

# Building LALR(1) CFSM

(with lookaheads)



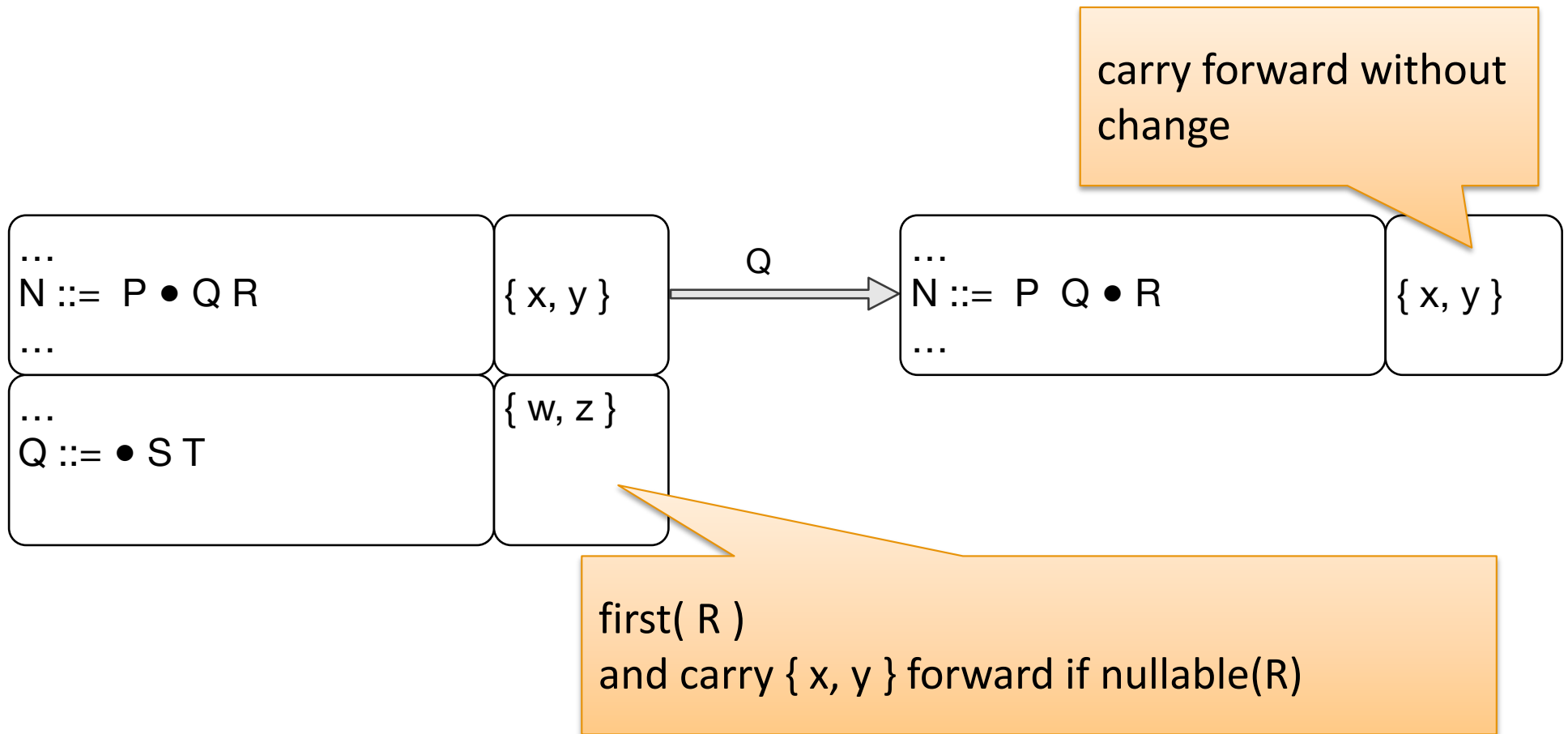
# Rules

...	
$N ::= P \bullet Q R$	$\{ x, y \}$
...	

*Cursor is at non-terminal Q, so ...*



# Expand and propagate



# An expression grammar

$S ::= E \$$
$E ::= E + T$ $E ::= T$
$T ::= T * F$ $T ::= F$
$F ::= i$

In layers to express precedence,  
which will be captured in  
LALR(1) lookahead.



# Build initial state

## Grammar

$S ::= E \$$
$E ::= E + T$ $E ::= T$
$T ::= T * F$ $T ::= F$
$F ::= i$

## CFSM

item	lookahead
$S ::= \bullet E \$$	$\{ \$ \}$

*Lookahead for initial item is by convention either empty or \$; final reduce ("accept") is special*



# Expand $E$ , with lookahead

## Grammar

$S ::= E \$$
$E ::= E + T$ $E ::= T$
$T ::= T * F$ $T ::= F$
$F ::= i$

## CFSM

item	lookahead
$S ::= \bullet E \$$	$\{ \$ \}$
$E ::= \bullet E + T$ $E ::= \bullet T$	$\{ \$ \}$

*We are expanding an  $E$   
followed by a  $\$$  (eof)*



# Expand $E$ again

## Grammar

$S ::= E \$$
$E ::= E + T$ $E ::= T$
$T ::= T * F$ $T ::= F$
$F ::= i$

## CFSM

item	lookahead
$S ::= \bullet E \$$	$\{ \$ \}$
$E ::= \bullet E + T$ $E ::= \bullet T$	$\{ \$ + \}$

*We are expanding an  $E$   
followed by a  $+$*



# Expand $T$

## Grammar

$S ::= E \$$
$E ::= E + T$ $E ::= T$
$T ::= T * F$ $T ::= F$
$F ::= i$

## CFSM

item	lookahead
$S ::= \bullet E \$$	$\{ \$ \}$
$E ::= \bullet E + T$ $E ::= \bullet T$	$\{ \$ + \}$
$T ::= \bullet T * F$ $T ::= \bullet F$	$\{ \$ + \}$

*The  $T$  is at the end of the production, so carry the lookahead forward*





# Expand $T$ again

## Grammar

$S ::= E \$$
$E ::= E + T$ $E ::= T$
$T ::= T * F$ $T ::= F$
$F ::= i$

## CFSM

item	lookahead
$S ::= \bullet E \$$	$\{ \$ \}$
$E ::= \bullet E + T$ $E ::= \bullet T$	$\{ \$ + \}$
$T ::= \bullet T * F$ $T ::= \bullet F$	$\{ \$ + * \}$

*Now  $T$  is followed by  $*$*



# Expand $F$

## Grammar

$S ::= E \$$
$E ::= E + T$ $E ::= T$
$T ::= T * F$ $T ::= F$
$F ::= i$

## CFSM

item	lookahead
$S ::= \bullet E \$$	$\{ \$ \}$
$E ::= \bullet E + T$ $E ::= \bullet T$	$\{ \$ + \}$
$T ::= \bullet T * F$ $T ::= \bullet F$	$\{ \$ + * \}$
$F ::= \bullet i$	$\{ \$ + * \}$

