

# Syntax Analysis

## Part II

### Chapter 4

# Bottom-Up Parsing

- LR methods (Left-to-right, Reftmost derivation)
  - SLR, Canonical LR, LALR
- Other special cases:
  - Shift-reduce parsing
  - Operator-precedence parsing
    - Special case of shift-reduce parsing

# Shift-Reduce Parsing

Grammar:

$S \rightarrow \mathbf{a} A B \mathbf{e}$

$A \rightarrow A \mathbf{b} \mathbf{c} \mid \mathbf{b}$

$B \rightarrow \mathbf{d}$

Reducing a sentence:

$\mathbf{a} \underline{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{c} \mathbf{d} \mathbf{e}$

$\mathbf{a} \underline{A} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{c} \mathbf{d} \mathbf{e}$

$\mathbf{a} A \underline{\mathbf{d}} \mathbf{e}$

$\underline{\mathbf{a} A B \mathbf{e}}$

$S$

These match  
production's  
right-hand sides

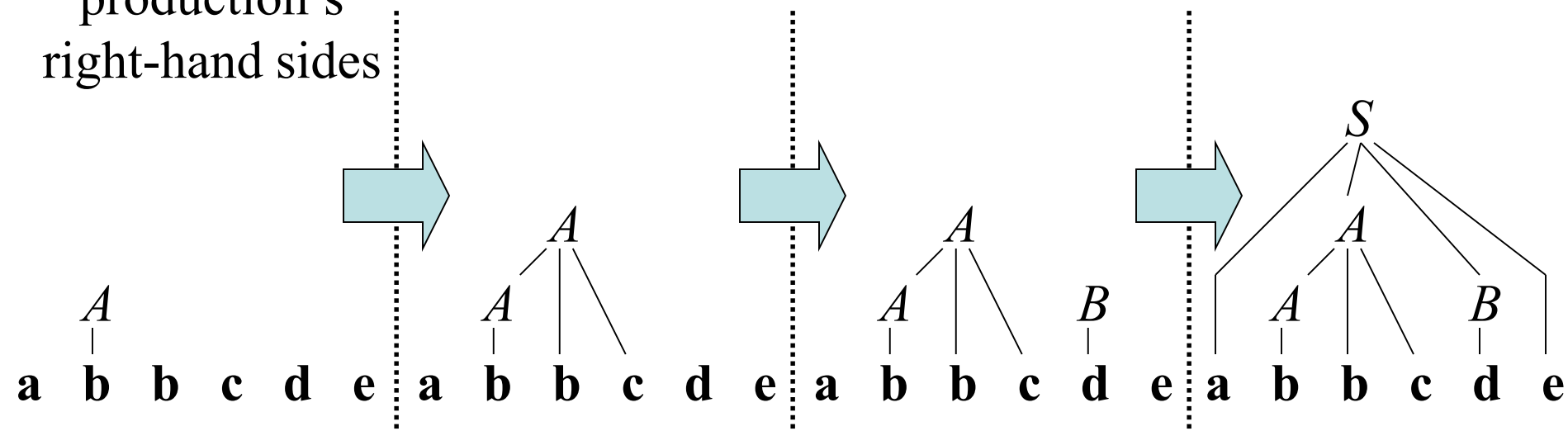
Shift-reduce corresponds  
to a rightmost derivation:

$S \Rightarrow_{rm} \mathbf{a} A B \mathbf{e}$

$\Rightarrow_{rm} \mathbf{a} A \mathbf{d} \mathbf{e}$

$\Rightarrow_{rm} \mathbf{a} A \mathbf{b} \mathbf{c} \mathbf{d} \mathbf{e}$

$\Rightarrow_{rm} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{c} \mathbf{d} \mathbf{e}$



# Handles

A *handle* is a substring of grammar symbols in a *right-sentential form* that matches a right-hand side of a production

Grammar:

$S \rightarrow a A B e$

$A \rightarrow A b c \mid b$

$B \rightarrow d$

$a \underline{b} b c d e$   
 $a \underline{A} b c d e$   
 $a A \underline{d} e$   
 $\underline{a A B e}$   
 $S$

Handle

$a \underline{b} b c d e$

$a A \underline{b} c d e$

$a A A e$

... ?

NOT a handle, because  
further reductions will fail  
(result is not a sentential form)

# Stack Implementation of Shift-Reduce Parsing

Grammar:

$E \rightarrow E + E$

$E \rightarrow E * E$

$E \rightarrow ( E )$

$E \rightarrow \text{id}$

Find handles  
to reduce

Stack	Input	Action
\$	id+id*id\$	shift
\$ <u>id</u>	+id*id\$	reduce $E \rightarrow \text{id}$
\$E	+id*id\$	shift
\$E+	id*id\$	shift
\$E+ <u>id</u>	*id\$	reduce $E \rightarrow \text{id}$
\$E+E	*id\$	shift (or reduce?)
\$E+E*	id\$	shift
\$E+E* <u>id</u>	\$	reduce $E \rightarrow \text{id}$
\$E+E* <u>E</u>	\$	reduce $E \rightarrow E * E$
\$ <u>E+E</u>	\$	reduce $E \rightarrow E + E$
\$E	\$	accept

How to  
resolve  
conflicts?

