

# Top down & intro to bottom-up parsers

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

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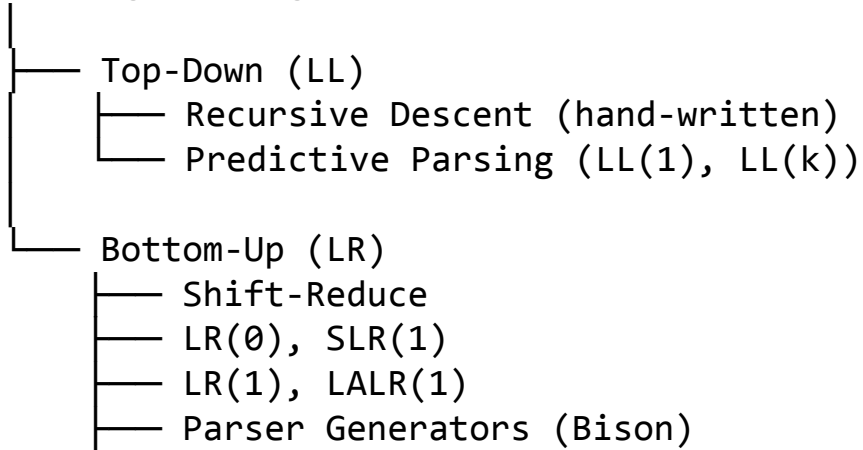
Predictive parsing

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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  $X.\text{val}$

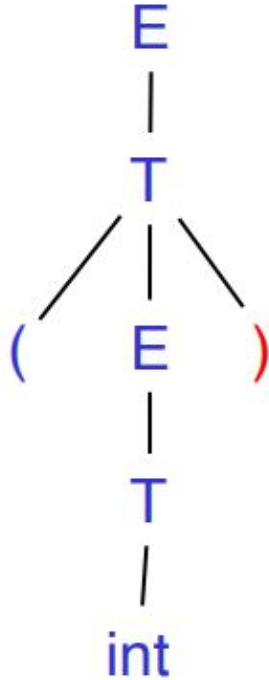
- For terminals,
  - $\text{val}$  is the associated lexeme
- For non-terminals,
  - $\text{val}$  is the expression's value (and is computed from values of subexpressions)

We annotate the grammar with **actions**:

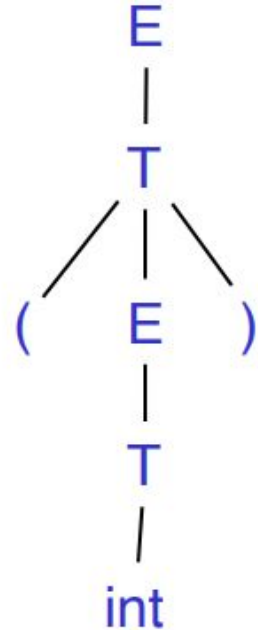
$$\begin{aligned} E \rightarrow \text{int} & \{ E.\text{val} = \text{int.val} \} \\ & \mid E1 + E2 \{ E.\text{val} = E1.\text{val} + E2.\text{val} \} \\ & \mid ( E1 ) \{ E.\text{val} = E1.\text{val} \} \end{aligned}$$

# 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	$\quad \quad \quad   \div Factor Term'$
2	$Expr' \rightarrow + Term Expr'$	8	$\quad \quad \quad   \epsilon$
3	$\quad \quad \quad   - Term Expr'$	9	$Factor \rightarrow ( Expr )$
4	$\quad \quad \quad   \epsilon$	10	$\quad \quad \quad   num$
5	$Term \rightarrow Factor Term'$	11	$\quad \quad \quad   name$

# 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	<i>Goal</i>	$\rightarrow$	<i>Expr</i>
1	<i>Expr</i>	$\rightarrow$	<i>Term Expr'</i>
2	<i>Expr'</i>	$\rightarrow$	$+$ <i>Term Expr'</i>
3		$ $	$-$ <i>Term Expr'</i>
4		$ $	$\epsilon$
5	<i>Term</i>	$\rightarrow$	<i>Factor Term'</i>

6	<i>Term'</i>	$\rightarrow$	$\times$ <i>Factor Term'</i>
7		$ $	$\div$ <i>Factor Term'</i>
8		$ $	$\epsilon$
9	<i>Factor</i>	$\rightarrow$	$($ <i>Expr</i> $)$
10		$ $	num
11		$ $	name

