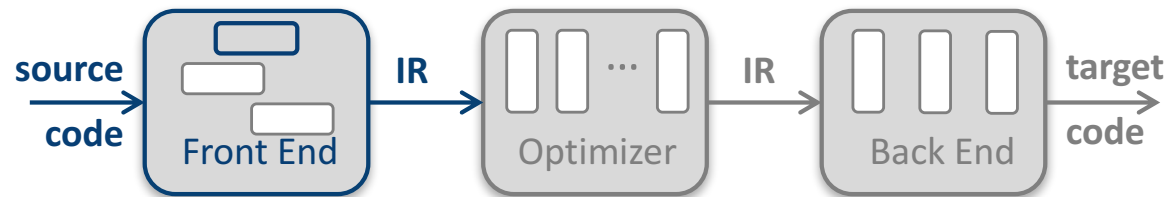


Syntax Analysis, VI

Examples from LR Parsing

Comp 412



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Roadmap



Last Class

- Bottom-up parsers, reverse rightmost derivations
- The mystical concept of a handle
 - Easy to understand if we are given an oracle
 - Opaque (at this point) unless we are given an oracle
- Saw a bottom-up, shift-reduce parser at work on $\underline{x} - \underline{z} * y$

This Class

- Structure & operation of an **LR(1)** parser
 - Both a skeleton parser & the **LR(1)** tables
- Example from the Parentheses Language
 - Look at how the **LR(1)** parser uses lookahead to determine *shift vs reduce*
- Lay the groundwork for the table construction lecture
 - **LR(1)** items, *Closure()*, and *Goto()*

LR(1) Parsers



This week will focus on LR(1) parsers

- LR(1) parsers are table-driven, shift-reduce parsers that use a limited right context (1 word) for handle recognition
- The class of grammars that these parsers recognize is called the set of LR(1) grammars

Informal definition:

A grammar is LR(1) if, given a rightmost derivation

$$S \Rightarrow \gamma_0 \Rightarrow \gamma_1 \Rightarrow \gamma_2 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \gamma_{n-1} \Rightarrow \gamma_n \Rightarrow \text{sentence}$$

We can

1. *isolate the handle of each right-sentential form γ_i* , and
2. *determine the production by which to reduce,*

by scanning γ_i from *left-to-right*, going at most 1 word beyond the right end of the handle of γ_i

LR(1) implies a *left-to-right scan* of the input, a *rightmost derivation* (in reverse), and **1** word of lookahead.

I always find this definition to be unsatisfying because it isn't an operational definition.

Bottom-up Parser



Our conceptual *shift-reduce parser* from last lecture

```
push INVALID
word ← NextWord( )
repeat until (top of stack = Goal and word = EOF)
  if the top of the stack is a handle  $A \rightarrow \beta$ 
    then // reduce  $\beta$  to  $A$ 
      pop  $|\beta|$  symbols off the stack
      push  $A$  onto the stack
    else if (word  $\neq$  EOF)
      then // shift
        push word
        word ← NextWord( )
      else // need to shift, but out of input
        report an error
report success
```

Shift-reduce parsers have four kinds of actions:

Shift: next word is moved from input to stack

Reduce: handle is at TOS
pop RHS of handle
push LHS of handle

Accept: stop & report success

Error: report an error

Shift & Accept are $O(1)$

Reduce is $O(|\text{RHS}|)$ (typically small)

Key insight: the parser shifts until a handle appears at TOS

The LR(1) Skeleton Parser



```
stack.push( INVALID );
stack.push(s0);           // initial state
word ← NextWord();
loop forever {
    s ← stack.top();
    if ( ACTION[s,word] == "reduce A→β" ) then {
        stack.popnum( 2 * |β| ); // pop RHS off stack
        s ← stack.top();
        stack.push( A );         // push LHS, A
        stack.push( GOTO[s,A] ); // push next state
    }
    else if ( ACTION[s,word] == "shift si" ) then {
        stack.push(word); stack.push( si );
        word ← NextWord();
    }
    else if ( ACTION[s,word] == "accept" & word == EOF )
        then break;
    else throw a syntax error;
}
report success;
```

The Skeleton LR(1) parser

- follows basic shift-reduce scheme from last slide
- relies on a stack & a scanner
- Stacks <symbol, state> pairs
- handle finder is encoded in two tables: ACTION & GOTO
- shifts |words| times
- reduces |derivation| times
- accepts at most once
- detects errors by *failure of the handle-finder*, not by exhausting the input

Given tables, we have a parser.



