CS 415 – Discussion Section Notes 4

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1 LR Parsing

We should practice.

Consider the following LR(0) grammar (borrowed from my recent CS 671 homework), with terminals $\{-()\}$:

 $\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow -S \\ S \rightarrow T \\ S \rightarrow \epsilon \\ T \rightarrow T - \\ T \rightarrow (S) \end{array}$

Let's work out the DFA for this on the board. We begin by adding a new start symbol, $S^\prime,$ to our grammar...

 $\begin{array}{l} S' \rightarrow S \\ S \rightarrow -S \\ S \rightarrow T \\ S \rightarrow \epsilon \\ T \rightarrow T - \\ T \rightarrow (S) \end{array}$

The first state might look like:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S' & \rightarrow \bullet S \\ S & \rightarrow \bullet -S \\ S & \rightarrow \bullet T \\ S & \rightarrow \bullet \epsilon \\ T & \rightarrow \bullet T - \\ T & \rightarrow \bullet (S) \end{array}$$

How do we do the rest?

That was fun. Next up: let's make a parsing table from that DFA. (note:

	Action				Goto	
State	-	()	\$	S	Т
0						
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11						
12						
13						
14						
15						

numbers don't necessarily indicate how many states there should be)

Now, let's parse something. How about the string - - (-(-))? We want to show the stack, the input, and the action taken.