Programming Paradigms

Syntax (Part 6)

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Overview

- **Specifying syntax**
  - Regular expressions
  - Context-free grammars
- **Scanning**
- **Parsing**
  - Top-down parsing
  - Bottom-up parsing 

Bottom-up Parsing

- **LR(k) parsers**
  - Left-to-right scanning, Right-most derivation, k tokens look-ahead
- **Difficult to do by hand**
- **Mostly based on automatically generated table**

Shift-reduce Algorithm

- **Repeat until all tokens read and all symbols reduced to start symbol:**
  - Shift (i.e., read) input tokens
  - Try to reduce a group of symbols into a single non-terminal

Example: Shift-reduce parsing

$S \rightarrow aTRe$

$T \rightarrow Tbc \mid b$

$R \rightarrow d$

Input: a b b c d e

Steps:

Shift a, shift b
Reduce $T \rightarrow b$
Shift b, shift c
Reduce $T \rightarrow Tbc$
Shift d
Reduce $R \rightarrow d$
Shift e
Reduce $S \rightarrow aTRe$

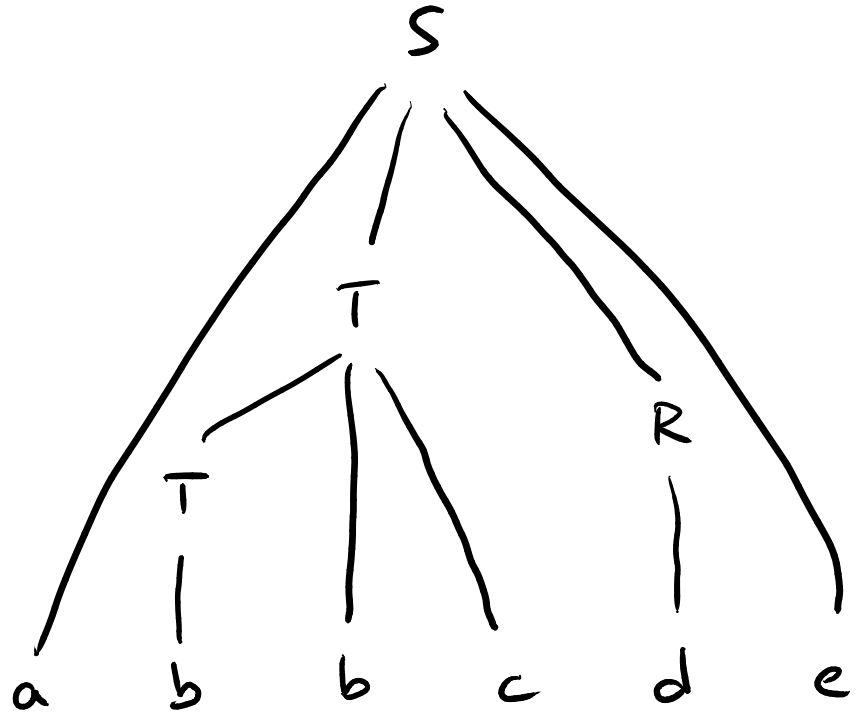

Table-based LR Parsing

- **Two tables**
  - Action table:

    state $\times$ T $\rightarrow$ reduce/shift/accept/error
  - Goto table:

    state $\times$ N $\rightarrow$ state
- **Stack of symbol/state pairs**
  - Record of what has been seen in the past

Example: LR(1) Table

State	a	b	c	d	e	EOF	S	T	R
s0	s1								
s1		s3						2	
s2		s5		s6					4
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s4					s7				
s5			s8						
s6					r4				
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Action table

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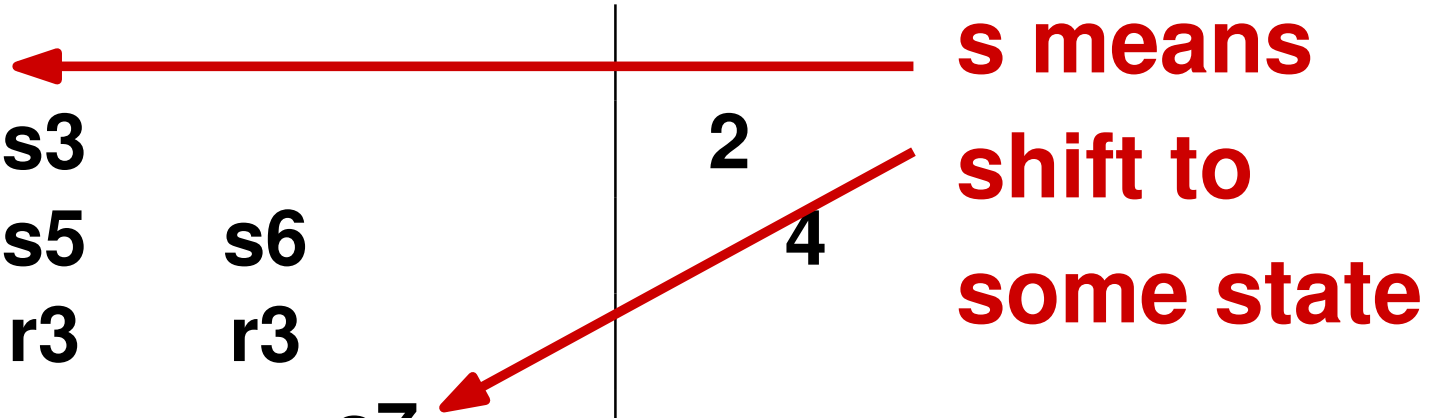

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r means reduce using some production

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Accept input (i.e., done with parsing)

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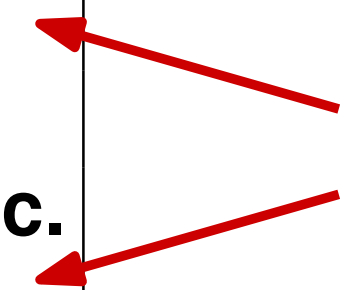

No entry means error

Table-based LR(1) Parsing

```
stack.push(EOF, 0);
nextToken = lookAhead();
repeat
  s = state on top of stack
  if action[s, nextToken] = shift s'
    stack.push(nextToken, s');
    nextToken = lookAhead();
  else if action[s, nextToken] = reduce x -> y1 .. ym
    pop m pairs from stack
    s' = state on top of stack
    push(x, goto[s', x])
  else if action[s, nextToken] = accept
    accept and return
  else error()
```

Table-based LR(1) Parsing

Stack hold roots of partial trees found so far

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Reduce partial trees into a non-terminal by applying a rule

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Read another token

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```

All subtrees reduced to start symbol

How to Get the Table?

- **Using a "characteristic finite-state machine" computed from the grammar**
- **Details differ for different kinds of LR parsers**
  - SLR (simple LR)
  - LALR (look-ahead LR)
  - Full-LR
- **Beyond the scope of this course**

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