

## 10. Testing Grammars for Parsability

*Study the complexity of the decision problems*

$P_{C(k)}$  : "Given a context-free grammar  $G$ ,  
is  $G$  a  $C(k)$  grammar?"

$P_C$  : "Given a context-free grammar  $G$  and  
a natural number  $k$ , is  $G$  a  $C(k)$  grammar?"

Here " $C(k)$ " stand for "strong  $LL(k)$ ", " $LALL(k)$ ", " $LL(k)$ ", " $SLR(k)$ ", " $LALR(k)$ ", " $LR(k)$ ", " $non-LL(k)$ " or " $non-LR(k)$ " etc.

$P_{C(k)}$  :  $k$  is fixed.

$P_C$  :  $k$  is not fixed and problem parameter  
called **uniform**  $C(k)$  testing problems

### Convention

$G$ : a grammar  $(V, \Sigma, P, S)$

$G'$ :  $\$$ -augmented grammar of  $G$

$N = V \setminus \Sigma$

$k$ : a natural number

## 10.1 Efficient Algorithms for LR(k) and SLR(k) Testing

*A decision problem is solvable in deterministic polynomial time(P) if it has a deterministic solution that runs in time  $O(p(n))$   
 nondeterministic polynomial time(NP) if it has a partial solution that runs in time  $O(p(n))$   
 nondeterministic one level exponential time(NE) if it has a partial solution that runs in time  $O(2^{p(n)})$ ,  
 where  $p, q$  are polynomials.*

*Nondeterministic LR(k) machine for  $G$  is*

*state alphabet:  $I_k \cup \{q_s\}, q_s \notin I_k$*

*input alphabet:  $V$*

*initial state:  $q_s$*

*set of transition:*

*(i)  $q_s \rightarrow [S \rightarrow \bullet \omega, \varepsilon]$*

*(ii)  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet X \beta, y] X \rightarrow [A \rightarrow \alpha X \bullet \beta, y], X \in V$ , and*

*(iii)  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, y] \rightarrow [B \rightarrow \bullet \omega, z],$*

*$B \in N, z \in FIRST_k(\beta y)$*

*set of final states:*

*$\{[A \rightarrow \omega \bullet, y] \mid A \rightarrow \omega \in P, y \in k:\Sigma^*\}$*

*$\cup \{[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a \beta, y] \mid A \rightarrow \alpha a \beta \in P, a \in \Sigma, y \in k:\Sigma^*\}$*

*Here  $I_k$  : the set of all  $k$ -items of  $G$*

**Theorem 10.1** A state  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  in the nondeterministic LR(k) machine of  $G$  is accessible upon reading  $\gamma$  iff  $\gamma$  is a viable prefix of  $G$  and  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  is an LR(k)-valid item for  $\gamma$ . In other words,

$$\{[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y] \mid q_s \gamma \Rightarrow^* [A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]\} = \text{VALID}_k(\gamma),$$

$$\forall \gamma \in V^*.$$

The automaton obtained by making the nondeterministic LR(k) machine deterministic is exactly the canonical LR(k) machine.

**Fact 10.2** Let  $M$  be the nondeterministic LR(k) machine for  $G$ . Then

- (1)  $M$  has at most  $|k: \Sigma^* \bullet / G| + 1 = O(|\Sigma|^k \bullet / G|)$  states.
- (2)  $M$  has at most  $|P|$  transitions of type (i).
- (3)  $M$  has at most  $|k: \Sigma^* \bullet / G| = O(|\Sigma|^k \bullet / G|)$  transitions of type (ii).
- (4)  $M$  has at most  $|k: \Sigma^*|^2 \bullet |P| \bullet / G| = O(|\Sigma|^{2k} \bullet |P| \bullet / G|)$  transitions of type (iii).
- (5) the size of  $M$  is  $O(|G|^{2k+2})$  or  $O(|\Sigma|^{2k} \bullet |P| \bullet / G|)$ .

## ***Reduction of the size of the automaton***

*by introducing additional states of the form  $[B,z]$ , where  $B$  is in  $N$ ,  $z$  is a string in  $k:\Sigma^*$ .*

*Any transition of type (iii)*

$$[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, y] \rightarrow [B \rightarrow \bullet \omega, z]$$

*is split into two transitions :*

$$[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, y] \rightarrow [B, z]$$

$$[B, z] \rightarrow [B \rightarrow \bullet \omega, z]$$

$M_{LR(k)}(G)$  (or  $M_k(G)$ ) : *the finite automaton state alphabet :*

$$\{[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y] \mid A \rightarrow \alpha \beta \in P, y \in k:\Sigma^*\}$$

$$\cup \{[A, y] \mid A \in N, y \in k:\Sigma^*\}$$

*input alphabet :  $V$*

*initial state :  $[S, \varepsilon]$*

*set of transitions :*

$$(a) [A, y] \rightarrow [A \rightarrow \bullet \omega, y]$$

$$(b) [A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet X \beta, y] \rightarrow [A \rightarrow \alpha X \bullet \beta, y], \text{ for } X \in V$$

$$(c) [A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, y] \rightarrow [B, z], \text{ for } B \in N, z \in \text{FIRST}_k(\beta y)$$

*final state:*

$$\{F_{reduce}(u) \mid u \in k:\Sigma^*\} \cup \{F_{shift}(u) \mid u \in k:\Sigma^*\},$$

*where*

$$F_{reduce}(u) = \{[A \rightarrow \omega \bullet, u] \mid A \rightarrow \omega \in P\}$$

$$F_{shift}(u) = \{[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a \beta, y] \mid A \rightarrow \alpha a \beta \in P, y \in k:\Sigma^*\},$$

$$a \in \Sigma, u \in \text{FIRST}_k(a\beta y)\}$$

**Fact 10.3** The following statements hold in the automaton  $M_k(G)$ .

(1) # of states is at most

$$2 \cdot |\Sigma|^k \cdot |G| = O(|\Sigma|^k \cdot |G|)$$

(2) # of type (a) transitions is at most

$$|\Sigma|^k \cdot |P| = O(|\Sigma|^k \cdot |P|)$$

(3) # of type (b) transitions is at most

$$|\Sigma|^k \cdot |G| = O(|\Sigma|^k \cdot |G|)$$

(4) # of type (c) transitions is at most

$$|\Sigma|^{2k} \cdot |G| = O(|\Sigma|^{2k} \cdot |G|)$$

(5) the sizes of the final state sets is at most

$$O(|\Sigma|^{2k} \cdot |G|).$$

(6) the size of the automaton  $M_k(G)$  is

$$O(|G|^{2k+1}) \text{ or } O(|\Sigma|^{2k} \cdot |G|).$$

**Theorem 10.4** A state  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  in  $M_k(G)$  is accessible upon reading  $\gamma$  iff  $\gamma$  is a viable prefix of  $G$  and  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  is an LR( $k$ )-valid item for  $\gamma$ . In other words,

$$\{[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y] \mid [S, \varepsilon] \gamma \Rightarrow^* [A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]\} = \text{VALID}_k(\gamma),$$

$$\forall \gamma \in V^*.$$

**Mutually accessible states** : both reachable from the initial state upon reading the same string.

Distinct  $k$ -items  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  and  $[B \rightarrow \omega \bullet, z]$  of  $G'$  exhibit an **LR( $k$ )-conflict** if they exhibit, for  $k$ , a reduce-reduce conflict or a shift-reduce conflict. i.e.

(1)  $\beta = \varepsilon$  and  $y = z$  or

(2)  $1:\beta$  is a terminal and  $z$  is in  $FIRST_k(\beta y)$

**Theorem 10.5** Let  $G$  be a grammar in which  $S \Rightarrow^+ S$  is impossible. Then  $G$  is non-LR( $k$ ) iff the  $\$$ -augmented grammar  $G'$  has a pair of distinct  $k$ -items  $I$  and  $J$  that exhibit an LR( $k$ )-conflict and are mutually accessible states in  $M_k(G')$ . In other words,

$G$  is non-LR( $k$ ) iff there are distinct  $k$ -items  $I = [A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet, y]$  and  $J = [B \rightarrow \beta \bullet, y]$ , or  $I = [A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a \beta, z]$  and  $J = [B \rightarrow \omega \bullet, y]$  with  $a \in \Sigma$ ,  $y \in FIRST_k(a\beta z)$ , s.t.

$[S', \varepsilon] \gamma \Rightarrow^* I$  and  $[S', \varepsilon] \gamma \Rightarrow^* J$

hold in  $M_k(G')$  for some  $\gamma \in \$V^*$ .

**Proof)**

$G$  is non-LR( $k$ ) iff for some string  $\gamma \in \$V^*$ ,  $VALID_k(\gamma)$  contains a pair of distinct items  $I, J$  that exhibit an LR( $k$ )-conflict. By Theorem 10.4,  $I$  and  $J$  belong to  $VALID_k(\gamma)$  iff they are states in  $M_k(G')$  accessible upon reading  $\gamma$ .

**Algorithm for testing the LR(k) property.**

Step 1. Check whether or not  $S \Rightarrow^+ S$  is possible in  $G$ .

If yes, output "G is non-LR(k)" and halt.

Step 2. Construct automaton  $M_k(G')$  with collection

of final state sets  $F_{reduce}(u)$ ,  $u \in k:\Sigma^*\$,$  and

$F_{shift}(u)$ ,  $u \in k:\Sigma^*\$$ . Remove from each  $F_{shift}(u)$

the items  $[S' \rightarrow \bullet \$ \$ \$, \epsilon]$  and  $[S' \rightarrow \$ \$ \bullet \$, \epsilon]$

Step 3. Determine in  $M_k(G')$  the set  $A$  of pairs of mutually accessible states.

Step 4. Check whether or not the set  $A$  contains a pair

of distinct items  $I, J$  such that for some  $u \in k:\Sigma^*\$$   
 $I, J \in F_{reduce}(u)$ , or  $I \in F_{reduce}(u)$ ,  $J \in F_{shift}(u)$ .

If yes, output "G is non-LR(k)" and halt.

otherwise output "G is LR(k)" and halt.

transition of type (c)

$[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, y] \rightarrow [B, z]$ , for  $B \in N$ ,  $z \in FIRST_k(\beta y)$

Given item  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, y]$ , determine  $z \in FIRST_k(\beta y)$

$$F_{shift}(u) = \{ [A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a \beta, y] \mid A \rightarrow \alpha a \beta \in P, y \in k:\Sigma^*, \\ a \in \Sigma, u \in FIRST_k(a\beta y) \}$$

for each  $u \in k:\Sigma^*\$,$  determine all item  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a \beta, y]$   
 in which  $u \in FIRST_k(a\beta y)$ .

**Lemma 10.6** Any grammar  $G$  can be transformed in time  $O(|G|)$  into a grammar  $G_{pre} = (V_{pre}, \Sigma, P_{pre}, S_{pre})$  s.t. the following statements hold.

(1)  $G_{pre}$  is in canonical two-form, so that the rules in  $P_{pre}$  are of the forms

$$A \rightarrow BC, A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow a.$$

(2)  $V \subseteq V_{pre}$ , for each  $A \in V$  generates in  $G_{pre}$  exactly the nonempty terminal strings derived by  $A$  in  $G$ , i.e.

$$L_{G_{pre}}(A) = L_G(A) \setminus \{\varepsilon\}, \quad \forall A \in V \setminus \Sigma.$$

(3) for each  $A \in V$ ,  $\exists A_{pre} \in V_{pre} \setminus \Sigma$  that generates in  $G_{pre}$  exactly the nonempty prefixes of terminal strings derived by  $A$  in  $G$ , i.e.

$$L_{G_{pre}}(A_{pre}) = \{x \in \Sigma^* / x \neq \varepsilon, xy \in L_G(A)\}.$$

(4) for each  $A \rightarrow \alpha\beta \in P$ ,  $\alpha \neq \varepsilon$ ,  $\beta \neq \varepsilon$ ,  $\exists [\beta] \in V_{pre} \setminus V$  s.t.  $L_{G_{pre}}([\beta]) = L_G([\beta]) \setminus \{\varepsilon\}$ .

(5) for each  $A \rightarrow \alpha\beta \in P$ ,  $\alpha \neq \varepsilon$ ,  $\beta \neq \varepsilon$ ,  $\exists [\beta]_{pre} \in V_{pre} \setminus V$  s.t.  $L_{G_{pre}}([\beta]_{pre}) = \{x \in \Sigma^* / x \neq \varepsilon, xy \in L_G(\beta)\}$



**Proof)**

Transform  $G$  into a canonical two-form grammar  $G_1 = (V_1, \Sigma, P_1, S)$ , where  $V \subseteq V_1$ ,  $L_{G_1}(A) = L_G(A) \setminus \{\varepsilon\}$ ,  
 For each rule  $A \rightarrow \alpha\beta$  and nonempty strings  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  there is a nonterminal  $[\beta] \in V_1 \setminus V$  such that  $L_{G_1}([\beta]) = L_G([\beta]) \setminus \{\varepsilon\}$

$$G_{pre} = (V_{pre}, T, P_{pre}, S_{pre})$$

$$V_{pre} = V_1 \cup \{A_{pre} \mid A \text{ is a nonterminal in } V_1\}$$

$$P_{pre} = P_1 \cup \{A_{pre} \rightarrow A \mid A \text{ is a nonterminal in } V_1\}$$

$$\cup \{A_{pre} \rightarrow BC_{pre} \mid A \rightarrow BC \text{ is a rule in } P_1\}$$

$$\cup \{A_{pre} \rightarrow B_{pre} \mid \text{For some } C, A \rightarrow BC \in P_1, \\ C \text{ drives some terminal string}\}$$

$$\cup \{A_{pre} \rightarrow B_{pre} \mid A \rightarrow B \text{ is a rule in } P_1\}$$

$G_{pre}$  satisfies (1) since  $G_1$  does.

$L_G(A) = L_{G_{pre}}(A)$  since  $P_{pre} \setminus P_1$  contains no rules for the nonterminal in  $V_1$ .

$A_{pre}$  generates nonempty prefixes of  $L(A)$ .

