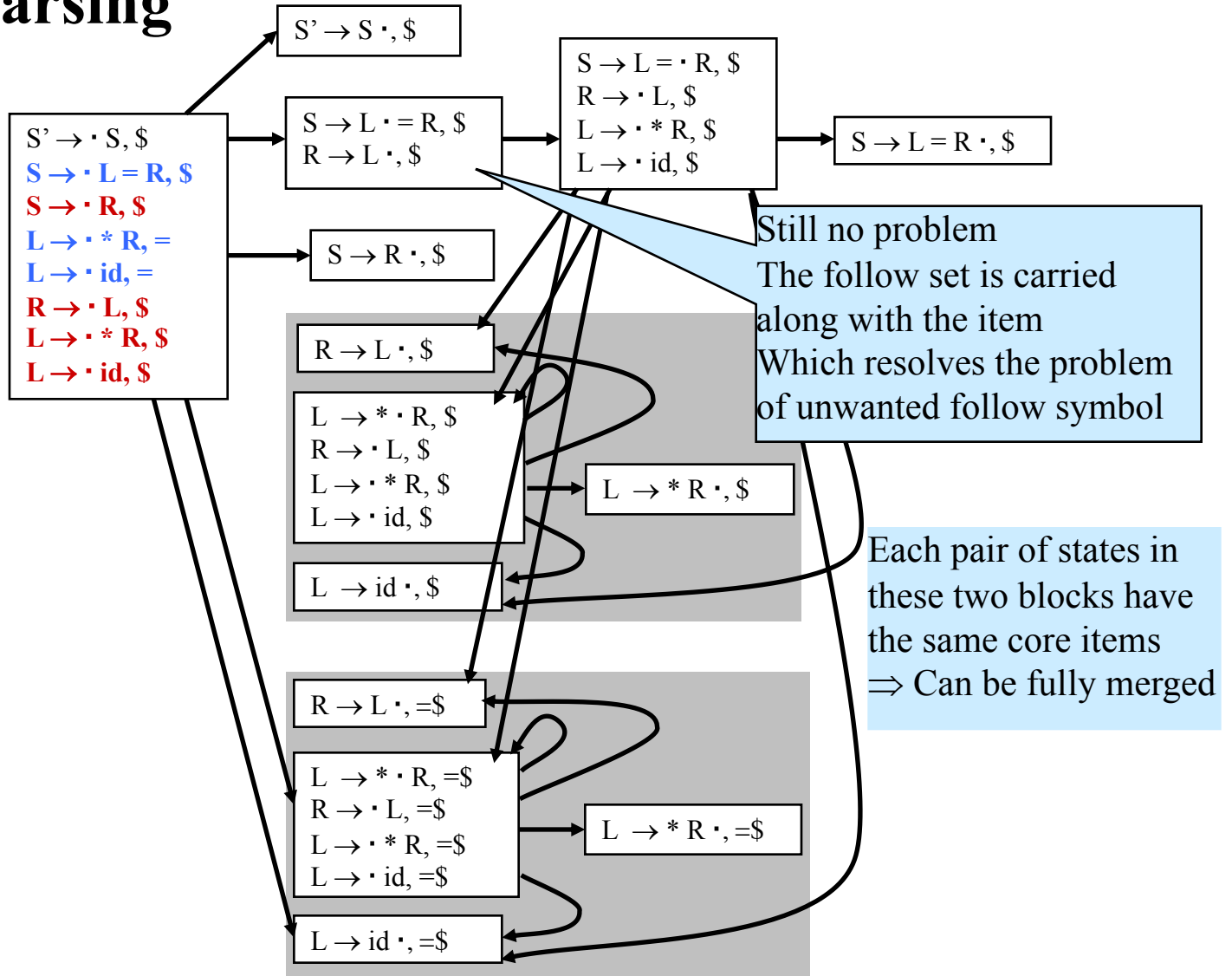
❑ Is LR(1)



LR Parsing

- ❖ LR is more powerful than SLR
- ❖ But LR has a larger number of states
 - ❑ Higher space consuming
 - Common programming language has hundreds of states and hundreds of terminals
 - Approximately 100 X 100 table size
 - ❑ Can the number of states in LR be reduced?
 - Some states in LR are duplicated and can be merged
- ❖ LALR
 - ❑ LookAhead LR
 - ❑ Try to merge states in LR(1) automata
 - ❑ When the core items in two LR(1) states are the same
 - ⇒ merge them

LALR Parsing



LALR Parsing

❖ Can merging states introduce conflicts?

