

# CS143: Parsing V

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# Parsing

- LR(1) Parsing
- LALR(1) Parsing
- Precedence and Associativity in LR Parse Tables
- Connections with Formal Language Theory

# LR(1) Parsing

## LR Conflicts

Based on items and lookaheads don't know what to do

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot a \beta \\ B \rightarrow \gamma \cdot a \delta \end{array}}$$

not a conflict

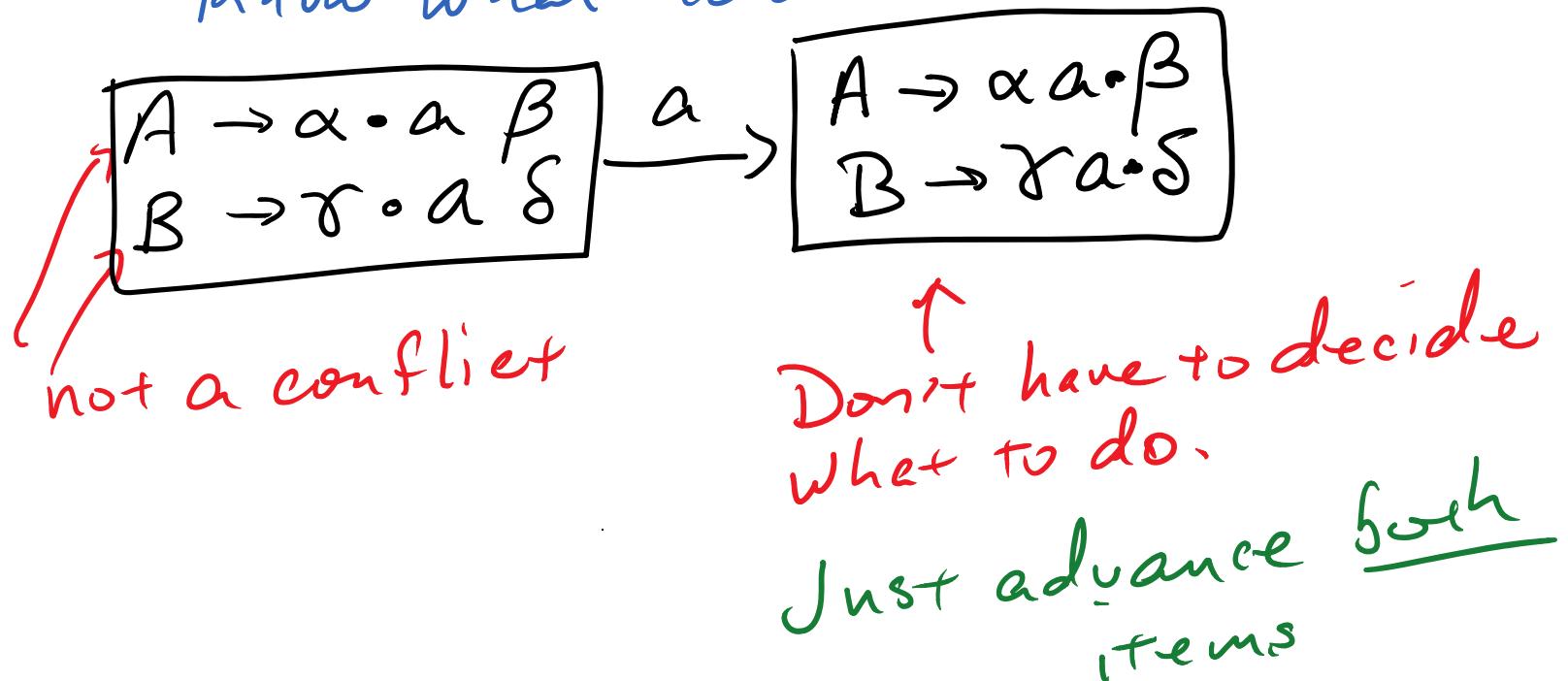
## LR(1) Parsing

- More powerful than SLR(1)
- Tables are very large
- Basis for LALR(1)

$SLR(1) \subset LALR(1) \subset LR(1)$   
↓  
smaller tables

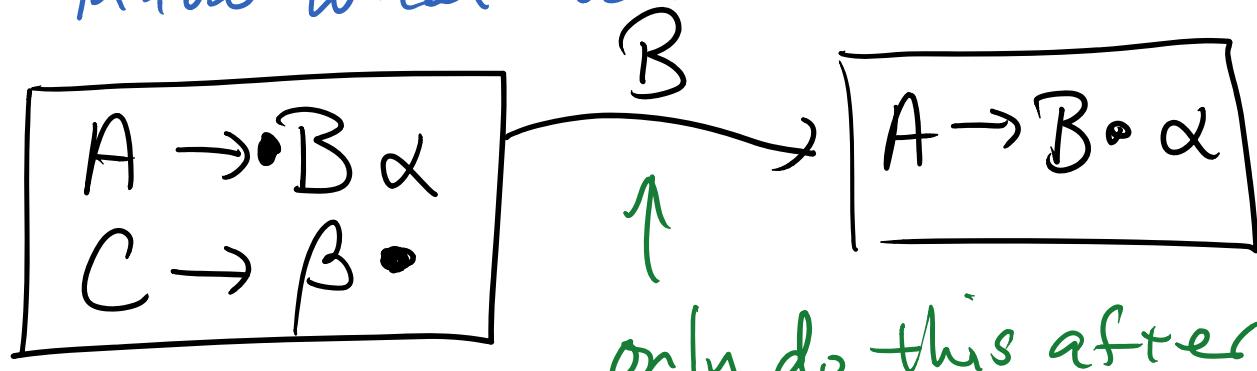
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not a conflict

only do this after  
a reduction.

## LR Conflicts

No conflict unless

- at least one reduce item, and
- a shift item or another reduce item
- overlapping lookaheads

$LR(\emptyset)$  conflicts - no lookaheads

$$\boxed{A \rightarrow \bullet a \\ B \rightarrow \alpha \bullet}$$

shift-reduce

$$\boxed{A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \\ B \rightarrow \beta \bullet}$$

reduce-reduce

# XLR(1) non conflicts

$A \rightarrow \cdot a, u$   
 $B \rightarrow \alpha \cdot, b$

shift-reduce

$A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot, a$   
 $B \rightarrow \beta \cdot, b$

reduce-reduce

Disjoint lookahead say  
what to do.

XL R(1) ~~non~~ conflicts

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow \bullet a, m \\ B \rightarrow \alpha \bullet, a \end{array}$$

shift-reduce

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet, a \\ B \rightarrow \beta \bullet, a \end{array}$$

reduce-reduce

Lookahead don't distinguish actions.

# ACTION Table

terminals

a

States

6

s3, r5

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terminals

a

States

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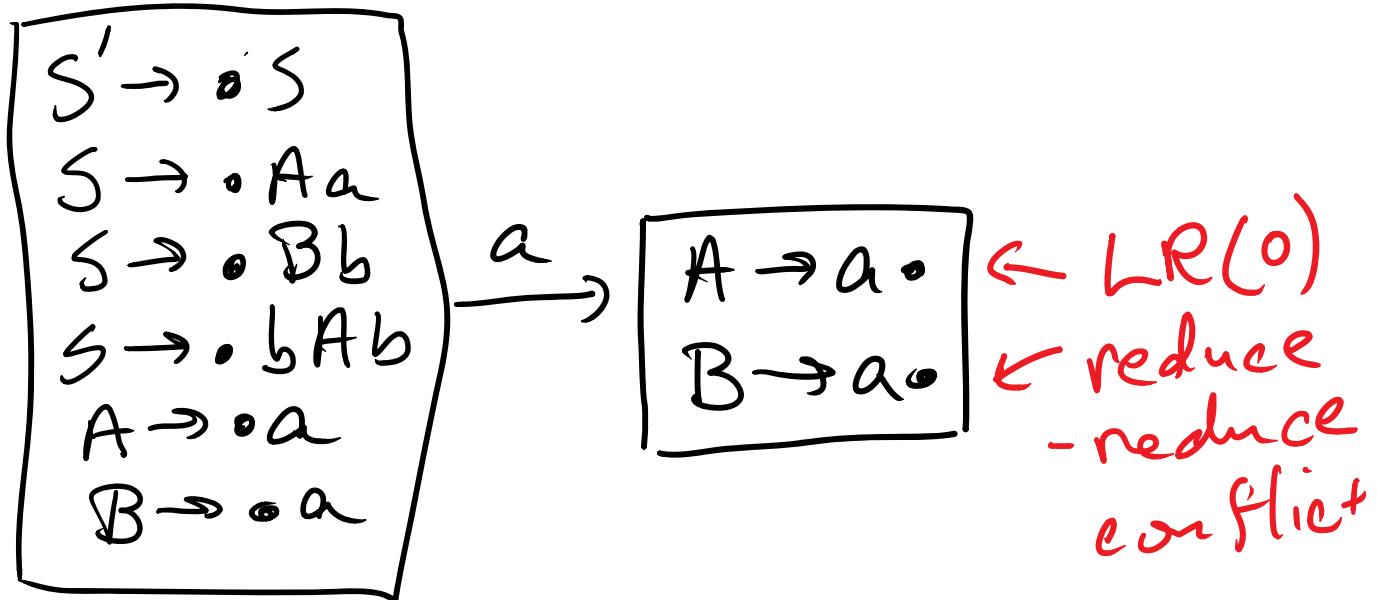
s3, r5

