

# Top down & intro to bottom-up parsers

Table driven LL(1) parsing  
Intro to bottom-up parsing

Summary of recursive descent  
Predictive parsing  
Table driven top-down parsing  
Intro to bottom up parsing

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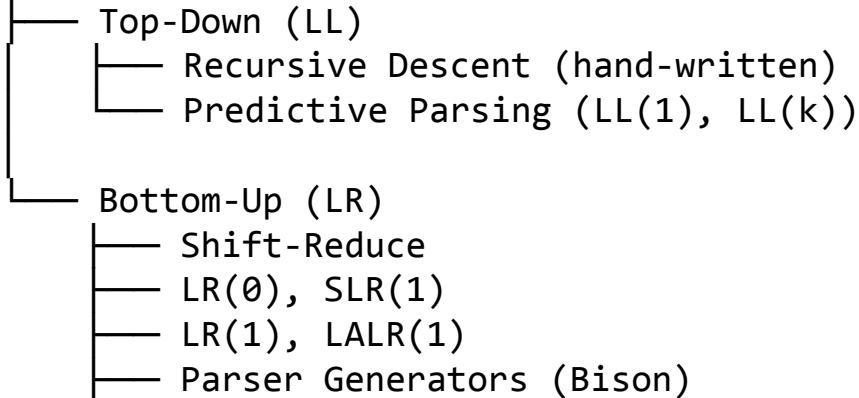
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# Parser Family Tree

## Parsing Strategies



# Parser Roadmap: Where We're going

## Top-Down Parsing ([Summary in This Lecture](#))

- Recursive Descent (hand-written)
- Predictive Parsing (LL(1))
- Table-driven LL(1)

## Bottom-Up Parsing ([intro in this lecture](#))

- Shift-Reduce Parsing
- LR Parsing (LR(0), SLR, LR(1))
- Parser Generators (Bison/Yacc)

# Semantic actions (syntax-directed translation)

Semantic actions can be used to build ASTs

- And many other things as well
  - Also used for type checking, code generation, computation, ...

Process is called **syntax-directed translation (SDT)**

- Substantial generalization over CFGs

# Annotating grammar with actions

Consider the grammar

$$E \rightarrow \text{int} \mid E + E \mid ( E )$$

For each symbol **X** define an attribute **X.val**

We annotate the grammar with **actions**:

$$E \rightarrow \text{int} \{ E.\text{val} = \text{int.val} \}$$

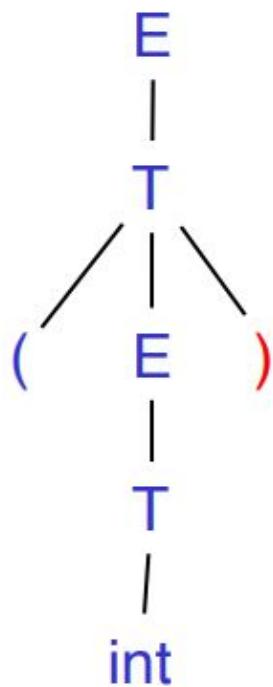
$$\mid E1 + E2 \{ E.\text{val} = E1.\text{val} + E2.\text{val} \}$$

$$\mid ( E1 ) \{ E.\text{val} = E1.\text{val} \}$$

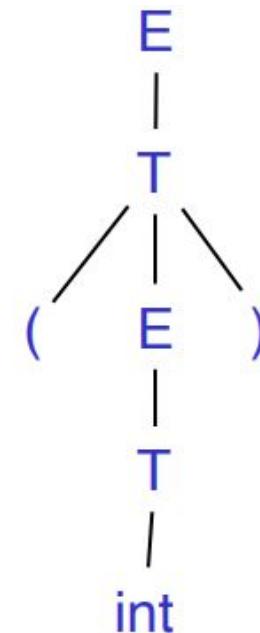
- For terminals,
  - **val** is the associated lexeme
- For non-terminals,
  - **val** is the expression's value (and is computed from values of subexpressions)

# Recursive descent

- Match: )
- Advance input
  - Move



- End of input, accept!



# Recursive descent

## Grammar

```
stmt ::= id = exp ;
| return exp ;
| if ( exp ) stmt
| while ( exp ) stmt
```

```
// parse stmt ::= id=exp; | ...
void stmt( ) {
    switch(nextToken) {
        RETURN:
            returnStmt();
            break;
        IF:
            ifStmt();
            break;
        WHILE:
            whileStmt();
            break;
        ID:
            assignStmt();
            break;
    }
}
```

# Recursive descent

```
// parse while (exp) stmt
void whileStmt() {
    // skip "while" "("
    getNextToken();
    getNextToken();
    // parse condition
    exp();
    // skip ")"
    getNextToken();
    // parse stmt
    stmt();
}
```

```
// parse return exp ;
void returnStmt() {
    // skip "return"
    getNextToken();
    // parse expression
    exp();
    // skip ";"
    getNextToken();
}
```

# Possible problems: left recursion

```
expr ::= expr + term
```

```
| term
```

```
// parse expr ::= ...
```

```
void expr() {  
    expr();  
    if (current token is PLUS) {  
        getNextToken();  
        term();  
    }  
}
```

FIXED: Transform grammar first

```
expr ::= term { + term }*
```

```
// parse
```

```
void expr() {  
    term();  
    while (next symbol is PLUS) {  
        getNextToken();  
        term();  
    }  
}
```

# Another problem left factoring

```
ifStmt ::= if ( expr ) stmt  
        | if ( expr ) stmt else stmt
```

**Formal solution:** Factor the common prefix into a separate production

Factored grammar

```
ifStmt ::= if ( expr ) stmt ifTail  
ifTail ::= else stmt | ε
```

# Backtrack free parsing

The major source of inefficiency in the leftmost, top-down parser arises from its need to backtrack

- on the mismatch, it must undo the actions

0	$Goal \rightarrow Expr$	6	$Term' \rightarrow \times Factor Term'$
1	$Expr \rightarrow Term Expr'$	7	$  \div Factor Term'$
2	$Expr' \rightarrow + Term Expr'$	8	$  \epsilon$
3	$  - Term Expr'$	9	$Factor \rightarrow (\ Expr \ )$
4	$  \epsilon$	10	$  num$
5	$Term \rightarrow Factor Term'$	11	$  name$

# Using a lookahead symbol

- For this grammar, the parser can avoid backtracking by
  - considering both the focus symbol and the next input symbol(lookahead symbol).
- Using one symbol lookahead, the parser can disambiguate all of the choices that arise in parsing the right-recursive expression grammar.
  - the grammar is backtrack free with a lookahead of one symbol

0	$Goal \rightarrow Expr$	6	$Term' \rightarrow \times Factor Term'$
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# First/Follow Sets

For each grammar symbol  $\alpha$ ,

$\text{first}(\alpha)$

- the set of terminal symbols that can appear as the first word in some string derived from  $\alpha$

If  $\alpha$  is either a terminal,  $\epsilon$ , or  $\text{eof}$ ,

- then  $\text{first}(\alpha)$  is  $\{\alpha\}$ .

