


# *Bottom Up Parsers*

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## **Bottom Up Parsing**

- They are powerful compared with TD parsers.
- Understandably more complex.
- Left recursion is not a problem for BU parsers.
- Right recursion is a bit of problem but not serious ?
- *Not suitable for hand coding.*

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## Bottom-up Parsing:



- > LR (1)
- > LR (0)
- > SLR (1)
- > LALR (1)

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## Bottom Up Parsing



- Basic operation is to *shift* terminals from the input to the stack until the right-hand side of an appropriate grammar rule is seen, and then to *reduce* the stuff on the stack that matches the right-hand side to the single non-terminal of the rule. Hence, bottom-up parsers are often called *shift-reduce parsers*.
- Stack can be viewed as containing both terminals and non-terminals.
- Table-driven using an explicit stack.

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## Example Grammar 1



$$E' \rightarrow E$$

$$E \rightarrow E + n \mid n$$

Input: 2 + 3, or  $n + n$

Parse: ( $\$$  is EOF in input, also bottom of stack)

	Parsing stack	Input	Action
1	\$	n + n \$	shift
2	\$ n	+ n \$	reduce $E \rightarrow n$
3	\$ E	+ n \$	shift
4	\$ E +	n \$	shift
5	\$ E + n	\$	reduce $E \rightarrow E + n$
6	\$ E	\$	reduce $E' \rightarrow E$
7	\$ E'	\$	Accept

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## Example Grammar 2



$$S' \rightarrow S$$

$$S \rightarrow (S) S \mid \epsilon$$

Input String: ( )

	Parsing Stack	Input	Action
1	\$	( ) \$	shift
2	\$ (	) \$	reduce $S \rightarrow \epsilon$
3	\$ ( S	) \$	shift
4	\$ ( S )	\$	reduce $S \rightarrow \epsilon$
5	\$ ( S ) S	\$	reduce $S \rightarrow ( S ) S$
6	\$ S	\$	reduce $S' \rightarrow S$
7	\$ S'	\$	Accept

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## Right Sentential Form (RSF) & Viable Prefixes



1.  $E' \rightarrow E \rightarrow E + n \rightarrow n + n$
2.  $S' \rightarrow S \rightarrow (S) S \rightarrow (S) \rightarrow ( )$

- RSF splits the stack and the input during parsing.
- $E, E + , E + n$  are all viable prefixes of RSF of  $E + n$ .

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## Handle



- Parser keeps shifting the terminals on the stack till the time it can perform reduction, that occurs when the RHS of a production rule matches. This string, position where it occurs and the production rule is called handle.
- Main task of a SR parser is to determine the next handle in the string.

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**Derivation Construction:  $E \rightarrow E + E \mid E * E \mid i$**   
**String =  $i + i * i$**

Stack	Input	Production
	$i + i * i$	shift
$i$	$+ i * i$	reduce $E_1 \rightarrow i$
$E_1 +$	$+ i * i$	shift +
$E_1 +$	$i * i$	shift i
$E_1 + i$	$* i$	reduce $E_2 \rightarrow i$
$E_1 + E_2$	$* i$	shift *
$E_1 + E_2 *$	$i$	shift i
$E_1 + E_2 * i$		reduce $E_3 \rightarrow i$
$E_1 + E_2 * E_3$		reduce $E_4 \rightarrow E_2 * E_3$
$E_1 + E_4$		reduce $E_5 \rightarrow E_3 + E_4$
$E_5$		

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# Item


- An *item* is a grammar rule option with a distinguished position (indicated by a period or other symbol):

$$A \rightarrow \alpha . \beta$$

- The position in an item indicates that a parse has reached to the place in recognizing that rule  $\alpha$  is then on the stack, and a  $\beta$  may be coming in the input ( $\alpha$  is called a *viable prefix*).
- A stack state consists of the set of items which have “compatible” viable prefixes.

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## Item Example 1

$E' \rightarrow E$   
 $E \rightarrow E + n \mid n$


$E' \rightarrow .E$   
 $E' \rightarrow E.$   
 $E \rightarrow .E + n$   
 $E \rightarrow E. + n$   
 $E \rightarrow E + .n$   
 $E \rightarrow E + n.$   
 $E \rightarrow .n$   
 $E \rightarrow n.$

**Initial Items**

**Final Items**

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## Item Example 2

$S' \rightarrow S$   
 $S \rightarrow (S) S \mid e$

$S' \rightarrow .S$   
 $S' \rightarrow S.$   
 $S \rightarrow .(S) S$   
 $S \rightarrow (S) S$   
 $S \rightarrow (S.) S$   
 $S \rightarrow (S). S$   
 $S \rightarrow (S) S.$   
 $S \rightarrow .$

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## FA of LR (0) Items



LR(0) items can be used as the states of FA which maintains the information about the parsing stack and the progress of shift-reduce parse.

Typically it starts with NFA and from this one can construct DFA using Subset construction or directly.