*Expanding  $F$  at end of production, so carry forward lookahead*



# “Goto” transition on E ...

## Grammar

$S ::= E \$$
$E ::= E + T$ $E ::= T$
$T ::= T * F$ $T ::= F$
$F ::= i$

## CFSM

item	lookahead
$S ::= \bullet E \$$	$\{ \$ \}$
$E ::= \bullet E + T$ $E ::= \bullet T$	$\{ \$ + \}$
$T ::= \bullet T * F$ $T ::= \bullet F$	$\{ \$ + * \}$
$F ::= \bullet i$	$\{ \$ + * \}$

E

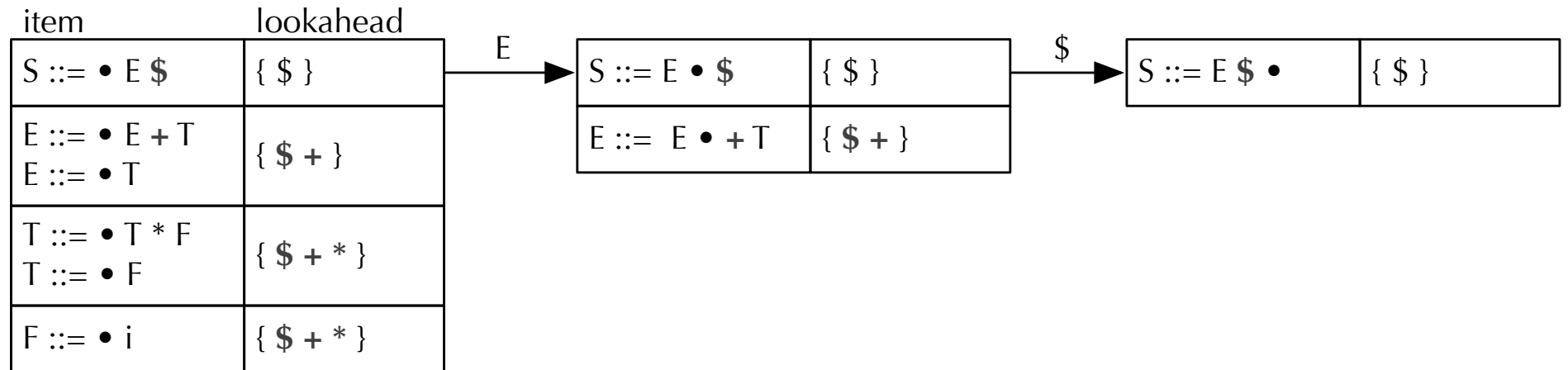
$S ::= E \bullet \$$	$\{ \$ \}$
$E ::= E \bullet + T$	$\{ \$ + \}$

*No change to lookaheads ...  
just copy them forward*



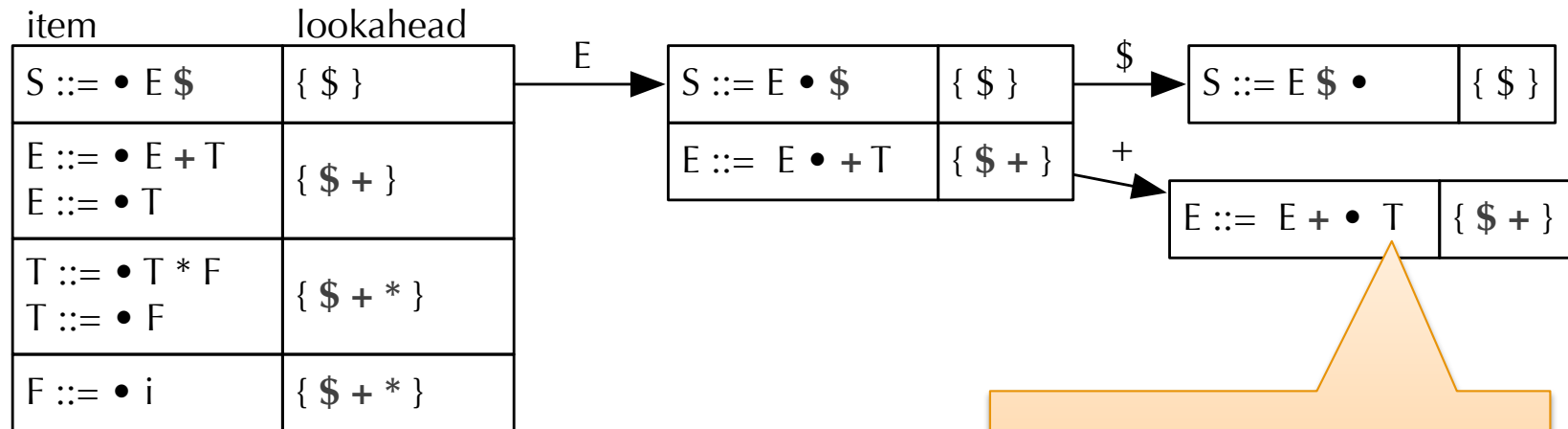
# “Accept” transition (“Goto” at EOF)

