

FIRST and FOLLOW sets

To compute $\text{FIRST}(X)$ for all grammar symbols X , apply the following rules until no more terminals or ϵ can be added to any FIRST set.

1. If X is a terminal, then $\text{FIRST}(X) = \{X\}$
2. If X is a nonterminal, and $\text{FIRST}(X) = Y_1Y_2 \dots Y_n$ is a production rule, then
 - everything in $\text{FIRST}(Y_1)$ is in $\text{FIRST}(X)$
 - if $Y_1 \rightarrow \epsilon$ contains, then everything in $\text{FIRST}(Y_2)$ is also in $\text{FIRST}(X)$
 - repeat for $Y_2 \rightarrow \epsilon$, and so on...
3. If $X \rightarrow \epsilon$, then add ϵ to $\text{FIRST}(X)$

To compute $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$ for all nonterminals A , apply the following rules until nothing can be added to any FOLLOW set.

1. Place $\$$ in $\text{FOLLOW}(S)$, where S is the start symbol, and $\$$ is the input right end-marker (i.e. end of the program code).
2. If there is a production rule $X \rightarrow \alpha A \beta$, then everything in $\text{FIRST}(\beta)$ except ϵ is in $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$
3. If there is a production rule $X \rightarrow \alpha A$, or a production $X \rightarrow \alpha A \beta$ where $\text{FIRST}(\beta)$ contains ϵ , then everything in $\text{FOLLOW}(X)$ is in $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$

Given our LL grammar:

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow E \\ E &\rightarrow TE' \\ E' &\rightarrow +TE' \mid -TE' \mid \epsilon \\ T &\rightarrow FT' \\ T' &\rightarrow *FT' \mid /FT' \mid \epsilon \\ F &\rightarrow (E) \mid \mathbf{id} \end{aligned}$$

Compute the FIRST sets:

- $\text{FIRST}(F) = \{ (, \mathbf{id} \}$
- $\text{FIRST}(T') = \{ *, /, \epsilon \}$
- $\text{FIRST}(T) = \text{FIRST}(F) = \{ (, \mathbf{id} \}$
- $\text{FIRST}(E') = \{ +, -, \epsilon \}$
- $\text{FIRST}(E) = \text{FIRST}(T) = \{ (, \mathbf{id} \}$
- $\text{FIRST}(S) = \text{FIRST}(E) = \{ (, \mathbf{id} \}$

Compute the FOLLOW sets:

- FOLLOW(S) = { \$ }
- FOLLOW(E) = {) } \cup FOLLOW(S) = {), \$ }
- FOLLOW(E') = FOLLOW(E) = {), \$ }
- FOLLOW(T) = FIRST(E') \cup FOLLOW(E/E') = { +, -,), \$ }
- FOLLOW(T') = FOLLOW(T) = { +, -,), \$ }
- FOLLOW(F) = FIRST(T') \cup FOLLOW(T/T') = { *, /, +, -,), \$ }

Generate the predictive parsing table, $M[A, \alpha]$, (for LL grammars) from the FIRST/FOLLOW sets.

For each production rule $A \rightarrow \alpha$ of the grammar, do the following:

1. For each terminal a in FIRST(A), add $A \rightarrow \alpha$ to $M[A, a]$
2. If ϵ is in FIRST(α), then for each terminal b in FOLLOW(A), add $A \rightarrow \alpha$ to $M[A, b]$.
3. Every other entry in the parsing table, $M[A, a]$, implicitly generates an **error**

Non-Terminal	Input Symbol							
	id	+	-	*	/	()	\$
S	$S \rightarrow E$				$S \rightarrow E$			
E	$E \rightarrow TE'$				$E \rightarrow TE'$			
E'	$E' \rightarrow +TE'$		$E' \rightarrow -TE'$				$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$E' \rightarrow \epsilon$
T	$T \rightarrow FT'$							
T'			$T' \rightarrow *FT'$		$T' \rightarrow /FT'$		$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$
F	$F \rightarrow \mathbf{id}$							