**Lemma 10.7** Given grammar  $G$ ,  $k > 0$ ,  $u = a_1 \dots a_k \in \Sigma^*$ , one can compute in space  $O(k^2 \cdot |G|)$  and in time  $O(k^3 \cdot |G|)$ ,  $k \times k$  matrix  $N_u$  containing sets of symbols of the form  $[\beta]$  and  $[\beta]_{pre}$  s.t.

$$N_u(i, j) = \{[\beta] / A \rightarrow \alpha\beta \in P, \alpha, \beta \neq \varepsilon, \beta \Rightarrow^* a_i \dots a_j\} \cup \\ \{[\beta]_{pre} / A \rightarrow \alpha\beta \in P, \alpha, \beta \neq \varepsilon, \beta \Rightarrow^* a_i \dots a_j y, y \in \Sigma^*\} \\ \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq j \leq k.$$

**Proof)**

Transformed grammar  $G_{pre} = (V_{pre}, \Sigma, P_{pre}, S_{pre})$ .

Apply general CFG recognition algorithm

$$\hat{N}_u(i, j) = \{A \in V_{pre} \setminus \Sigma \mid A \Rightarrow^* a_i \dots a_j \text{ in } G_{pre}\} \\ \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq j \leq k.$$

$\hat{N}_u(i, j)$  contains  $[\beta]$  iff  $[\beta] \Rightarrow^* a_i \dots a_j$  in  $G_{pre}$   
iff  $\beta \in V^+$ ,  $A \rightarrow \alpha\beta \in P$ ,  $\alpha \neq \varepsilon$ ,  $\beta \Rightarrow^* a_i \dots a_j$  in  $G$ .

$\hat{N}_u(i, j)$  contains  $[\beta]_{pre}$  iff  $[\beta]_{pre} \Rightarrow^* a_i \dots a_j y$  in  $G_{pre}$   
iff  $\beta \in V^+$ ,  $A \rightarrow \alpha\beta \in P$ ,  $\alpha \neq \varepsilon$ ,  $\beta \Rightarrow^* a_i \dots a_j y$  in  $G$ .

Remove from  $\hat{N}_u$  all symbol that are not of forms  $[\beta]$  or  $[\beta]_{pre}$ .

**Lemma 10.8** *The automaton  $M_k(G)$  can be constructed in time  $O((k+1)^3 \cdot |\Sigma|^{2k} \cdot |G|)$ .*

**Proof)**

State set, type (a) and (b) transitions,  $F_{reduce}(u)$ ,  $u \in k:\Sigma^*$  take  $O(|\Sigma|^k |G|)$ .

type (c) transitions

$([A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, y] \rightarrow [B, u], u \in FIRST_k(\beta y))$

case  $k = 0$

For any 0-item  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, \varepsilon]$ , add

$[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, \varepsilon] \rightarrow [B, \varepsilon]$ ,

whenever  $\beta$  drives some terminal string

case  $k > 0$

For each string  $u = a_1 \dots a_l \in k:\Sigma^*$ , determine

$[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, y] \rightarrow [B, u]$ .

If  $\beta$  is nullable, add  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, u] \rightarrow [B, u]$ .

When  $l > 0$ , compute  $N_u$ .

For  $j = 1, \dots, l$  and for  $[\beta] \in N_u(1, j)$ , add

$[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, a_{j+1} \dots a_l y] \rightarrow [B, u]$ ,

where  $a_{j+1} \dots a_l y \in k:\Sigma^*$  and  $k:uy = u$ .

Observe that  $\beta$  derives  $a_1 \dots a_j$ .

For all symbols  $[\beta]_{pre} \in N_u(1, l)$ , add

$[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, y] \rightarrow [B, u]$ ,

where  $y \in k:\Sigma^*$  s.t.  $y = \varepsilon$  whenever  $l < k$ .

Observe that  $u$  is a prefix of some terminal string derived by  $\beta$ .

$$F_{shift}(u)$$

$$(\{[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a \beta, y] \mid A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a \beta \in P, y \in k: \Sigma^*, \\ a \in \Sigma, u \in FIRST_k(a\beta y)\})$$

case  $k = 0$

Add all  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, \varepsilon]$ , where  $a \in \Sigma$ ,  $\beta$  drives some terminal string

case  $k > 0$

For each string  $u = a_1 \dots a_l \in k: \Sigma^*$

if  $\beta$  is nullable and  $l > 0$  add  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a_1 \beta, a_2 \dots a_l y]$ ,  
where  $a_2 \dots a_l y \in k: \Sigma^*$  and  $k: u y = u$ .

if  $l = k = 1$  and  $\beta$  drives some terminal string add  
 $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a \beta, y]$ , where  $y \in k: \Sigma^*$ .

When  $l > 0$ , compute  $N_u$ .

For  $j = 2, \dots, l$  and for  $[\beta] \in N_u(2, j)$ , add

$$[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a_1 \beta, a_{j+1} \dots a_l y],$$

where  $a_{j+1} \dots a_l y \in k: \Sigma^*$  and  $k: u y = u$ .

For all symbols  $[\beta]_{pre} \in N_u(2, l)$ , add

$$[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a_1 \beta, y],$$

where  $y \in k: \Sigma^*$  s.t.  $y = \varepsilon$  whenever  $l < k$ .

Time complexity

$$O(|k: \Sigma^*| \cdot k^3 \cdot |G| + |\Sigma|^{2k} \cdot |G|)$$

$|k: \Sigma^*| \cdot k^3 \cdot |G|$ : computation of  $N_u$ ,  $u \in \Sigma^*$ .

$|\Sigma|^{2k} \cdot |G|$ : generation of states and transition

***Determines the pairs of mutually accessible states***

Assume  $M$  is a finite automaton with state alphabet  $Q$ , input alphabet  $V$ , and set of transitions  $P$ .

$Q \times Q$  relation:

$(p, q)$  **mutually-goes-to**  $(p', q')$ , if for some  $X \in V$   
 $P$  contains the transitions  $pX \rightarrow p'$  and  $qX \rightarrow q'$ .

$(p, q)$  **by-left-passes-empty**  $(p', q)$ , if  $P$  contains  
the transition  $p \rightarrow p'$ .

$(p, q)$  **by-right-passes-empty**  $(p, q')$ , if  $P$  contains  
the transition  $q \rightarrow q'$ .

**mutually-accesses** =  $(\text{mutually-goes-to} \cup$   
 $\text{by-left-passes-empty} \cup \text{by-right-passes-empty})^*$

**Lemma 10.9** States  $p$  and  $q$  are mutually accessible iff  $(q_s, q_s)$  **mutually-accesses**  $(p, q)$ , where  $q_s$  is initial state.

**Lemma 10.10** For any f.a.  $M$ , the set of pairs of mutually accessible states can be determined in time  $O(|M|^2)$ .

**Theorem 10.11** (*LR(k) test using  $M_k(G')$* ) Grammar  $G$  can be tested for the LR(k) property in deterministic time  $O((k+1)^3 \cdot |G|^{4k+2})$ .

step 1:  $O(|G|)$

step 2:  $O((k+1)^3 \cdot |\Sigma|^{2k} \cdot |G|)$

step 3:  $O(|\Sigma|^{4k} \cdot |G|^2)$

step 4: linear time

$P_{LR(k)}$  is solvable in deterministic polynomial time

$$O(n^{4k+2})$$

$n$ , size of a problem instance, is proportional to  $|G|$  in  $P_{LR(k)}$ .

$n = |G| + k$  when  $k$  is expressed in unary.

For  $k$  in unary the uniform (non)-LR(k) testing problem is solvable in deterministic one-level exponential time ( $O(2^{(4n+2) \log n})$ )

$$(n = \log_2 2^n)$$

$n = |G| + \log k$  when  $k$  is expressed in binary.

For  $k$  in binary the uniform (non)-LR(k) testing problem is solvable in deterministic two-level exponential time ( $O(2^{(4 \cdot 2^n + 2) \log n})$ )

## A more sophisticated method for LR(k) testing

*Key idea : representation of the automaton  $M_k(G')$  as a collection of several very small automata.*

*One automaton for each specific string  $u \in k:\Sigma^*\$$ . denoted by  $M_u(G')$*

*Let  $u \in k:\Sigma^*$ . Then  $k$ -item  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  is a  **$u$ -item**, if  $y$  is a suffix of  $u$ .*

**$FIRST_u(\beta)$**  =  $\{y \in \Sigma^* \mid \beta \Rightarrow^* yz, xy = u \text{ for some } x, z\}$   
*denote the set of all suffixes of  $u$  that are prefixes of some terminal string derived by  $\beta$*

$M_{LR(u)}(G)$  ( or  $M_u(G)$ , for short) :

*state alphabet*

$$\{[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y] \mid A \rightarrow \alpha \beta \in P, y \text{ is a suffix of } u\} \\ \cup \{[A, y] \mid A \in N, y \text{ is a suffix of } u\}$$

*input alphabet:  $V$*

*initial state:  $[S, \varepsilon]$*

*set of transitions :*

(a)  $[A, y] \rightarrow [A \rightarrow \bullet \omega, y]$

(b)  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet X \beta, y] X \rightarrow [A \rightarrow \alpha X \bullet \beta, y]$ , for  $X \in V$

(c)  $[[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, y] \rightarrow [B, z]$ ,  
 for  $B \in N, z \in FIRST_u(\beta y)$

set of final states :  $F_{reduce} \cup F_{shift}$ , where

$$F_{reduce} = \{[A \rightarrow \omega \bullet, u] \mid A \rightarrow \omega \text{ is a rule of } G\}$$

$$F_{shift} = \{[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet a \beta, y] \mid A \rightarrow \alpha a \beta \text{ is a rule of } G, \\ a \text{ is a terminal and } u \in FIRST_u(a\beta y)\}$$

**Fact 10.12** Let  $u \in \Sigma^*$ , the following statements hold in the automaton  $M_u(G)$ .

- (1) the number of states is at most  $2 \cdot (|u| + 1) \cdot |G|$
- (2) the number of type (a) transitions is at most  $(|u| + 1) \cdot |P|$ .
- (3) the number of type (b) transitions is at most  $(|u| + 1) \cdot |G|$ .
- (4) the number of type (c) transitions is at most  $(|u| + 1)^2 \cdot |G|$ .
- (5) the size of the automaton is  $O((|u| + 1)^2 \cdot |G|)$ .

An item  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  of  $G$  is  $LR(u)$ -valid string  $\gamma \in V^*$  if  $S \xRightarrow{rm}^* \delta A z \xRightarrow{rm} \delta \alpha \beta z = \gamma \beta z$  and  $y \in FIRST_u(z)$

hold in  $G$  for some strings  $\delta \in V^*$  and  $z \in \Sigma^*$

**Fact 10.13** If  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  is an  $LR(u)$ -valid item for  $\gamma$  then  $\gamma$  is a viable prefix,  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  is  $u$ -item,  $\alpha$  is a suffix of  $\gamma$  and  $y \in FOLLOW_{|y|}(\gamma\beta)$ .

Conversely, if  $\gamma$  is a viable prefix, then some item is  $LR(u)$ -valid item for  $\gamma$ .



$VALID_{LR(u)}(\gamma)$  (or  $VALID_u(\gamma)$ , for short):  
the set of all  $LR(u)$ -valid items for  $\gamma$

For all  $n \geq 0$ ,

$VALID_{u,n}(\gamma)$  : set of items  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  that satisfy

$$S \xRightarrow{rm}^n \delta A z \xRightarrow{rm} \delta \alpha \beta z = \gamma \beta z \quad \text{and } y \in FIRST_u(z)$$

for some  $\delta \in V^*$  and  $z \in \Sigma^*$

**Lemma 10.14** If in grammar  $G$

$$[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, y] \in VALID_{u,n}(\gamma) \text{ and } \beta \xRightarrow{m} v \in \Sigma^*,$$

then  $\forall B \rightarrow \omega \in P, z \in FIRST_u(vy)$

$$[B \rightarrow \bullet \omega, z] \in VALID_{u,n+m+1}(\gamma) .$$

**Lemma 10.15** If in grammar  $G$

$$[B \rightarrow \bullet \omega, z] \in VALID_{u,n}(\gamma), \quad n > 0,$$

then  $\exists A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta \in P, m < n,$

$$[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, y] \in VALID_{u,m}(\gamma), \quad \beta \xRightarrow{rm}^{n-m-1} v,$$

and  $z \in FIRST_u(vy)$  .

**Fact 10.16** If  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, y] \in VALID_{u,n}(\gamma)$  then  $\gamma\omega$  is a viable prefix and  $[A \rightarrow \alpha B \bullet \beta, y] \in VALID_{u,n}(\gamma\omega)$ .  
Conversely, if  $[A \rightarrow \alpha B \bullet \beta, y] \in VALID_{u,n}(\delta)$  then there is a viable prefix  $\gamma$  s.t.  $\delta = \gamma\omega$  and  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta, y] \in VALID_{u,n}(\gamma)$  .

**Theorem 10.17** A state  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  in  $M_u(G)$  is accessible upon reading  $\gamma$  iff  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  is an LR( $u$ )-valid item for  $\gamma$ . In other words,  

$$VALID_u(\gamma) = \{ [A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y] \mid [S, \varepsilon] \gamma \Rightarrow^* [A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y] \text{ in } M_u(G) \}.$$

**Proof)**

Only if) By induction on  $m$ , the length of computation

$$[S, \varepsilon] \gamma \Rightarrow^m [A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y] \text{ in } M_u(G)$$

base)  $m=1$ , we have  $\gamma=\varepsilon$ ,  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y] = [S, \bullet \beta, \varepsilon]$   
 $[S, \bullet \beta, \varepsilon] \in VALID_u(\varepsilon)$

induction) If  $m > 1$ , the computation is either

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i) } [S, \varepsilon] \gamma &= [S, \varepsilon] \gamma' X \Rightarrow^{m-1} [A \rightarrow \alpha' \bullet X \beta, y] X \\ &\Rightarrow [A \rightarrow \alpha' X \bullet \beta, y] = [A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y], \text{ or} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ii) } [S, \varepsilon] \gamma &\Rightarrow^{m-2} [A' \rightarrow \alpha' \bullet A \beta', y'] \Rightarrow [A, y] \\ &\Rightarrow [A \rightarrow \bullet \beta, y] = [A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y], \text{ where} \\ & y \in FIRST_u(\beta' y'). \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  By i.h., Fact 10.16(i), and Lemma 10.14(ii), it holds.