# Conflicts

- Shift-reduce and reduce-reduce conflicts are caused by
  - The limitations of the LR parsing method (even when the grammar is unambiguous)
  - Ambiguity of the grammar

# Reduce-Reduce Conflicts

Grammar:

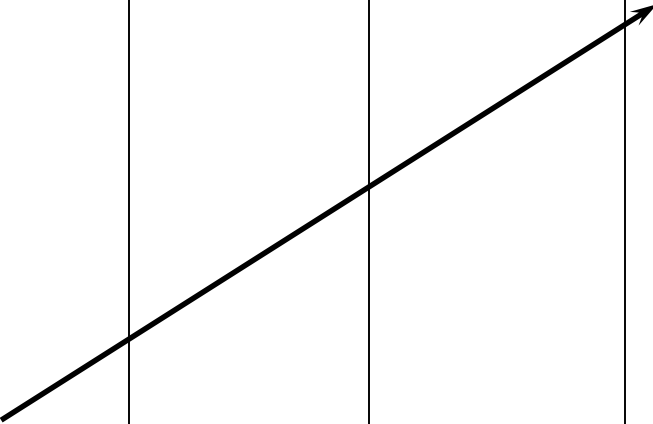
$C \rightarrow A B$

$A \rightarrow \mathbf{a}$

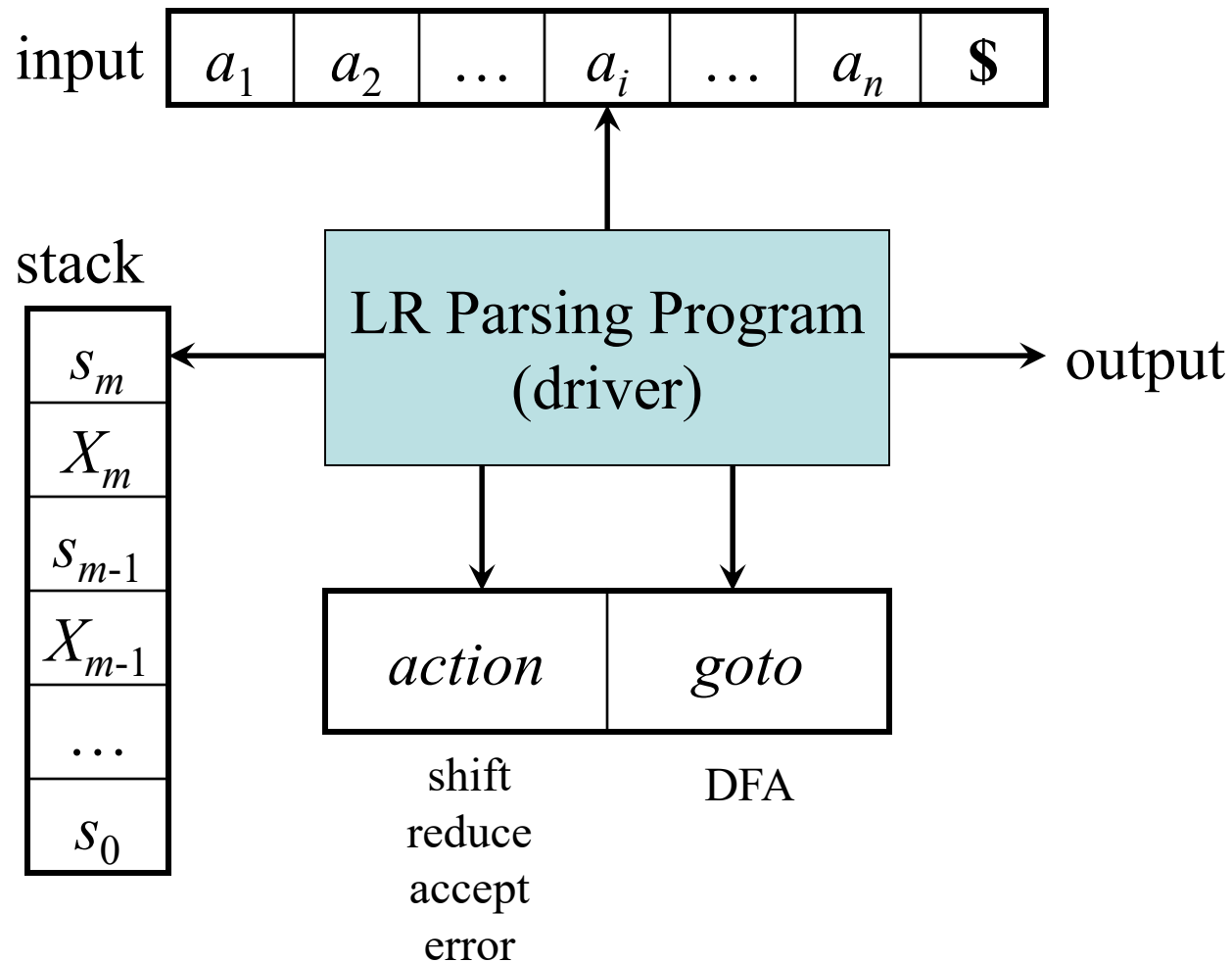
$B \rightarrow \mathbf{a}$

Resolve in favor  
of reduce  $A \rightarrow \mathbf{a}$ ,  
otherwise we're stuck!

