

SLR parsing (simplest LR parse)

Grammar $G = (E, V, P, S)$

Clean it: Introduce new start symbol S' and add one production: $S' \rightarrow S$

Guarantee S' appears nowhere else. Resulting grammar is G' .

Recall: an LR(0) item is an expr of the form $[A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot B]$

where α, B are strings of grammar symbols and $A \rightarrow \alpha B$ is a production of G' .

A state of the parser is a set of LR(0) items

$I_0: A \rightarrow b \cdot c \cdot d$
 $A \rightarrow b \cdot c \cdot c$

After shifting b and seeing c on lookahead, state will be

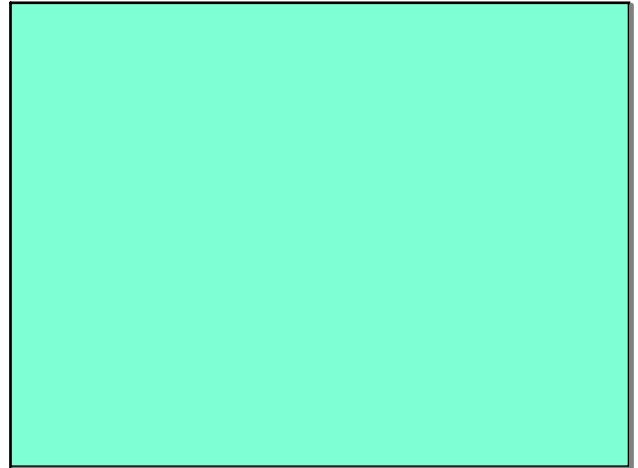
$\{ [A \rightarrow b \cdot c \cdot d], [A \rightarrow b \cdot c \cdot c] \}$

- start state
 - build a set of states
 - transition function (grammar symbol)

$trans(I, X) \Rightarrow I'$

Under this function, I is state

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- action table

action $[S, a]$

terminal symbol
 or $\$$ = end of input marker

Start state

$I_0 = \{ [S' \rightarrow \cdot S], \dots \}$

only kernel item

A kernel item is either $[S' \rightarrow \cdot S]$ or of the form $[A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot B]$ for some production $A \rightarrow \alpha B$ with $\alpha \neq \epsilon$. Everything else is called a non-kernel item.

Let I be a set of LR(0) items. The closure of I , $cl(I)$ is the smallest set of LR(0) items such that:

If $[A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot B \beta] \in cl(I)$ where B is a nonterminal, and $A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$ is some production with head B , then $[A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot B \beta] \in cl(I)$.

note: nonkernel item

When building a state, start with kernel items, then take the closure, which may add some nonkernel items.

$I_0 = cl(\{ [S' \rightarrow \cdot S] \})$

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Example:

$E' \rightarrow E$
 $E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$
 $T \rightarrow T * F \mid F$
 $F \rightarrow (E) \mid c$

$I_0 = \{ [E' \rightarrow \cdot E], [E \rightarrow \cdot E + T], [E \rightarrow \cdot T], [T \rightarrow \cdot T * F], [T \rightarrow \cdot F], [F \rightarrow \cdot (E)], [F \rightarrow \cdot c] \}$

Let S be a state (S is a set of LR(0) items)

Let X be some grammar symbol (either terminal or nonterminal).

Define $trans(S, X)$ as follows: 0. $trans(S, X) = \emptyset$

1. For every item in S of the form $[A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot X \beta]$ for some α, β, A , put $[A \rightarrow \alpha X \cdot \beta]$ into $trans(S, X)$ (kernel item)

2. take the closure: $trans(S, X) = cl(trans(S, X))$ to include nonkernel items

$trans(I_0, E) = \{ [E' \rightarrow \cdot E], [E \rightarrow \cdot E + T] \} =: I_1$

$trans(I_0, T) = \{ [E \rightarrow \cdot T], [T \rightarrow \cdot T * F], [T \rightarrow \cdot F] \} =: I_2$

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$trans(I_0, F) = \{ [T \rightarrow \cdot F] \} =: I_3$

$trans(I_0, '(') = \{ [E \rightarrow \cdot (E)], [E \rightarrow \cdot E + T], [E \rightarrow \cdot T], [T \rightarrow \cdot T * F], [T \rightarrow \cdot F], [F \rightarrow \cdot (E)], [F \rightarrow \cdot c] \} =: I_4$

$trans(I_0, c) = \{ [F \rightarrow \cdot c] \} =: I_5$

All four $trans(I_0, X)$ sets are empty.

Recall: $I_1 = \{ [E' \rightarrow \cdot E], [E \rightarrow \cdot E + T] \}$

$trans(I_1, +) = \{ [E \rightarrow \cdot E + T], [T \rightarrow \cdot T * F], [T \rightarrow \cdot F], [F \rightarrow \cdot (E)], [F \rightarrow \cdot c] \} =: I_6$

$trans(I_1, c) = \{ [F \rightarrow \cdot c] \} =: I_5$

Actions

types:

- shift s' (push s' onto stack)
- reduce $A \rightarrow B$ pop $|B|$ many items off of stack, replacing some state t_i with $trans(t_i, A)$ into stack

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action types (cont.)

- accept (successful complete parse)
- error (unable to parse - no parse tree exists for input)

Initially: stack has one item: start state I_0

Build action table as follows: Let S be some state and let a be some terminal or $\$$.

- If $[S' \rightarrow \cdot S] \in S$ then set $action[S, a] = \text{"accept"}$ (only place accept should occur)
- If $[A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot a \beta] \in S$ then set $action[S, a] = \text{shift}$ or where $s' = trans(S, a)$
- If $[A \rightarrow \gamma \cdot] \in S$ and $a \in FOLLOW(A)$ then set $action[S, a] = \text{reduce } A \rightarrow \gamma$
- Any as yet unset action table entries are now set to error.

Conflicts:

$action[S, a]$ is set to two or more things for some S, a . A conflict means the grammar is not an SLR grammar.

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