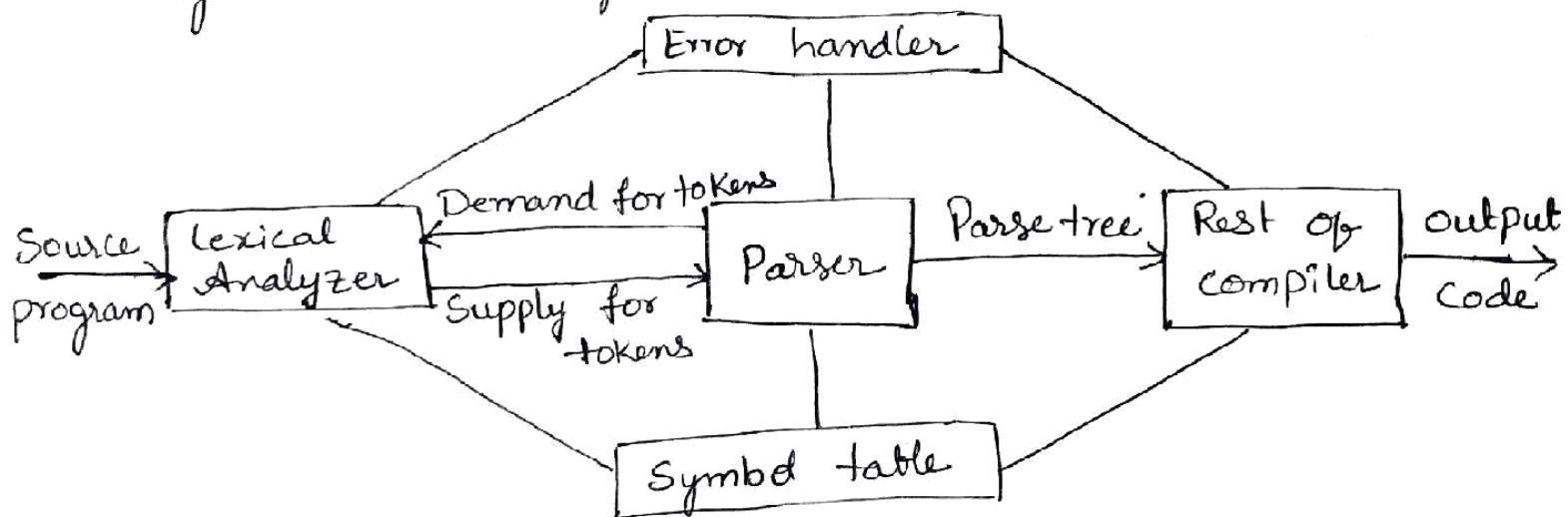


Syntax Analysis

Role of a parser:

The Syntax Analysis is the second phase in compilation. The syntax analyzer (parser) basically checks for the Syntax of the language.

Parser: A parsing or Syntax analysis is a process which takes the input string w and produces a parse tree and generate the syntactic errors.



In the process of compilation the parser and lexical Analyzer work together. That means, when parser requires string of tokens it invokes lexical analyzer. The lexical analyzer supplies tokens to Syntax analyzer (parser).

The parser collects sufficient number of tokens and build a parse tree. Parser also finds the Syntactical errors if any. It is also necessary that the parser should recover from commonly occurring errors so that remaining task of process the input can be continued.

Context free grammar (CFG)

The context free grammar G is a collection of following things

V - set of Nonterminals

T - Set of terminals

S - Start symbol

P - production rules

G can be represented as $G = (V, T, P, S)$

The production rules are in the form

Non-terminal $\rightarrow (VUT)^*$

Rules to be followed while writing a CFG

1. A single non-terminal should be at L.H.S
2. The rule should be always in the form of $LHS \rightarrow RHS$ where R.H.S may be the combination of non-terminals and terminal symbols.
3. The NULL derivation can be specified as $NT \rightarrow \epsilon$
4. one of the non-terminals should be start symbol

The non-terminal symbol occurs at the left hand side. These are the symbols which need to be expanded. The terminal symbols are nothing but the tokens used in the language.