For a nonterminal A,

- $\text{first}(A)$  contains the complete set of terminal symbols that can appear as the leading symbol in a sentential form derived from A.

**Step 1:  $\text{FIRST}(\text{terminal}) = \{\text{terminal}\}$**

**Step 2: For  $A \rightarrow \alpha$ :**

- If  $\alpha$  starts with terminal t: add t to  $\text{FIRST}(A)$
- If  $\alpha$  starts with non-terminal B: add  $\text{FIRST}(B)$  to  $\text{FIRST}(A)$
- If  $\alpha$  can be empty: add  $\epsilon$  to  $\text{FIRST}(A)$

Grammar:

$$E \rightarrow T \ X$$

$$X \rightarrow + \ E \mid \epsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow \text{int} \ Y \mid ( \ E \ )$$

$$Y \rightarrow * \ T \mid \epsilon$$

Compute FIRST(E):

1.  $E \rightarrow T \ X$ , so  $\text{FIRST}(E) = \text{FIRST}(T)$
2.  $T \rightarrow \text{int} \ Y \mid ( \ E \ )$ , so  $\text{FIRST}(T) = \{\text{int}, ()\}$
3.  $\therefore \text{FIRST}(E) = \{\text{int}, ()\}$

# example

0	<i>Goal</i>	$\rightarrow$	<i>Expr</i>		6	<i>Term'</i>	$\rightarrow$	$\times$ <i>Factor Term'</i>
1	<i>Expr</i>	$\rightarrow$	<i>Term Expr'</i>		7			$\div$ <i>Factor Term'</i>
2	<i>Expr'</i>	$\rightarrow$	$+$ <i>Term Expr'</i>		8			$\epsilon$
3			$-$ <i>Term Expr'</i>		9	<i>Factor</i>	$\rightarrow$	<u>(</u> <i>Expr</i> <u>)</u>
4			$\epsilon$		10			num
5	<i>Term</i>	$\rightarrow$	<i>Factor Term'</i>		11			name

	num	name	+	-	$\times$	$\div$	<u>(</u>	<u>)</u>	eof	$\epsilon$
FIRST	num	name	+	-	$\times$	$\div$	<u>(</u>	<u>)</u>	eof	$\epsilon$

	<i>Expr</i>	<i>Expr'</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Term'</i>	<i>Factor</i>
FIRST	<u>(</u> , name, num	$+$ , $-$ , $\epsilon$	<u>(</u> , name, num	$\times$ , $\div$ , $\epsilon$	<u>(</u> , name, num

0	<i>Goal</i>	$\rightarrow$	<i>Expr</i>		6	<i>Term'</i>	$\rightarrow$	x	<i>Factor Term'</i>
1	<i>Expr</i>	$\rightarrow$	<i>Term Expr'</i>		7			$\div$	<i>Factor Term'</i>
2	<i>Expr'</i>	$\rightarrow$	+ <i>Term Expr'</i>		8			$\epsilon$	
3			- <i>Term Expr'</i>		9	<i>Factor</i>	$\rightarrow$	( <i>Expr</i> )	
4			$\epsilon$		10			num	
5	<i>Term</i>	$\rightarrow$	<i>Factor Term'</i>		11			name	

**first( $\epsilon$ ) = { $\epsilon$ }**

- matches no word returned by the scanner.

after a valid application of rule 4

- ★ parser needs to know which words can appear as the leading symbol

→ ★ We need the set of symbols that can follow an **Expr'**

# Computing Follow Sets for a Grammar G

$\text{FOLLOW}(A)$  is the set of terminals that can come after non-terminal A  
 $\text{FOLLOW}(S) = \{\$\}$  where S is the start symbol.

Repeat:

**if**  $A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$  **then:**

add  $\text{FIRST}(\beta)$  (excepting  $\epsilon$ ) to  $\text{FOLLOW}(B)$ .

**if**  $A \rightarrow \alpha B$  or  $\text{FIRST}(\beta)$  contains  $\epsilon$  **then:**

add  $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$  to  $\text{FOLLOW}(B)$ .

until no more changes occur.

# Follow sets of nonterminals

0	$Goal \rightarrow Expr$
1	$Expr \rightarrow Term\ Expr'$
2	$Expr' \rightarrow +\ Term\ Expr'$
3	$\quad   \quad -\ Term\ Expr'$
4	$\quad   \quad \epsilon$
5	$Term \rightarrow Factor\ Term'$

6	$Term' \rightarrow \times\ Factor\ Term'$
7	$\quad   \quad \div\ Factor\ Term'$
8	$\quad   \quad \epsilon$
9	$Factor \rightarrow (\ Expr\ )$
10	$\quad   \quad \text{num}$
11	$\quad   \quad \text{name}$

	<b><i>Expr</i></b>	<b><i>Expr'</i></b>	<b><i>Term</i></b>	<b><i>Term'</i></b>	<b><i>Factor</i></b>
FOLLOW	eof, <u>_</u>	eof, <u>_</u>	eof, +, -, <u>_</u>	eof, +, -, <u>_</u>	eof, +, -, <u>x, ÷, _</u>

# Using first and follow

For productions

$$\text{FIRST}^+(A \rightarrow \beta) = \begin{cases} \text{FIRST}(\beta) & \text{if } \epsilon \notin \text{FIRST}(\beta) \\ \text{FIRST}(\beta) \cup \text{FOLLOW}(A) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

In backtrack free grammar, any nonterminal  $A \rightarrow \beta_1 | \beta_2 | \dots | \beta_n$

$$\text{FIRST}^+(A \rightarrow \beta_i) \cap \text{FIRST}^+(A \rightarrow \beta_j) = \emptyset, \quad \forall 1 \leq i, j \leq n, \quad i \neq j.$$

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only productions 4 and 8 have different **first+** and **first** sets

Production	FIRST set	FIRST <sup>+</sup> set
4 $Expr' \rightarrow \epsilon$	{ $\epsilon$ }	{ $\epsilon$ , eof, <u>_</u> }
8 $Term' \rightarrow \epsilon$	{ $\epsilon$ }	{ $\epsilon$ , eof, +, -, <u>_</u> }

# Eliminating common prefixes (left factoring)

transform these productions to create disjoint first+ sets.