If) By induction on  $n + |\gamma|$ , where

$$[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y] \in VALID_{u,n}(\gamma).$$

base)  $n + |\gamma| = 0$ , we have  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y] = [S \rightarrow \bullet \beta, \varepsilon]$ ,  $\gamma = \varepsilon$ .  
 $[S, \bullet \beta, \varepsilon]$  is the state to which  $M_u(G)$  has  $\varepsilon$ -transition from  $[S, \varepsilon]$

induction) If  $n + |\gamma| > 0$ ,

i)  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y] = [A \rightarrow \alpha' X \bullet \beta, y] \in \text{VALID}_{u,n}(\gamma)$ ,

ii)  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y] = [A \rightarrow \bullet \beta, y] \in \text{VALID}_{u,n}(\gamma)$ ,

where  $n > 0$ .

By i.h., Fact 10.16(i), and Lemma 10.15(ii), it holds

Let  $u \in k:\Sigma^*$ . Then distinct items  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  and  $[B \rightarrow \omega \bullet, z]$  exhibit an LR( $u$ )-conflict if either

(1)  $\beta = \varepsilon$  and  $y = z = u$ , or

(2)  $1: \beta \in \Sigma$ ,  $y$  is suffix of  $u$ , and  $z = u \in \text{FIRST}_u(\beta y)$ .

**Fact 10.18** Distinct items  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  and  $[B \rightarrow \omega \bullet, z]$  exhibit an LR( $u$ )-conflict iff

(1) the items  $u$ -items,

(2) they exhibit an LR( $|u|$ )-conflict, and

(3)  $z = u$ .

**Theorem 10.19** Let  $G$  is impossible  $S \Rightarrow^+ S$ .

Then  $G$  is non-LR( $k$ ) iff  $\exists u \in k:\Sigma^*\$,$  the  $\$$ -augmented grammar  $G'$  has a pair of distinct  $u$ -items  $I$  and  $J$  that exhibit an LR( $u$ )-conflict and are mutually accessible states in  $M_u(G')$ .

**Proof)**

**Only if)** Assume that  $G$  (also  $G'$ ) is non- $LR(k)$ .

$\exists \gamma \in \$V^*$   $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  and  $[B \rightarrow \omega \bullet, u]$  in  $VALID_k(\gamma)$  that exhibit  $LR(k)$ -conflict.

$$S' \xRightarrow{rm}^* \delta_1 A y_1 \xRightarrow{rm} \delta_1 \alpha \beta y_1 = \gamma \beta y_1, k: y_1 = y,$$

$$S' \xRightarrow{rm}^* \delta_2 A y_2 \xRightarrow{rm} \delta_2 \omega y_2 = \gamma y_2, k: y_2 = u \in FIRST_k(\beta y)$$

Then  $u \in k: \Sigma^* \$$ ,  $u \in FIRST_u(y_2)$

$\therefore [B \rightarrow \omega \bullet, u] \in VALID_u(\gamma)$

$u \in FIRST_k(\beta y)$  implies that  $y$  has a prefix  $y'$  s.t.

$y'$  is a suffix of  $u$ ,  $u \in FIRST_k(\beta y')$ .  $u \in FIRST_k(\beta y)$  also implies  $y' \in FIRST_k(\beta y_1)$ ,  $u \in FIRST_u(\beta y')$ .

Hence  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  and  $[B \rightarrow \omega \bullet, u]$  exhibit an  $LR(u)$ -conflict. They accessible upon reading  $\gamma$ .

**If)** Assume  $u \in k: \Sigma^* \$$  and  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  and  $[B \rightarrow \omega \bullet, u]$  exhibit an  $LR(u)$ -conflict. They accessible upon reading  $\gamma$ . Then  $u \in FIRST_u(\beta y)$ ,  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$ ,  $[B \rightarrow \omega \bullet, u]$  in  $VALID_u(\gamma)$ .

$$S' \xRightarrow{rm}^* \delta_1 A y_1 \xRightarrow{rm} \delta_1 \alpha \beta y_1 = \gamma \beta y_1, y \in FIRST_u(y_1),$$

$$S' \xRightarrow{rm}^* \delta_2 B y_2 \xRightarrow{rm} \delta_2 \omega y_2 = \gamma y_2, u \in FIRST_u(y_2).$$

Here  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, k: y_1]$ ,  $[B \rightarrow \omega \bullet, k: y_2] \in VALID_k(\gamma)$ .

$u \in FIRST_u(y_2)$  implies  $u = |u|: y_2$ . But  $u = k: y_2$ .

$u \in FIRST_u(\beta y)$  and  $y \in FIRST_u(y_1)$  implies

$u \in FIRST_u(\beta y_1)$ . So  $u \in FIRST_k(\beta y_1)$ .

**Lemma 10.20** *The automaton  $M_u(G)$  can be constructed in simultaneously in space  $O((|u|+1)^2 \cdot |G|)$ , in time  $O((|u|+1)^3 \cdot |G|)$ .*

**Theorem 10.21** *Grammar  $G$  can be tested for the  $LR(k)$  property simultaneously in deterministic space  $O((k+1)^2 \cdot |G|^2)$  and in time  $O((k+1)^3 \cdot |\Sigma|^k \cdot |G|^2)$ .*

**Corollary 10.22** *For any fixed  $k$ , the  $LR(k)$  testing problem  $P_{LR(k)}$  is solvable simultaneously in deterministic space  $O(n^2)$  and in deterministic time  $O(n^{k+2})$ .*

**Corollary 10.23** *The uniform  $LR(k)$  testing problem  $P_{LR}$  is solvable simultaneously in deterministic polynomial space and in deterministic one-level exponential time when  $k$  is expressed in unary, and simultaneously in deterministic two-level exponential time when  $k$  is expressed in binary.*

### ***Nondeterministic algorithm for Non-LR(k) testing***

*Step 1. Check whether or not  $S \Rightarrow^+ S$  is possible in  $G$ . If yes, output "G is non-LR(k)" and halt.*

*Step 2. Guess a string  $u \in k:\Sigma^*\$$ .*

*Step 3. Construct  $M_u(G')$ . Remove from  $F_{shift}$  the items  $[S' \rightarrow \bullet \$ \$ \$, \epsilon]$  and  $[S' \rightarrow \$ S \bullet \$, \epsilon]$ .*

*Step 4. Determine in  $M_u(G')$  the set  $A$  of pairs of mutually accessible states.*

*Step 5. Check whether or not the set  $A$  contains a pair of distinct items  $I, J$  s.t.  $(I, J) \in F_{reduce} \times F_{reduce}$ ,  $(I, J) \in F_{shift} \times F_{reduce}$ . If yes, output "G is non-LR(k)" and halt. Otherwise, halt.*

***Theorem 10.24*** *Grammar  $G$  can be tested for the non-LR(k) property simultaneously in nondeterministic space  $O(k + |G|)$  and in time  $O((k+1)^2 \cdot |G|^2)$ .*

***Corollary 10.25*** *For any fixed  $k$ , the non-LR(k) testing problem  $P_{non-LR(k)}$  is solvable simultaneously in nondeterministic space  $O(n)$  and in nondeterministic time  $O(n^2)$ .*

***Corollary 10.26*** *The uniform non-LR(k) testing prob-*

lem  $P_{\text{non-LR}}$  is solvable simultaneously in nondeterministic polynomial time when  $k$  is expressed in unary, and in nondeterministic one-level exponential time when  $k$  is expressed in binary.

**Theorem 10.27** Let  $G$  is impossible  $S \Rightarrow^+ S$ .

Then  $G$  is non- $SLR(k)$  iff  $\exists u \in k:\Sigma^*\$, G' has a pair of distinct  $u$ -items  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  and  $[B \rightarrow \omega \bullet, u]$  that exhibit an  $LR(u)$ -conflict and are mutually accessible states in  $M_u(G')$  and where  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta]$  and  $[B \rightarrow \omega \bullet]$  are mutually accessible states in  $M_\varepsilon(G')$ .$

**Theorem 10.28** Grammar  $G$  can be tested for the  $SLR(k)$  property simultaneously in deterministic space  $O((k+1)^2 \cdot |G| + |G|^2)$  and in time  $O((k+1)^3 \cdot |\Sigma|^k \cdot |G|^2)$ .

**Corollary 10.29** For any fixed  $k$ , the  $SLR(k)$  testing problem  $P_{SLR(k)}$  is solvable simultaneously in deterministic space  $O(n^2)$  and in deterministic time  $O(n^{k+2})$ .

**Theorem 10.30** Grammar  $G$  can be tested for the non- $SLR(k)$  property simultaneously in nondeterministic space  $O(k + |G|)$  and in time  $O((k+1) \cdot |G| + |G|^2)$ .

## 10.2 Efficient Algorithms for $LL(k)$ and $SLL(k)$ testing

The **LR-transformed grammar** for  $G$  is the grammar  $G_{LR} = (V \cup P, \Sigma, P_{LR}, S)$ , where

$$P_{LR} = \{A \rightarrow (A, \omega)\omega \mid A \rightarrow \omega \in P\} \\ \cup \{(A, \omega) \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid A \rightarrow \omega \in P\}.$$

The size of  $G_{LR}$  is at most  $3 \cdot |G|$

**Lemma 10.31** Let  $G_{LR}$  be the LR-transformed grammar for  $G$ , and  $h$  a homomorphism from the rule strings of  $G_{LR}$  to the rule strings of  $G$  defined by:

$$h(A \rightarrow (A, \omega)\omega) = \varepsilon, \\ h((A, \omega) \rightarrow \varepsilon) = A \rightarrow \omega.$$

If  $X$  is a symbol in  $V$ ,  $\phi$  a string in  $V^*$ , and  $\pi$  a rule string in  $P^*$  such that

$$X \xrightarrow[lm]{\pi} \phi \text{ in } G,$$

then  $G_{LR}$  has a unique rule string  $\pi'$  such that

$$X \xrightarrow[lm]{\pi'} \phi \text{ in } G_{LR} \text{ and } h(\pi') = \pi.$$

Conversely, if  $X$  is a symbol in  $V$ ,  $\phi$  a string, and  $\pi'$  a rule string of  $G_{LR}$  such that

$$X \xrightarrow[lm]{\pi'} \phi \in V^* \text{ in } G_{LR}, \text{ then} \\ X \xrightarrow[lm]{h(\pi')} \phi \text{ in } G.$$



Moreover, if  $X$  is a symbol in  $V$ ,  $x$  a string in  $\Sigma^*$ ,  $A$  a nonterminal in  $V$ , and  $\delta$  a string over the alphabet of  $G_{LR}$  such that

$$X \xrightarrow{lm}^* xA\delta,$$

then  $\delta \in V^*$ .

**Lemma 10.32** Let  $G$  be a grammar and  $G_{LR}$  its LR-transformed grammar. Then the following statements hold for all  $k \geq 0$ .

(a)  $G$  is  $LL(k)$  iff  $G_{LR}$  is  $LL(k)$ .

(b)  $G$  is  $SLL(k)$  iff  $G_{LR}$  is  $SLL(k)$ .

**Proof)**

Assume that  $G$  is not  $LL(k)$ , then

$$S \xrightarrow{lm}^* xA\delta \xrightarrow{lm} x\omega_1\delta \xrightarrow{lm}^* xy_1 \text{ in } G,$$

$$S \xrightarrow{lm}^* xA\delta \xrightarrow{lm} x\omega_2\delta \xrightarrow{lm}^* xy_2 \text{ in } G,$$

where  $\omega_1 \neq \omega_2$  and  $k:y_1 = k:y_2$ .

By def.  $A \rightarrow (A, \omega_1)\omega_1$ ,  $(A, \omega_1) \rightarrow \varepsilon$ ,

$$A \rightarrow (A, \omega_2)\omega_2, \text{ and } (A, \omega_2) \rightarrow \varepsilon$$

$$S \xrightarrow{lm}^* xA\delta \xrightarrow{lm} x(A, \omega_1)\omega_1\delta \xrightarrow{lm} x\omega_1\delta \xrightarrow{lm}^* xy_1 \text{ in } G_{LR},$$

$$S \xrightarrow{lm}^* xA\delta \xrightarrow{lm} x(A, \omega_2)\omega_2\delta \xrightarrow{lm} x\omega_2\delta \xrightarrow{lm}^* xy_2 \text{ in } G_{LR}.$$

Hence  $G_{LR}$  is not  $LL(k)$ .

Assume that  $G_{LR}$  is not  $LL(k)$ , then

$$S \xrightarrow{lm}^* xA\delta \xrightarrow{lm} x\omega'_1\delta \xrightarrow{lm}^* xy_1 \text{ in } G_{LR},$$

$$S \xrightarrow{lm}^* xA\delta \xrightarrow{lm} x\omega'_2\delta \xrightarrow{lm}^* xy_2 \text{ in } G_{LR},$$

where  $\omega'_1 \neq \omega'_2$  and  $k:y_1 = k:y_2$ .

$\omega'_1$  and  $\omega'_2$  must be of the form  $(A, \omega_1)\omega_1$ ,  $(A, \omega_2)\omega_2$ , where  $A \rightarrow \omega_1$  and  $A \rightarrow \omega_2$  are rules of  $G$ .

Then  $\delta \in V^*$

$$S \xrightarrow{lm}^* xA\delta \xrightarrow{lm} x\omega_1\delta \xrightarrow{lm}^* xy_1 \text{ in } G,$$

$$S \xrightarrow{lm}^* xA\delta \xrightarrow{lm} x\omega_2\delta \xrightarrow{lm}^* xy_2 \text{ in } G,$$

where  $\omega_1 \neq \omega_2$ , which means  $G$  is not  $LL(k)$ .

**Lemma 10.33** Let  $G_{LR}$  be the LR-transformed grammar for a reduced grammar  $G$  and let  $k \geq 0$ . If  $G_{LR}$  is  $LR(k)$ , then it is also  $LL(k)$ .