XLR(1) conflict

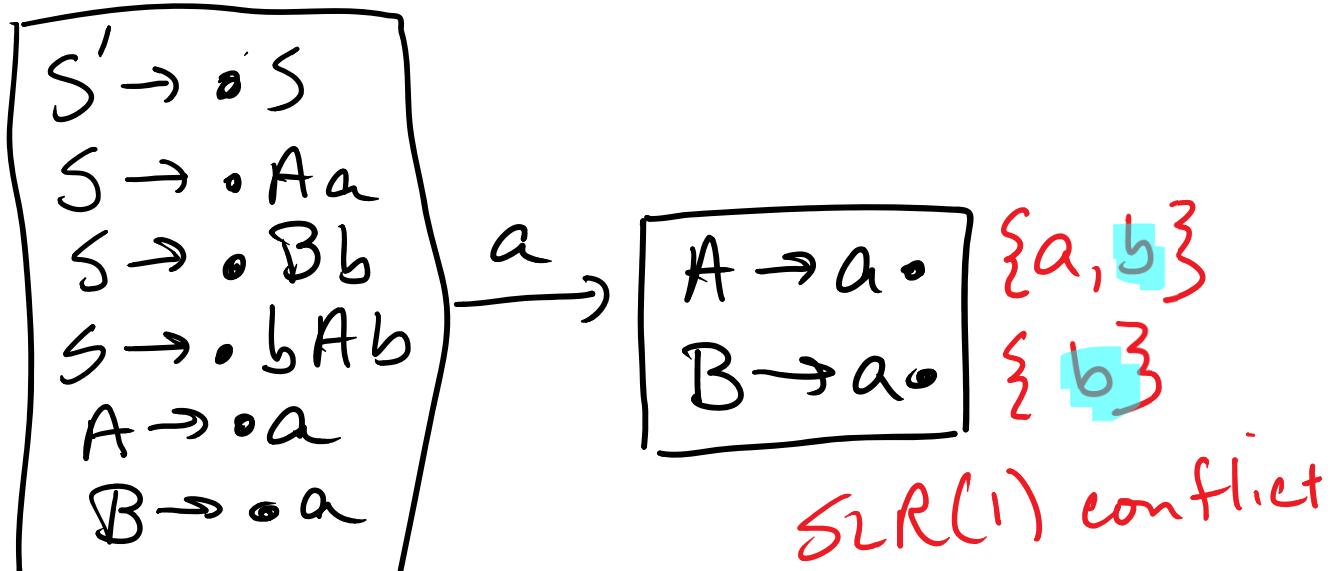


= > 1 entry in  
ACTION table.

$S' \rightarrow S$   
 $S \rightarrow Aa$   
 $S \rightarrow Bb$   
 $S \rightarrow bAb$   
 $A \rightarrow a$   
 $B \rightarrow a$



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SLR(1) conflict

FOLLOW SETS

$A \{a, b\}$

$B \{b\}$

still have  
reduce/reduce  
conflict on b.

## LR(1) items

Idea: Keep track of lookaheads  
in the items.

LR(1) item:  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta, a]$

↑  
lookahead for this  
item

Same production can have  
left context-dependent lookaheads

## LR(1) Items

1. First item  $[S' \rightarrow^* S, \$]$
2. LR(1) closure  
When  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot B \beta, a]$   
add  $[B \rightarrow^* \gamma, b]$   
for all  $b \in FNE(\beta a)$
3. Goto, etc. are the same as in LR(0)

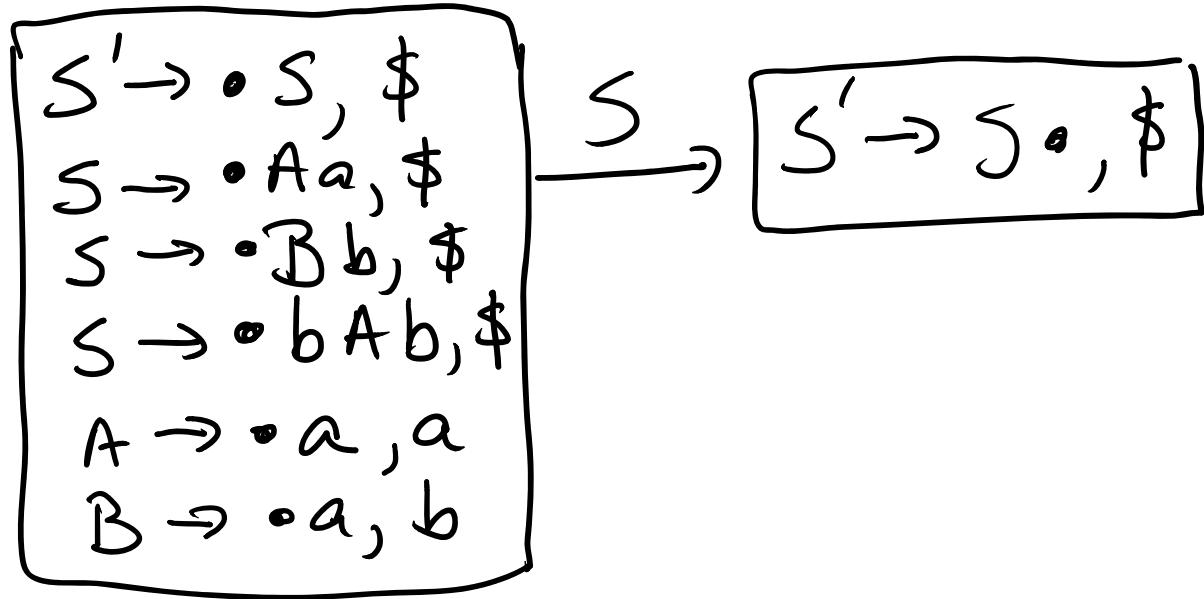
$$S' \rightarrow S$$
$$S' \rightarrow \circ S, \$$$
$$S \rightarrow Aa$$
$$S \rightarrow Bb$$
$$S \rightarrow bAb$$
$$A \rightarrow a$$
$$B \rightarrow a$$

$S' \rightarrow S$  $S \rightarrow Aa$  $S \rightarrow Bb$  $S \rightarrow bAb$  $A \rightarrow a$  $B \rightarrow a$  $S' \rightarrow \bullet S, \$$  $S \rightarrow \bullet Aa, \$$  $S \rightarrow \bullet Bb, \$$  $S \rightarrow \bullet bAb, \$$

