

LR Parsing
Also called "Shift-Reduce Parsing"
Find a rightmost derivation
Finds it in reverse order

LR Grammars
Can be parsed with an LR Parser
LR Languages
Can be described with LR Grammar
Can be parsed with an LR Parser

Regular Languages
$\square$
LL Languages
$\subset$
LR Languages $\subset$
Unambiguous Languages $\subset$


All Context-Free Languages $\subset$
All Languages

## LR Parsing Techniques:

LR Parsing
Most General Approach
SLR
Simpler algorithm, but not as general
LALR
More complex, but saves space

## A Rightmost Derivation

Rules Used: $\quad$ Right-Sentential Forms:
$\mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{T} \quad \mathbf{E}$
$\mathrm{T} \rightarrow \mathrm{T} * \mathrm{~F} \quad \begin{aligned} & \mathrm{T} \\ & \mathrm{T} * \mathrm{~F}\end{aligned}$





## An LR Parse

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Right-Sentential Forms:

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { 1. } \quad \mathrm{E} \rightarrow \mathrm{E}+\mathrm{T} \\
& \text { 2. } \mathrm{E} \rightarrow \mathrm{~T} \\
& \text { 3. } \mathrm{T} \rightarrow \mathrm{~T} * \mathrm{~F} \\
& \text { 4. } \mathrm{T} \rightarrow \mathrm{~F} \\
& \text { 5. } \mathrm{F} \rightarrow \text { (E }) \\
& \text { 6. } \mathrm{F} \rightarrow \text { id }
\end{aligned}
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(id +id) * id









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$\mathrm{T} \rightarrow \mathrm{F}$
$(F+\underline{i d})$ * $\underline{i d}$
$\mathrm{E} \rightarrow \mathrm{T}$
$(T+i d)$ *id

F $\rightarrow$ id
( $\mathrm{E}+\underline{i d)}$ * id
$\mathrm{T} \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$
$(E+F)$ *id
$(E+T)$ * $\underline{i d}$










## The LR Parsing Algorithm



Syntax Analysis - Part 2

## Handles

Definition: "Handle"

Given a right-sentential form $\gamma$,
A handle is

- A position in $\gamma$
- A rule $A \rightarrow \beta$

Such that if you do a reduction by $\mathrm{A} \rightarrow \beta$ at that point, it is a valid step in a rightmost derivation.

In other words...
let

$$
\gamma=\alpha \beta \mathrm{w}
$$

then

$$
\mathrm{S} \Rightarrow_{\mathrm{RM}} * \alpha \mathrm{AW} \Rightarrow_{\mathrm{RM}} \alpha \beta \mathrm{~W}
$$

## Handles: Example

1. $\mathrm{S} \rightarrow \mathrm{f} \mathrm{ABe}$
2. $\mathrm{A} \rightarrow \mathrm{Agc}$
3. $\mathrm{A} \rightarrow \mathrm{g}$
4. $B \rightarrow d$

## A rightmost derivation, in reverse:

Input String:

$$
\mathrm{f} \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{c} \mathrm{de}
$$

Reduce by $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{g}$
f A g c de
Reduce by $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A g c}$
f $\mathrm{A} d e$
Reduce by $\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{d}$ f AB B
Reduce by $\mathbf{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{f A B e}$ S

Success! The handles are in red!

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f g g c de
Reduce by $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathrm{g}$
f $A \mathrm{~g} \boldsymbol{c} \overrightarrow{\mathrm{~d} e}$
Reduce by $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{g}$
$f$ AAcde

Now we are stuck!
No way to continue reducing!
Must be careful in deciding when to reduce, or else we may get stuck!

## Shift-Reduce Parsing

## Goal:

Find handles and perform reductions.
Is there a handle on the top of the stack?
Yes: Do a reduction
No: Shift another input symbol onto the stack
Possible Actions:
Shift
Push current input symbol onto stack
Advance input to next symbol
Reduce
A handle is on the top of the stack
Pop the handle
Push the lefthand side of the rule
Accept
Report success and terminate Error

