

## 7. Construction and Implementation of LR(1) Parsers

Implementation methods of LR(1) parsers:

*table-driven,*

*set of program statements of rules*

### 7.1 Construction of SLR(1) Parsers

To construct SLR(1) parser:

*construct canonical LR(0) collection and*

*deterministic (canonical) LR(0) machine,*

*simply add the lookahead symbols to the rules of the LR(0) parser.*

In deterministic LR(0) machine for  $G$ ;

$$\text{Valid}_0(\varepsilon) = {}^1\{[S \rightarrow \cdot \omega] \mid S \rightarrow \omega \in P\},$$

$$\text{Goto}(\text{Valid}_0(\gamma), X) = \text{Valid}_0(\gamma X).$$

Let  $G = (N, \Sigma, P, S)$ .  $M_0 = (I_0 \cup \{q_s\}, V, q_s, I_f, \delta_0)$  is the **nondeterministic LR(0) machine** for  $G$  where

$I_0$ : set of 0-items,  $V$ : input alphabet,

$q_s \notin I_0$ : initial state,  $I_f = I_0$ : set of final states,

$\delta_0: (I_0 \cup \{q_s\}) \times (V \cup \{\varepsilon\}) \rightarrow 2^{I_0}$  of the form;

$$q_s \varepsilon \rightarrow [S \rightarrow \cdot \omega],$$

$$[A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot X \beta] X \rightarrow [A \rightarrow \alpha X \cdot \beta], X \in V, \text{ and}$$

$$[A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot B \beta] \varepsilon \rightarrow [B \rightarrow \cdot \omega]$$

where  $\beta \Rightarrow^* w, \exists w \in \Sigma^*$ .

Nondeterministic LR(0) machine for  $G$  is computed in time  $O(|G|^2)$  and of size  $O(|G|^2)$ .

**Lemma 7.1** *The set of viable prefixes of  $G$  is the language accepted by the nondeterministic LR(0) machine  $M_0$  for  $G$ , and for any viable prefix  $\gamma$ ,*

$$\text{Valid}_0(\gamma) = \{q \mid \exists q \in I_0: q \in \delta'_0(q_s, \gamma)\}$$

where  $\delta'_0(q, \alpha X) = \{p \mid \exists \alpha \in V^*, X \in V, r \in \delta'_0(q, \alpha): p \in \delta_0(r, X)\}$ .

**Proof.** *By construction,*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Valid}_0(\varepsilon) &= \{[S \rightarrow \cdot \omega] \mid S \rightarrow \omega \in P\} \\ &= \{q \mid \exists q \in I_0: q \in \delta'_0(q_s, \varepsilon)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Assume as i.h. for  $\gamma$  of length  $n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} I \neq \emptyset \text{ .}\exists. I &= \{q \mid \exists q \in I_0: q \in \delta'_0(q_s, \gamma)\} \\ \text{iff } \gamma &\text{ is viable prefix and } I = \text{Valid}_0(\gamma). \end{aligned}$$

$I' \neq \emptyset \text{ .}\exists. I' = \{q \mid \exists q \in I_0: q \in \delta'_0(q_s, \gamma X)\}$   
iff  $\gamma$  is viable prefix and  $I' = \text{Goto}(\text{Valid}_0(\gamma), X) \neq \emptyset$ .

Since  $\text{Goto}(\text{Valid}_0(\gamma), X) = \text{Valid}_0(\gamma X)$ , and  
 $\text{Valid}_0(\gamma X) \neq \emptyset$  iff  $\gamma X$  is viable prefix,

$I' \neq \emptyset$  iff  $\gamma X$  is viable prefix and  $I' = \text{Valid}_0(\gamma X)$ .

*Q.E.D.*

Nondeterministic LR(0) machine has  $O(|G|)$  states.

**Theorem 7.2** Deterministic LR(0) machine for any grammar  $G$  can be computed in time  $O(2^{|G|+2\log|G|})$ .

**Theorem 7.3** The LR(0) parser of any grammar  $G$  can be constructed in time  $O(2^{|G|+2\log|G|})$ .

Actions of an SLR(1) parser:

(sa)  $[\delta] \mid a \rightarrow [\delta][\delta a] \mid$

(ra)  $[\delta][\delta X_1] \dots [\delta X_1 \dots X_m] \mid a \rightarrow [\delta][\delta A] \mid a$

where  $[A \rightarrow X_1 \dots X_m \cdot] \in \text{Valid}_0(\delta X_1 \dots X_m)$  and  $a \in \text{Follow}'_1(A)$ .

**Theorem 7.4** The SLR(1) parser of any grammar  $G$  can be constructed in time  $O(2^{|G|+2\log|G|+\log|T|})$ .

A grammar  $G$  is not SLR(1) iff for some state  $q$

(1)  $\exists [A_1 \rightarrow \omega_1 \cdot], [A_2 \rightarrow \omega_2 \cdot] \in q$  where

$\text{Follow}'_1(A_1) \cap \text{Follow}'_1(A_2) \neq \emptyset$ , or

(2)  $\exists [A_1 \rightarrow \alpha \cdot a \beta], [A_2 \rightarrow \omega \cdot] \in q$  where

$a \in \text{Follow}'_1(A_2)$ .

SLR(1) test can be performed in time

$O(|G|^2 \cdot 2^{|G|+\log|G|}) = O(2^{|G|+3\log|G|})$ .

## 7.2 Construction of Canonical LR(1) Parsers

$[A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta, \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}]$  represents;

set of 1-items  $\{[A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta, a_1], \dots, [A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta, a_n]\}$ .

Let  $G = (N, \Sigma, P, S)$ .  $M_1 = (I_1 \cup \{q_s\}, V, q_s, I_f, \delta_1)$  is the **nondeterministic LR(1) machine** for  $G$  where

$I_1$ : set of 1-items,  $V$ : input alphabet,

$q_s \notin I_1$ : initial state,  $I_f = I_1$ : set of final states,

$\delta_1: (I_1 \cup \{q_s\}) \times (V \cup \{\varepsilon\}) \rightarrow 2^{I_1}$  of the form;

$$q_s \varepsilon \rightarrow [S \rightarrow \cdot \omega, \varepsilon],$$

$$[A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot X \beta, y] X \rightarrow [A \rightarrow \alpha X \cdot \beta, y], X \in V,$$

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

where  $\beta \Rightarrow^* w$ ,  $\exists w \in \Sigma^*$ , and  $z \in \text{First}_1(\beta y)$ .