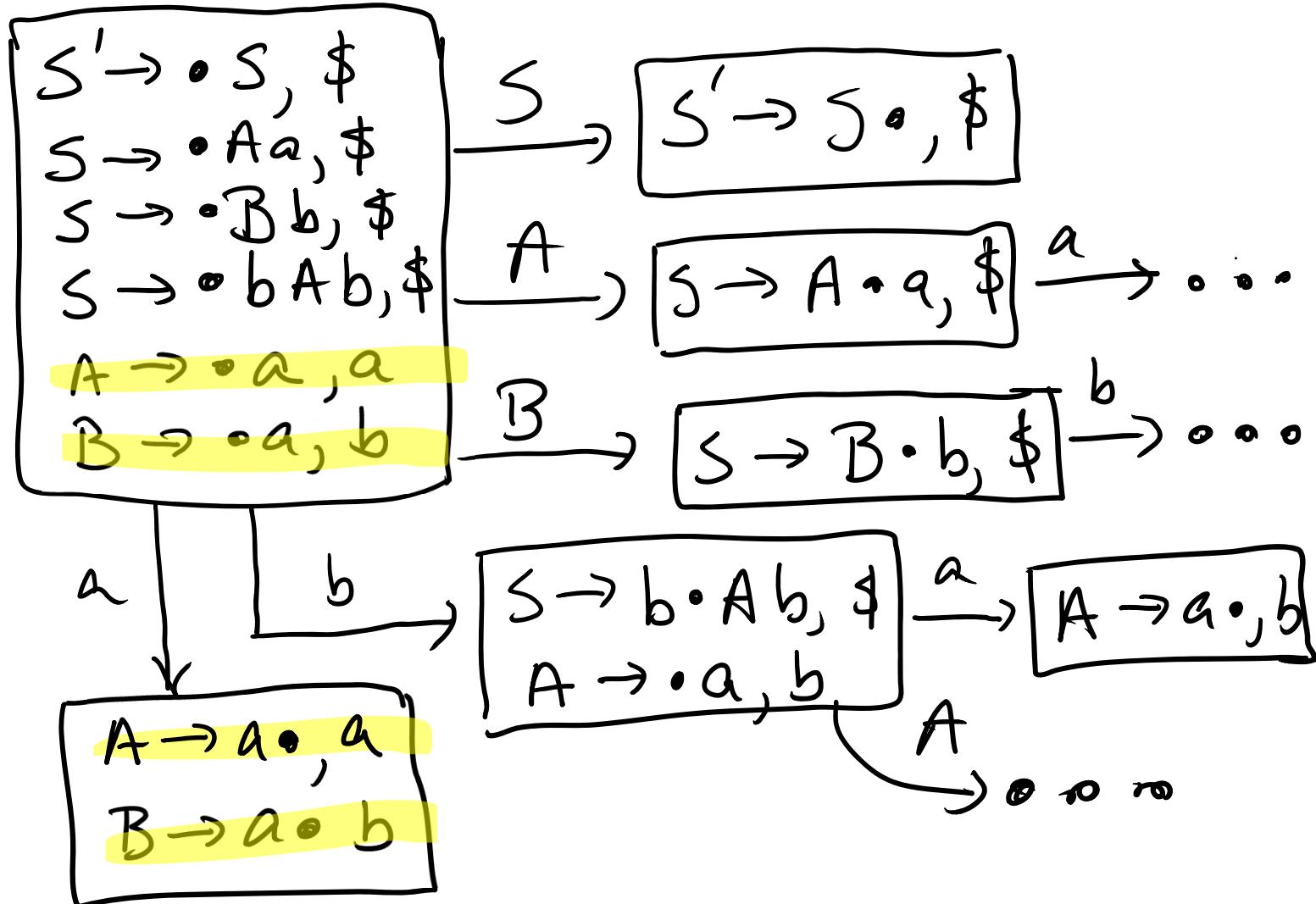
$$\begin{aligned}S' &\rightarrow S \\S &\rightarrow Aa \\S &\rightarrow Bb \\S &\rightarrow bAb \\A &\rightarrow a \\B &\rightarrow a\end{aligned}$$
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$S' \rightarrow S$   
 $S \rightarrow Aa$   
 $S \rightarrow Bb$   
 $S \rightarrow bAb$   
 $A \rightarrow a$   
 $B \rightarrow a$



$S' \rightarrow S$   
 $S \rightarrow Aa$   
 $S \rightarrow Bb$   
 $S \rightarrow bAb$   
 $A \rightarrow a$   
 $B \rightarrow a$



# LALR(1) Parsing

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- LR(1) - lots of states (maybe 10x)
- LALR(1) - use LR(0) states  
but LR(1) lookaheads.

# LALR(1)

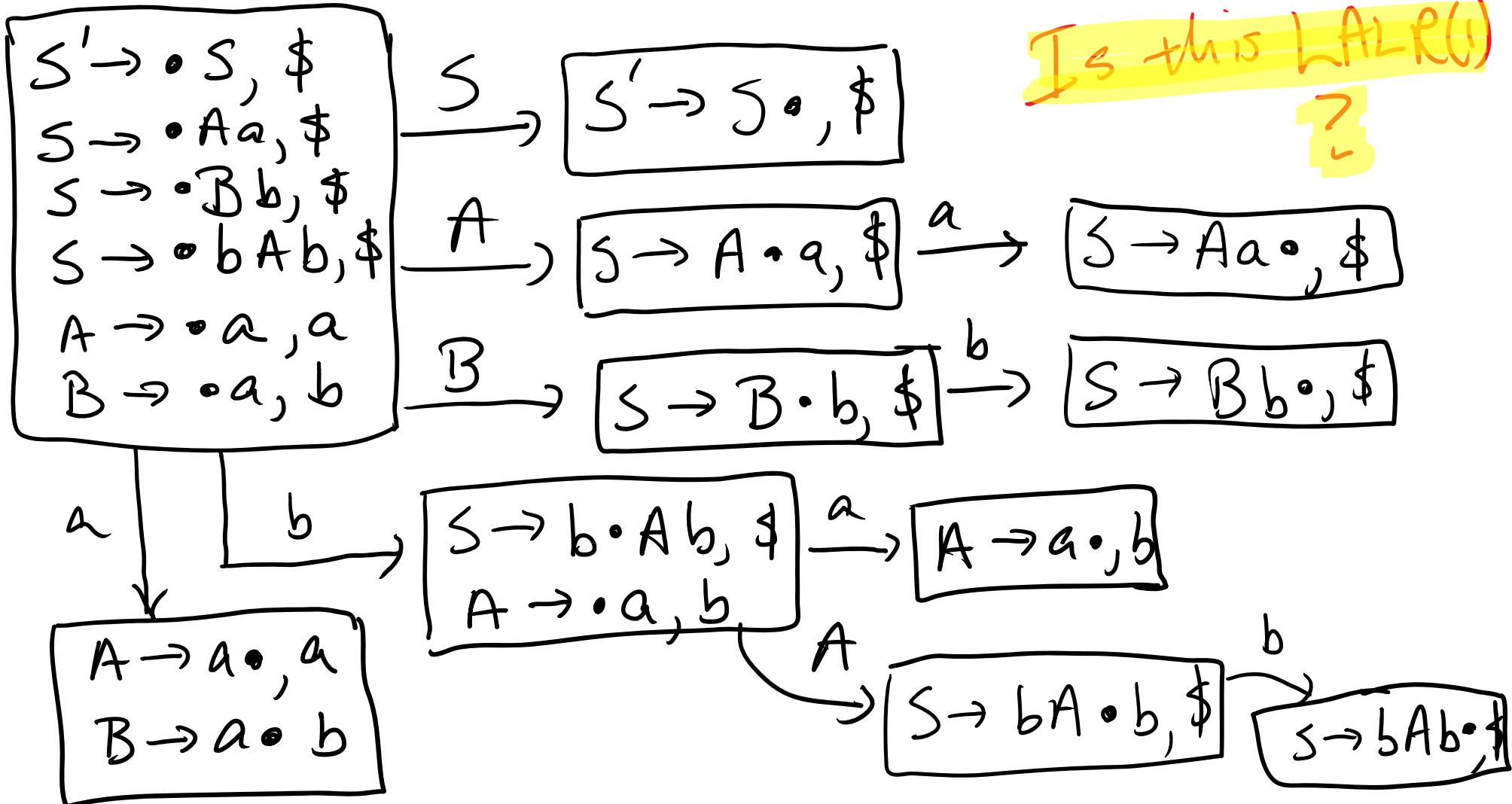
Construct LR(1) machine

Merge states that have same LR(0)  
items.