CFSM



# Shift “+”

## CFSM

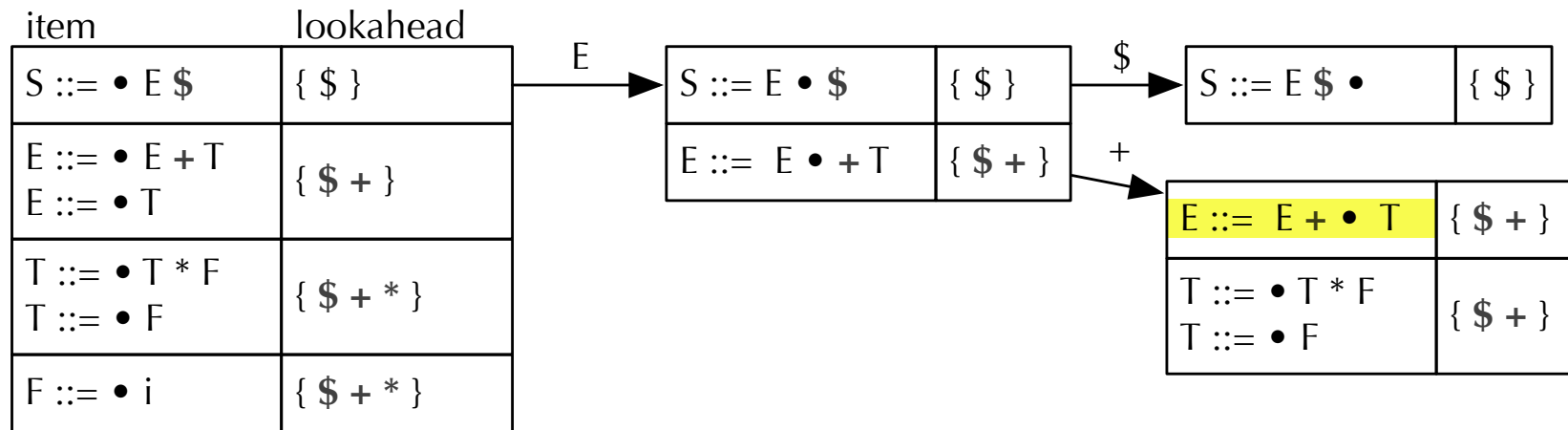


*This T is going to need to be expanded*



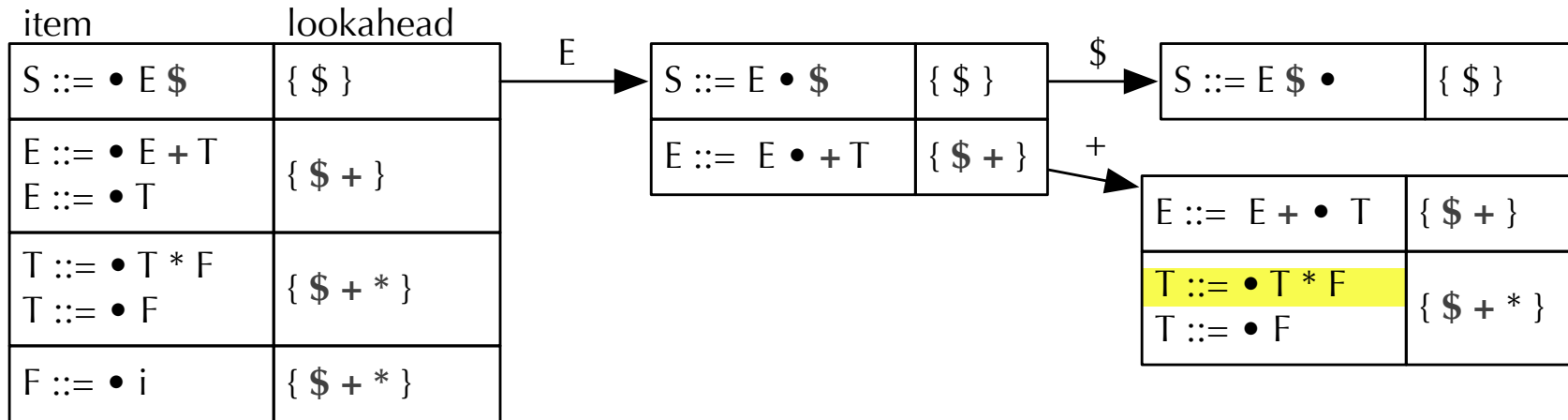
# Expand the T ...

