8 Shift-Reduce Parsing

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Specification → Context Free Grammar.

Recognition → Parsing

$w \in L$?

- THE "PARSING" PROBLEM:

  recognize a language specified by a C.F. Grammar.

  $w \in L$? How? ↔ build a derivation for w
  ↔ construct the parse tree for w.

- TYPES OF PARSERS:
  - Top-Down Parsers
    - Construct the parse tree from root to leafs.
      e.g. "Recursive Descent Parser"
  - Bottom-up Parsers.
    - Construct the parse tree from leafs to root
      e.g. "Shift-Reduce Parser"

- THE SHIFT-REDUCE PARSER D. Knuth
  - Reads input from Left to Right
  - Produces Rightmost Derivation.
    Called LR-Parser
    classification: LR(k) : k is a number
    k is the number of symbols from the input the algorithm needs to work.
  - LR(1)
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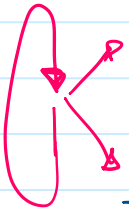
- Not a general parser for C.F. Grammars
  Limited to a subclass :- LR-Grammars.

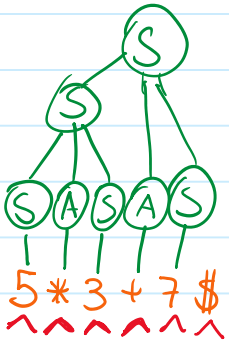
- Intuition:
  Iteratively; do one of two things:



- Shift :- read the next symbol from the input

- Reduce :- build a branch of the parse tree.
  build an intermediate node
  i.e. take nodes that match the body of a rule in the grammar, and connect them to their "parent", the head of the rule.

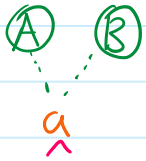
E.G. $S \to SAS \mid 5 \mid 3 \mid 7$
$A \to + \mid *$



- CONFLICTS IN A SHIFT-REDUCE PARSER
  - Reduce - Reduce Conflict

$S \to A \mid B$
$A \to a$
$B \to a$

Derivation
S
A
a



  - Shift - Reduce Conflict

$S \to ab \mid Ab$
$A \to a$

- SHIFT-REDUCE TRACE
  - An implementation will simulate a push-down automata
  - The algorithm constructs Tables from the grammar.
    - ↳ how to manage the stack.
    - ↳ when to "shift", when to "Reduce"

Pseudocode

```
FUNCTION shift-reduce ()
  stack.push(0)  // 0 is the start state
  input := w$    // $ marks end of input
  x := first symbol in w

  WHILE ~stop DO
    s := top of stack
    IF action[s,x] = shift t
      x := next input symbol
      stack.push(t)

    ELSIF action[s,x] = reduce t  // A → β
      pop len(β) symbols from stack
      t := stack.top()
      stack.push( goto[t,A] )
      print( A → β )

    ELSIF action[s,x] = accept
      stop := True
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1 $S \to CC$
2 $C \to aC$
3 $C \to b$

Action:

state of p.d.a	a (symbols)	b	$
0	S3	S4	
1			acc
2	S6	S7	
3	S3	S4	
4	R3	R3	
5			R1
6	S6	S7	
7			R3
8	R2	R2	
9			R2

non-terminal symbols

	S	C
0	1	2
1		
2		5
3		8
4		
5		
6		9
7		
8		
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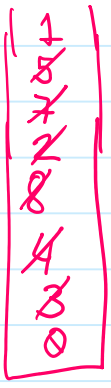
word = abb$



$C \to b$
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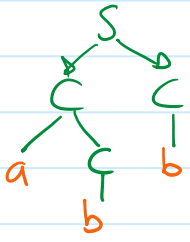
$S \to CC$



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