$A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta, a$   
 $B \rightarrow \gamma \cdot \delta, b$

$A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta, c$   
 $B \rightarrow \gamma \cdot \delta, d$

$A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta, ac$   
 $B \rightarrow \gamma \cdot \delta, bb$



$s' \rightarrow s$  $s \rightarrow Aa$  $s \rightarrow Bb$  $s \rightarrow bAb$  $s \rightarrow bB a$  $A \rightarrow a$  $B \rightarrow a$ 

$\text{LR}(1)$  but not  $\text{LALR}(1)$

$s' \rightarrow s$ 

$LR(1)$  but not  $LALR(1)$

 $s \rightarrow Aa$  $s \rightarrow Bb$  $s \rightarrow bAb$  $s \rightarrow bB a$  $A \rightarrow a$  $B \rightarrow a$  $s' \rightarrow s, \$$

$s' \rightarrow s$  $s \rightarrow Aa$  $s \rightarrow Bb$  $s \rightarrow b Ab$  $s \rightarrow b Ba$  $A \rightarrow a$  $B \rightarrow a$ 

LR(1) but not LALR(1)

 $s' \rightarrow s, \$$  $s \rightarrow Aa, \$$  $s \rightarrow Bb, \$$  $s \rightarrow b Ab, \$$  $s \rightarrow b Ba, \$$

$s' \rightarrow s$  $s \rightarrow Aa$  $s \rightarrow Bb$  $s \rightarrow bAb$  $s \rightarrow bBa$  $A \rightarrow a$  $B \rightarrow a$ 

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 $s' \rightarrow s, \$$  $s \rightarrow Aa, \$$  $s \rightarrow Bb, \$$  $s \rightarrow bAb, \$$  $s \rightarrow bBa, \$$  $A \rightarrow a, a$

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 $s' \rightarrow s, \$$  $s \rightarrow \bullet Aa, \$$  $s \rightarrow \bullet Bb, \$$  $s \rightarrow \bullet bAb, \$$  $s \rightarrow \bullet bBa, \$$  $A \rightarrow \bullet a, a$  $B \rightarrow \bullet a, b$

$s' \rightarrow s$  $s \rightarrow Aa$  $s \rightarrow Bb$  $s \rightarrow b A b$  $s \rightarrow b B a$  $A \rightarrow a$  $B \rightarrow a$ 

LR(1) but not LALR(1)

$s' \xrightarrow{\cdot} s, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\cdot} Aa, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\cdot} Bb, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\cdot} b A b, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\cdot} b B a, \$$   
 $A \xrightarrow{\cdot} a, a$   
 $B \xrightarrow{\cdot} a, b$

a

$A \xrightarrow{\cdot} a^\bullet, a$   
 $B \xrightarrow{\cdot} a^\bullet, b$

LR(1)

$s' \rightarrow s$  $s \rightarrow Aa$  $s \rightarrow Bb$  $s \rightarrow b \cdot Ab$  $s \rightarrow b \cdot Ba$  $A \rightarrow a$  $B \rightarrow a$ 

LR(1) but not LALR(1)

$s' \xrightarrow{\quad} s, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\quad} A \cdot a, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\quad} B \cdot b, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\quad} b \cdot A \cdot b, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\quad} b \cdot B \cdot a, \$$   
 $A \xrightarrow{\quad} a, a$   
 $B \xrightarrow{\quad} a, b$

$b \rightarrow s \rightarrow b \cdot A \cdot b, \$$   
 $s \rightarrow b \cdot B \cdot a, \$$

a

$A \xrightarrow{\quad} a \cdot a, a$   
 $B \xrightarrow{\quad} a \cdot b, b$

LR(1)

$s' \rightarrow s$  $s \rightarrow Aa$  $s \rightarrow Bb$  $s \rightarrow b A b$  $s \rightarrow b B a$  $A \rightarrow a$  $B \rightarrow a$ 

LR(1) but not LALR(1)

$s' \xrightarrow{\quad} s, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\cdot} Aa, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\cdot} Bb, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\cdot} b Ab, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\cdot} b Ba, \$$   
 $A \xrightarrow{\cdot} a, a$   
 $B \xrightarrow{\cdot} a, b$

$b \rightarrow s \xrightarrow{\cdot} b Ab, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\cdot} b Ba, \$$   
 $A \xrightarrow{\cdot} a, b$

$a \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\cdot} a^{\circ}, a$   
 $B \xrightarrow{\cdot} a^{\circ}, b$

LR(1)

$s' \rightarrow s$  $s \rightarrow Aa$  $s \rightarrow Bb$  $s \rightarrow b A b$  $s \rightarrow b B a$  $A \rightarrow a$  $B \rightarrow a$ 

LR(1) but not LALR(1)

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 $s \xrightarrow{\cdot} b A b, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\cdot} b B a, \$$   
 $A \xrightarrow{\cdot} a, a$   
 $B \xrightarrow{\cdot} a, b$

 $b$ 

$s \xrightarrow{\cdot} b \cdot A b, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\cdot} b \cdot B a, \$$   
 $A \xrightarrow{\cdot} a, b$   
 $B \xrightarrow{\cdot} a, a$

 $a$ 

$A \xrightarrow{\cdot} a \circ, a$   
 $B \xrightarrow{\cdot} a \circ, b$

LR(1)

$s' \rightarrow s$  $s \rightarrow Aa$  $s \rightarrow Bb$  $s \rightarrow b A b$  $s \rightarrow b B a$  $A \rightarrow a$  $B \rightarrow a$ 

LR(1) but not LALR(1)

$s' \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet s, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet A a, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet B b, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet b A b, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet b B a, \$$   
 $A \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet a, a$   
 $B \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet a, b$

 $b$ 

$s \xrightarrow{\quad} b \bullet A b, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\quad} b \bullet B a, \$$   
 $A \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet a, b$   
 $B \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet a, a$

 $a$ 

$A \xrightarrow{\quad} a \circ, \begin{matrix} a \\ b \end{matrix}$   
 $B \xrightarrow{\quad} a \circ, \begin{matrix} a \\ b \end{matrix}$

LR(1)

$s' \rightarrow s$  $s \rightarrow Aa$  $s \rightarrow Bb$  $s \rightarrow b A b$  $s \rightarrow b B a$  $A \rightarrow a$  $B \rightarrow a$ 

LR(1) but not LALR(1)

$s' \xrightarrow{\cdot} s, \$$   
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 $s \xrightarrow{\cdot} b B a, \$$   
 $A \xrightarrow{\cdot} a, a$   
 $B \xrightarrow{\cdot} a, b$

 $b$ 

$s \xrightarrow{\cdot} b \cdot A b, \$$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\cdot} b \cdot B a, \$$   
 $A \xrightarrow{\cdot} a, b$   
 $B \xrightarrow{\cdot} a, a$

 $a$ 

$A \xrightarrow{\cdot} a, b$   
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 $a$ 

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LR(1)

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$s \xrightarrow{\cdot} b A b, \$$

$s \xrightarrow{\cdot} b B a, \$$

$A \xrightarrow{\cdot} a, a$

$B \xrightarrow{\cdot} a, b$

b

$s \xrightarrow{\cdot} b \cdot A b, \$$

$s \xrightarrow{\cdot} b \cdot B a, \$$

$A \xrightarrow{\cdot} a, b$

$B \xrightarrow{\cdot} a, a$

a

$A \xrightarrow{\cdot} a \cdot, ab$

$B \xrightarrow{\cdot} a \cdot, ab$

LALR(1)  
conflicts

LR parsing methods

SLR(1) - LR(0) item sets  
lookaheads from FOLLOW sets

LR(1) - LR(1) itemsets  
Lookaheads computed  
directly

LALR(1) - LR(0) itemsets  
Lookaheads from LR(1).

# Announcements

- Midterm (here, during class) 1 week from today (Thursday).
- Covers all of WA1, PA1, WA2
- Solutions to WA2 will be distributed shortly after the due date.
- Exam policies:
  - Open book/open notes
  - Computers may be used to view downloaded notes.
  - No “computation”, no network access
  - No communication with others except questions to instructor and TAs (of course).

# Precedence and Association in LR Parsers

Rewriting an ambiguous CFG to get the  
correct precedence, associativity

- Takes work
  - CFG becomes complex
  - Unit productions ( $E \rightarrow T, T \rightarrow F$ ) slow down parsing

Idea - remove conflicting table entries.

Ambiguous expression grammar

$$\text{FOLLOW}(E) = \{ +, *, ) \}$$

$$E \rightarrow E + E \bullet \quad \xleftarrow{\text{shift-reduce conflict}}$$

$$E \rightarrow E \bullet + E \quad \xleftarrow{\text{on } +}$$

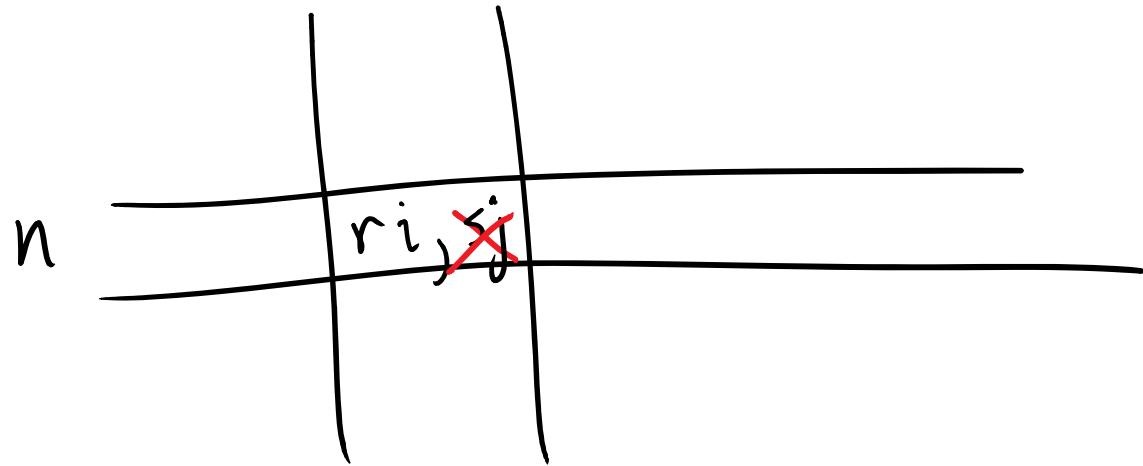
$$E \rightarrow E \bullet * E$$

reduce  
- left assoc

$$n + n + n$$

+ left or right associative?