11	<i>Factor</i>	$\rightarrow$	name
12			name <u>[ ArgList ]</u>
13			name <u>( ArgList )</u>
15	<i>ArgList</i>	$\rightarrow$	<i>Expr MoreArgs</i>
16	<i>MoreArgs</i>	$\rightarrow$	, <i>Expr MoreArgs</i>
17			$\epsilon$

11	<i>Factor</i>	$\rightarrow$	name <i>Arguments</i>
12	<i>Arguments</i>	$\rightarrow$	[ <i>ArgList</i> ]
13			( <i>ArgList</i> )
14			$\epsilon$

Take a non terminal

$$\begin{aligned} A \rightarrow & \alpha\beta_1 \mid \alpha\beta_2 \mid \dots \mid \alpha\beta_n \\ & \mid \gamma_1 \mid \gamma_2 \mid \dots \mid \gamma_j \end{aligned}$$

Rewrite the original as

$$\begin{aligned} A \rightarrow & \alpha B \mid \gamma_1 \mid \gamma_2 \mid \dots \mid \gamma_j \\ B \rightarrow & \beta_1 \mid \beta_2 \mid \dots \mid \beta_n \end{aligned}$$

# Summary

Backtrack-free grammars lend themselves to simple and efficient parsing with a recursive descent

By using first, first+ and follow sets we can generate **predictive top down-parser(LL(1) parser)**

# Predictive top-down parser in general

Like recursive-descent but parser can  
“predict” which production to use

- By looking at the next few tokens
- No backtracking

**Predictive parsers accept LL( $k$ ) grammars**

- L means “left-to-right” scan of input
- L means “leftmost derivation”
- k means “predict based on  $k$  tokens of lookahead”
- In practice, LL(1) is used

# Recursive Descent vs. LL(1)

In recursive-descent,

- At each step, many choices of production to use
- Backtracking used to undo bad choices

In LL(1),

- At each step, only one choice of production
  - When a non-terminal **A** is leftmost in a derivation
  - And the next input symbol is **t**
  - There is a unique production  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  to use
- Or no production to use (an error state)
  - **LL(1) is a recursive descent variant without backtracking**

# Predictive Parsing and Left Factoring

Recall the grammar

$$E \rightarrow T + E | T$$

$$T \rightarrow \text{int} | \text{int} * T | ( E )$$

- Hard to predict because
  - For  $T$

two productions start with  $\text{int}$

- For  $E$ 
  - it is not clear how to predict
- We need to left-factor the grammar

Factor out common prefixes of productions

$$E \rightarrow TX$$

$$X \rightarrow + E | \epsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow \text{int} Y | ( E )$$

$$Y \rightarrow * T | \epsilon$$

$E \rightarrow TX$  $X \rightarrow +E \mid \epsilon$  $T \rightarrow \text{int } Y \mid ( E )$  $Y \rightarrow *T \mid \epsilon$ 

- The LL(1) parsing table: next input token

	int	*	+	(	)	\$
E	TX			TX		
X			+ E		$\epsilon$	$\epsilon$
T	int Y			( E )		
Y		* T	$\epsilon$		$\epsilon$	$\epsilon$

leftmost non-terminal

rhs of production to use

$E \rightarrow TX$ 

[E, int] entry

 $X \rightarrow +E \mid \epsilon$  $T \rightarrow \text{int } Y \mid ( E )$  $Y \rightarrow *T \mid \epsilon$ 

When current

- non-terminal is **E**
- and next input is **int**,

use production  $E \rightarrow TX$ – This can generate an **int** in the first position

	int	*	+	(	)	\$
E	TX			TX		
X			+E		$\epsilon$	$\epsilon$
T	int Y			(E)		
Y		*T	$\epsilon$		$\epsilon$	$\epsilon$

# LL(1) Parsing Tables. Errors

[Y,+] entry

- “When current non-terminal is Y and current token is +, get rid of Y”
- Y can be followed by + only if  $Y \rightarrow \epsilon$

	int	*	+	(	)	\$
E	TX			TX		
X			+ E		$\epsilon$	$\epsilon$
T	int Y			( E )		
Y		* T	$\epsilon$		$\epsilon$	$\epsilon$



# LL(1) Parsing Tables. Errors

Blank entries indicate error situations

[Y,()] entry

- “There is no way to derive a string starting with ( from non-terminal Y”

	int	*	+	(	)	\$
E	T X			T X		
X			+ E		$\epsilon$	$\epsilon$
T	int Y			( E )		
Y		* T	$\epsilon$		$\epsilon$	$\epsilon$

A purple arrow points upwards from the bottom right corner of the cell containing  $\epsilon$  in the row for non-terminal Y and column for terminal \$.

# Using parsing tables

Method similar to recursive descent, except

- For the leftmost non-terminal **S**
- We look at the next input token **a**
- And choose the production shown at **[S,a]**

- A **stack** records **frontier** of parse tree
  - Non-terminals that have yet to be expanded
  - Terminals that have yet to be matched against the input
- **Top of stack =**
  - **leftmost pending terminal**
  - **or non-terminal**
- Reject on reaching error state
- Accept on end of input & empty stack

# LL(1) parsing algorithm with table

initialize stack = <S \$> and next

repeat

case stack of

<X, rest> : if  $T[X, *next] = Y_1 \dots Y_n$

    then stack  $\leftarrow \langle Y_1 \dots Y_n, \text{rest} \rangle$ ;

    else error ();

<t, rest> : if  $t == *next ++$

    then stack  $\leftarrow \langle \text{rest} \rangle$ ;

    else error ();

until stack == <>

\$ marks bottom of stack

For non-terminal X on top of stack,  
lookup production

Pop X, push production rhs on  
stack. Note leftmost symbol of rhs  
is on top of the stack.

