

# Syntactic Analysis (Parsing)

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# Summary

- Methods of Linear Parsing
  - Top-down Parsers (LL(1))
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- Types of Top-down Parsers
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# Methods of Linear Parsing

The list of tokens will be traversed *left-to-right*. Decisions to proceed take into account one token of lookahead.

- Top-down parsers (LL(1))
  - Build the AST from the root to the leaves (top-down)
  - Follow a left-most derivation in forward direction
  - More intuitive: can be *manually* written
  - **Cannot use left-recursion, and need left-factoring**
- Bottom-up parsers (LR(1))
  - Build the AST from the leaves to the root (bottom-up)
  - Follow a right-most derivation in *backward* direction
  - Less intuitive than top-down parsers
  - Slightly more powerful



# Types of Top-down Parsers

- Table Driven Parsers (iterative)
  - Parsing algorithm is fixed, driven by a decision table
  - Table  $M$  is built from the grammar  $G$ . Empty boxes correspond to syntax errors

$M$	$a_1$	...	$a$	...	$a_n$	$\$$
$A_1$						
$\vdots$						
$A$			$A \rightarrow \alpha_k$			
$\vdots$						
$A_m$						



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- Recursive Predictive Parsers
  - Parsing algorithm is formed by a set of mutually recursive functions
  - Each rule  $A \rightarrow \alpha$  generates the code of its function

```
void A(void) {
    // Code generated from  $\alpha$ 
}
```
  - Gencode describes how to translate a rule to the associated function



## Example of Recursive Parser (ANTLR)

Simple grammar in ANTLR:

```
instruction_list : ( instruction ) *
                ;
instruction : IDENT ASSIG expr
           | IF expr THEN instruction_list
           ;
expr : ( IDENT | NUM ) ( PLUS ( IDENT | NUM ) ) *
     ;
```



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     ;
expr_simple : IDENT
            | NUM
            ;
```



## Example of Recursive Parser (ANTLR)

- Production rule

```
expr : ( IDENT | NUM ) ( PLUS ( IDENT | NUM ) ) * ;
```

- Parser *by hand*

```
void expr() {
    if (token == IDENT || token == NUM) {
        token = nextToken();
        while (token == PLUS) {
            token = nextToken();
            if (token == IDENT || token == NUM) {
                token = nextToken();
            } else syntaxError()
        }
    } else syntaxError()
}
```



## Example of Recursive Parser (ANTLR)

### ● Production rule

```
instruction_list : ( instruction ) *  
                ;
```

### ● Parser

```
void instruction_list () {  
    while ( token == IDENT || token == IF ) {  
        instruction();  
    }  
}
```



## Example of Recursive Parser (ANTLR)

### ● Production rule

```
instruction : IDENT ASSIG expr  
           | IF expr THEN instruction_list  
           ;
```

### ● Parser

```
void instruction () {  
    if ( token == IDENT ) {  
        MATCH(IDENT); MATCH(ASSIG); expr();  
    } else if ( token == IF ) {  
        MATCH(IF); expr(); MATCH(THEN); instruction_list();  
    } else syntaxError()  
}
```



## Example of Recursive Parser (ANTLR)

### ● Production rule

```
expr : expr_simple ( PLUS expr_simple ) * ;
```

### ● Parser

```
void expr () {  
    expr_simple();  
    while ( token == PLUS ) {  
        MATCH(PLUS);  
        expr_simple();  
    }  
}
```



## Recursive Predictive Parsers Generation

- **Firstly check** that the grammar is LL(1), building the table  $M[A, a]$  without conflicts.
- $Genrule(A \rightarrow \alpha)$  generates the code of a function  $A$  associated to the production rule
- $Gencode(e)$  generates the code that recognizes in the input an expression  $e$

```
Genrule( A → α ) ≡  
void A(void) {  
    /* Gencode( α ) */  
}
```



## Recursive Predictive Parsers Generation

```
Gencode( e1 | e2 | ... | en ) ≡  
  if ( token ∈ first(e1) ) {  
    /* Gencode( e1 ) */  
  } else if ( token ∈ first(e2) ) {  
    /* Gencode( e2 ) */  
  ...  
  } else if ( token ∈ first(en) ) {  
    /* Gencode( en ) */  
  } else syntaxError(); // if ∄i : 1 ≤ i ≤ n : nullable?(ei)
```



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```
Gencode( e1 e2 ... en ) ≡  
  /* Gencode( e1 ) */  
  /* Gencode( e2 ) */  
  ...  
  /* Gencode( en ) */
```