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## NFA Construction



Suppose  $S \rightarrow a.y$  and imagine  $y$  begins with a symbol  $X$

$$\gamma \rightarrow a.X\eta$$

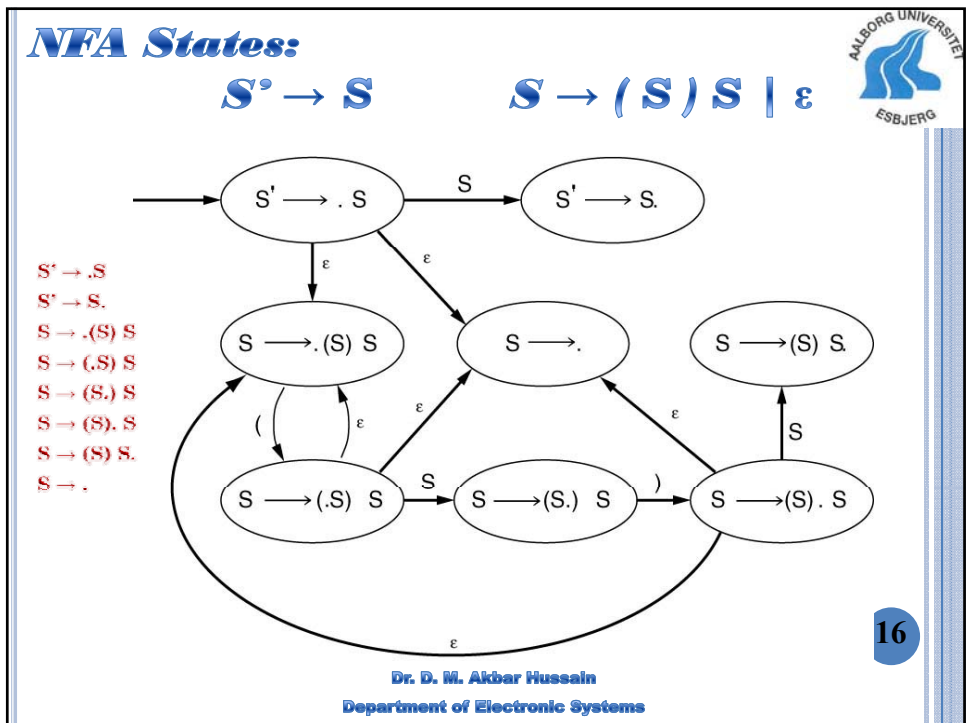
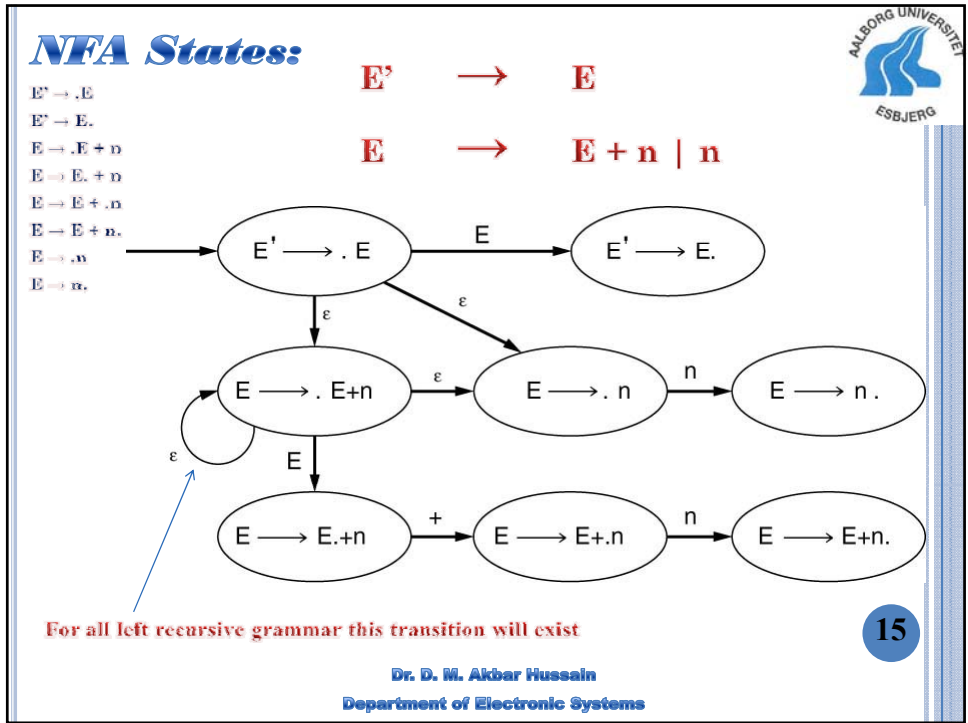
If  $X$  is terminal it is simple just make a transition to that terminal.

But if  $X$  is not a terminal, suppose  $X \rightarrow \beta$ , then a process starts by recognizing  $\beta$ , so for each such case we need a transition of  $\epsilon$ .



