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## First and Follow computation

AIM: To compute First and Follow for a Grammar

## **ALGORITHM:**

For computing the first:

- 1. If X is a terminal then  $FIRST(X) = \{X\}$  Example:  $F \rightarrow I \mid id$  We can write it as  $FIRST(F) \rightarrow \{(, id)\}$
- 2. If X is a non-terminal like  $E \rightarrow T$  then to get FIRSTI substitute T with other productions until you get a terminal as the first symbol
- 3. If  $X \rightarrow \varepsilon$  then add  $\varepsilon$  to FIRST(X).

For computing the follow:

- 1. Always check the right side of the productions for a non-terminal, whose FOLLOW set is being found. (never see the left side).
- 2. (a) If that non-terminal (S,A,B...) is followed by any terminal (a,b...,\*,+,(,)...), then add that terminal into FOLLOW set.
- (b) If that non-terminal is followed by any other non-terminal then add FIRST of other nonterminal into FOLLOW set.

## **Program:**

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#include
<br/>bits/stdc++.h>
#define max 20
using namespace std;
char prod[max][10], ter[10], nt[10], first[10][10],
follow[10][10]; int eps[10],c=0;
int findpos(char ch)
  int n;
  for (n = 0; nt[n] != '\0';
    n++) if (nt[n] == ch)
      break;
  if(nt[n] ==
    '\0') return
    1:
  return n;
int IsCap(char c)
  return (c \ge 'A' \&\& c \le 'Z') ? 1:0;
void add(char *arr, char c)
  int i, flag = 0;
  for (i = 0; arr[i] != '\0';
    i++) if (arr[i] == c)
      flag =
      1;
      break;
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if (flag != 1)
    arr[strlen(arr)]
void addarr(char *s1, char *s2)
  int i, j, flag = 99;
  for (i = 0; s2[i] != '\0'; i++)
    flag = 0;
    for (j = 0;; j++)
      if (s2[i] = s1[j])
         flag =
         1;
         break;
      if (j == strlen(s1) \&\& flag != 1)
         s1[strlen(s1)] =
         s2[i]; break;
void addprod(char *s)
  int i;
  prod[c][0] = s[0];
  for (i = 3; s[i] != '\0'; i++)
 if (!IsCap(s[i]))
    add(ter, s[i]);
    prod[c][i-2] = s[i];
  \operatorname{prod}[c][i-2] = '\0';
  add(nt,
  s[0]); c++;
void findfirst()
  int i, j, n, k, e,
  n1; for (i = 0; i <
  c; i++)
    for (j = 0; j < c; j++)
      n = findpos(prod[j][0]);
       if (prod[j][1] ==
         (char)238) eps[n] =
         1;
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else
        for (k = 1, e = 1; prod[j][k] != '\0' && e == 1; k++)
           if (!IsCap(prod[j][k]))
             e = 0;
             add(first[n], prod[j][k]);
           else
             n1
             findpos(prod[j][k]);
             addarr(first[n],
             first[n1]); if (eps[n1]
             == 0)
               e = 0;
        if (e == 1)
           eps[n] =
           1;
void findfollow()
  int i, j, k, n, e, n1;
  n = findpos(prod[0][0]);
  add(follow[n],
  '#'); for (i = 0; i
  < c; i++)
    for (j = 0; j < c; j++)
      for (k = strlen(prod[j]) - 1; k > 0; k--)
      if (IsCap(prod[j][k]))
           n = findpos(prod[j][k]);
           if (prod[j][k + 1] == '\0') // A -> aB
             n1 = findpos(prod[j][0]);
             addarr(follow[n],
             follow[n1]);
           if (IsCap(prod[j][k+1])) // A \rightarrow aBb
             n1 = findpos(prod[j][k]
             + 1]); addarr(follow[n],
             first[n1]); if (eps[n1]
             == 1)
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n1 = findpos(prod[j][0]);
               addarr(follow[n],
               follow[n1]);
           else if (\operatorname{prod}[j][k+1] != '\0')
             add(follow[n], prod[j][k + 1]);
int main()
  char s[max], i;
  cout << "\nEnter the productions (type 'end' at the last of the
 production)\n"; cin >> s;
  while (strcmp("end", s))
    addprod(
    s); cin >>
    s;
  findfirst();
  findfollow
  for (i = 0; i < strlen(nt); i++)
    cout << "\nFIRST[" << nt[i] << "]: "
    << first[i]; if (eps[i] == 1)
      cout << (char)238 <<
    "\t"; else
      cout << "\t";
    cout << "FOLLOW[" << nt[i] << "]: " << follow[i];
  return 0;
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## **Output:**

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Enter the productions (type 'end' at the last of the production)

S->Bb

S->Cd

B->aB

B->#

C->cC

C->#

end

FIRST[S]: a#c FOLLOW[S]: #

FIRST[B]: a# FOLLOW[B]: b

FIRST[C]: c# FOLLOW[C]: d

...Program finished with exit code 0

Press ENTER to exit console.
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**Result:** The First and Follow computation is implemented successfully.