## Recursive Predictive Parsers Generation

```
Gencode( e1* ) ≡  
  while ( token ∈ first(e1) ) {  
    /* Gencode( e1 ) */  
  }
```

```
Gencode( e1+ ) ≡  
  do {  
    /* Gencode( e1 ) */  
  } while ( token ∈ first(e1));
```

```
Gencode( e1? ) ≡  
  if ( token ∈ first(e1) ) {  
    /* Gencode( e1 ) */  
  }
```

```
Gencode( ε ) ≡  
  ; // do nothing
```



## Recursive Predictive Parsers Generation

```
Gencode(A) ≡ // for a non-terminal A
    A();
```

```
Gencode(a) ≡ // for a terminal a
    MATCH(a);
```

Where  $MATCH(a)$  is defined as follows:

```
if (token == a) {
    token = nextToken();
} else syntaxError();
```



## Bottom-up LR(1) Parsers

- Characteristics
- Example of Bottom-up Parsing
- Shift-Reduce Parsing Algorithm
- Viable Prefixes. LR(0) DFA
- **action** and **goto** Tables Construction
- Shift/reduce and reduce/reduce conflicts
- Types of Bottom-up Parsing
  - SLR(1)
  - LR(1)
  - LALR(1)



## Example of Bottom-up Parsing

$$\begin{aligned}
 E &\rightarrow E + T \\
 &\quad | T \\
 T &\rightarrow T * F \\
 &\quad | F \\
 F &\rightarrow ( E ) \\
 &\quad | id
 \end{aligned}$$

$w = id_1 + id_2 * id_3$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 E &\rightarrow E + T \\
 &\quad | T \\
 T &\rightarrow T * F \\
 &\quad | F \\
 F &\rightarrow ( E ) \\
 &\quad | id
 \end{aligned}$$

shift id<sub>1</sub>      id<sub>1</sub> + id<sub>2</sub> \* id<sub>3</sub> \$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E &\Rightarrow_{rd} E + T \Rightarrow_{rd} E + T * F \Rightarrow_{rd} E + T * id_3 \\
 &\Rightarrow_{rd} E + F * id_3 \Rightarrow_{rd} E + id_2 * id_3 \Rightarrow_{rd} T + id_2 * id_3 \\
 &\Rightarrow_{rd} F + id_2 * id_3 \Rightarrow_{rd} id_1 + id_2 * id_3
 \end{aligned}$$


## Example of Bottom-up Parsing

$E \rightarrow E + T$   
 $T \rightarrow T * F$   
 $F \rightarrow (E)$   
 $\quad | \text{id}$

$E$   
 $|$   
 $T$   
 $|$   
 $F$   
 $|$   
 $\text{id} \quad + \quad \text{id}$

shift \*       $\text{id}_1 \quad + \quad \text{id}_2 \quad \boxed{*} \quad \text{id}_3 \quad \$$

$E \Rightarrow_{rd} E + T \Rightarrow_{rd} E + T * F \Rightarrow_{rd} \boxed{E + T} * id_3$   
 $\Rightarrow_{rd} E + F * id_3 \Rightarrow_{rd} E + id_2 * id_3 \Rightarrow_{rd} T + id_2 * id_3$   
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## Example of Bottom-up Parsing

$E \rightarrow E + T$   
 $T \rightarrow T * F$   
 $F \rightarrow (E)$   
 $\quad | \text{id}$

$E$   
 $|$   
 $T$   
 $|$   
 $F$   
 $|$   
 $\text{id} \quad + \quad \text{id} \quad * \quad \text{id}$

shift  $\text{id}_3$        $\text{id}_1 \quad + \quad \text{id}_2 \quad * \quad \boxed{\text{id}_3} \quad \$$

$E \Rightarrow_{rd} E + T \Rightarrow_{rd} E + T * F \Rightarrow_{rd} \boxed{E + T *} id_3$   
 $\Rightarrow_{rd} E + F * id_3 \Rightarrow_{rd} E + id_2 * id_3 \Rightarrow_{rd} T + id_2 * id_3$   
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$E \rightarrow E + T$   
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 $F \rightarrow (E)$   
 $\quad | \text{id}$

$E$   
 $|$   
 $T$   
 $|$   
 $F$   
 $|$   
 $\text{id} \quad + \quad \text{id} \quad * \quad \text{id}$

reduce with  $E \rightarrow E + T$        $\text{id}_1 \quad + \quad \text{id}_2 \quad * \quad \text{id}_3 \quad \boxed{\$}$

