

Introduction to Compiler Construction

Parsing: Bottom-up LR(1) Algorithm

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T	$+id*id\#$	reduce 2
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$E+T$	$*id\#$	shift
$E+T*$	$id\#$	shift
$E+T*id$	$\#$	reduce 6
$E+T*F$	$\#$	reduce 3
$E+T$	$\#$	reduce 1
E	$\#$	✓

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The following questions arise

- How does the parser know when to shift and when to reduce?
- When reducing, how many symbols on top of the stack play a role in the reduction?
- Also, when reducing, by which rule does the parser make the reduction with?

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If there is not a handle on top of the stack and shifting an input token onto the stack results in a viable prefix, a shift is called for

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Input: Action and Goto tables and a sentence w

Output: a right-most derivation in reverse

1: Initially, the parser has the configuration,

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s_0	$a_1 a_2 \dots a_n \#$

where $a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$ is the input sentence

2: **repeat**

3: If $\text{Action}[s_m, a_k] = ss_i$, the parser executes a shift (the s stands for “shift”) and goes into state s_i

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$s_0 X_1 s_1 X_2 s_2 \dots X_m s_m a_k s_i$	$a_{k+1} \dots a_n \#$

4: Otherwise, if $\text{Action}[s_m, a_k] = ri$ (the r stands for “reduce”), where i is the index of the rule $Y ::= X_j X_{j+1} \dots X_m$, the parser replaces the symbols and states $X_j s_j X_{j+1} s_{j+1} \dots X_m s_m$ by Ys , where $s = \text{Goto}[s_{j-1}, Y]$, and outputs i

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5: Otherwise, if $\text{Action}[s_m, a_k] = \text{accept}$, the parser halts successfully

6: Otherwise, if $\text{Action}[s_m, a_k] = \text{error}$, the parser raises an error

7: **until** either the sentence is parsed or an error is raised

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2: **repeat**

3: If C contains an item of the form

$[Y ::= \alpha \cdot X \beta, a]$,

then add the item

$[X ::= \cdot \gamma, b]$

to C for every rule $X ::= \gamma$ in P and for every token b in $\text{first}(\beta_a)$

4: **until** no new items may be added

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Informally, to compute $\text{goto}(s, X)$, take all items from s with a \cdot before the X and move it after the X , and take the closure of that

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Output: the state goto(s, X)

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- 3: $r.\text{add}([Y ::= \alpha X \cdot \beta, a])$
- 4: **end for**
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$$\text{goto}(s_0, \text{id}) = s_5 = \{ [F ::= \text{id} \cdot, +/*/\#] \}$$

LR(1) Parse Tables · LR(1) Canonical Collection

Input: a context-free grammar $G = (N, T, S, P)$

Output: the canonical LR(1) collection of states $\mathcal{C} = \{s_0, s_1, \dots, s_n\}$

- 1: Define an augmented grammar G' which is G with the added non-terminal S' and added production rule $S' ::= S$
- 2: $s_0 \leftarrow \text{closure}(\{[S' ::= \cdot S, \#]\})$
- 3: $\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \text{Set}(s_0)$
- 4: **repeat**
- 5: **for** $s \in \mathcal{C}$ **do**
- 6: **for** $X \in T \cup N$ **do**
- 7: **if** $\text{goto}(s, X) \neq \emptyset$ and $\text{goto}(s, X) \notin \mathcal{C}$ **then**
- 8: $\mathcal{C}.\text{add}(\text{goto}(s, X))$
- 9: **end if**
- 10: **end for**
- 11: **end for**
- 12: **until** no new states are added to \mathcal{C}