- ❑ Cannot introduce shift-reduce conflict
- ❑ May introduce reduce-reduce conflict

❖ Cannot introduce shift-reduce conflict?

- ❑ Assume: two LR states I_1 , I_2 are merged into an LALR state I
- ❑ If conflict, I must have items
 - $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet, a]$ and $[B \rightarrow \beta \bullet a\delta, b]$
 - o In fact, α and β have to be the same, otherwise, they won't come to the same state
 - If they are from different states, they are different core items, cannot be merged into I
 - If I_1 has $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet, a]$ and $[B \rightarrow \alpha \bullet b\delta, c]$ and I_2 has $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet, d]$ and $[B \rightarrow \alpha \bullet b\delta, e]$
 - o To have a conflict, we should have $b = d$ or $b = a$, shift-reduce conflicts were there in I_1 and I_2 already!

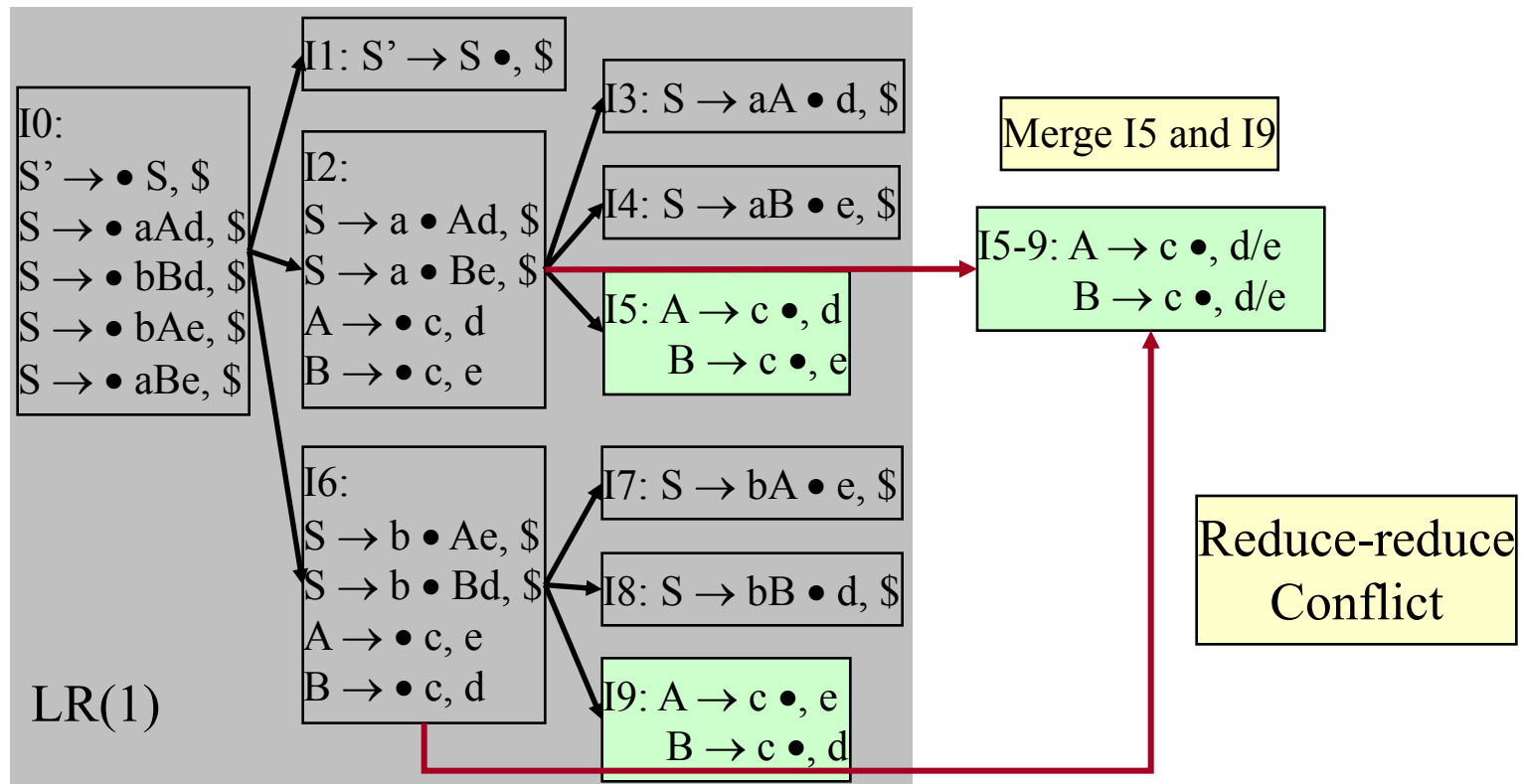
LALR Parsing

❖ Introducing reduce-reduce conflict?