Stack	Input	Action
\$	aa\$	shift
\$ <u>a</u>	a\$	reduce $A \rightarrow \mathbf{a}$ <u>or</u> $B \rightarrow \mathbf{a}$ ?



# Model of an LR Parser





# LR(0) Items of a Grammar

- An *LR(0) item* of a grammar  $G$  is a production of  $G$  with a  $\bullet$  at some position of the right-hand side

- Thus, a production

$$A \rightarrow X Y Z$$

has four items:

$$[A \rightarrow \bullet X Y Z]$$

$$[A \rightarrow X \bullet Y Z]$$

$$[A \rightarrow X Y \bullet Z]$$

$$[A \rightarrow X Y Z \bullet]$$

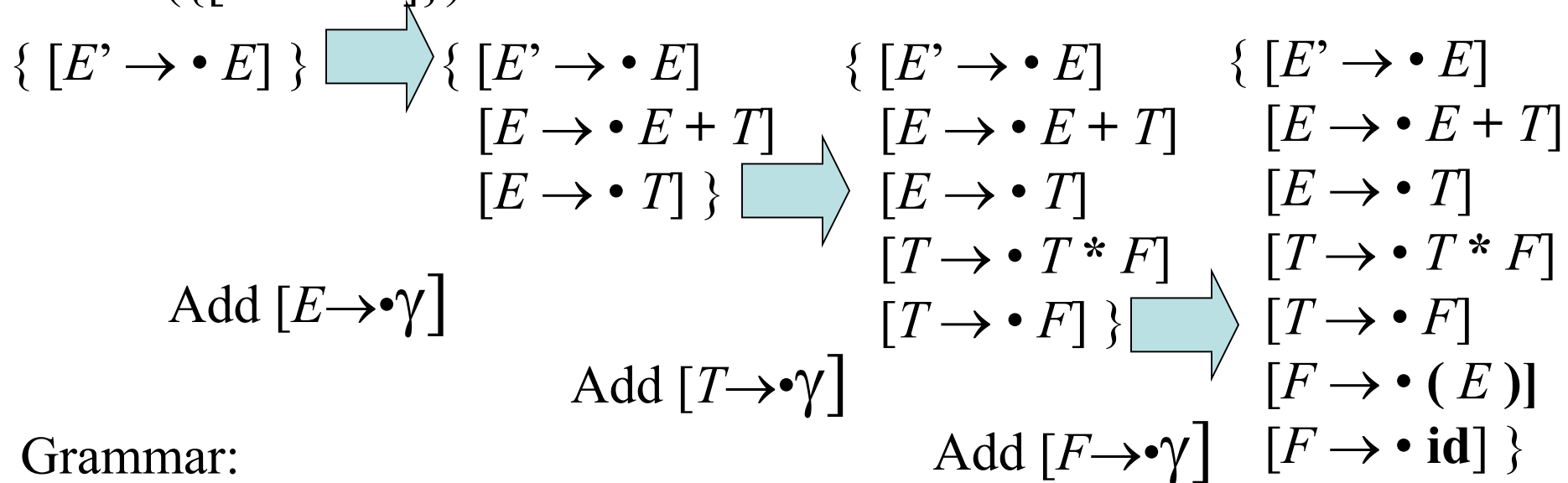
- Note that production  $A \rightarrow \varepsilon$  has one item  $[A \rightarrow \bullet]$

# The Closure Operation for LR(0) Items

1. Start with  $\text{closure}(I) = I$
2. If  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta] \in \text{closure}(I)$  then for each production  $B \rightarrow \gamma$  in the grammar, add the item  $[B \rightarrow \bullet \gamma]$  to  $I$  if not already in  $I$
3. Repeat 2 until no new items can be added

# The Closure Operation (Example)

$\text{closure}(\{[E' \rightarrow \bullet E]\}) =$



Grammar:

$E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$

$T \rightarrow T * F \mid F$

$F \rightarrow ( E )$

$F \rightarrow \text{id}$

# The Goto Operation for LR(0) Items

1. For each item  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet X \beta] \in I$ , add the set of items  $\text{closure}(\{[A \rightarrow \alpha X \bullet \beta]\})$  to  $\text{goto}(I, X)$  if not already there
2. Repeat step 1 until no more items can be added to  $\text{goto}(I, X)$

# The Goto Operation Example

Suppose  $I = \{ [E' \rightarrow E \bullet], [E \rightarrow E \bullet + T] \}$

Then  $goto(I, +) = closure(\{ [E \rightarrow E + \bullet T] \}) = \{$   
 $[E \rightarrow E + \bullet T]$   
 $[T \rightarrow \bullet T * F]$   
 $[T \rightarrow \bullet F]$   
 $[F \rightarrow \bullet ( E )]$   
 $[F \rightarrow \bullet \mathbf{id}] \}$