ACTION  
'+'



Idea - remove conflicting table entries.

Ambiguous expression grammar

$$\text{FOLLOW}(E) = \{ +, *, ) \}$$

$$E \rightarrow E + E \bullet \quad \text{shift reduce conflict on *}$$

$$E \rightarrow E \bullet + E$$

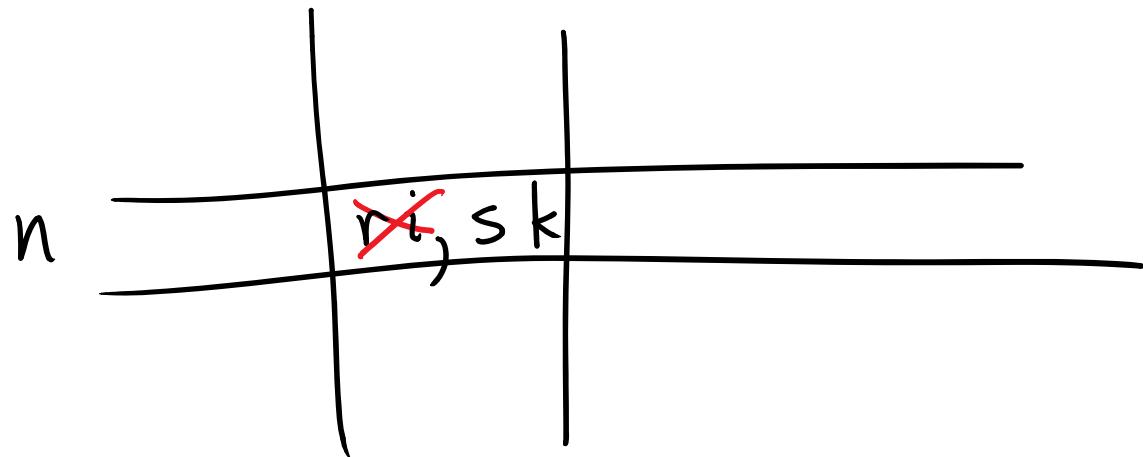
$$E \rightarrow E \bullet * E$$

$$n + n * n$$

Shift or reduce?

precedence of + vs \*

ACTION  
'\*'



YACC, BYACC, BISON, CUP, etc.

## Precedence declarations

%left '+'

%left '\*'

YACC, BYACC, BISON, CUP, etc.

Precedence declarations

%left '+'

%left '\*'

reduce  $E \rightarrow E + E$

reduce  $E \rightarrow E * E$

+ \*  
next

# Connections With Formal Language Theory

# Properties of Grammars vs Properties of Languages

" $G$  is LL(1)" - no conflicts in LL(1) parse table.

" $L$  is LL(1)" - there exists an LL(1) grammar for  $L$ .

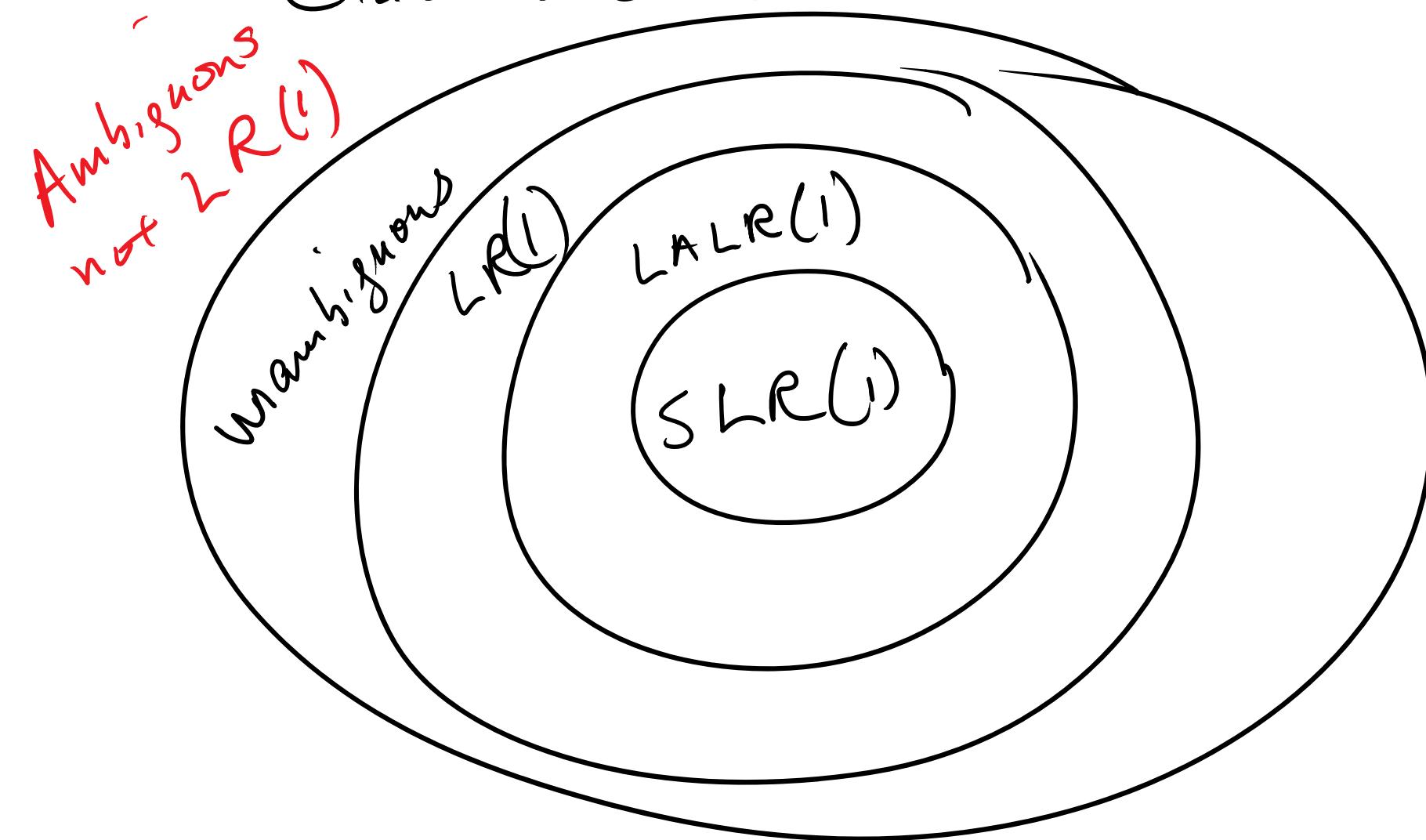
$S \rightarrow S$

$S \rightarrow a$

Is grammar LL(1) ?

Is language LL (1) ?

