

# Non- Recursive Predictive Parsing

- Implemented using stack instead of recursive calls.
- Key problem- determining the production to be used for a non-terminal.

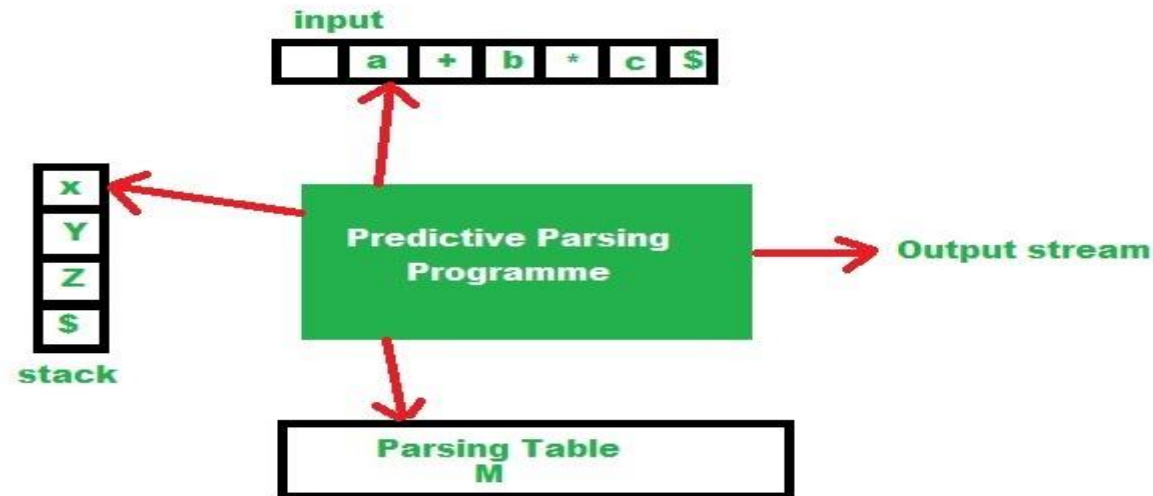


fig: Non Recursive Parser Model

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# SYNTAX ANALYSIS

## **FIRST and FOLLOW Set in Parsing.**

The construction of a predictive parser is aided by two functions associated with a grammar G. These functions, FIRST and FOLLOW, allow us to fill in the entries of a predictive parsing table for G, whenever possible.

Why FIRST set is required?

Back tracking in syntax analysis is really a complex process to implement. The easier process is as follows:

If the compiler would have come to know in advance, that what is the “first character of the string produced when a production rule is applied”, and comparing it to the current character or token in the input string it sees, it can wisely take decision on which production rule to apply.

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- Let us consider the following grammar:

$$S \rightarrow cAd$$

$$A \rightarrow bc \mid a$$

Input string is “cad”.

In the above example, if it knew that after reading character ‘c’ in the input string and applying the rule:  $S \rightarrow cAd$ , next character in the input string is ‘a’, then it would have ignored the production rule  $A \rightarrow bc$  (because ‘b’ is the first character of the string produced by this production rule, not ‘a’), and directly use the production rule  $A \rightarrow a$ .

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- Hence it is validated that if the compiler/parser knows about first character of the string that can be obtained by applying a production rule, then it can wisely apply the correct production rule to get the correct syntax tree for the given Input string.
- Why FOLLOW set is required?

Let us consider the grammar:

$$A \rightarrow aBb$$

$$B \rightarrow c \mid \varepsilon$$

Suppose the string to be parsed is “ab”.

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- As the first character in the input is a, the parser applies the rule  $A \rightarrow aBb$ .

A  
/ | \  
a B b

Now the parser checks for the second character of the input string which is b, and the Non-Terminal to derive is B, but the parser can't get any string derivable from B that contains b as first character.

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$$\begin{array}{c}
 A \qquad \qquad A \\
 / \mid \backslash \qquad / \quad \backslash \\
 a \quad B \quad b \Rightarrow a \quad b \\
 | \\
 \varepsilon
 \end{array}$$

FIRST and FOLLOW sets for a given grammar, so that the parser can properly apply the needed rule at the correct position.