For terminal t on top of stack, check  
t matches next input token

# LL(1) parsing example

$E \rightarrow T X$

$X \rightarrow + E \mid \epsilon$

$T \rightarrow \text{int } Y \mid ( E )$

$Y \rightarrow * T \mid \epsilon$

Stack	Input	Action
$E \$$	$\text{int } * \text{ int } \$$	
	\$	ACCEPT

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$Y \rightarrow *T \mid \epsilon$

Stack	Input	Action
$E \$$	$\text{int } * \text{ int } \$$	$TX$
$TX \$$	$\text{int } * \text{ int } \$$	$\text{int } Y$
$\text{int } Y X \$$	$\text{int } * \text{ int } \$$	terminal
$Y X \$$	$* \text{ int } \$$	$* T$
$* TX \$$	$* \text{ int } \$$	terminal
$TX \$$	$\text{int } \$$	$\text{int } Y$
$\text{int } Y X \$$	$\text{int } \$$	terminal
$Y X \$$	$\$$	$\epsilon$
$X \$$	$\$$	$\epsilon$
$\$$	$\$$	ACCEPT

# Constructing Parsing Tables: The Intuition

Consider non-terminal A and token t production

$A \rightarrow \alpha,$

Add  $T[A,t] = \alpha$

1. if  $A \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow^* t \beta$

- $\alpha$  can derive a  $t$  in the first position
- $t \in \text{First}(\alpha)$

2. If  $A \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow^* \epsilon$  and  $S \rightarrow^* \gamma A t \delta$

- Useful if stack has  $A$ , input is  $t$ , and  $A$  cannot derive  $t$
- In this case only option is to get rid of  $A$  (by deriving  $\epsilon$ )
  - Can work only if  $t \in \text{Follow}(A)$

# Computing first set

## Definition

$$\text{First}(X) = \{ t \mid X \rightarrow^* t\alpha \} \cup \{\epsilon \mid X \rightarrow^* \epsilon\}$$

## Algorithm sketch:

1.  $\text{First}(t) = \{ t \}$

2.  $\epsilon \in \text{First}(X)$

- if  $X \rightarrow \epsilon$  or
- if  $X \rightarrow A_1 \dots A_n$  and  $\epsilon \in \text{First}(A_i)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$

3.  $\text{First}(\alpha) \subseteq \text{First}(X)$

- if  $X \rightarrow \alpha$  or
- if  $X \rightarrow A_1 \dots A_n \alpha$  and  $\epsilon \in \text{First}(A_i)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$

# Computing First sets

**For Terminals:**

For each terminal  $a \in \Sigma$ :  $\text{FIRST}(a) = \{a\}$

**For Non-Terminals:**

**Repeat:**

For each rule  $X \rightarrow Y_1Y_2\dots Y_k$  in a grammar G:

if a is in  $\text{FIRST}(Y_1)$  OR a is in  $\text{FIRST}(Y_n)$  and  $Y_1\dots Y_{n-1} \Rightarrow \epsilon$

then add a to  $\text{FIRST}(X)$

if  $Y_1\dots Y_k \Rightarrow \epsilon$

then add  $\epsilon$  to  $\text{FIRST}(X)$ .

**until** no more changes occur

# Example find first sets

Terminals?

$E \rightarrow T\ X$

Nonterminals?

$X \rightarrow +\ E \mid \epsilon$

$T \rightarrow \text{int}\ Y \mid ( \ E )$

$Y \rightarrow * \ T \mid \epsilon$

# Example first sets (solution)

$E \rightarrow T\ X$

$X \rightarrow +\ E \mid \epsilon$

$T \rightarrow \text{int}\ Y \mid (E)$

$Y \rightarrow *\ T \mid \epsilon$

Terminals

$\text{First}( ( ) ) = \{ ( ) \}$

$\text{First}( ) ) = \{ ) \}$

$\text{First}( \text{int} ) = \{ \text{int} \}$

$\text{First}( + ) = \{ + \}$

$\text{First}( * ) = \{ * \}$

Nonterminals

$\text{First}( E ) = \{ \text{int}, ( ) \}$

$\text{First}( T ) = \{ \text{int}, ( ) \}$

$\text{First}( X ) = \{ +, \epsilon \}$

$\text{First}( Y ) = \{ *, \epsilon \}$

# Example

## Find first-sets

0	$Goal$	$\rightarrow$	$Expr$		6	$Term'$	$\rightarrow$	$\times Factor\ Term'$
1	$Expr$	$\rightarrow$	$Term\ Expr'$		7			$\div Factor\ Term'$
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3			$- Term\ Expr'$		9	$Factor$	$\rightarrow$	$( Expr )$
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# example

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4			$\epsilon$		10			num
5	<i>Term</i>	$\rightarrow$	<i>Factor Term'</i>		11			name

	num	name	+	-	$\times$	$\div$	<u>(</u>	<u>)</u>	eof	$\epsilon$
FIRST	num	name	+	-	$\times$	$\div$	<u>(</u>	<u>)</u>	eof	$\epsilon$

	<i>Expr</i>	<i>Expr'</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Term'</i>	<i>Factor</i>
FIRST	<u>(</u> , name, num	$+$ , $-$ , $\epsilon$	<u>(</u> , name, num	$\times$ , $\div$ , $\epsilon$	<u>(</u> , name, num

# Follow sets

**Definition:**

$$\text{Follow}(X) = \{ t \mid S \xrightarrow{*} \beta X t \delta \}$$

**Intuition**

- **if**  $X \rightarrow AB$ 
  - then  $\text{First}(B) \subseteq \text{Follow}(A)$  and  $\text{Follow}(X) \subseteq \text{Follow}(B)$
  - **if**  $B \rightarrow^* \epsilon$ 
    - then  $\text{Follow}(X) \subseteq \text{Follow}(A)$
- **if**  $S$  is the start symbol then  $\$ \in \text{Follow}(S)$

# Follow set algorithm sketch

1.  $\$ \in \text{Follow}(S)$
2. For each production  $A \rightarrow \alpha X \beta$ 
  - $\text{First}(\beta) - \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Follow}(X)$
3. For each production  $A \rightarrow \alpha X \beta$  where  $\varepsilon \in \text{First}(\beta)$ 
  - $\text{Follow}(A) \subseteq \text{Follow}(X)$

# Computing Follow Sets for a Grammar G

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add  $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$  to  $\text{FOLLOW}(B)$ .

until no more changes occur.