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## Computing the DFA of sets of LR(0) items



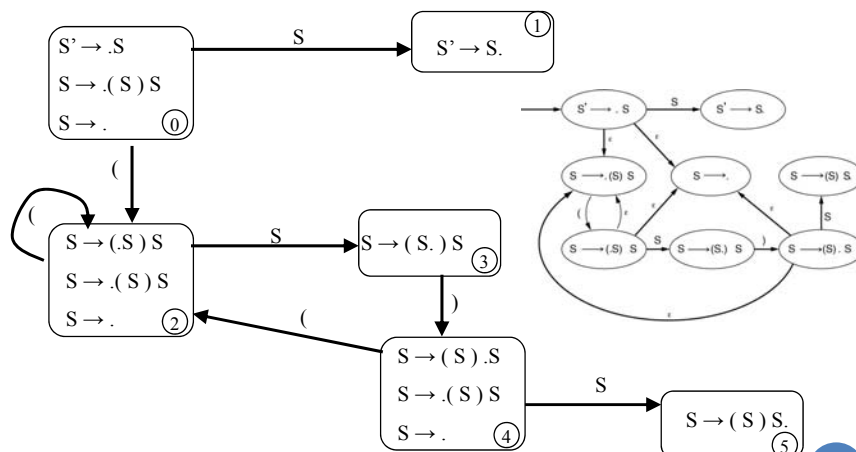
- Add the augmentation item  $S' \rightarrow . S$  to the start state of the DFA. Then add all the *initial items* for  $S$  to the state:  $S \rightarrow . \alpha$ . Continue by adding all the initial items for those non-terminals which appear right after the dot in any previous item (this is called the *closure* of the set of items).
- Every symbol that comes immediately after the dot gives rise to a transition to a state generated by adding closure items to the item with the dot moved past that symbol.

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### DFA Set of States:

$$S \rightarrow ( S ) S \mid \epsilon$$



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**DFA Set of States:**  
 $E \rightarrow E + n \mid n$

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**LR(0) Grammar**


Every state is distinguishable as either it contains shift actions or reduce actions, any other possibility will make either shift-reduce conflict or reduce-reduce conflict. Which will indicate that it is not an LR(0) grammar, so these rules are exclusive.

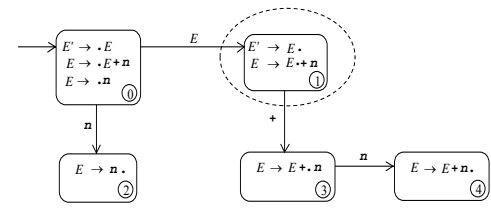
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## Sample Parse “n + n + n” string






	Parsing stack	Input	Action
1	\$ 0	n + n + n \$	shift 2
2	\$ 0 n 2	+ n + n \$	reduce $E \rightarrow n$
3	\$ 0 E 1	+ n + n \$	shift 3
4	\$ 0 E 1 + 3	n + n \$	shift 4
5	\$ 0 E 1 + 3 n 4	+ n \$	reduce $E \rightarrow E + n$
6	\$ 0 E 1	+ n \$	shift 3
7	\$ 0 E 1 + 3	n \$	shift 4
8	\$ 0 E 1 + 3 n 4	\$	reduce $E \rightarrow E + n$
9	\$ 0 E 1	\$	accept

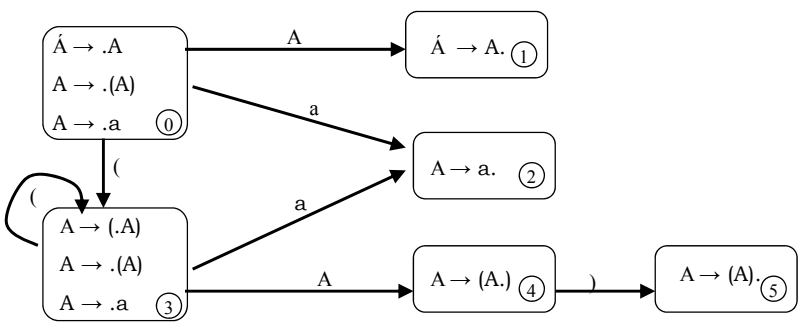
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## Example: $A \rightarrow (A) \mid a$



The DFA of sets of items:

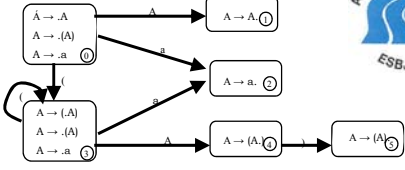


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### Parsing Actions: ((a))

Grammar:  $A \rightarrow ( A ) \mid a$



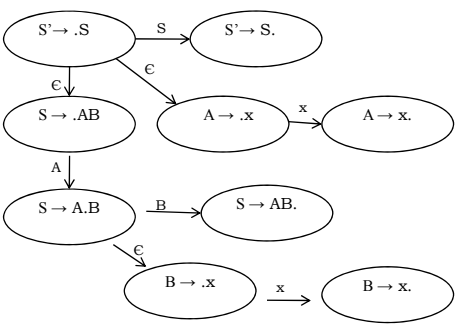
	Parsing Stack	Input	Action
1	\$0	((a))\$	Shift
2	\$0 ( 3	(a))\$	Shift
3	\$0 ( 3 ( 3	a))\$	Shift
4	\$0 ( 3 ( 3 a 2	))\$	Reduce $A \rightarrow a$
5	\$0 ( 3 ( 3 A 4	))\$	Shift
6	\$0 ( 3 ( 3 A 4 ) 5	)\$	Reduce $A \rightarrow ( A )$
7	\$0 ( 3 A 4	)\$	Shift
8	\$0 ( 3 A 4 ) 5	\$	Reduce $A \rightarrow ( A )$
9	\$0 A 1	\$	Accept

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### NFA LR(0) Items

Grammar:  $S \rightarrow AB$   
 $A \rightarrow x$   
 $B \rightarrow x$



S' -> .S

S -> S.