The Parentheses Language

Language of Balanced Parentheses

- Any sentence that consists of an equal number of `(`'s and `)`'s
- Beyond the power of regular expressions
 - Classic justification for context-free grammar

```
1  Goal  → List
2  List  → List Pair
3         | Pair
4  Pair  → ( List )
5         | ()
```

Good example to elucidate the role of context in **LR(1)** parsing

This grammar and its tables differ, slightly, from the one in EaC2e.

LR(1) Tables for Parenthesis Grammar

ACTION			
State	(	)	EOF
s ₀	s 3		
s ₁	s 3		acc
s ₂	r 3		r 3
s ₃	s 7	s 8	
s ₄	r 2		r 2
s ₅	s 7	s 10	
s ₆	r 3	r 3	
s ₇	s 7	s 12	
s ₈	r 5		r 5
s ₉	r 2	r 2	
s ₁₀	r 4		r 4
s ₁₁	s 7	s 13	
s ₁₂	r 5	r 5	
s ₁₃	r 4	r 4	

GOTO		
State	List	Pair
s ₀	1	2
s ₁		4
s ₂		
s ₃	5	6
s ₄		
s ₅		9
s ₆		
s ₇	11	6
s ₈		
s ₉		
s ₁₀		
s ₁₁		9
s ₁₂		
s ₁₃		

1	Goal	→	List
2	List	→	List Pair
3		|	Pair
4	Pair	→	(List)
5		|	( )

“s 23” means shift & goto
state 23

“r 18” means reduce by
prod’n 18 (& find next
state in the GOTO table)

Blank is an error entry

The Parentheses Language



State	Lookahead	Stack	Handle	Action
—	(	\$ 0	—none—	—
0	(	\$ 0	—none—	shift 3
3	)	\$ 0 (3	—none—	shift 8
8	EOF	\$ 0 (3) 8	<i>Pair</i> → ()	reduce 5
2	EOF	\$ 0 <i>Pair</i> 2	<i>List</i> → <i>Pair</i>	reduce 3
1	EOF	\$ 0 <i>List</i> 1	<i>Goal</i> → <i>List</i>	accept

The **Lookahead** column shows the contents of *word* in the algorithm

The Parentheses Language



State	Lookahead	Stack	Handle	Action
—	(	\$ 0	—none—	—
0	(	\$ 0	—none—	shift 3
3	(	\$ 0 (3	—none—	shift 7
7	)	\$ 0 (3 (7	—none—	shift 12
12	)	\$ 0 (3 (7) 12	<i>Pair</i> → ()	reduce 5
6	)	\$ 0 (3 <i>Pair</i> 6	<i>List</i> → <i>Pair</i>	reduce 3
5	)	\$ 0 (3 <i>List</i> 5	—none—	shift 10
10	(	\$ 0 (3 <i>List</i> 5) 10	<i>Pair</i> → (<i>List</i>)	reduce 4
2	(	\$ 0 <i>Pair</i> 2	<i>List</i> → <i>Pair</i>	reduce 3
1	(	\$ 0 <i>List</i> 1	—none—	shift 3
3	)	\$ 0 <i>List</i> 1 (3	—none—	shift 8
8	EOF	\$ 0 <i>List</i> 1 (3) 8	<i>Pair</i> → ()	reduce 5
4	EOF	\$ 0 <i>List</i> 1 <i>Pair</i> 4	<i>List</i> → <i>List Pair</i>	reduce 2
1	EOF	\$ 0 <i>List</i> 1	<i>Goal</i> → <i>List</i>	accept

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3)	\$ 0 List 1 (3	—none—	shift 8
8	EOF	\$ 0 List 1 (3) 8	Pair → ()	reduce 5
4	EOF	\$ 0 List 1 Pair 4	List → List Pair	reduce 2
1	EOF	\$ 0 List 1	Goal → List	accept

Let's look at how it reduces “()”
We have seen 3 examples

The Parentheses Language



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1	EOF	\$ 0 <i>List</i> 1	<i>Goal</i> → <i>List</i>	accept

In the string “()”, reducing by production 5 reveals state s_0 .

Goto(s_0 , *Pair*) is s_2 , which leads to chain of productions 3 & 1.

