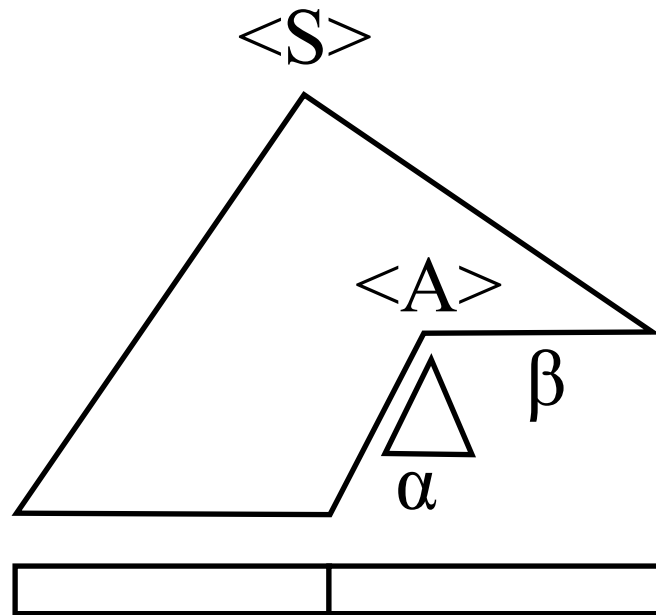


Review: Top-Down Parsing - LL(1)



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Basic Idea:

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- The parse tree is constructed from the root, expanding non-terminal nodes on the tree's frontier following a **leftmost** derivation.
- The input program is read from **left** to right, and input tokens are read (consumed) as the program is parsed.
- The next non-terminal symbol is replaced using one of its rules. The particular choice has to be unique and uses parts of the input (partially parsed program), for instance the first token of the remaining input.

Review: Predictive Parsing

Basic idea:

For any two productions $A ::= \alpha$ and $A ::= \beta$, we would like
a distinct way of choosing the correct production to expand.

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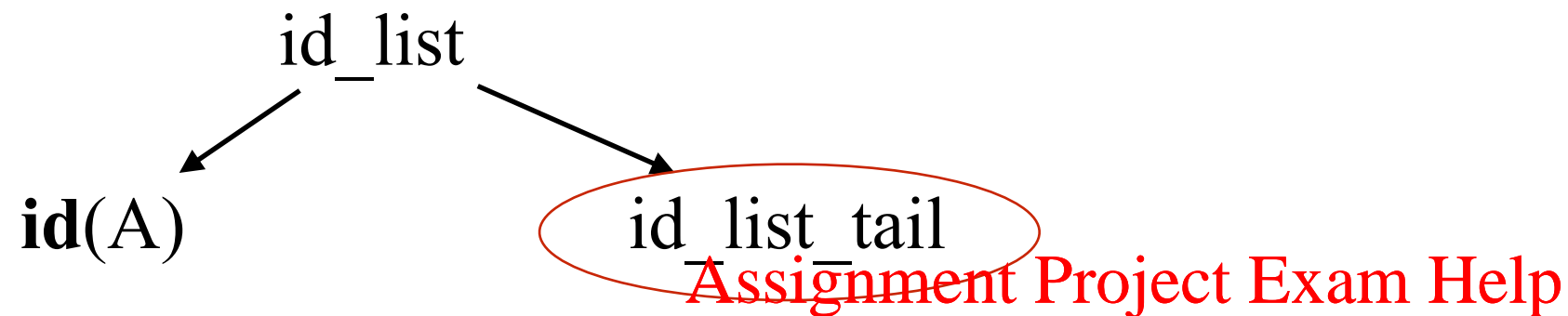
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Revisiting the id_list Example

```
id_list ::= id id_list_tail  
id_list_tail ::= , id id_list_tail  
id_list_tail ::= ;
```

Remaining Input:
 , B , C ;



