

LR Parsing

CMPT 379: Compilers

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Parsing - Roadmap

- Parser:
 - decision procedure: builds a parse tree
- Top-down vs. bottom-up
- LL(1) – Deterministic Parsing
 - recursive-descent
 - table-driven
- LR(k) – Deterministic Parsing
 - LR(0), SLR(1), LR(1), LALR(1)
- Parsing arbitrary CFGs – Polynomial time parsing

Top-Down vs. Bottom Up

Grammar: $S \rightarrow A B$

Input String: ccbca

$A \rightarrow c \mid \varepsilon$

$B \rightarrow cbB \mid ca$

| Top-Down/leftmost | | Bottom-Up/rightmost | |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| $S \Rightarrow AB$ | $S \rightarrow AB$ | $ccbca \Leftarrow Acbca$ | $A \rightarrow c$ |
| $\Rightarrow cB$ | $A \rightarrow c$ | $\Leftarrow AcbB$ | $B \rightarrow ca$ |
| $\Rightarrow ccbB$ | $B \rightarrow cbB$ | $\Leftarrow AB$ | $B \rightarrow cbB$ |
| $\Rightarrow ccbca$ | $B \rightarrow ca$ | $\Leftarrow S$ | $S \rightarrow AB$ |

Rightmost derivation for $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}$

$E \rightarrow E + E$

$E \rightarrow E * E$

$E \rightarrow (E)$

$E \rightarrow - E$

$E \rightarrow \text{id}$

$E \Rightarrow E * E$

$\Rightarrow E * \text{id}$

$\Rightarrow E + E * \text{id}$

$\Rightarrow E + \text{id} * \text{id}$

$\Rightarrow \text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id}$

reduce with $E \rightarrow \text{id}$

shift

$E \Rightarrow^*_{\text{rm}} E + E * \text{id}$

Bottom-up parsing overview

- Start from terminal symbols, search for a path to the start symbol
- Apply shift and reduce actions: postpone decisions
- LR parsing:
 - L: left to right parsing
 - R: rightmost derivation (in reverse or bottom-up)
- $LR(0) \rightarrow SLR(1) \rightarrow LR(1) \rightarrow LALR(1)$
 - 0 or 1 or k lookahead symbols

Actions in Shift-Reduce Parsing

- Shift
 - add terminal to parse stack, advance input
- Reduce
 - If αw is on the stack, $\alpha, w \in (N \cup T)^*$ and $A \rightarrow w$, and there is a $\beta \in T^*$ such that $S \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \alpha A \beta \Rightarrow_{rm} \alpha w \beta$ then we can reduce αw to αA on the stack (called *pruning the handle w*)
 - αw is a *viable prefix*
- Error
- Accept

Questions

- When to shift/reduce?
 - What are valid handles?
 - Ambiguity: Shift/reduce conflict
- If reducing, using which production?
 - Ambiguity: Reduce/reduce conflict

LR Parsing

- Table-based parser
 - Creates rightmost derivation (in reverse)
 - For “less massaged” grammars than LL(1)
- Data structures:
 - Stack of states/symbols $\{s\}$
 - Action table: **action** $[s, a]$; $a \in T$
 - Goto table: **goto** $[s, X]$; $X \in N$

| Productions | |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | $T \rightarrow F$ |
| 2 | $T \rightarrow T * F$ |
| 3 | $F \rightarrow \text{id}$ |
| 4 | $F \rightarrow (T)$ |

Action/Goto Table

| | | * | (|) | id | \$ | T | F |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|------|---|---|
| 0 | | | S5 | | S8 | | 2 | 1 |
| 1 | R1 | R1 | R1 | R1 | R1 | R1 | | |
| 2 | S3 | | | | | Acc! | | |
| 3 | | | S5 | | S8 | | | 4 |
| 4 | R2 | R2 | R2 | R2 | R2 | R2 | | |
| 5 | | | S5 | | S8 | | 6 | 1 |
| 6 | S3 | | | S7 | | | | |
| 7 | R4 | R4 | R4 | R4 | R4 | R4 | | |
| 8 | R3 | R3 | R3 | R3 | R3 | R3 | | |