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

Parsing “(())()”

The Parentheses Language



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5)	\$ 0 (3 <i>List</i> 5	—none—	shift 10
10	(\$ 0 (3 <i>List</i> 5) 10	<i>Pair</i> → (<i>List</i>)	reduce 4
				reduce 3
				shift 3

Here, reducing by 5 reveals state s_3 , which represents the left context of an unmatched ‘(’. There will be one s_3 per unmatched ‘(’ — they count the remaining ‘(’s.

$\text{Goto}(s_3, \text{Pair})$ is s_6 , a state in which the parser expects a ‘)’. That state leads to reductions by 3 and then 4.

1	EOF	\$ 0 <i>List</i> 1	<i>Goal</i> → <i>List</i>
---	-----	--------------------	---------------------------

1	Goal	→	List
2	List	→	List Pair
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Parsing “(())()”

The Parentheses Language

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5			()

State	Lookahead	Stack	Handle	
—	(\$ 0	—none—	
0	(\$ 0	—none—	shift 3
<p>Here, reducing by 5 reveals state s_1, which represents the left context of a previously recognized <i>List</i>.</p> <p>$\text{Goto}(s_1, \text{Pair})$ is s_4, a state in which the parser will reduce <i>List Pair</i> to <i>List</i> (production 2) on a lookahead of either ‘(’ or EOF.</p> <p>Here, lookahead is EOF, which leads to reduction by 2, then by 1.</p>				
10	(\$ 0 (3 List 5) 10	Pair → (List)	reduce 4
2	(\$ 0 Pair 2	List → Pair	reduce 3
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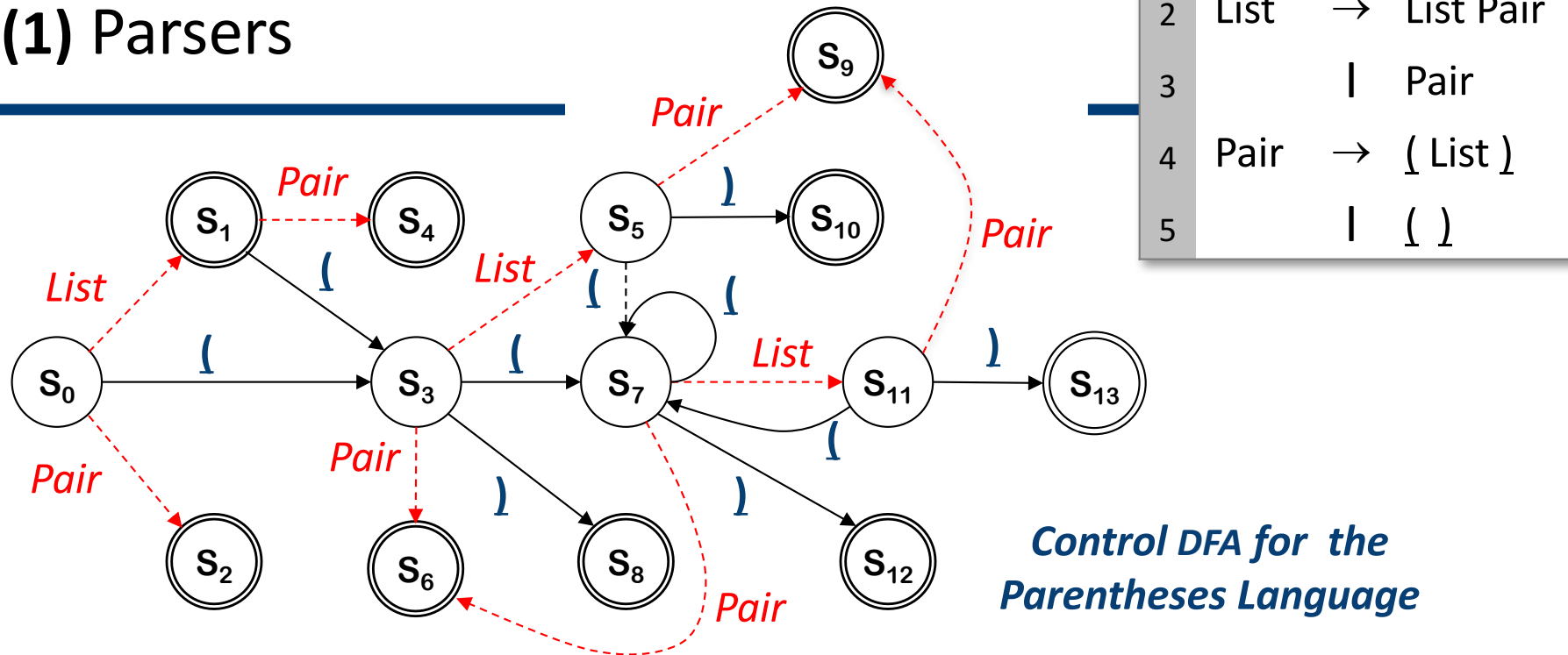
LR(1) Parsers