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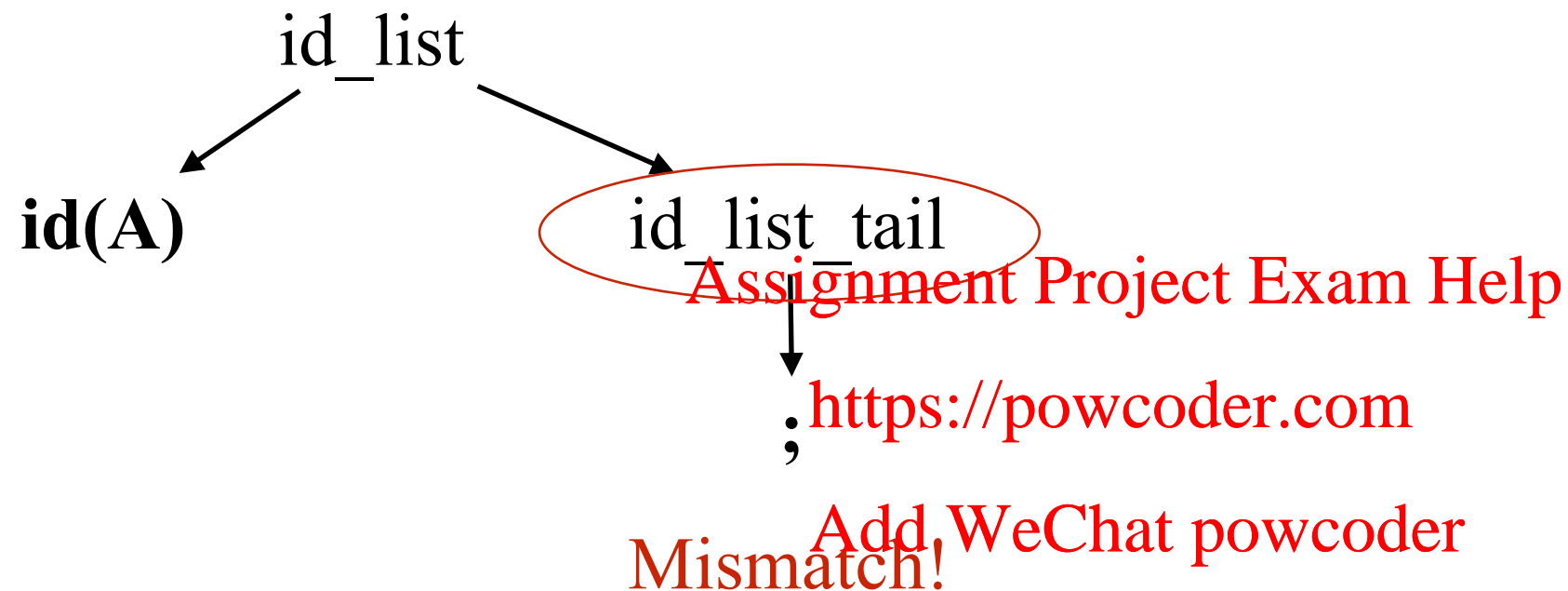
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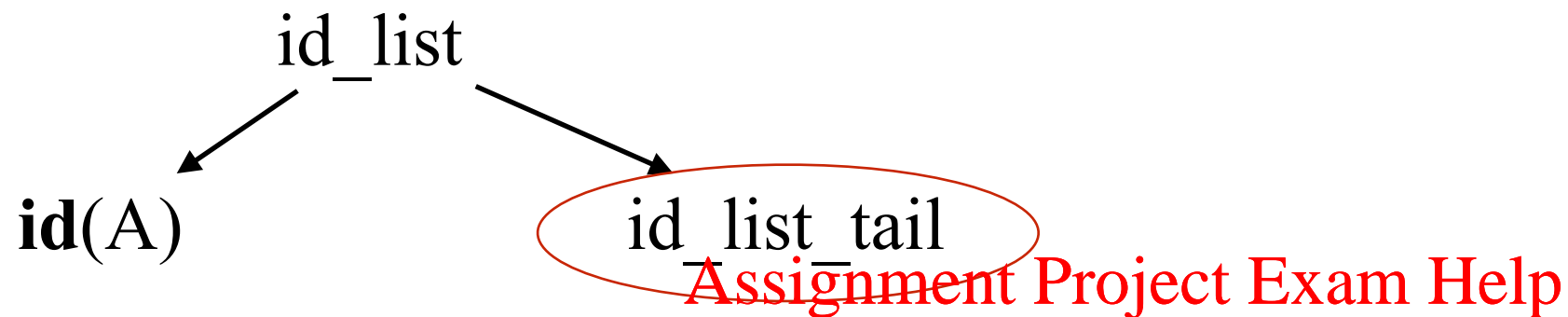
