

## Leftmost and Rightmost Derivations

$$\begin{array}{l} \hline E \longrightarrow E+T \\ E \longrightarrow T \\ T \longrightarrow \text{id} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Derivations for  $\text{id} + \text{id}$ :

$$\begin{array}{l|l} E \implies E+T & E \implies E+T \\ \implies T+T & \implies E+\text{id} \\ \implies \text{id}+T & \implies T+\text{id} \\ \implies \text{id}+\text{id} & \implies \text{id}+\text{id} \\ \text{LEFTMOST} & \text{RIGHTMOST} \end{array}$$

## Bottom-up Parsing

Given a stream of tokens  $w$ , *reduce* it to the start symbol.

$$\begin{array}{l} \hline E \longrightarrow E+T \\ E \longrightarrow T \\ T \longrightarrow \text{id} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Parse input stream:  $\text{id} + \text{id}$ :

$\text{id} + \text{id}$   
 $T + \text{id}$   
 $E + \text{id}$   
 $E + T$   
 $E$

**Reduction  $\equiv$  Derivation<sup>-1</sup>.**

# Shift-Reduce Parsing: An Example

|     |                   |       |
|-----|-------------------|-------|
| $E$ | $\longrightarrow$ | $E+T$ |
| $E$ | $\longrightarrow$ | $T$   |
| $T$ | $\longrightarrow$ | $id$  |

| STACK       | INPUT STREAM | ACTION                                  |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| \$          | $id + id \$$ | <b>shift</b>                            |
| \$ $id$     | $+ id \$$    | <b>reduce by</b> $T \longrightarrow id$ |
| \$ $T$      | $+ id \$$    | reduce by $E \longrightarrow T$         |
| \$ $E$      | $+ id \$$    | shift                                   |
| \$ $E +$    | $id \$$      | shift                                   |
| \$ $E + id$ | \$           | reduce by $T \longrightarrow id$        |
| \$ $E + T$  | \$           | reduce by $E \longrightarrow E+T$       |
| \$ $E$      | \$           | <b>ACCEPT</b>                           |

## Shift-Reduce Parsing

## Handles

“A structure that furnishes a means to perform reductions”

|     |                   |       |
|-----|-------------------|-------|
| $E$ | $\longrightarrow$ | $E+T$ |
| $E$ | $\longrightarrow$ | $T$   |
| $T$ | $\longrightarrow$ | $id$  |

Parse input stream:  $id + id$ :

|         |     |      |
|---------|-----|------|
| $id$    | $+$ | $id$ |
| $T$     | $+$ | $id$ |
| $E$     | $+$ | $id$ |
| $E + T$ |     |      |
| $E$     |     |      |

## Handles

Handles are substrings of sentential forms:

- ① A substring that matches the right hand side of a production
- ② Reduction using that rule can lead to the start symbol
- ③ The rule forms one step in a rightmost derivation of the string

$$\begin{array}{l}
 E \implies \boxed{E + T} \\
 \implies E + \boxed{id} \\
 \implies \boxed{T} + id \\
 \implies \boxed{id} + id
 \end{array}$$

**Handle Pruning:** replace handle by corresponding LHS.

## Shift-Reduce Parsing

Bottom-up parsing

- **Shift:** Construct leftmost handle on top of stack
- **Reduce:** Identify handle and replace by corresponding RHS
- **Accept:** Continue until string is reduced to start symbol and input token stream is empty
- **Error:** Signal parse error if no handle is found.

## Implementing Shift-Reduce Parsers

- **Stack** to hold grammar symbols (corresponding to tokens seen thus far).
- **Input stream** of yet-to-be-seen tokens.
- **Handles** appear on top of stack.
- Stack is initially empty (denoted by \$).
- Parse is successful if stack contains only the start symbol when the input stream ends.

## Preparing for Shift-Reduce Parsing

- 1 Identify a handle in string.  
Top of stack is the *rightmost* end of the handle. What is the leftmost end?
- 2 If there are multiple productions with the handle on the RHS, which one to choose?

Construct a parsing table, just as in the case of LL(1) parsing.