Trace “(id)*id”

| Stack | Input | Action |
|----------------|-----------------------|---|
| 0 | (id) * id \$ | Shift S5 |
| 0 5 | id) * id \$ | Shift S8 |
| 0 5 8 |) * id \$ | Reduce 3 F→id, pop 8, goto [5,F]=1 |
| 0 5 1 |) * id \$ | Reduce 1 T→ F, pop 1, goto [5,T]=6 |
| 0 5 6 |) * id \$ | Shift S7 |
| 0 5 6 7 | * id \$ | Reduce 4 F→ (T), pop 7 6 5, goto [0,F]=1 |
| 0 1 | * id \$ | Reduce 1 T → F pop 1, goto [0,T]=2 |

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| 2 | S3 | | | | A | | |
| 3 | | S5 | | S8 | | | 4 |
| 4 | R2 | R2 | R2 | R2 | R2 | | |
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| 0 5 8 |) * id \$ | Reduce 3 $F \rightarrow id$ pop 8, goto [0,T]=2 |
| 0 5 1 |) * id \$ | Reduce 1 $T \rightarrow F$, pop 1, goto [5,T]=6 |
| 0 5 6 |) * id \$ | Shift S7 |
| 0 5 6 7 | * id \$ | Reduce 4 $F \rightarrow (T)$, pop 7 6 5, goto [0,F]=1 |
| 0 1 | * id \$ | Reduce 1 $T \rightarrow F$ pop 1, goto [0,T]=2 |

Trace “(id)*id”

| Stack | Input | Action |
|----------------|----------------|--|
| 0 1 | * id \$ | Reduce 1 $T \rightarrow F$, pop 1, goto [0,T]=2 |
| 0 2 | * id \$ | Shift S3 |
| 0 2 3 | id \$ | Shift S8 |
| 0 2 3 8 | \$ | Reduce 3 $F \rightarrow id$, pop 8, goto [3,F]=4 |
| 0 2 3 4 | \$ | Reduce 2 $T \rightarrow T * F$ pop 4 3 2, goto [0,T]=2 |
| 0 2 | \$ | Accept |

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| 8 | R3 | R3 | R3 | R3 | R3 | | |

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|---------|---------|---|
| 0 1 | * id \$ | Reduce 1 $T \rightarrow F$, pop 1, goto [1,T]=1 |
| 0 2 | * id \$ | Shift S3 |
| 0 2 3 | id \$ | Shift S8 |
| 0 2 3 8 | \$ | Reduce 3 $F \rightarrow id$, pop 8, goto [3,F]=4 |
| 0 2 3 4 | \$ | Reduce 2 $T \rightarrow T * F$, pop 4 3 2, goto [0,T]=2 |
| 0 2 | \$ | Accept |

Tracing LR: $\text{action}[s, a]$

- case **shift** u :
 - push state u
 - read new a
- case **reduce** r :
 - lookup production $r: X \rightarrow Y_1..Y_k$;
 - pop k states, find state u
 - push **goto** $[u, X]$
- case **accept**: done
- no entry in action table: **error**

Configuration set

- Each set is a parser state
- We use the notion of a dotted rule or item:

$$T \rightarrow T * \bullet F$$

- The dot is before **F**, so we predict all rules with **F** as the left-hand side

$$T \rightarrow T * \bullet F$$

$$F \rightarrow \bullet (T)$$

$$F \rightarrow \bullet id$$

- This creates a configuration set (or item set)
 - Like NFA-to-DFA conversion

Closure

Closure property:

- If $T \rightarrow X_1 \dots X_i \bullet X_{i+1} \dots X_n$ is in set, and X_{i+1} is a nonterminal, then $X_{i+1} \rightarrow \bullet Y_1 \dots Y_m$ is in the set as well for all productions $X_{i+1} \rightarrow Y_1 \dots Y_m$
- Compute as fixed point
- The closure property creates a configuration set (item set) from a dotted rule (item).