CFSM



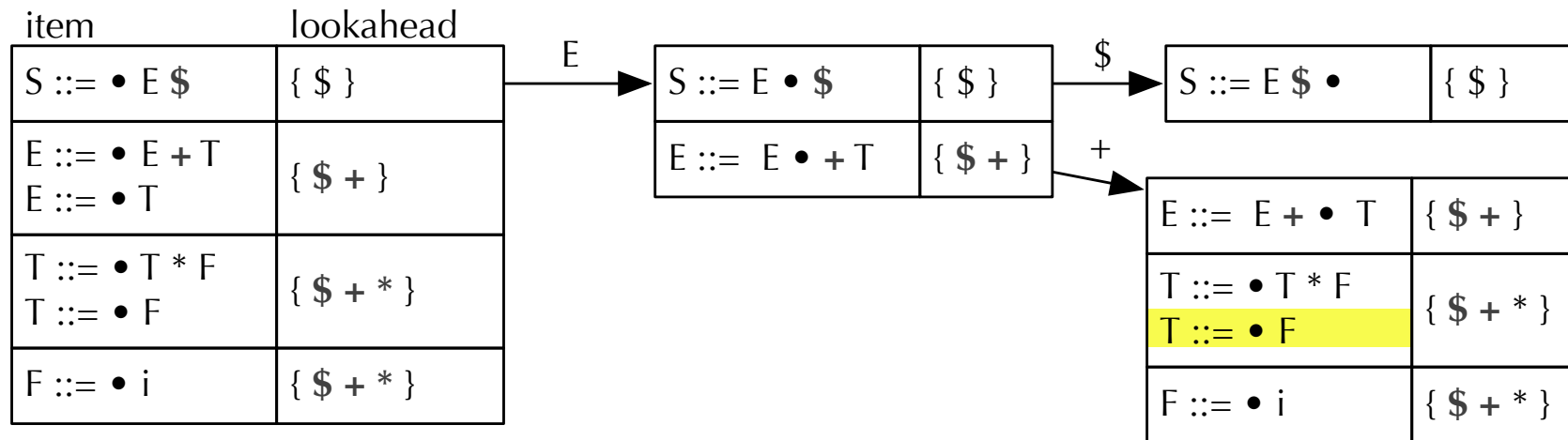
# Expand the other $T \dots$

CFSM



# Expand the F

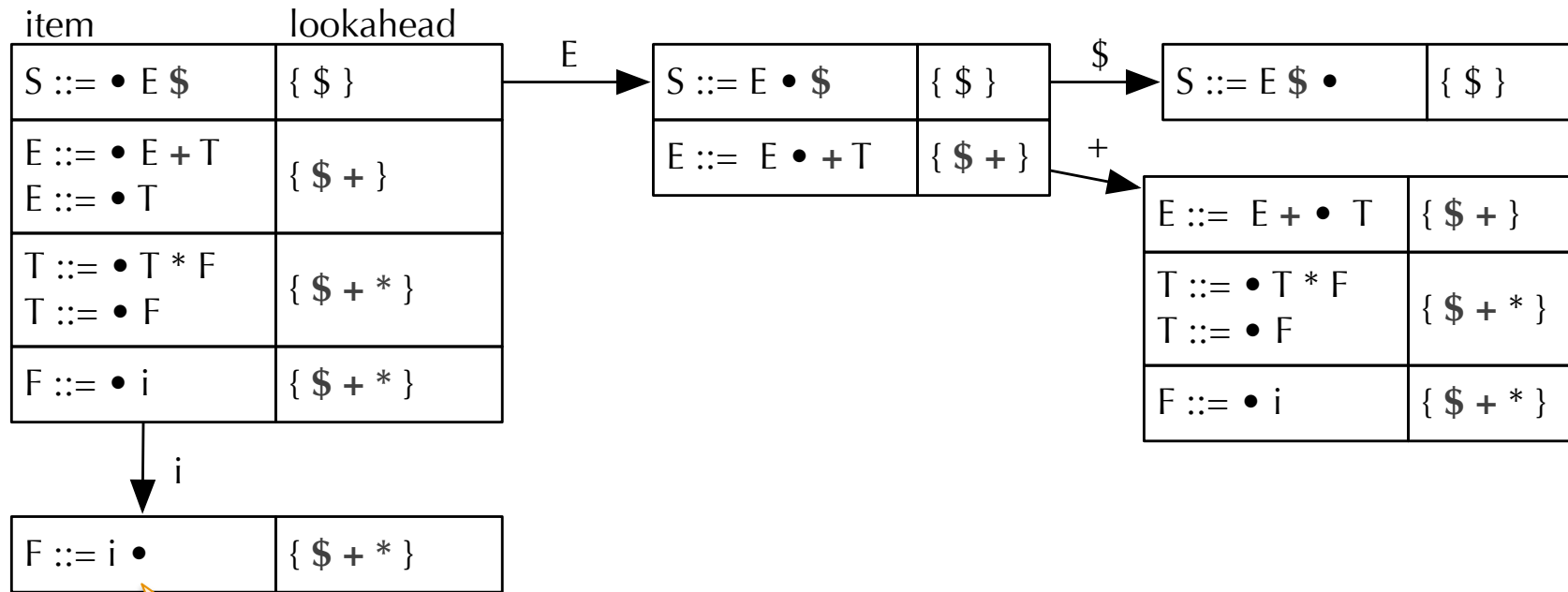
CFSM





# Shift *i*

CFSM

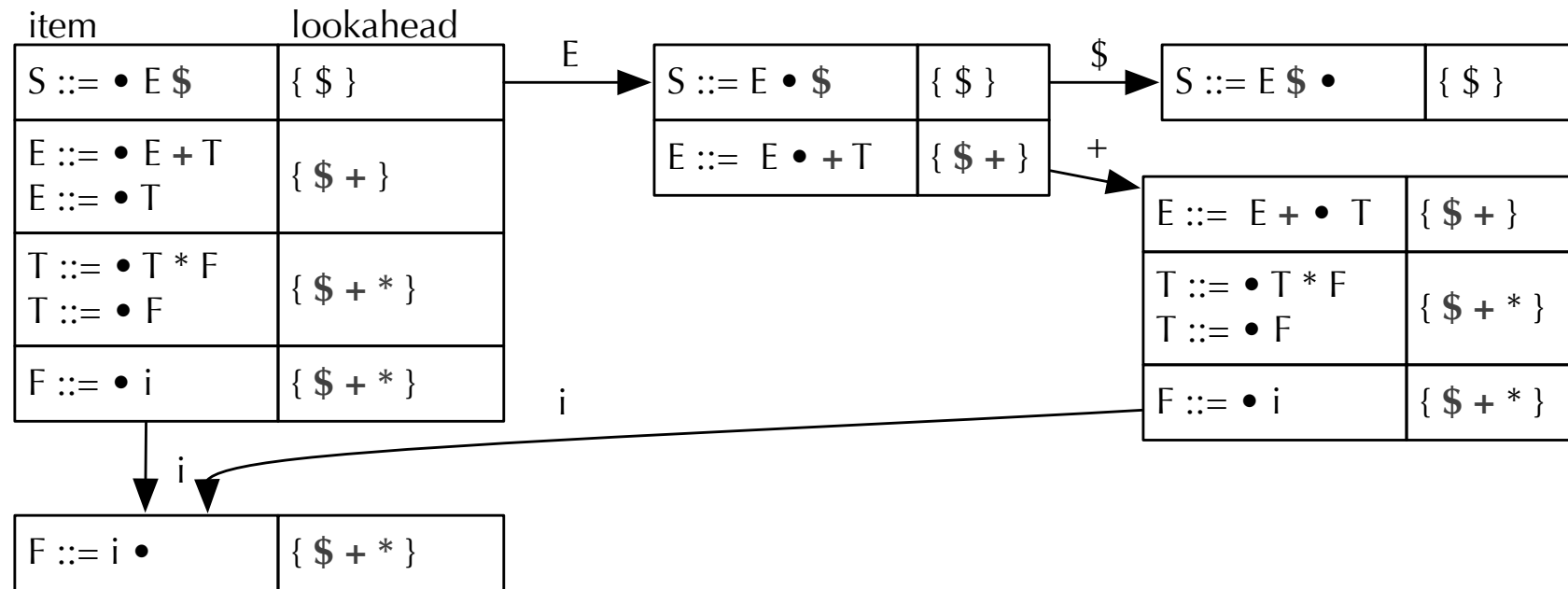


*Reduce  $F ::= i$   
no conflict*