# Classes of Context-Free Grammars



$S' \rightarrow S$  $S \rightarrow Aa$  $S \rightarrow Bb$  $S \rightarrow ac$  $A \rightarrow a$  $B \rightarrow a$ 

SLR(1)

 $S' \rightarrow S$  $S \rightarrow Aa$  $S \rightarrow Bb$  $S \rightarrow bAb$  $A \rightarrow a$  $B \rightarrow a$ 

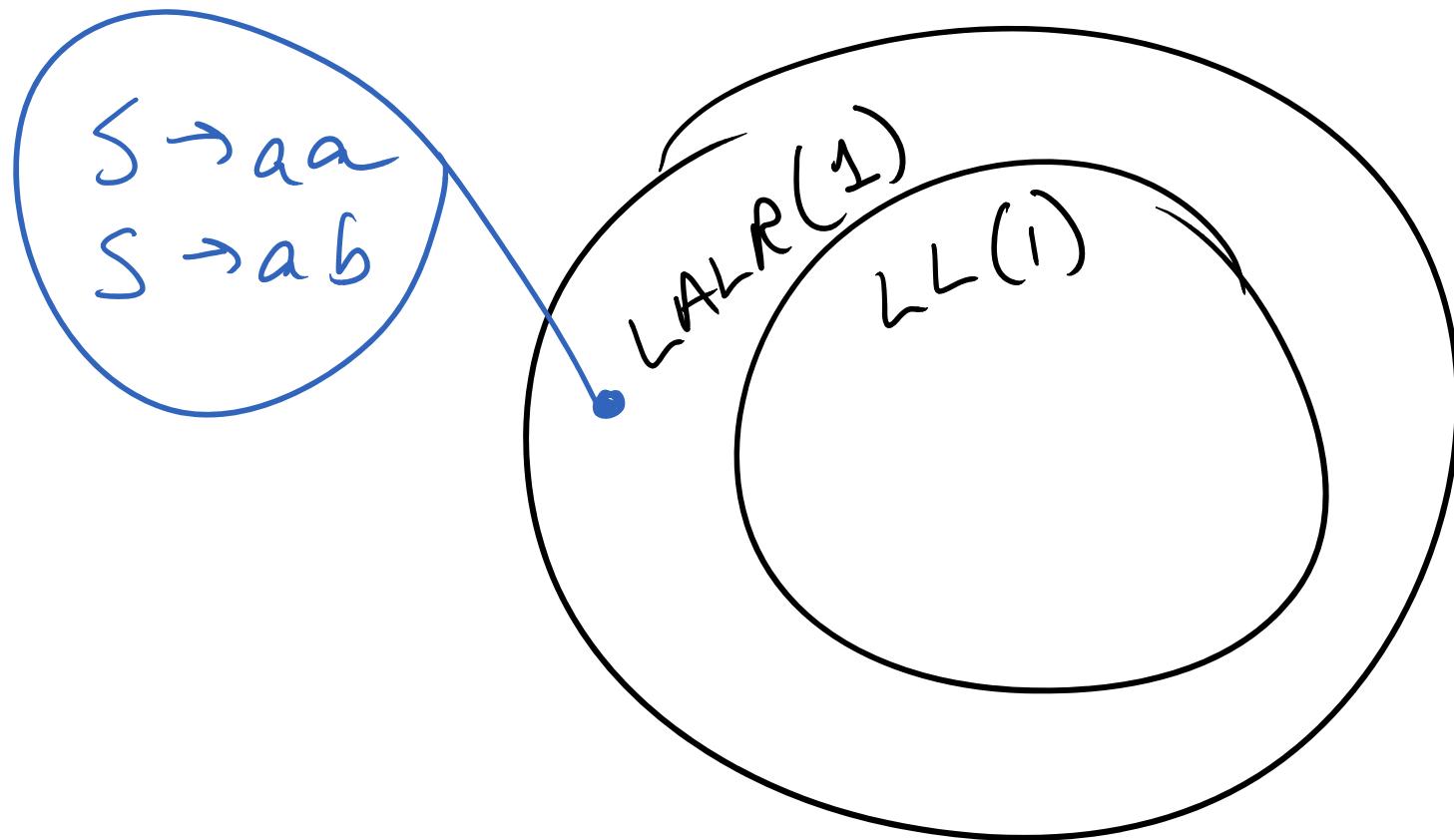
LALR(1)  
(not SLR(1))

 $S' \rightarrow S$  $S \rightarrow Aa$  $S \rightarrow Bb$  $S \rightarrow bAb$  $S \rightarrow bBa$  $A \rightarrow a$  $B \rightarrow a$ 

LR(1)

(not LALR(1))

# Classes of Grammars



Intuition for why LR parsing is more powerful than LL parsing.

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow \alpha \\ A \rightarrow \beta \end{array}$$

LL parsing looks at first symbol of RHS of production to decide.

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a \\ A \rightarrow \beta \bullet b \end{array}$$

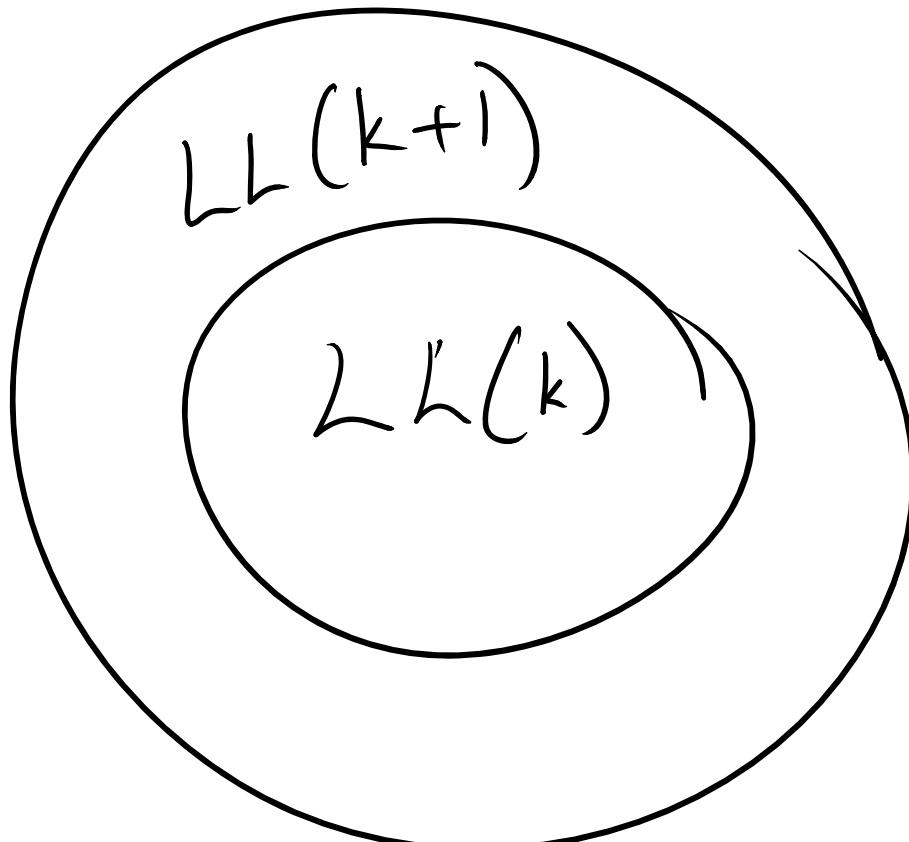
LR parsing uses all of RHS plus following symbol(s) to decide.

# Classes of Grammars

$$S \rightarrow aa$$

$$S \rightarrow ab$$

↑  
 $LL(2)$   
but not  
 $LL(1)$



# Classes of Grammars

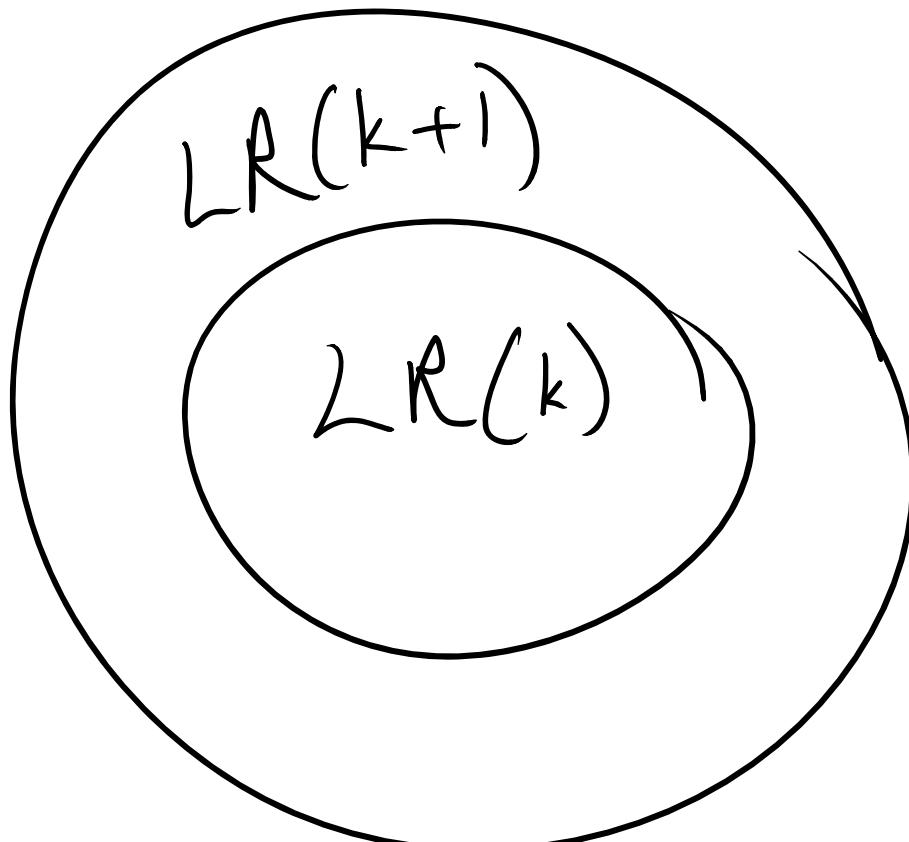
$$S \rightarrow A \text{ aa}$$

$$S \rightarrow B \text{ ab}$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow a$$