# First/Follow Sets

For each grammar symbol  $\alpha$ ,

**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 eof,

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

For a nonterminal A,

- **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: FIRST(**terminal**) = {terminal}**

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

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

Grammar:

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

**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  $Goal \rightarrow Expr$   
 1  $Expr \rightarrow Term Expr'$   
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 3  $\quad \quad | - Term Expr'$   
 4  $\quad \quad | \epsilon$   
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 9  $Factor \rightarrow ( Expr )$   
 10  $\quad \quad | num$   
 11  $\quad \quad | name$

	num	name	+	-	×	÷	(	)	eof	ε
FIRST	num	name	+	-	x	÷	(	)	eof	ε

	<b>Expr</b>	<b>Expr'</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Term'</b>	<b>Factor</b>
FIRST	(, name, num	+, -, ε	(, name, num	x, ÷, ε	(, name, num

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1	<i>Expr</i>	$\rightarrow$	<i>Term Expr'</i>
2	<i>Expr'</i>	$\rightarrow$	$+$ <i>Term Expr'</i>
3		$ $	$-$ <i>Term Expr'</i>
4		$ $	$\epsilon$
5	<i>Term</i>	$\rightarrow$	<i>Factor Term'</i>

6	<i>Term'</i>	$\rightarrow$	$\times$ <i>Factor Term'</i>
7		$ $	$\div$ <i>Factor Term'</i>
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9	<i>Factor</i>	$\rightarrow$	$($ <i>Expr</i> $)$
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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

**FOLLOW**(A) is the set of terminals that can come after non-terminal A

**FOLLOW**(S) = {\$} where S is the start symbol.

Repeat:

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

add **FIRST**( $\beta$ ) (excepting  $\epsilon$ ) to **FOLLOW**(B).

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

add **FOLLOW**(A) to **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  $\quad \quad | num$   
 11  $\quad \quad | name$

	<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>
<b>FOLLOW</b>	eof, <u>)</u>	eof, <u>)</u>	eof, +, -, <u>)</u>	eof, +, -, <u>)</u>	eof, +, -, x, ÷, <u>)</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  $A \rightarrow \beta_1 \mid \beta_2 \mid \dots \mid \beta_n$

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

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3	$\mid - Term Expr'$	9	$Factor \rightarrow ( Expr )$
4	$\mid \epsilon$	10	$\mid num$
5	$Term \rightarrow Factor Term'$	11	$\mid name$

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

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

# Eliminating common prefixes (left factoring)

transform these productions to create disjoint first+ sets.

11	<i>Factor</i>	→	name
12			name [ <i>ArgList</i> ]
13			name ( <i>ArgList</i> )
15	<i>ArgList</i>	→	<i>Expr MoreArgs</i>
16	<i>MoreArgs</i>	→	, <i>Expr MoreArgs</i>
17			ε

11	<i>Factor</i>	→	name <i>Arguments</i>
12	<i>Arguments</i>	→	[ <i>ArgList</i> ]
13			( <i>ArgList</i> )
14			ε

Take a non terminal

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow \alpha\beta_1 \mid \alpha\beta_2 \mid \cdot \cdot \cdot \mid \alpha\beta_n \\ \quad \mid \gamma_1 \mid \gamma_2 \mid \cdot \cdot \cdot \mid \gamma_j \end{array}$$

Rewrite the original as

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow \alpha B \mid \gamma_1 \mid \gamma_2 \mid \cdot \cdot \cdot \mid \gamma_j \\ B \rightarrow \beta_1 \mid \beta_2 \mid \cdot \cdot \cdot \mid \beta_n \end{array}$$

# 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

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

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

- 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

$$E \rightarrow T X$$

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

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

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

$E \rightarrow T X$

$X \rightarrow + E \mid \epsilon$

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

$Y \rightarrow * T \mid \epsilon$

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

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

*leftmost non-terminal*

*rhs of production to use*

$E \rightarrow T X$

$X \rightarrow + E \mid \epsilon$

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

$Y \rightarrow * T \mid \epsilon$


[E, int] entry

When current

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

use production  $E \rightarrow T X$

– This can generate an **int** in the first position




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



# 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 =  $\langle S \ \$ \rangle$  and next

repeat

case stack of

$\langle X, \text{rest} \rangle$  : if  $T[X, *next] = Y_1 \dots Y_n$

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

else error ();