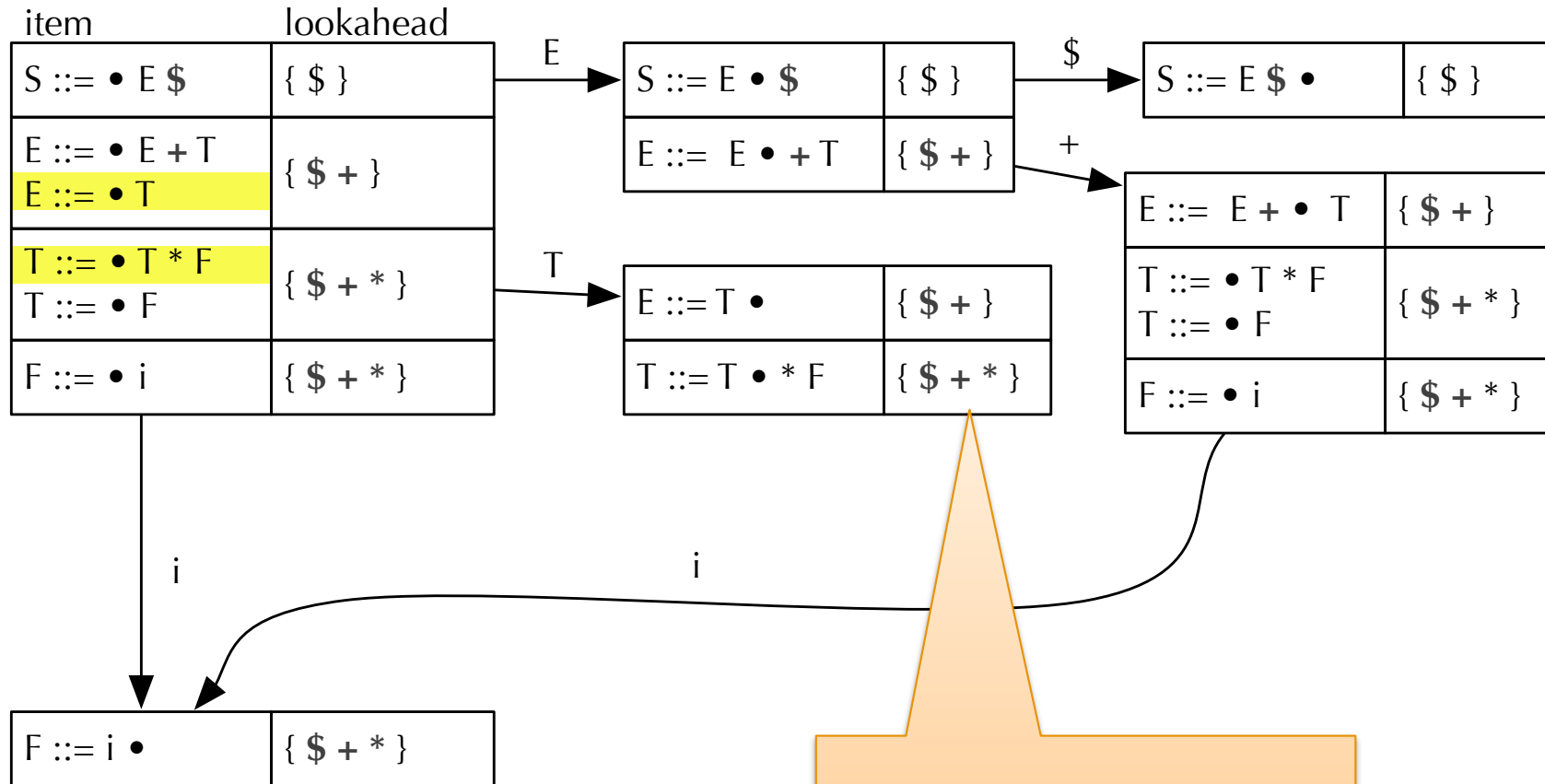
# Shift $i$

## CFSM



# Goto T

## CFSM

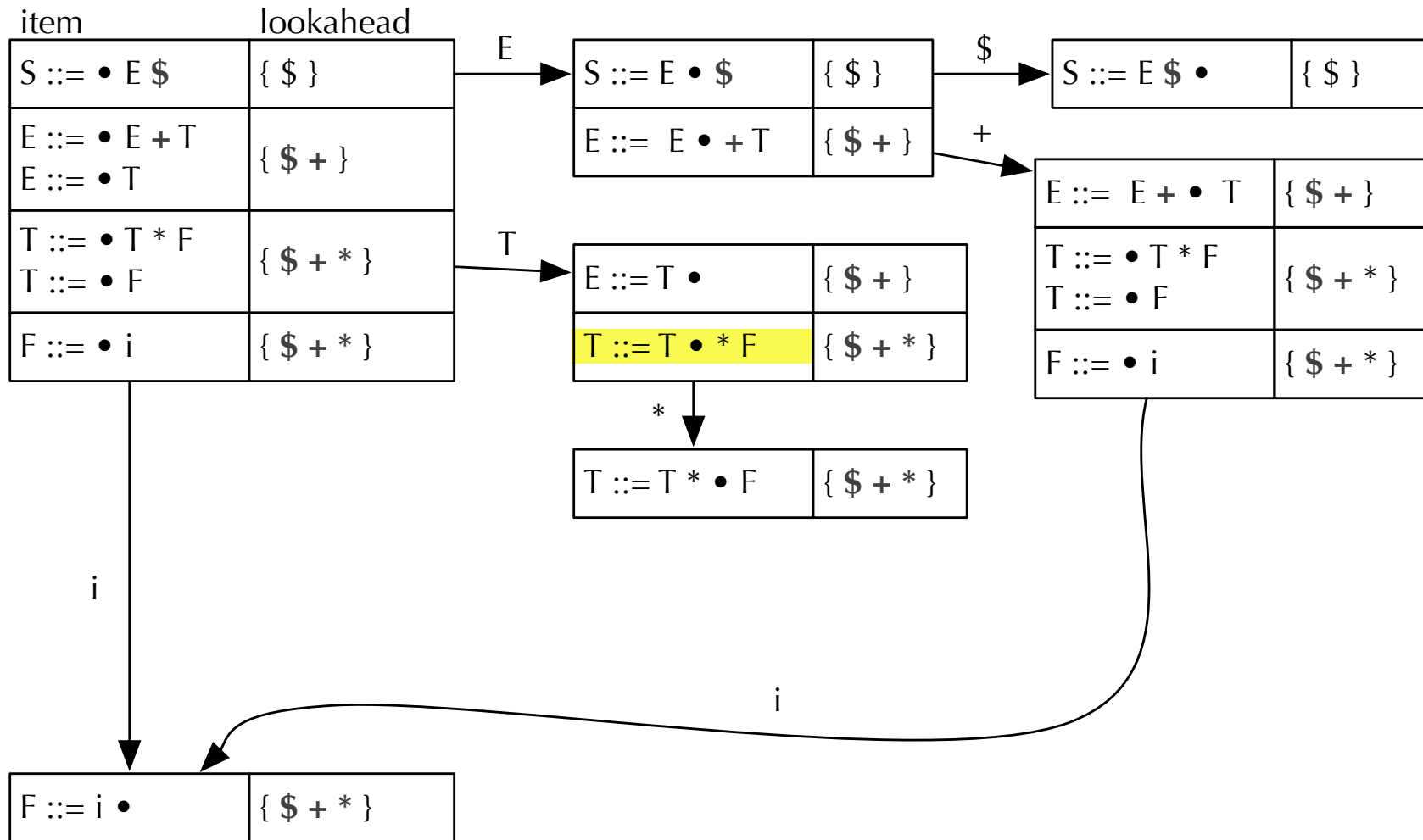


*Look Ma, no conflict!  
(because of lookahead)  
shift \*, but reduce on +*



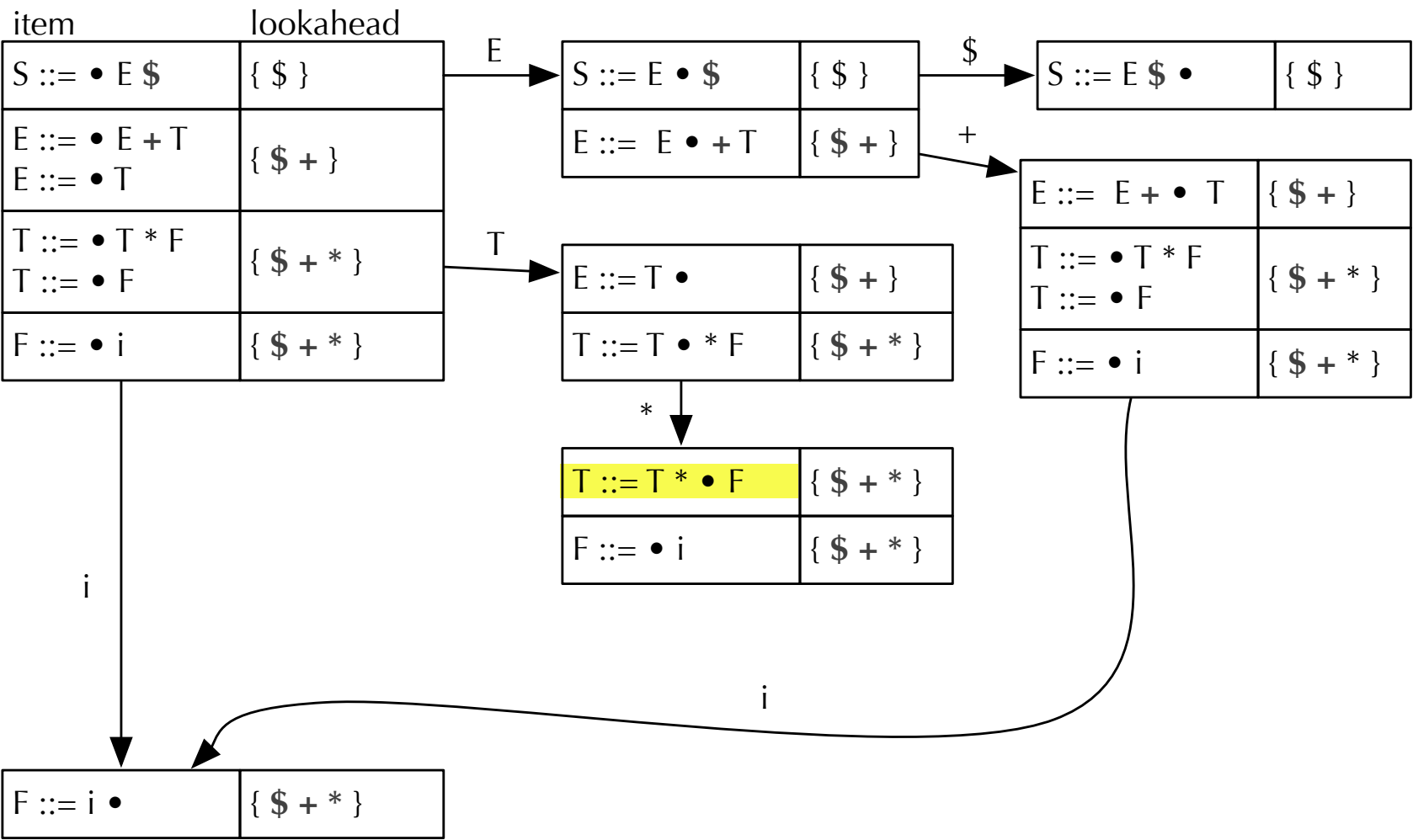