Grammar:

$$E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$$

$$T \rightarrow T * F \mid F$$

$$F \rightarrow ( E )$$

$$F \rightarrow \mathbf{id}$$

# Constructing the set of LR(0) Items of a Grammar

1. The grammar is augmented with a new start symbol  $S'$  and production  $S' \rightarrow S$
2. Initially, set  $C = \text{closure}(\{[S' \rightarrow \bullet S]\})$
3. For each set of items  $I \in C$  and each grammar symbol  $X \in (N \cup T)$  such that  $\text{goto}(I, X) \notin C$  and  $\text{goto}(I, X) \neq \emptyset$ , add the set of items  $\text{goto}(I, X)$  to  $C$
4. Repeat 3 until no more sets can be added to  $C$

# Example SLR Grammar and LR(0) Items

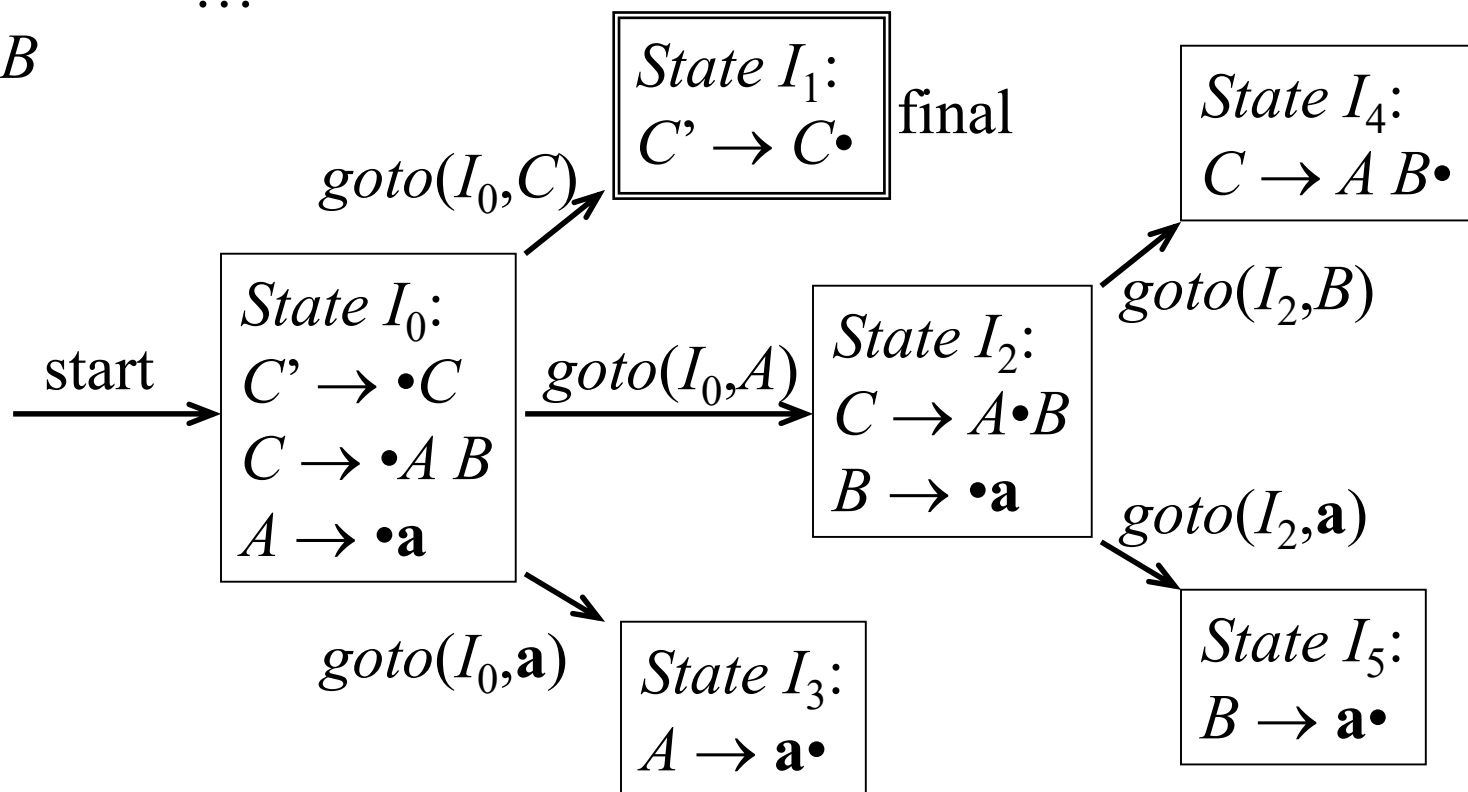
Augmented  
grammar:

1.  $C' \rightarrow C$
2.  $C \rightarrow A B$
3.  $A \rightarrow a$
4.  $B \rightarrow a$

$$I_0 = \text{closure}(\{[C' \rightarrow \bullet C]\})$$

$$I_1 = \text{goto}(I_0, C) = \text{closure}(\{[C' \rightarrow C \bullet]\})$$

...