$\langle t, \text{rest} \rangle$  : if  $t == *next ++$

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

else error ();

until stack ==  $\langle \rangle$

$\$$  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 \$	int * int \$	
	\$	ACCEPT

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Stack	Input	Action
E \$	int * int \$	T X
T X \$	int * int \$	int Y
int Y X \$	int * int \$	terminal
Y X \$	* int \$	* T
* T X \$	* int \$	terminal
T X \$	int \$	int Y
int Y X \$	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

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

## Algorithm sketch:

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

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

- if  $X \rightarrow \varepsilon$  or
- if  $X \rightarrow A_1 \dots A_n$  and  $\varepsilon \in \text{First}(A_i)$  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  $\varepsilon \in \text{First}(A_i)$  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

$E \rightarrow T X$

$X \rightarrow + E \mid \epsilon$

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

$Y \rightarrow * T \mid \epsilon$

Terminals?

Nonterminals?

# Example first sets (solution)

$E \rightarrow TX$

$X \rightarrow +E \mid \epsilon$

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

$Y \rightarrow *T \mid \epsilon$

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	<i>Goal</i>	$\rightarrow$	<i>Expr</i>
1	<i>Expr</i>	$\rightarrow$	<i>Term Expr'</i>
2	<i>Expr'</i>	$\rightarrow$	$+$ <i>Term Expr'</i>
3		$ $	$-$ <i>Term Expr'</i>
4		$ $	$\epsilon$
5	<i>Term</i>	$\rightarrow$	<i>Factor Term'</i>

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8		$ $	$\epsilon$
9	<i>Factor</i>	$\rightarrow$	$($ <i>Expr</i> $)$
10		$ $	num
11		$ $	name



# example

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 11  $\quad \quad | name$

	num	name	+	-	×	÷	(	)	eof	ε
FIRST	num	name	+	-	x	÷	(	)	eof	ε

	<b>Expr</b>	<b>Expr'</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Term'</b>	<b>Factor</b>
FIRST	(, name, num	+, -, ε	(, name, num	x, ÷, ε	(, name, num

# Follow sets

## Definition:

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

## 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  $A \rightarrow \alpha X \beta$ 
  - $\text{First}(\beta) - \{\epsilon\} \subseteq \text{Follow}(X)$
3. For each production  $A \rightarrow \alpha X \beta$  where  $\epsilon \in \text{First}(\beta)$ 
  - $\text{Follow}(A) \subseteq \text{Follow}(X)$

# Computing Follow Sets for a Grammar G

**FOLLOW**(A) is the set of terminals that can come after non-terminal A

**FOLLOW**(S) = {\$} where S is the start symbol.

Repeat:

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

add **FIRST**( $\beta$ ) (excepting  $\epsilon$ ) to **FOLLOW**(B).

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

add **FOLLOW**(A) to **FOLLOW**(B).

until no more changes occur.

# Example follow sets

$E \rightarrow T X$

$X \rightarrow + E \mid \epsilon$

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

$Y \rightarrow * T \mid \epsilon$

Follow sets?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Example follow sets

$E \rightarrow T X$

$X \rightarrow + E \mid \epsilon$

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

$Y \rightarrow * T \mid \epsilon$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# 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  $\quad \quad | num$   
 11  $\quad \quad | name$

	<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>
<b>FOLLOW</b>	eof, <u>)</u>	eof, <u>)</u>	eof, +, -, <u>)</u>	eof, +, -, <u>)</u>	eof, +, -, x, ÷, <u>)</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:

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

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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:

→ `int * int + int`

◆  $T \rightarrow \text{int}$

→ `int * T + int`

◆  $T \rightarrow \text{int} * T$

→ `T + int`

◆  $T \rightarrow \text{int}$

→ `T + T`

◆  $E \rightarrow T$

→ `T + E`

◆  $E \rightarrow T + E$

→ `E`

For derivation

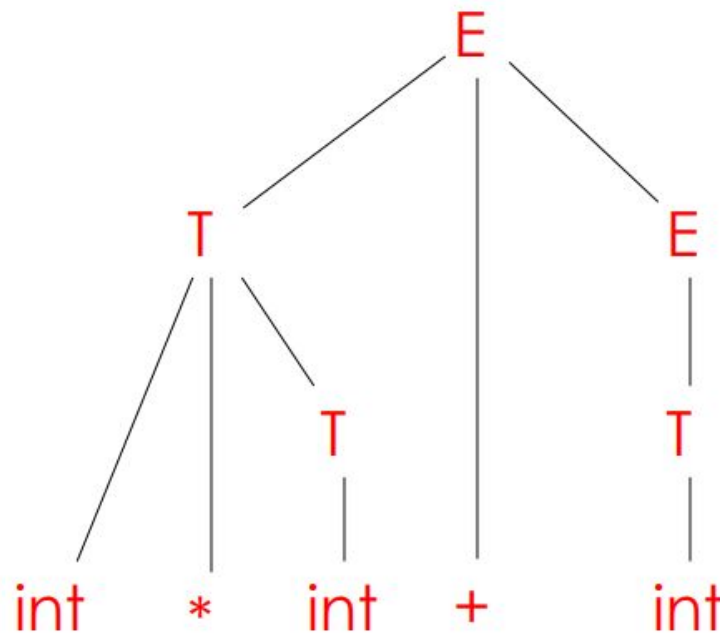
**Goal =  $\gamma_0 \rightarrow \gamma_1 \rightarrow \gamma_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \gamma_{n-1} \rightarrow \gamma_n = \text{sentence}$ ,**

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  
    ◆  $T \rightarrow \text{int}$   
→ int \* T + int  
    ◆  $T \rightarrow \text{int} * T$   
→ T + int  
    ◆  $T \rightarrow \text{int}$   
→ T + T  
    ◆  $E \rightarrow T$   
→ T + E  
    ◆  $E \rightarrow T + E$   
→ 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

