

Stack States

If you write the grammar on page 188 of Dr. Pedersen's book with stack states as subscripts, it looks like this:

1. $S \rightarrow A_2$
2. $A \rightarrow b_1$
3. $A \rightarrow a_3A_4$

In this example, Dr. Pedersen is using stack state 2 instead of 1.

If you write the grammar on page 202 of Dr. Pedersen's book with stack states as subscripts, it looks like this:

1. $S \rightarrow E_1$
2. $E \rightarrow E_{1,6} +_5 F_7$
3. $E \rightarrow F_3$
4. $F \rightarrow ({}_4E_6)_8$
5. $F \rightarrow \mathbf{id}_2$

Here is a simple ambiguous grammar, where the action table resolves the ambiguity. (This example is not from Dr. Pedersen's book.) The ambiguity is resolved by the entry in row 6, column e , of the action table. Can you write the tables?

1. $S \rightarrow a_2$
2. $S \rightarrow w_3S_4$
3. $S \rightarrow i_5S_6$
4. $S \rightarrow i_5S_6e_7S_8$

Here is a more complex example. Can you guess the stack states, then write the tables? Don't try to compute the states using the formal method given in Dr. Pedersen's book. You will learn that in CS 460/660.

1. $S \rightarrow a$
2. $S \rightarrow wS$
3. $S \rightarrow iS$
4. $S \rightarrow iSeS$
5. $S \rightarrow bLn$
6. $L \rightarrow LS$
7. $L \rightarrow \varepsilon$