

## LR(1) Parsing

- shift/reduce algorithm
  - two operations
    - · shift the current position one place to the right
    - reduce by applying a production to the string to the immediate left of the current position
      - if  $A \rightarrow xy$  is a production, then reduce  $Cbxy \mid ijk \Rightarrow CbA \mid ijk$
  - maintain a current position in *w*, starting at the left end: |*w*
  - reduce if possible, shift otherwise

| <ul> <li>resolve ambiguities in reductions by looking ahead<br/>one character</li> <li>if this is always possible, the grammar is an LR(1) grammar</li> </ul> | $\begin{array}{c} E \longrightarrow E + T \\ E \longrightarrow T \\ T \longrightarrow T * F \end{array}$                  |
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| parse $(x+y)*z$ using the LR(1) parsing algorithm   | $\begin{array}{l} T \longrightarrow F \\ F \longrightarrow (E) \\ F \longrightarrow x \\ F \longrightarrow y \end{array}$ |
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## Parsing Context-Free Grammars

- in an *unambiguous* grammar *G*, at each step in a left derivation there's only one production that can be applied that will lead to a correct derivation of *w*
- G is an LL(1) grammar if that one production can be determined by (only) looking ahead to the next symbol in W
  - LL(1) means w is read Left-to-right and a Left derivation is constructed by looking ahead at most 1 character in w
  - not all unambiguous context-free grammars are LL(1)
- G is an LR(1) grammar if it is always possible to tell which rule to apply at each step of the right derivation by (only) looking ahead to the next symbol in w
  - LR(1) means w is read Left-to-right and a Right derivation is constructed by looking ahead at most 1 character in w

6. Show the full sequence of shift and reduce operations that are used in the LR(1) parsing of the string x + (y) \* z according to the grammar  $G_3$ , and give the corresponding right derivation of the string.

| $E \longrightarrow E + T$    |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| $E \longrightarrow T$        |  |
| $T \longrightarrow T \ast F$ |  |
| $T \longrightarrow F$        |  |
| $F \longrightarrow (E)$      |  |
| $F \longrightarrow x$        |  |
| $F \longrightarrow y$        |  |
| $F \longrightarrow z$        |  |

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# LL(1) vs LR(1)

- LR(1) is strictly more powerful than LL(1)
  - there are LL(1) grammars that are not LR(1), but every LL(1) grammar is guaranteed to be LR(1)
- LL(1) and LR(1) are just the tip of the iceberg
  - LL(0), LR(0)
  - SLR(1)
  - LALR(1)
  - LL(k),LR(k)
  - differ in power but also memory requirements and complexity of the algorithm
  - LL(1) and LALR(1) are most common in real compilers
     even though LR(1) is more powerful, it has high memory requirements and in general, LL(1) and LALR(1) grammars can be constructed for real programming languages
    - real parsers are typically produced by parser generators

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### Parse Trees

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Based on this theorem, we can say that a context-free grammar G is ambiguous if and only if there is a string  $w \in L(G)$  which has two parse trees.

#### Parse Trees

• a parse tree is another way of showing a derivation



- **3.** Draw a parse tree for the string (x+y)\*z\*x according to each of the grammars  $G_1, G_2$ , and  $G_3$ , as given in this section.
- 4. Draw three different parse trees for the string *ababbaab* based on the grammar given in part a) of exercise 1.

|   | $\begin{array}{l} E \longrightarrow E + E \\ E \longrightarrow E \ast E \\ E \longrightarrow (E) \\ E \longrightarrow x \\ E \longrightarrow y \\ E \longrightarrow z \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c} E \longrightarrow TA \\ A \longrightarrow +TA \\ A \longrightarrow \varepsilon \\ T \longrightarrow FB \\ B \longrightarrow *FB \\ B \longrightarrow \varepsilon \\ F \longrightarrow (E) \\ F \longrightarrow x \\ F \longrightarrow y \\ F \longrightarrow z \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c} E \longrightarrow E + T \\ E \longrightarrow T \\ T \longrightarrow T * F \\ T \longrightarrow F \\ F \longrightarrow (E) \\ F \longrightarrow x \\ F \longrightarrow y \\ F \longrightarrow z \end{array}$ |  | a) $S \longrightarrow SS$<br>$S \longrightarrow aSb$<br>$S \longrightarrow bSa$<br>$S \longrightarrow \varepsilon$ |  |  |  |
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