$E \Rightarrow_{rd} \boxed{E + T} \Rightarrow_{rd} E + T * F \Rightarrow_{rd} E + T * id_3$   
 $\Rightarrow_{rd} E + F * id_3 \Rightarrow_{rd} E + id_2 * id_3 \Rightarrow_{rd} T + id_2 * id_3$   
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## Example of Bottom-up Parsing

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 $F \rightarrow (E)$   
 $\quad | \text{id}$

$E$   
 $|$   
 $T$   
 $|$   
 $F$   
 $|$   
 $\text{id} \quad + \quad \text{id} \quad * \quad \text{id}$

accept       $\text{id}_1 \quad + \quad \text{id}_2 \quad * \quad \text{id}_3 \quad \boxed{\$}$

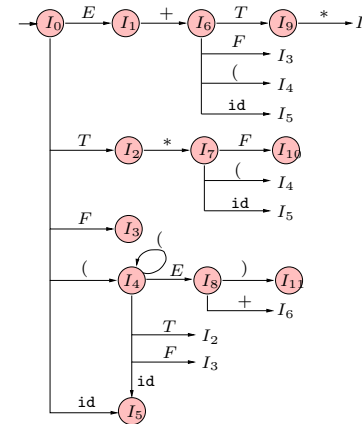
$\boxed{E} \Rightarrow_{rd} E + T \Rightarrow_{rd} E + T * F \Rightarrow_{rd} E + T * id_3$   
 $\Rightarrow_{rd} E + F * id_3 \Rightarrow_{rd} E + id_2 * id_3 \Rightarrow_{rd} T + id_2 * id_3$   
 $\Rightarrow_{rd} F + id_2 * id_3 \Rightarrow_{rd} id_1 + id_2 * id_3$

# Example of Bottom-up Parsing (cont.)

Step	Stack	Input	Action
1. $E \rightarrow E + T$		$id_1 + id_2 * id_3 \$$	shift $id_1$
2. $E \rightarrow T$		$+ id_2 * id_3 \$$	reduce with 6. $F \rightarrow id$
3. $T \rightarrow T * F$	$id_1$	$+ id_2 * id_3 \$$	reduce with 4. $T \rightarrow F$
4. $T \rightarrow F$	$F$	$+ id_2 * id_3 \$$	reduce with 2. $E \rightarrow T$
5. $F \rightarrow (E)$	$T$	$+ id_2 * id_3 \$$	shift $+$
6. $F \rightarrow id$	$E +$	$id_2 * id_3 \$$	shift $id_2$
	$E + id_2$	$* id_3 \$$	reduce with 6. $F \rightarrow id$
$id_1 + id_2 * id_3$	$E + F$	$* id_3 \$$	reduce with 4. $T \rightarrow F$
	$E + T$	$* id_3 \$$	shift $*$
	$E + T *$	$id_3 \$$	shift $id_3$
	$E + T * id_3$	$\$$	reduce with 6. $F \rightarrow id$
	$E + T * F$	$\$$	reduce with 3. $T \rightarrow T * F$
	$E + T$	$\$$	reduce with 1. $E \rightarrow E + T$
	$E$	$\$$	accept



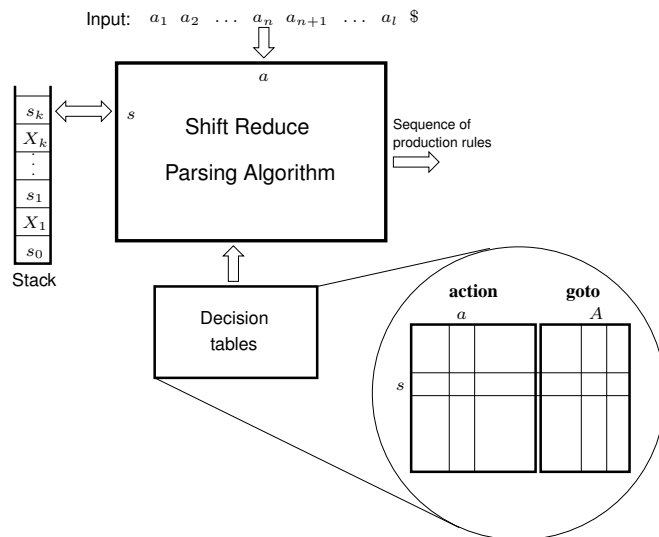
# Viability Prefixes. LR(0) DFA



Step	Stack	Input	Action
(10)	$0 E 1 + 6 T 9 * 7$	$id_3 \$$	shift $id_3$ ( <b>s5</b> )