S -> .AB

S -> A.B

S -> AB.

A -> .x

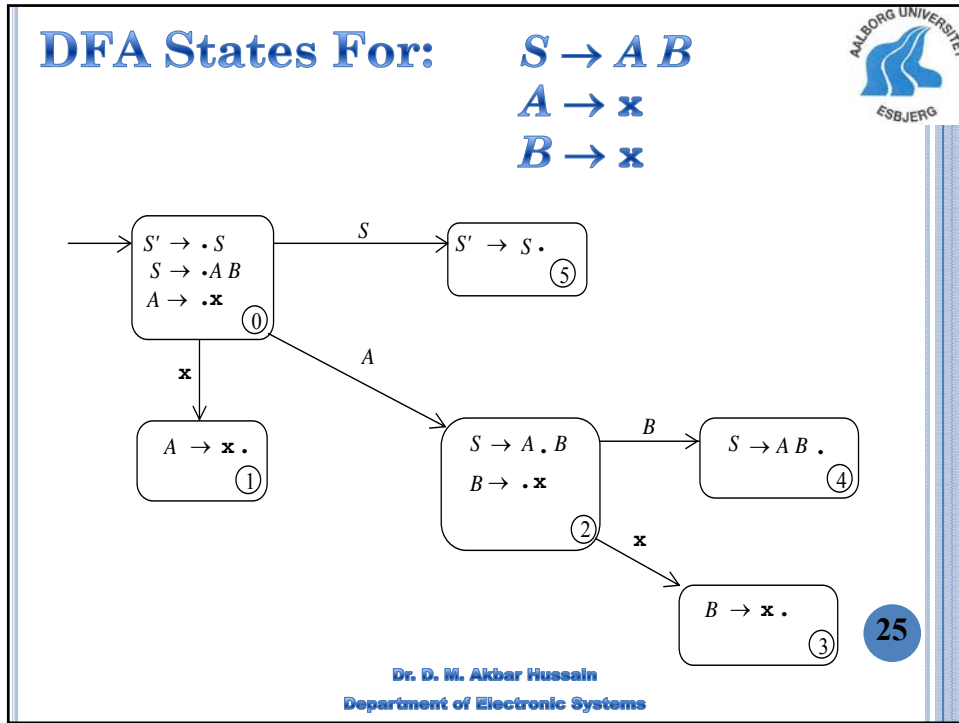
A -> x.

B -> .x

B -> x.

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### Sample Parse for “x x” string

$S \rightarrow A B$   
 $A \rightarrow x$   
 $B \rightarrow x$

	Parsing stack	Input	Action
1	\$0	x x \$	s1
2	\$0x1	x \$	r2 ( $A \rightarrow x$ )
3	\$0A2	x \$	s3
4	\$0A2x3	\$	r3 ( $B \rightarrow x$ )
5	\$0A2B4	\$	r1 ( $S \rightarrow A B$ )
6	\$0S5	\$	accept

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## Yacc/Bison Parsing Tables



With the **-v** option (“verbose”) Yacc generates a file **y.output** (Bison: **<filename>.output**) describing its parsing actions. For the same grammar

$S \rightarrow A B$

$A \rightarrow x$

$B \rightarrow x$

the output file looks as (next slide).

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## Bison Table is Essentially the Same:



**state 0**  
'x' shift, and go to state 1  
S go to state 5  
A go to state 2

**state 1**  
A -> 'x' .(rule 2)  
\$default reduce using rule 2 (A)

**state 2**  
S -> A . B (rule 1)  
'x' shift, and go to state 3  
B go to state 4

**state 3**  
B -> 'x' .(rule 3)  
\$default reduce using rule 3 (B)

**state 4**  
S -> A B . (rule 1)  
\$default reduce using rule 1 (S)

**state 5**  
\$ go to state 6

**state 6**  
\$ go to state 7

**state 7**  
\$default accept

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## Table Driven Bottom Up Parsing



- ACTION | GOTO Table**

The set of DFA items & actions specified by the LR(0) algorithm can be combined into a parsing table, therefore it becomes a table driven parsing method.

