

## Section: LR Parsing

### LR PARSING

#### LR(k) Parser

- bottom-up parser
- shift-reduce parser
- L means: reads input left to right
- R means: produces a rightmost derivation
- k - number of lookahead symbols

#### LR parsing process

- convert CFG to PDA
- Use the PDA and lookahead symbols

## Convert CFG to PDA

### The constructed NPDA:

- three states:  $s$ ,  $q$ ,  $f$   
start in state  $s$ , assume  $z$  on stack
- all rewrite rules in state  $s$ ,  
backwards  
rules pop rhs, then push lhs  
 $(s, lhs) \in \delta(s, \lambda, rhs)$   
This is called a reduce operation.
- additional rules in  $s$  to recognize  
terminals  
For each  $x \in \Sigma$ ,  $g \in \Gamma$ ,  $(s, xg) \in$   
 $\delta(s, x, g)$   
This is called a shift operation.
- pop  $S$  from stack and move into  
state  $q$
- pop  $z$  from stack, move into  $f$ ,  
accept.

**Example: Construct a PDA.**

**S**  $\rightarrow$  **aSb**

**S**  $\rightarrow$  **b**

## LR Parsing Actions

### 1. shift

transfer the lookahead to the stack

### 2. reduce

For  $X \rightarrow w$ , replace  $w$  by  $X$  on the stack

### 3. accept

input string is in language

### 4. error

input string is not in language

## LR(1) Parse Table

- Columns:

terminals, \$ and variables

- Rows:

state numbers: represent patterns in a derivation

## LR(1) Parse Table Example

1)  $S \rightarrow aSb$

2)  $S \rightarrow b$

	a	b	\$	S
0	s2	s3		1
1			acc	
2	s2	s3		4
3		r2	r2	
4		s5		
5		r1	r1	

### Definition of entries:

- $sN$  - shift terminal and move to state  $N$
- $N$  - move to state  $N$
- $rN$  - reduce by rule number  $N$
- acc - accept
- blank - error

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state = 0
push(state)
read(symbol)
entry = T[state,symbol]
while entry.action ≠ accept do
    if entry.action == shift then
        push(symbol)
        state = entry.state
        push(state)
        read(symbol)
    else if entry.action == reduce then
        do 2*size_rhs times {pop()}
        state := top-of-stack()
        push(entry.rule.lhs)
        state = T[state,entry.rule.lhs]
        push(state)
    else if entry.action == blank then
        error
    entry = T[state, symbol]
end while
if symbol ≠ $ then error

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**Example:**

**Trace aabbb**

						5			
						b			
			3	4	4		5		
			b	S	S		b		
		2	2	2	2	4	4		
		a	a	a	a	S	S		
	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	
	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	S	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
S:	<u>z</u>	<u>z</u>	<u>z</u>	<u>z</u>	<u>z</u>	<u>z</u>	<u>z</u>	<u>z</u>	<u>z</u>
L:	a	a	b	b	b	b	b	\$	\$
A:									

To construct the LR(1) parse table:

- Construct a dfa to model the top of the stack
- Using the dfa, construct an LR(1) parse table

To Construct the DFA

- Add  $S' \rightarrow S$
- place a marker “\_” on the rhs  
 $S' \rightarrow \_S$
- Compute  $\text{closure}(S' \rightarrow \_S)$ .

Def. of closure:

1.  $\text{closure}(A \rightarrow v\_xy) = \{A \rightarrow v\_xy\}$   
if  $x$  is a terminal.
2.  $\text{closure}(A \rightarrow v\_xy) = \{A \rightarrow v\_xy\} \cup (\text{closure}(x \rightarrow \_w))$  for all  $w$  if  $x$  is a variable.



- The closure( $S' \rightarrow \_S$ ) is state 0 and “unprocessed”.
- Repeat until all states have been processed
  - unproc = any unprocessed state
  - For each  $x$  that appears in  $A \rightarrow u\_xv$  do
    - \* Add a transition labeled “ $x$ ” from state “unproc” to a new state with production  $A \rightarrow ux\_v$
    - \* The set of productions for the new state are:  $\text{closure}(A \rightarrow ux\_v)$
    - \* If the new state is identical to another state, combine the states Otherwise, mark the new state as “unprocessed”
- Identify final states.