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- Algorithm for finding  $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ .
- If  $a$  is any string of grammar symbols, let  $\text{FIRST}(a)$  be the set of terminals that begin the strings derived from  $a$ . If  $a \Rightarrow \epsilon$  then  $\epsilon$  is also in  $\text{FIRST}(a)$ .
- To compute  $\text{FIRST}(X)$  for all grammar symbols  $X$ , apply the following rules until no more terminals or  $\epsilon$  can be added to any  $\text{FIRST}$  set:
  1. If  $X$  is terminal, then  $\text{FIRST}(X)$  is  $\{X\}$ .
  2. If  $X \rightarrow \epsilon$  is a production, then add  $\epsilon$  to  $\text{FIRST}(X)$ .
  3. If  $A \rightarrow BC$  then  $\text{FIRST}(A) = \text{FIRST}(B)$  if  $\text{FIRST}(B)$  doesn't contain  $\epsilon$ . If  $\text{FIRST}(B)$  contains  $\epsilon$  then we have to substitute  $\epsilon$  in place of  $B$ . We then have  $\text{FIRST}(A) = \text{FIRST}(B) \cup \text{FIRST}(C)$ .
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Example:

Find the FIRST set from the following grammar:

$$E \rightarrow T E'$$

$$E' \rightarrow + T E' | \varepsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow F T'$$

$$T' \rightarrow * F T' | \varepsilon$$

$$F \rightarrow ( E ) | \text{id}$$

$$\text{FIRST}(E) = \text{FIRST}(T) = \text{FIRST}(F) = \{ (, \text{id} \}$$

$$\text{FIRST}(E') = \{ +, \varepsilon \}$$

$$\text{FIRST}(T') = \{ *, \varepsilon \}$$

- Consider the production rule-

$$A \rightarrow abc / def / ghi$$

Calculate the FIRST set.

$$\text{FIRST}(A) = \{a, d, g\}$$

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- Calculate the FIRST set for the given grammar-

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aBDh \\ B &\rightarrow cC \\ C &\rightarrow bC / \epsilon \\ D &\rightarrow EF \\ E &\rightarrow g / \epsilon \\ F &\rightarrow f / \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

- $\text{First}(S) = \{ a \}$      $\text{First}(C) = \{ b, \epsilon \}$                        $\text{First}(F) = \{ f, \epsilon \}$
- $\text{First}(B) = \{ c \}$                        $\text{First}(D) = \{ \text{First}(E) - \epsilon \} \cup \text{First}(F) = \{ g, f, \epsilon \}$                        $\text{First}(E) = \{ g, \epsilon \}$
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- Calculate the FIRST set for the given grammar-

$S \rightarrow Aa$

$A \rightarrow BD$

$B \rightarrow b \mid \varepsilon$

$D \rightarrow d \mid \varepsilon$

$\text{FIRST}(S) = \{b, d, a\}$

$\text{FIRST}(A) = \{b, d, \varepsilon\}$

$\text{FIRST}(B) = \{b, \varepsilon\}$

$\text{FIRST}(D) = \{d, \varepsilon\}$

# Calculation of the FOLLOW set

- $\text{Follow}(\alpha)$  is a set of terminal symbols that appear immediately to the right of  $\alpha$ .
- **Rules For Calculating Follow Function-**
  1. For the start symbol  $S$ , place  $\$$  in  $\text{Follow}(S)$ .
  2. For any production rule  $A \rightarrow \alpha B$ , we have:  
 $\text{Follow}(B) = \text{Follow}(A)$
  3. For any production rule  $A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$ , we have:
    - ✓ If  $\epsilon \notin \text{First}(\beta)$ , then  $\text{Follow}(B) = \text{First}(\beta)$
    - ✓ If  $\epsilon \in \text{First}(\beta)$ , then  $\text{Follow}(B) = \{ \text{First}(\beta) - \epsilon \} \cup \text{Follow}(A)$

- Note:
- $\epsilon$  may appear in the first function of a non-terminal.
- $\epsilon$  will never appear in the follow function of a non-terminal.
- Before calculating the first and follow functions, eliminate **Left Recursion** from the grammar, if present.
- We calculate the FOLLOW function of a non-terminal by looking where it is present on the RHS of a production rule.