Nondeterministic LR(1) machine for  $G$  is computed in time  $O(|T|^2 \cdot |G|^2)$  and of size  $O(|T|^2 \cdot |G|^2)$ .

**Lemma 7.5** The set of viable prefixes of  $G$  is the language accepted by the nondeterministic LR(1) machine  $M_1$  for  $G$ , and for any viable prefix  $\gamma$ ,

$$\text{Valid}_1(\gamma) = \{q \mid \exists q \in I_1: q \in \delta_1'(q_s, \gamma)\}$$

where  $\delta_1'(q, \alpha X) = \{p \mid \exists \alpha \in V^*, X \in V, r \in \delta_1'(q, \alpha): p \in \delta_1(r, X)\}$ .

**Theorem 7.6** *The deterministic LR(1) machine for any grammar  $G$  can be computed in time*

$$O(2^{|G|^2+4\log|G|}).$$

**Theorem 7.7** *The canonical LR(1) parser of any grammar  $G$  can be constructed in time*

$$O(2^{|G|^2+4\log|G|}).$$

*A grammar  $G$  is not SLR(1) iff for some state  $q$*

(1)  $\exists [A_1 \rightarrow \omega_1 \cdot, a], [A_2 \rightarrow \omega_2 \cdot, a] \in q$ , or

(2)  $\exists [A_1 \rightarrow \alpha \cdot a \beta, b], [A_2 \rightarrow \omega \cdot, a] \in q$  where  
 $a \in \Sigma \cup \{\$\}$ .

**Theorem 7.8** *A grammar  $G$  with terminal alphabet  $\Sigma$  can be tested for the LR(1) property in deterministic time  $O(2^{|G|^2+4\log|G|})$ .*

### 7.3 Construction of LALR(1) Parsers

To construct LALR(1) parser:

construct LR(0) collection ( $I_0$ ),

add lookahead symbols in appropriate 0-items.

Let  $G = (N, \Sigma, P, S)$  be a reduced grammar and  $G' = (N \cup \{S'\}, \Sigma \cup \{\$\}, P \cup \{S' \rightarrow \$S\$ \}, S')$  its  $\$$ -augmented grammar.

For state  $q$  in the LR(0) collection for  $G'$  and production rule  $A \rightarrow \omega$  of  $G$ :

$$LALR(q, A \rightarrow \omega) = \{a \in \Sigma \cup \{\$\} \mid \exists \gamma: q = Valid_0(\gamma), \\ [A \rightarrow \omega \cdot, a] \in Valid_1(\gamma)\}$$

where  $LALR(q, A \rightarrow \omega)$  is **LALR(1) lookahead set for the reduce action by rule  $A \rightarrow \omega$  at state  $q$ .**

LALR(1) lookahead sets can be determined directly from the transitions of the deterministic LR(0) machine.

Let  $Q$  be the set of states of the deterministic LR(0) machine for the  $\$$ -augmented grammar  $G'$  for grammar  $G = (N, \Sigma, P, S)$ .

$$(q, A) \in Q \times N \text{ where } \exists p \in I_0, A \in N: q \xrightarrow{A} p, \\ (q, A \rightarrow \omega) \in Q \times P \text{ where } [A \rightarrow \omega \cdot] \in q.$$

$(q, A)$  **goes-to**  $Goto(q, A)$ , if  $\exists p \in I_0, A \in N: q \xrightarrow{A} p$ ;

$q$  **has-transition-on**  $X$ , if  $\exists p \in I_0, X \in V: q \xrightarrow{X} p$ ;

$q$  **has-null-transition**  $(q, A)$ , if  $\exists p \in I_0, A \in N: q \xrightarrow{A} p \wedge A \Rightarrow^+ \varepsilon$ ;

$(Goto(q, \alpha), A)$  **includes**  $(q, B)$ , if  $\exists p \in I_0, A, B \in N$ :

$q \xrightarrow{B} p \wedge B \rightarrow \alpha A \beta \in P, \beta \Rightarrow^* \varepsilon$ ;

$(Goto(q, \omega), A \rightarrow \omega)$  **lookback**  $(q, A)$ , if  $\exists p \in I_0, A \in N$ :

$q \xrightarrow{A} p$ ;

**Lemma 7.9** Let  $q$  be a state in  $Q$  that has a transition on a nonterminal  $B$  and let  $A$  be a nonterminal, and  $\alpha$  a string in  $V^*$  such that  $B \Rightarrow_{rm}^n \alpha A$ . Then

$Goto(q, \alpha A) \neq \emptyset$  and  $(Goto(q, \alpha), A)$  **includes**<sup>\*</sup>  $(q, B)$ .

**Proof.** By induction on  $n$

1) base: clear

2)  $\exists m < n, \delta' \in V^*, A' \rightarrow \alpha' A \beta'$ :

$B \Rightarrow_{rm}^m \delta' A' \Rightarrow_{rm} \delta' \alpha' A \beta' = \alpha A \beta', \beta' \Rightarrow^* \varepsilon$ .

As i.h.  $Goto(q, \delta' A') \neq \emptyset$  and

$(Goto(q, \delta'), A')$  **includes**<sup>\*</sup>  $(q, B)$ .

Then  $Goto(q, \delta' \alpha' A) \neq \emptyset$  and

$(Goto(q, \delta' \alpha'), A)$  **includes**  $(Goto(q, \delta'), A')$ .

Q.E.D.

**Lemma 7.10** *If for  $n \geq 0$ ,  $(q, A)$  includes<sup>n</sup>  $(q', B)$  then for some  $\alpha$  in  $V^*$ ,  $q = \text{Goto}(q', \alpha)$  and  $B \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \alpha A$ .*

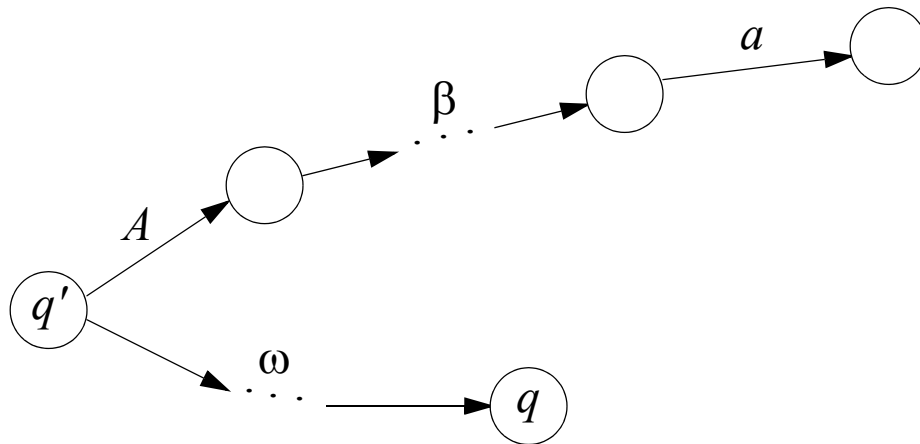
*directly-reads = goes-to has-transition-on terminal,  
reads = goes-to has-null-transition.*