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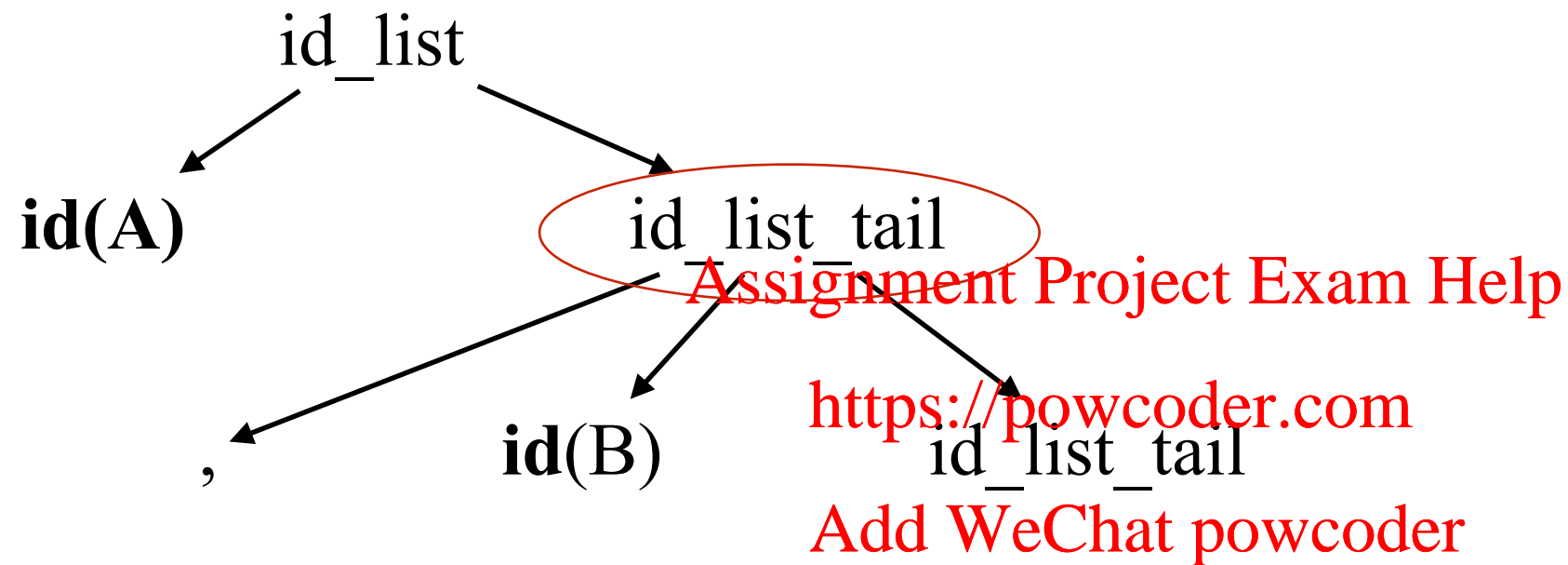
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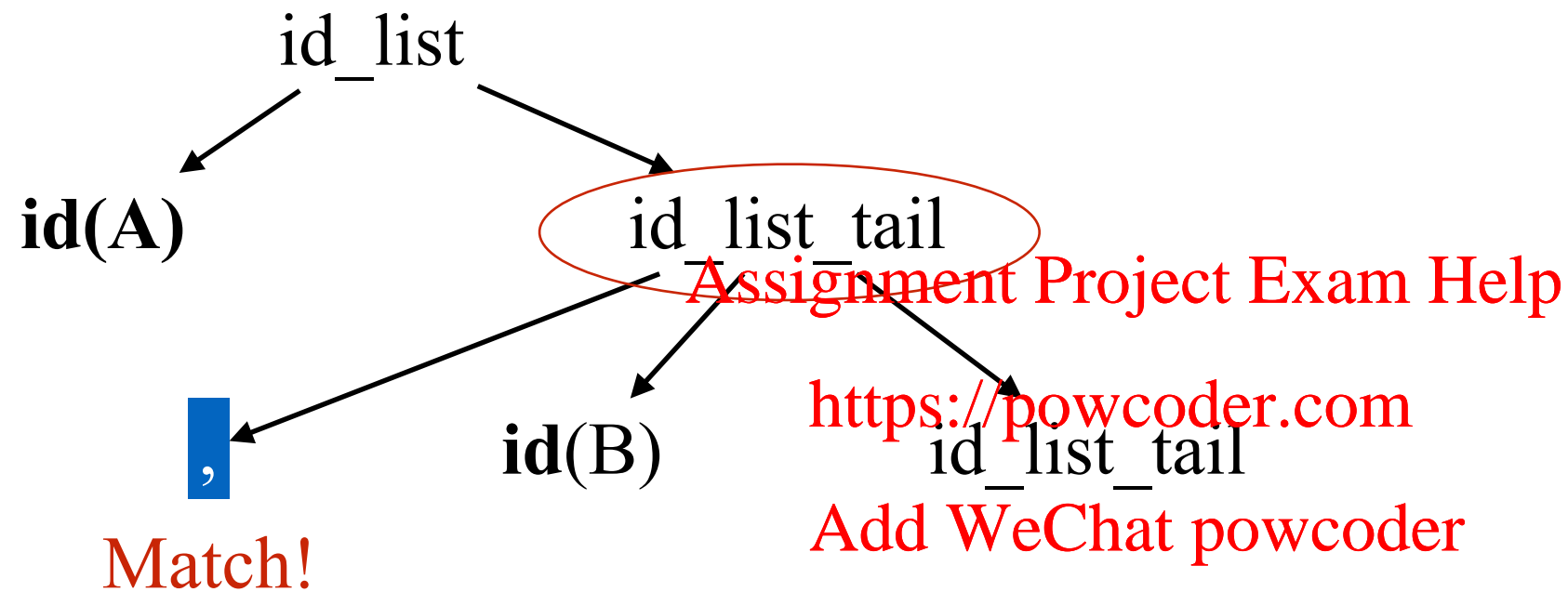