Starting Configuration

- Augment Grammar with S'
- Add production $S' \rightarrow S$
- Initial configuration set is
 $\text{closure}(S' \rightarrow \bullet S)$

Example: $I = \text{closure}(S' \rightarrow \bullet T)$

$S' \rightarrow T$

$T \rightarrow F \mid T * F$

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

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$S' \rightarrow \bullet T$

$T \rightarrow \bullet T * F$

$T \rightarrow \bullet F$

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$F \rightarrow \bullet (T)$

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Successor(I, X)

Informally: “move by symbol X”

1. move dot to the right in all items where dot is before X
2. remove all other items
(viable prefixes only!)
3. compute closure

Successor Example

$$I = \{ S' \rightarrow \bullet T, \\ T \rightarrow \bullet F, \\ T \rightarrow \bullet T * F, \\ F \rightarrow \bullet \text{id}, \\ F \rightarrow \bullet (T) \}$$

| |
|---|
| $\begin{aligned} S' &\rightarrow T \\ T &\rightarrow F \mid T * F \\ F &\rightarrow \text{id} \mid (T) \end{aligned}$ |
|---|

Compute **Successor**(I, “(“)

$$\{ F \rightarrow (\bullet T), T \rightarrow \bullet F, T \rightarrow \bullet T * F, \\ F \rightarrow \bullet \text{id}, F \rightarrow \bullet (T) \}$$

Sets-of-Items Construction

Family of configuration sets

function items(G')