# Solved Problems:

1. Calculate the FOLLOW functions for the given grammar-

$$S \rightarrow aBDh$$

$$B \rightarrow cC$$

$$C \rightarrow bC / \epsilon$$

$$D \rightarrow EF$$

$$E \rightarrow g / \epsilon$$

$$F \rightarrow f / \epsilon$$

- $\text{First}(S) = \{ a \}$
- $\text{First}(B) = \{ c \}$

- $\text{First}(C) = \{ b, \epsilon \}$
  - $\text{First}(D) = \{ \text{First}(E) - \epsilon \} \cup \text{First}(F) = \{ g, f, \epsilon \}$
  - $\text{First}(E) = \{ g, \epsilon \}$
  - $\text{First}(F) = \{ f, \epsilon \}$
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- $\text{Follow}(S) = \{ \$ \}$     $\text{Follow}(B) = \{ \text{First}(D) - \epsilon \} \cup \text{First}(h) = \{ g, f, h \}$
  - $\text{Follow}(C) = \text{Follow}(B) = \{ g, f, h \}$     $\text{Follow}(D) = \text{First}(h) = \{ h \}$



$\text{Follow}(E) = \{ \text{First}(F) - \epsilon \} \cup \text{Follow}(D) = \{ f, h \}$

$\text{Follow}(F) = \text{Follow}(D) = \{ h \}$

2. Calculate the follow functions for the given grammar:

$S \rightarrow A$

$A \rightarrow aB / Ad$

$B \rightarrow b$

$C \rightarrow g$

We need to eliminate Left Recursion from the given grammar. After left recursion removal, we have the grammar as follows:

$S \rightarrow A$   
 $A \rightarrow aBA'$   
 $A' \rightarrow dA' / \epsilon$   
 $B \rightarrow b$   
 $C \rightarrow g$

- $\text{First}(S) = \text{First}(A) = \{ a \}$
- $\text{First}(A) = \{ a \}$
- $\text{First}(A') = \{ d, \epsilon \}$
- $\text{First}(B) = \{ b \}$
- $\text{First}(C) = \{ g \}$

- $\text{Follow}(S) = \{ \$ \}$     $\text{Follow}(B) = \{ \text{First}(A') - \epsilon \} \cup \text{Follow}(A) = \{ d, \$ \}$
- $\text{Follow}(A) = \text{Follow}(S) = \{ \$ \}$
- $\text{Follow}(A') = \text{Follow}(A) = \{ \$ \}$

- Calculate the follow functions for the given grammar-

$$S \rightarrow ACB / CbB / Ba$$

$$A \rightarrow da / BC$$

$$B \rightarrow g / \epsilon$$

$$C \rightarrow h / \epsilon$$

- $\text{First}(S) = \{ \text{First}(A) - \epsilon \} \cup \{ \text{First}(C) - \epsilon \} \cup \text{First}(B) \cup \text{First}(b) \cup \{ \text{First}(B) - \epsilon \} \cup \text{First}(a) = \{ d, g, h, \epsilon, b, a \}$
- $\text{First}(A) = \text{First}(d) \cup \{ \text{First}(B) - \epsilon \} \cup \text{First}(C) = \{ d, g, h, \epsilon \}$
- $\text{First}(B) = \{ g, \epsilon \}$                        $\text{First}(C) = \{ h, \epsilon \}$

- $\text{Follow}(S) = \{ \$ \}$
- $\text{Follow}(A) = \{ \text{First}(C) - \epsilon \} \cup \{ \text{First}(B) - \epsilon \} \cup \text{Follow}(S) = \{ h, g, \$ \}$
- $\text{Follow}(B) = \text{Follow}(S) \cup \text{First}(a) \cup \{ \text{First}(C) - \epsilon \} \cup \text{Follow}(A) = \{ \$, a, h, g \}$
- $\text{Follow}(C) = \{ \text{First}(B) - \epsilon \} \cup \text{Follow}(S) \cup \text{First}(b) \cup \text{Follow}(A) = \{ g, \$, b, h \}$ .