# Constructing SLR Parsing Tables

1. Augment the grammar with  $S' \rightarrow S$
2. Construct the set  $C = \{I_0, I_1, \dots, I_n\}$  of *LR(0) items*
3. If  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a \beta] \in I_i$  and  $\text{goto}(I_i, a) = I_j$  then set  $\text{action}[i, a] = \text{shift } j$
4. If  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet] \in I_i$  then set  $\text{action}[i, a] = \text{reduce } A \rightarrow \alpha$  for all  $a \in \text{FOLLOW}(A)$  (apply only if  $A \neq S'$ )
5. If  $[S' \rightarrow S \bullet]$  is in  $I_i$  then set  $\text{action}[i, \$] = \text{accept}$
6. If  $\text{goto}(I_i, A) = I_j$  then set  $\text{goto}[i, A] = j$
7. Repeat 3-6 until no more entries added
8. The initial state  $i$  is the  $I_i$  holding item  $[S' \rightarrow \bullet S]$



# Example SLR Parsing Table

State  $I_0$ :

$$C' \rightarrow \bullet C$$

$$C \rightarrow \bullet A B$$

$$A \rightarrow \bullet a$$

State  $I_1$ :

$$C' \rightarrow C \bullet$$

State  $I_2$ :

$$C \rightarrow A \bullet B$$

$$B \rightarrow \bullet a$$

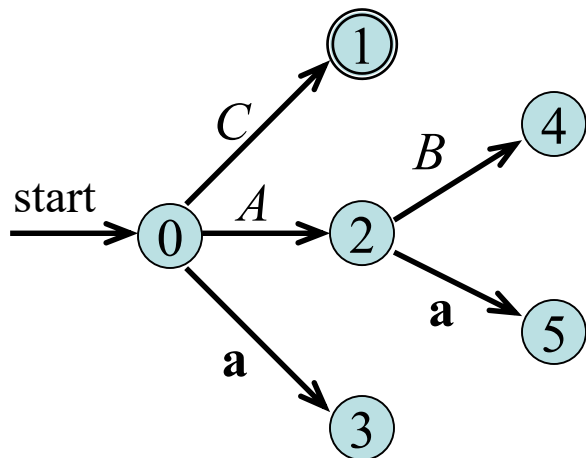
State  $I_3$ :

$$A \rightarrow a \bullet$$

State  $I_4$ :

$$C \rightarrow A B \bullet$$

State  $I_5$ :

$$B \rightarrow a \bullet$$


	a	\$	C	A	B
0	s3		1	2	
1		acc			
2	s5				4
3	r3				
4		r2			
5		r4			

Grammar:

1.  $C' \rightarrow C$
2.  $C \rightarrow A B$
3.  $A \rightarrow a$
4.  $B \rightarrow a$

# SLR Parsing

Configuration (= LR parser state):

$$\underbrace{(s_0 \ s_1 \ s_2 \ \dots \ s_m,}_{\text{stack}} \quad \underbrace{a_i \ a_{i+1} \ \dots \ a_n \ \$)}_{\text{input}}$$

If  $action[s_m, a_i] = \text{shift } s$ , then push  $s$ , and advance input:

$$(s_0 \ s_1 \ s_2 \ \dots \ s_m \ s, \ a_{i+1} \ \dots \ a_n \ \$)$$

If  $action[s_m, a_i] = \text{reduce } A \rightarrow \beta$  and  $goto[s_{m-r}, A] = s$ .

If  $r=|\beta|$  then pop  $r$  symbols, and push  $s$ :