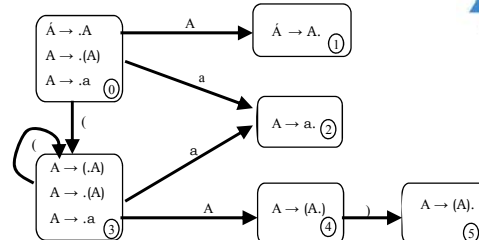
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## Table for Bottom Up Parsing




Grammar:  $A' \rightarrow A$   
 $A \rightarrow ( A ) \mid a$



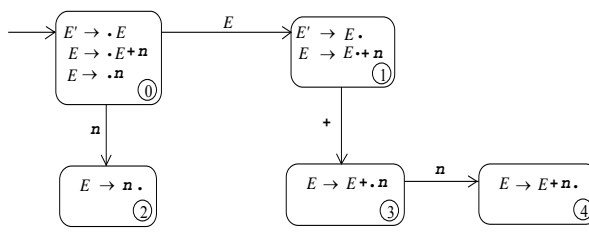
State	Action	Rule	Input			Goto
			(	a	)	A
0	Shift		3	2		1
1	Reduce	Reduce $A' \rightarrow A$				
2	Reduce	Reduce $A \rightarrow a$				
3	Shift		3	2		4
4	Shift				5	
5	Reduce	Reduce $A \rightarrow ( A )$				

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## LR(0) Parsing Table




State	Action	Rule	Input		Goto
			n	+	
0	shift		2		1
1	shift/reduce	$E' \rightarrow E$		3	
2	reduce	$E \rightarrow n$			
3	shift		4		
4	reduce	$E \rightarrow E + n$			

Is this a LR(0) Grammar ?

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## Decision Problems in BU Parsing

- **Shift-reduce conflicts:** Come from ambiguities and almost always the right disambiguating rule is to shift (dangling-else).
- **Reduce-reduce conflicts:** More difficult, bottom-up parsers try to resolve them using Follow set contexts.
- **There are no shift-shift conflicts.**

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**DFA Set of States:  $S \rightarrow ( S ) S \mid \epsilon$**

**Complete Items**

**LR (0) Grammar ?**

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**SLR (1) Parsing**

The power is increased by two actions:

1. Consulting the input token before a shift is executed.
2. Follow set is used for reduction execution.

For example if there is complete item  $A \rightarrow x$ . and the next token in the input is in the Follow (A) use the  $A \rightarrow x$ . rule for reduction.

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## SLR (1) Grammar



1. For any item  $A \rightarrow x.Yc$  in a state  $s$  with a terminal  $Y$ , there is no complete item  $B \rightarrow x.$  in  $s$  with  $Y$  in the Follow ( $B$ ).
2. For any two complete items  $A \rightarrow x., B \rightarrow y.$  in  $s$  Follow ( $A$ )  $\cap$  Follow ( $B$ ) is empty.

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## Reduce-Reduce Example



Grammar:  $S \rightarrow A B$   
 $A \rightarrow x$   
 $B \rightarrow x$

Input:  $x x$

Parse: (Follow( $A$ ) = { $x$ }, Follow( $B$ ) = { $\$$ })

	Parsing stack	Input	Action
1	\$	$x x \$$	shift
2	$\$ x$	$x \$$	reduce $A \rightarrow x$ , reduce $B \rightarrow x$
3	$\$ A$	$x \$$	shift
4	$\$ A x$	$\$$	reduce $B \rightarrow x$
5	$\$ A B$	$\$$	reduce $S \rightarrow A B$
6	$\$ S$	$\$$	accept

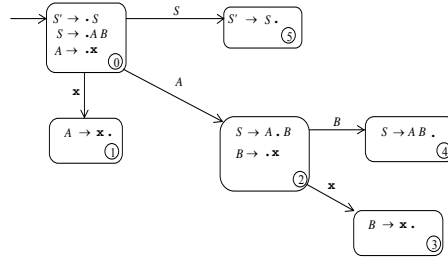
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## Parsing Table from the DFA



- (1)  $S \rightarrow AB$
- (2)  $A \rightarrow x$
- (3)  $B \rightarrow x$



State	Input		Goto		
	x	\$	S	A	B
0	s1		5	2	
1	r2	r2			
2	s3				4
3	r3	r3			
4	r1	r1			
5		accept			

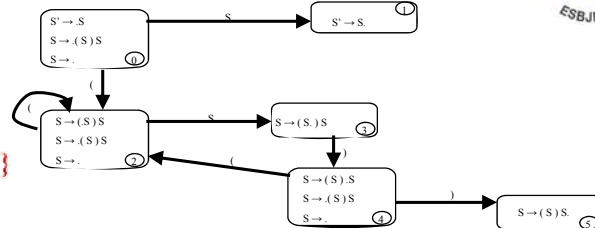
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## SLR (1) Parsing Table



- $S' \rightarrow S$
- $S \rightarrow (S)S \mid \epsilon$
- Follow ( $S'$ ) = { \$ }
- Follow ( $S$ ) = { \$, ) }