# Shift \*

CFSM



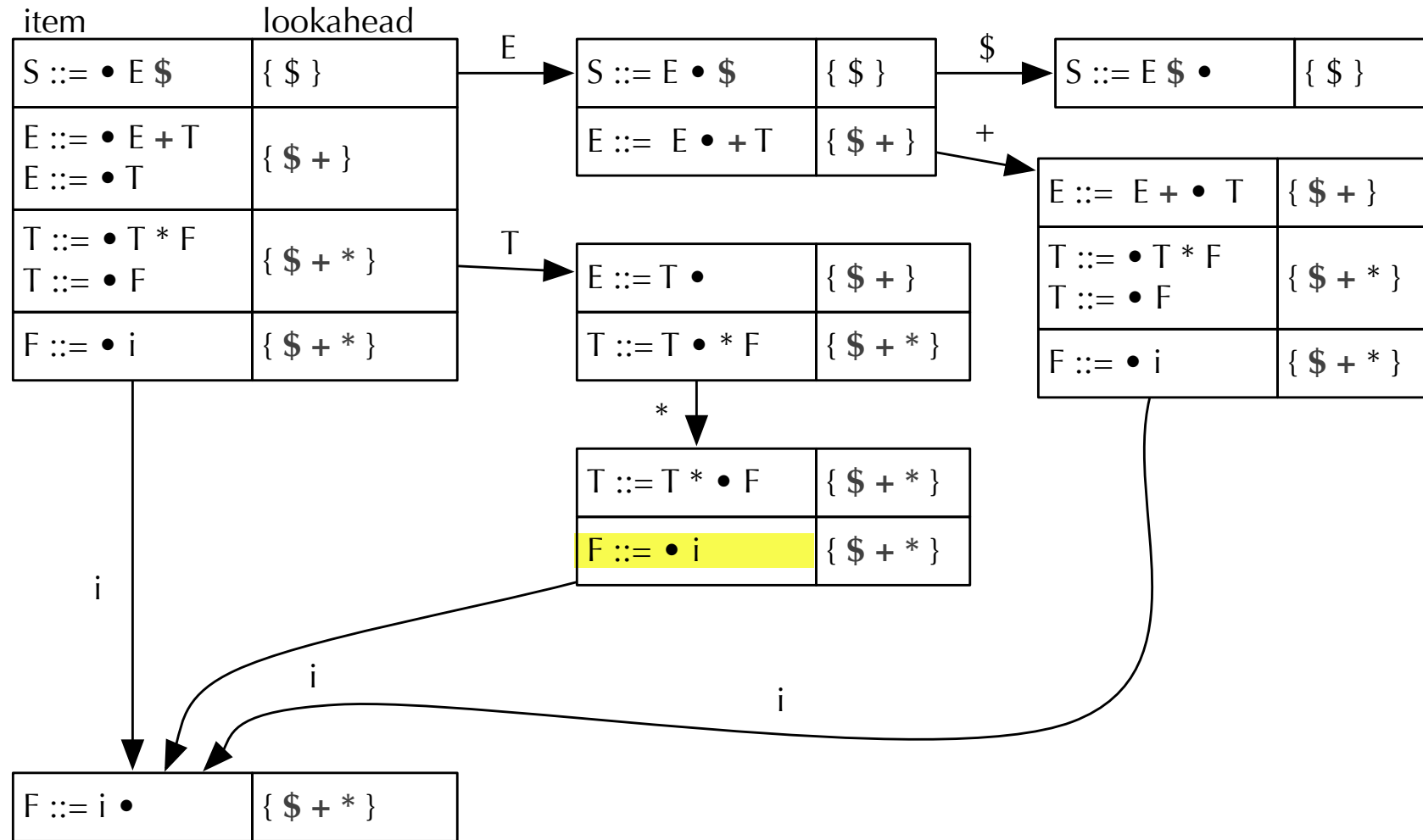
# Expand T

CFSM



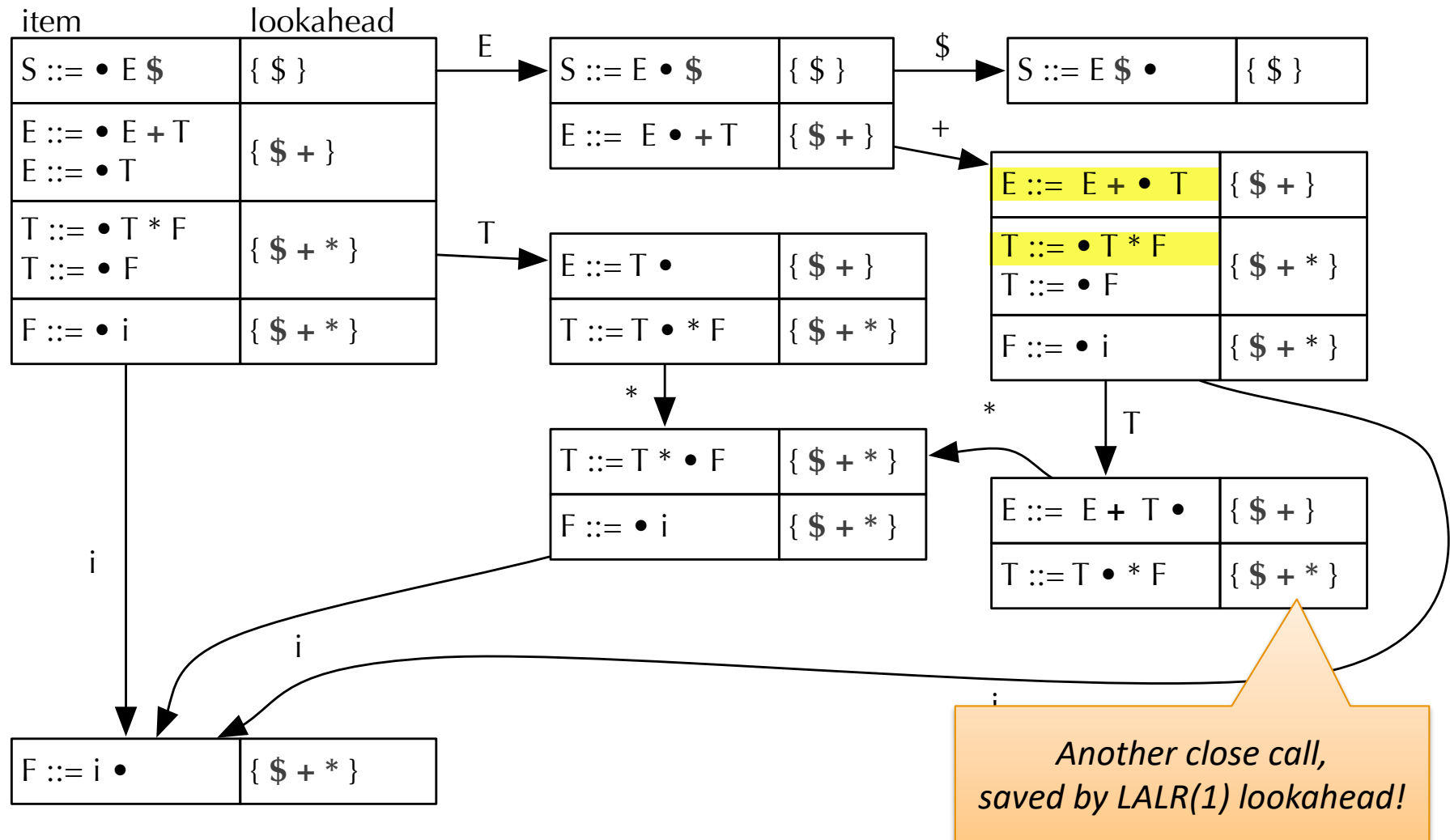
# Shift *i*

CFSM



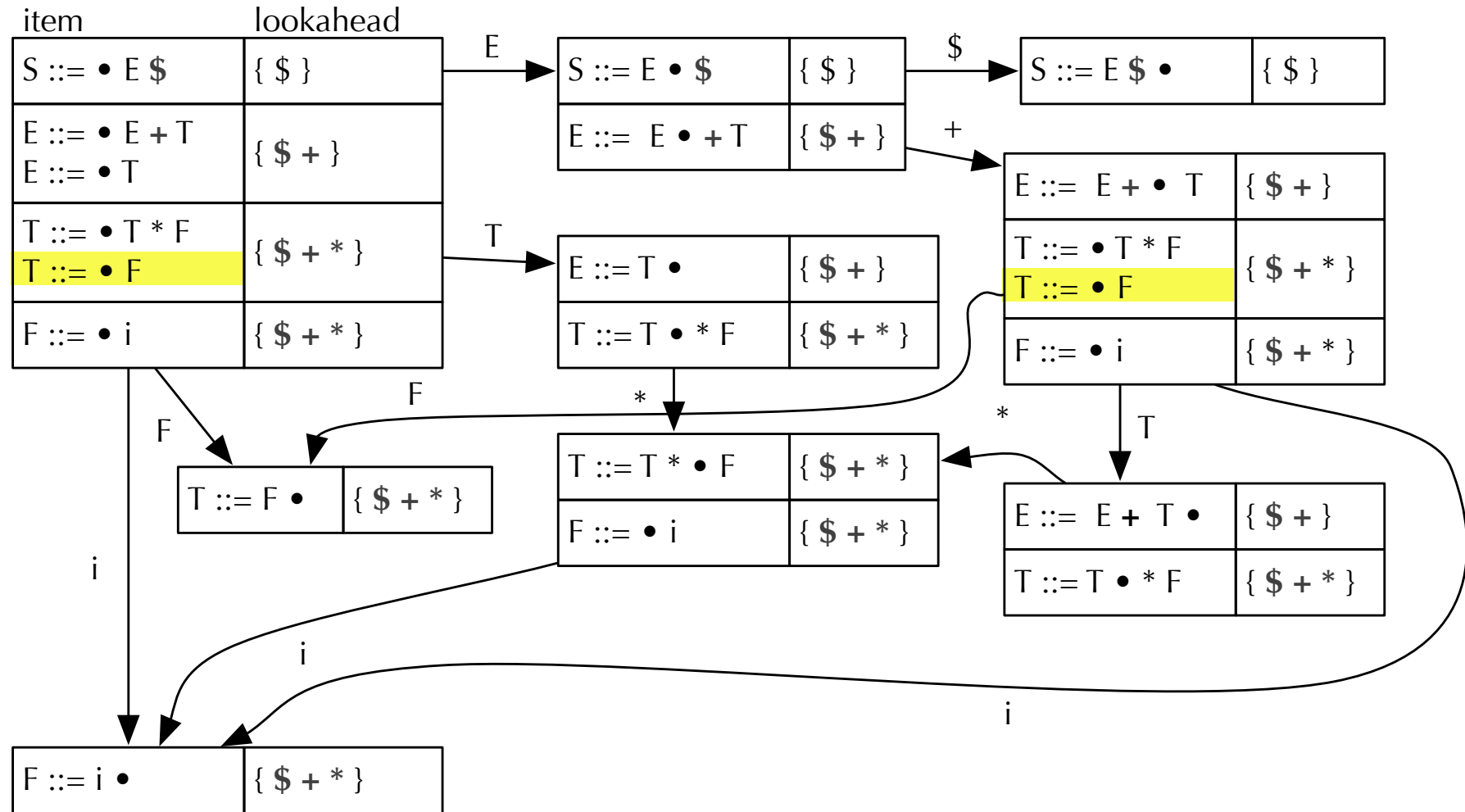
# Goto T

CFSM



# Goto F

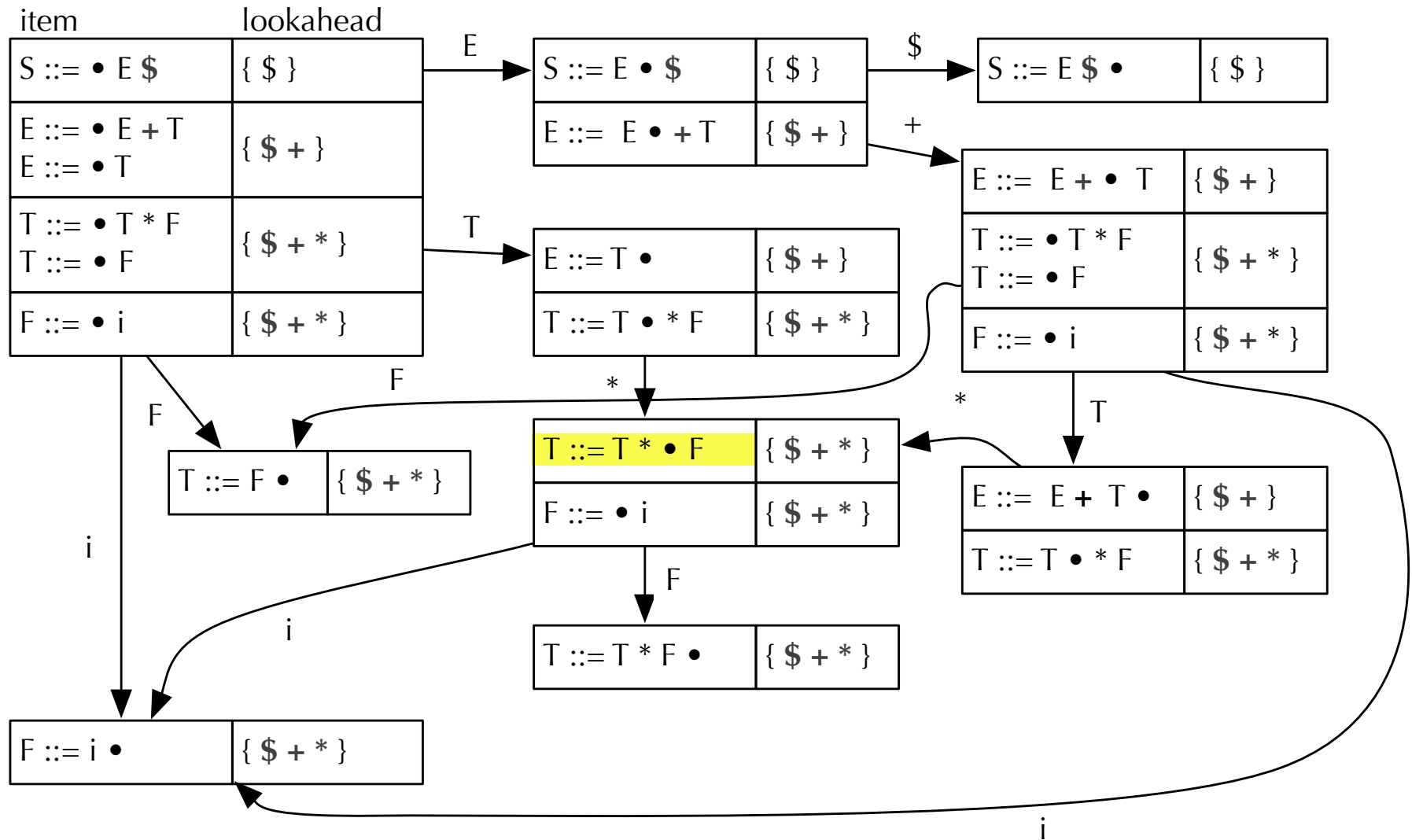
