

last time : predictive parsing by example

Today . FIRST and FOLLOW sets

Predictive parsing with FIRST and FOLLOW.

Definitions.

FIRST set : FIRST sets will be calculated for terminals and non-terminals & ϵ

Given a grammar G , with terminals set T , FIRST sets can contain elements of T or ϵ

1. Terminal $a \in \text{FIRST}(A)$ where A is a terminal or non-terminal iff

in 0 or more steps

$$A \xRightarrow{*} a w$$

at the start

where w is a sequence of terminals/non-terminals

- 2 $\epsilon \in \text{FIRST}(A)$ iff

$$A \xRightarrow{*} \epsilon$$

FOLLOW sets We will compute FOLLOW sets for non-terminals.

FOLLOW sets can contain terminals or $\$$ = EOF
 a , which is a terminal or $\$$ is in $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$

iff. $S \$ \xRightarrow{*} x A a y$

where x and y are sequences of terminals/non-terminals

NOTE

ϵ cannot be part of a FOLLOW set.

$\$$ cannot be part of a FIRST set.

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$\#$ cannot be part of a FIRST set.

Example

$$S \rightarrow AB \mid C$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid BC$$

$$B \rightarrow bB \mid \epsilon$$

$$C \rightarrow cC \mid D$$

$$D \rightarrow d$$

$$a \in \text{FIRST}(A) : A \Rightarrow aA$$

$$b \in \text{FIRST}(B) : B \Rightarrow bB$$

$$b \in \text{FIRST}(A) : A \Rightarrow BC \Rightarrow bBC$$

$$c \in \text{FIRST}(A) : A \Rightarrow BC \Rightarrow c \Rightarrow cC$$

$$d \in \text{FIRST}(A) : A \Rightarrow BC \Rightarrow c \Rightarrow D \Rightarrow d$$

$$\epsilon \notin \text{FIRST}(A)$$

$$\text{FIRST}(C) = \{ \cancel{a}, \cancel{b}, c, d, \cancel{\epsilon} \}$$

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FOLLOW

$$S \# \xRightarrow{*} \dots Aa \dots$$

$$\text{FOLLOW}(S)$$

$$S \# \xRightarrow{*} S \#$$

$$b \in \text{FOLLOW}(A)$$

$$S \# \xRightarrow{*} AB \# \Rightarrow AbB \#$$

$$\# \in \text{FOLLOW}(A)$$

$$S \# \xRightarrow{*} AB \# \Rightarrow A \#$$

$$\# \in \text{FOLLOW}(B)$$

$$S \# \Rightarrow AB \#$$

$$c \in \text{FOLLOW}(B)$$

$$S \# \Rightarrow AB \# \Rightarrow BcB \#$$

$$\Rightarrow BcCB \#$$

$$d \in \text{FOLLOW}(B)$$

$$S \# \Rightarrow AB \# \Rightarrow BdB \#$$

$$\Rightarrow BdBB \#$$

$$b \notin \text{FOLLOW}(B) ?$$

$$S \# \Rightarrow AB \# \Rightarrow BCB \#$$

b \notin FOLLOW(B)? $S \Rightarrow AB \Rightarrow BCB$

$S \rightarrow AB \mid C$
 $A \rightarrow aA \mid BC$
 $B \rightarrow bB \mid \epsilon$
 $C \rightarrow cC \mid D$
 $D \rightarrow d$

Conditions for Predictive Parsing with one token lookahead.

1. For every non-terminal A and any two rules $A \rightarrow \alpha$ and $A \rightarrow \beta$, we should have $FIRST(\alpha) \cap FIRST(\beta) = \emptyset$

Note. $FIRST(A_1 \dots A_k)$?

If we introduce a new symbol A' and rule $A' \rightarrow A_1 \dots A_k$.

$FIRST(A') = FIRST(A_1 \dots A_k)$

2. If $A \xRightarrow{*} \epsilon$, we should have

$FIRST(A) \cap FOLLOW(A) = \emptyset$

Example.

$S \rightarrow AB$
 $A \rightarrow bAC \mid \epsilon$
 $B \rightarrow b$

parse-A()

{ t = peek(1);

if (t.token_type == b-type)

{ expect(b)
parse(A)

bc b
A B

- b
A B

{
 expect(b)
 parse(A)
 expect(c)
 }

$A \rightarrow \epsilon$

Example.

$S \rightarrow A e B \mid g C$

$A \rightarrow a A \mid B C \mid f A$

$B \rightarrow b B \mid \epsilon$

$C \rightarrow c C \mid D \mid \epsilon$

$D \rightarrow d$

$FIRST(S) = \{a, b, c, d, f, e, g\}$

$FIRST(A) = \{a, b, c, d, \epsilon, f\}$

$FIRST(B) = \{b, \epsilon\}$

$FIRST(C) = \{c, d, \epsilon\}$

$FIRST(D) = \{d\}$

$FOLLOW(S) = \{ \$ \}$

$FOLLOW(A) = \{ e \}$

$FOLLOW(B) = \{ c, d, e, \$ \}$

$FOLLOW(C) = \{ e, \$ \}$

$FOLLOW(D) = \{ e, \$ \}$

$S \$ \Rightarrow A e B \$ \Rightarrow B C e B \$ \Rightarrow B e B \$$

$\Rightarrow B D e B \$$

$S \$ \Rightarrow g C \$ \Rightarrow g D \$$