$C = \{ \text{closure}(\{S' \rightarrow \bullet S\}) \};$

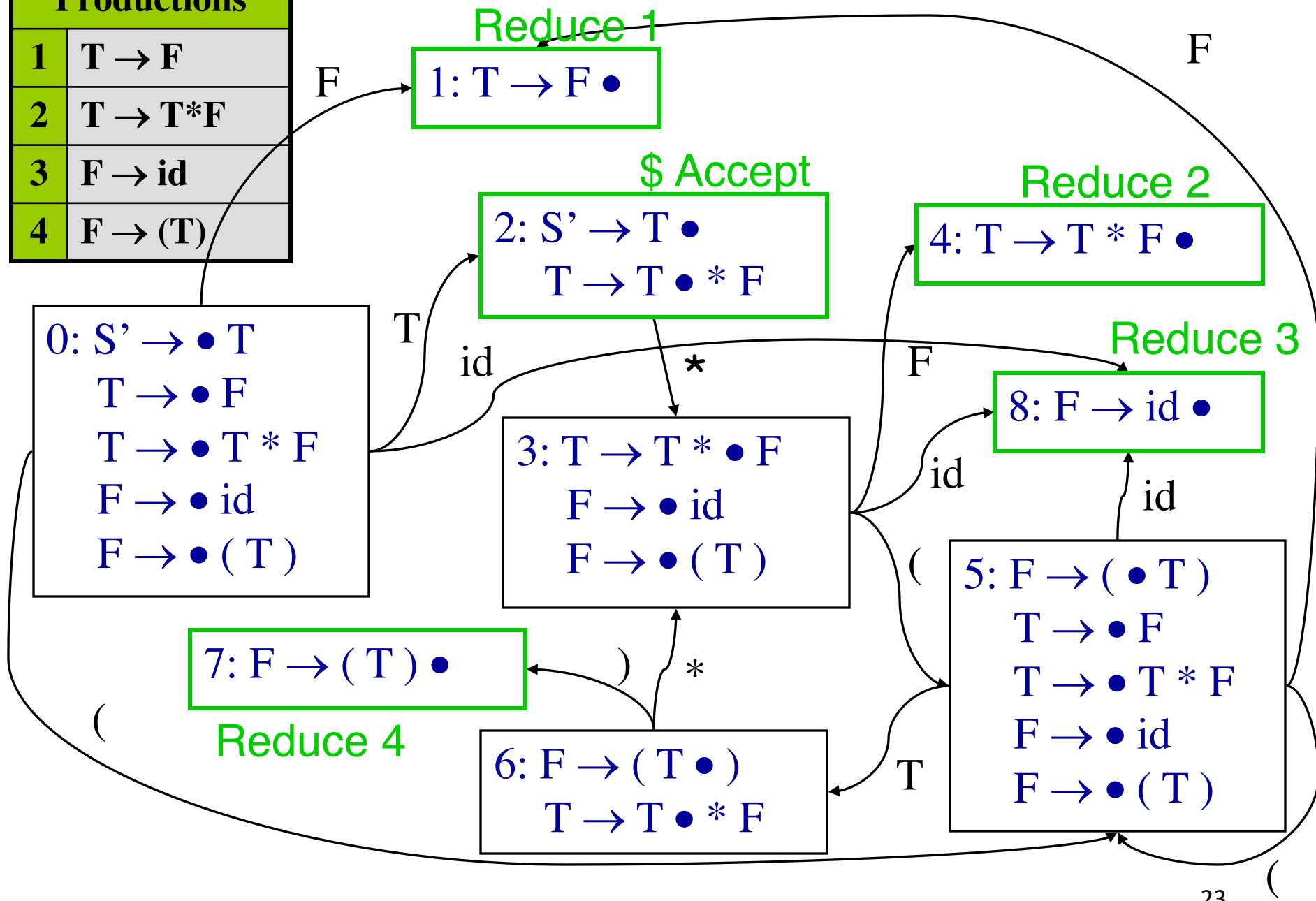
do foreach $I \in C$ **do**

foreach $X \in (N \cup T)$ **do**

$C = C \cup \{ \text{Successor}(I, X) \};$

while C changes;

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Productions

- 1 $T \rightarrow F$
- 2 $T \rightarrow T * F$
- 3 $F \rightarrow id$
- 4 $F \rightarrow (T)$

0: $S' \rightarrow \bullet T$
 $T \rightarrow \bullet F$

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Reduce 1

1: $T \rightarrow F \bullet$

\$ Accept

2: $S' \rightarrow T \bullet$
 $T \rightarrow T \bullet * F$

Reduce 2

4: $T \rightarrow T * F \bullet$

Reduce 3

8: $F \rightarrow id \bullet$

5: $F \rightarrow (\bullet T)$
 $T \rightarrow \bullet F$
 $T \rightarrow \bullet T * F$
 $F \rightarrow \bullet id$
 $F \rightarrow \bullet (T)$

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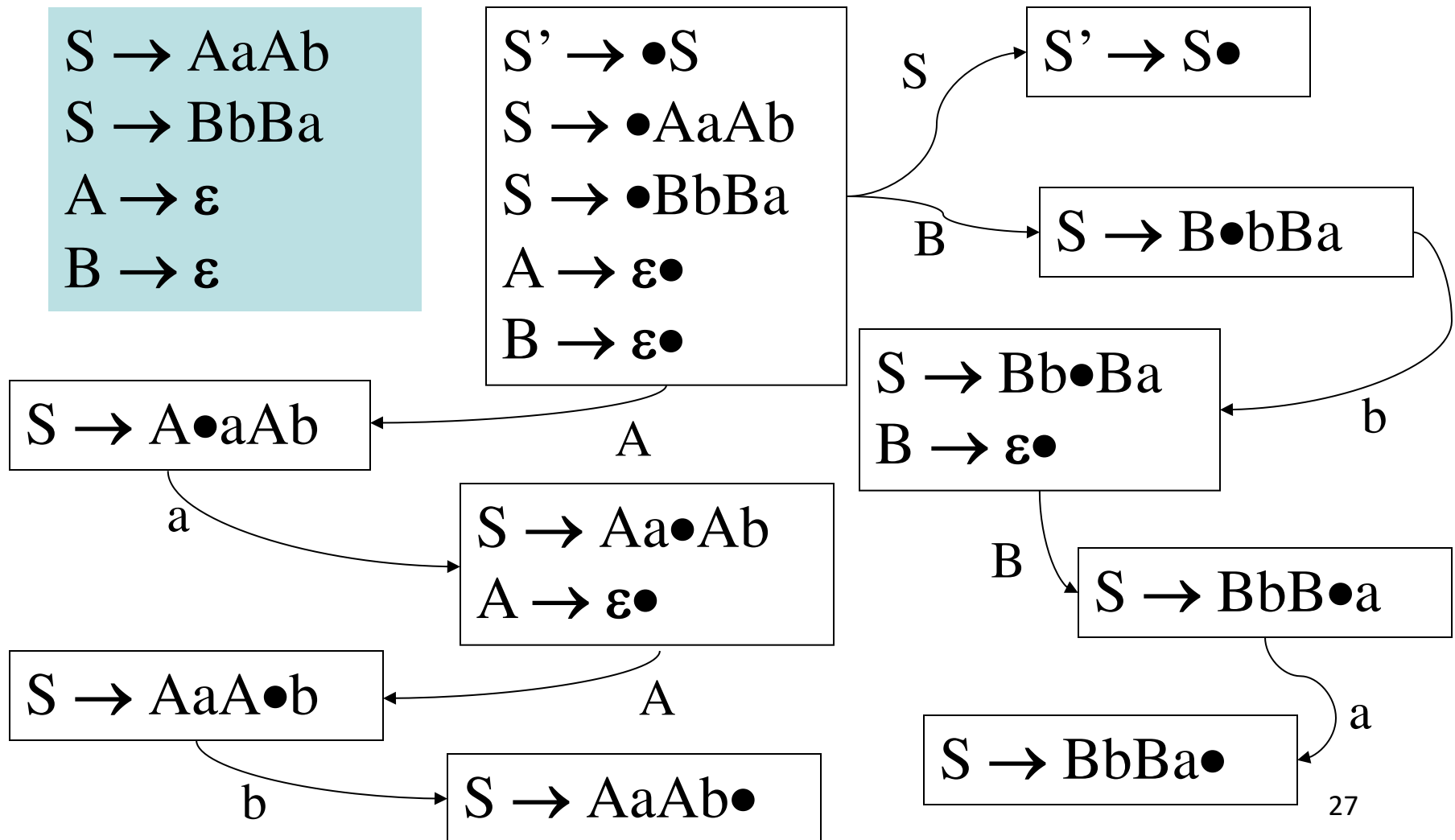
LR(0) Construction