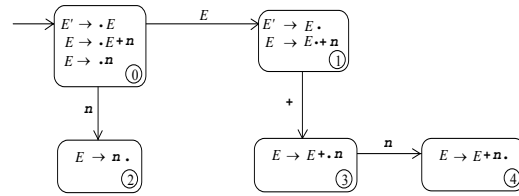
State	Input			Goto
	(	)	\$	
0	s2	R ( S → ε )	R ( S → ε )	1
1			Accept	
2	s2	R ( S → ε )	R ( S → ε )	3
3		s4		
4	s2	R ( S → ε )	R ( S → ε )	5
5		R ( S → ( S ) S )	R ( S → ( S ) S )	

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## Parsing Table (not LR(0)!):



State	Input			Goto
	n	+	\$	
0	s2			1
1		s3	accept	
2		r (E → n)	r (E → n)	
3	s4			
4		r (E → E + n)	r (E → E + n)	

This table uses the SLR(1) rule: consult the Follow sets to decide between a shift and a reduce, or between two reduces:

Follow (E) = { + \$ },

Follow (E') = { \$ }

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## DANGLING-ELSE:



Grammar:

- (1)  $S \rightarrow I$
- (2)  $S \rightarrow \text{other}$
- (3)  $I \rightarrow \text{if } S$
- (4)  $I \rightarrow \text{if } S \text{ else } S$

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## Dangling-else Example:



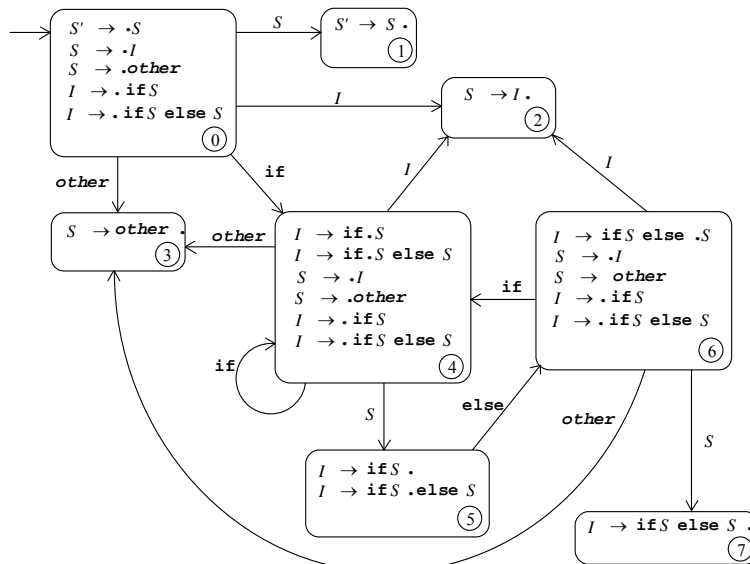
Grammar:  $S \rightarrow I \mid o$   
 $I \rightarrow iS \mid iSeS$   
 Input:  $ii\ o\ e\ o$

	Parsing stack	Input	Action
1	\$	ii o e o \$	shift
2	\$ i	io e o \$	shift
3	\$ ii	o e o \$	shift
4	\$ ii o	e o \$	reduce $S \rightarrow o$
5	\$ ii S	e o \$	shift/reduce (shift)
6	\$ ii Se	o \$	shift
7	\$ ii Seo	\$	reduce $S \rightarrow o$
8	\$ ii SeS	\$	reduce $I \rightarrow iSeS$
9	\$ iI	\$	reduce $S \rightarrow I$
10	\$ iS	\$	reduce $I \rightarrow iS$
11	\$ I	\$	reduce $S \rightarrow I$
12	\$ S	\$	accept

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## DFA - Dangling-else:



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### First and Follow sets for Dangling-else

$statement \rightarrow if-stmt \mid other$   
 $if-stmt \rightarrow if ( exp ) statement else-part$   
 $else-part \rightarrow else statement \mid \epsilon$   
 $exp \rightarrow 0$   
 $First(statement) = \{if, other\}$   
 $First(if-stmt) = \{if\}$   
 $First(else-part) = \{else, \epsilon\}$   
 $First(exp) = \{0, 1\}$   
 $Follow(statement) = \{\$, else\}$   
 $Follow(if-stmt) = \{\$, else\}$   
 $Follow(else-part) = \{\$, else\}$   
 $Follow(exp) = \{\}$

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### Parsing table (with conflict):

State	Input				Goto	
	if	else	other	\$	S	I
0	s4		s3		1	2
1				accept		
2		r1		r1		
3		r2		r2		
4	s4		s3		5	2
5		s6/r3		r3		
6	s4		s3		7	2
7		r4		r4		

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## When Follow Set Fails

**Stmt** → call\_stmt | assign\_stmt  
**call\_stmt** → identifier  
**assign\_stmt** → Var := exp  
**Var** → Var [ exp ] | identifier  
**exp** → Var | num