# LL(1) parsing table

## Construction of LL(1) parsing tables

For every production rule  $A \rightarrow \omega$ , do the following :

1. For every  $a \in \text{First}(\omega)$  and  $a \neq \lambda$ , put  $A \rightarrow \omega$  into  $T[A, a]$
2. If  $\lambda \in \text{First}(\omega)$ , then for every  $a \in \text{Follow}(A)$ , put  $A \rightarrow \omega$  into  $T[A, a]$

1.  $S \rightarrow A S b$
2.  $S \rightarrow C$
3.  $A \rightarrow a$
4.  $C \rightarrow c C$
5.  $C \rightarrow \lambda$

$\text{First}(ASb) = \{a\}$ ,  
 $\text{First}(C) = \{c, \lambda\}$ ,  
 $\text{Follow}(S) = \{b, \$\}$ ,  
 $\text{First}(a) = \{a\}$ ,  
 $\text{First}(cC) = \{c\}$ ,  
 $\text{First}(\lambda) = \{\lambda\}$ ,  
 $\text{Follow}(C) = \{b, \$\}$

	a	b	c	\$
S	1	2	2	2
A	3			
C		5	4	5

# Example of LL(1) grammar

- Consider the grammar below:

$$E \rightarrow E+T \mid T$$

$$T \rightarrow T*F \mid F$$

$$F \rightarrow (E) \mid \text{id}$$

- After eliminating Left recursion, we get:

$$E \rightarrow TE'$$

$$E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \varepsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow FT'$$

$$T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid \varepsilon$$

$$F \rightarrow \text{id} \mid (E)$$

- Calculation of FIRST and FOLLOW sets:

Production	FIRST	FOLLOW
$E \rightarrow TE'$	{ id, ( }	{ \$, ) }
$E' \rightarrow +TE' \mid \epsilon$	{ +, $\epsilon$ }	{ \$, ) }
$T \rightarrow FT'$	{ id, ( }	{ +, \$, ) }
$T' \rightarrow *FT' \mid \epsilon$	{ *, $\epsilon$ }	{ +, \$, ) }
$F \rightarrow id \mid (E)$	{ id, ( }	{ *, +, \$, ) }



- Construction of Parsing table:

	Id	+	*	(	)	\$
E	$E \rightarrow TE'$			$E \rightarrow TE'$		
E'		$E \rightarrow +TE'$			$E \rightarrow \epsilon$	$E \rightarrow \epsilon$
T	$T \rightarrow FT'$			$T \rightarrow FT'$		
T'		$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$T' \rightarrow *FT'$		$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$	$T' \rightarrow \epsilon$
F	$F \rightarrow id$			$F \rightarrow (E)$		

## Condition for being an LL(1) grammar:

For every  $A \in N$  with  $A \rightarrow \alpha$ ,  $A \rightarrow \beta$  and  $\alpha \neq \beta$

1.  $\text{First}(\alpha) \cap \text{First}(\beta) = \phi$ .
2. If  $\lambda \in \text{First}(\beta)$ , then  $\text{First}(\alpha) \cap \text{Follow}(A) = \phi$ .

Q: Can an LL(1) grammar be ambiguous?     A: No.

