

**SOLUTIONS - CONSTRUCTION OF A RECURSIVE DESCENT PARSER:**

Consider the following grammar:

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<exp>      ::= <atom> | <list>
<atom>     ::= <digit> | <string>
<list>     ::= ( <expr-list> )
<expr-list> ::= <exp> <expr-list> | ε
<digit>    ::= 0 | 1 | 2 | ... | 9
<string>   ::= a | b | c
  
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1. What change would you make to transform it into EBNF?

**<exp-list> ::= { <expr> }**

2. Write a Recursive descent parser corresponding to this parser.

	FIRST	FOLLOW
<exp>	FIRST (<atom>) U FIRST (<list>) { 0, 1, 2, ..., 9, a, b, c, ( }	FIRST (<expr-list>) U FOLLOW (<expr-list>) { \$, 0, 1, 2, ..., 9, a, b, c, (, ) }
<atom>	FIRST (<digit>) U FIRST (<string>) { 0, 1, 2, ..., 9, a, b, c }	FOLLOW (<expr>) { \$, 0, 1, 2, ..., 9, a, b, c, (, ) }
<list>	{ ( }	FOLLOW (<expr>) { \$, 0, 1, 2, ..., 9, a, b, c, (, ) }
<exp-list>	FIRST (<exp>) { 0, 1, 2, ..., 9, a, b, c, (, ε }	{ ) }
<digit>	{ 0, 1, 2, ..., 9 }	FOLLOW (<atom>) { \$, 0, 1, 2, ..., 9, a, b, c, (, ) }
<string>	{ a, b, c }	FOLLOW (<atom>) { \$, 0, 1, 2, ..., 9, a, b, c, (, ) }

Is this grammar suitable for recursive descent?

- <exp> FIRST (<atom>)  $\cap$  FIRST (<list>) =  $\emptyset$
- <atom> FIRST (<digit>)  $\cap$  FIRST (<string>) =  $\emptyset$
- <exp-list> FIRST (<expr>)  $\cap$  FOLLOW (<exp-list>) =  $\emptyset$

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exp ( )
{  if token == a ^ b ^ ... ^ 9
    atom ( )
  else if token == (
    list ( )
  else
    error ( )
}

atom ( )
{  if token == 0 ^ 1 ^ ... ^ 9
    digit ( )
  else if token == a ^ b ^ c
    string ( )
  else
    error ( )
}

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list ( )
{  if token == (
    match ( ( )
    explist ( )
    if token == )
      match ( ) )
    else
      error ( )
}

else
  error ( )
}

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explist ( )
{  while ( token == 0 ^ ... ^ b ^ c )
    exp ( )
}

digit ( )
{  if token == 0 ^ 1 ^ ... ^ 9
    match (token )
  else
    error ( )
}

string ( )
{  if token == a ^ b ^ c
    match ( token )
}

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