***Simplified Version***  
 $S \rightarrow id \mid V := E$   
 $V \rightarrow id$   
 $E \rightarrow V \mid n$

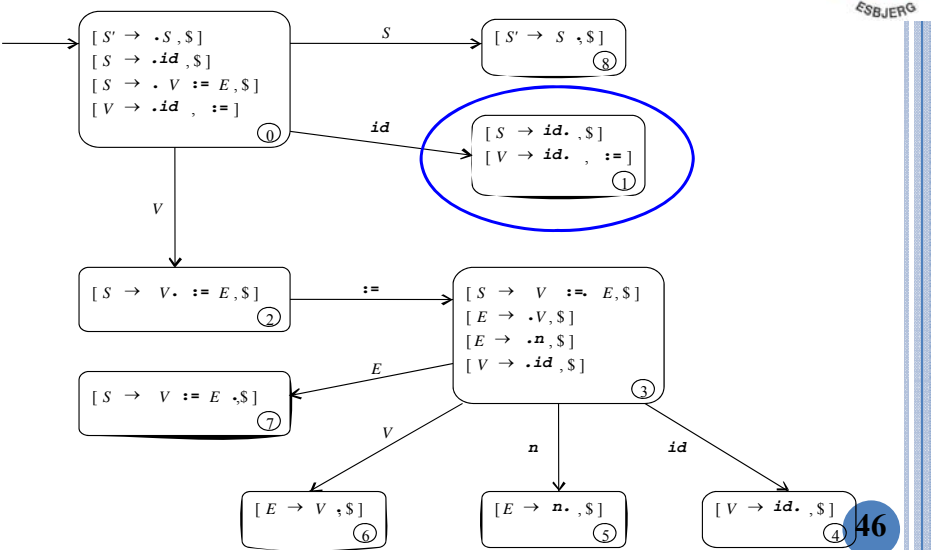
***Follow (S) = { \$ }***  
***Follow (V) = { \$, := }***




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## When Follow Set Fails



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## LR (1) & LALR (1) Parsing



LR (1) resolve problems of SLR(1) parser

Price : Complexity

Modification of LR (1) to LALR (1):

Retaining most functionality of LR (1).

Keeping the efficiency of SLR (1).

In SLR (1) look-ahead is applied after construction of DFA's of LR (0) items.

For LR (1) look-ahead are built into the DFA's.

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## LR (1) & LALR (1) Parsing



**LR (1) item is: ( LR (0) item + look-ahead token)**

$[ A \rightarrow \alpha.X\gamma, a ]$

**Given above LR (1) item if X is terminal then there will be transition to an item**

$[ A \rightarrow \alpha X.\gamma, a ]$ .


**If X is non-terminal then, there will be  $\epsilon$  transition to  $[ X \rightarrow \cdot\beta, b ]$  for every  $X \rightarrow \cdot\beta$  and for every b in First ( $\gamma a$ ).**

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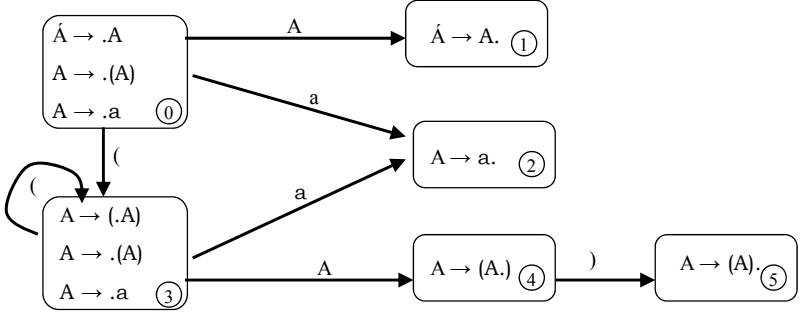
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### Example: $A \rightarrow (A) \mid a$