# Stack implementation of LL(1) parsing

- Input: An input string 'w' and a parsing table('M') for grammar G.
- Output: If 'w' is in  $L(G)$ , an LMD of 'w'; otherwise an error indication.
- Algorithm:

Set input pointer to point to the first symbol of the string \$;

repeat

let X be the symbol pointed by the stack pointer,  
and **a** is the symbol pointed to by input pointer;

if X is a terminal or \$

then if  $X=a$  then pop X from the stack and increment the input pointer;

else error()

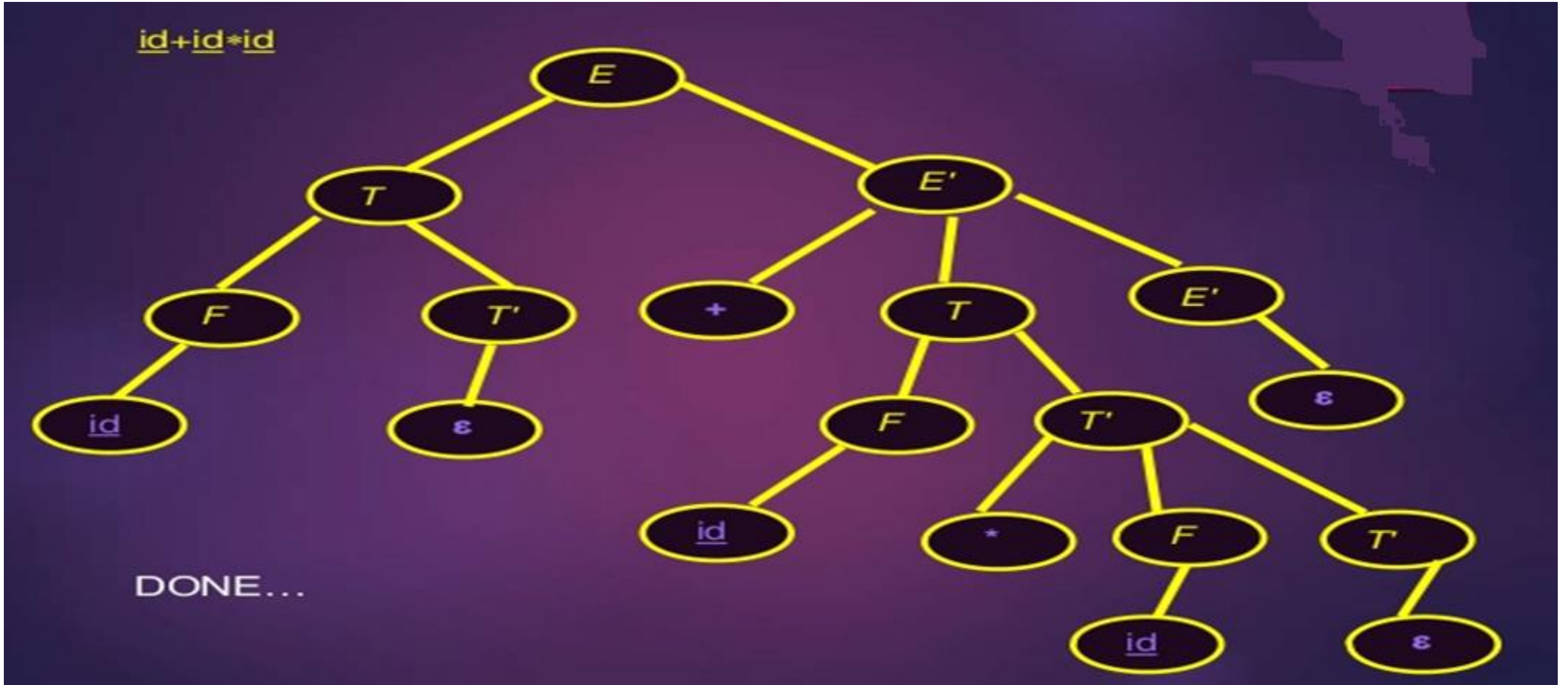
end if

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else /*if X is a non terminal */
    if M[X,a]=  $X \rightarrow y_1 y_2 \dots y_k$  then
begin
    pop X from the stack;
    push  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_k$  onto the stack, with  $y_1$  on top;
    output the production  $X \rightarrow y_1 y_2 \dots y_k$ 
end
    else error()
    end if
end if
until  $X = \$$  /* stack is empty */
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# Steps in processing the input string: id+id\*id