**Proof)** Assume  $G_{LR}$  is not  $LL(k)$ , then

$$S \xrightarrow{lm}^* xA\delta \xrightarrow{lm} x(A, \omega_1)\omega_1\delta \xrightarrow{lm} x\omega_1\delta \xrightarrow{lm}^* xv_1y_1,$$

$$S \xrightarrow{lm}^* xA\delta \xrightarrow{lm} x(A, \omega_2)\omega_2\delta \xrightarrow{lm} x\omega_2\delta \xrightarrow{lm}^* xv_2y_2,$$

where  $\omega_1 \neq \omega_2$ ,  $k:v_1y_1 = k:v_2y_2$ , and  $\omega_1$  derives  $v_1$ ,  $\omega_2$  derives  $v_2$ , and  $\delta$  derives  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ .

$$S \xrightarrow{rm}^* \gamma Ay_1 \xrightarrow{rm} \gamma(A, \omega_1)\omega_1y_1 \xrightarrow{rm}^* \gamma(A, \omega_1)v_1y_1 \xrightarrow{rm} \gamma v_1y_1,$$

$$S \xrightarrow{rm}^* \gamma Ay_2 \xrightarrow{rm} \gamma(A, \omega_2)\omega_2y_2 \xrightarrow{rm}^* \gamma(A, \omega_2)v_2y_2 \xrightarrow{rm} \gamma v_2y_2.$$

Since  $k:v_1y_1 = k:v_2y_2$  but  $(A, \omega_1) \rightarrow \varepsilon$  and  $(A, \omega_2) \rightarrow \varepsilon$  are distinct,  $G_{LR}$  is not  $LR(k)$ .

For any reduced grammar  $G$ , the LR-transformed grammar  $G_{LR}$  is LR( $k$ ) iff  $G$  is LL( $k$ ).

**Corollary 10.35** Assume only reduced grammars are considered. Then the problem of LL( $k$ ) testing reduces in linear time to the problem of LR( $k$ ) testing, and the problem of non-LL( $k$ ) testing reduces in linear time to the problem of non-LR( $k$ ) testing.

### *second approach to LL( $k$ ) testing*

*Analogy of  $M_{LR(u)}(G)$*

We define  $M_{LL(u)}(G)$  (or  $M_u(G)$ ) as the FA with state alphabet

$$\begin{aligned} & \{[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y] \mid A \rightarrow \alpha \beta \in P, y \text{ is suffix of } u\} \\ & \cup \{[A, y] \mid A \in N, y \text{ is suffix of } u\}, \end{aligned}$$

input alphabet  $V$ , initial state  $[S, \varepsilon]$ , and with set of transitions consisting of all rules of the forms:

(a)  $[A, y] \rightarrow [A \rightarrow \omega \bullet, y]$ ,

(b)  $[A \rightarrow \alpha X \bullet \beta, y] X \rightarrow [A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet X \beta, z]$ , for  $X \in V$ ,  
 $z \in \text{FIRST}_u(Xy)$

(c)  $[A \rightarrow \alpha B \bullet \beta, y] \rightarrow [B, y]$ , for  $B \in N$ .

The set of final states of  $M_u(G)$  is

$$F_{\text{produce}} = \{[A \rightarrow \omega \bullet, u] \mid A \rightarrow \omega \in P\}.$$

String  $\alpha$  may derive some terminal string in type (c).

**Fact 10.36** Let  $G$  be a grammar,  $u \in \Sigma^*$ , the following statements hold for the automaton  $M_{LL(u)}(G)$ .

- (1) the number of states is at most  $2 \cdot (|u| + 1) \cdot |G|$
- (2) the number of type (a) transitions is at most  $(|u| + 1) \cdot |P|$ .
- (3) the number of type (b) transitions is at most  $(|u| + 1)^2 \cdot |G|$ .
- (4) the number of type (c) transitions is at most  $(|u| + 1) \cdot |G|$ .
- (5) the size of the automaton is  $O((|u| + 1)^2 \cdot |G|)$ .

Let  $u \in \Sigma^*$ . We say that an item  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  of  $G$  is **LL(u)-valid** for string  $\gamma \in V^*$  if

$$S \xRightarrow{lm}^* xA\delta \xRightarrow{lm} x\alpha\beta\delta = x\alpha\gamma^R \text{ and } y \in \text{FIRST}_u(\gamma^R)$$

hold in  $G$  for some strings  $x \in \Sigma^*$  and  $\delta \in V^*$ .

**Fact 10.37** If  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  is an LL(u)-valid item for  $\gamma$  then  $\gamma$  is a viable suffix,  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  is a u-item,  $\beta^R$  is a suffix of  $\gamma$ ,  $y \in \text{FIRST}_{|y|}(\beta \text{ FOLLOW}_{|y|}(A))$ .

Conversely, if  $\gamma$  is a viable suffix, then some item is LL(u)-valid item for  $\gamma$ , provided that the grammar is reduced.

We denote by  $VALID_{LL(u)}(\gamma)$  (or  $VALID_u(\gamma)$ ) the set of  $LL(u)$ -valid items for  $\gamma$ .

$S \xRightarrow{lm}^n xA\delta \xRightarrow{lm} x\alpha\beta\delta = x\alpha\gamma^R$  and  $y \in FIRST_u(\gamma^R)$   
for some  $x \in \Sigma^*$  and  $\delta \in V^*$ .

**Lemma 10.38** If in grammar  $G$

$[A \rightarrow \alpha B \bullet \beta, y] \in VALID_{u,n}(\gamma)$  and  $\alpha \Rightarrow^m v \in \Sigma^*$ ,

then  $\forall B \rightarrow \omega \in P$

$[B \rightarrow \bullet \omega, y] \in VALID_{u,n+m+1}(\gamma)$  .

**Lemma 10.39** If in grammar  $G$ ,

$[B \rightarrow \bullet \omega, y] \in VALID_{u,n}(\gamma)$ ,  $n > 0$ ,

then  $\exists A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta \in P$ , string  $v$  in  $T^*$ ,  $m < n$ ,

$[A \rightarrow \alpha B \bullet \beta, y] \in VALID_{u,m}(\gamma)$  and  $\alpha \xRightarrow{rm}^{n-m-1} v$ .

**Lemma 10.40** If  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \omega \bullet \beta, y] \in VALID_{u,n}(\gamma)$ , then

$\gamma \omega^R$  is a viable suffix,  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \omega \beta, z] \in VALID_{u,n}(\gamma \omega^R)$ .

Conversely, if  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \omega \beta, z] \in VALID_{u,n}(\delta)$  then there

is a viable suffix  $\gamma$  s.t.  $\delta = \gamma \omega^R$  and  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \omega \bullet \beta, y]$

$\in VALID_{u,n}(\gamma)$ , where  $z \in FIRST_u(\omega y)$ .

**Theorem 10.41** A state  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  in  $M_u(G)$  is accessible upon reading  $\gamma$  iff  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  is an  $LL(u)$ -valid item for  $\gamma$ . In other words,

$$VALID_u(\gamma) = \{ [A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y] \mid [S, \varepsilon] \gamma \Rightarrow^* [A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y] \text{ in } M_u(G) \} .$$

Let  $u \in k: \Sigma^* \$$ . We say that items  $[A_1 \rightarrow \bullet \omega_1, y_1]$  and  $[A_2 \rightarrow \bullet \omega_2, y_2]$  exhibit an  $LL(u)$ -conflict if  $A_1 = A_2$ ,  $\omega_1 \neq \omega_2$ , and  $y_1 = y_2 = u$ .

**Theorem 10.42** Let  $G$  is be a grammar,  $G'$  its  $\$$ -augmented grammar, and  $k$  a natural number. Then  $G$  is non-SLL( $k$ ) iff  $\exists u \in k: \Sigma^* \$$ , and accessible states  $I, J$  in  $M_u(G')$  that exhibit an  $LL(u)$ -conflict.

**Theorem 10.43** Let  $G$  be a grammar,  $G'$  its  $\$$ -augmented grammar, and  $k$  a natural number. Then  $G$  is non-LL( $k$ ) iff  $\exists u \in k:\Sigma^*\$, a string  $\gamma \in V^*$ , and states  $[A, y_1], [A, y_2], [A \rightarrow \bullet \omega_1, u], [A \rightarrow \bullet \omega_2, u]$  in  $M_u(G')$  such that following statements hold.$

- (1)  $[A, y_1]$  and  $[A, y_2]$  are both accessible upon reading  $\gamma$ .
- (2)  $[A \rightarrow \bullet \omega_1, u]$  is reachable from  $[A, y_1]$  upon reading  $\omega_1^R$ .
- (3)  $[A \rightarrow \bullet \omega_2, u]$  is reachable from  $[A, y_2]$  upon reading  $\omega_2^R$ .
- (4) The items  $[A \rightarrow \bullet \omega_1, u]$  and  $[A \rightarrow \bullet \omega_2, u]$  exhibit an LL( $u$ )-conflict, that is,  $\omega_1 \neq \omega_2$ .

**Lemma 10.44** Given a grammar  $G$  and a string  $u \in \Sigma^*$ , the automaton  $M_u(G)$  can be constructed in simultaneously in space  $O((|u|+1)^2 \cdot |G|)$ , in time  $O((|u|+1)^3 \cdot |G|)$ .

**Theorem 10.45** Grammar  $G$  can be tested for the SLL( $k$ ) property simultaneously in deterministic space  $O((k+1)^2 \cdot |G|)$  and in time  $O((k+1)^3 \cdot |T|^k \cdot |G|)$ .

**Corollary 10.46** For any fixed  $k$ , the  $SLL(k)$  testing problem  $P_{SLL(k)}$  is solvable simultaneously in deterministic space  $O(n)$  and in deterministic time  $O(n^{k+1})$ .

**Theorem 10.47** Grammar  $G$  can be tested for the non- $SLL(k)$  property simultaneously in nondeterministic space  $O(k + |G|)$  and in time  $O((k+1) \cdot |G|)$ .

**Corollary 10.48** For any fixed  $k$ , the non- $SLL(k)$  testing problem  $P_{non-SLL(k)}$  is solvable in nondeterministic time  $O(n)$ .

**Corollary 10.49** The uniform non- $SLL(k)$  testing problem  $P_{non-SLL}$  is solvable in nondeterministic polynomial time when  $k$  is expressed in unary, and in nondeterministic one-level exponential time when  $k$  is expressed in binary.

**Theorem 10.50** Grammar  $G$  can be tested for the  $LL(k)$  property simultaneously in deterministic space  $O((k+1)^2 \cdot |G|^2)$  and in deterministic time  $O((k+1)^4 \cdot |T|^k \cdot |G|^2)$ .

**Theorem 10.51** Grammar  $G$  can be tested for the non- $LL(k)$  property simultaneously in nondeterministic space  $O(k + |G|)$  and in nondeterministic time  $O((k+1) + |G|^2)$ .



We define  $M_{u\text{-set}}(G)$  as the FA with state alphabet

$$\{[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, W] \mid A \rightarrow \alpha \beta \in P, W \subseteq \text{SUFFIX}(u)\} \\ \cup \{[A, W] \mid A \in N, W \subseteq \text{SUFFIX}(u)\},$$

input alphabet  $V$ , initial state  $[S, \varepsilon]$ , and with set of transitions consisting of all rules of the forms:

(a)  $[A, W] \rightarrow [A \rightarrow \omega \bullet, W]$ ,

(b)  $[A \rightarrow \alpha X \bullet \beta, W] X \rightarrow [A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet X \beta, \text{FIRST}_u(XW)]$ ,  
for  $X \in V$

(c)  $[A \rightarrow \alpha B \bullet \beta, W] \rightarrow [B, W]$ , for  $B \in N$ .

The set of final states of  $M_{u\text{-set}}(G)$  is

$$F_{\text{produce}} = \{[A \rightarrow \omega \bullet, W] \mid A \rightarrow \omega \in P, \\ u \in W \subseteq \text{SUFFIX}(u)\}.$$

**Fact 10.52** Let  $G=(V, \Sigma, P, S)$  be a grammar, a string  $u \in \Sigma^*$ , the following statements hold in the automaton  $M_{u\text{-set}}(G)$ .

(1) the number of states is at most  $2 \cdot 2^{(|u|+1)} \cdot |G|$

(2) the number of type (a) transitions is at most  $2^{(|u|+1)} \cdot |P|$ .

(3) the number of type (b) transitions is at most  $2^{(|u|+1)} \cdot |G|$ .

(4) the number of type (c) transitions is at most  $2^{(|u|+1)} \cdot |G|$ .

(5) the size of the automaton is  $O(2^{(|u|+1)} \cdot |G|)$ .

**Lemma 10.53** If  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \omega \bullet \beta, W] \in \text{VALID}_{u\text{-set},n}(\gamma)$ , then  $\gamma \omega^R$  is a viable suffix and

$$[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \omega \beta, \text{FIRST}_u(\omega W)] \in \text{VALID}_{u\text{-set},n}(\gamma \omega^R).$$

Conversely, if  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \omega \beta, W'] \in \text{VALID}_{u\text{-set},n}(\delta)$  then there is a viable suffix  $\gamma$  s.t.  $\delta = \gamma \omega^R$  and  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \omega \bullet \beta, W] \in \text{VALID}_{u\text{-set},n}(\gamma)$ , where  $W = \text{FIRST}_u(\omega W')$ .

**Theorem 10.54** A state  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, W]$  in  $M_{u\text{-set}}(G)$  is accessible upon reading  $\gamma$  iff  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, W]$  is an  $\text{LL}(u\text{-set})$ -valid item for  $\gamma$ . In other words,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{VALID}_{u\text{-set}}(\gamma) &= \{ [A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, W] \mid [S, \{\varepsilon\}] \gamma \\ &\Rightarrow^* [A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, W] \text{ in } M_{u\text{-set}}(G) \}. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 10.55**  $G$  is non- $\text{LL}(k)$  iff  $\exists u \in k: \Sigma^* \$$ , a string  $\gamma \in V^*$ , and states  $[A, W]$ ,  $[A \rightarrow \bullet \omega_1, W_1]$ ,  $[A \rightarrow \bullet \omega_2, W_2]$  in  $M_{u\text{-set}}(G')$  s.t. following statements hold.

(1)  $[A, W]$  is accessible.

(2)  $[A \rightarrow \bullet \omega_1, W_1]$  is reachable from  $[A, W]$  upon reading  $\omega_1^R$ .

(3)  $[A \rightarrow \bullet \omega_2, W_2]$  is reachable from  $[A, W]$  upon reading  $\omega_2^R$ .

(4) The items  $[A \rightarrow \bullet \omega_1, W_1]$  and  $[A \rightarrow \bullet \omega_2, W_2]$  exhibit an  $\text{LL}(u)$ -conflict, i.e.,  $\omega_1 \neq \omega_2$  and  $u \in W_1 \cap W_2$ .