## Shift-Reduce Parsing: Derivations

| STACK     | INPUT STREAM | ACTION                        |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| \$        | id + id \$   | shift                         |
| \$ id     | + id \$      | reduce by $T \rightarrow id$  |
| \$ T      | + id \$      | reduce by $E \rightarrow T$   |
| \$ E      | + id \$      | shift                         |
| \$ E +    | id \$        | shift                         |
| \$ E + id | \$           | reduce by $T \rightarrow id$  |
| \$ E + T  | \$           | reduce by $E \rightarrow E+T$ |
| \$ E      | \$           | <b>ACCEPT</b>                 |

Left to Right Scan of input

Rightmost Derivation in reverse.

### LR Parsers

## A Simple Example of LR Parsing

|     |               |      |
|-----|---------------|------|
| $S$ | $\rightarrow$ | $BC$ |
| $B$ | $\rightarrow$ | $a$  |
| $C$ | $\rightarrow$ | $a$  |

| STACK  | INPUT STREAM | ACTION                       |
|--------|--------------|------------------------------|
| \$     | a a \$       | shift                        |
| \$ a   | a \$         | reduce by $B \rightarrow a$  |
| \$ B   | a \$         | shift                        |
| \$ B a | \$           | reduce by $C \rightarrow a$  |
| \$ B C | \$           | reduce by $S \rightarrow BC$ |
| \$ S   | \$           | <b>ACCEPT</b>                |

## A Simple Example of LR Parsing: A Detailed Look

|      |               |      |
|------|---------------|------|
| $S'$ | $\rightarrow$ | $S$  |
| $S$  | $\rightarrow$ | $BC$ |
| $B$  | $\rightarrow$ | $a$  |
| $C$  | $\rightarrow$ | $a$  |

| STACK    | INPUT    | STATE   | ACTION        |
|----------|----------|---|---------------|
| \$       | $a a \$$ | $S' \rightarrow \bullet S$<br>$S \rightarrow \bullet BC$<br>$B \rightarrow \bullet a$ | shift         |
| $\$ a$   | $a \$$   | $B \rightarrow a \bullet$   | reduce by 3   |
| $\$ B$   | $a \$$   | $S \rightarrow B \bullet C$<br>$C \rightarrow \bullet a$                              | shift         |
| $\$ B a$ | $\$$     | $C \rightarrow a \bullet$   | reduce by 4   |
| $\$ B C$ | $\$$     | $S \rightarrow BC \bullet$  | reduce by 2   |
| $\$ S$   | $\$$     | $S' \rightarrow S \bullet$  | <b>ACCEPT</b> |

## LR Parsing: Another Example

|      |               |       |
|------|---------------|-------|
| $E'$ | $\rightarrow$ | $E$   |
| $E$  | $\rightarrow$ | $E+T$ |
| $E$  | $\rightarrow$ | $T$   |
| $T$  | $\rightarrow$ | $id$  |

| STACK       | INPUT        | STATE  | ACTION        |
|-------------|--------------|--|---------------|
| \$          | $id + id \$$ | $E' \rightarrow \bullet E$<br>$E \rightarrow \bullet E+T$<br>$E \rightarrow \bullet T$<br>$T \rightarrow \bullet id$ | shift         |
| $\$ id$     | $+ id \$$    | $T \rightarrow id \bullet$   | reduce by 4   |
| $\$ T$      | $+ id \$$    | $E \rightarrow T \bullet$  | reduce by 3   |
| $\$ E$      | $+ id \$$    | $E' \rightarrow E \bullet$<br>$E \rightarrow E \bullet +T$   | shift         |
| $\$ E +$    | $id \$$      | $E \rightarrow E+ \bullet T$<br>$T \rightarrow \bullet id$   | shift         |
| $\$ E + id$ | $\$$         | $T \rightarrow id \bullet$   | reduce by 4   |
| $\$ E + T$  | $\$$         | $E \rightarrow E+T \bullet$  | reduce by 2   |
| $\$ E$      | $\$$         | $E \rightarrow E \bullet +T$<br>$E' \rightarrow E \bullet$   | <b>ACCEPT</b> |

## States of an LR parser

|        |                                 |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| $E'$   | $\longrightarrow \bullet E$     |
| $l_0:$ | $E \longrightarrow \bullet E+T$ |
|        | $E \longrightarrow \bullet T$   |
|        | $T \longrightarrow \bullet id$  |

**Item:** A production with “•” somewhere on the RHS. Intuitively,

- grammar symbols before the “•” are on stack;
- grammar symbols after the “•” represent symbols in the input stream.