for example-

statement \rightarrow Type List Terminator

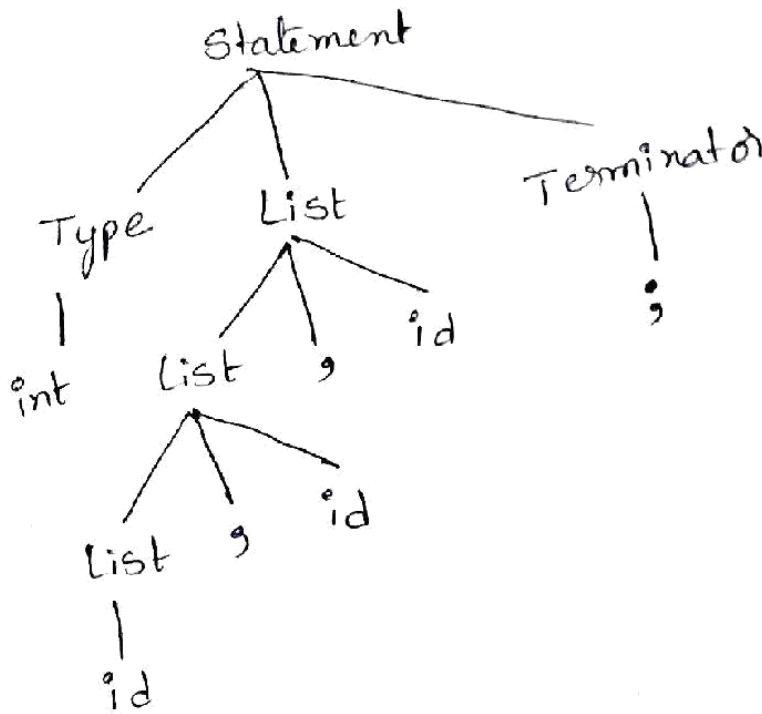
Type \rightarrow int | float

List \rightarrow List, id

List \rightarrow id

Terminator \rightarrow ;

② Parse tree for the string int id, id, id;



Derivation and parse trees

Derivation from S means generation of string w from S . For constructing derivation two things are important.

1. choice of non-terminal from several others
2. choice of rule from production rules for corresponding non-terminal

The derivation tree is a parse tree which can be constructed by following properties.

1. The root has label S
2. Every vertex can be derived from $(V \cup T \cup \epsilon)$
3. if there exists a vertex A with children R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n then there should be production $A \rightarrow R_1 R_2 \dots R_n$
4. The leaf nodes are from set T and interior nodes are from set V .

Example

$$E \rightarrow E + E$$

$$E \rightarrow E * E$$

$$E \rightarrow a+b$$

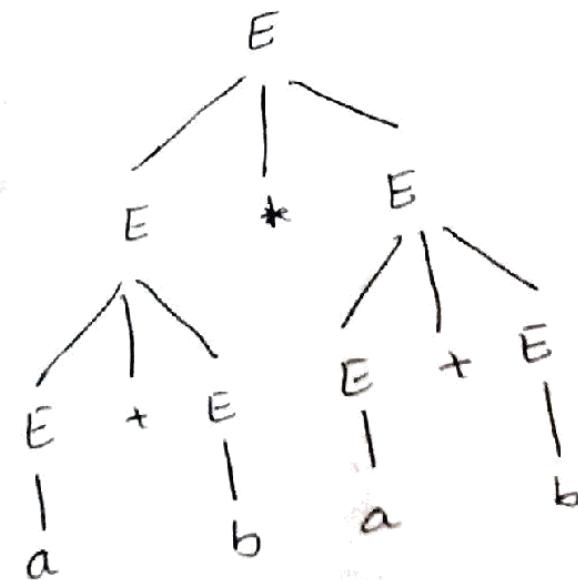
Left most derivation & parse tree for input $a+b*a+b$

$E \rightarrow E + E$
 $E + E + E$
 $a + E + E$
 $a + E * E + E$
 $a + b * E + E$
 $a + b * a + E$
 $a + b * a + b$



Right most derivation:

$E \rightarrow E * E$
 $E * E + E$
 $E * E + b$
 $E * a + b$
 $E + E * a + b$
 $E + b * a + b$
 $a + b * a + b$



Ambiguous Grammar:-

A Grammar G is said to be ambiguous if it generates more than one parse tree for sentence of language $L(G)$

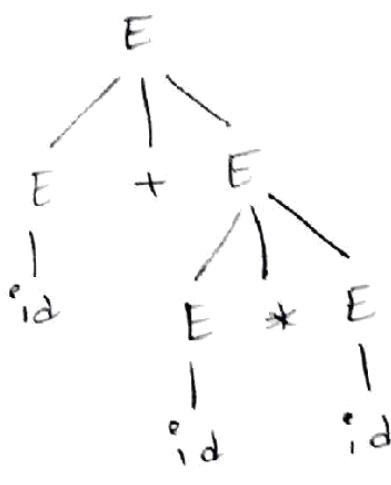
Example

$$E \rightarrow E + E$$

$$E \rightarrow E * E$$

$$E \rightarrow id$$

for input $id + id * id$



writing a grammar:-

It describes how to divide a work between a lexical analyzer and a parser, converting ambiguous to unambiguous grammar, eliminating left recursion and left factoring.

