

**Topic: To Find First and Follow**

**Aim:** Write a code to find first and follow.

**Introduction:****First ()-**

If  $x$  is a terminal, then  $FIRST(x) = \{ 'x' \}$

If  $x \rightarrow \epsilon$ , is a production rule, then add  $\epsilon$  to  $FIRST(x)$ .

If  $X \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 Y_3 \dots Y_n$  is a production,

$FIRST(X) = FIRST(Y_1)$

If  $FIRST(Y_1)$  contains  $\epsilon$  then  $FIRST(X) = \{ FIRST(Y_1) - \epsilon \} \cup \{ FIRST(Y_2) \}$

If  $FIRST(Y_i)$  contains  $\epsilon$  for all  $i = 1$  to  $n$ , then add  $\epsilon$  to  $FIRST(X)$ .

**Follow ()-**

$FOLLOW(S) = \{ \$ \}$  // where  $S$  is the starting Non-Terminal

If  $A \rightarrow pBq$  is a production, where  $p$ ,  $B$  and  $q$  are any grammar symbols,  
then everything in  $FIRST(q)$  except  $\epsilon$  is in  $FOLLOW(B)$ .

If  $A \rightarrow pB$  is a production, then everything in

$FOLLOW(A)$  is in  $FOLLOW(B)$ . If  $A \rightarrow pBq$  is a

production and  $FIRST(q)$  contains  $\epsilon$ ,

then  $FOLLOW(B)$  contains  $\{ FIRST(q) - \epsilon \} \cup FOLLOW(A)$

**Source code:**

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import sys

sys.setrecursionlimit(60)

def first(string):

    #print("first({})".format(string))

    first_ = set()

    if string in non_terminals:

        alternatives = productions_dict[string]

        for alternative in alternatives:

            first_2 = first(alternative)

            first_ = first_ | first_2

    elif string in terminals:
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    first_ = {string}
elif string==" or string=="@':
    first_ = {'@'}
else:
    first_2 = first(string[0])
    if '@' in first_2:
        i = 1
        while '@' in first_2:
            #print("inside while")
            first_ = first_ | (first_2 - {'@'})
            #print('string[i:]=', string[i:])
            if string[i:] in terminals:
                first_ = first_ | {string[i:]}
                break
            elif string[i:] == "":
                first_ = first_ | {'@'}
                break
            first_2 = first(string[i:])
            first_ = first_ | first_2 - {'@'}
            i += 1
        else:
            first_ = first_ | first_2
    #print("returning for first({})".format(string),first_)
    return first_

def follow(nT):
    #print("inside follow({})".format(nT))
    follow_ = set()
    #print("FOLLOW", FOLLOW)
    prods = productions_dict.items()
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if nT==starting_symbol:
    follow_ = follow_ | {'$'}
for nt,rhs in prods:
    #print("nt to rhs", nt,rhs)
    for alt in rhs:
        for char in alt:
            if char==nT:
                following_str = alt[alt.index(char) + 1:]
                if following_str=="":
                    if nt==nT:
                        continue
                    else:
                        follow_ = follow_ | follow(nt)
                else:
                    follow_2 = first(following_str)
                    if '@' in follow_2:
                        follow_ = follow_ | follow_2-{'@'}
                        follow_ = follow_ | follow(nt)
                    else:
                        follow_ = follow_ | follow_2
    #print("returning for follow({})".format(nT),follow_)
    return follow_
no_of_terminals=int(input("Enter no. of terminals: "))
terminals = []
print("Enter the terminals :")
for _ in range(no_of_terminals):
    terminals.append(input())
no_of_non_terminals=int(input("Enter no. of non terminals: "))
non_terminals = []
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print("Enter the non terminals :")
for _ in range(no_of_non_terminals):
    non_terminals.append(input())
starting_symbol = input("Enter the starting symbol: ")
no_of_productions = int(input("Enter no of productions: "))
productions = []
print("Enter the productions:")
for _ in range(no_of_productions):
    productions.append(input())
#print("terminals", terminals)
#print("non terminals", non_terminals)
#print("productions", productions)
productions_dict = { }
for nT in non_terminals:
    productions_dict[nT] = []
#print("productions_dict", productions_dict)
for production in productions:
    nonterm_to_prod = production.split("->")
    alternatives = nonterm_to_prod[1].split("/")
    for alternative in alternatives:
        productions_dict[nonterm_to_prod[0]].append(alternative)
#print("productions_dict", productions_dict)
#print("nonterm_to_prod", nonterm_to_prod)
#print("alternatives", alternatives)
FIRST = { }
FOLLOW = { }
for non_terminal in non_terminals:
    FIRST[non_terminal] = set()
for non_terminal in non_terminals:
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FOLLOW[non_terminal] = set()
#print("FIRST",FIRST)
for non_terminal in non_terminals:
    FIRST[non_terminal] = FIRST[non_terminal] | first(non_terminal)
#print("FIRST",FIRST)
FOLLOW[starting_symbol] = FOLLOW[starting_symbol] | {'$'}
for non_terminal in non_terminals:
    FOLLOW[non_terminal] = FOLLOW[non_terminal] | follow(non_terminal)
#print("FOLLOW", FOLLOW)
print("{: ^20}{: ^20}{: ^20}".format('Non Terminals','First','Follow'))
for non_terminal in non_terminals:
    print("{: ^20}{: ^20}{: ^20}".format(non_terminal,str(FIRST[non_terminal]),str(FOLLOW[non_terminal])))
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**Output:**

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IDLE Shell 3.10.6
File Edit Shell Debug Options Window Help
Python 3.10.6 (tags/v3.10.6:9c7b4bd, Aug 1 2022, 21:53:49) [MSC v.1932 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.
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===== RESTART: C:\Users\akhil\OneDrive\Desktop\Finding first and follow.py =====
Enter no. of terminals: 5
Enter the terminals :
+
*
a
(
)
Enter no. of non terminals: 5
Enter the non terminals :
E
B
T
V
F
Enter the starting symbol: E
Enter no of productions: 5
Enter the productions:
E->TB
B->+TB/@
T->FV
V->*FV/@
F->a/(E)

Non Terminals      First      Follow
E                   {'a', '('}  {'$', ')'}
B                   {'@', '+'}  {'$', ')'}
T                   {'a', '('}  {'$', '+', ')'}
V                   {'*', '@'}  {'$', '+', ')'}
F                   {'a', '('}  {'$', '*', '+', ')'}
>>>

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