**Item set:** A set of items; corresponds to a state of the parser.

## States of an LR parser (contd.)

|       |  |   |
|-------|--|---|
| $l_0$ | $E' \longrightarrow \bullet E$<br>$E \longrightarrow \bullet E+T$<br>$E \longrightarrow \bullet T$<br>$T \longrightarrow \bullet id$ | Initial State<br>$= \text{closure}(\{E' \longrightarrow \bullet E\})$ |
|-------|--|---|

### Closure:

- What other items are “equivalent” to the given item?
- Given an item  $A \longrightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta$ ,  $\text{closure}(A \longrightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta)$  is the smallest set that contains
  - ① the item  $A \longrightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta$ , and
  - ② every item in  $\text{closure}(B \longrightarrow \bullet \gamma)$  for every production  $B \longrightarrow \gamma \in G$

## States of an LR parser (contd.)

|       |  |   |
|-------|--|---|
| $l_0$ | $E' \rightarrow \bullet E$<br>$E \rightarrow \bullet E+T$<br>$E \rightarrow \bullet T$<br>$T \rightarrow \bullet id$ | Initial State<br>$= \text{closure}(\{E' \rightarrow \bullet E\})$ |
| $l_3$ | $T \rightarrow id \bullet$   | $= \text{goto}(l_0, id)$  |

### Goto:

- $\text{goto}(l, X)$  specifies the next state to visit.
  - $X$  is a terminal: when the next symbol on input stream is  $X$ .
  - $X$  is a nonterminal: when the last reduction was to  $X$ .
- $\text{goto}(l, X)$  contains all items in  $\text{closure}(A \rightarrow \alpha X \bullet \beta)$  for every item  $A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet X \beta \in l$ .

## Collection of LR(0) Item Sets

The canonical collection of LR(0) item sets,  $\mathcal{C} = \{l_0, l_1, \dots\}$  is the smallest set such that

- $\text{closure}(\{S' \rightarrow \bullet S\}) \in \mathcal{C}$ .
- $l \in \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \forall X, \text{goto}(l, X) \in \mathcal{C}$ .



## Canonical LR(0) Item Sets: An Example

|                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| $E' \longrightarrow E$  | $E \longrightarrow T$         |
| $E \longrightarrow E+T$ | $T \longrightarrow \text{id}$ |

|       |  |   |
|-------|--|---|
| $I_0$ | $= \text{closure}(\{E' \longrightarrow \bullet E\})$ | $E' \longrightarrow \bullet E$<br>$E \longrightarrow \bullet E+T$<br>$E \longrightarrow \bullet T$<br>$T \longrightarrow \bullet \text{id}$ |
| $I_1$ | $= \text{goto}(I_0, E)$                              | $E' \longrightarrow E \bullet$<br>$E \longrightarrow E \bullet +T$  |
| $I_2$ | $= \text{goto}(I_0, T)$                              | $E \longrightarrow T \bullet$   |
| $I_3$ | $= \text{goto}(I_0, \text{id})$                      | $T \longrightarrow \text{id} \bullet$   |
| $I_4$ | $= \text{goto}(I_1, +)$                              | $E \longrightarrow E+ \bullet T$<br>$T \longrightarrow \bullet \text{id}$   |
| $I_5$ | $= \text{goto}(I_4, T)$                              | $E \longrightarrow E+T \bullet$   |

## LR Action Table

|                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| $E' \longrightarrow E$  | $E \longrightarrow T$         |
| $E \longrightarrow E+T$ | $T \longrightarrow \text{id}$ |

|   | id   | +    | \$ |
|---|------|------|----|
| 0 | S, 3 |      |    |
| 1 |      | S, 4 | A  |
| 2 | R3   | R3   | R3 |
| 3 | R4   | R4   | R4 |
| 4 | S, 3 |      |    |
| 5 | R2   | R2   | R2 |

## LR Goto Table

$$\begin{array}{l} E' \longrightarrow E \quad E \longrightarrow T \\ E \longrightarrow E+T \quad T \longrightarrow id \end{array}$$

|   | $E$ | $T$ |
|---|-----|-----|
| 0 | 1   | 2   |
| 1 |     |     |
| 2 |     |     |
| 3 |     |     |
| 4 |     | 5   |
| 5 |     |     |