**Fact 7.11** *For  $n > 0$ ,  $(q, A)$  reads<sup>n</sup>  $(q', B)$  iff  $B$  is nullable and there is a nullable string  $\delta$  of length  $(n-1)$  such that  $q' = \text{Goto}(q, A\delta)$  and  $q'$  has a transition on  $B$ .*

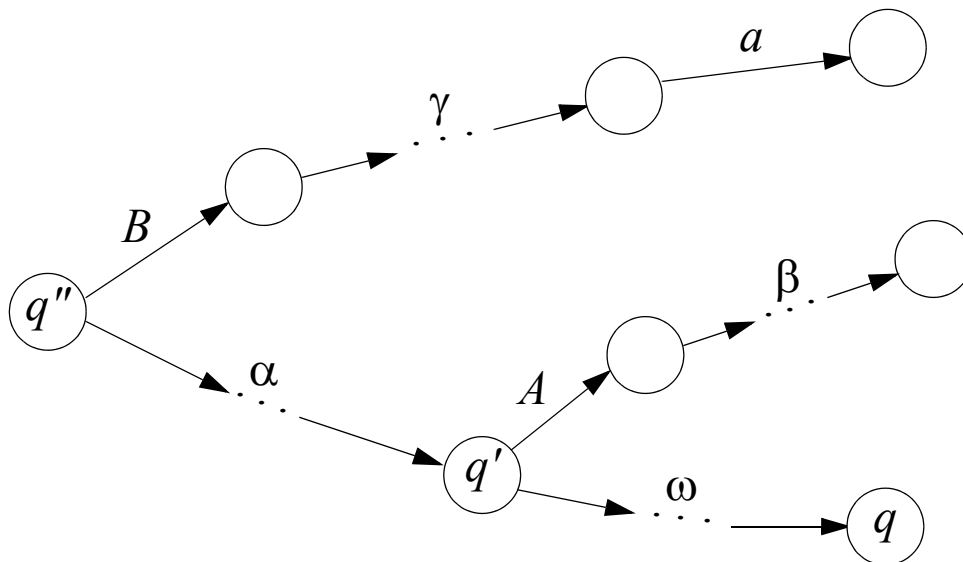
*has-LALR-lookahead = lookback includes\* reads\*  
directly-reads.*

*$(q, A \rightarrow \omega)$  has-LALR-lookahead  $a$  iff  
 $a \in \text{LALR}(q, A \rightarrow \omega)$ . In other words,  
 $\text{LALR}(q, A \rightarrow \omega) = \text{has-LALR-lookahead}(q, A \rightarrow \omega)$ .*





$A \rightarrow \omega \in P$ ,  $\beta \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \varepsilon$ ,  
 $\exists \gamma, \omega \in V^* : Valid_0(\gamma\omega) = q$ ,  $[A \rightarrow \omega; a] \in Valid_1(\gamma\omega)$ ,  
 $a \in LALR(q, A \rightarrow \omega)$ ,  
 $(q, A \rightarrow \omega)$  *lookback*  $(q', A)$  *reads* *directly-reads*  $a$ .



$A \rightarrow \omega \in P$ ,  $B \rightarrow \alpha A \beta \in P$ ,  $\beta \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \varepsilon$ ,  $\gamma \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \varepsilon$ ,  
 $a \in LALR(q, A \rightarrow \omega)$ ,  
 $(q, A \rightarrow \omega)$  *lookback*  $(q', A)$  *includes*  $(q'', B)$  *reads* *directly-reads*  $a$ .

**Lemma 7.12** *If  $\gamma\beta$  is a viable prefix of a reduced grammar and  $\beta \Rightarrow_{rm}^n az$ , where  $n \geq 0$ ,  $a$  is a terminal and  $z$  is a terminal string, then there is a viable prefix  $\gamma\delta a$ , where  $\delta$  is nullable.*

**Proof.** *By induction on  $n$ .*

1) *base:  $\beta = \delta a \psi$ , where  $\delta \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \epsilon$ .*

2)  *$\beta = \delta' B \psi$ , where  $\delta' \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \epsilon$ ,  $B \Rightarrow \beta' \Rightarrow_{rm}^{n-1} az'$ .*

*Since  $\gamma\delta'B$  is viable,  $\gamma\delta'\beta'$  is also viable.*

*As  $\beta' \Rightarrow_{rm}^{n-1} az'$ , by applying i.h. to viable prefix  $\gamma'\beta'$ , where  $\gamma' = \gamma\delta'$ . Q.E.D.*

**Lemma 7.13** *In a reduced grammar,  $(q, A)$  reads\* directly-reads  $a$  iff  $q$  contains an item  $[B \rightarrow \alpha \cdot A \beta]$  with  $a \in \text{First}_1(\beta)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\gamma$  be a viable prefix  $\exists q = \text{Valid}_0(\gamma)$ .

$\Rightarrow$ : Assume  $(q, A)$  reads\* directly-reads  $a$ ,  
then  $\exists \delta \in V^* : \delta \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \varepsilon, \text{Goto}(q, A\delta a) \neq \emptyset$ .

$\gamma A \delta a$  is viable prefix of  $G'$  and

$S' \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \gamma' B y \Rightarrow_{rm} \gamma' \alpha' \beta' y = \gamma A \delta a \beta' y, B \rightarrow \alpha' \beta'$ .

(1) In case  $\alpha' = \alpha A \delta a$ , where  $\alpha$  is suffix of  $\gamma$ :

$S' \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \gamma' B y \Rightarrow_{rm} \gamma' \alpha A \beta' y = \gamma A \beta' y$ , where  $\beta' = \delta a \beta'$ .

$\therefore [B \rightarrow \alpha \cdot A \beta] \in \text{Valid}_0(\gamma)$  and  $a \in \text{First}_1(\beta)$ .