# Example follow sets

$E \rightarrow T X$

Follow sets?

$\$ \in \text{Follow}(E)$

$X \rightarrow + E | \epsilon$

$\text{First}(X) \subseteq \text{Follow}(T)$

$T \rightarrow \text{int } Y | ( E )$

$\text{Follow}(E) \subseteq \text{Follow}(X)$

$Y \rightarrow * T | \epsilon$

$\text{Follow}(E) \subseteq \text{Follow}(T)$

$) \in \text{Follow}(E)$

$\text{Follow}(T) \subseteq \text{Follow}(Y)$

$\text{Follow}(X) \subseteq \text{Follow}(E)$

$\text{Follow}(Y) \subseteq \text{Follow}(T)$

# Example follow sets

$E \rightarrow T\ X$

$\text{Follow}( + ) = \{ \text{int}, ( \}$

$X \rightarrow +\ E \mid \epsilon$

$\text{Follow}( * ) = \{ \text{int}, ( \}$

$T \rightarrow \text{int}\ Y \mid ( \ E )$

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

$Y \rightarrow *\ T \mid \epsilon$

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

$\text{Follow}( \text{int} ) = \{ * , +, ) , \$ \}$

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

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

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

$\text{Follow}( Y ) = \{ +, ) , \$ \}$

# Follow sets of nonterminals

0	$Goal \rightarrow Expr$
1	$Expr \rightarrow Term\ Expr'$
2	$Expr' \rightarrow +\ Term\ Expr'$
3	$\quad   \quad -\ Term\ Expr'$
4	$\quad   \quad \epsilon$
5	$Term \rightarrow Factor\ Term'$

6	$Term' \rightarrow \times\ Factor\ Term'$
7	$\quad   \quad \div\ Factor\ Term'$
8	$\quad   \quad \epsilon$
9	$Factor \rightarrow (\ Expr\ )$
10	$\quad   \quad \text{num}$
11	$\quad   \quad \text{name}$

	<b><i>Expr</i></b>	<b><i>Expr'</i></b>	<b><i>Term</i></b>	<b><i>Term'</i></b>	<b><i>Factor</i></b>
FOLLOW	eof, <u>_</u>	eof, <u>_</u>	eof, +, -, <u>_</u>	eof, +, -, <u>_</u>	eof, +, -, <u>x, ÷, _</u>

# Algorithm for Constructing LL(1) Parsing Tables

Construct a parsing table  $T$  for CFG  $G$

- For each production  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  in  $G$  do:
  - For each terminal  $t \in \text{First}(\alpha)$  do
    - $T[A, t] = \alpha$
  - If  $\epsilon \in \text{First}(\alpha)$ , then for each  $t \in \text{Follow}(A)$  do
    - $T[A, t] = \alpha$
  - If  $\epsilon \in \text{First}(\alpha)$  and  $\$ \in \text{Follow}(A)$  do
    - $T[A, \$] = \alpha$

# Notes on LL(1) Parsing Tables

- ★ If any entry is multiply defined then G is not LL(1)
  - If G is ambiguous
  - If G is left recursive
  - If G is not left-factored
  - And in other cases as well
  
- ★ Most programming language CFGs are not LL(1)

# Bottom-Up Parsing

Bottom-up parsers don't need left-factored grammars

- more general than top-down parsing
  - And just as efficient
  - Builds on ideas in top-down parsing
- Bottom-up is the preferred method
- Concepts today, algorithms next time

# The idea of bottom-up parsing

Revert to the “natural” grammar for our example:

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

$$T \rightarrow \text{int} * T \mid \text{int} \mid (E)$$

Consider the string: **int \* int + int**

reduce a string to the start symbol by inverting productions:

$$\rightarrow \text{int} * \text{int} + \text{int} \quad T \rightarrow \text{int}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{int} * T + \text{int} \quad T \rightarrow \text{int} * T$$

$$\rightarrow T + \text{int} \quad T \rightarrow \text{int}$$

$$\rightarrow T + T \quad E \rightarrow T$$

$$\rightarrow T + E \quad E \rightarrow T + E$$

$$\rightarrow E$$

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- ★ Read the productions in reverse (from bottom to top)
- ★ This is a reverse rightmost derivation!

reduce a string to the start symbol by inverting productions:

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow \text{int} * \text{int} + \text{int} \\ &\quad \diamondsuit \quad T \rightarrow \text{int} \\ &\rightarrow \text{int} * T + \text{int} \\ &\quad \diamondsuit \quad T \rightarrow \text{int} * T \\ &\rightarrow T + \text{int} \\ &\quad \diamondsuit \quad T \rightarrow \text{int} \\ &\rightarrow T + T \\ &\quad \diamondsuit \quad E \rightarrow T \\ &\rightarrow T + E \\ &\quad \diamondsuit \quad E \rightarrow T + E \\ &\rightarrow E \end{aligned}$$