# Shift/Reduce Parsing Algorithm



# Shift/Reduce Parsing Algorithm

```

Stk := EmptyStack(); PushStack(Stk, 0); // Initial state 0
a := FirstToken();
loop
  s := TopStack(Stk); // Current state
  if action[s, a] = si then // Shift and go to state i
    PushStack(Stk, a); PushStack(Stk, i);
    a := NextToken();
  else if action[s, a] = rj then // Reduce with rule j) A → α
    for i := 1 to |α| do
      PopStack(Stk); PopStack(Stk); // Pop states and symbols
      s' := TopStack(Stk); s' := goto[s', A]; // New state s'
      PushStack(Stk, A); PushStack(Stk, s'); // Push symbol A and s'
      emit production rule A → α
  else if action[s, a] = acc then // Accept
    accept
  else throw syntax error
endloop
    
```



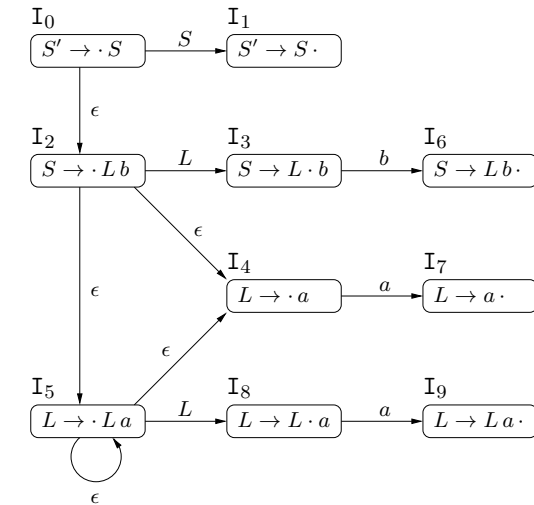
## LR(0) Items

- An LR(0) item has the form  $A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta$ 
  - at this moment  $\alpha$  is on [top of] the stack
  - it is expected [at the beginning of the rest of the input] something derivable from  $\beta$
- For example, at state  $I_7$  of the previous automata:
  - we have  $T^*$  on top of the stack, and we are expecting something that can be a factor  $F$  in order to get a term  $T$  of the form  $T^* F$ .  
So item  $T \rightarrow T^* \cdot F \in I_7$
  - we are also directly expecting an identifier  $id$  to get that factor  $F$ , or a left parenthesis  $($  to get a factor of the form  $( E )$ .  
So also items  $F \rightarrow \cdot id$  and  $F \rightarrow \cdot ( E ) \in I_7$



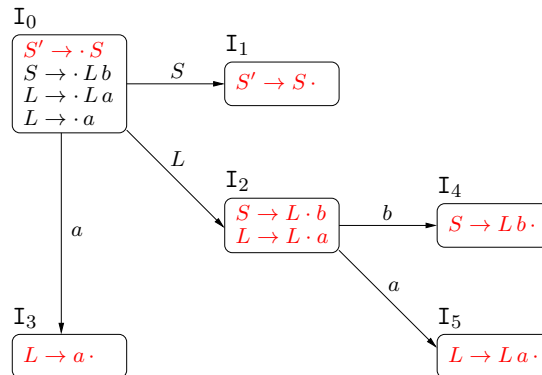
## LR(0) NFA

- $S' \rightarrow S$
- $S \rightarrow L b$
- $L \rightarrow L a$
- $L \rightarrow a$



## LR(0) DFA

- $S' \rightarrow S$
- $S \rightarrow L b$
- $L \rightarrow L a$
- $L \rightarrow a$



## LR(0) Tables Construction

- if  $A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot a \beta \in I_i$  and  $DTran[I_i, a] = I_j$  then  
 $action[i, a] \supseteq \{ \text{shift } a \text{ and go to } j (s_j) \}$
- if  $A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \in I_i$  and  $n) A \rightarrow \alpha \in G$  then  
 $\forall a \in \Sigma \cup \{ \$ \} :$   
 $action[i, a] \supseteq \{ \text{reduce with rule } n (r_n) \}$
- if  $A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot A \beta \in I_i$  and  $DTran[I_i, A] = I_j$  then  
 $goto[i, A] = j$