$S \rightarrow aAd \mid bBd \mid bAe \mid aBe$

$A \rightarrow c$

$B \rightarrow c$



LALR Parsing

❖ Another LALR example

$S \rightarrow CC$

$C \rightarrow cC$

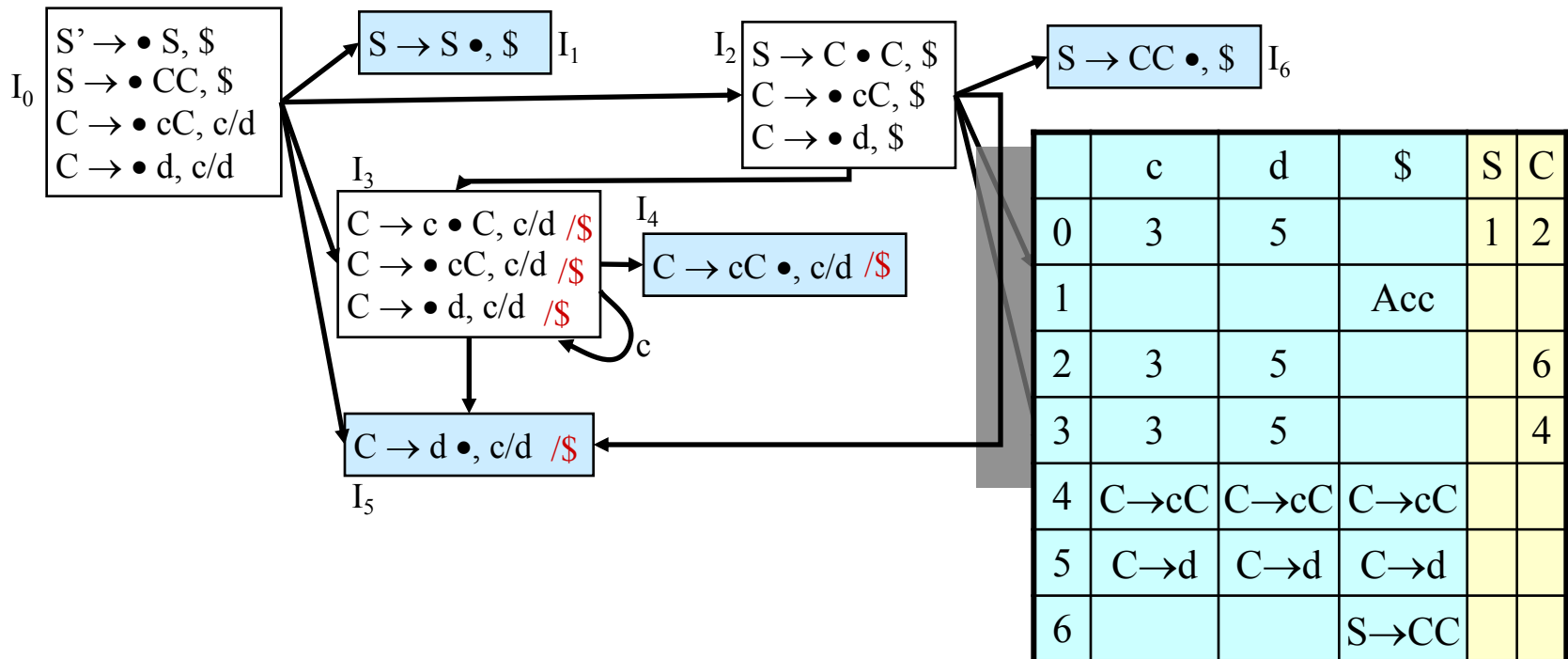
$C \rightarrow d$