(2) In case  $\gamma' = \gamma A \eta$  and  $S' \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \gamma' B y = \gamma A \eta B y$ , where  
 $a \in \text{First}_1(\eta \beta)$ . Then

$S' \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \delta' B' y' \Rightarrow_{rm} \delta' \alpha'' A \beta'' y' = \gamma A \beta'' y'$ ,

$\beta'' y' \Rightarrow^* \eta B y, B' \rightarrow \alpha'' A \beta''$ .

$\therefore [B' \rightarrow \alpha'' \cdot A \beta''] \in \text{Valid}_0(\gamma)$ ,

$\beta'' \Rightarrow^* \eta B z$ , where  $z$  is prefix of  $y$ .  $a \in \text{First}_1(\beta'')$ .

$\Leftarrow$ : Assume  $[B \rightarrow \alpha \cdot A \beta] \in q$  and  $a \in \text{First}_1(\beta)$ .

$\gamma A \beta$  is a viable prefix,

$\gamma A \delta a$  is also viable prefix, where  $\delta \Rightarrow^* \varepsilon$ .

$\text{Goto}(q, A\delta a) \neq \emptyset$ .

$\therefore (q, A)$  reads\* directly-reads  $a$ .

**Lemma 7.14** Let  $G = (N, \Sigma, P, S)$  be a grammar. Further let  $A$  be a nonterminal,  $X$  and  $Y$  in  $V$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\psi$  strings in  $V^*$ ,  $y$  a string in  $\Sigma^*$ , and  $\pi$  a rule string in  $P^*$  such that

$$A \xRightarrow[rm]{\pi} \gamma X \psi Y y \text{ and } \psi \Rightarrow^* \varepsilon.$$

Then there are symbols  $X'$  and  $Y'$  in  $V$ , a rule  $r' = B \rightarrow \alpha X' \psi' Y' \beta$  in  $P$ , and strings  $\gamma'$ ,  $\alpha'$ ,  $\beta'$  in  $V^*$  and  $y'$  in  $\Sigma^*$  such that

$$A \xRightarrow[rm]{\pi'} \gamma' B y' \xRightarrow[rm]{r'} \gamma' \alpha X' \psi' Y' \beta y', \quad \gamma' \alpha \alpha' = \gamma,$$

$$X' \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \alpha' X, \quad \psi' \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \varepsilon, \quad \text{and} \quad Y' \Rightarrow_{lm}^* Y \beta',$$

where  $\pi' r'$  is a prefix of  $\pi$ . In other words, in the right-most derivation of  $\gamma X \psi Y y$  from  $A$  there is a step showing that the symbols  $X$  and  $Y$  "originate" from a pair of adjoining symbols in the right-hand side of the same rule.

**Lemma 7.15** *In a reduced grammar, terminal  $a$  belongs to  $LALR(q, A \rightarrow \omega)$  iff there is a rule  $C \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$  and state  $q'$  such that*

$$(q, A \rightarrow \omega) \text{ lookback includes}^* (q', B), \\ [C \rightarrow \alpha \cdot B \beta] \in q', \text{ and } a \in \text{First}_1(\beta).$$

**Proof.**

$\Rightarrow$ : Assume  $a \in LALR(q, A \rightarrow \omega)$ , then  $\exists \gamma$  of  $G'$ ,  $y$ :

$$S' \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \gamma A a y \Rightarrow_{rm} \gamma \omega a y, \text{ where } \text{Valid}_0(\gamma \omega) = q.$$

$$S' \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \gamma' C y' \Rightarrow_{rm} \gamma' \alpha B \beta y', \gamma' \alpha \alpha' = \gamma,$$

$$B \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \alpha' A, \beta \Rightarrow^* a \beta',$$

$$[C \rightarrow \alpha \cdot B \beta] \in \text{Valid}_0(\gamma' \alpha) = q', a \in \text{First}_1(\beta),$$

$\gamma' \alpha B$  is a viable prefix.

$$\therefore \text{Goto}(q', \alpha' A) \neq \emptyset, (\text{Goto}(q', \alpha'), A) \text{ includes}^* (q', B)$$

$$\text{Goto}(q', \alpha') = \text{Valid}_0(\gamma' \alpha \alpha') = \text{Valid}_0(\gamma).$$

$\gamma A$  is a viable prefix, thus

$$(\text{Valid}_0(\gamma, \omega), A \rightarrow \omega) \text{ lookback } (\text{Valid}_0(\gamma), A),$$

$$\therefore (q, A \rightarrow \omega) \text{ lookback includes}^* (q', B).$$

$\Leftarrow$ : Assume  $(q, A \rightarrow \omega)$  **lookback includes\***  $(q', B)$ ,  
 $[C \rightarrow \alpha \cdot B \beta] \in q'$ ,  $a \in \text{First}_1(\beta)$ .

$S' \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \delta C y \Rightarrow_{rm} \delta \alpha B \beta y$ ,  $\text{Valid}_0(\delta \alpha) = q'$ .

Since  $a \in \text{First}_1(\beta)$ ,  $\beta \Rightarrow_{rm}^* a z$ .

$\therefore S' \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \delta \alpha B \beta y \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \delta \alpha B a z y$ .

$((q, A \rightarrow \omega)$  **lookback**  $(q_1, A)$  **includes\***  $(q', B)$ ,  
 where  $\text{Goto}(q_1, \omega) = q$ .

$\therefore \exists \alpha', q_1 = \text{Goto}(q', \alpha')$ ,  $B \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \alpha' A$ :

$S' \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \delta \alpha B a z y \Rightarrow_{rm}^* \delta \alpha \alpha' A a z y \Rightarrow_{rm} \delta \alpha \alpha' \omega a z y$ ,

where  $\text{Valid}_0(\delta \alpha \alpha' \omega) = \text{Goto}(q', \alpha' \omega) = \text{Goto}(q_1, \omega) = q$ .

$\therefore a \in \text{LALR}(q, A \rightarrow \omega)$ .

**Theorem 7.16** Let  $G$  be a reduced grammar and  $G'$  its  $\$$ -augmented grammar. Terminal  $a$  of  $G'$  is in the LALR(1) lookahead set for the reduce action by rule  $A \rightarrow \omega$  of  $G$  at state  $q$  in the deterministic LR(0) machine for  $G'$  iff

$(q, A \rightarrow \omega)$  **has-LALR-lookahead**  $a$ .