Recap: How does an LR(1) parser work?

- Unambiguous grammar \Rightarrow unique rightmost derivation
- Keep upper fringe on a stack
 - All active handles include top of stack (**TOS**)
 - Shift inputs until **TOS** is right end of a handle
- Language of handles is regular (finite)
 - Build a handle-recognizing **DFA** to control the stack-based recognizer
 - ACTION & GOTO tables encode the **DFA**
- To match a subterm, invoke the **DFA** recursively
 - leave old DFA's state on stack and go on
- Final state in **DFA** \Rightarrow a *reduce* action
 - Pop rhs off the stack to reveal invoking state
 - \rightarrow *"It would be legal to recognize an x , and we did ..."*
 - New state is GOTO[revealed state, *lhs*]
 - Take a **DFA** transition on the new **NT** — the **LHS** we just pushed...

LR(1) Parsers



The Control **DFA** for the parentheses language is embedded in the ACTION and GOTO Tables

- Transitions on **terminals** represent shift actions [ACTION Table]
- Transitions on **nonterminals** follow reduce actions [GOTO Table]

The table construction derives this **DFA** from the grammar.

Building LR(1) Tables



How do we generate the ACTION and GOTO tables?

- Use the grammar to build a model of the Control **DFA**
- Encode actions & transitions in ACTION & GOTO tables
- If construction succeeds, the grammar is **LR(1)**
 - “Succeeds” means defines each table entry uniquely

An operational definition

The Big Picture

- Model the state of the parser with **LR(1)** items
- Use two functions $goto(s, X)$ and $closure(s)$
 - $goto()$ is analogous to $move()$ in the subset construction
 - Given a partial state, $closure()$ adds all the items implied by the partial state
- Build up the states and transition functions of the **DFA**
- Use this information to fill in the ACTION and GOTO tables

grammar symbol, T
or NT

fixed-point algorithm,
similar to the subset construction

LR(1) Table Construction



To understand the algorithms, we need to understand the data structure that they use: LR(1) items

- The **LR(1)** table construction algorithm models the set of possible states that the parser can enter
 - Mildly reminiscent of the subset construction (**NFA**→**DFA**)
- The construction needs a representation for the parser's state, as a function of the context it has seen and might see

LR(1) Items

- The **LR(1)** table construction algorithm represents each valid configuration of an **LR(1)** parser with an **LR(1)** item
- An **LR(1)** item is a pair $[P, \delta]$, where
 - P is a production $A \rightarrow \beta$ with a \bullet at some position in the **RHS**
 - δ is a single symbol lookahead (*symbol* \equiv *word* or **EOF**)

LR(1) Items

The *intermediate representation* of the LR(1) table construction algorithm



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P is a production $A \rightarrow \beta$ with a \bullet at some position in the **RHS**

δ is a single symbol lookahead (*symbol* \equiv *word* or **EOF**)

The \bullet in an item indicates the position of the top of the stack

$[A \rightarrow \bullet \beta \gamma, \underline{a}]$ means that the input seen so far is consistent with the use of $A \rightarrow \beta \gamma$ immediately after the symbol on top of the stack.

We call an item like this a possibility.

$[A \rightarrow \beta \bullet \gamma, \underline{a}]$ means that the input seen so far is consistent with the use of $A \rightarrow \beta \gamma$ at this point in the parse, *and* that the parser has already recognized β (that is, β is on top of the stack).

We call an item like this a partially complete item.

$[A \rightarrow \beta \gamma \bullet, \underline{a}]$ means that the parser has seen $\beta \gamma$, *and* that a lookahead symbol of \underline{a} is consistent with reducing to A .

This item is complete.