MATCHED	STACK	INPUT	ACTION
	E\$	id+id * id\$	
	TE'\$	id+id * id\$	E->TE'
	FT'E'\$	id+id * id\$	T->FT'
	id TE'\$	id+id * id\$	F->id
id	T'E'\$	+id * id\$	Match id
id	E'\$	+id * id\$	T'->E
id	+TE'\$	+id * id\$	E'->+TE'
id+	TE'\$	id * id\$	Match +
id+	FT'E'\$	id * id\$	T->FT'
id+	idTE'\$	id * id\$	F->id
id+id	T'E'\$	* id\$	Match id
id+id	* FT'E'\$	* id\$	T'->*FT'
id+id *	FT'E'\$	id\$	Match *
id+id *	idTE'\$	id\$	F->id
id+id * id	T'E'\$	\$	Match id
id+id * id	E'\$	\$	T'->E
id+id * id	\$	\$	E'->E

# Parse tree for $\text{id}+\text{id}*\text{id}$



# Left Factoring a grammar

- **Grammar With Common Prefixes-**

$$A \rightarrow \alpha\beta_1 / \alpha\beta_2 / \alpha\beta_3$$

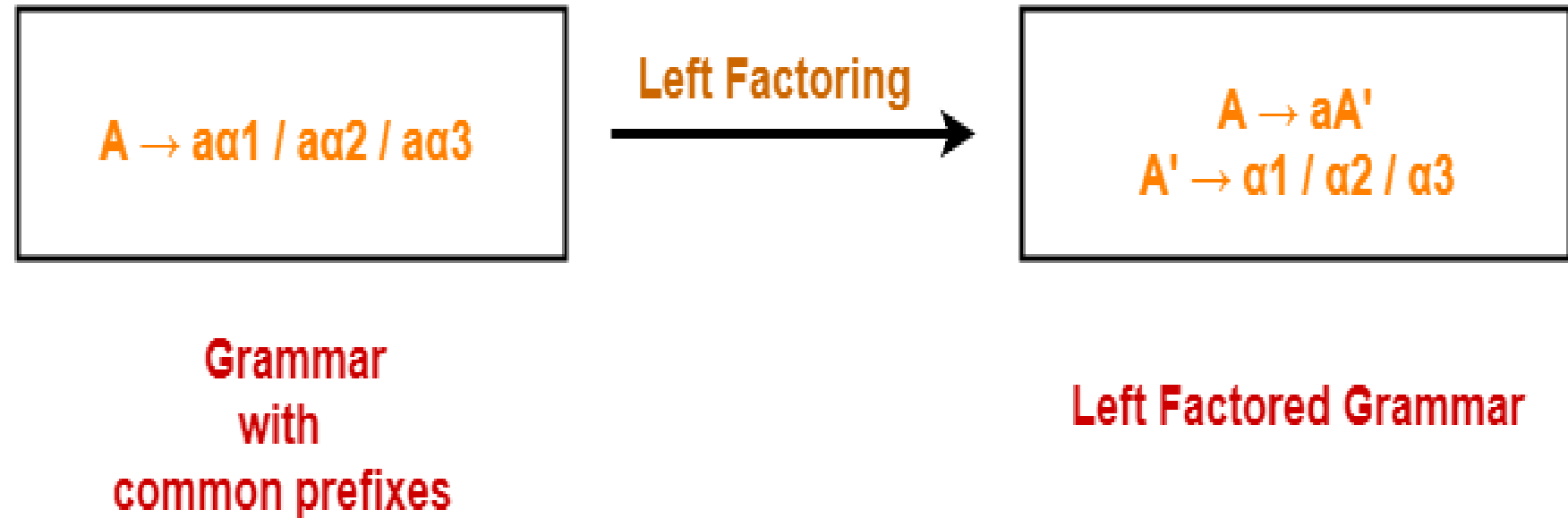
- ✓ This kind of grammar creates a problematic situation for Top down parsers.
- ✓ Top down parsers can not decide which production must be chosen to parse the string in hand.
- ✓ To remove this confusion, we use left factoring.