Applied Production:
 $\text{id_list_tail} ::= \text{, id id_list_tail}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{id_list} &::= \mathbf{id} \text{id_list_tail} \\ \text{id_list_tail} &::= \mathbf{, id id_list_tail} \\ \text{id_list_tail} &::= \mathbf{;} \end{aligned}$$

Remaining Input:

□, **B**, **C** ;



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Review: Predictive Parsing

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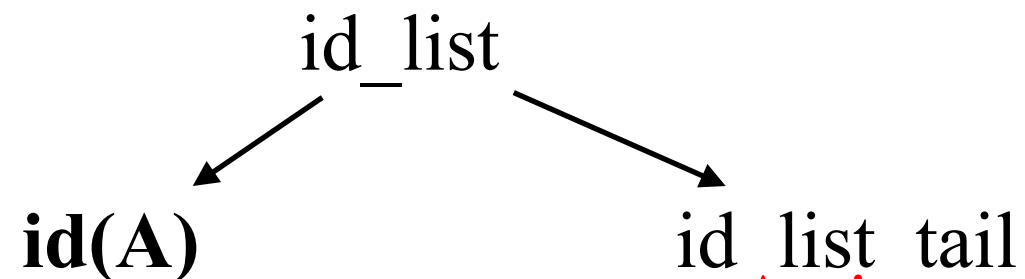
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Revisiting the id_list Example

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Remaining Input:
 , B , C ;



$FIRST(, \mathbf{id} \text{id_list_tail}) = \{ , \}$

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$FIRST(;) = \{ ; \}$

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$FIRST(, \mathbf{id} \text{id_list_tail}) \cap FIRST(;) = \emptyset$

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Given `id_list_tail` as the first **non-terminal** to expand in the tree:

If the first token of remaining input is `,` we choose the rule

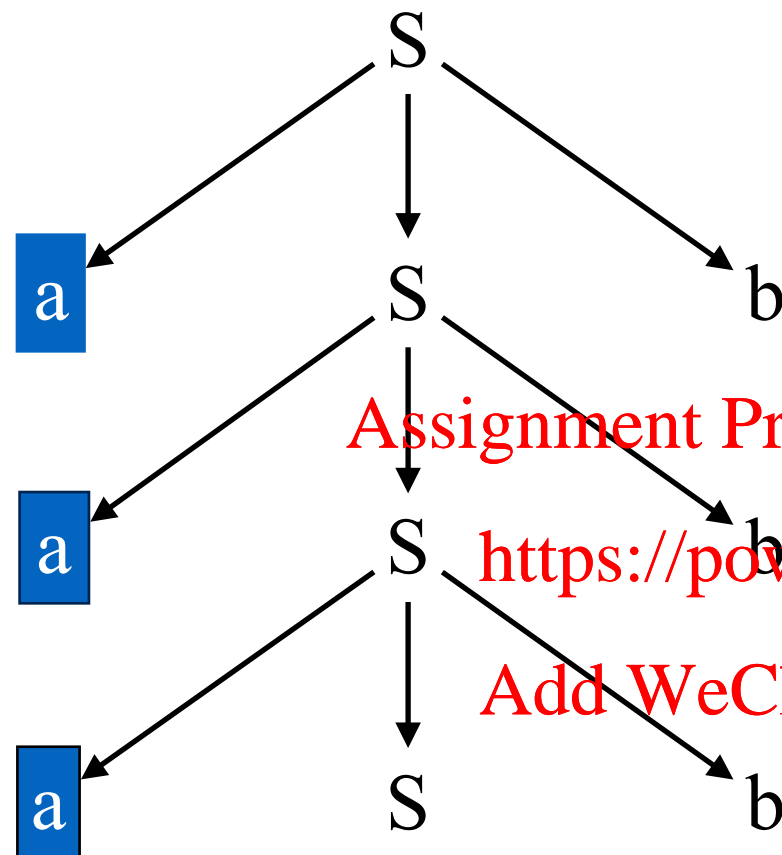
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$$\text{id_list_tail} ::= ;$$