Report error and terminate

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| Syntax Analysis - Part 2 |  |  |  | 1. $\mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathrm{E}+\mathrm{T}$ <br> 2. $\mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathrm{T}$ <br> 3. $\mathrm{T} \rightarrow \mathrm{T} * \mathrm{~F}$ <br> 4. $\mathbf{T} \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$ <br> 5. $\mathrm{F} \rightarrow(\mathrm{E})$ <br> 6. F $\rightarrow$ id |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Time | Notati | for a Shift-R | duce Execution |  |
|  | STACK | INPUT | $\underline{\text { ACTION }}$ |  |
|  | \$ | (id+id) *id\$ |  |  |
|  | \$ 1 | id+id) *id\$ | Shift |  |
|  | \$ (id) | +id) *id\$ | Shift |  |
|  | \$ (F) | +id) *id | Reduce by $\mathrm{F} \rightarrow$ id |  |
|  | \$ (T | +id) *id | Reduce by $\mathrm{T} \rightarrow \mathrm{F}$ |  |
|  | \$ (E | +id) *id | Reduce by $\mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathrm{T}$ |  |
|  | \$ (E+ | ) *id\$ | Shift |  |
|  | \$ (E+id | ) *id\$ | Shift |  |
|  | \$ (E+F) | ) *id\$ | Reduce by $\mathrm{F} \rightarrow$ id |  |
|  | \$ (E+T | ) *id\$ | Reduce by $\mathrm{T} \rightarrow \mathrm{F}$ |  |
|  | \$ (E | ) *id\$ | Reduce by $\mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathrm{E}+\mathrm{T}$ |  |
|  | \$(E) | *id\$ | Shift |  |
|  | \$F | *id\$ | Reduce by F $\rightarrow$ ( E ) |  |
|  | \$T | *id\$ | Reduce by $\mathrm{T} \rightarrow \mathrm{F}$ |  |
|  | \$T* | id\$ | Shift |  |
|  | \$T*id | \$ | Shift |  |
|  | \$T*F | \$ | Reduce by $\mathrm{F} \rightarrow$ id |  |
|  | \$T | \$ | Reduce by $\mathrm{T} \rightarrow \mathrm{T} * \mathrm{~F}$ |  |
|  | \$E | \$ | Reduce by $\mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathrm{T}$ |  |
|  | \$E | \$ | Accept |  |

## Shift-Reduce Actions



## How do we know what to do at each step?

## Given:

- The stack and the current input symbol
- The tables (ACTION and GOTO)

Should be deterministic!
Reduce-Reduce Conflict
Can reduce by 2 different rules... Which to use???
Shift-Reduce Conflict
Can either shift or reduce... Which to do???

## LR Parsing Approach:

Build Tables
(Algorithm to follow)
Each table entry will have one action (SHIFT, REDUCE, ACCEPT, or ERROR)
Failure when building the tables?
Some entry has multiple actions!
$\therefore$ The grammar is not LR!
LR Grammars are unambiguous
Only one rightmost derivation
$\therefore$ There is only one handle at each step

## LR Parsing

One Parsing Algorithm
Several Ways to Build the Tables
SLR (or "Simple LR")

- May fail to build a table for some LR grammars
- SLR Grammars $\subset$ LR Grammars
- Easiest to understand

LR (or " Canonical LR")

- The general algorithm
- Will work for any LR Grammar

LALR (or "Lookahead LR")

- Will build smaller tables
- May fail for some LR Grammars
- SLR Grammars $\subset$ LALR Grammars $\subset$ LR Grammars
- Most difficult to understand
- Used in parser generators


## LR(1) Parsing

The knowledge of what we've parsed so far is in the stack.
Some knowledge is buried in the stack.
We need a "summary" of what we've learned so far.
LR Parsing uses a second stack for this information.
Stack 1: Stack of grammar symbols (terminals and nonterminals)
Stack 2: Stack of "states".
States $=\left\{\mathrm{S}_{0}, \mathrm{~S}_{1}, \mathrm{~S}_{2}, \mathrm{~S}_{3}, \ldots, \mathrm{~S}_{\mathrm{N}}\right\}$
Implementation: Just use integers ( $0,1,2,3, \ldots$ ) $\Rightarrow$ Just use a stack of integers

## When deciding on an action...

- Consult the Parsing Tables (ACTION, and GOTO)
- Consult the top of the stack of states


## The Stack of States

Stack of Grammar Symbols:


Stack of States:


Idea: We can combine the two stacks into one!

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| :---: |
| $S_{5}$ |
| id |
| $S_{3}$ |
| + |
| $S_{8}$ |
| $E$ |
| $S_{7}$ |
| $S_{0}$ |

Note: The $\$$ will not be needed. State $S_{0}$ will signal the stack bottom.