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- In left factoring,
  - ✓ We make one production for each common prefixes.
  - ✓ The common prefix may be a terminal or a non-terminal or a combination of both.
  - ✓ Rest of the derivation is added by new productions.
- The grammar obtained after the process of left factoring is called as **Left Factored Grammar**.
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- Example-



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- Consider the grammar below:
- $S \rightarrow iEtS \mid iEtSeS \mid a$
- $E \rightarrow b$
- Construct a parse table for the above grammar.

- Left factor the grammar:

GRAMMAR:

$S \rightarrow iEtSS' \mid a$

$S' \rightarrow eS \mid \epsilon$

$E \rightarrow b$

TABLE: FIRST & FOLLOW

SYMBOL	FIRST	FOLLOW
S	a, i	\$, e
S'	e, $\epsilon$	\$, e
E	b	t

SYMBOL	FIRST	FOLLOW
$S \rightarrow IEtSS' \mid a$	a, i	\$, e
$S' \rightarrow eS \mid \epsilon$	e, $\epsilon$	\$, e
$E \rightarrow b$	b	t

TABLE:  
FAST & FOLLOW

TABLE:  
PARSING TABLE

Non Terminal	INPUT SYMBOLS					
	a	b	e	i	t	\$
S						
S'						
E						

SYMBOL	FIRST	FOLLOW
$S \rightarrow lEtSS' \mid a$	a, l	\$, e
$S' \rightarrow eS \mid \epsilon$	e, $\epsilon$	\$, e
$E \rightarrow b$	b	t

TABLE:  
FAST & FOLLOW

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PARSING TABLE

Non Terminal	INPUT SYMBOLS					
	a	b	e	l	t	\$
S	S→a					
S'						
E						

SYMBOL	FIRST	FOLLOW
$S \rightarrow iEtSS' \mid a$	a, i	\$, e
$S' \rightarrow eS \mid \epsilon$	e, c	\$, e
$E \rightarrow b$	b	t

TABLE:  
FAST & FOLLOW

TABLE:  
PARSING TABLE

Non Terminal	INPUT SYMBOLS					
	a	b	e	i	t	\$
S	$S \rightarrow a$			$S \rightarrow iEtSS'$		
S'						
E						

SYMBOL	FIRST	FOLLOW
$S \rightarrow iEtSS' \mid a$	a, i	\$, e
$S' \rightarrow eS \mid \epsilon$	e, $\epsilon$	\$, e
$E \rightarrow b$	b	t

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PARSING TABLE

Non Terminal	INPUT SYMBOLS					
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S'			$S' \rightarrow eS$			
E						

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$S' \rightarrow eS \mid \epsilon$	e, $\epsilon$	\$, e
$E \rightarrow b$	b	t

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	a	b	e	i	t	\$
S	$S \rightarrow a$			$S \rightarrow iEtSS'$		
S'			$S' \rightarrow eS$ $S' \rightarrow \epsilon$			$S' \rightarrow \epsilon$
E						



SYMBOL	FIRST	FOLLOW
$S \rightarrow iEtSS' \mid a$	a, i	\$, e
$S' \rightarrow eS \mid \epsilon$	e, $\epsilon$	\$, e
$E \rightarrow b$	b	t

TABLE:  
FAST & FOLLOW

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PARSING TABLE

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Non Terminal	INPUT SYMBOLS					
	a	b	e	i	t	\$
S	$S \rightarrow a$			$S \rightarrow iEtSS'$		
S'			$S' \rightarrow eS$ $S' \rightarrow \epsilon$			$S' \rightarrow \epsilon$
E		$E \rightarrow b$				

- ❑ The grammar is ambiguous and it is evident by the fact that we have two entries corresponding to  $M[S', e]$  containing  $S' \rightarrow \epsilon$  and  $S' \rightarrow eS$ .
- ❑ Note that the ambiguity will be solved if we use LL(2) parser, i.e. Always see for the two input symbols.
- ❑ LL(1) grammars have distinct properties.
  - No ambiguous grammar or left recursive grammar can be LL(1).
- ❑ Thus , the given grammar is not LL(1).