**Lemma 10.56** *The automaton  $M_{u\text{-set}}(G)$  can be constructed simultaneously in space  $O(2^{|u|} \cdot |G|)$ , in time  $O((|u|+1) \cdot 2^{|u|} \cdot |G|)$ .*

**Theorem 10.57** *Grammar  $G$  can be tested for the  $LL(k)$  property simultaneously in deterministic space  $O(2^k \cdot |G|)$  and in deterministic time  $O((k+1) \cdot 2^k \cdot |T|^k \cdot |G|)$ .*

**Corollary 10.58** *For any fixed  $k$ , the  $LL(k)$  testing problem  $P_{LL(k)}$  is solvable simultaneously in deterministic space  $O(n)$  and in deterministic time  $O(n^{k+1})$ .*

**Theorem 10.59** *Grammar  $G$  can be tested for the non- $LL(k)$  property simultaneously in nondeterministic space  $O((k+1)^2 \cdot |G|)$  and in nondeterministic time  $O((k+1) \cdot 2^k \cdot |G|^2)$ .*

**Corollary 10.60** *For any fixed  $k$ , the non- $LL(k)$  testing problem  $P_{\text{non-}LL(k)}$  is solvable in nondeterministic time  $O(n)$ .*

### 10.3 Hardness of Uniform LR(k) and LL(k) Testing

*derive lower bounds on the complexity of uniform non-C(k) testing*

*P: solvable in deterministic polynomial time*

*NP: solvable in nondeterministic polynomial time*

*NE: solvable in nondeterministic*

*one level exponential time ( $2^{p(n)}$ )*

*PSPACE: solvable in polynomial space*

*A decision problem  $P$  is hard for NP (or NP-hard) if every decision problem in NP reduces in polynomial time to  $P$ .*

*$P$  is complete for NP (or NP-complete) if  $P$  is in NP and NP-hard*

*NE-hard, NE-complete*

*PSPACE-hard, PSPACE-complete*

*open problem: whether or not  $P = NP$ .*

*$P = NP$  iff some NP-complete problem is in  $P$ .*

*Showing NP-hardness of uniform non- $C(k)$  testing*

- 1) *select some specific decision problem which is known to be NP-hard, and reduce this problem to uniform non- $C(k)$  testing.*
- 2) *For any decision problem  $P$  in NP, show that there exists a polynomial time-bounded reduction of  $P$  to uniform non- $C(k)$  testing.*

*Let  $M = (V, P)$  be rewriting system and  $Q, \Sigma$  and  $\Gamma$  be subsets of the alphabet  $V$ ,  $q_s \in Q$ ,  $F \subseteq Q$ ,  $B \in \Gamma \setminus \Sigma$ , and  $\$ \in V \setminus (Q \cup \Gamma)$  s.t.  $V = Q \cup \Gamma \cup \{\$\}$ ,  $Q \cap \Gamma = \emptyset$ , and  $\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$ .*

*We say that  $M$  is a **Turing machine** with state alphabet  $Q$ , input alphabet  $\Sigma$  tape symbol  $\Gamma$ , set of actions  $P$ , initial state  $q_s$ , set of final states  $F$ , blank symbol  $B$ , and end marker  $\$$ , denoted by*

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, P, q_s, F, B, \$),$$

*if each rule in  $P$  has one of the following forms:*

- (a)  $q_1 a_1 \rightarrow q_2 a_2$       "print  $a_2$ "
- (b)  $q_1 a_1 \rightarrow a_2 q_2$       "print  $a_2$  and move to the right"
- (c)  $d q_1 a_1 \rightarrow q_2 d a_2$       "print  $a_2$  and move to the left"
- (d)  $q_1 \$ \rightarrow q_2 \$$       "record end of tape"
- (e)  $q_1 \$ \rightarrow q_2 B \$$       "record end of tape and extend"

A **configuration** of Turing machine  $M$  is a string of the form

$$\alpha q \beta,$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are tape symbol strings in  $\Gamma^*$ , and  $q$  is a state in  $Q$ .

The string  $\alpha\beta$  is called the **tape contents**, and  $1:\beta$  is the **tape symbol scanned** at  $\alpha q \beta$ .

Configuration  $q_s w$  is **initial** for an input string  $w \in \Sigma^*$

Configuration  $\alpha q \beta$  is **accepting** if  $q$  is some final state in  $F$ .

A nonaccepting configuration to which no rule in  $P$  is applicable is called **error configuration**.

A **computation** of Turing machine  $M$  on input string  $w$  is any derivation in  $M$  from the initial configuration for  $w$ .

$$L(M) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid q_s w \xrightarrow{*} \alpha q \beta, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma^*, q \in F\}$$

Turing machine  $M$  is **nondeterministic** if to some configuration two actions are applicable.

**Proposition 10.61** *Let  $M$  be any language recognizer (random-access machine) with input alphabet  $\Sigma$ . Then there exists a Turing machine  $M'$  with input alphabet  $\Sigma$  such that the following statements hold for some natural number  $k$ .*

- (1)  $L(M) = L(M')$
- (2) *If  $M$  runs in time  $O(T(n))$ ,  
then  $M'$  runs in time  $O(T(n)^k)$*
- (3) *If  $M$  runs simultaneously in time  $O(T(n))$   
and in space  $O(S(n))$ , then  $M'$  runs  
simultaneously in time  $O(T(n)^k)$  and  
in space  $O(S(n)^k)$*
- (4) *If  $M$  is deterministic, then so is  $M'$*
- (5) *If  $M$  halts on input  $w$ , then so does  $M'$*

*We shall show that the set of accepting computations of any Turing machine on a fixed input string can be represented as the intersection of two context-free languages.*

*Let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, P, q_s, F, B, \$)$ .*

*Let  $C = (\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{n+1})$  be a computation of  $M$  on  $w$ .*

Assume  $C$  is nontrivial, meaning that  $n+1 \geq 1$ . Then  
 $\text{repr}(C) = \gamma_0 \# \gamma_1^R \# \gamma_1 \# \gamma_2^R \# \gamma_2 \# \dots \# \gamma_n \# \gamma_{n+1}^R \# \#$

$C$  and  $\text{repr}(C)$  are in one-to-one correspondence with each other.

We shall show that

$\{\text{repr}(C) \mid C \text{ is a nontrivial accepting computation of } M \text{ on } w\} = L(G_1(M)) \cap L(G_2(M, w))$ .

$G_1(M)$  is defined with

nonterminals :  $\{S_1, A_1, B_1\}$

terminals:  $Q \cup \Gamma \cup \{\$, \#\}$

start symbol:  $S_1$

rules

$$1) S_1 \rightarrow \$A_1\$\#S_1,$$

$$2) S_1 \rightarrow \#,$$

$$3) A_1 \rightarrow aA_1a, \forall a \in \Gamma$$

$$4) A_1 \rightarrow \omega_1 B_1 \omega_2^R, \forall \omega_1 \rightarrow \omega_2 \text{ in } P, \text{ no } \$ \text{ in } \omega_1 \omega_2$$

$$5) A_1 \rightarrow \omega_1 \$ \# (\omega_2 \$)^R, \forall \omega_1 \$ \rightarrow \omega_2 \$ \text{ in } P$$

$$6) B_1 \rightarrow aB_1a, \forall a \in \Gamma$$

$$7) B_1 \rightarrow \$\#\$.$$



$$\begin{aligned}
L(A_1) &= \{ \alpha \omega_1 \gamma \omega_2^R \alpha^R / \alpha \in \Gamma^*, \omega_1 \rightarrow \omega_2 \in P, \\
&\quad \text{no } \$ \text{ in } \omega_1 \omega_2, \gamma \in L(B_1) \} \\
&\cup \{ \alpha \omega_1 \$ \# (\omega_2 \$)^R \alpha^R / \alpha \in \Gamma^*, \omega_1 \$ \rightarrow \omega_2 \$ \in P \} \\
&= \{ \alpha \omega_1 \beta \$ \# \$ \beta^R \omega_2^R \alpha^R / \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma^*, \omega_1 \rightarrow \omega_2 \in P, \\
&\quad \text{no } \$ \text{ in } \omega_1 \omega_2 \} \\
&\cup \{ \alpha \omega_1 \$ \# \$ \omega_2^R \alpha^R / \alpha \in \Gamma^*, \omega_1 \$ \rightarrow \omega_2 \$ \in P \} \\
&= \{ \alpha \omega_1 \beta \$ \# (\alpha \omega_2 \beta \$)^R / \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma^*, \omega_1 \rightarrow \omega_2 \in P, \\
&\quad \text{no } \$ \text{ in } \omega_1 \omega_2 \} \\
&\cup \{ \alpha \omega_1 \$ \# (\alpha \omega_2 \$)^R / \alpha \in \Gamma^*, \omega_1 \$ \rightarrow \omega_2 \$ \in P \} \\
&= \{ \gamma \$ \# (\delta \$)^R / \gamma, \delta \in \Gamma^* Q \Gamma^*, \gamma \$ \Rightarrow \delta \$ \text{ in } M \} \\
L(S_1) &= (\$ L(A_1) \$ \#)^* \# \\
&= \{ \$ \gamma \$ \# (\delta \$)^R \$ \# / \gamma, \delta \in \Gamma^* Q \Gamma^*, \gamma \$ \Rightarrow \delta \$ \text{ in } M \}^* \# \\
&= \{ \$ \gamma \$ \# \$ \delta^R \$ \# / \gamma, \delta \in \Gamma^* Q \Gamma^*, \gamma \$ \Rightarrow \delta \$ \text{ in } M \}^* \# \\
&= \{ \phi \# \psi^R \# / \phi, \psi \in \$ \Gamma^* Q \Gamma^* \$, \phi \Rightarrow \psi \text{ in } M \}^* \# \\
&= \{ \# \} \cup \{ \phi_0 \# \psi_1^R \# \phi_1 \# \psi_2^R \# \dots \phi_n \# \psi_{n+1}^R \# \# \mid n \geq 0, \\
&\quad \phi_i, \psi_{i+1} \in \$ \Gamma^* Q \Gamma^* \$, \phi_i \Rightarrow \psi_{i+1} \text{ in } M \}
\end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 10.62** For any Turing machine  $M$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
L(G_1(M)) &= \{ \# \} \cup \{ \phi_0 \# \psi_1^R \# \phi_1 \# \psi_2^R \# \\
&\dots \phi_n \# \psi_{n+1}^R \# \# \mid n \geq 0, \\
&\phi_i \text{ and } \psi_{i+1} \text{ are configurations of } M
\end{aligned}$$

$G_2(M,w)$  is defined with

nonterminals :  $\{S_2, A_2, B_2, C, D, E\}$

terminals:  $Q \cup \Gamma \cup \{\$, \#\}$

start symbol:  $S_2$

rules

- 1)  $S_2 \rightarrow \$q_s w \# A_2 \#$ ,
- 2)  $A_2 \rightarrow \$B_2 \$ \# A_2$ ,
- 3)  $A_2 \rightarrow \$D$ ,
- 4)  $B_2 \rightarrow aB_2a, \forall a \in \Gamma$
- 5)  $B_2 \rightarrow qCq, \forall q \in Q$
- 6)  $C \rightarrow aCa, \forall a \in \Gamma$
- 7)  $C \rightarrow \$\#\$,$
- 8)  $D \rightarrow aD, \forall a \in \Gamma$
- 9)  $D \rightarrow qE, \forall q \in F$
- 10)  $E \rightarrow aE, \forall a \in \Gamma$
- 11)  $E \rightarrow \$\#$ .

$$L(E) = \Gamma^* \$\#$$

$$L(D) = \Gamma^* FL(E) = \Gamma^* F\Gamma^* \$\#$$

$$L(C) = \{\beta \$\#\$\beta^R \mid \beta \in \Gamma^*\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
L(B_2) &= \{ \alpha q \gamma q \alpha^R \mid \alpha \in \Gamma^*, q \in Q, \gamma \in L(C) \} \\
&= \{ \alpha q \beta \beta^R q \alpha^R \mid \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma^*, q \in Q \} \\
&= \{ \alpha q \beta (\alpha q \beta)^R \mid \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma^*, q \in Q \} \\
&= \{ \delta^R \delta \mid \delta \in \Gamma^* Q \Gamma^* \}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
L(A_2) &= (L(B_2) \#)^* L(D) \\
&= \{ \delta^R \delta \# \mid \delta \in \Gamma^* Q \Gamma^* \}^* \Gamma^* F \Gamma^* \# \\
&= \{ \gamma^R \# \gamma \# \mid \gamma \in \Gamma^* Q \Gamma^* \}^* \Gamma^* F \Gamma^* \# \\
&= \{ \gamma_1^R \# \gamma_1 \# \gamma_2^R \# \gamma_2 \# \dots \gamma_n^R \# \gamma_{n+1}^R \# \# \mid n \geq 0, \\
&\quad \gamma_i \text{ is a configuration of } M \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, n, \\
&\quad \gamma_{n+1} \in \Gamma^* F \Gamma^* \}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
L(S_2) &= q_s w \# L(A_2) \# \\
&= \{ q_s w \# \gamma_1^R \# \gamma_1 \# \gamma_2^R \# \gamma_2 \# \dots \gamma_n^R \# \gamma_{n+1}^R \# \# \mid \\
&\quad n \geq 0, \gamma_i \in \Gamma^* Q \Gamma^*, \gamma_{n+1} \in \Gamma^* F \Gamma^* \}
\end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 10.63** For any Turing machine  $M$  and input string  $w$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
L(G_2(M, w)) &= \{ \gamma_0 \# \gamma_1^R \# \gamma_1 \# \gamma_2^R \# \gamma_2 \# \\
&\dots \gamma_n \# \gamma_{n+1}^R \# \# \mid n \geq 0,
\end{aligned}$$

$\gamma_0$  is a initial configurations of  $M$  for  $w$ ,

$\gamma_i$  is a configuration of  $M$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,

**Theorem 10.64** Let  $M$  be a Turing machine and  $w$  an input string. Then

$L(G_1(M)) \cap L(G_2(M,w)) = \{\text{repr}(\mathbf{C}) \mid \mathbf{C} \text{ is a nontrivial accepting computation of } M \text{ on } w\}$ .

Furthermore, for any natural number  $k > |w| + 3$

$k:L(G_1(M)) \cap k:L(G_2(M,w)) \subseteq \{k:\text{repr}(\mathbf{C}) \mid \mathbf{C} \text{ is a nontrivial computation of } M \text{ on } w\}$ .

