

# LR Parsers

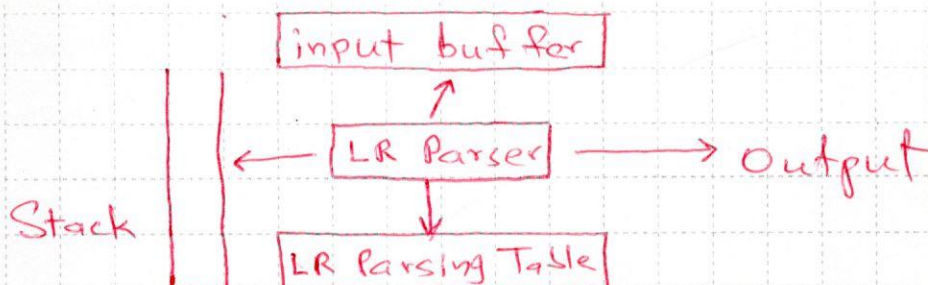
LR(0)

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LR(0), SLR(1) Simple LR, LALR(1) Look Ahead LR,  
CLR(1) Canonical LR

Least powerful

Most powerful



Note: Construction of the parsing table varies for each type of the LR parsers.

LR(0) and SLR(1) use Canonical collection of LR(0) items to construct the table.

For LALR(1) and CLR(1), canonical collection of LR(1) items is used.

$S \rightarrow AA$

$A \rightarrow aA|b$

Add  $S' \rightarrow S$  to the start of the grammar to make it an augmented grammar.

Item is a production rule with a dot in it to indicate how much of the RHS has so far been recognized.

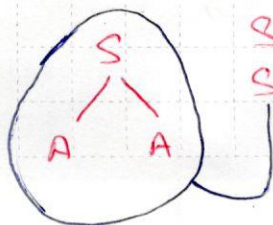
$S \rightarrow \cdot AA$

Nothing has been recognized

$S \rightarrow A \cdot A$

$S \rightarrow AA \cdot$

Everything has been "





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$S' \rightarrow \cdot S$

Production with  $\cdot$  is an item

Apply closure (minimal extension)