#### LR (0) Items

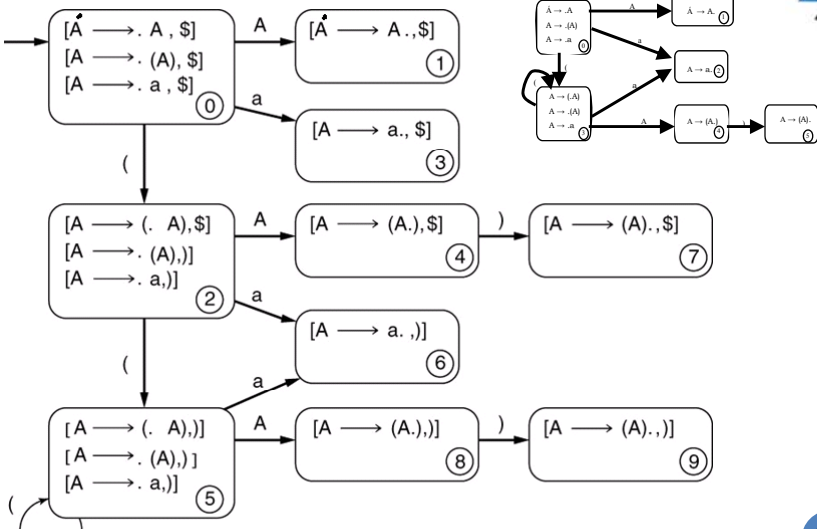


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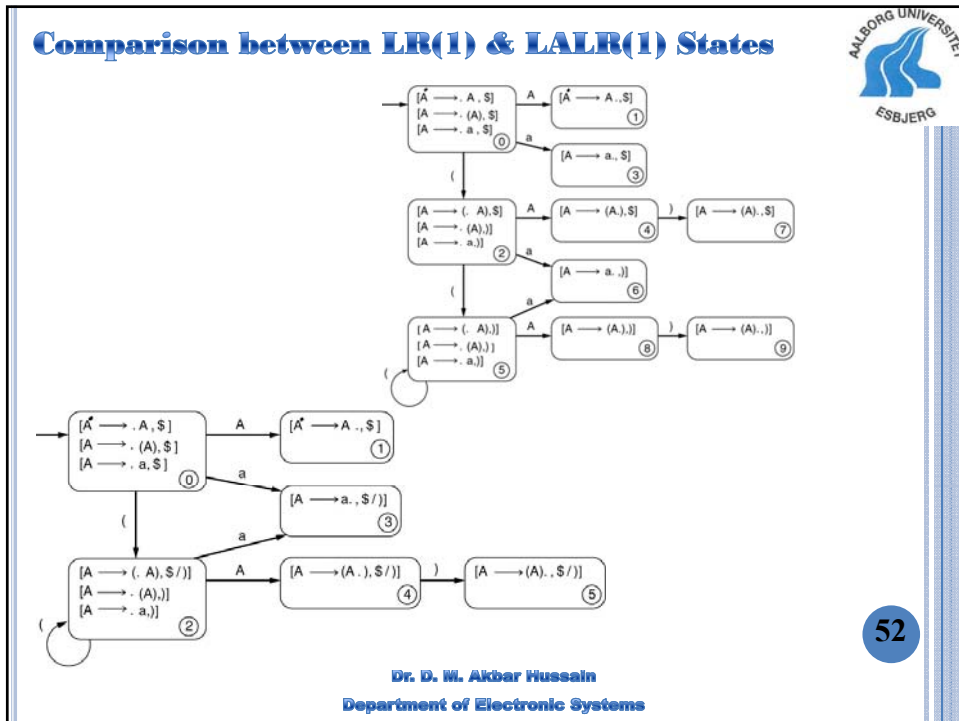
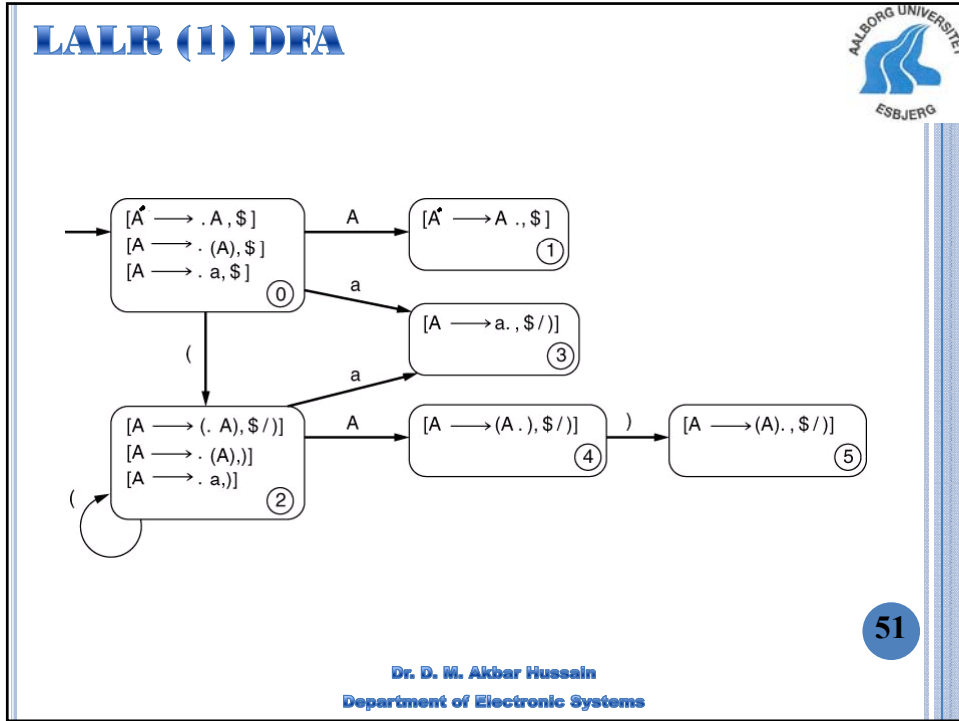
### LR (1) DFA





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### Shift Reduce Parsers differ in the use of Follow Set Information



- **LR(0) parsers never consult the look-ahead at all.**
- **SLR(1) parsers use the Follow sets as previously constructed.**
- **LR(1) parsers use context to split the Follow sets into subsets for different parsing paths (huge, inefficient parsers).**
- **LALR(1) parsers: like LR(1) but coarser subsets are used (achieves most of the benefit, but much smaller and faster).**

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### Stack Problem in BU Parsers



Grammar:  $S \rightarrow ( S ) S \mid \epsilon$  Grammar:  $S \rightarrow S ( S ) \mid \epsilon$

Input String: ( ) ( )

Parsing Stack (BU)	Input	Parsing Stack (TD)
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