eliminating Ambiguity

Ambiguous grammar can be converted to unambiguous grammar based on precedence and associativity.

for example

$$E \rightarrow E + E \mid E * E \mid (E) \mid id$$

In order to convert ambiguous grammar to unambiguous grammar consider precedence & associativity
First consider the production that has least precedence.

$$E \rightarrow E + E$$

↓

$$E \rightarrow E + T$$

$$E \rightarrow T$$

Next consider 2nd highest precedence

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow E * E \\ &\Downarrow \\ E T &\rightarrow T * F \\ T &\rightarrow F \end{aligned}$$

Next 3rd highest precedence

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow (E) \mid id \\ &\Downarrow \\ F &\rightarrow (E) \mid id \end{aligned}$$

finally the unambiguous grammar is

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow E + T \mid T \\ T &\rightarrow T * F \mid F \\ F &\rightarrow (E) \mid id. \end{aligned}$$

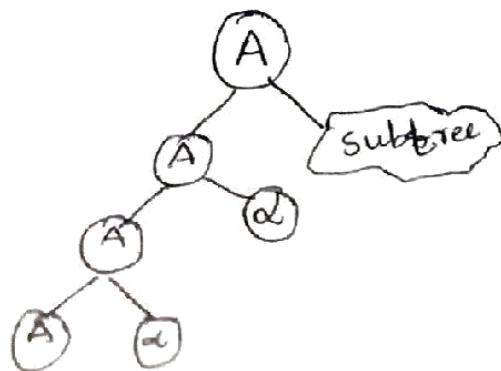
eliminating left Recursion

The left Recursive grammar is a grammar as given below

$$A \rightarrow A\alpha.$$

A can be a Non-terminal
or denotes some input string.

Thus expansion of A causes further expansion of A only and due to generation of A, A α , A $\alpha\alpha$, A $\alpha\alpha\alpha$, ...



(4) To eliminate left recursion we need to modify the grammar
 let G be a CFG having production rule with left recursion

$$A \rightarrow A\alpha | \beta$$

then we eliminate left recursion by re-writing the production rule as

$$\begin{aligned} A &\rightarrow \beta A' \\ A' &\rightarrow \alpha A' | \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

a new symbol A' is introduced

for example.

$$E \rightarrow E + T | T$$

$$T \rightarrow T * F | F$$

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

$$\begin{array}{l} E \rightarrow E + T | T \\ A \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} \beta \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{l} E \rightarrow T E' \\ E' \rightarrow + T E' | \epsilon \end{array}$$

$$A = E, \alpha = +T, \beta = T$$

$$\begin{array}{l} T \rightarrow T * F | F \\ A \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} \beta \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{l} T \rightarrow F T' \\ T' \rightarrow * F T' | \epsilon \end{array}$$

$$A = T, \alpha = *F, \beta = F$$

$$F \rightarrow (E) | \text{id} = \text{No left recursion in this production}$$

after eliminating left recursion the grammar is

$$\begin{array}{l} E \rightarrow T E' \\ E' \rightarrow + T E' \\ T \rightarrow F T' \\ T' \rightarrow * F T' \\ F \rightarrow (E) \\ F \rightarrow \text{id} \end{array}$$

left factoring

left factoring is used when it is not clear that which of the two alternatives is used to expand the Non-terminals. By left factoring we may be able to re-write the production in which the decision can be deferred until enough of the input is seen to make the right choice.

$$A \rightarrow \alpha \beta_1 | \alpha \beta_2$$

after eliminating left factoring

$$A \rightarrow \alpha A'$$

$$A' \rightarrow \beta_1 | \beta_2$$

for example

$$S \rightarrow i E t S_e | i E t S_e S_a$$

$$E \rightarrow b$$

The left factored grammar is

$$S \rightarrow i E t S'$$

$$S' \rightarrow e S | \epsilon$$

$$E \rightarrow b$$

Top Down Parsing

There are two types of top down parsing techniques.

1. Backtracking
2. predictive parsing

⑤

Top Down parser

Backtracking

Predictive parser

Recursive descent

LL(1)
parser1. Backtracking

Backtracking is a technique in which for expansion of Non-terminal symbol we choose one alternative and if some mismatch occurs then we try another alternative if any.

