# CHARACTERIZATIONS OF LRR- LANGUAGES BY CORRECTNESS-PRESERVING COMPUTATIONS

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A superclass of DCFL can be accepted by "well-behaved" restarting automata

the class of left-to-right regular languages (LRR)



- DCFL can be accepted deterministically by LR(1)-analyzers with lookahead of size 1
- LRR can be accepted deterministically by LR-analyzers with unlimited lookahead; example

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## 2 Main Results





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- Restricted SL-steps:
  - A delete-left step (DL-step) = an SL-step which can only delete symbols
  - A contextual-left step (CL-step) = an DL-step which can delete at most two factors
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- A {MVR,SL,W}-automaton with a window of size k ≥ 2 can be interpreted as a pushdown automaton with a k-lookahead and with a limited look under the top of the pushdown.
- A deterministic PDA can be simulated by a det-{MVR,SL,W}automaton with a window of size 1.

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Main Results

## Characterisation of LRR by Automata With Complete Strong Correctness Preserving Property

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  - det-mon-cscpp-scf-{*MVR*, *MVL*, *CL*}-automata have this ability, too.
- det-mon-RLWC-automata in strong cyclic form ensure a deterministic analysis by reduction for the complement of any LRR-language.
  - Again, this also holds for det-mon-cscpp-scf-{*MVR*, *MVL*, *CL*}-automata.
  - Localization of syntactical errors and for syntactic error recovery.

Further research:

 To study det-mon-RLWC-automata in strong cyclic form having minimal look-ahead window and minimal reductions for a given LRR-language.

## Thank you for your attention!