## Example: Construct DFA

$$(0) S' \rightarrow S$$

$$(1) S \rightarrow aSb$$

$$(2) S \rightarrow b$$

# Backtracking through the DFA

Consider aabbb

- Start in state 0.
- Shift “a” and move to state 2.
- Shift “a” and move to state 2.
- Shift “b” and move to state 3.  
Reduce by “ $S \rightarrow b$ ”  
Pop “b” and Backtrack to state 2.  
Shift “S” and move to state 4.
- Shift “b” and move to state 5.  
Reduce by “ $S \rightarrow aSb$ ”  
Pop “aSb” and Backtrack to state 2.  
Shift “S” and move to state 4.
- Shift “b” and move to state 5.  
Reduce by “ $S \rightarrow aSb$ ”  
Pop “aSb” and Backtrack to state 0.

Shift “S” and move to state 1.

- Accept. aabbb is in the language.

To construct LR(1) table from diagram:

1. If there is an arc from state1 to state2

(a) arc labeled  $x$  is terminal or  $\$$   
 $T[\text{state1}, x] = \text{sh state2}$

(b) arc labeled  $X$  is nonterminal  
 $T[\text{state1}, X] = \text{state2}$

2. If state1 is a final state with

$X \rightarrow w_*$

For all  $a$  in FOLLOW( $X$ ),

$T[\text{state1}, a] = \text{reduce by } X \rightarrow w$

3. If state1 is a final state with

$S' \rightarrow S_*$

$T[\text{state1}, \$] = \text{accept}$

4. All other entries are error

## Example: LR(1) Parse Table

$$(0) S' \rightarrow S$$

$$(1) S \rightarrow aSb$$

$$(2) S \rightarrow b$$

Here is the LR(1) Parse Table with extra information about the stack contents of each state.

Stack contents	State number	Terminals			Variables
		a	b	\$	S
(empty)	0				
	1				
	2				
	3				
	4				
	5				

## Actions for entries in LR(1) Parse table $T[\text{state}, \text{symbol}]$

Let  $\text{entry} = T[\text{state}, \text{symbol}]$ .

- If symbol is a terminal or  $\$$ 
  - If entry is “shift state $i$ ”  
push lookahead and state $i$  on the stack
  - If entry is “reduce by rule  $X \rightarrow w$ ”  
pop  $w$  and  $k$  states ( $k$  is the size of  $w$ ) from the stack.
  - If entry is “accept”  
Halt. The string is in the language.
  - If entry is “error”  
Halt. The string is not in the language.

- If symbol is nonterminal

We have just reduced the rhs of a production  $X \rightarrow w$  to a symbol.

The entry is a state number, call it  $state_i$ . Push  $T[state_i, X]$  on the stack.



## Constructing Parse Tables for CFG's with $\lambda$ -rules

$A \rightarrow \lambda$  written as  $A \rightarrow \lambda_$

### Example

$$S \rightarrow ddX$$

$$X \rightarrow aX$$

$$X \rightarrow \lambda$$

Add a new start symbol and number  
the rules:

$$(0) S' \rightarrow S$$

$$(1) S \rightarrow ddX$$

$$(2) X \rightarrow aX$$

$$(3) X \rightarrow \lambda$$

Construct the DFA:

# Construct the LR(1) Parse Table

	a	d	\$	S	X
0					
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

## Possible Conflicts:

### 1. Shift/Reduce Conflict

Example:

$$A \rightarrow ab$$
$$A \rightarrow abcd$$

In the DFA:

$$A \rightarrow ab\_$$
$$A \rightarrow ab\_ cd$$

### 2. Reduce/Reduce Conflict

Example:

$$A \rightarrow ab$$
$$B \rightarrow ab$$

In the DFA:

$$A \rightarrow ab\_$$
$$B \rightarrow ab\_$$

### 3. Shift/Shift Conflict