$\text{First}(C) = \{c, d\}$

$\text{First}(S) = \{c, d\}$

$\text{Follow}(S) = \{\$ \}$

$\text{Follow}(C) = \{c, d, \$ \}$



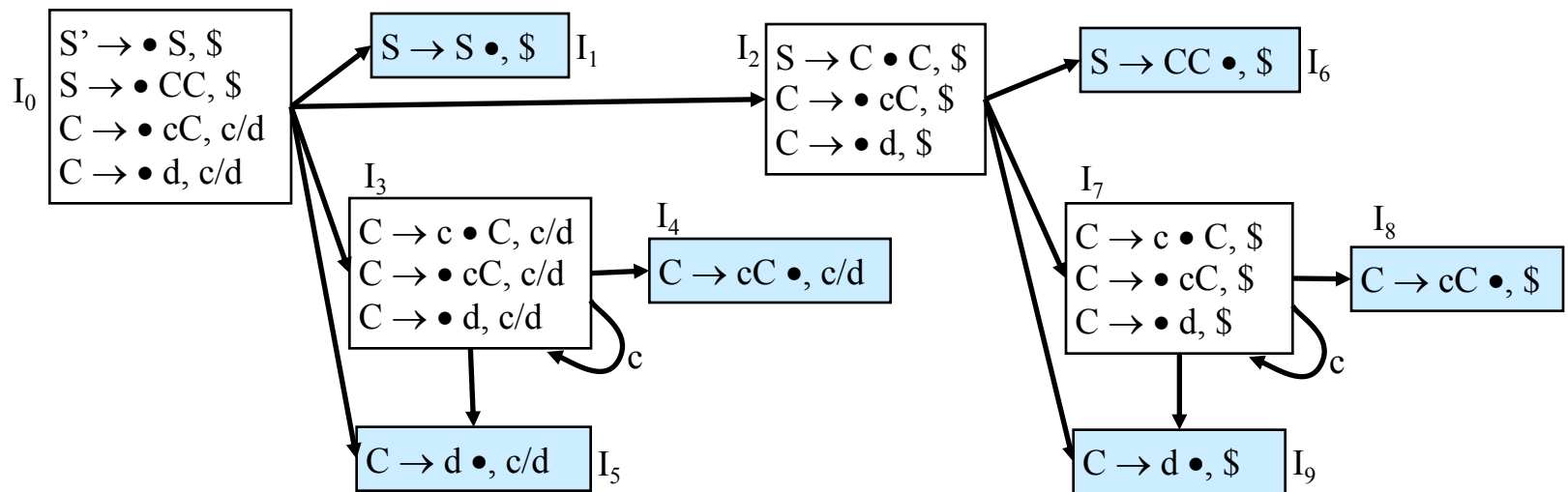
LALR Parsing

❖ Delay error detection?