## Example LR Parse: (id+id)*id $\frac{\text { STACK }}{0} \quad \frac{\text { INPUT }}{(\mathrm{id}+\mathrm{id})} *$ ids $\quad$ ACTION

1. $\mathrm{E} \rightarrow \mathrm{E}+\mathrm{T}$
2. $\mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{T}$
3. $\mathrm{T} \rightarrow \mathrm{T} * \mathrm{~F}$
4. $\mathbf{T} \rightarrow \mathrm{F}$
5. $\mathrm{F} \rightarrow(\mathrm{E})$
6. $F \rightarrow$ id

What next?

What next?

## Example LR Parse: (id+id)*id

| STACK | INPUT | ACTION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | (id+id) *id\$ |  |
| 0 (4 | id+id) *id\$ | Shift 4 |
| 0 (4id5 | +id) *id\$ | Shift 5 |
| 0 (4F3 | +id) *id\$ | Reduce by F $\rightarrow$ id |
| 0 (4T2 | +id) *id\$ | Reduce by $\mathrm{T} \rightarrow \mathrm{F}$ |
| 0 (4E8 | +id) *id\$ | Reduce by $\mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{T}$ |
| 0 (4E8+6 | ) *id\$ | Shift 6 |
| $0(4 \mathrm{E} 8+6 \mathrm{id} 5$ | ) *id\$ | Shift 5 |
| 0 (4E8+6F3 | ) *id\$ | Reduce by $\mathbf{F} \rightarrow \underline{\text { id }}$ |
| 0 (4E8+6T9 | ) *id\$ | Reduce by $\mathrm{T} \rightarrow \mathrm{F}$ |
| 0 (4E8 | ) *id\$ | Reduce by $\mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}+\mathrm{T}$ |
| 0 (4E4) 11 | *id\$ | Shift |
| 0F3 | *id\$ | Reduce by $\mathrm{F} \rightarrow$ ( E ) |
| 0T2 | *id\$ | Reduce by $\mathbf{T} \rightarrow \mathrm{F}$ |
| 0T2*7 | id\$ | Shift 7 |
| 0T2*7id5 | \$ | Shift 5 |
| 0T2*7F10 | \$ | Reduce by $\mathrm{F} \rightarrow$ id |
| 0T2 | \$ | Reduce by $\mathrm{T} \rightarrow \mathrm{T} * \mathrm{~F}$ |
| OE1 | \$ | Reduce by $\mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{T}$ Accept |



## The LR Parsing Algorithm

Input:

- String to parse, w
- Precomputed ACTION and GOTO tables for grammar G


## Output:

- Success, if $w \in L(G)$
plus a trace of rules used
- Failure, if syntax error

```
push state 0 onto the stack
loop
    s = state on top of stack
    c = next input symbol
    if ACTION[s,c] = "Shift N" then
        push c onto the stack
        advance input
        push state N onto stack
    elseif ACTION[s,c] = "Reduce R"
        then
            let rule R be A }->
            pop 2*|\beta| items off the stack
            s' = state now on stack top
            push A onto stack
            push GOTO[s',A] onto stack
            print "A }->\mp@subsup{\beta}{}{\prime
    elseif ACTION[s,c] = "Accept"
        then
            return success
    else
        print "Syntax error"
        return
    endIf
endLoop
```

Syntax Analysis - Part 2

## LR Grammars

## What to do next?

- Look at the stack
- Look at the next input symbol

LR(1) Typical
$\operatorname{LR}(\mathrm{k})$ Look at the next $k$ input symbols
"LR" means $\operatorname{LR}(\mathrm{k})$ for some $k$.

Find a rightmost derivation

Using one symbol of look-ahead

A language is LR if...

- it can be described by an LR Grammar
- it can be parsed by an LR Parser

LR Grammars are never ambiguous
Not Ambiguous?
Some unambiguous grammars are still not LR!
Most Programming Languages...
use LR grammars (or can be transformed into equivalent LR grammars)

## An Unambiguous Grammar which is NOT LR

S $\rightarrow$ AlB
$\mathrm{A} \rightarrow(\mathrm{A})$
$\rightarrow$ ()
$B \rightarrow(B))$
$\rightarrow$ ())

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Example Strings:
    ((()))
    ((())))))
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The problem:
Imagine seeing this input:
( ( ( ( ( () ) ...
The LR Parser must reduce by either

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{A} \rightarrow() \\
& \text { or } \\
& \mathrm{B} \rightarrow(1))
\end{aligned}
$$

But you cannot decide which rule to use
It may require an arbitrarily long look-ahead
In general, you may need arbitrarily long input before deciding!

## Relationship of Language Classes

## Regular Languages

$\subset$
LL Languages
$\subset$
LR Languages
$\subset$
Unambiguous Languages
$\subset$
All Context-Free Languages
$\subset$
All Languages