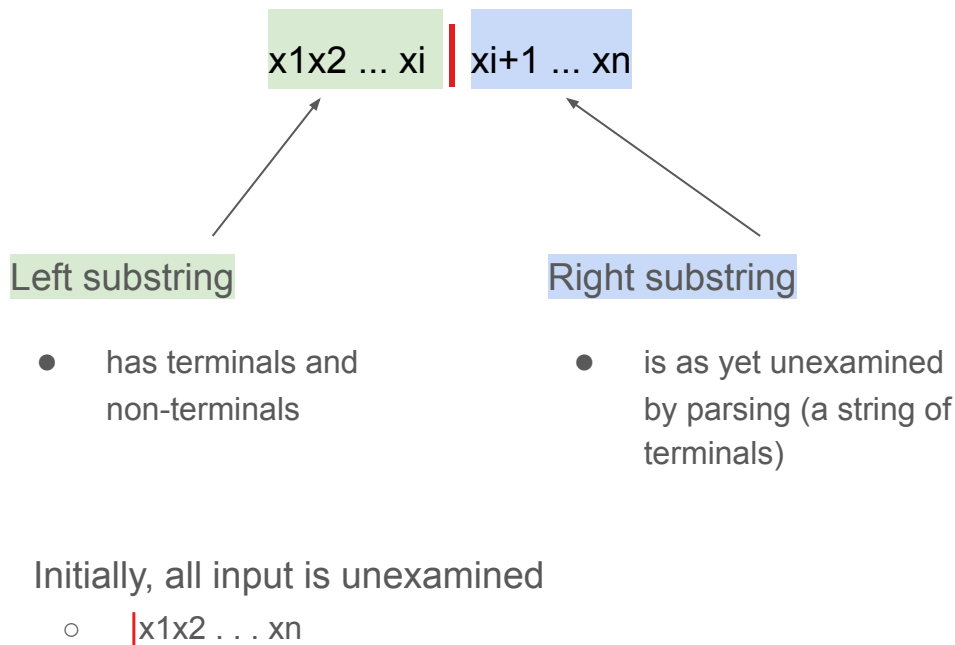
# Shift-Reduce Parsing

## Notation:

Idea: Split string into two substrings

The dividing point is marked by a |

- The | is not part of the string



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

$Cbxy|ijk \Rightarrow CbA|ijk$

# Example with reductions

→ int \* int | + int

◆ reduce  $T \rightarrow \text{int}$

→ int \* T | + int

◆ reduce  $T \rightarrow \text{int} * T$

→ T + int |

◆ reduce  $T \rightarrow \text{int}$

→ T + T |

◆ reduce  $E \rightarrow T$

→ T + E |

◆ reduce  $E \rightarrow T + E$

→ E |

# Example with shift-reduce parsing

→ | int \* int + int

◆ shift

→ int | \* int + int

◆ shift

→ int \* | int + int

◆ shift

→ int \* int | + int

◆ reduce  $T \rightarrow \text{int}$

→ int \* T | + int

◆ reduce  $T \rightarrow \text{int} * T$

→ T | + int

→ T | + int

◆ shift

→ T + | int

◆ shift

→ T + int |

◆ reduce  $T \rightarrow \text{int}$

→ T + T |

◆ reduce  $E \rightarrow T$

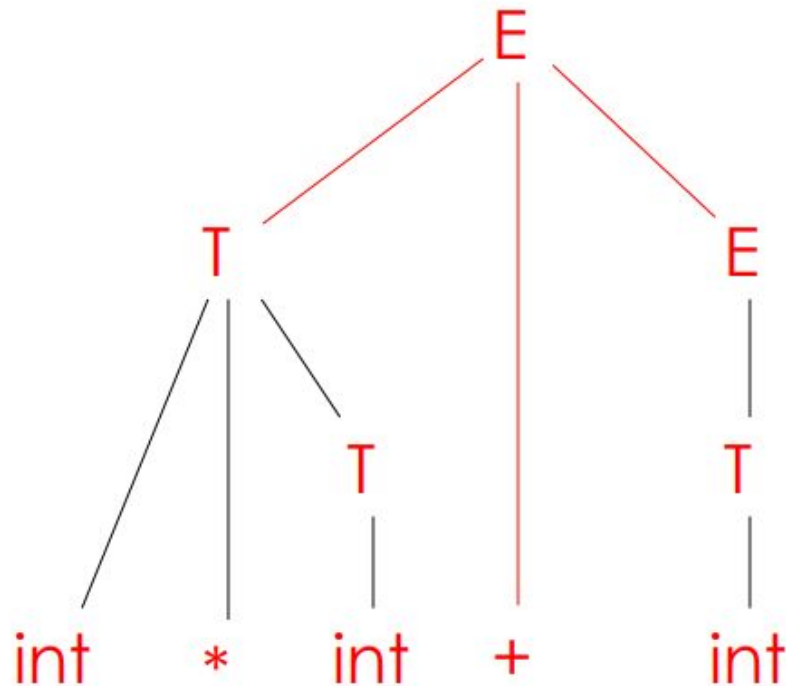
→ T + E |

◆ reduce  $E \rightarrow T + E$

→ E |

→ | int \* int + int  
 ◆ shift  
 → int | \* int + int  
 ◆ shift  
 → int \* | int + int  
 ◆ shift  
 → int \* int | + int  
 ◆ reduce  $T \rightarrow \text{int}$   
 → int \* T | + int  
 ◆ reduce  $T \rightarrow \text{int} * T$   
 → T | + int  
 ◆ shift  
 → T + | int  
 ◆ shift  
 → T + int |  
 ◆ reduce  $T \rightarrow \text{int}$   
 → T + T |  
 ◆ reduce  $E \rightarrow T$   
 → T + E |  
 ◆ reduce  $E \rightarrow T + E$   
 → E |

## 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

– 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)

We only want to reduce at handles

★ 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

Why?