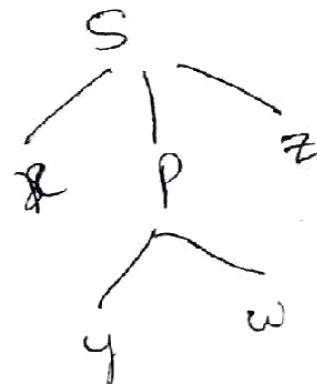
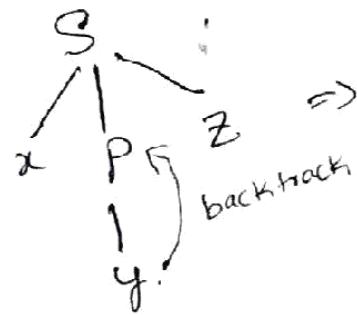
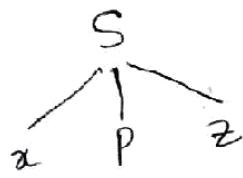
for example.

$$S \rightarrow xPz$$

$$P \rightarrow yw \mid u$$

for input $xywz$

Then



If for non-terminal there are multiple production rules beginning with the same input symbol then to get the correct derivation we need to try all these alternatives.

Recursive Descent parser

A parser that uses collection of recursive procedures for parsing the given input string is called Recursive Descent (RD) parser. In this type of parser the CFG is used to build the recursive routines. The R.H.S of the production rule is directly converted to a program.

Basic steps for construction of RD parser

The R.H.S of the rule is directly converted into program code symbol by symbol.

1. If the input symbol is non-terminal then a call to the procedure corresponding to the non-terminal is made
2. If the input symbol is terminal then it is matched with the lookahead from input. The lookahead pointer has to be advanced on matching of the input symbol
3. If the production rule has many alternates then all these alternates has to be combined into a single body of procedure.
4. The parser should be activated by a procedure corresponding to the start symbol

Let us consider a grammar.

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow \text{num} T \\ T &\rightarrow * \text{num} T \mid e \end{aligned}$$

⑥ Procedure E

```
if lookahead = num then
{
    match(num);
    T;
}
else error;
if lookahead = $
{
    declare success;
}
else error;
```

}

procedure T

```
if lookahead = '*'
{
    match('*')
    if lookahead = 'num'
    {
        match(num);
        T;
    }
    else error;
}
else NULL
```

~~combined~~

}

Procedure match(token t)

```
{}
if lookahead = t
lookahead = next_token;
else
error;
```

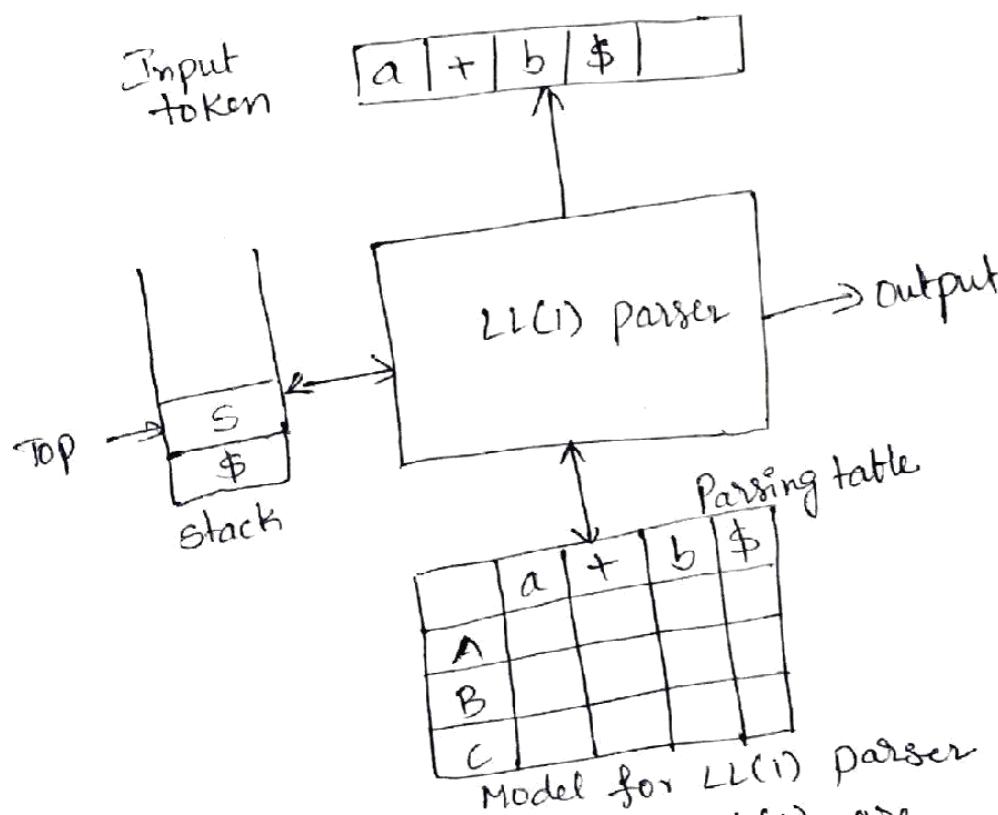
Procedure error

```
{}
print("Error!!!");
}
```