**Theorem 7.17** Let  $DM$  be the deterministic LR(0) machine for the  $\$$ -augmented grammar  $G'$  for a reduced grammar  $G$ . The collection of all LALR(1) lookahead sets  $LALR(q, A \rightarrow \omega)$ , where  $q$  is a state of  $DM$  and  $A \rightarrow \omega$  is a rule of  $G$ , can be computed in time  $O(t \cdot |G| \cdot |Q|)$ , where  $Q$  is the set of states of  $DM$  and  $t$  is the time taken by one set operation (assignment or union) on subsets of  $\Sigma$ .

**Fact 7.18** Reduce actions of an LALR(1) parser:

$[\delta]_0[\delta X_1]_0 \dots [\delta X_1 \dots X_m]_0 \mid a \rightarrow [\delta]_0[\delta A]_0 \mid a$ ,  
 where  $A \rightarrow X_1 \dots X_m \in P$ ,  $\delta A$  is a viable prefix of  $G'$ ,  
 and  $a \in LALR(\text{Valid}_0(\delta X_1 \dots X_m), A \rightarrow X_1 \dots X_m)$ .

**Theorem 7.19** The LALR(1) parser of any grammar  $G$  can be constructed in time

$$O(2^{|G|+2\log|G|+\log|T|}).$$

LALR(1) test can be performed in time

$$O(2^{|G|+2\log|G|+\log|T|}).$$

## 7.5 Optimization of LR(1) Parsers

### Inessential Error Entries

$\exists q, a: \text{Action}[q, a] = \text{"error"},$   
 $(q, a)$  is an **essential error entry**, if  
 $\exists w, y \in \Sigma^*, \phi \in Q^*: \$[\$] \mid w\$ \xrightarrow{\bar{M}}^* \$\phi q \mid y\$, 1:y\$=a.$

Otherwise  $(q, a)$  is **inessential**.

**Fact 7.24** For state  $q = [\gamma b]$ , where  $\gamma b$  is a viable prefix ending with a terminal, all error entries  $(q, a)$ ,  $a \in \Sigma \cup \{\$\}$ , are essential.

**Fact 7.25** Let  $q = [\delta A]$  for some viable prefix ending with a nonterminal in  $\Sigma \cup \{\$\}$  such that  $(q, a)$  is an error entry. The error entry  $(q, a)$  is essential iff

$$\$ \phi' q' \mid ay \xrightarrow{\bar{M}}^* \$ \phi q \mid ay,$$

where  $q' = [\gamma b]$  for some terminal  $b$  in  $\Sigma \cup \{\$\}$ , and the configuration  $\$ \phi' q' \mid ay$  is accessible from some initial configuration.



$(q, A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot B \beta), (q, \cdot B), (q, B \cdot)$

$(\text{Goto}[q, \alpha], B \cdot)$  **symbol-in**  $(q, A \rightarrow \alpha B \cdot \beta)$

$(q, A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot B \beta)$  **points**  $(\text{Goto}[q, \alpha], \cdot B)$

$(q, \cdot B)$  **expands**  $(q, B \rightarrow \cdot \omega)$

$(q, A \rightarrow \alpha X \cdot \beta)$  **entered-by**  $X$ , where  $X \in V$

$(q, B \rightarrow \omega \cdot)$  **on-a-reduce-to**  $(q, B \cdot)$  whenever  
 $\text{Action}[\text{Goto}[q, \omega], a] = \text{"reduce by } B \rightarrow \omega \text{"}$

$(q, A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot B \beta)$  **directly-on-a-passes-null**  
 $(q, A \rightarrow \alpha B \cdot \beta)$  whenever  
 $\text{Action}[\text{Goto}[q, \alpha], a] = \text{"reduce by } B \rightarrow \varepsilon \text{"}$

$(q, A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta)$  **error-entry-on-a**  $(\text{Goto}[q, \alpha], a)$   
 whenever  $\text{Action}[\text{Goto}[q, \alpha], a] = \text{"error"}$

**directly-descends** = **points expands**

**may-on-a-access** =  $(\text{on-a-reduces-to symbol-in} \cup$   
 $\text{directly-descends}^* \cdot \text{directly-on-a-passes-null})^*$

**may-imply-a-essential** = **terminal entered-by**<sup>-1</sup>  
 $\cdot \text{may-on-a-access error-entry-on-a.}$

**Lemma 7.28** Let  $n \geq 0$  and

$$\$(X_1][X_1X_2] \dots [X_1 \dots X_m] \mid a \xrightarrow{M}^n$$

$$\$(Y_1][Y_1Y_2] \dots [Y_1 \dots Y_p] \mid a .$$

Then for all  $[B \rightarrow Y_{j+1} \dots Y_p \cdot \beta] \in \text{Valid}(Y_1 \dots Y_p)$ ,  $j < p$ , there is an item  $[A \rightarrow X_{i+1} \dots X_m \cdot \alpha] \in \text{Valid}(X_1 \dots X_m)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} &([X_1 \dots X_i], A \rightarrow X_{i+1} \dots X_m \cdot \alpha) \text{ may-on-a-access} \\ &([Y_1 \dots Y_j], B \rightarrow Y_{j+1} \dots Y_p \cdot \beta). \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** By induction on  $n$ .

1) base: trivial

2) Induction:

i) case 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \$(X_1] \dots [X_1 \dots X_m] \mid a \xrightarrow{M}^{n-1} \$(Y_1] \dots [Y_1 \dots Y_{p-1}] \mid a \\ \Rightarrow \$(Y_1] \dots [Y_1 \dots Y_p] \mid a \end{aligned}$$

i-1) hypothesis:

$$\forall [C \rightarrow Y_{k+1} \dots Y_{p-1} \cdot \gamma] \in \text{Valid}(Y_1 \dots Y_{p-1}), k < (p-1)$$

$$\exists [A \rightarrow X_{i+1} \dots X_m \cdot \alpha] \in \text{Valid}(X_1 \dots X_m),$$

$$([X_1 \dots X_i], A \rightarrow X_{i+1} \dots X_m \cdot \alpha) \text{ may-on-a-access}$$

$$([Y_1 \dots Y_k], C \rightarrow Y_{k+1} \dots Y_{p-1} \cdot \gamma),$$

i-2) step:

$$\text{Action}[[Y_1 \dots Y_{p-1}], a] = Y_p \rightarrow \cdot, [Y_p \rightarrow \cdot] \in \text{Valid}(Y_1 \dots Y_{p-1})$$

