

1. Please list and explain the four actions supported by shift-reduce parsers. (2 pt)

## Actions of Shift-Reduce Parsers

- **Shift:** shift the next input token onto the top of the stack
- **Reduce:** the string to be reduced **must be at the top of the stack**
  - Locate the left end of the string within the stack and decide what non-terminal to replace that string
- **Accept:** announce successful completion of parsing
- **Error:** discover a syntax error and call an error recovery routine

2. Please describe the possible conflict types during LR(K) parsing. (2 pt)

## What Are Those Conflicts?

- Two possible the conflict types during LR(k) parsing

### 1. shift/reduce conflicts exist in a state

- when table construction cannot use the next  $k$  tokens to decide whether to **shift the next input token** or **call for a reduction**
  - The bookmark symbol must occur **before a terminal symbol**  $t$  in one of the state's items, so that a shift of  $t$  could be appropriate
  - The bookmark symbol must also occur **at the end of some other item**, so that a reduction in this state is also possible

### 2. reduce/reduce conflicts exist

- when table construction cannot use the next  $k$  tokens to distinguish between **multiple reductions that could be applied in the inadequate state**
- Of course, a state with such a conflict must have **at least two reducible items**
  - Recall that State 2, 4, and 6 in Fig. 6.11 have single item for reduction