LL(1) Grammars:

This top-down parsing algorithm is of non-recursive type for LL(1). The first L means the input is scanned from left to right. The second L means it uses left most derivation for input string. And the number 1 in the input symbol means it uses only one input symbol (lookahead) to predict parsing process.

block diagram for LL(1)



The data structures used by LL(1) are

- (i) Input buffer
- (ii) Stack
- (iii) Parsing table

Input buffer is used to store the input tokens. The stack is used to hold the left sentential form. The symbols ~~in~~ in R.H.S of rule are pushed into the

Stack in reverse order. i.e from right to left. The table is basically a two dimensional array. The table has row for non-terminal and column for terminals. The table can be represented as $M[A,a]$ where A is Non-terminal and a is current input symbol.

A grammar that is obtained after eliminating left recursion & left factoring then the resultant grammar is suitable for predictive parser.

Construction of predictive LL(1) parser

1. Computation of FIRST & FOLLOW functions
2. Construct Predictive parsing table using FIRST & FOLLOW
3. Parse the input string using table.

FIRST :-

- $\xrightarrow{X \rightarrow aB}$
1. if the terminal symbol a then $\text{FIRST}(X) = \{a\}$
 2. if there is a rule $X \rightarrow \epsilon$ then $\text{FIRST}(X) = \{\epsilon\}$
 3. For the rule $A \rightarrow X_1 | X_2$ then $\text{FIRST}(A) = \text{FIRST}(X_1) \cup \text{FIRST}(X_2)$

FOLLOW :-

1. For the start symbol S place \$ in $\text{Follow}(S)$
2. If there is a production $A \rightarrow aB\beta$ then everything in $\text{FIRST}(\beta)$ without ϵ is to be placed in $\text{Follow}(B)$
3. If there is a production $A \rightarrow aB\beta$ & $A \rightarrow aB$ and $\text{FIRST}(\beta) = \{\epsilon\}$ then $\text{Follow}(A) = \text{Follow}(B)$ that means everything in $\text{Follow}(A)$ is in $\text{Follow}(B)$

②

Algorithm for parsing table:

For the rule $A \rightarrow \alpha$ of Grammar G

1. For each a in $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ create entry $M[A, a] = A \rightarrow \alpha$ where a is terminal
2. For b in $\text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ create entry $M[A, b] = A \rightarrow \alpha$ where b is the symbol from $\text{Follow}(A)$
3. All remaining entries in the table M are marked as ERROR

example.

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow TE' \\ E' &\rightarrow +TE' | \epsilon \\ T &\rightarrow FT' \\ T' &\rightarrow *FT' | \epsilon \\ F &\rightarrow (E) | \text{id} \end{aligned}$$

	FIRST	FOLLOW
E	{(, id}	{\$\$,)}
E'	{+, E}	{\$\$,)}
T	{(, id}	{+,), \$}
T'	{*, E}	{+,), \$}
F	{(, id}	{*, +,), \$}

FIRST

①

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow TE' \\ &\rightarrow FT' \quad (\because T \rightarrow FT') \\ &\rightarrow (E)T' | \underline{\text{id}}T' \quad (\because F \rightarrow (E) | \text{id}) \end{aligned}$$

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

$$E' \rightarrow +TE' | \epsilon$$

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

$$T \rightarrow FT'$$

$$\rightarrow (E)T' | \underline{\text{id}}T'$$

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

$$T' \rightarrow *FT' | \epsilon$$

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

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

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

FOLLOW

②
1st rule

Starting non-terminal is E
 $\text{Follow}(E) = \{ \$ \}$

2nd rule

$$E \rightarrow \overbrace{T E'}^{\alpha} \overbrace{B B}^{\beta} \quad \begin{aligned} \alpha &= E \\ B &= T \\ \beta &= E' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Follow}(T) &= \text{FIRST}(E') - \{ \epsilon \} \\ &= \{ +, \epsilon \} - \{ \epsilon \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Follow}(T) = \{ + \}$$

$$E \rightarrow \overbrace{T E'}^{\alpha} \overbrace{B B}^{\beta} \quad \begin{aligned} \alpha &= T \\ B &= E' \\ \beta &= E \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Follow}(E') &= \text{FIRST}(E) - \{ E \} \\ &= \phi \end{aligned}$$