$$(s_0 \ s_1 \ s_2 \ \dots \ s_{m-r} \ s, \ a_i \ a_{i+1} \ \dots \ a_n \ \$)$$

If  $action[s_m, a_i] = \text{accept}$ , then stop

If  $action[s_m, a_i] = \text{error}$ , then attempt recovery

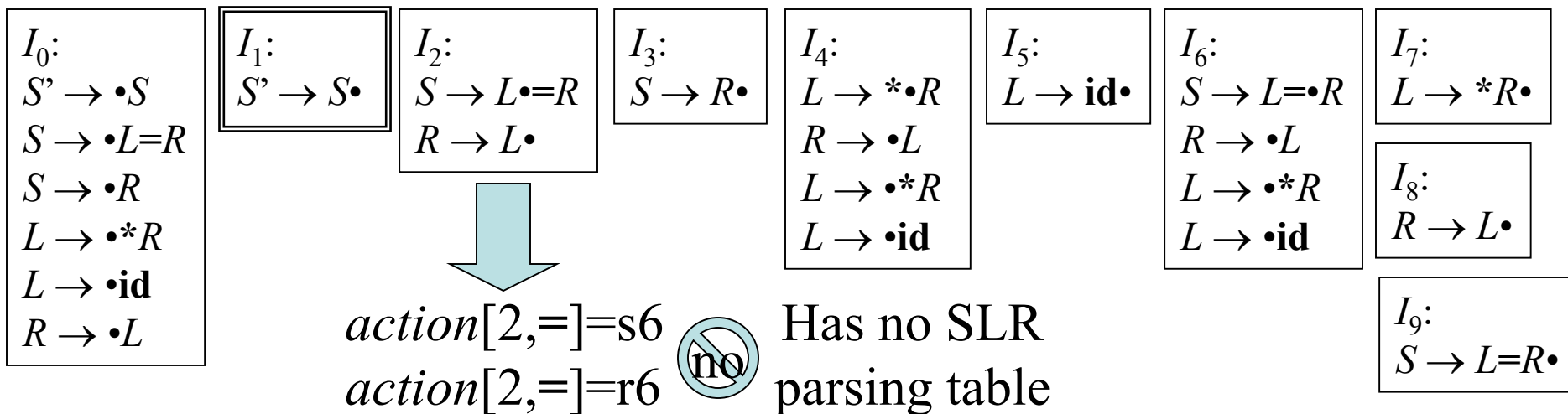
# SLR and Ambiguity

- Every SLR grammar is unambiguous, but **not** every unambiguous grammar is SLR
- Consider for example the unambiguous grammar

$$S \rightarrow L = R \mid R$$

$$L \rightarrow * R \mid \text{id}$$

$$R \rightarrow L$$



# LR(1) Grammars

- SLR too simple
- LR(1) parsing uses lookahead to avoid unnecessary conflicts in parsing table
- LR(1) item = LR(0) item + lookahead

LR(0) item:  
 $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta]$

LR(1) item:  
 $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, a]$

# LR(1) Items

- An *LR(1) item*  
 $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, a]$   
 contains a *lookahead* terminal  $a$ , meaning  $\alpha$  already on top of the stack, expect to see  $\beta a$
- For items of the form  
 $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet, a]$   
 the lookahead  $a$  is used to reduce  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  only if the next input is  $a$
- For items of the form  
 $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, a]$   
 with  $\beta \neq \varepsilon$  the lookahead has no effect

# The Closure Operation for LR(1) Items

1. Start with  $\text{closure}(I) = I$
2. If  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, a] \in \text{closure}(I)$  then for each production  $B \rightarrow \gamma$  in the grammar and each terminal  $b \in \text{FIRST}(\beta a)$ , add the item  $[B \rightarrow \bullet \gamma, b]$  to  $I$  if not already in  $I$
3. Repeat 2 until no new items can be added

# The Goto Operation for LR(1) Items

1. For each item  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet X \beta, a] \in I$ , add the set of items  $\text{closure}(\{[A \rightarrow \alpha X \bullet \beta, a]\})$  to  $\text{goto}(I, X)$  if not already there
2. Repeat step 1 until no more items can be added to  $\text{goto}(I, X)$

# Constructing the set of LR(1) Items of a Grammar

1. Augment the grammar with a new start symbol  $S'$  and production  $S' \rightarrow S$
2. Initially, set  $C = \text{closure}(\{[S' \rightarrow \bullet S, \$]\})$   
(this is the start state of the DFA)
3. For each set of items  $I \in C$  and each grammar symbol  $X \in (N \cup T)$  such that  $\text{goto}(I, X) \notin C$  and  $\text{goto}(I, X) \neq \emptyset$ , add the set of items  $\text{goto}(I, X)$  to  $C$
4. Repeat 3 until no more sets can be added to  $C$



# Example Grammar and LR(1) Items

- Unambiguous LR(1) grammar:

$$S \rightarrow L = R \mid R$$

$$L \rightarrow * R \mid \mathbf{id}$$

$$R \rightarrow L$$

- Augment with  $S' \rightarrow S$
- LR(1) items (next slide)

$I_0: [S' \rightarrow \bullet S,$ $[S \rightarrow \bullet L=R,$ $[S \rightarrow \bullet R,$ $[L \rightarrow \bullet *R,$ $[L \rightarrow \bullet \text{id},$ $[R \rightarrow \bullet L,$	$\$] \text{ goto}(I_0, S)=I_1$ $\$] \text{ goto}(I_0, L)=I_2$ $\$] \text{ goto}(I_0, R)=I_3$ $=/\$] \text{ goto}(I_0, *)=I_4$ $=/\$] \text{ goto}(I_0, \text{id})=I_5$ $\$] \text{ goto}(I_0, L)=I_2$	$I_6: [S \rightarrow L=\bullet R,$ $[R \rightarrow \bullet L,$ $[L \rightarrow \bullet *R,$ $[L \rightarrow \bullet \text{id},$	$\$] \text{ goto}(I_6, R)=I_4$ $\$] \text{ goto}(I_6, L)=I_{10}$ $\$] \text{ goto}(I_6, *)=I_{11}$ $\$] \text{ goto}(I_6, \text{id})=I_{12}$
$I_1: [S' \rightarrow S\bullet,$	$\$]$	$I_7: [L \rightarrow *R\bullet,$	$=/\$]$
$I_2: [S \rightarrow L\bullet=R,$ $[R \rightarrow L\bullet,$	$\$] \text{ goto}(I_2, =)=I_6$ $\$]$	$I_8: [R \rightarrow L\bullet,$	$=/\$]$
$I_3: [S \rightarrow R\bullet,$	$\$]$	$I_9: [S \rightarrow L=R\bullet,$	$\$]$
$I_4: [L \rightarrow *\bullet R,$ $[R \rightarrow \bullet L,$ $[L \rightarrow \bullet *R,$ $[L \rightarrow \bullet \text{id},$	$=/\$] \text{ goto}(I_4, R)=I_7$ $=/\$] \text{ goto}(I_4, L)=I_8$ $=/\$] \text{ goto}(I_4, *)=I_4$ $=/\$] \text{ goto}(I_4, \text{id})=I_5$	$I_{10}: [R \rightarrow L\bullet,$	$\$]$
$I_5: [L \rightarrow \text{id}\bullet,$	$=/\$]$	$I_{11}: [L \rightarrow *\bullet R,$ $[R \rightarrow \bullet L,$ $[L \rightarrow \bullet *R,$ $[L \rightarrow \bullet \text{id},$	$\$] \text{ goto}(I_{11}, R)=I_{13}$ $\$] \text{ goto}(I_{11}, L)=I_{10}$ $\$] \text{ goto}(I_{11}, *)=I_{11}$ $\$] \text{ goto}(I_{11}, \text{id})=I_{12}$
		$I_{12}: [L \rightarrow \text{id}\bullet,$	$\$]$
		$I_{13}: [L \rightarrow *R\bullet,$	$\$]$