LR(1) Parse Tables · LR(1) Canonical Collection

Example (the LR(1) canonical collection for the arithmetic expression grammar)

$$s_0 = \{[E' ::= \cdot E, \#], [E ::= \cdot E+T, +/\#], [E ::= \cdot T, +/\#], [T ::= \cdot T*F, +/\#/\#], [T ::= \cdot F, +/\#/\#], [F ::= \cdot (E), +/\#/\#], [F ::= \cdot id, +/\#/\#]\}$$

$$\text{goto}(s_0, E) = \{[E' ::= E\cdot, \#], [E ::= E\cdot+T, +/\#]\} = s_1$$

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$$\text{goto}(s_4, E) = \{[F ::= (E\cdot), +/\#/\#], [E ::= E\cdot+T, +/\#]\} = s_8$$

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$$\text{goto}(s_4, id) = \{[F ::= id\cdot, +/\#/\#]\} = s_{12}$$

$$\text{goto}(s_6, T) = \{[E ::= E+T\cdot, +/\#], [T ::= T\cdot*F, +/\#/\#]\} = s_{13}$$

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$$\text{goto}(s_7, F) = \{[T ::= T*F\cdot, +/\#/\#]\} = s_{14}$$

$$\text{goto}(s_7, () = s_4$$

$$\text{goto}(s_7, id) = s_5$$

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$\text{goto}(s_8, \cdot) = \{[F ::= (E)\cdot, +/*/\#]\} = s_{15}$

$\text{goto}(s_8, +) = \{[E ::= E+\cdot T, +/), [T ::= \cdot T*F, +/*/\#), [T ::= \cdot F, +/*/\#), [F ::= \cdot (E), +/*/\#), [F ::= \cdot \text{id}, +/*/\#)\} = s_{16}$

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$\text{goto}(s_{16}, () = s_{11}$

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$\text{goto}(s_{17}, F) = \{[T ::= T*F\cdot, +/*/\#)\} = s_{20}$

$\text{goto}(s_{17}, () = s_{11}$

$\text{goto}(s_{17}, \text{id}) = s_{12}$

$\text{goto}(s_{18}, () = \{[F ::= (E)\cdot, +/*/\#), \} = s_{21}$

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Input: a context-free grammar $G = (N, T, S, P)$

Output: the LR(1) tables Action and Goto

1. Compute the LR(1) canonical collection $\mathcal{C} = \{s_0, s_1, \dots, s_n\}$
2. The Action table is constructed as follows:
 - a For each transition, $\text{goto}(s_i, a) = s_j$, where a is a terminal, set $\text{Action}[i, a] = s_j$
 - b If the item set s_k contains the item $[S' ::= S \cdot, \#]$, set $\text{Action}[k, \#] = \text{accept}$
 - c For all item sets s_i , if s_i contains an item of the form $[Y ::= \alpha \cdot, a]$, set $\text{Action}[i, a] = rp$, where p is the number of the rule $Y ::= \alpha$
 - d All undefined entries in Action are set to error
3. The Goto table is constructed as follows:
 - a For each transition, $\text{goto}(s_i, Y) = s_j$, where Y is a non-terminal, set $\text{Goto}[i, Y] = j$
 - b All undefined entries in Goto are set to error

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Example (Action and Goto tables for the arithmetic expression grammar)

	Action						Goto		
	+	*	()	id	#	E	T	F
0			s4		s5		1	2	3
1	s6					✓			
2	r2	s7				r2			
3	r4	r4				r4			
4			s11		s12		8	9	10
5	r6	r6				r6			
6			s4		s5			13	3
7			s4		s5				14
8	s16				s15				
9	r2	s17			r2				
10	r4	r4			r4				
11			s11		s12		18	9	10
12	r6	r6			r6				
13	r1	s7				r1			
14	r3	r3				r3			
15	r5	r5				r5			
16			s11		s12			19	10
17			s11		s12				20
18	s16				s21				
19	r1	s17			r1				
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21	r5	r5			r5				

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Example (the dangling else problem)

$$S ::= \text{if } (E) S$$

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Most parser generators that are based on LR grammars favor a shift of the `else` over a reduce of the `if (E) S` to an `S`

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The reduce-reduce conflict can happen when we have a state containing two items of the form

$$[X ::= \alpha \cdot, a]$$

$$[Y ::= \beta \cdot, a]$$