For derivation

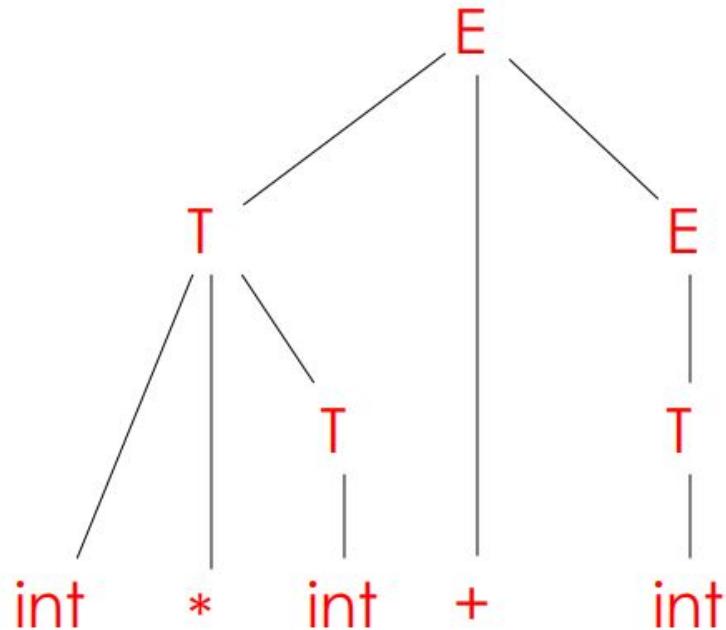
**Goal =  $\gamma_0 \rightarrow \gamma_1 \rightarrow \gamma_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \gamma_{n-1} \rightarrow \gamma_n = \text{sentence}$ ,**

The bottom-up parser discovers  $\gamma_i \rightarrow \gamma_{i+1}$  before it discovers  $\gamma_{i-1} \rightarrow \gamma_i$

**Important Fact #1** about bottom-up parsing:

A bottom-up parser traces a rightmost derivation in reverse

- int \* int + int
  - ◆ T → int
- int \* T + int
  - ◆ T → int \* T
- T + int
  - ◆ T → int
- T + T
  - ◆ E → T
- T + E
  - ◆ E → T + E
- E



# Where Do Reductions Happen?

Important Fact #1 has an interesting consequence:

- Let  $\alpha\beta\omega$  be a step of a bottom-up parse
- Assume the next reduction is by  $X \rightarrow \beta$

That is  $\alpha X \omega \rightarrow \alpha\beta\omega$

- Then  $\omega$  is a string of terminals

Why?

- ★ Because  $\alpha X \omega \rightarrow \alpha\beta\omega$  is a step in a right-most derivation

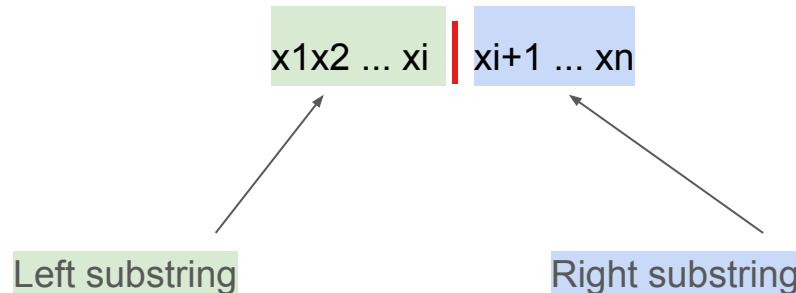
# Shift-Reduce Parsing

## Notation:

Idea: Split string into two substrings

The dividing point is marked by a |

- The | is not part of the string



- has terminals and non-terminals
- is as yet unexamined by parsing (a string of terminals)
- Initially, all input is unexamined
  - | $x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$

Bottom-up parsing uses only two kinds of actions:

Shift

Reduce

# Shift and Reduce

## Shift:

Move | one place to the right

Shifts a terminal to the left string

$$ABC|xyz \Rightarrow ABCx|yz$$

## Reduce:

Apply an inverse production at the right end of the left string

If  $A \rightarrow xy$  is a production, then

$$Cbxy|ijk \Rightarrow CbA|i j k$$

# Example with reductions

- int \* int | + int
  - ◆ reduce T → int
- int \* T | + int
  - ◆ reduce T → int \* T
- T + int |
  - ◆ reduce T → int
- T + T |
  - ◆ reduce E → T
- T + E |
  - ◆ reduce E → T + E
- E |

# Example with shift-reduce parsing

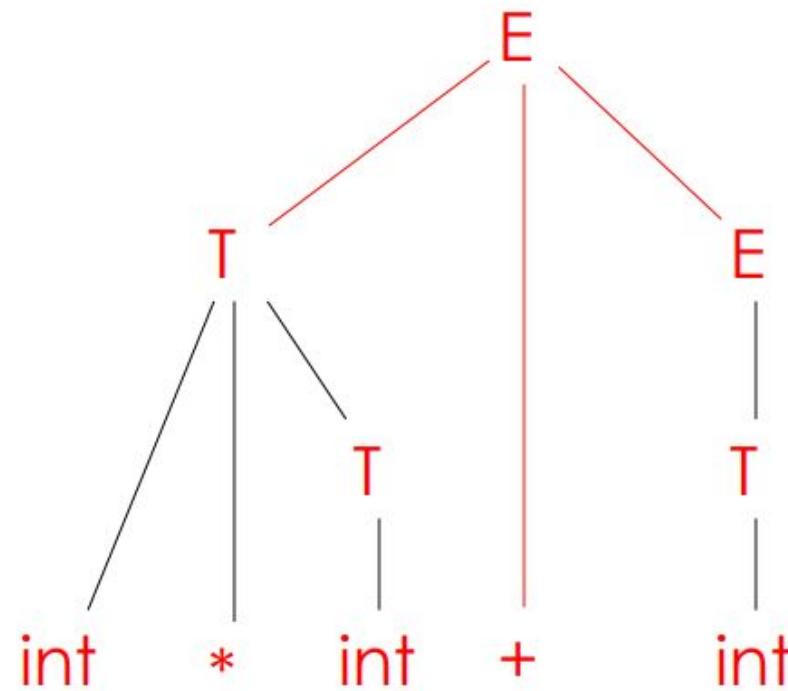
→   int * int + int	→ T   + int
◆ shift	◆ shift
→ int   * int + int	→ T +   int
◆ shift	◆ shift
→ int *   int + int	→ T + int
◆ shift	◆ reduce T → int
→ int * int   + int	→ T + T
◆ reduce T → int	◆ reduce E → T
→ int * T   + int	→ T + E
◆ reduce T → int * T	◆ reduce E → T + E
→ T   + int	→ E

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→ | int * int + int
  ♦ shift
→ int | * int + int
  ♦ shift
→ int * | int + int
  ♦ shift
→ int * int | + int
  ♦ reduce T → int
→ int * T | + int
  ♦ reduce T → int * T
→ T | + int
  ♦ shift
→ T + | int
  ♦ shift
→ T + int |
  ♦ reduce T → int
→ T + T |
  ♦ reduce E → T
→ T + E |
  ♦ reduce E → T + E
→ E |