③

$$E' \rightarrow +TE' \\ \alpha B \beta$$

$$\text{Follow}(T) = \text{FIRST}(E') - \{\epsilon\} \\ = \{+, \epsilon\} - \{\epsilon\} \\ = \{+\}$$

$$E' \rightarrow +TE' \\ \alpha B \beta \quad \alpha = +T \\ \beta = E' \\ \beta = \epsilon$$

$$\text{Follow}(E') = \text{FIRST}(E) - \epsilon \\ = \emptyset$$

$$T \rightarrow FT' \\ \alpha B \beta$$

$$\text{Follow}(F) = \text{FIRST}(T') - \{\epsilon\} \\ = \{*, \epsilon\} - \{\epsilon\}$$

$$T \rightarrow FT' \\ \alpha B \beta \quad \alpha = F \\ \beta = T' \\ \beta = \epsilon$$

$$\text{Follow}(T') = \text{FIRST}(E) - \epsilon \\ = \emptyset$$

$$T' \rightarrow *FT' \\ \alpha B \beta$$

$$\text{Follow}(F) = \text{FIRST}(T') - \epsilon \\ = \{*, \epsilon\} - \{\epsilon\}$$

$$\text{Follow}(F) = \{*\}$$

$$T' \rightarrow *FT' \\ \alpha B \beta \quad \alpha = *F \\ \beta = T' \\ \beta = \epsilon$$

$$\text{Follow}(T') = \text{FIRST}(E) - \epsilon \\ = \emptyset$$

$$F \rightarrow (E) \\ \alpha B \beta$$

$$\text{Follow}(E) = \text{FIRST}(P) - \epsilon \\ = \{)\}$$

F → id & there is NO nonterminal

④

$$E \rightarrow TE' \\ \alpha B \beta$$

$$\alpha = E \\ \beta = T \\ \beta = E'$$

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

$$\text{Follow}(T) = \text{Follow}(E) \\ \text{Follow}(T) = \{+, \$\}$$

$$E \rightarrow TE' \\ \alpha B \beta \quad \alpha = T \\ \beta = E' \\ \beta = E$$

$$\text{FIRST}(B) = \text{FIRST}(E) \\ = \{\epsilon\}$$

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

$$E' \rightarrow +TE' \\ \alpha B \beta$$

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

$$\text{Follow}(T) = \text{Follow}(E') \\ = \{+, \$\}$$

$$E' \rightarrow +TE' \\ \alpha B \beta \quad \alpha = +T \\ \beta = E' \\ \beta = E$$

$$\text{FIRST}(B) = \text{FIRST}(E) = \epsilon$$

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

$$T \rightarrow FT' \\ \alpha B \beta \quad \alpha = E \\ \beta = F' \\ \beta = T' \\ \beta = E$$

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

$$\text{Follow}(F) = \text{Follow}(T) \\ = \{+, \), \$\}$$

$$T \rightarrow FT' \\ \alpha B \beta \quad \alpha = F \\ \beta = T' \\ \beta = E$$

$$\text{FIRST}(B) = \text{FIRST}(E) = \epsilon \\ \text{Follow}(T') = \text{Follow}(T) \\ = \{+, \), \$\}$$

$$② T \rightarrow *FT \quad \alpha = * \\ \alpha B \beta \quad B = F \\ \beta = T' \\ \text{FIRST}(T') = \{ *, \epsilon \} \\ \text{Follow}(F) = \text{Follow}(T') \\ = \{ +,), \$ \}$$

$$F \rightarrow (E) \quad \alpha = (\\ \alpha BB \quad B = E \\ \beta =) \\ \text{FIRST}(\beta) = \text{FIRST}(?)$$

there is no $\{E\}$ element in $\text{FIRST}(\beta)$
then 3rd rule is not satisfied.
for this production

$$T' \rightarrow *FT' \quad \alpha = *F \\ \alpha B \beta \quad B = T' \\ \beta = E$$

$$\text{FIRST}(\beta) = \text{FIRST}(E) = E \\ \text{Follow}(T') = \text{Follow}(T') \\ = \{ +,), \$ \}$$

The FIRST & FOLLOW values are as follows.