1)

$$([Y_1 \dots Y_k], C \rightarrow Y_{k+1} \dots Y_{p-1} \cdot \gamma)$$

**directly-descends\* directly-on-a-passes-null**

$$([Y_1 \dots Y_j], B \rightarrow Y_{j+1} \dots Y_p \cdot \beta)$$

ii) case 2.

$$\begin{aligned} \$[X_1] \dots [X_1 \dots X_m] \mid a \xrightarrow{\overline{M}}^n \$[Y_1] \dots [Y_1 \dots Y_{p-1} Z_1 \dots Z_l] \mid a \\ \Rightarrow \$[Y_1] \dots [Y_1 \dots Y_p] \mid a \end{aligned}$$

ii-1) hypothesis:

$\forall [\beta], B \rightarrow \gamma \cdot \delta$  such that  $\beta\gamma = Y_1 \dots Y_{p-1} Z_1 \dots Z_l$ ,  $|\gamma| \geq 1$ ,  
and  $[B \rightarrow \gamma \cdot \delta] \in \text{Valid}(\beta\gamma)$ ,

$\exists [A \rightarrow X_{i+1} \dots X_m \cdot \alpha] \in \text{Valid}(X_1 \dots X_m)$ ,

$([X_1 \dots X_i], A \rightarrow X_{i+1} \dots X_m \cdot \alpha)$  **may-on-a-access**  
 $([\beta], B \rightarrow \gamma \cdot \delta)$

ii-2) step:

Action $[ [Y_1 \dots Y_{p-1} Z_1 \dots Z_l], a ] = Y_p \rightarrow Z_1 \dots Z_l$

$[Y_p \rightarrow Z_1 \dots Z_l] \in \text{Valid}(Y_1 \dots Y_{p-1} Z_1 \dots Z_l)$ ,

$([X_1 \dots X_i], A \rightarrow X_{i+1} \dots X_m \cdot \alpha)$  **may-on-a-access**  
 $([Y_1 \dots Y_{p-1}], Y_p \rightarrow Z_1 \dots Z_l)$

$([Y_1 \dots Y_{p-1}], Y_p \rightarrow Z_1 \dots Z_l)$  **on-a-reduce-to symbol-in**  
 $([Y_1 \dots Y_j], B \rightarrow Y_{j+1} \dots Y_p \cdot \beta)$

**Lemma 7.29** If an error  $(q, a)$  is essential, then

$b$  **may-imply-a-essential**  $(q, a)$

for some  $b \in \Sigma \cup \{\$\}$ .

**Lemma 7.30** The set of essential error entries is included in the set **may-imply-essential**  $(\Sigma \cup \{\$\})$ .



$(q, B\cdot)$  **left-corner-in**  $(q, A \rightarrow B\cdot\beta)$

$(q, A \rightarrow \alpha\cdot B\beta)$  **on-a-passes-null**  $(q, A \rightarrow \alpha B\cdot\beta)$

if  $(q, A \rightarrow \alpha\cdot B\beta)$  **may-on-a-access**  $(q, A \rightarrow \alpha B\cdot\beta)$

**on-a-access** =  $(\text{on-a-reduces-to symbol-in} \cup \text{on-a-passes-null})^* \cdot (\text{on-a-reduces-to left-corner-in} \cup \text{directly-descends} \cup \text{on-a-passes-null})^*$

**imply-a-essential** =  $\text{terminal entered-by}^{-1}$ .

**on-a-access error-entry-on-a**

**Lemma 7.34** Let  $n \geq 0$  and

$\$(X_1] \dots [X_1 \dots X_m] \mid a \xrightarrow{M}^n \$(Y_1] \dots [Y_1 \dots Y_p] \mid a$ .

Then for all  $[B \rightarrow Y_{j+1} \dots Y_p \cdot \beta] \in \text{Valid}(Y_1 \dots Y_p)$ ,  $j < p$  there is an item  $[A \rightarrow X_{i+1} \dots X_m \cdot \alpha] \in \text{Valid}(X_1 \dots X_m)$  such that

$([X_1 \dots X_i], A \rightarrow X_{i+1} \dots X_m \cdot \alpha)$  **on-a-access**  
 $([Y_1 \dots Y_j], B \rightarrow Y_{j+1} \dots Y_p \cdot \beta)$ .

**Lemma 7.35** Let  $Y_1 \dots Y_p$ ,  $p > 0$ , be a viable prefix of  $G'$  and  $[B \rightarrow Y_{j+1} \dots Y_p \cdot \beta]$ ,  $j < p$ , be an item in  $\text{Valid}(Y_1 \dots Y_p)$ . If

$([Y_1 \dots Y_j], B \rightarrow Y_{j+1} \dots Y_p \cdot Z\beta)$  **on-a-passes-null**

$([Y_1 \dots Y_j], B \rightarrow Y_{j+1} \dots Y_p Z \cdot \beta)$ , then

$\$(Y_1] \dots [Y_1 \dots Y_p] \mid a \xrightarrow{M}^*$

$\$(Y_1] \dots [Y_1 \dots Y_p][Y_1 \dots Y_p Z] \mid a$ .

**Lemma 7.36** Let  $n \geq 0$ , and

$(q, A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta)$  (*on-a-reduces-to symbol-in*  $\cup$

*on-a-passes-null*)<sup>n</sup>  $(q', B \rightarrow \gamma \cdot \delta)$

where  $\alpha \neq \varepsilon$  and  $\gamma \neq \varepsilon$ . Then for any viable prefix  $Y_1 \dots Y_p$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , of  $G'$  and  $j < p$  such that

$$[Y_1 \dots Y_j] = q' \text{ and } Y_{j+1} \dots Y_p = \gamma,$$

there is a viable prefix  $X_1 \dots X_m$ ,  $m \geq 1$ , and  $i < m$  such that

$$X_1 \dots X_i = q, X_{i+1} \dots X_m = \alpha \text{ and}$$

$$\$(X_1] \dots [X_1 \dots X_m] \mid a \xrightarrow{\overline{M}}^* \$(Y_1] \dots [Y_1 \dots Y_p] \mid a.$$

**Proof.** By induction on  $n$ .

1) base: trivial ( $n = 0$ )

2) hypothesis:

i) case 1.