## CFSM





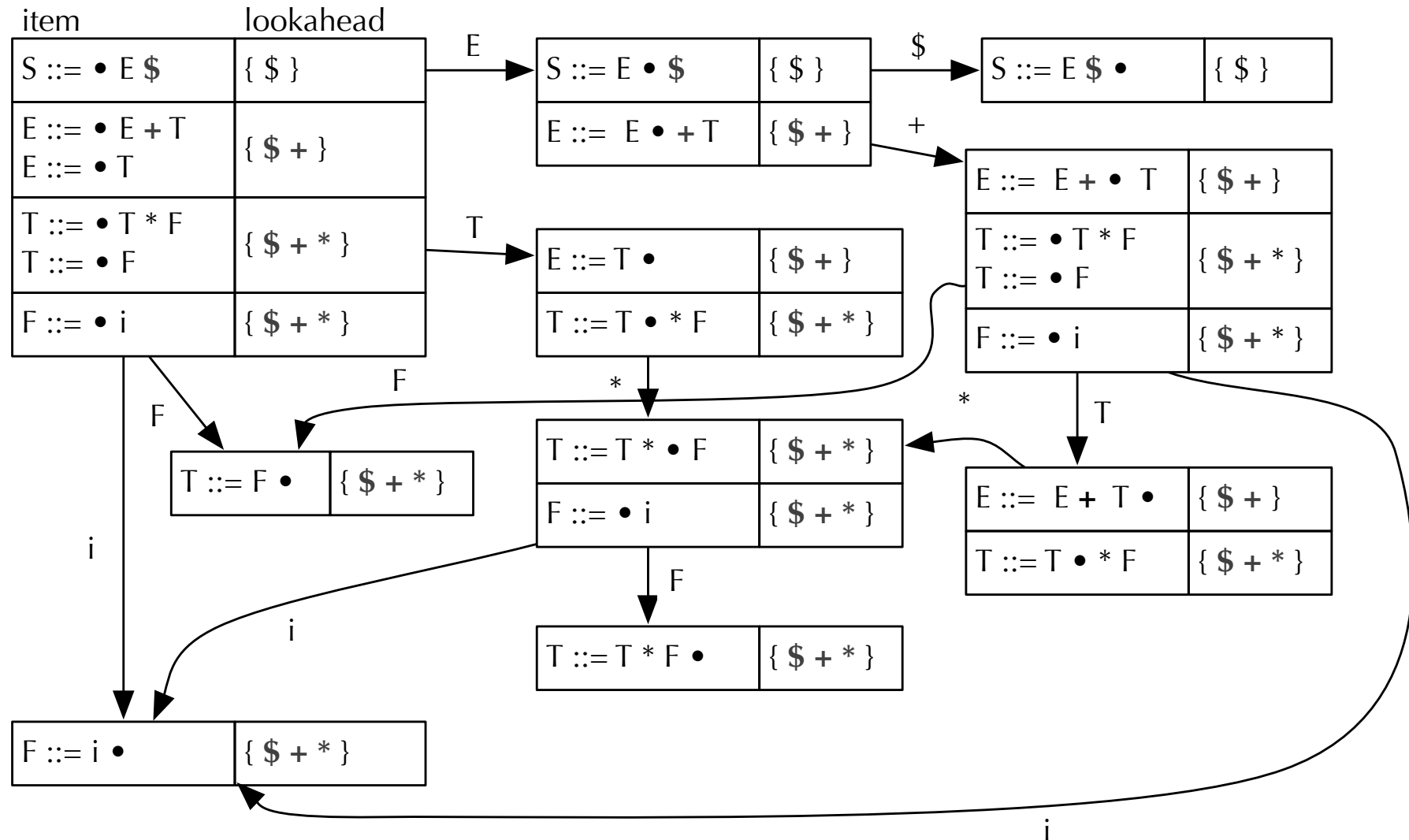
# Goto F

## CFSM



# Complete? No conflicts? Then the grammar is LALR(1)

CFSM



# Notes ...

To show it is LALR(1), we need the whole CFSM  
(or at least the non-boring parts)

To show it is *not* LALR(1), we just need a path to  
one state with shift/reduce or reduce/reduce  
conflict

Shift/reduce conflicts indicate we haven't  
resolved priority

Reduce/reduce suggest deeper problems of  
ambiguity. There is no default resolution