	FIRST	Follow
E	$\{ (, id \}$	$\{), \$ \}$
E'	$\{ +, \epsilon \}$	$\{), \$ \}$
T	$\{ (, id \}$	$\{ +,), \$ \}$
T'	$\{ *, \epsilon \}$	$\{ +,), \$ \}$
F	$\{ (, id \}$	$\{ *, +,), \$ \}$

Parsing table

Now we will fill up the entries in the table by using algorithm. For that consider each rule & production one by one

$$E \rightarrow TE' \quad A = E \\ A \rightarrow \alpha \quad \alpha = TE' \\ \text{FIRST}(\alpha) = \text{FIRST}(TE') \\ = \text{FIRST}(T) \\ = \{ (, id \}$$

$$M[E, (] = E \rightarrow TE'$$

$$M[E, id] = E \rightarrow TE'$$

$$E' \rightarrow +TE' \\ A \rightarrow \alpha \\ \text{FIRST}(\alpha) = \text{FIRST}(+TE') \\ = \{ + \}$$

$$M[E, +] = E' \rightarrow +TE'$$

$$\begin{array}{l} E' \rightarrow E \\ A \rightarrow \alpha \\ \alpha = E \end{array}$$

$$\text{Follow}(E') = \{\}, \$\}$$

$$M[E', ()] = E' \rightarrow e$$

$$M[E', \$] = E' \rightarrow e$$

$$T \rightarrow FT'$$

$$A \rightarrow \alpha$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FIRST}(FT') &= \text{FIRST}(F) \\ &= \{(), \text{id}\} \end{aligned}$$

$$M[F, ()] = T \rightarrow FT'$$

$$M[F, \text{id}] = T \rightarrow FT'$$

$$T \rightarrow *FT'$$

$$M[T, *] = T \rightarrow *FT'$$

$$T \rightarrow e$$

$$\text{Follow}(T) = \{+,), \$\}$$

$$M[T, +] = T \rightarrow e$$

$$M[T,)] = T \rightarrow e$$

$$M[T, \$] = T \rightarrow e$$

$$F \rightarrow (E)$$

$$M[F, ()] = F \rightarrow (E)$$

$$F \rightarrow \text{id}$$

$$M[F, \text{id}] = F \rightarrow \text{id}$$

	id	$+$	$*$	$($	$)$	$\$$
E	$E \rightarrow TE'$	Error	Error	$E \rightarrow TE'$	Error	Error
E'	Error	$E' \rightarrow +TE'$	Error	Error	$E' \rightarrow e$	$E' \rightarrow e$
T	$T \rightarrow FT'$	Error	Error	$T' \rightarrow FT'$	Error	Error
T'	Error	$T' \rightarrow e$	$T' \rightarrow *FT'$	Error	$T' \rightarrow e$	$T' \rightarrow e$
F	$F \rightarrow \text{id}$	Error	Error	$F \rightarrow (E)$	Error	Error

Now the input string $\text{id} + \text{id} * \text{id} \$$ can be parsed using above table

The stack will contain start symbol E , in the input buffer input string is placed.

E is at top of the stack and input pointer is at id hence $M[E, \text{id}]$ is referred. This entry is $E \rightarrow TE'$. So, we will push E' first then T (Right hand side of the production is placed in reverse order in stack).

Input parsing

Stack	Input	Parsing Action
\$E	id + id * id \$	$E \rightarrow TE'$
\$E'T	id + id * id \$	$T \rightarrow FT'$
\$E'T'F	id + id * id \$	$F \rightarrow id$
\$E'T'id	id + id * id \$	POP id
\$E'T'	+ id * id \$	$T' \rightarrow E$
\$E'E	+ id * id \$	
\$E'	+ id * id \$	$E' \rightarrow +TE'$
\$E'T+	+ id * id \$	POP +
\$E'T	id * id \$	$T \rightarrow FT'$
\$E'T'F	id * id \$	$F \rightarrow id$
\$E'T'id	id * id \$	POP id
\$E'T'	* id \$	$T' \rightarrow *FT'$
\$E'T'F*	* id \$	POP *
\$E'T'F	id \$	$F \rightarrow id$
\$E'T'id	id \$	POP id
\$E'T	\$	$T' \rightarrow E$
\$E'	\$	$E' \rightarrow E$
\$	\$	String Accepted.

* Strategies to Recover from Syntactic Errors :-

4 types of Recovery strategies from Syntactic Errors.

No one strategy is universally acceptable but can be applied to a broad domain.

1. Panic mode:

- * This strategy is used by most parsing methods.

- * This is simple to implement.

- * In this method on discovering error, the parser discards input symbol one at a time. This process is continued until one of a designated set of synchronizing tokens is found. Synchronizing tokens are delimiters such as semicolon ; or end.

These tokens indicate an end of input statement.

- * In this mode a considerable amount of input is skipped without checking it for additional errors.

- * This method guarantees not to go in infinite loop.