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

# 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

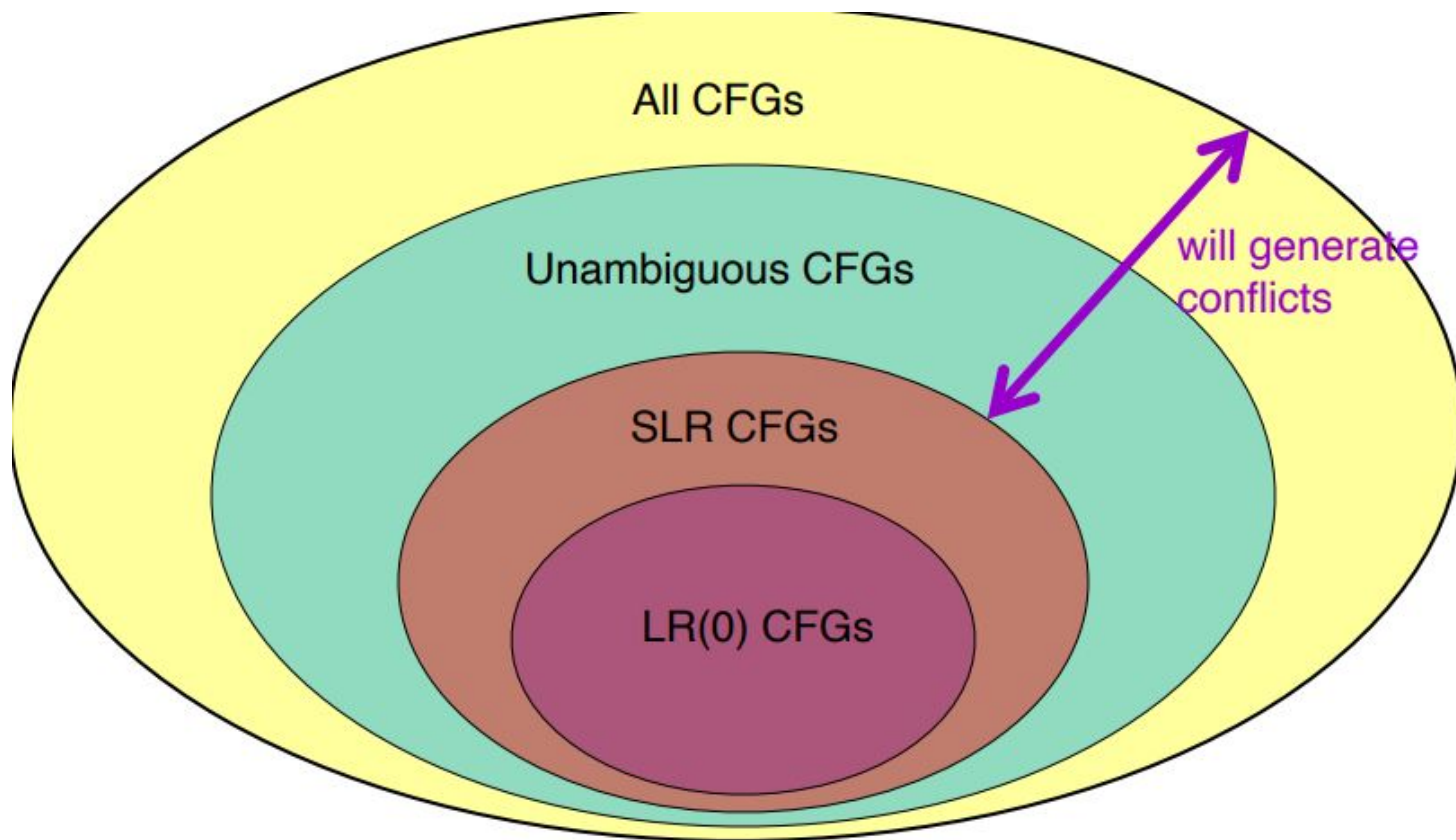
Bottom-up parsing algorithms are based on recognizing handles

# 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

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

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

Right most derivation

Operation performed

Stack

Comments

(.E)+id

(

shift (

(E.)+id

( E

shift E

(E).+id

( 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.

$S \rightarrow AA$   
 $A \rightarrow bA \mid a$

Input string:  
**bbbaa**

S.No .	Reverse Rightmost Derivation with Handles	Viable Prefix	Comments
1.	$S \rightarrow bbb\textcolor{red}{a}a$	b, bb, bbb, bbba	Here, a is the handle so viable prefix cannot exceed beyond a.
2.	$S \rightarrow bb\textcolor{red}{b}Aa$	b, bb, bbb, bbbA	Here, bA is the handle so viable prefix cannot exceed beyond bA.
3.	$S \rightarrow bb\textcolor{red}{A}a$	b, bb, bbA	Here also, bA is the handle so viable prefix cannot exceed beyond bA.
4.	$S \rightarrow \textcolor{red}{b}Aa$	b, bA	Here also, bA is the handle so viable prefix cannot exceed beyond bA.
5.	$S \rightarrow A\textcolor{red}{a}$	A, Aa	Here, a is the handle so viable prefix cannot exceed beyond a.
6.	$S \rightarrow \textcolor{red}{AA}$	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



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 → List
2	List → List Pair
3	Pair
4	Pair → ( Pair )
5	( )

Behaviour for the input string “( )”

Iteration	State	word	Stack	Handle	Action
initial	—	(	\$ 0	— none —	—
1	0	(	\$ 0	— none —	shift 3
2	3	)	\$ 0 ( 3	— 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 <A →β, k>, it reduces β at k to A