$(q, A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta)$  (*on-a-reduces-to symbol-in*  $\cup$

*on-a-passes-null*)<sup>n-1</sup>  $(q, C \rightarrow \omega \cdot)$  *on-a-reduces-to symbol-in*  $(q', B \rightarrow \gamma \cdot \delta)$

$\exists$  viable prefix  $X_1 \dots X_m$ ,  $m \geq 1$ , of  $G'$  and  $i < m$  such that

$$X_1 \dots X_i = q, X_{i+1} \dots X_m = \alpha \text{ and}$$

$$\$(X_1] \dots [X_1 \dots X_m] \mid a \xrightarrow{\overline{M}}^* \$(Z_1] \dots [Z_1 \dots Z_l] \mid a$$

for a viable prefix  $Z_1 \dots Z_l$  and  $k < l$  such that

$$[Z_1 \dots Z_k] = q'', Z_{k+1} \dots Z_l = \omega.$$

*i-1) step:*

*By the def. of on-a-reduces-to symbol-in*

*for any viable prefix  $Y_1 \dots Y_p$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , of  $G'$  and  $j < p \ni$*

$$[Y_1 \dots Y_p] = q' \text{ and } Y_{j+1} \dots Y_p = \gamma$$

*$\exists$  a viable prefix  $Z_1 \dots Z_l$  and  $k < l$  such that*

$$[Z_1 \dots Z_k] = q'' , Z_{k+1} \dots Z_l = \omega \text{ and}$$

$$\$[Z_1] \dots [Z_1 \dots Z_m] \mid a \xrightarrow{\overline{M}}^* \$[Y_1] \dots [Y_1 \dots Y_p] \mid a.$$

*$\therefore X_1 \dots X_i = q$ ,  $X_{i+1} \dots X_m = \alpha$  and*

$$\$[X_1] \dots [X_1 \dots X_m] \mid a \xrightarrow{\overline{M}}^* \$[Y_1] \dots [Y_1 \dots Y_p] \mid a.$$

*ii) case 2.*

*$(q, A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta)$  (on-a-reduces-to symbol-in  $\cup$   
on-a-passes-null) <sup>$n-1$</sup>   $(q', B \rightarrow \gamma' \cdot Y \delta)$  on-a-passes-  
null  $(q', B \rightarrow \gamma' Y \cdot \delta) = (q', B \rightarrow \gamma \cdot \delta)$*

*By hypothesis and Lemma 7.35.*

**Lemma 7.37** Let  $n \geq 0$ , and  
 $(q, A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta)$  (*on-a-reduces-to left-corner-in*  $\cup$   
*directly-descends*  $\cup$  *on-a-passes-null*)<sup>n</sup>  $(q', B \rightarrow \gamma \cdot \delta)$   
 Then there is a viable prefix  $Y_1 \dots Y_p$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , of  $G'$  and  
 $j \leq p, k \leq j$  such that

$$[Y_1 \dots Y_j] = q', Y_{j+1} \dots Y_p = \gamma, [Y_1 \dots Y_k] = q \text{ and} \\
\$(Y_1) \dots \$(Y_1 \dots Y_k \alpha) \mid a \xrightarrow{\overline{M}}^* \$(Y_1 \dots Y_p) \mid a .$$

**Proof.** By induction on  $n$ .

1) base: ( $n = 0$ )  $q = q'$ ,  $A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta = B \rightarrow \gamma \cdot \delta$

2) induction:

i) case 1:  $(j+1) = p$  and

$(q, A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta)$  (*on-a-reduces-to left-corner-in*  $\cup$   
*directly-descends*  $\cup$  *on-a-passes-null*)<sup>n-1</sup>

$(q', C \rightarrow \omega \cdot)$  *on-a-reduces-to left-corner-in*

$(q', B \rightarrow C \cdot \delta) = (q', B \rightarrow \gamma \cdot \delta)$

i-1) hypothesis:  $\exists$  viable prefix  $Y_1 \dots Y_r$  and  $j \leq r, k \leq j \exists$

$[Y_1 \dots Y_j] = q', Y_{j+1} \dots Y_r = \gamma, [Y_1 \dots Y_k] = q$  and

$\$(Y_1) \dots \$(Y_1 \dots Y_k \alpha) \mid a \xrightarrow{\overline{M}}^* \$(Y_1 \dots Y_r) \mid a .$

$\therefore \$(Y_1) \dots \$(Y_1 \dots Y_r) \mid a$

$= \$(Y_1) \dots \$(Y_1 \dots Y_k) \dots \$(Y_1 \dots Y_j) \dots \$(Y_1 \dots Y_j \omega) \mid a$

$\xrightarrow{\overline{M}} \$(Y_1) \dots \$(Y_1 \dots Y_k) \dots \$(Y_1 \dots Y_j) \dots \$(Y_1 \dots Y_j \omega) \mid a$



ii) case 2:  $\gamma = \varepsilon$  and

$(q, A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta)$  (**on-a-reduces-to left-cornet-in**  $\cup$   
**directly-descends**  $\cup$  **on-a-passes-null**)<sup>n-1</sup>

$(q'', C \rightarrow \eta \cdot \psi)$  **directly-descends**

$(\text{Goto}[q'', \eta], B \rightarrow \cdot \delta) = (q', B \rightarrow \gamma \cdot \delta)$

where  $[C \rightarrow \eta \cdot \psi] \in \text{Goto}[q'', \eta]$

ii-1) hypothesis:  $\exists$  viable prefix  $Y_1 \dots Y_p$  and  $l \leq p$ ,  $k \leq l \exists$

$[Y_1 \dots Y_l] = q''$ ,  $Y_{l+1} \dots Y_p = \eta$ ,  $[Y_1 \dots Y_k] = q$  and

$\$[Y_1] \dots [Y_1 \dots Y_k \alpha] \mid a \xrightarrow{\overline{M}}^* \$[Y_1 \dots Y_p] \mid a$ .

$\therefore$  when  $j = p$ , since

$q' = \text{Goto}[q'', \eta] = [Y_1 \dots Y_p]$  and  $\gamma = \varepsilon$

iii) case 3: Exercise

$(q, A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta)$  (**on-a-reduces-to left-cornet-in**  $\cup$   
**directly-descends**  $\cup$  **on-a-passes-null**)<sup>n-1</sup>

**on-a-passes-null**  $(q', B \rightarrow \gamma \cdot \delta)$

**Lemma 7.38** Let  $q$  and  $q'$  be state of  $M$  and  $[A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta]$  and  $[B \rightarrow \gamma \cdot \delta]$  items such that

$(q, A \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta)$  *on-a-passes-null*  $(q', B \rightarrow \gamma \cdot \delta)$ .