## LR Parsing: States and Transitions

## Action Table:

|   | $id$   | $+$    | $\$$ |
|---|--------|--------|------|
| 0 | $S, 3$ |        |      |
| 1 |        | $S, 4$ | $A$  |
| 2 | $R3$   | $R3$   | $R3$ |
| 3 | $R4$   | $R4$   | $R4$ |
| 4 | $S, 3$ |        |      |
| 5 | $R2$   | $R2$   | $R2$ |

$$\begin{array}{l} E' \longrightarrow E \quad E \longrightarrow T \\ E \longrightarrow E+T \quad T \longrightarrow id \end{array}$$

## Goto Table:

|   | $E$ | $T$ |
|---|-----|-----|
| 0 | 1   | 2   |
| 1 |     |     |
| 2 |     |     |
| 3 |     |     |
| 4 |     | 5   |
| 5 |     |     |

| STATE STACK  | SYMBOL STACK | INPUT        | ACTION        |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| $\$ 0$       | $\$$         | $id + id \$$ | shift, 3      |
| $\$ 0 3$     | $\$ id$      | $+ id \$$    | reduce by 4   |
| $\$ 0 2$     | $\$ T$       | $+ id \$$    | reduce by 3   |
| $\$ 0 1$     | $\$ E$       | $+ id \$$    | shift, 4      |
| $\$ 0 1 4$   | $\$ E +$     | $id \$$      | shift, 3      |
| $\$ 0 1 4 3$ | $\$ E + id$  | $\$$         | reduce by 4   |
| $\$ 0 1 4 5$ | $\$ E + T$   | $\$$         | reduce by 2   |
| $\$ 0 1$     | $\$ E$       | $\$$         | <b>ACCEPT</b> |