- $S \rightarrow CC, C \rightarrow cC, C \rightarrow d$
- Parse string $ccd\$$

□ LR stack

- $0c3c3d5$, seeing $\$ \Rightarrow$ reduce using $C \rightarrow d$ only if seeing $\{c, d\}$, not $\$ \Rightarrow$ error

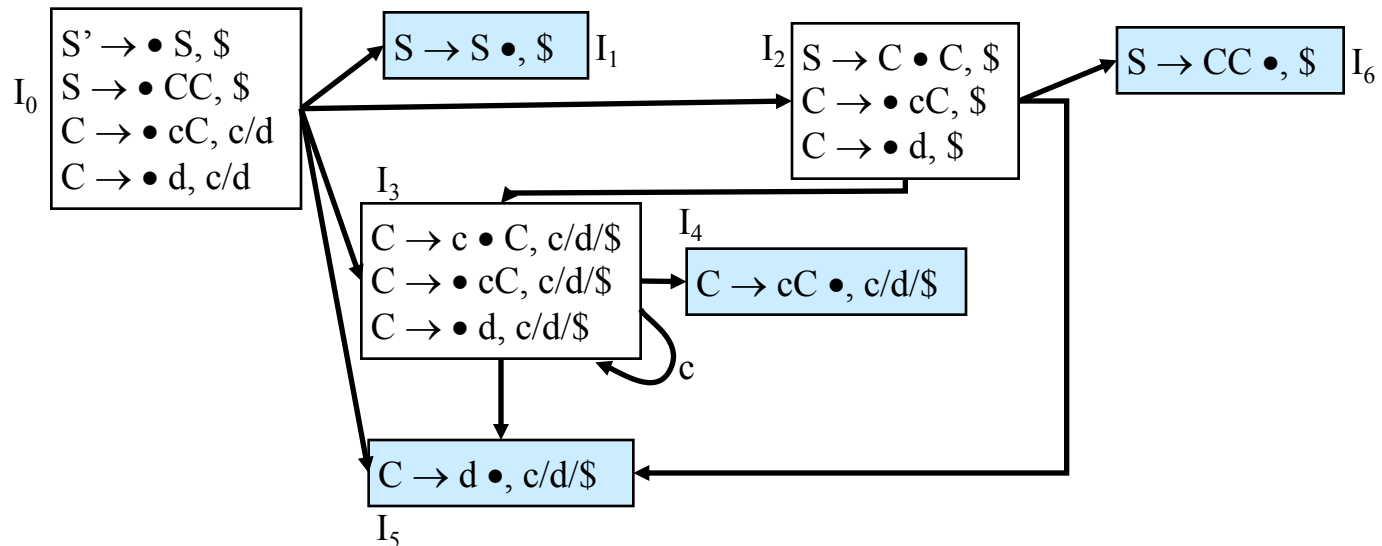


LALR Parsing

❖ Delay error detection?

□ LALR stack

- 0c3c3d5, seeing \$ \Rightarrow reduce using $C \rightarrow d$, goto 4 (0c3c3C4)
- 0c3c3C4, seeing \$ \Rightarrow Reduce by $C \rightarrow cC$, goto 4 (0c3C4)
- 0c3C4, seeing \$ \Rightarrow Reduce by $C \rightarrow cC$, goto 2 (0C2)
- 0C2, seeing \$ \Rightarrow error, only allow seeing c, d, C