1. Construct $F = \{I_0, I_1, \dots, I_n\}$
2. a) if $\{A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet\} \in I_i$ and $A \neq S'$
then $\text{action}[i, _] := \text{reduce } A \rightarrow \alpha$
b) if $\{S' \rightarrow S \bullet\} \in I_i$
then $\text{action}[i, \$] := \text{accept}$
c) if $\{A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a \beta\} \in I_i$ and $\text{Successor}(I_i, a) = I_j$
then $\text{action}[i, a] := \text{shift } j$
3. if $\text{Successor}(I_i, A) = I_j$ then $\text{goto}[i, A] := j$

LR(0) Construction (cont'd)

4. All entries not defined are errors
 5. Make sure I_0 is the initial state
- Note: LR(0) always reduces if $\{A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet\} \in I_i$, no lookahead
 - Shift and reduce items can't be in the same configuration set
 - Accepting state doesn't count as reduce item
 - At most one reduce item per set

Set-of-items with Epsilon rules



LR(0) conflicts:

$S' \rightarrow T$

$T \rightarrow F$

$T \rightarrow T * F$

$T \rightarrow id$

$F \rightarrow id \mid (T)$

$F \rightarrow id = T ;$

11: $F \rightarrow id \bullet$

$F \rightarrow id \bullet = T$

Shift/reduce conflict

1: $F \rightarrow id \bullet$

$T \rightarrow id \bullet$

Reduce/Reduce conflict

Need more lookahead: SLR(1)

Viable Prefixes

- γ is a **viable prefix** if there is some ω such that $\gamma | \omega$ is a state of a shift-reduce parser

stack \rightarrow $\boxed{\gamma} | \boxed{\omega}$ \leftarrow rest of input

- **Important fact:** A viable prefix is a prefix of a handle
- An LR(0) item $[X \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta]$ says that
 - α is on top of the stack (α is a suffix of γ)
 - The parser is looking for an X
 - Expects to find input string derived from β
- We can recognize viable prefixes via a NfA (DFA)
 - States of NFA are LR(0) items
 - States of DFA are sets of LR(0) items (LR(0) states)

LR(0) Grammars

- An LR(0) grammar is a CFG such that the LR(0) construction produces a table without conflicts (a deterministic pushdown automata)
- $S \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \alpha A \beta \Rightarrow_{rm} \alpha w \beta$ and $A \rightarrow w$ then we can *prune the handle w*
 - pruning the handle means we can reduce αw to αA on the stack
- Every viable prefix αw can be recognized using the DFA built by the LR(0) construction

LR(0) Grammars

- Once we have a viable prefix on the stack, we can prune the handle and then restart the DFA to obtain another viable prefix, and so on ...
- In LR(0) pruning the handle can be done without any look-ahead
 - this means that in the rightmost derivation,
 - $S \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \alpha A \beta \Rightarrow_{rm} \alpha w \beta$ we reduce using a unique rule $A \rightarrow w$ without ambiguity, and without looking at β
- No ambiguous context-free grammar can be LR(0)

LR(0) Grammars \subset Context-free Grammars