Moreover, if  $\text{repr}(\mathbf{C})$  belongs to  $k:L(G_2(M,w))$ , then the computation  $\mathbf{C}$  is an accepting computation.

**Proof.** a) Assume  $\Phi \in L(G_1(M)) \cap L(G_2(M,w))$ .

Any string in  $L(G_1(M))$  is either  $\#$  or of the form

$\phi_0 \# \psi_1^R \# \phi_1 \# \psi_2^R \# \dots \# \phi_n \# \psi_{n+1}^R \# \#$ ,

where  $n \geq 0$ ,  $\phi_i$  and  $\psi_{i+1}$  are conf. and  $\phi_i \Rightarrow \psi_{i+1}$ .

Any string in  $L(G_2(M,w))$  is of the form

$\gamma_0 \# \gamma_1^R \# \gamma_1 \# \gamma_2^R \# \gamma_2 \# \dots \# \gamma_m \# \gamma_{m+1}^R \# \#$ ,

where  $m \geq 0$ ,  $\gamma_0$ : initial conf.,  $\gamma_{m+1}$ : accepting conf.

$\gamma_i$ : configuration.

Clearly  $\Phi \neq \#$ .

Two string can be equal if

$n = m$ ,  $\phi_i = \gamma_i$  for  $i = 0, \dots, n+1$ .

Assume  $\mathbf{C}$  be a nontrivial accepting computation of  $M$  on  $w$ .

$$\text{repr}(\mathbf{C}) = \gamma_0 \# \gamma_1^R \# \gamma_1 \# \gamma_2^R \# \gamma_2 \# \dots \# \gamma_n \# \gamma_{n+1}^R \# \# ,$$

where  $\gamma_0$ : initial conf.,  $\gamma_{m+1}$ : accepting conf.

$$\gamma_i \Rightarrow \gamma_{i+1}, 0 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$\text{repr}(\mathbf{C}) \in L(G_1(M)), \text{repr}(\mathbf{C}) \in L(G_2(M, w)).$$

b) Let  $\Phi$  in  $k:L(G_1(M)) \cap k:L(G_2(M, w))$ .

Any string in  $k:L(G_1(M))$  is either  $k:\#$  or of the form

$$k:\phi_0 \# \psi_1^R \# \phi_1 \# \psi_2^R \# \dots \# \phi_n \# \psi_{n+1}^R \# \# ,$$

where  $n \geq 0$ ,  $\phi_i$  and  $\psi_{i+1}$  are conf. and  $\phi_i \Rightarrow \psi_{i+1}$ .

Any string in  $k:L(G_2(M, w))$  is of the form

$$k:\gamma_0 \# \gamma_1^R \# \gamma_1 \# \gamma_2^R \# \gamma_2 \# \dots \# \gamma_m \# \gamma_{m+1}^R \# \# ,$$

where  $m \geq 0$ ,  $\gamma_0$ :  $\$q_s w \$$ ,  $\gamma_i$ : conf.  $0 \leq i \leq m+1$ .

Since  $k > 3$ ,  $\Phi \neq k:\#$ .

Since  $k > |w| + 3 = |\gamma_0|$ ,  $\phi_0 = \gamma_0$ .

Hence  $\Phi$  must be of the form  $k:\text{repr}(\mathbf{C})$

c) Since  $\text{repr}(\mathbf{C})$  is end with  $\#\#$ ,

if  $\text{repr}(\mathbf{C}) \in k:L(G_2(M, w))$ ,  $\text{repr}(\mathbf{C}) \in L(G_2(M, w))$ ,

which means that  $\mathbf{C}$  is an accepting computation.

**Theorem 10.65** (Harmanis, 1967) *Given any Turing machine  $M$  and input string  $w$ , the pair  $(M, w)$  can be transformed in polynomial time into a pair of context-free grammars  $(G_1, G_2)$  such that the following statements are logically equivalent.*

- (1)  $M$  accepts  $w$ .
- (2)  $L(G_1) \cap L(G_2) \neq \emptyset$

**Proof.** We may assume that  $q_s \notin F$ .

Note that if  $q_s \in F$  then  $L(M) = \Sigma^*$

set of actions  $\{q_s a \rightarrow q_f a \mid a \in \Sigma \cup \{\$\}\}$

When  $q_s \notin F$ , it follows that every accepting computation must be nontrivial.

Choose  $G_1 = G_1(M)$ ,  $G_2 = G_2(M, w)$ .

Then  $M$  accepts  $w$  iff  $\{\text{repr}(\mathbf{C}) \mid \dots\} \neq \emptyset$   
 iff  $L(G_1) \cap L(G_2) \neq \emptyset$

**acceptance problem**

$P_{\text{accept}}$ : "Does Turing machine  $M$  accepts input  $w$ ?"

**nonemptiness of intersection problem**

$P_{\text{non-}\cap}$ : "Given two CFG  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ ,  
 is  $L(G_1) \cap L(G_2) \neq \emptyset$ ?"

A grammar is *s*-grammar when all the rules begins with a terminal, and there is no pair of rules

$$A \rightarrow a\beta_1 / a\beta_2, \text{ where } \beta_1 \neq \beta_2.$$

A nonterminal  $A$  of a context-free grammar has the *s*-property if (1) all the rules of  $A$  begin with a terminal, (2) there is no pair of rules  $A \rightarrow a\beta_1 / a\beta_2$ , where  $\beta_1 \neq \beta_2$ .

We shall show that  $G_1(M)$  and  $G_2(M,w)$  can be replaced by two *s*-grammars, when  $M$  satisfies some additional conditions.

Consider  $G_1(M)$ .

For  $A_1$  the *s*-property is violated,

$G_1(M)$  has  $A_1 \rightarrow dA_1d$  and  $A_1 \rightarrow dq_1a_1B_1a_2dq_2$ ,

where  $dq_1a_1 \rightarrow q_2da_2$  is an action of  $M$ .

$\hat{G}_1(M)$  : resulting of left factoring of  $G_1(M)$ .

1) rules of  $S_1$  and  $B_1$  are as in  $G_1(M)$ .

2)  $A_1 \rightarrow X[A_1, X]$  for all  $X \in \Gamma \cup Q$ .

3)  $[A_1, a_1] \rightarrow a_2[A_1, a_2]a_1$  for all  $a_1, a_2 \in \Gamma$ .

4) each rule of the form  $A_1 \rightarrow X_1 \dots X_m B_1 Y_1 \dots Y_n$  is replaced by

$$[A_1, X_1] \rightarrow X_2 [A_1, X_1 X_2]$$

...

$$[A_1, X_1 \dots X_{m-1}] \rightarrow X_m B_1 [A_1, X_1 \dots X_m B_1]$$

$$[A_1, X_1 \dots X_m B_1] \rightarrow Y_1 [A_1, X_1 \dots X_m B_1 Y_1]$$

...

$$[A_1, X_1 \dots X_m B_1 Y_1 \dots Y_{n-1}] \rightarrow Y_n.$$

Then  $L(G_1(M)) = L(\hat{G}_1(M))$ . And

$\hat{G}_1(M)$  is s-grammar.

1)  $S_1$  and  $B_1$  have s-property.

2)  $[A_1, \gamma]$ , where  $|\gamma| \geq 1$ , has s-property.

3) rules of  $[A_1, q]$ , where  $q \in Q$ , are the forms

$$[A_1, q] \rightarrow a [A_1, qa]$$

4) rules of  $[A_1, a]$ , where  $a \in \Gamma$ , are of the forms

$$[A_1, a] \rightarrow b [A_1, b] a, \text{ where } b \in \Gamma \text{ or}$$

$$[A_1, a] \rightarrow q [A_1, aq], \text{ where } q \in Q.$$

**Lemma 10.66** For any Turing machine  $M$ ,



**Lemma 10.69** Any Turing machine  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, P, q_s, F', B, \$)$  can be transformed in time  $O(|M|)$  into a Turing machine  $M' = (Q', \Sigma, \Gamma, P', q_s, F', B, \$)$  such that the following statements hold.

- (1)  $q_s$  does not belong to  $F'$ .
- (2)  $M'$  can make no move out of states in  $F'$ .
- (3)  $M'$  accepts only at the extreme right end of its tape.
- (4)  $L(M') = L(M)$ .
- (5) If  $M$  is  $T(n)$  time-bounded,  $M'$  is  $O(\max\{n, T(n)\})$  time-bounded.
- (6) If  $M$  is  $S(n)$  space-bounded,  $M'$  is  $S(n)$  space-bounded.
- (7) If  $M$  is simultaneously  $T(n)$  time-bounded and  $S(n)$  space-bounded,  $M'$  is simultaneously  $O(\max\{n, T(n)\})$  time-bounded and  $S(n)$  space-bounded.

**Proof.**  $Q' = Q \cup \{q' \mid q \in F, q' \notin Q \cup \Gamma\} \cup \{q_f\}$

$$P' = P \cup \{qa \rightarrow q'a \mid q \in F, a \in \Gamma \cup \{\$\}\} \\ \cup \{q'a \rightarrow aq' \mid q \in F, a \in \Gamma\} \\ \cup \{q'\$ \rightarrow q_f \$\}$$

$$F' = \{q_f\}.$$

Consider  $G_2(M, w)$ .

$G_2(M, w)$  is not  $LL(k)$  for any  $k$ .

Observe that for any  $k \geq 1$ ,

$A_2 \rightarrow \$B_2\$ \# A_2$  and  $A_2 \rightarrow \$D$  are rules  
 $FIRST_k(\$B_2\$ \# A_2)$

$$= k: \{\gamma^R \# \gamma \# / \gamma \in \$\Gamma^* Q \Gamma^* \$\}^+ \$\Gamma^* F \Gamma^* \$ \#$$

$$FIRST_k(\$D) = k: \$\Gamma^* F \Gamma^* \$ \#$$

intersection of the two  $FIRST_k$  contains all strings  
 in  $\$\Gamma^{k-1}$  and in  $\$\Gamma^m F \Gamma^n$ ,  $m, n \geq 0$ ,  $m+n = k-2$ .

Remove the above conflict if restriction on  $M$ .

$A_2 \rightarrow \$D$  generates reversal of all accepting conf.

Assume  $M$  accepts only at the extreme right end  
 ( $\$ \gamma q \$$ , where  $q \in F$ ).

Then restrict  $L(\$D) = \$F \Gamma^* \$ \#$ . Remove from  
 $G_2(M, w)$  all  $D \rightarrow aD$ , where  $a \in \Gamma$ .

Now every string in  $FIRST_k(\$D)$  begins with  $\$q$ .

Another conflict, intermediate conf.  $\gamma$  in  $\gamma^R \# \gamma \#$  de-  
 rived by  $\$B_2\$ \#$  may contain states belonging to  $F$ .

$M$  make no move out of a final state. Restrict

$$L(\$B_2\$ \# A_2) = \{\gamma^R \# \gamma \# / \gamma \in \$\Gamma^* (Q \setminus F) \Gamma^* \$\}^+ \$F \Gamma^* \$ \#$$

$\hat{G}_2 (M,w)$  is the grammar with  
 nonterminals :  $\{S_2, A'_2, A_2, B_2, C, E\}$   
 terminals:  $Q \cup \Gamma \cup \{\$, \#\}$   
 start symbol:  $S_2$

rules

- 1)  $S_2 \rightarrow \$q_s w \# A_2 \#$ ,
- 2)  $A_2 \rightarrow \$A'_2$
- 3)  $A'_2 \rightarrow aB_2 a \$ \# A_2, \forall a \in \Gamma$
- 4)  $A'_2 \rightarrow qCq \$ \# A_2, \forall q \in Q \setminus F$
- 5)  $A'_2 \rightarrow qE, \forall q \in F$
- 6)  $B_2 \rightarrow aB_2 a, \forall a \in \Gamma$
- 7)  $B_2 \rightarrow qCq, \forall q \in Q$
- 8)  $C \rightarrow aCa, \forall a \in \Gamma$
- 9)  $C \rightarrow \$\#\$,$
- 10)  $E \rightarrow aE, \forall a \in \Gamma$
- 11)  $E \rightarrow \$\#.$

**Lemma 10.67** For any Turing machine  $M$  and input string  $w$ ,

$$L(\hat{G}_2 (M,w)) = \{\gamma_0 \# \gamma_1^R \# \gamma_1 \# \gamma_2^R \# \gamma_2 \# \\ \dots \gamma_n \# \gamma_{n+1}^R \# \# \mid n \geq 0\},$$

$\gamma_0$  is a initial configurations of  $M$  for  $w$ ,

$\gamma_i$  is a configuration in  $\$ \Gamma^* (Q \setminus F) \Gamma^* \$$  for

all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,

$\gamma_{n+1}$  is a configuration in  $\$ \Gamma^* (Q \setminus F) \Gamma^* \$$  }

Moreover, the grammar  $\hat{G}_2 (M, w)$  is an  $s$ -grammar of size  $O(|M| + |w|)$  and can be constructed from  $M$  and  $w$  in time  $O(|M| + |w|)$ .

**Theorem 10.68** Let  $M$  be a Turing machine such that the following statements hold.

- (1) The initial state  $q_s$  of  $M$  is not a final state.
- (2)  $M$  can make no move out of a final state.
- (3)  $M$  accepts only at the extreme right end of its tape.

Then for any input string  $w$

$L(\hat{G}_1 (M)) \cap L(\hat{G}_2 (M, w)) = \{\text{repr}(\mathbf{C}) \mid \mathbf{C} \text{ is an accepting computation of } M \text{ on } w \}$ .

Furthermore, for any natural number  $k > |w| + 3$

$k:L(\hat{G}_1 (M)) \cap L(\hat{G}_2 (M, w)) \subseteq \{\text{repr}(\mathbf{C}) \mid \mathbf{C} \text{ is a nontrivial computation of } M \text{ on } w \}$ .

Moreover, if  $\text{repr}(\mathbf{C})$  belongs to  $k:L(\hat{G}_2 (M, w))$ , then

**Theorem 10.71** *The nonemptiness of intersection problem for s-languages is unsolvable.*

$\hat{G}(M, w)$  : uniting the s-grammars  $\hat{G}_1(M)$  and  $\hat{G}_2(M, w)$ , and  $S \rightarrow S_1 \mid S_2$ .