LR(1) Items

The production $A \rightarrow \beta$, where $\beta = B_1 B_2 B_3$ with lookahead \underline{a} , can give rise to 4 items

$$[A \rightarrow \bullet B_1 B_2 B_3, \underline{a}], [A \rightarrow B_1 \bullet B_2 B_3, \underline{a}], [A \rightarrow B_1 B_2 \bullet B_3, \underline{a}], \text{ \& } [A \rightarrow B_1 B_2 B_3 \bullet, \underline{a}]$$

The set of LR(1) items for a grammar is *finite*.

What's the point of all these lookahead symbols?

- Carry them along to help choose the correct reduction
- Lookaheads are bookkeeping, unless item has \bullet at right end
 - Has no direct use in $[A \rightarrow \beta \bullet \gamma, \underline{a}]$
 - In $[A \rightarrow \beta \bullet, \underline{a}]$, a lookahead of \underline{a} implies a reduction by $A \rightarrow \beta$
 - For $\{ [A \rightarrow \beta \bullet, \underline{a}], [B \rightarrow \gamma \bullet \delta, \underline{b}] \}$, $\underline{a} \Rightarrow \text{reduce to } A$; $\text{FIRST}(\delta) \Rightarrow \text{shift}$

\Rightarrow Limited right context is enough to pick the actions

$\underline{a} \in \text{FIRST}(\delta) \Rightarrow$ a
conflict, not LR(1)

LR(1) Items: Why should you know this stuff?



That period is the •

Debugging a grammar

- When you build an **LR(1)** parser, it is possible (likely) that the initial grammar is not **LR(1)**
- The tools will provide you with debugging output
- To the right is a sample of **bison's** output for the **if-then-else** grammar

```
goal      → stmt_list
stmt_list → stmt_list stmt
          | stmt
stmt      → IF EXPR THEN stmt
          | IF EXPR THEN stmt
          |           ELSE stmt
          | OTHER
```

state 10

```
4 stmt : IF EXPR THEN stmt .
5      | IF EXPR THEN stmt . ELSE stmt
```

ELSE shift, and go to state 11

```
ELSE [reduce using rule 4 (stmt)]
$default reduce using rule 4 (stmt)
```

The state is described by its **LR(1)** items



LR(1) Table Construction



High-level overview

1 Build the Canonical Collection of Sets of **LR(1)** Items, /

a Begin in an appropriate state, s_0

- ◆ $[S' \rightarrow \bullet S, \text{EOF}]$, along with any equivalent items
- ◆ Derive equivalent items as $\text{closure}(s_0)$

b Repeatedly compute, for each s_k , and each x , $\text{goto}(s_k, x)$

- ◆ If the set is not already in the collection, add it
- ◆ Record all the transitions created by $\text{goto}()$

This eventually reaches a fixed point

S is the start symbol. To simplify things, we add $S' \rightarrow S$ to create a unique goal production.

$\text{goto}(s_i, X)$ contains the set of LR(1) items that represent possible parser configurations if the parser recognizes an X while in state s_i

2 Fill in the table from the Canonical Collection of Sets of **LR(1)** items

The sets in the canonical collection form the states of the Control **DFA**.

The construction traces the **DFA**'s transitions

LR(1) Table Construction



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Let's build the tables for the left-recursive *SheepNoise* grammar

(S' is *Goal*)

0	<i>Goal</i>	\rightarrow	<i>SheepNoise</i>
1	<i>SheepNoise</i>	\rightarrow	<i>SheepNoise</i> <u>baa</u>
2		|	<u>baa</u>



Computing Closures

Closure(*s*) adds all the items implied by items already in *s*

- Any item $[A \rightarrow \beta \bullet B \delta, \underline{a}]$ where $B \in NT$ implies $[B \rightarrow \bullet \tau, x]$ for each production that has *B* on the *lhs*, and each $x \in \text{FIRST}(\delta \underline{a})$
- Since $\beta B \delta$ is valid, any way to derive $\beta B \delta$ is valid, too

The Algorithm

```
Closure( s )  
  while ( s is still changing )  
     $\forall$  items  $[A \rightarrow \beta \bullet B \delta, \underline{a}] \in s$   
     $\forall$  productions  $B \rightarrow \tau \in P$   
     $\forall \underline{b} \in \text{FIRST}(\delta \underline{a})$  //  $\delta$  might be  $\varepsilon$   
    if  $[B \rightarrow \bullet \tau, \underline{b}] \notin s$   
      then  $s \leftarrow s \cup \{ [B \rightarrow \bullet \tau, \underline{b}] \}$ 
```