LALR Parsing

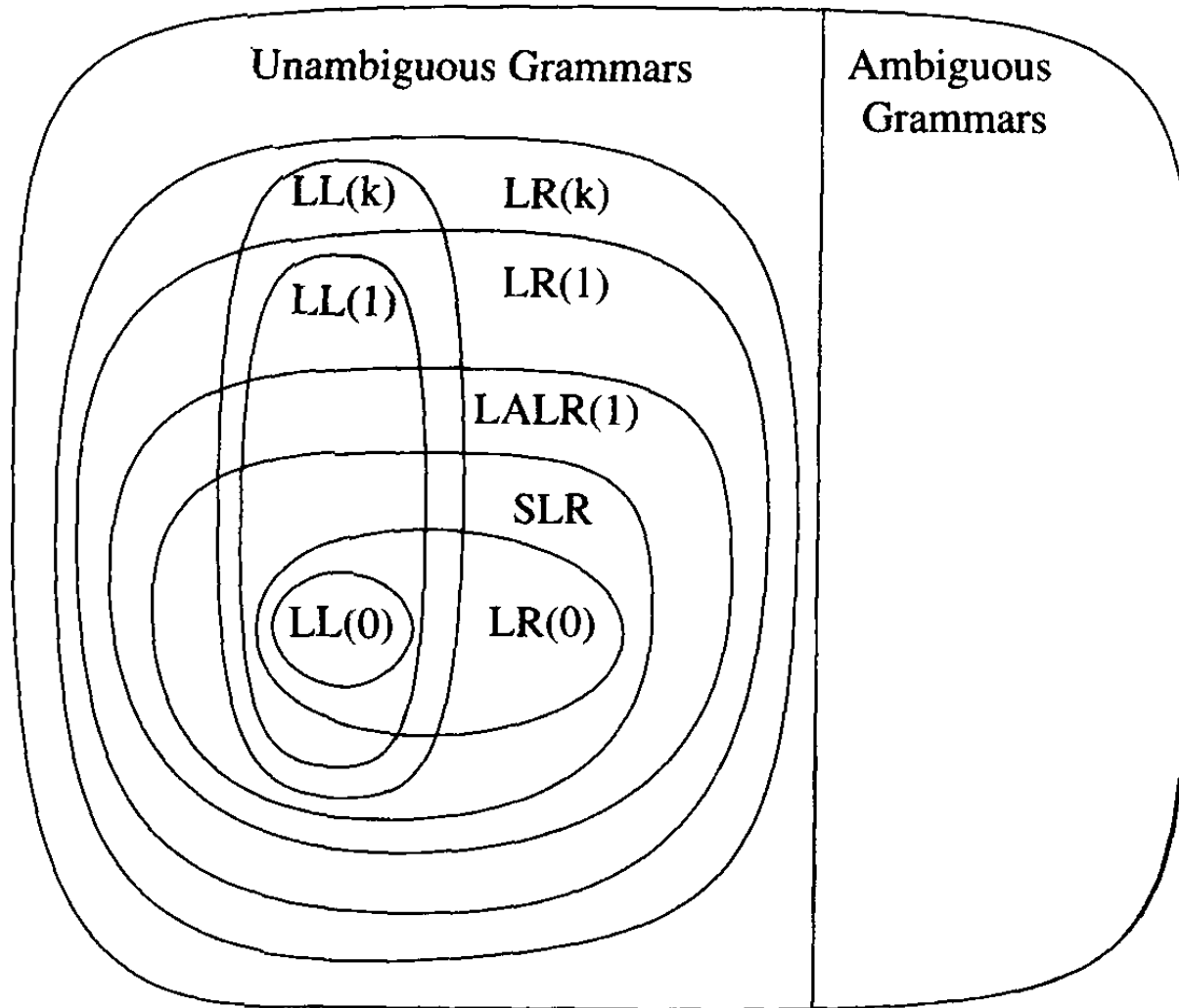
❖ LALR

- ❑ Can also be constructed using SLR procedure
- ❑ But add lookahead symbols

❖ SLR, LR, LALR

- ❑ LR is most powerful and SLR is least powerful
- ❑ LALR(1) is most commonly used
 - All reasonable languages are LALR(1)
 - Has the same number of states as SLR(1)

Grammar Class Hierarchy



Bottom-up Parsing -- Summary

❖ Read textbook Sections 4.5-4.6

❖ Bottom-up Parsing

- ❑ Handle and viable prefix

- ❑ SLR parsing

 - $SLR(1) = LR(0)$

 - $SLR(k)$

- ❑ Canonical LR Parsing

 - $LR(1)$

 - $LR(k)$

- ❑ LALR