$\text{LR}(2)$   
but not  
 $\text{LR}(1)$



## Undecidable Problems

Equivalence of CFGs

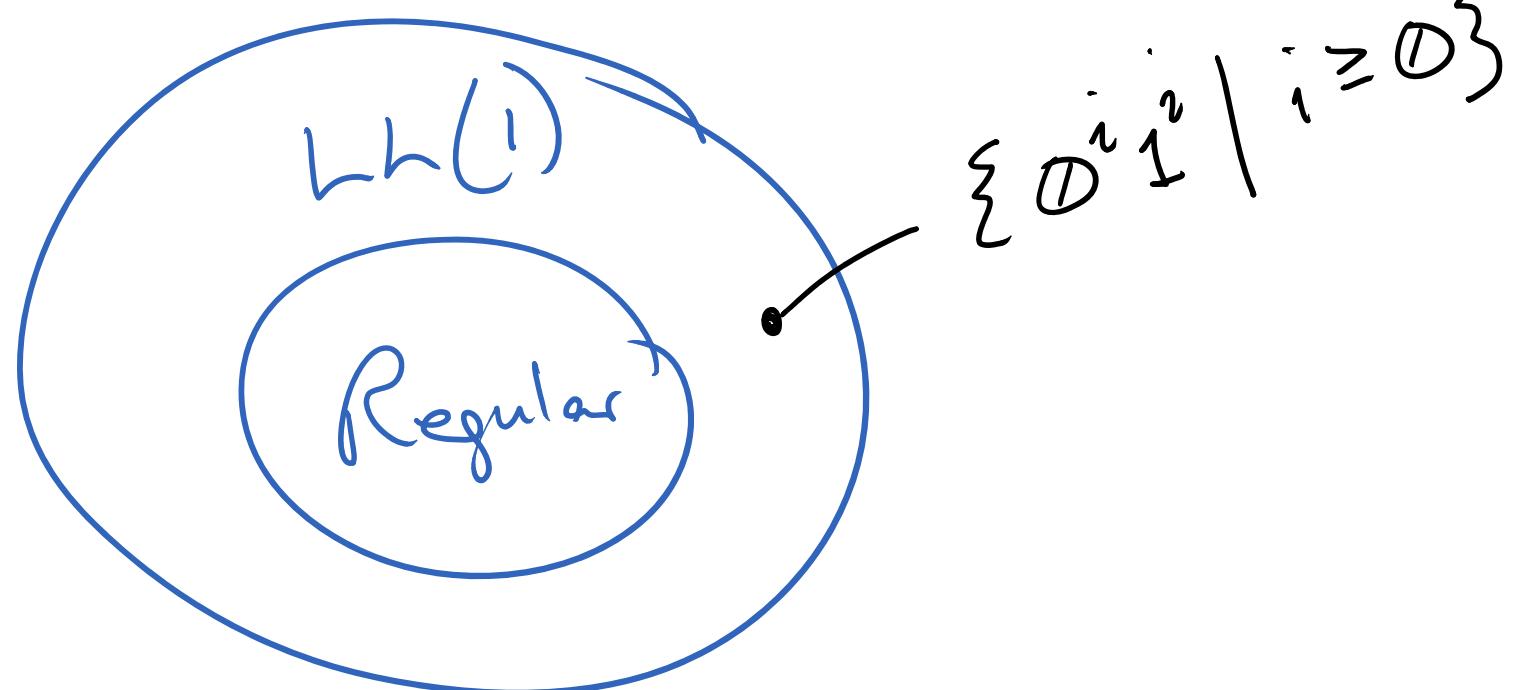
Same language?

Ambiguity of a CFG.(!)

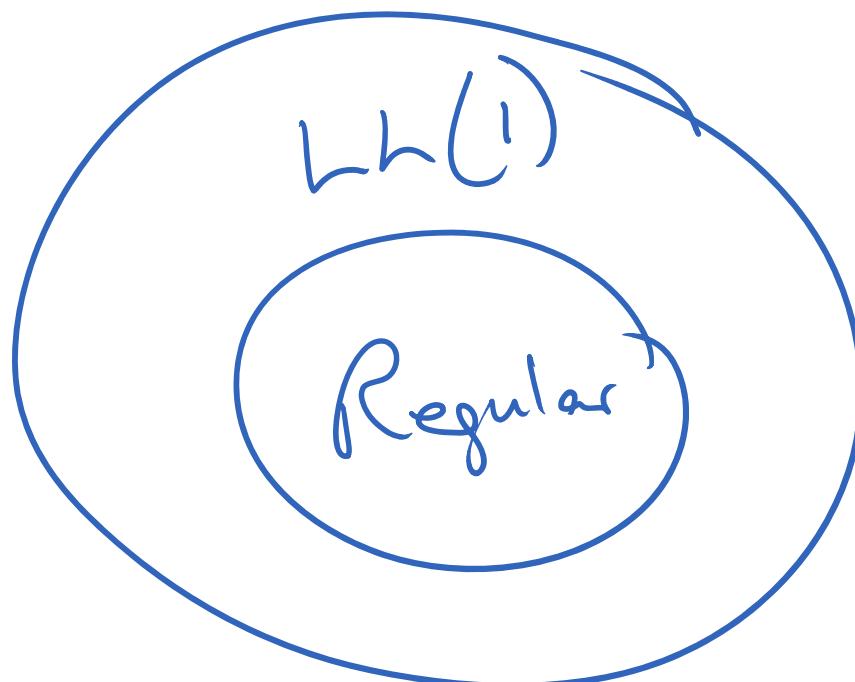
But LL(1), LR(1) etc are decidable

If LR(1) then not ambiguous.