- Classic fixed-point method
- Halts because $s \subset I$, the set of items
- Worklist version is faster
- Closure “fills out” a state *s*

Generate new lookaheads.
See note on p. 128



Example From SheepNoise

Initial step builds the item $[Goal \rightarrow \bullet \textit{SheepNoise}, \textit{EOF}]$ and takes its *Closure*()

Closure($[Goal \rightarrow \bullet \textit{SheepNoise}, \textit{EOF}]$)

Item	Source
$[Goal \rightarrow \bullet \textit{SheepNoise}, \textit{EOF}]$	Original item
$[SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet \textit{SheepNoise} \underline{b}aa, \textit{EOF}]$	ITER 1, PR 0, δ_a is <u>EOF</u>
$[SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet \underline{b}aa, \textit{EOF}]$	ITER 1, PR 0, δ_a is <u>EOF</u>
$[SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet \textit{SheepNoise} \underline{b}aa, \underline{b}aa]$	ITER 2, PR 1, δ_a is <u>baa</u> <u>EOF</u>
$[SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet \underline{b}aa, \underline{b}aa]$	ITER 2, PR 1, δ_a is <u>baa</u> <u>EOF</u>

Symbol	FIRST
Goal	{ <u>b</u> aa }
SheepNoise	{ <u>b</u> aa }
<u>baa</u>	{ <u>b</u> aa }
EOF	{ EOF }

So, S_0 is

{ $[Goal \rightarrow \bullet \textit{SheepNoise}, \textit{EOF}]$, $[SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet \textit{SheepNoise} \underline{b}aa, \textit{EOF}]$,
 $[SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet \underline{b}aa, \textit{EOF}]$, $[SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet \textit{SheepNoise} \underline{b}aa, \underline{b}aa]$,
 $[SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet \underline{b}aa, \underline{b}aa]$ }

0	Goal	→	SheepNoise
1	SheepNoise	→	SheepNoise <u>b</u> aa
2		|	<u>baa</u>

Computing Gotos



Goto(s,x) computes the state that the parser would reach if it recognized an *x* while in state *s*

- *Goto*({ $[A \rightarrow \beta \bullet X \delta, \underline{a}]$ }, *X*) produces $[A \rightarrow \beta X \bullet \delta, \underline{a}]$ *(obviously)*
- It finds all such items & uses *Closure*() to fill out the state

The Algorithm

```
Goto( s, X )  
  new  $\leftarrow \emptyset$   
   $\forall$  items  $[A \rightarrow \beta \bullet X \delta, \underline{a}] \in s$   
    new  $\leftarrow new \cup \{ [A \rightarrow \beta X \bullet \delta, \underline{a}] \}$   
  return closure( new )
```

- Not a fixed-point method!
- Straightforward computation
- Uses *Closure*()
- *Goto*() models a transition in the automaton



Example from SheepNoise

Assume that S_0 is

$\{ [Goal \rightarrow \bullet SheepNoise, \underline{EOF}], [SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet SheepNoise \underline{baa}, \underline{EOF}],$
 $[SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet \underline{baa}, \underline{EOF}], [SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet SheepNoise \underline{baa}, \underline{baa}],$
 $[SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet \underline{baa}, \underline{baa}] \}$

From earlier slide

Goto(S_0 , baa)

- Loop produces

Item	Source
$[SheepNoise \rightarrow \underline{baa} \bullet, \underline{EOF}]$	Item 3 in s_0
$[SheepNoise \rightarrow \underline{baa} \bullet, \underline{baa}]$	Item 5 in s_0

- **Closure** adds nothing since \bullet is at end of *rhs* in each item

In the construction, this produces s_2
 $\{ [SheepNoise \rightarrow \underline{baa} \bullet, \{ \underline{EOF}, \underline{baa} \}] \}$

New, but *obvious*, notation for two distinct items
 $[SheepNoise \rightarrow \underline{baa} \bullet, \underline{EOF}]$ & $[SheepNoise \rightarrow \underline{baa} \bullet, \underline{baa}]$