Then there are viable prefixes  $X_1 \dots X_m$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $Y_1 \dots Y_p$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , of  $G'$  and  $i \leq m$  and  $j \leq p$  such that

$[X_1 \dots X_i] = q$ ,  $X_{i+1} \dots X_m = \alpha$

$[Y_1 \dots Y_j] = q'$ ,  $Y_{j+1} \dots Y_p = \gamma$  and

$\$[X_1] \dots [X_1 \dots X_m] \mid a \xrightarrow{M}^* \$[Y_1] \dots [Y_1 \dots Y_p] \mid a$ .

**Proof:** By Lemma 7.36 and 7.37.

**Lemma 7.39** An error entry  $(q, a)$  is *essential* iff  $b$  *implies-a-essential*  $(q, a)$  for some  $b \in \Sigma \cup \{\$\}$ .

**Proof:** By Lemma 7.34, 7.38 and Fact 7.25.

*implies-essential* = *implies- $a_1$ -essential*  $\cup \dots \cup$   
*implies- $a_n$ -essential*.

where  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\} = \Sigma \cup \{\$\}$

**Lemma 7.40** The set of essential error entries is obtained as the set *implies-essential*  $(\Sigma \cup \{\$\})$ .

**Proof:** By Lemma 7.39.

### **Reducing the number of state in an LR(1) parser**

For a deterministic LR(0)-based LR(1) parser  $M$  of  $G$ , two state  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are **compatible**, if

- (1)  $Action[q_1, a] = Action[q_2, a]$ , or either  $(q_1, a)$  or  $(q_2, a)$  is an inessential error entry, for all  $a \in \Sigma \cup \{\$\}$
- (2)  $Goto[q_1, A] = Goto[q_2, A]$ , or either  $(q_1, A)$  or  $(q_2, A)$  is an error entry, for all  $A \in N$

Let  $[G']$  be the set of states of  $M$

$\rho = \{Q_1, \dots, Q_m\}$  is a **compatible partition** of  $[G']$  if  $Q_i$  in  $\rho$  contains only pairwise compatible states

**Theorem 7.43** Let  $G = (N, \Sigma, P, S)$  be an LALR(1) grammar and  $M$  its LALR(1) parser. Let  $\rho$  be a compatible partition of the set of state of  $M$ , and let  $Action'$  and  $Goto'$  be tables defined by:

$\forall Q \in \rho, a \in \Sigma \cup \{\$\}$ :

$Action'[Q, a] = \text{error}$ , if  $\forall (q, a), q \in Q$ , are error  
 $= Action[q, a]$ , where  $q \in Q$  and  $(q, a)$

is not error entry, otherwise;

$\forall X \in V, Goto'[Q, X] = \bigcup_{q \in Q} Goto[q, X]$

Then  $Action'$  and  $Goto'$  form a parsing table that represents a right parser of  $G$  which behave in the same way as  $M$ .



### ***Eliminating reduction by unit rules***

*Let  $G$  be an LALR(1) grammar and  $M$  be its parser.*

*Let  $A \rightarrow B$  be a unit rule of  $G$ .*

*$q_1 = \text{Goto}[q, A]$  and  $q_2 = \text{Goto}[q, B]$  are  $(A, B)$ -compatible, if*

*(1) for all  $a \in \Sigma \cup \{\$\}$ ,  $\text{Action}[q_1, a] = \text{Action}[q_2, a]$*

*or one of the three is true*

*(a)  $\text{Action}[q_2, a] = \text{reduce by } A \rightarrow B$*

*(b)  $(q_2, a)$  is an inessential error entry, or*

*(c)  $(q_1, a)$  is an inessential error entry*

*(2) for all  $C \in N$ , one of the following statement is true*

*(d)  $\text{Goto}[q_1, C] = \text{Goto}[q_2, C]$ ,*

*(e)  $\text{Goto}[q_1, C] = \emptyset$ , or*

*(f)  $\text{Goto}[q_2, C] = \emptyset$ .*

*If  $q_1, q_2$  are  $(A, B)$ -compatible,*

*(1) replace  $\text{Goto}[q, B]$  by  $q_1$ .*

*$\forall a \in \Sigma \cup \{\$\}$ , whenever  $\text{Action}[q_1, a] = \text{"error"}$  and  $\text{Action}[q_2, a] \neq \text{"reduce by } A \rightarrow B\text{"}$ ,*

*(2) replace  $\text{Action}[q_1, a]$  by  $\text{Action}[q_2, a]$ .*

**Theorem 7.45** *Resulting parser behaves exactly in the same way as the original parser, except that it possibly bypass some reductions by unit rules.*

Let  $G$  be an LALR(1) grammar and  $M$  be its parser. Let  $A_1 \rightarrow A_2, A_2 \rightarrow A_3, \dots, A_{p-1} \rightarrow A_p$  be a sequence of unit rules of  $G$ .

$q_1 = \text{Goto}[q, A_1], \dots, q_p = \text{Goto}[q, A_p]$

Assume  $q_1$  no reduction by a unit rule

**Lemma 7.46** *Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p$  and  $q_1, \dots, q_p$  as above. For all  $i, i=1, \dots, p-1$ , and for all  $a \in \Sigma \cup \{\$\}$ , if  $(q_i)$  is not an error entry, then  $\text{Action}[q_{i+1}, a] = \text{"reduce by } A_i \rightarrow A_{i+1}\text{"}$*

**Lemma 7.47** *Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p$  and  $q_1, \dots, q_p$  as above. For any two distinct state  $q_i$  and  $q_j$  and for any  $X \in V$ ,  $\text{Goto}[q_i, X] = \emptyset$  or  $\text{Goto}[q_j, X] = \emptyset$ .*

Each new state  $q_i'$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq p$  is defined by extending Action and Goto table as follows.

(1) for all  $a \in \Sigma \cup \{\$\}$ ,

$Action[q_i', a] =$

1)  $Action[q_1, a]$  if  $Action[q_1, a]$  is not error

2)  $Action[q_j, a]$  where  $1 < j < i$ , if

$Action[q_j, a]$  not in {"error",

"reduced by  $A_{j-1} \rightarrow A_j$ "}

3)  $Action[q_1, a]$  otherwise

(2) for all  $X \in N$ ,

$Goto[q_i', X] =$

$Goto[q_j, X]$ , where  $1 \leq j < i$ ,

if  $Goto[q_j, X]$  is not  $\emptyset$

$Goto[q_i, X]$ , otherwise