## LR(0) Tables Construction

- 0)  $S' \rightarrow S$
- 1)  $S \rightarrow L b$
- 2)  $L \rightarrow L a$
- 3)  $L \rightarrow a$

state	action			goto	
	a	b	\$	S	L
0	s3			1	2
1			acc		
2	s5	s4			
3	r3	r3	r3		
4	r1	r1	r1		
5	r2	r2	r2		



## LR(0) Tables Construction. Example

- 0)  $E' \rightarrow E$
- 1)  $E \rightarrow E + T$
- 2)  $E \rightarrow T$
- 3)  $T \rightarrow T * F$
- 4)  $T \rightarrow F$
- 5)  $F \rightarrow (E)$
- 6)  $F \rightarrow id$

state	action						goto		
	id	+	*	(	)	\$	E	T	F
0	s5			s4			1	2	3
1		s6				acc			
2	r2	r2	<b>r2</b> <b>s7</b>	r2	r2	r2			
3	r4	r4	r4	r4	r4	r4			
4	s5			s4			8	2	3
5	r6	r6	r6	r6	r6	r6			
6	s5			s4				9	3
7	s5			s4					10
8		s6				s11			
9	r1	r1	<b>r1</b> <b>s7</b>	r1	r1	r1			
10	r3	r3	r3	r3	r3	r3			
11	r5	r5	r5	r5	r5	r5			



## SLR(1) Tables Construction

- if  $A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot a \beta \in I_i$  and  $DTran[I_i, a] = I_j$  then  
 $action[i, a] \supseteq \{ \text{shift } a \text{ and go to } j (s_j) \}$
- if  $A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \in I_i$  and  $n) A \rightarrow \alpha \in G$  then  
 $\forall a \in follow(A) :$   
 $action[i, a] \supseteq \{ \text{reduce with rule } n (r_n) \}$
- if  $A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot A \beta \in I_i$  and  $DTran[I_i, A] = I_j$  then  
 $goto[i, A] = j$



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state	action			goto	
	a	b	\$	S	L
0	s3			1	2
1			acc		
2	s5	s4			
3	r3	r3			
4			r1		
5	r2	r2			

$follow(S) = \{ \$ \}$

$follow(L) = \{ a, b \}$

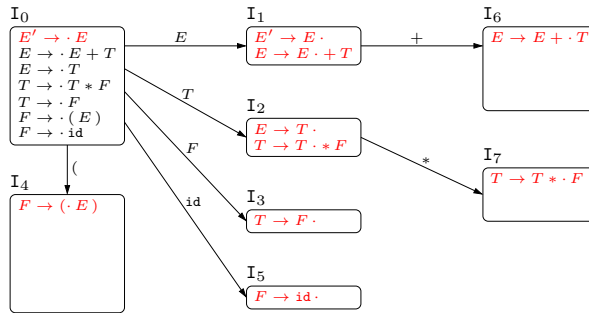


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- 4)  $T \rightarrow F$
- 5)  $F \rightarrow (E)$
- 6)  $F \rightarrow id$

state	action						goto		
	id	+	*	(	)	\$	E	T	F
0	s5			s4			1	2	3
1		s6				acc			
2		r2	<b>s7</b>		r2	r2			
3		r4	r4		r4	r4			

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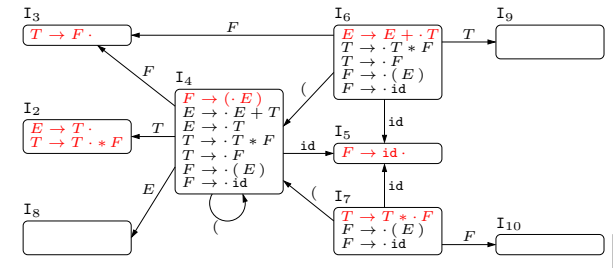


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state	action						goto		
	id	+	*	(	)	\$	E	T	F
4	s5			s4			8	2	3
5		r6	r6		r6	r6			
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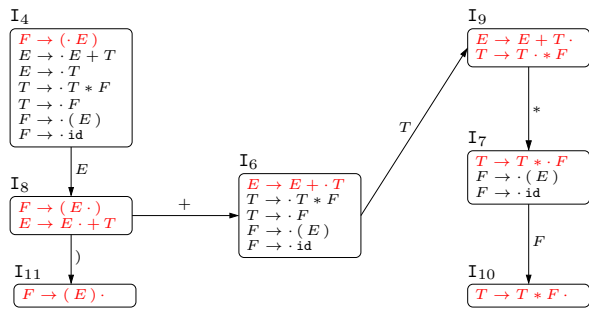


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