# Constructing Canonical LR(1) Parsing Tables

1. Augment the grammar with  $S' \rightarrow S$
2. Construct the set  $C = \{I_0, I_1, \dots, I_n\}$  of LR(1) items
3. If  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a \beta, b] \in I_i$  and  $goto(I_i, a) = I_j$  then set  $action[i, a] = \text{shift } j$
4. If  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet, a] \in I_i$  then set  $action[i, a] = \text{reduce } A \rightarrow \alpha$  (apply only if  $A \neq S'$ )
5. If  $[S' \rightarrow S \bullet, \$]$  is in  $I_i$  then set  $action[i, \$] = \text{accept}$
6. If  $goto(I_i, A) = I_j$  then set  $goto[i, A] = j$
7. Repeat 3-6 until no more entries added
8. The initial state  $i$  is the  $I_i$  holding item  $[S' \rightarrow \bullet S, \$]$

# Example LR(1) Parsing Table

Grammar:

1.  $S' \rightarrow S$
2.  $S \rightarrow L = R$
3.  $S \rightarrow R$
4.  $L \rightarrow * R$
5.  $L \rightarrow \mathbf{id}$
6.  $R \rightarrow L$

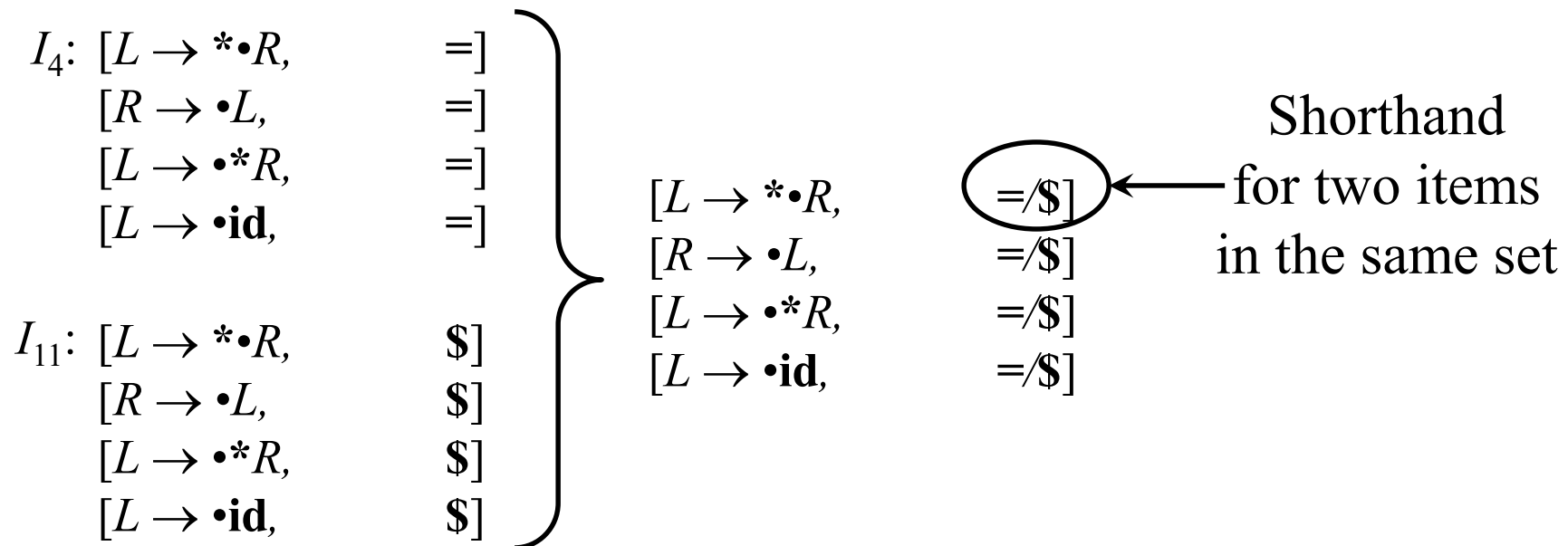
	id	*	=	\$	<i>S</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>R</i>
0	s5	s4			1	2	3
1				acc			
2			s6	r6			
3				r3			
4	s5	s4				8	7
5			r5	r5			
6	s12	s11				10	4
7			r4	r4			
8			r6	r6			
9				r2			
10				r6			
11	s12	s11				10	13
12				r5			
13				r4			