**Theorem 10.72** *Given any Turing machine  $M$  and input string  $w$ , the pair  $(M, w)$  can be transformed in polynomial time into a context-free grammar  $G$  such that the following statements are logically equivalent.*

- (1)  $M$  accepts  $w$ .
- (2)  $G$  is ambiguous.

**Proof.** Let  $G = \hat{G}(M, w)$ .  $\hat{G}_1(M)$  and  $\hat{G}_2(M, w)$  can be constructed from  $M$  and  $w$  in polynomial time.

Then so can  $\hat{G}(M, w)$ .

The only way  $\hat{G}(M, w)$  can be ambiguous is that

$$S \xRightarrow{lm} S_1 \xRightarrow{lm}^* w,$$

$$S \xRightarrow{lm} S_2 \xRightarrow{lm}^* w.$$

sentence  $w$  exists iff  $M$  accepts  $w$ .

**ambiguity problem**

$P_{amb}$ : "Given a context-free grammar  $G$

**Theorem 10.74** If  $C = (\gamma_0, \gamma_1 \dots \gamma_t)$ ,  $t \geq 1$ , is a computation of Turing machine  $M$  on input string  $w$ , then

$$|repr(C)| \leq 2t \cdot (|w| + t + 4) + 1.$$

**Proof.**  $repr(C) = \gamma_0 \# \gamma_1^R \# \gamma_1 \# \gamma_2^R \# \dots \gamma_{t-1} \# \gamma_t^R \# \#$

Here  $|\gamma_0| = |q_s w| = |w| + 3$ .

$|\gamma_i| \leq |\gamma_0| + t$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, t$ .

$$\begin{aligned} |repr(C)| &= |\gamma_0| + 2|\gamma_1 \#| + \dots + 2|\gamma_{t-1} \#| + |\gamma_t^R \#| + 1 \\ &\leq 2t (|\gamma_0| + 1 + t) + 1 = 2t \cdot (|w| + t + 4) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 10.75** Let  $M$  be a Turing machine such that the following statements hold.

- (1) The initial state  $q_s$  of  $M$  is not a final state.
- (2)  $M$  can make no move out of a final state.
- (3)  $m$  accepts only at the extreme right end of its tape.

Further let  $w$  be an input string and assume that there is a natural number  $t > |w|$  such that

- (4)  $M$  makes no more than  $t$  moves on  $w$ , that is,  $M$  has no computation on  $w$  with length greater than  $t$ .

Then for all  $k \geq 13 \cdot t^2$  the following statements are

logically equivalent.

- (a)  $M$  accepts  $w$  in time  $t$ .
- (b)  $G(M,w)$  is ambiguous.
- (c)  $G(M,w)$  is not  $C(k)$ , where  $C(k)$  denotes any of the grammar classes  $LR(k)$ ,  $LALR(k)$ ,  $SLR(k)$ ,  $LL(k)$ ,  $LALL(k)$ , or  $SLL(k)$ .

**Proof.** Similar to the proof of T 10.72,

a) implies b), which implies c).

Assume a) is not true.

Then  $M$  has on  $w$  no accepting computation. All computations on  $w$  has length at most  $t$ .

Let  $\mathbf{C} = (\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{m+1})$ ,  $0 \leq m < t$ , be a computation on.

Then  $|\text{repr}(\mathbf{C})| \leq 2t(t+4) + 1 = 4t^2 + 8t + 1 \leq 13t^2$ .  
for all  $k \geq 13t^2$ ,

$k:L(S_1) \cap k:L(S_2) \subseteq \{\text{repr}(\mathbf{C}) \mid \mathbf{C} \text{ is } \dots\} = \emptyset$ .

$k:L(S_1) \cap k:L(S_2) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $S$  has  $SLL(k)$  property.

$\hat{G}(M,w)$  has  $SLL(k)$  property. It is also  $LALL(k)$ ,  $LL(k)$ ,  $LALR(k)$ ,  $LR(k)$ , and unambiguous.

A function  $T$  from the set of natural numbers to the set of positive natural numbers is time-constructible if

**Theorem 10.77** (Hunt, Szymanski and Ullman, 1975)  
 Let  $C(k)$ , for all  $k \geq 0$ , denote the class of  $SLL(k)$ ,  $LL(k)$ ,  $SLR(k)$ , or  $LR(k)$  grammars. Then the problem of uniform non- $C(k)$  testing is NP-complete when  $k$  is expressed in unary, and NE-complete when  $k$  is expressed in binary. When  $C(k)$  denotes the class of  $LA-LR(k)$  or  $LALL(k)$  grammars, the problem of uniform non- $C(k)$  testing is NP-hard when  $k$  is expressed in unary, and NE-hard when  $k$  is expressed in binary.

**Proof.** We have shown that for  $C(k)$  the uniform non- $C(k) = SLL(k), LL(k), SLR(k), LR(k)$ , testing problem is in NP when  $k$  is expressed in unary.

To show that the problem is NP-hard we have to establish polynomial-time reductions to this problem from arbitrary decision problems in NP.

Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be any decision problem in NP.

$\exists$  polynomial  $p$  and  $p(n)$  time-bounded TM  $M$  s.t.

$M$  accepts  $w$  iff  $w$  is a yes-instance of  $\mathbf{P}$ .

By P 10.76 we may assume  $M$  never makes more than  $p(|w|)$  moves on  $w$ .

Now any instance  $w$  of  $\mathbf{P}$  can be transformed into

$$(\hat{G}(M, w), un(13 \cdot p(|w|)^2)),$$

where  $un(k)$  denotes the unary representation of  $k$ .

By T 10.75,



*"Given a context-free grammar  $G$ , is there a natural number  $k$  such that  $G$  is  $C(k)$ ?"*

**Theorem 10.78** (Knuth, 1965; Rosenkrantz and Stearns, 1970) *Let  $C(k)$  denote one of the grammar classes  $LR(k)$ ,  $LALR(k)$ ,  $SLR(k)$ ,  $LL(k)$ ,  $LALL(k)$ , or  $SLL(k)$ .*

*It is unsolvable whether or not a given context-free grammar  $G$  is  $C(k)$  for some  $k \geq 0$ .*

### 10.4 Complexity of LALR(k) and LALL(k) testing

For any fixed  $k \geq 1$ ,  $P_{LALR(k)}$  is PSPACE-complete.

For any fixed  $k \geq 2$ ,  $P_{LALL(k)}$  is PSPACE-complete.

$NP \subseteq PSPACE$ .

**Theorem 10.79** For any fixed  $k \geq 0$ , the problems of non-LALR(k) testing and LALR(k) testing are in PSPACE.

**Proof.**

1)  $Q_1 := Q_2 := \{[S' \rightarrow \bullet \$ \$ \$, \varepsilon]\};$

while true do begin

if  $CORE(Q_1) = CORE(Q_2)$  then

if  $Q_1 \cup Q_2$  contains a pair of distinct

items exhibiting an LR(k)-conflict then

output "G is non-LALR(k)" and halt

guess strings X and  $Y \in V \cup \{\$, \varepsilon\}$

$Q_1 := GOTO(Q_1, X)$

$Q_2 := GOTO(Q_2, Y)$

end

2) By Savitch's Theorem

$PSPACE = NSPACE$ .

## **Regular expression nonuniversality**

$P_{\text{nonuniv}}$ : "Given a regular expression  $E$  over  $V$ ,  
is  $L(E) \neq V^*$ ?"

Noncomputations of  $M$  on input  $w$  means any string that does not represent a valid computation of  $M$  on  $w$ .

We shall show that given any polynomial  $p$ , a  $p(n)$  space-bounded  $M$ , and  $w$ , the pair  $(M, w)$  can be transformed in polynomial time into a regular expression  $E(M, p, w)$  that denotes the set of those strings that are not representations of accepting computations of  $M$  on  $w$ .

$V^* \setminus L(E(M, p, w))$  denotes accepting computation.  
Then

$M$  accepts  $w$  iff  $L(E(M, p, w)) \neq V^*$ .

Let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, P, q_s, F, B, \$)$ . represent computation  $(\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$  as string  $\gamma_0 \dots \gamma_n$ .

any configuration  $\gamma_i$  is a string in  $\$ \Gamma^* Q \Gamma^* \$$ .

$$\begin{aligned} E_1(M) = & \varepsilon \cup (\$ \Gamma^* Q \Gamma^* \$)^* (\Gamma \cup Q) V^* \\ & \cup (\$ \Gamma^* Q \Gamma^* \$)^* \$ (\Gamma \cup Q)^* \\ & \cup (\$ \Gamma^* Q \Gamma^* \$)^* \$ \Gamma^* \$ V^* \end{aligned}$$

*initial conf.  $\$q_s w\$$*

$$E_2(M) = \$\Gamma^+ Q \Gamma^* \$V^* \cup \$(Q \setminus \{q_s\}) \Gamma^* \$V^* \\ \cup \$q_s \Gamma^* (\Gamma \setminus \Sigma) \Gamma^* \$V^*$$

*For  $M$  and  $w = a_1 \dots a_n$  in  $\Sigma^n$ , initial conf.  $\$q_s a_1 \dots a_n \$$*

$$E_3(M, w) = \$q_s \$V^* \cup \$q_s \Sigma \$V^* \cup \dots \cup \$q_s \Sigma^{n-1} \$V^* \\ \cup \$q_s \Sigma^{n+1} \Sigma^* \$V^* \\ \cup \$q_s (\Sigma \setminus \{a_1\}) \Sigma^* \$V^* \\ \cup \$q_s \Sigma (\Sigma \setminus \{a_2\}) \Sigma^* \$V^* \cup \dots \\ \cup \$q_s \Sigma^{n-1} (\Sigma \setminus \{a_n\}) \Sigma^* \$V^* .$$

*accepting conf.  $\$\alpha q \beta \$$ , where  $q \in F$ .*

$$E_4(M) = V^* \$\Gamma^* (Q \setminus F) \Gamma^* \$$$

$$E_1(M) \cup E_2(M) \cup E_3(M, w) \cup E_4(M)$$

*denotes the set of those strings in  $V^*$  that are not form  $\gamma_0 \dots \gamma_n$ ,  $\gamma_0$  is the initial conf.,  $\gamma_i$  is a conf.,  $\gamma_n$  is accepting conf.*

*conf. shorter than  $s(|w|)$*

*tape length, position of state*

$$E_6(M, s, w) = \cup \{ V^* \Gamma^m Q \Gamma^n \Gamma^k Q \Gamma^l V^* \mid m, n, k, l \geq 0, \\ 0 \leq m+n \leq s(|w|) - 3, 0 \leq k+l \leq s(|w|) - 3, \\ \text{but none of conditions are satisfied:} \\ (a) k = m \text{ and } l = n > 0, \\ (b) k = m + 1 \text{ and } l = n - 1, \\ (c) k = m - 1 \text{ and } l = n + 1 > 1, \\ (d) k = m \text{ and } l = n = 0, \\ (e) k = m \text{ and } l = n + 1 = 1, \\ (f) k = m - 1 \text{ and } l = n + 1 = 1 \}$$

*Restrict our attention to strings denoted by*

- (a)  $V^* \Gamma^m Q \Gamma^n \Gamma^m Q \Gamma^n V^*$ , where  $m \geq 0, n > 0$
- (b)  $V^* \Gamma^m Q \Gamma^n \Gamma^{m+1} Q \Gamma^{n-1} V^*$ , where  $m \geq 0, n > 0$
- (c)  $V^* \Gamma^m Q \Gamma^n \Gamma^{m-1} Q \Gamma^{n+1} V^*$ , where  $m \geq 0, n > 0$
- (d)  $V^* \Gamma^m Q \Gamma^n \Gamma^m Q V^*$ , where  $m \geq 0$
- (e)  $V^* \Gamma^m Q \Gamma^n \Gamma^m Q \Gamma V^*$ , where  $m \geq 0$
- (f)  $V^* \Gamma^m Q \Gamma^n \Gamma^{m-1} Q \Gamma V^*$ , where  $m > 0$

*In (a), (b), (c),  $m + n \leq s(|w|) - 3$ ,*

*In (d), (e), (c),  $m + n \leq s(|w|) - 3$ ,*

*tape symbol changed*

$$E_7(M, s, w)$$

$$= \cup \{ V^* \$ \Gamma^m a \Gamma^* Q \Gamma^* \$ \$ \Gamma^m (\Gamma \setminus \{a\}) \Gamma^* Q \Gamma^* \$ V^* / \\ a \in \Gamma, 0 \leq m \leq s(|w|) - 4 \},$$

$E_7(M, s, w)$

$$= \cup \{ V^* \$ \Gamma^* a \Gamma^+ a Q \Gamma^n \$ \$ \Gamma^* Q \Gamma^* (\Gamma \setminus \{a\}) \Gamma^n \$ V^* / \\ a \in \Gamma, 0 \leq m \leq s(|w|) - 4 \},$$

*Apply action*

*Convention:  $q_1, q_2 \in Q, a, a_1, a_2, d_1, d_2 \in \Gamma, m \geq 0,$*

*$P$  denote set of actions of  $M$*

$$E_a(M, s, w) = \cup \{ V^* \$ \Gamma^m q_1 a_1 \Gamma^* \$ \$ \Gamma^m q_2 a_2 \Gamma^* \$ V^* / \\ m \leq s(|w|) - 4, q_1 a_1 \rightarrow q_2 a_2 \notin P \}$$

$$E_b(M, s, w) = \cup \{ V^* \$ \Gamma^m q_1 a_1 \Gamma^* \$ \$ \Gamma^m a_2 q_2 \Gamma^* \$ V^* / \\ m \leq s(|w|) - 4, q_1 a_1 \rightarrow a_2 q_2 \notin P \},$$

$$E_c(M, s, w) = \cup \{ V^* \$ \Gamma^m d_1 q_1 a_1 \Gamma^* \$ \$ \Gamma^m q_2 d_2 a_2 \Gamma^* \$ V^* / \\ m \leq s(|w|) - 5, d_1 q_1 a_1 \rightarrow q_2 d_2 a_2 \notin P \}$$

$$E_d(M, s, w) = \cup \{ V^* \$ \Gamma^m q_1 \$ \$ \Gamma^m q_2 \$ V^* / \\ m \leq s(|w|) - 3, q_1 \$ \rightarrow q_2 \$ \notin P \},$$

$$E_e(M, s, w) = \cup \{ V^* \$ \Gamma^m q_1 \$ \$ \Gamma^m q_2 a \$ V^* /$$

**Theorem 10.80** *Let  $p$  be a polynomial,  $M$  a Turing machine that runs in space  $p(n)$ , and  $w$  an input string. Then*

$$L(E(M,p,w)) = V^* \setminus \{ \gamma_0 \gamma_1 \dots \gamma_n \mid n \geq 0,$$

$(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_n)$  is an accepting computation of  $M$  on  $w$  having space complexity at most  $p(|w|)$   $\}$ ,

where  $V$  is the alphabet of  $M$ . Moreover, the regular expression  $E(M,p,w)$  can be constructed from  $M$  and  $w$  in time polynomial in  $|M| + |w|$ .