$S' \rightarrow \cdot S$

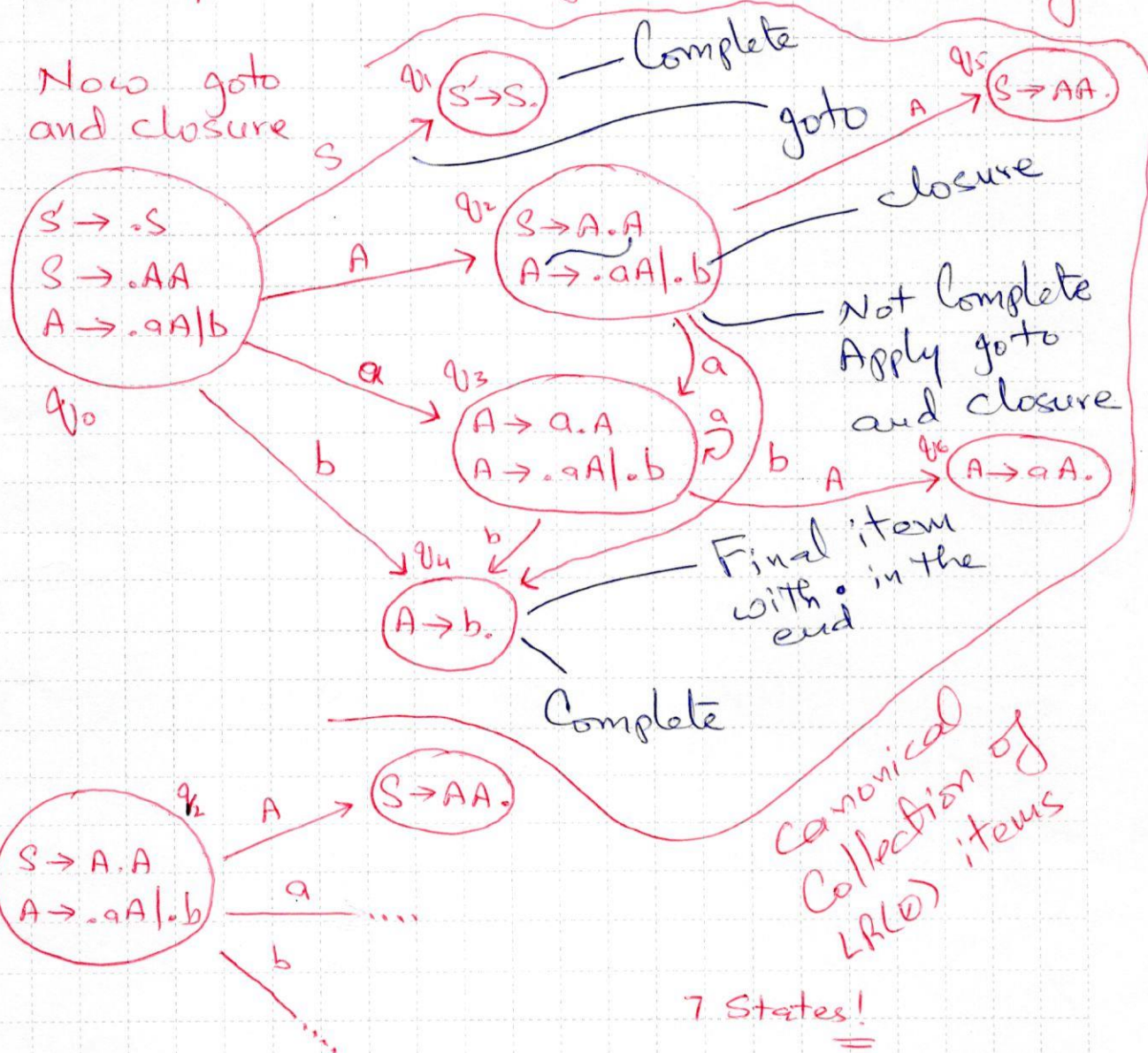
$S \rightarrow \cdot AA$

$A \rightarrow \cdot aA \mid \cdot b$

Closure of  $S' \rightarrow \cdot S$

All NTs after  $\cdot$  are taken care of

Now goto and closure



Final item:  $\cdot$  is on the right/end



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Terminals  
Variables

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	Action			Goto	
	a	b	\$	A	S
0	S <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>4</sub>		2	1
1					
2	S <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>4</sub>		5	
3	S <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>4</sub>		6	
4					
5					
6					

State

Shift

If a state transition goes to the final item, process changes for each type of the LR parsers.

	Action			Goto	
	a	b	\$	A	S
0	S <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>4</sub>		2	1
1			Accept		
2	S <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>4</sub>		5	
3	S <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>4</sub>		6	
4	r <sub>3</sub>	r <sub>3</sub>	r <sub>3</sub>		
5	r <sub>1</sub>	r <sub>1</sub>	r <sub>1</sub>		
6	r <sub>2</sub>	r <sub>2</sub>	r <sub>2</sub>		

Special production

Reduce

S' → S
S → AA
A → aA   b

①

③

r<sub>1</sub>

r<sub>3</sub>

Input: aabb

r<sub>2</sub> ②

Append \$: aabb\$

Stack

0	a	3	a	3	b	4
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State ← Input

Now input is b and the table says r<sub>3</sub> meaning Reduce using production #3. Note that we are supposed to reduce previous b in this case. What is the length of the RHS of the production, Say x. Then pop 2x entries from stack.



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Here,  $x=1$

0 a 3 a 3 A

There is 3 below A in stack, So check state on A in the table. It is 6.

0 a 3 a 3 A 6

Note that the last entry, 6 is a state no. Now, we are still at the last b of the input string.

b on 6 is  $r_2$ .  $A \rightarrow aA$  So, pop 4 cells (2x)

0 a 3 A

Below A is 3 and 3, A is 6.

aabb\$

0 a 3 A 6

6, b is  $r_2$ ,  $A \rightarrow aA$ , so pop 4 cells (2x)

0 A

0, a is 2

0 A 2

2, b is  $s_4$ , so shift b (input letter) and 4

0 A 2 b 4

Next input is \$

4, \$ is  $r_3$ ,  $A \rightarrow b$ , so pop 2 cells

0 A 2 A

Below A is 2 and 2, A is 5

0 A 2 A 5

aabb\$

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S of S

Next/current input is \$

S, \$ is  $x_1$ ,  $S \rightarrow AA$ , pop 4 symbols (2x)

0	S		
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Below S is 0 and 0, S is 1

0	S	1	
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Current input is \$  
and 1, \$ is 'Accept'.



Blank cells represent ERROR.

Sometimes, LR(0) fails because we are not looking at the next letter in the input. We may have errors that will/may be detected later.