# LALR(1) Grammars

- LR(1) parsing tables have many states
- LALR(1) parsing (Look-Ahead LR) combines LR(1) states to reduce table size
- Less powerful than LR(1)
  - Will not introduce shift-reduce conflicts, because shifts do not use lookaheads
  - May introduce reduce-reduce conflicts, but seldom do so for grammars of programming languages

# Constructing LALR(1) Parsing Tables

1. Construct sets of LR(1) items
2. Combine LR(1) sets with sets of items that share the same first part



# Example LALR(1) Grammar

- Unambiguous LR(1) grammar:

$$S \rightarrow L = R \mid R$$

$$L \rightarrow * R \mid \mathbf{id}$$

$$R \rightarrow L$$

- Augment with  $S' \rightarrow S$
- LALR(1) items (next slide)

$I_0$ :  $[S' \rightarrow \bullet S,$        $\$]$  goto( $I_0, S$ )= $I_1$   
 $[S \rightarrow \bullet L=R,$        $\$]$  goto( $I_0, L$ )= $I_2$   
 $[S \rightarrow \bullet R,$        $\$]$  goto( $I_0, R$ )= $I_3$   
 $[L \rightarrow \bullet *R,$        $=]$  goto( $I_0, *$ )= $I_4$   
 $[L \rightarrow \bullet \text{id},$        $=]$  goto( $I_0, \text{id}$ )= $I_5$   
 $[R \rightarrow \bullet L,$        $\$]$  goto( $I_0, L$ )= $I_2$

$I_1$ :  $[S' \rightarrow S\bullet,$        $\$]$

$I_2$ :  $[S \rightarrow L\bullet=R,$        $\$]$  goto( $I_0, =$ )= $I_6$   
 $[R \rightarrow L\bullet,$        $\$]$

$I_3$ :  $[S \rightarrow R\bullet,$        $\$]$

$I_4$ :  $[L \rightarrow *\bullet R,$        $=/\$]$  goto( $I_4, R$ )= $I_7$   
 $[R \rightarrow \bullet L,$        $=/\$]$  goto( $I_4, L$ )= $I_9$   
 $[L \rightarrow \bullet *R,$        $=/\$]$  goto( $I_4, *$ )= $I_4$   
 $[L \rightarrow \bullet \text{id},$        $=/\$]$  goto( $I_4, \text{id}$ )= $I_5$

$I_5$ :  $[L \rightarrow \text{id}\bullet,$        $=/\$]$

$I_6$ :  $[S \rightarrow L=\bullet R,$        $\$]$  goto( $I_6, R$ )= $I_8$   
 $[R \rightarrow \bullet L,$        $\$]$  goto( $I_6, L$ )= $I_9$   
 $[L \rightarrow \bullet *R,$        $\$]$  goto( $I_6, *$ )= $I_4$   
 $[L \rightarrow \bullet \text{id},$        $\$]$  goto( $I_6, \text{id}$ )= $I_5$

$I_7$ :  $[L \rightarrow *R\bullet,$        $=/\$]$

$I_8$ :  $[S \rightarrow L=R\bullet,$        $\$]$

$I_9$ :  $[R \rightarrow L\bullet,$

$=/\$]$

Shorthand  
for two items

$[R \rightarrow L\bullet,$	$=]$
$[R \rightarrow L\bullet,$	$\$]$



# Example LALR(1) Parsing Table

Grammar:

1.  $S' \rightarrow S$
2.  $S \rightarrow L = R$
3.  $S \rightarrow R$
4.  $L \rightarrow * R$
5.  $L \rightarrow \mathbf{id}$
6.  $R \rightarrow L$

	<b>id</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$</b>	<i>S</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>R</i>
0	s5	s4			1	2	3
1				acc			
2			s6	r6			
3				r3			
4	s5	s4				9	7
5			r5	r5			
6	s5	s4				9	8
7			r4	r4			
8				r2			
9			r6	r6			

# LL, SLR, LR, LALR Summary

- LL parse tables computed using FIRST/FOLLOW
  - Nonterminals  $\times$  terminals  $\rightarrow$  productions
  - Computed using FIRST/FOLLOW
- LR parsing tables computed using closure/goto
  - LR states  $\times$  terminals  $\rightarrow$  shift/reduce actions
  - LR states  $\times$  terminals  $\rightarrow$  goto state transitions
- A grammar is
  - LL(1) if its LL(1) parse table has no conflicts
  - SLR if its SLR parse table has no conflicts
  - LALR(1) if its LALR(1) parse table has no conflicts
  - LR(1) if its LR(1) parse table has no conflicts

# LL, SLR, LR, LALR Grammars