**Theorem 10.81** (Stockmeyer and Meyer, 1973)  $P_{\text{nonuniv}}$  regular expression nonuniversality, is PSPACE-hard.

**Proof.** To show that  $P_{\text{nonuniv}}$  is PSPACE-hard

- 1) Choose any problem  $P$  in PSPACE,
- 2) establish a polynomial-time reduction of

$P$  to  $P_{\text{nonuniv}}$

Since  $P$  is in PSPACE it has a polynomial space-bounded solution. There exists a polynomial  $p$  and  $p(n)$  space-bounded Turing machine  $M$  s.t.

$M$  accepts input  $w$  iff  $w$  is a yes-instance of  $P$ .

By T 10.80 there exists a polynomial time-bounded algorithm that transforms any input string  $w$  of  $M$

*Establishing a polynomial-time reduction of r.e. non-universality to non-LALR(k) testing.*

*r.e. nonuniversality reduces in polynomial time to  
 "Given a right-linear grammar  $G$  with terminal  $T$  and with set of rules contains only rules of the forms  $A \rightarrow aB$  and  $A \rightarrow \varepsilon$ , is  $L(G) \neq T^*$ ?"*

*We shall show that this problem reduces in polynomial time to non-LALR(k) testing.*

*Let  $k \geq 1$  and  $G = (N \cup T, T, P, S)$  be a right-linear grammar. Further assume that the rules in  $P$  are of the forms  $A \rightarrow aB$  and  $A \rightarrow \varepsilon$ . Define  $\hat{G}(G, k)$  as grammar with nonterminals  $\{\hat{S}, E_1, E_2, H_1, H_2, H_3\} \cup N$ , terminals  $T \cup \{c, d, f, g, h, (\hat{S}, S)\} \cup P$  start symbol  $\hat{S}$*

*rules:  $\hat{S} \rightarrow E_1 \mid S(\hat{S}, S) \mid gE_2$*

*$E_1 \rightarrow aE_1$ , for all  $a \in T$ ,*

*$E_1 \rightarrow H_1d^k \mid H_2c^k$ ,*

*$E_2 \rightarrow H_1c^k \mid H_2d^k$ ,*

*$A \rightarrow aB(A, aB)$ , for all  $A \rightarrow aB$  in  $P$*

*$A \rightarrow H_3f^k(A, \varepsilon)$ , for all  $A \rightarrow \varepsilon$  in  $P$*



**Lemma 10.82** *Let  $\gamma$  be a string such that the state  $VALID_0(\gamma)$  in the LR(0) machine of the  $\$$ -augmented grammar for  $\hat{G} (G,k)$  contains a pair of distinct items  $[C \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta]$  and  $[D \rightarrow \omega \bullet]$ , where  $\alpha \neq \varepsilon$ . Then  $\gamma:1 = h$ .*

**Proof.** *Note that one of  $\alpha$  and  $\omega$  must be a suffix of the other, and that  $\alpha$  and  $\omega$  must be suffixes of  $\gamma$ .*

$$\gamma:1 = \alpha:1 = \omega:1.$$

*Denote  $\gamma:1$  by  $X$ .*

*$X \neq \hat{S}'$ ,  $\hat{S}$ ,  $H_1$ ,  $H_2$ ,  $H_3$ ,  $f$ ,  $g$ , symbol in  $N \cup T$*

*(No rule  $D \rightarrow \omega'Y$ , where  $Y$  is one of these)*

*$X \neq E_2$ ,  $(\hat{S}, S)$ ,  $(A, \varepsilon)$ ,  $(A, aB)$ , where  $A, B \in N$ ,  $a \in T$*

*(No two distinct item  $[C \rightarrow \alpha Y \bullet \beta]$  and  $[D \rightarrow \omega Y \bullet]$  in the same state)*

*$X \neq c$ ,  $d$*

*( $[E_i \rightarrow H_j c^m \bullet c^{k-m}]$  and  $[E_l \rightarrow H_r c^k \bullet]$  in the same state implies they are equal.)*

*$X \neq E_1$*

*( $[E_1 \rightarrow aE_1 \bullet]$  and  $[E_1 \rightarrow bE_1 \bullet]$ ,  $a \neq b$ , cannot simultaneously be in  $VALID_0(\gamma)$ ;  $[\hat{S} \rightarrow E_1 \bullet]$  belongs only to  $VALID_0(\$E_1)$  and  $[E_1 \rightarrow aE_1 \bullet] \notin VALID_0(\$E_1)$ .)*

*Thus  $X = h$ .*

**Lemma 10.83** For all  $0 \leq n \leq k$  and strings  $\gamma$  the following hold for the  $\$$ -augmented grammar of

$\hat{G} (G, k)$ .

(a)  $VALID_n(\gamma)$  contains an item of the form

$$[C \rightarrow \alpha \bullet E_1 \beta, y] \text{ iff } \gamma \in \$T^*$$

(b)  $VALID_n(\gamma)$  contains an item of the form

$$[C \rightarrow \alpha \bullet A \beta, y], A \in N, \text{ iff } \gamma \text{ is of the form } \$w$$

where  $w \in T^*$  and  $S \Rightarrow^* wA$  in  $G$ .

(c)  $VALID_n(\gamma)$  contains an item of the form

$$[C \rightarrow \alpha \bullet E_2 \beta, y] \text{ iff } C = \hat{S}, \alpha = g, \beta = \varepsilon,$$

$$y = \$, \text{ and } \gamma = \$g.$$

**Lemma 10.84** Let  $0 \leq n \leq k$  and let  $\gamma$  be a string s.t. in the  $\$$ -augmented grammar of  $\hat{G} (G, k)$ ,

$VALID_n(\gamma h) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\gamma \in \$T^* \cup \$g$ . Moreover,

$VALID_n(\gamma h)$  equals

$$(1) \{[H_1 \rightarrow h \bullet, d^n], [H_2 \rightarrow h \bullet, c^n], [H_3 \rightarrow h \bullet, f^n]\}$$

$$\text{if } \gamma \in \$L(G),$$

$$(2) \{[H_1 \rightarrow h \bullet, d^n], [H_2 \rightarrow h \bullet, c^n]\}$$

$$\text{if } \gamma \in \$T^* \setminus \$L(G),$$

**Proof.**  $VALID_n(\gamma h)$  can only contain the items

$[H_1 \rightarrow h\bullet, d^n], [H_1 \rightarrow h\bullet, c^n], [H_2 \rightarrow h\bullet, c^n],$

$[H_2 \rightarrow h\bullet, d^n],$  and  $[H_3 \rightarrow h\bullet, f^n].$

$[H_1 \rightarrow h\bullet, d^n], [H_2 \rightarrow h\bullet, c^n] \in VALID_n(\gamma h)$

iff  $[C \rightarrow \alpha\bullet E_1\beta, y] \in VALID_n(\gamma)$  iff  $\gamma \in \$T^*$ .

$[H_3 \rightarrow h\bullet, f^n] \in VALID_n(\gamma h)$

iff  $[C \rightarrow \alpha\bullet A\beta, y] \in VALID_n(\gamma)$ , where  $A \rightarrow \varepsilon$  in  $G$

iff  $\gamma$  is of the form  $\$w$  where  $w \in T, S \Rightarrow^* wA$  in  $G$

$[H_1 \rightarrow h\bullet, c^n], [H_2 \rightarrow h\bullet, d^n] \in VALID_n(\gamma h)$

iff  $[C \rightarrow \alpha\bullet E_2\beta, y] \in VALID_n(\gamma)$

iff  $C = \hat{S}, \alpha = g, \beta = \varepsilon, y = \$, \text{ and } \gamma = \$g$

**Theorem 10.85** Let  $G$  be any right-linear grammar with terminal alphabet  $T$  and with a set of rules containing only rules of the forms  $A \rightarrow aB, A \rightarrow \varepsilon$ .

Then for all natural numbers  $k \geq 1, \hat{G}(G, k)$  is  $LR(1)$ .

$\hat{G}(G, k)$  is  $LALR(1)$  if  $L(G) = T^*$ , and

non- $LALR(k)$  if  $L(G) \neq T^*$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\gamma'_1$  and  $\gamma'_2$  be strings,  $[C' \rightarrow \alpha'\bullet\beta', y']$  in  $VALID_1(\gamma'_1)$  and  $[C \rightarrow \omega\bullet, z]$  in  $VALID_1(\gamma'_2)$  be two

distinct items. Then  $VALID_1(\gamma'_1)$  must contain an item  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, y]$  from which distinct  $C \rightarrow \omega \bullet$  and  $\alpha \neq \varepsilon$ . Now if  $VALID_0(\gamma'_1) = VALID_0(\gamma'_2)$  then  $\gamma'_1 = \gamma_1 h$ ,  $\gamma'_2 = \gamma_2 h$ . But then shows that  $\hat{G}(G, k)$  is  $LR(1)$ . it is  $LALR(1)$  if  $L(G) = T^*$ . L 10.84 show that if  $L(G) \neq T^*$ , then it cannot be  $LALR(k)$ .

**Theorem 10.86** For each fixed natural number  $k \geq 1$ , the problems of non- $LALR(k)$  testing and  $LALR(k)$  testing are PSPACE-complete.

**Theorem 10.87** For each fixed natural number  $k \geq 2$ , the problems of non- $LALR(k)$  testing and  $LALL(k)$  testing are PSPACE-complete.

**Theorem 10.88** Grammar  $G$  can be tested for the non- $LALR(k)$  and non- $LALL(k)$  properties simultaneously in nondeterministic space  $O(|w| + k)$  and in nondeterministic time  $O((k+1) \cdot |G|^2 \cdot 2^{|G|})$

**Theorem 10.89** The problem of uniform non- $LALR(k)$ ,  $LALR(k)$ , non- $LALL(k)$ , and  $LALL(k)$  testing are PSPACE-complete when  $k$  is expressed in

*unary. The problems of non-LALR(k) and non-LALL(k) testing are NE-complete when k is expressed in binary.*

**Table 1: Complexity of non- $C(k)$  testing**

	<i>fixed</i> $k=1$	<i>fixed</i> $k \geq 2$	<i>free</i> $k$ <i>in</i> <i>unary</i>	<i>free</i> $k$ <i>in</i> <i>binary</i>	$\exists k, G$ <i>is</i> $C(k)$
<i>non-SLL(k)</i>	<i>in P</i>	<i>in P</i>	<b>NP-com- plete</b>	<b>NE-com- plete</b>	<b>unsol vable</b>
<i>non-LALL(k)</i>	<i>in P</i>	<i>PSPACE</i> <i>com- plete</i>	<i>PSPACE</i> <i>com- plete</i>	<b>NE-com- plete</b>	<b>unsol vable</b>
<i>non-LL(k)</i>	<i>in P</i>	<i>in P</i>	<b>NP-com- plete</b>	<b>NE-com- plete</b>	<b>unsol vable</b>
<i>non-SLR(k)</i>	<i>in P</i>	<i>in P</i>	<b>NP-com- plete</b>	<b>NE-com- plete</b>	<b>unsol vable</b>
<i>non-LALR(k)</i>	<i>PSPACE</i> <i>com- plete</i>	<i>PSPACE</i> <i>com- plete</i>	<i>PSPACE</i> <i>com- plete</i>	<b>NE-com- plete</b>	<b>unsol vable</b>
<i>non-LR(k)</i>	<i>in P</i>	<i>in P</i>	<b>NP-com- plete</b>	<b>NE-com- plete</b>	<b>unsol vable</b>

**Table 1: Upper bounds on the complexity of non- $C(k)$  testing when  $k \geq 2$  is fixed.**

	<i>deterministic time</i>	<i>deterministic space</i>	<i>nondeterministic time</i>	<i>size of <math>C(k)</math> parser</i>
<i>non-SLL(k)</i>	$O(n^{k+1})$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(2^{n+2\log n})$
<i>non-LALL(k)</i>	<i>parser construction time</i>	$O(n^2)$	$O(2^{n+2\log n})$	$O(2^{n+(k+1)\log n})$
<i>non-LL(k)</i>	$O(n^{k+1})$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(2^{n^{k+1}+(k+1)\log n})$
<i>non-SLR(k)</i>	$O(n^{k+2})^a$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(2^{n+(k+1)\log n})$
<i>non-LALR(k)</i>	<i>parser construction time</i>	$O(n^2)$	$O(2^{n+2\log n})$	$O(2^{n+(k+1)\log n})$
<i>non-LR(k)</i>	$O(n^{k+2})$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(2^{n^{k+1}+(k+1)\log n})$

a. For (non-)SLR(2) testing an  $O(n^3)$  algorithm is known.

**Table 1: Upper bounds on the Complexity of  $C(1)$  testing and on Parser Construction**

	<i>C(1) testing deterministic time</i>	<i>C(1) parser size</i>	<i>C(1) parser construction time</i>
<i>SLL(1)</i>	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$
<i>LALL(1)</i>	$O(n^2)$	$O(2^{n+2\log n})$	$O(2^{n+3\log n})$
<i>LL(1)</i>	$O(n^2)$	$O(2^{n^2+2\log n})$	$O(2^{n^2+4\log n})$
<i>SLR(1)</i>	$O(n^2)$	$O(2^{n+2\log n})$	$O(2^{n+3\log n})$
<i>LALR(1)</i>	$O(2^{n+3\log n})$	$O(2^{n+2\log n})$	$O(2^{n+3\log n})$
<i>LR(1)</i>	$O(n^2)$	$O(2^{n^2+2\log n})$	$O(2^{n^2+4\log n})$