# LR Parser

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```

while (true) {
  switch (action(state_stack.top(), current_token)) {
    case shift s':
      symbol_stack.push(current_token);
      state_stack.push(s');
      next_token();
    case reduce A → β:
      pop |β| symbols off symbol_stack and state_stack;
      symbol_stack.push(A);
      state_stack.push(goto(state_stack.top(), A));
    case accept: return;
    default: error;
  }
}

```

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## LR Parsing: A review

|                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| $E' \longrightarrow E$  | $E \longrightarrow T$         |
| $E \longrightarrow E+T$ | $T \longrightarrow \text{id}$ |

Table-driven shift reduce parsing:

Shift Move **terminal** symbols from input stream to stack.

Reduce Replace top elements of stack that form an instance of the RHS of a production with the corresponding LHS

Accept Stack top is the start symbol when the input stream is exhausted

Table constructed using LR(0) Item Sets.

## Conflicts in Parsing Table

### Grammar:

|      |               |            |
|------|---------------|------------|
| $S'$ | $\rightarrow$ | $S$        |
| $S$  | $\rightarrow$ | $a S$      |
| $S$  | $\rightarrow$ | $\epsilon$ |

### Item Sets:

|       |  |   |
|-------|--|---|
| $I_0$ | $= \text{closure}(\{S' \rightarrow \bullet S\})$ | $S' \rightarrow \bullet S$<br>$S \rightarrow \bullet a S$<br>$S \rightarrow \bullet$  |
| $I_1$ | $= \text{goto}(I_0, S)$                          | $S' \rightarrow S \bullet$  |
| $I_2$ | $= \text{goto}(I_0, a)$                          | $S \rightarrow a \bullet S$<br>$S \rightarrow \bullet a S$<br>$S \rightarrow \bullet$ |

### Action Table:

|   | a           | \$  |
|---|-------------|-----|
| 0 | S, 2<br>R 3 | R 3 |
| 1 |             | A   |
| 2 | S, 2<br>R 3 | R 3 |

**Shift-Reduce  
Conflict**

## “Simple LR” (SLR) Parsing

Constructing Action Table *action*, indexed by *states*  $\times$  *terminals*, and Goto Table *goto*, indexed by *states*  $\times$  *nonterminals*:

- Construct  $\{I_0, I_1, \dots, I_n\}$ , the LR(0) sets of items for the grammar. For each  $i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n$ , do the following:
  - If  $A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a \beta \in I_i$ , and  $\text{goto}(I_i, a) = I_j$ , set  $\text{action}[i, a] = \text{shift } j$ .
  - If  $A \rightarrow \gamma \bullet \in I_i$  ( $A$  is not the start symbol), for each  $a \in \text{FOLLOW}(A)$ , set  $\text{action}[i, a] = \text{reduce } A \rightarrow \gamma$ .
  - If  $S' \rightarrow S \bullet \in I_i$ , set  $\text{action}[i, \$] = \text{accept}$ .
  - If  $\text{goto}(I_i, A) = I_j$  ( $A$  is a nonterminal), set  $\text{goto}[i, A] = j$ .

## SLR Parsing Table

### Grammar:

$$\begin{array}{l} \hline S' \longrightarrow S \\ S \longrightarrow a S \\ S \longrightarrow \epsilon \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$FOLLOW(S) = \{\$, \}$$

### Item Sets:

|       |  |   |
|-------|--|---|
| $I_0$ | $= \text{closure}(\{S' \longrightarrow \bullet S\})$ | $S' \longrightarrow \bullet S$<br>$S \longrightarrow \bullet a S$<br>$S \longrightarrow \bullet$  |
| $I_1$ | $= \text{goto}(I_0, S)$                              | $S' \longrightarrow S \bullet$  |
| $I_2$ | $= \text{goto}(I_0, a)$                              | $S \longrightarrow a \bullet S$<br>$S \longrightarrow \bullet a S$<br>$S \longrightarrow \bullet$ |

### SLR Action Table:

|   | a    | \$  |
|---|------|-----|
| 0 | S, 2 | R 3 |
| 1 |      | A   |
| 2 | S, 2 | R 3 |

## Deficiencies of SLR Parsing

- SLR(1) treats all occurrences of a RHS on stack as identical.
- Only a few of these reductions may lead to a successful parse.
- Example:

$$\begin{array}{l} \hline S \longrightarrow AaAb \quad A \longrightarrow \epsilon \\ S \longrightarrow BbBa \quad B \longrightarrow \epsilon \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$I_0 = \{[S' \rightarrow \bullet S], [S \rightarrow \bullet AaAb], [S \rightarrow \bullet BbBa], [A \rightarrow \bullet], [B \rightarrow \bullet]\}.$$

- Since  $FOLLOW(A) = FOLLOW(B)$ , we have reduce/reduce conflict in state 0.

## LR(1) Item Sets

Construct LR(1) items of the form  $A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, \mathbf{a}$ , which means:

*The production  $A \rightarrow \alpha\beta$  can be applied when the next token on input stream is  $\mathbf{a}$ .*

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| $S \rightarrow A\mathbf{a}Ab$ | $A \rightarrow \epsilon$ |
| $S \rightarrow B\mathbf{b}Ba$ | $B \rightarrow \epsilon$ |

An example LR(1) item set:

$$I_0 = \{[S' \rightarrow \bullet S, \$], [S \rightarrow \bullet A\mathbf{a}Ab, \$], [S \rightarrow \bullet B\mathbf{b}Ba, \$], [A \rightarrow \bullet, \mathbf{a}], [B \rightarrow \bullet, \mathbf{b}]\}.$$

## LR(1) and LALR(1) Parsing

LR(1) parsing: Parse tables built using LR(1) item sets.

LALR(1) parsing: Look Ahead LR(1)

- Merge LR(1) item sets; then build parsing table.
  - Typically, LALR(1) parsing tables are much smaller than LR(1) parsing table.
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- $SLR(1) \subset LALR(1) \subset LR(1)$ .
  - $LL(1) \not\subset SLR(1)$ , but  $LL(1) \subset LR(1)$ .

# YACC

Yet Another Compiler Compiler:  
LALR(1) parser generator.

- Grammar rules written in a specification (.y) file, analogous to the regular definitions in a lex specification file.
- Yacc translates the specifications into a parsing function yyparse().

```
spec.y   $\xrightarrow{\text{yacc}}$   spec.tab.c
```

- yyparse() calls yylex() whenever input tokens need to be consumed.
- bison: GNU variant of yacc.

## Using Yacc

```
%{
... C headers (#include)
}%

... Yacc declarations:
    %token ...
    %union{...}
    precedences
%%
... Grammar rules with actions:

Expr:  Expr TOK_PLUS Expr
      |  Expr TOK_MINUS Expr
      ;
%%
... C support functions
```