

# Discussion5 Answer

## 1. Shift-Reduce Parsing the Lambda Calculus.

We'll look again at the lambda calculus grammar:

1. `expr` : `var`
2.       | `'(' 'λ' var '.' expr ')'`
3.       | `'(' expr expr ')'` ;
4. `var` : `ID` ;

(a) Is this grammar LL(1)?

(b) We'll now use the following LR(1) parsing table to parse some strings with this grammar.

	(	)	.	ID	λ	\$	var	expr
0	s1			s2			s4	s3
1	s1			s2	s5		s4	s6
2	r4	r4	r4	r4	r4	r4		
3						s7		
4	r1	r1	r1	r1	r1	r1		
5				s2			s8	
6	s1			s2			s4	s9
7	ACC	ACC	ACC	ACC	ACC	ACC		
8			s10					
9		s11						
10	s1			s2			s4	s12
11	r3	r3	r3	r3	r3	r3		
12		s13						
13	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2	r2		

Here's how we use this parsing table:

- Maintain a stack of states. Initialize it with state 0.
- Use the state on top of the parse stack and the lookahead symbol to find the corresponding action in the parse table.
  - If the action is a shift to a new state, push the new state onto the stack and advance the input.

- If the action is a reduce that reduces  $k$  symbols, pop  $k$  symbols off the stack. If we reduced to a rule  $A$ , consult the “ $A$ ” entry in the state now at the top of the stack.
- If the action is ACC, then we have succeeded.

**Use the parsing table above to parse the following:**

- $(xx)$
  - $(\lambda x.x)$
  - $(x(\lambda x.x))$
- (c) Is this grammar LR(0)?

## 2. Altering the Lambda Calculus.

Suppose we want to add an optional extension that allows raising a `var` to a power. We define the grammar as

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expr : var
      | var '^' NUM
      | '(' 'λ' var '.' expr ')'
      | '(' expr expr ')' ;
var  : ID ;

```

- Is this grammar LR(0)?
- Which state in the parsing table would we need to modify to parse this grammar?

## 3. Stack in Shift-Reduce Parsing.

Suppose it is given that shift-reduce parsing is equivalent to finding the rightmost derivation in reverse. Prove that during shift-reduce parsing, we can only reduce the topmost items in the stack (i.e. we don't need to worry about reducing something in the middle; hence the usage of a stack is justified).