# Languages



# Languages

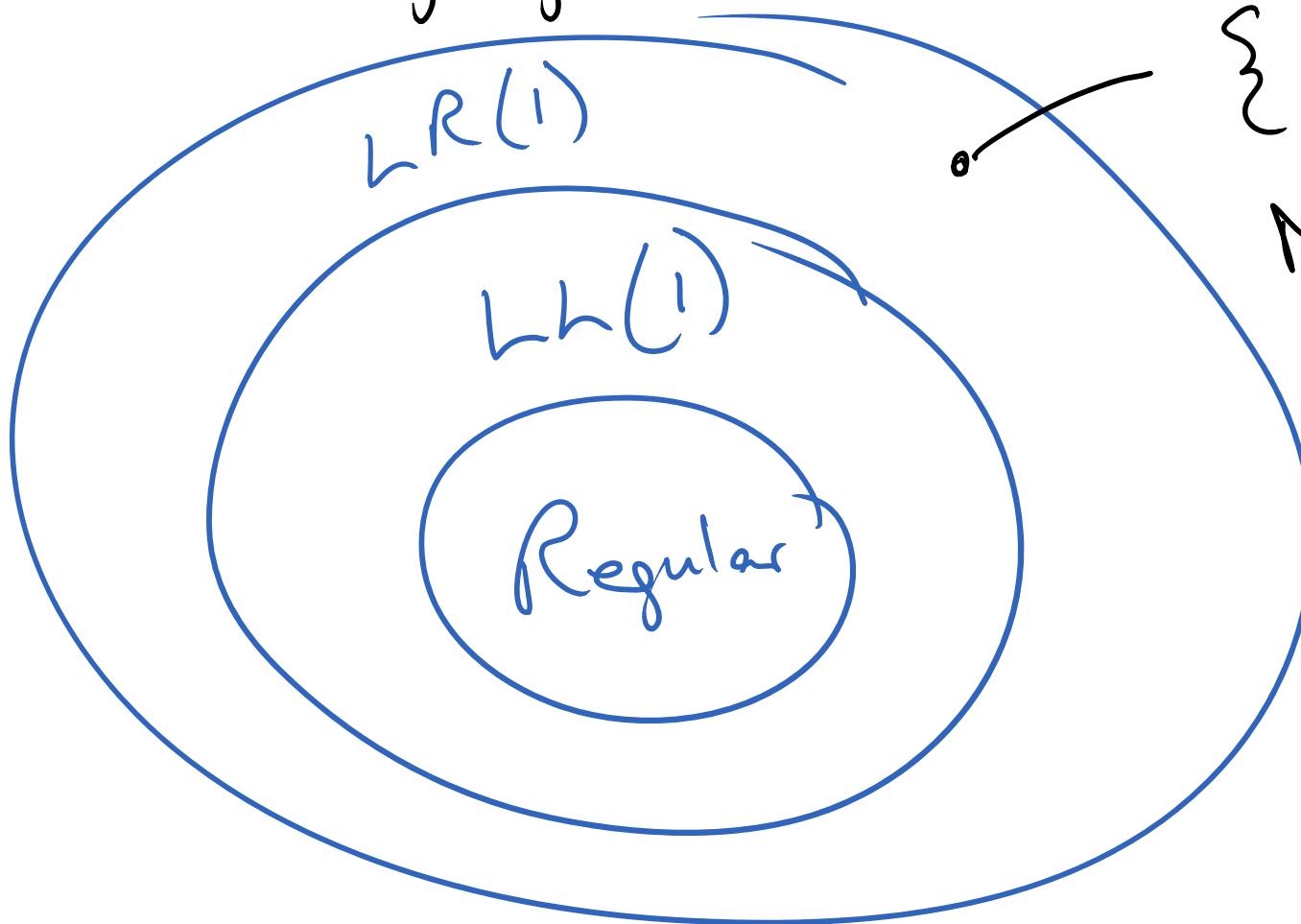


Every regular language can be written as a "right linear CFG"

$$A \rightarrow w B$$

at most one nonterminal, always at right end.

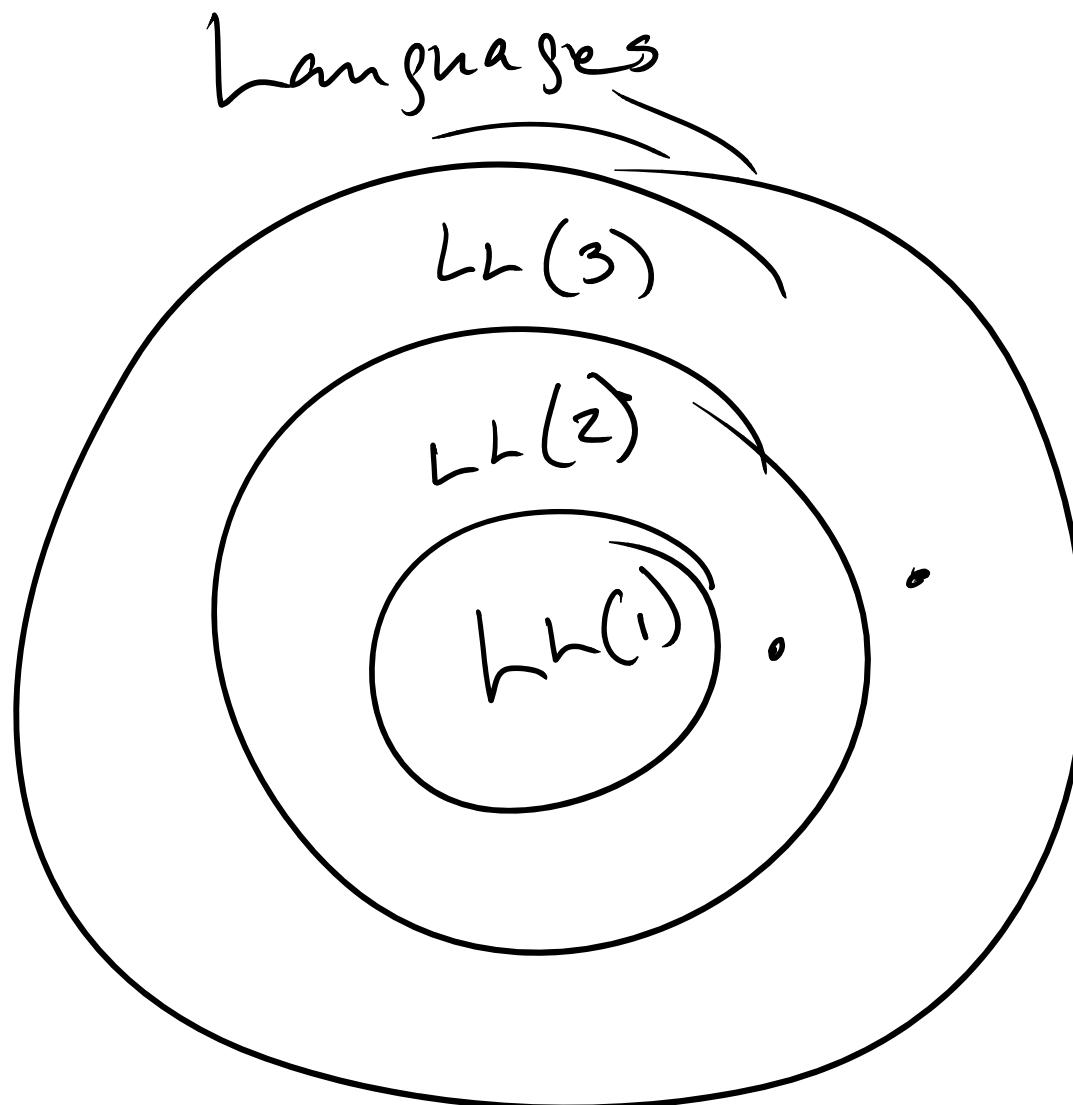
Languages



$$\{ \varnothing^i 1^j \mid i \leq j \}$$

No LL(1)  
grammar!

↑  
if then else  
has the same  
problem!



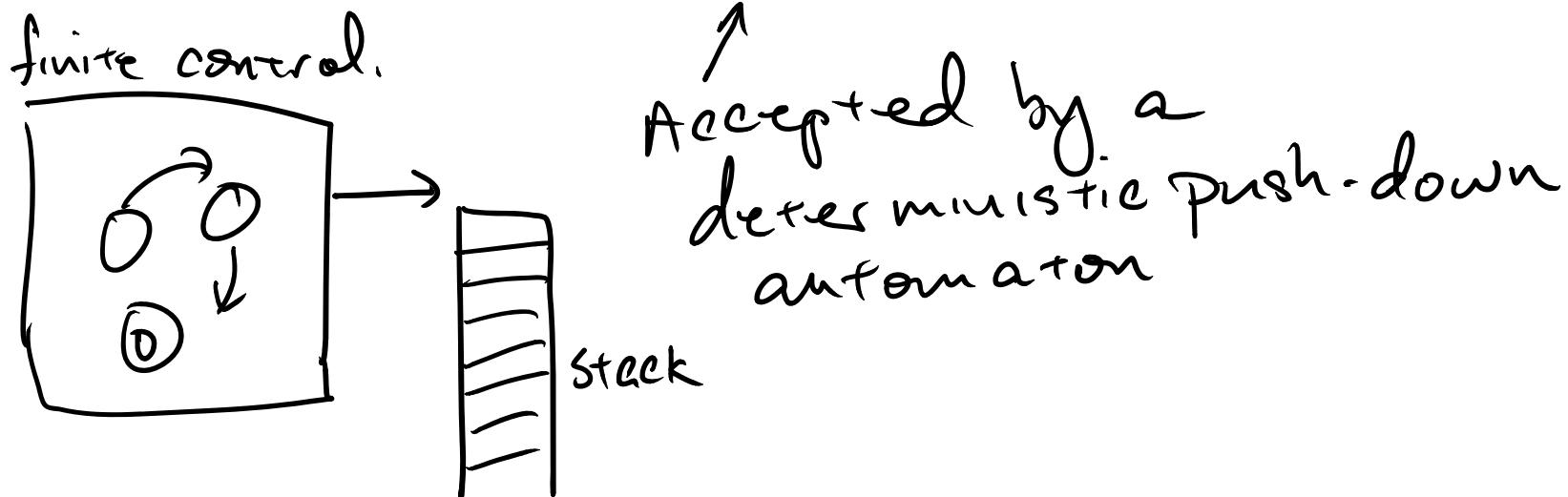
proper  
subsets,

There is a language  
that is LL(2)  
but not LL(1).

Languages

$$LR(k) = LR(1) \text{ for all } k \geq 1.$$

Deterministic Context-Free Languages.



$$\{ww^R \mid w \in \{a,b\}^*\} - \text{not LR}(1)$$

Context-free, but not deterministic  
No LR( $k$ ) grammar.

$$\left( \{wcw \mid w \in \{a,b\}^*\} - \text{is LR}(1) \right)$$

Equivalence of deterministic CFL's  
is decidable

Equivalence of two LR(1) CFG's is decidable.

But probably not practical.