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## The generation of parse tree



# The stack

Left string can be implemented by a stack

- Top of the stack is the |
- Shift
  - pushes a terminal on the stack
- Reduce
  - pops 0 or more symbols off of the stack (production rhs)
  - and pushes a non-terminal on the stack (production lhs)

1.  $P \rightarrow E$
2.  $E \rightarrow E + T$
3.  $E \rightarrow T$
4.  $T \rightarrow id(E)$
5.  $T \rightarrow id$

## An example Shift-Reduce Parsing **with 1 lookahead**

Stack	Input	Action
	id ( id + id ) \$	shift
id	( id + id ) \$	shift
id (	id + id ) \$	shift
id ( id	+ id ) \$	reduce $T \rightarrow id$
id ( T	+ id ) \$	reduce $E \rightarrow T$
id ( E	+ id ) \$	shift
id ( E +	id ) \$	shift
id ( E + id	) \$	reduce $T \rightarrow id$
id ( E + T	) \$	reduce $E \rightarrow E + T$
id ( E	) \$	shift
id ( E )	\$	reduce $T \rightarrow id(E)$
T	\$	reduce $E \rightarrow T$
E	\$	reduce $P \rightarrow E$
P	\$	accept

# Key issue

Example grammar:

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

$$T \rightarrow \text{int} * T \mid \text{int} \mid (E)$$

Consider step

- **int | \* int + int**
  - ◆ We could reduce by  $T \rightarrow \text{int}$
- **T | \* int + int**
- A fatal mistake!
  - ◆ No way to reduce to the start symbol E
- ★ How do we decide when to shift or reduce?

# Conflicts

- In a given state, more than one action (shift or reduce) may lead to a valid parse
- **A shift-reduce conflict**
  - If it is legal to shift or reduce
- **A reduce-reduce conflict**
  - if it is legal to reduce by two different productions

You will see such conflicts in your project!

- – More next time . .

# Handles

- ★ Intuition: Want to reduce only if the result can still be reduced to the start symbol

Assume a rightmost derivation

$$S \rightarrow^* \alpha X \omega \rightarrow \alpha \beta \omega$$

- Then  $X \rightarrow \beta$  in the position after  $\alpha$  is a handle of  $\alpha \beta \omega$
- Can and must reduce at handles

# Handles formalize the intuition

We only want to reduce at handles

- A handle is a string that can be reduced and also allows further reductions back to the start symbol (using a particular production at a specific spot)

- ★ Note: We have said what a handle is, not how to find handles

# Summary of key ideas

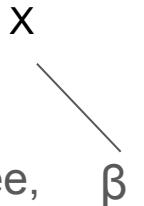
$\alpha\beta\omega$  Assume  $\beta$  is at position  $k$ , and we have a rule  $X \rightarrow \beta$ .

- Parser looks the current **frontier**
  - If it finds  $\beta$  in the frontier,
  - it can replace  $\beta$  with  $X$  to create a **new frontier**.
- **Handle:**  $\langle X \rightarrow \beta, k \rangle$  this pair is a handle
  - if replacing  $\beta$  with  $X$  at position  $k$  is the next step in a **valid derivation for the input string**
  - then the parser should replace  $\beta$  with  $X$ .

- **Reduction:**

- This replacement is called a reduction because it reduces the number of symbols on the frontier, unless  $|\beta| = 1$ .

In the parse tree,



- build a node for  $X$ ,
- add that node to the tree,
- and connect the nodes representing  $\beta$  as  $X$ 's children.

## ★ Important Fact #2 about bottom-up parsing:

- In shift-reduce parsing, handles appear only at the top of the stack, never inside

Informal induction on # of reduce moves:

- initially, stack is empty
- Immediately after reducing a handle
  - right-most non-terminal on top of the stack
  - next handle must be to right of right-most non-terminal, because this is a right-most derivation
  - Sequence of shift moves reaches next handle

Why?

# Summary of Handles

In shift-reduce parsing, handles always appear at the top of the stack

Handles are never to the left of the rightmost nonterminal

- Therefore, shift-reduce moves are sufficient; the | need never move left

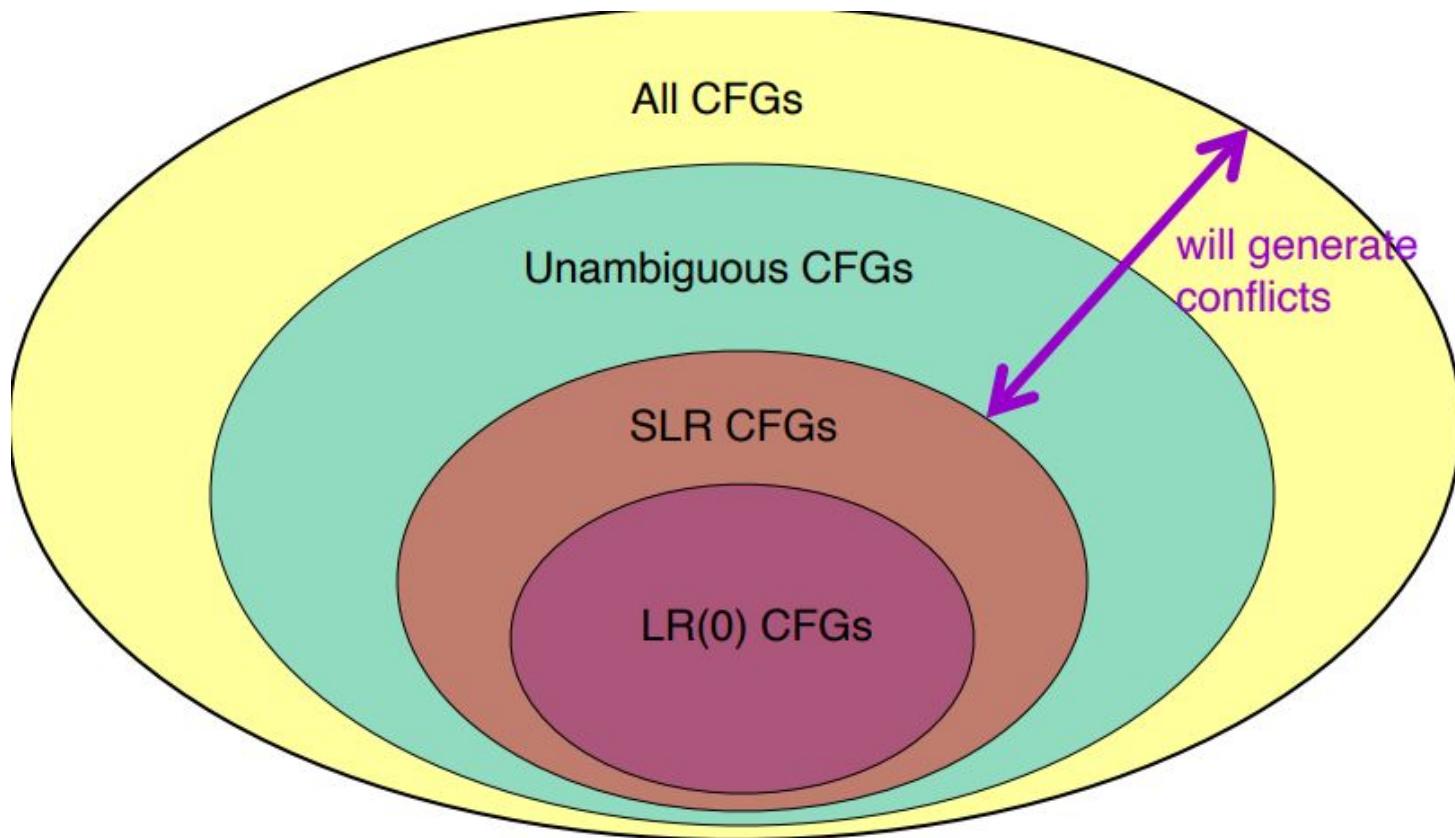
Bottom-up parsing algorithms are based on recognizing handles