- * If there are less number of errors in the same statement, then this strategy is a best choice.

2. Phrase Level Recovery:

- * In this method, on discovering error parser performs local correction on remaining input.

- * It can replace a prefix of remaining input by some string. This actually helps the parser to continue its job.

- * The local correction can be replacing comma by semicolon, deletion of extra semicolons or inserting missing semicolon. The type of local correction is decided by compiler designer.

- * While doing the replacement a care should be taken for not going in an infinite loop.

- * This method is used in many error-repairing compilers.
- * The draw back of this method is it finds difficult to handle the situations where the actual error has occurred before the point of detection.

3. Error Production:

- * If we have a knowledge of common errors that can be encountered then we can incorporate these errors by augmenting the grammar of the corresponding language with error productions that generate the erroneous constructs.
- * If error production is used then during parsing, we can generate appropriate error message and parsing can be continued.
- * This method is extremely difficult to maintain. Because if we change the grammar then it becomes necessary to change the corresponding error productions.

4. Global Production:

- * A Compiler that makes very few changes in processing an incorrect input string.
- * We expect less number of insertions, deletions and changes of tokens to recover from erroneous input.
- * Such methods increase time and space requirements at parsing time.
- * Global production is thus simply a theoretical concept.

3.1 Error Recovery in Predictive Parsing:

An error is detected during the predictive parsing when the terminal on top of the stack does not match the next input symbol, or when nonterminal A on top of the stack, a is the next input symbol, and parsing table entry $M[A, a]$ is empty.

Panic mode recovery is based on the idea of skipping symbols on the input until a token in a selected set of synchronizing tokens.

Following are some ways by which the synchronizing set can be chosen -

1. place all symbols in $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$ into the synchronizing set for nonterminal A. If we skip tokens until an element of $\text{FOLLOW}(A)$ is seen and pop A from the stack, it likely that parsing can continue.

2. We might add keywords that begin statements to the synchronization for the nonterminals generating expressions.

3. We can add symbols in $\text{FIRST}(A)$ to the synchronizing set for non terminal A.

Due to this it may be possible to resume parsing according to A if a symbol in $\text{FIRST}(A)$ appears in the input.

4. If a terminal on top of stack cannot be matched, a simple idea is to pop the terminal, issue a message saying that the terminal was inserted.

5. If a nonterminal can generate the empty string, then the production deriving ϵ can be used as a default. This may postpone some error detection, but cannot cause an error to be missed. This approach reduces the number of non terminals that have to be considered during error recovery.

Consider following parsing table

Nonterminals	id	+	*	()	\$
E	$E \rightarrow TE'$			$E \rightarrow TE'$	Synch	Synch
E'		$E' \rightarrow +TE'$			$E' \rightarrow E$	$E' \rightarrow E$
T	$T \rightarrow FT'$	Synch		$T \rightarrow FT'$	Synch	Synch
T'		$T' \rightarrow E$	$T' \rightarrow *FT'$		$T' \rightarrow E$	$T' \rightarrow E$
F	$F \rightarrow id$	Synch	Synch	$F \rightarrow (E)$	Synch	Synch

* Synch indicates the synchronizing tokens obtained from FOLLOW set of non terminal.

The FOLLOW set for the given grammar is

$$\text{FOLLOW}(E) = \text{FOLLOW}(E') = \{) , \$ \}$$

$$\text{FOLLOW}(T) = \text{FOLLOW}(T') = \{ +,) , \$ \}$$

$$\text{FOLLOW}(F) = \{ +, *,) , \$ \}$$

* If parser looks up entry $M[A, a]$ or blank then the input symbol a is skipped.

* If entry is synch then the non terminal on the top of the stack is popped.

* If token on the top of the stack does not match the input symbol then we pop the token from the stack.

Stack

Top

Example

Consider the input $+id * id$ How to recover this input from the following productions.

$$E \rightarrow TE'$$

$$E \rightarrow +TE'$$

$$E \rightarrow *FT'$$

$$T' \rightarrow *FT'$$

$$F \rightarrow (E) / id$$

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Stack	Input	Action
\$ E	+ id ** id \$	skip +
\$ E	id ** id \$	
\$ E' T	id ** id \$	
\$ E' T' F	id ** id \$	
\$ E' T' id	id ** id \$	
\$ E T'	** id \$	
\$ E' T' F *	* ** id \$	
\$ E' T' F	* id \$	Error. M[F, *] = Synch :: POPF
\$ E' T'	* id \$	
\$ E' T' F *	* id \$	
\$ E' T' F	id \$	
\$ E' T' id	id \$	
\$ E' T'	\$	
\$ E'	\$	
\$	\$	