0	Goal	→	SheepNoise
1	SheepNoise	→	SheepNoise <u>baa</u>
2		|	<u>baa</u>



Building the Canonical Collection

Start from $s_0 = \text{Closure}([S' \rightarrow S, \underline{\text{EOF}}])$

Repeatedly construct new states, until all are found

The Algorithm

```
 $s_0 \leftarrow \text{Closure}([S' \rightarrow S, \underline{\text{EOF}}])$   
 $S \leftarrow \{s_0\}$   
 $k \leftarrow 1$   
while ( $S$  is still changing)  
   $\forall s_j \in S \text{ and } \forall x \in (T \cup NT)$   
     $s_k \leftarrow \text{Goto}(s_j, x)$   
    record  $s_j \rightarrow s_k$  on  $x$   
  if  $s_k \notin S$  then  
     $S \leftarrow S \cup \{s_k\}$   
     $k \leftarrow k + 1$ 
```

- Fixed-point computation
- Loop adds to S
- $S \subseteq 2^{\text{ITEMS}}$, so S is finite
- *Worklist version is faster because it avoids duplicated effort*

This membership / equality test requires careful and/or clever implementation.



Example from SheepNoise

Starts with S_0

$S_0 : \{ [Goal \rightarrow \bullet \text{ SheepNoise}, \underline{EOF}], [SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet \text{ SheepNoise } \underline{baa}, \underline{EOF}],$
 $[SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet \underline{baa}, \underline{EOF}], [SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet \text{ SheepNoise } \underline{baa}, \underline{baa}],$
 $[SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet \underline{baa}, \underline{baa}] \}$

Iteration 1 computes

$S_1 = \mathbf{Goto}(S_0, \text{SheepNoise}) =$
 $\{ [Goal \rightarrow \text{SheepNoise } \bullet, \underline{EOF}], [SheepNoise \rightarrow \text{SheepNoise } \bullet \underline{baa}, \underline{EOF}],$
 $[SheepNoise \rightarrow \text{SheepNoise } \bullet \underline{baa}, \underline{baa}] \}$

$S_2 = \mathbf{Goto}(S_0, \underline{baa}) = \{ [SheepNoise \rightarrow \underline{baa} \bullet, \underline{EOF}],$
 $[SheepNoise \rightarrow \underline{baa} \bullet, \underline{baa}] \}$

Nothing more to compute,
since \bullet is at the end of every
item in S_3 .

Iteration 2 computes

$S_3 = \mathbf{Goto}(S_1, \underline{baa}) = \{ [SheepNoise \rightarrow \text{SheepNoise } \underline{baa} \bullet, \underline{EOF}],$
 $[SheepNoise \rightarrow \text{SheepNoise } \underline{baa} \bullet, \underline{baa}] \}$

0	Goal	→	SheepNoise
1	SheepNoise	→	SheepNoise <u>baa</u>
2		|	<u>baa</u>

Example from SheepNoise



$S_0 : \{ [Goal \rightarrow \bullet \text{ SheepNoise}, \underline{EOF}], [SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet \text{ SheepNoise } \underline{baa}, \underline{EOF}],$
 $[SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet \underline{baa}, \underline{EOF}], [SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet \text{ SheepNoise } \underline{baa}, \underline{baa}],$
 $[SheepNoise \rightarrow \bullet \underline{baa}, \underline{baa}] \}$

$S_1 = \mathbf{Goto}(S_0, \text{SheepNoise}) =$
 $\{ [Goal \rightarrow \text{SheepNoise } \bullet, \underline{EOF}], [SheepNoise \rightarrow \text{SheepNoise } \bullet \underline{baa}, \underline{EOF}],$
 $[SheepNoise \rightarrow \text{SheepNoise } \bullet \underline{baa}, \underline{baa}] \}$

$S_2 = \mathbf{Goto}(S_0, \underline{baa}) = \{ [SheepNoise \rightarrow \underline{baa} \bullet, \underline{EOF}], [SheepNoise \rightarrow \underline{baa} \bullet, \underline{baa}] \}$

$S_3 = \mathbf{Goto}(S_1, \underline{baa}) = \{ [SheepNoise \rightarrow \text{SheepNoise } \underline{baa} \bullet, \underline{EOF}],$
 $[SheepNoise \rightarrow \text{SheepNoise } \underline{baa} \bullet, \underline{baa}] \}$

0	Goal	→	SheepNoise
1	SheepNoise	→	SheepNoise <u>baa</u>
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