# Recognizing handles

- ★ There are no known efficient algorithms to recognize handles
- **Solution:** use heuristics to guess which stacks are handles

On some CFGs, the heuristics always guess correctly

- For the heuristics we use here, these are the SLR grammars
- Other heuristics work for other grammars



# Viable Prefixes

It is not obvious how to detect handles

At each step the parser sees only the stack, not the entire input; start with that . . .

$\alpha$  is a viable prefix

- if there is an  $\omega$  such that  $\alpha|\omega$  is a state of a shift-reduce parser

What does this mean?

What does this mean?

- the right end of the handle
  - A viable prefix does not extend past this point
- **It's viable** prefix because it is a **prefix of the handle**
- As long as a parser has viable prefixes on the stack no parsing error has been detected

before shifting + to the stack  
we have reduced (E) to B

$A \rightarrow B + id \rightarrow (E) + id$

Right most derivation

Operation performed

(.E)+id

(E.)+id

(E).+id

B.+id

B+.id

B+id.

A

we can only have (, (E, (E) on stack

- but we cannot have (E)+ on stack because (E) is a handle and the items in the stack cannot exceed beyond the handle

	Stack	Comments
	(	shift (
	( E	shift E
	( E )	shift )
B.+id	B	reduce (E) to B
B+.id	B +	shift +
B+id.	B + id	shift id
A	A	reduce B + id to A

- ★ (, (E, (E) are all viable prefixes for the handle (E)
- ★ and only these prefixes are present in stack of shift reduce parser.

we keep on shifting the items until we reach the handle or an error occurs.

Once a handle is reached we reduce it with a non-terminal using the suitable production.

Thus viable prefixes help in taking appropriate shift-reduce decisions.

As long as stack contains these prefixes there cannot be any error.

$S \rightarrow AA$

$A \rightarrow bA \mid a$

S.No	Reverse Rightmost Derivation with Handles	Viable Prefix	Comments
Input string: <b>bbbbaa</b>	1. $S \rightarrow bbbaa$	b, bb, bbb, bbba	Here, a is the handle so viable prefix cannot exceed beyond a.
	2. $S \rightarrow bbAa$	b, bb, bbb, bbbA	Here, bA is the handle so viable prefix cannot exceed beyond bA.
	3. $S \rightarrow bAa$	b, bb, bbA	Here also, bA is the handle so viable prefix cannot exceed beyond bA.
	4. $S \rightarrow Aa$	b, bA	Here also, bA is the handle so viable prefix cannot exceed beyond bA.
	5. $S \rightarrow Aa$	A, Aa	Here, a is the handle so viable prefix cannot exceed beyond a.
	6. $S \rightarrow AA$	A, AA	Here, AA is the handle so viable prefix cannot exceed beyond AA.

### **Important Fact #3 about bottom-up parsing:**

For any grammar, the set of viable prefixes is a regular language

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Important Fact #3 is non-obvious

### **Next lecture**

we will show how to compute automata that accept viable prefixes

And how to build action, goto tables

# A simple table driven LR(1) parser.

- LR(1): left-to-right scan, reverse rightmost derivation, and 1 symbol of lookahead

We will build these tables!

State	Action Table			Goto Table	
	eof	(	)	List	Pair
0		s 3		1	2
1	acc	s 3			4
2	r 3	r 3			
3	s 6	s 7			5
4	r 2	r 2			
5			s 8		
6		s 6	s 10		9
7	r 5	r 5			
8	r 4	r 4			
9			s 11		
10			r 5		
11			r 4		

1	$Goal \rightarrow List$
2	$List \rightarrow List\ Pair$
3	$\quad Pair$
4	$Pair \rightarrow (\_ \quad Pair \_)$
5	$\quad (\_ \quad )$

Behaviour for the input string “( )”

Iteration	State	word	Stack	Handle	Action
initial	—	(	\$ 0	— none —	—
1	0	(	\$ 0	— none —	shift 3
2	3	)	\$ 0 ( 3 ) 7	— none —	shift 7
3	7	eof	\$ 0 ( 3 ) 7	( )	reduce 5
4	2	eof	\$ 0 Pair 2	Pair	reduce 3
5	1	eof	\$ 0 List 1	List	accept

When it finds a handle  $\langle A \rightarrow \beta, k \rangle$ , it reduces  $\beta$  at  $k$  to  $A$