Revisiting the LL(1) Parsing Example

$S ::= a S b \mid \epsilon$



Remaining Input:

b b b

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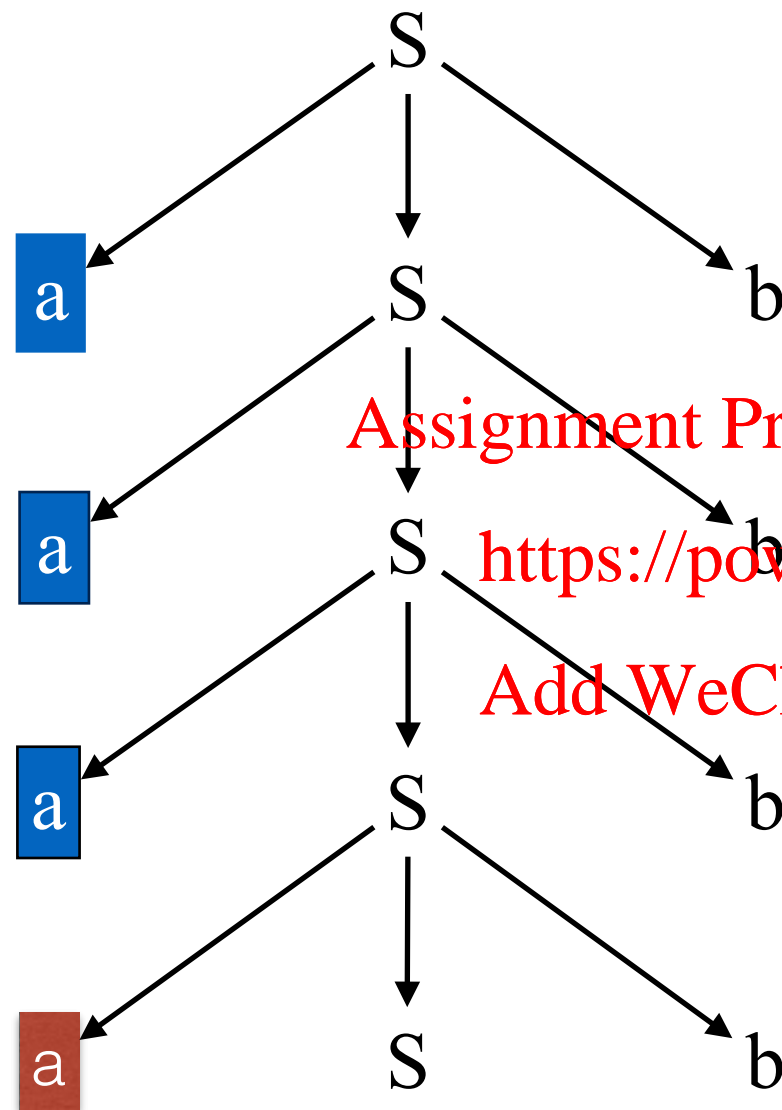
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Applied Production:

Revisiting the LL(1) Parsing Example

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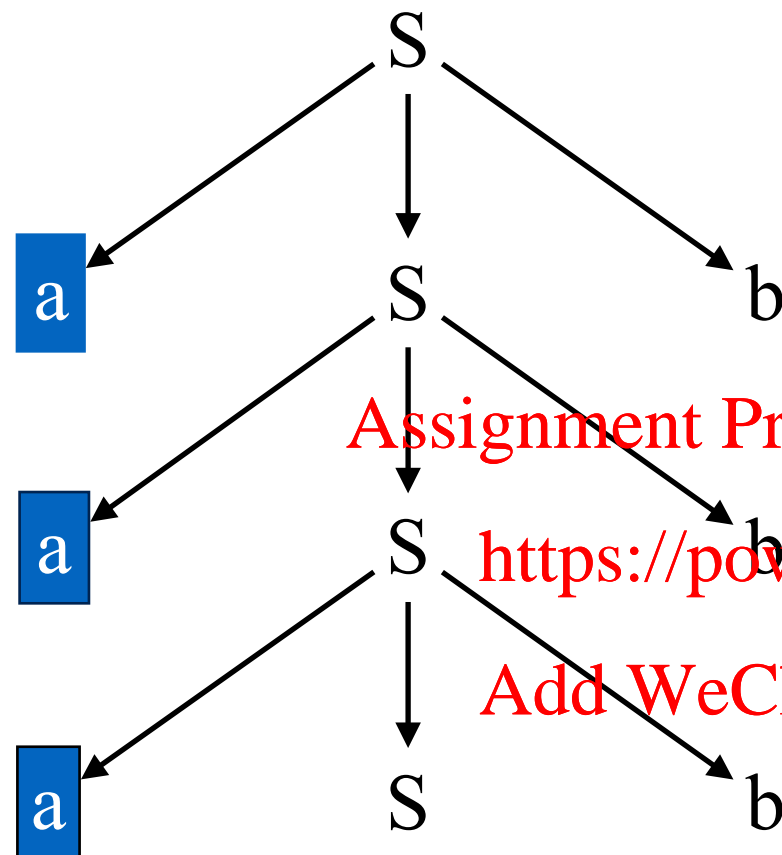
~~$S ::= a S b$~~

Mismatch!

It only means $S ::= a S b$ is not the right production rule to use!

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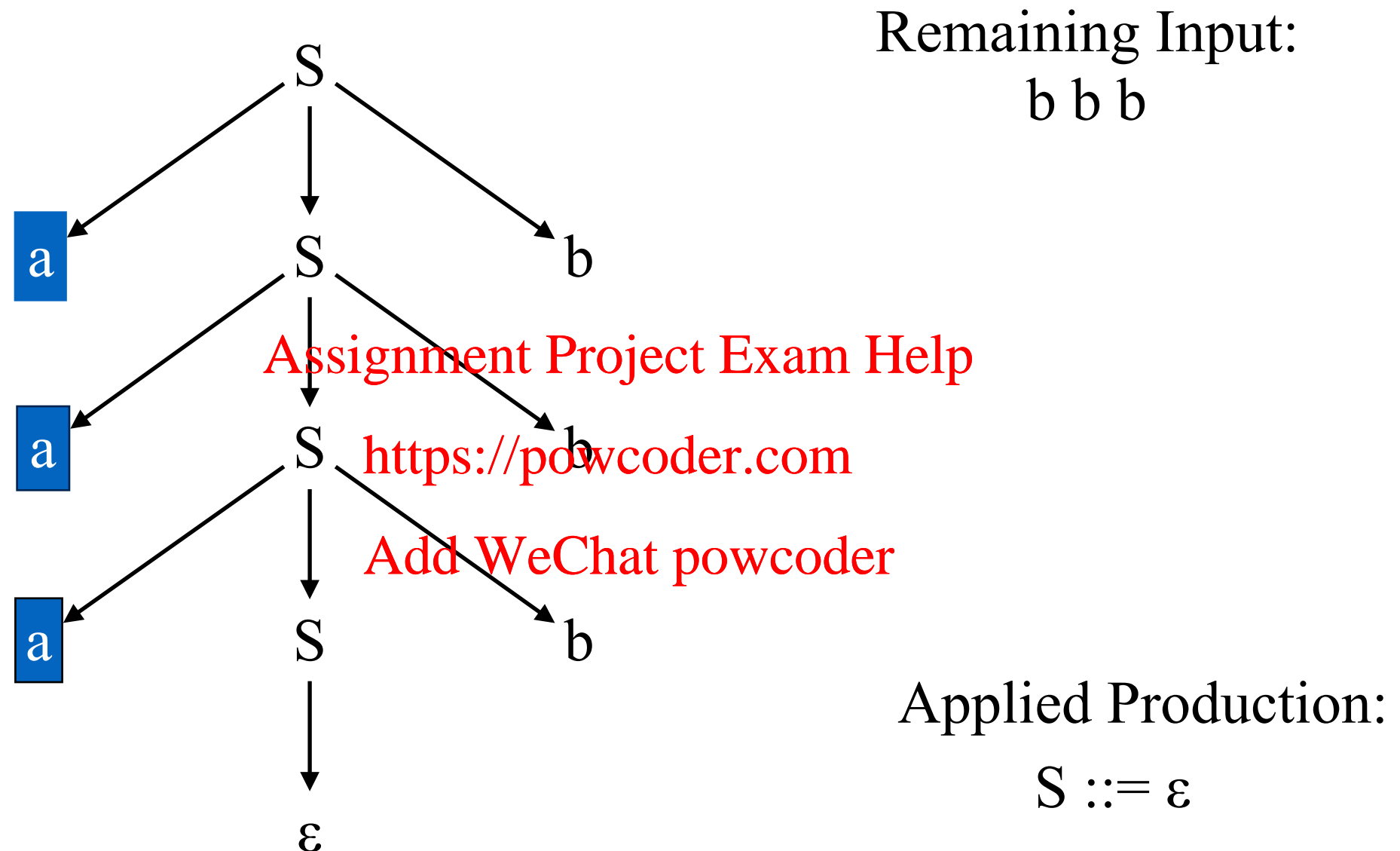
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Applied Production:

Revisiting the LL(1) Parsing Example

$S ::= a S b \mid \varepsilon$



$S ::= \varepsilon$ turns out to be the right rule later.

However, at this point, ε does not match “b” either !

Review: Follow Set

For a non-terminal A , define **FOLLOW**(A) as the set of terminals that can appear immediately to the right of A in some sentential form.

Thus, a non-terminal's **FOLLOW** set specifies the tokens that can legally appear after it. A terminal symbol has no **FOLLOW** set.

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FIRST and FOLLOW sets can be constructed automatically

Review: Predictive Parsing

Key Property:

Whenever two productions $A ::= \alpha$ and $A ::= \beta$ both appear in the grammar, we would like

- $FIRST(\alpha) \cap FIRST(\beta) = \emptyset$, and
- if $\alpha \Rightarrow^* \epsilon$, then $FIRST(\beta) \cap FOLLOW(A) = \emptyset$

Analogue case for $\beta \Rightarrow^* \epsilon$.

Note: due to first condition, at most one of α and β can derive ϵ .

This would allow the parser to make a correct choice with a lookahead of only one symbol!

Review: LL(1) Grammar

Define $PREDICT(A ::= \delta)$ for rule $A ::= \delta$

- $FIRST(\delta) - \{ \epsilon \} \cup Follow(A)$, if $\epsilon \in FIRST(\delta)$
- $FIRST(\delta)$ otherwise

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A Grammar is LL(1) iff <https://powcoder.com>

$(A ::= \alpha \text{ and } A ::= \beta)$ implies

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$$PREDICT(A ::= \alpha) \cap PREDICT(A ::= \beta) = \emptyset$$

Table Driven LL(1) Parsing

Example:

Predict Sets

$S ::= \mathbf{a} S \mathbf{b} \mid \varepsilon$

$PREDICT(S ::= \mathbf{a} S \mathbf{b}) = \{\mathbf{a}\}$

$PREDICT(S ::= \varepsilon) = \{\mathbf{b}, \text{eof}\}$

LL(1) parse table

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	a	b	eof	other
S	$S ::= \mathbf{a} S \mathbf{b}$	$S ::= \varepsilon$	$S ::= \varepsilon$	error

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Review: Table Driven LL(1) Parsing

Input: a string w and a parsing table M for G

push eof

push Start Symbol

token $\leftarrow next_token()$

$X \leftarrow$ top-of-stack

repeat

if X is a terminal then

if $X == token$ then

pop X

token $\leftarrow next_token()$

else error()

else /* X is a non-terminal */

if $M[X, token] == X \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_k$ then

pop X

push Y_k, Y_{k-1}, \dots, Y_1

else error()

$X \leftarrow$ top-of-stack

until $X = EOF$

if token $\neq EOF$ then error()

	a	b	eof	other
S	$S ::= aSb$	$S ::= \epsilon$	$S ::= \epsilon$	error

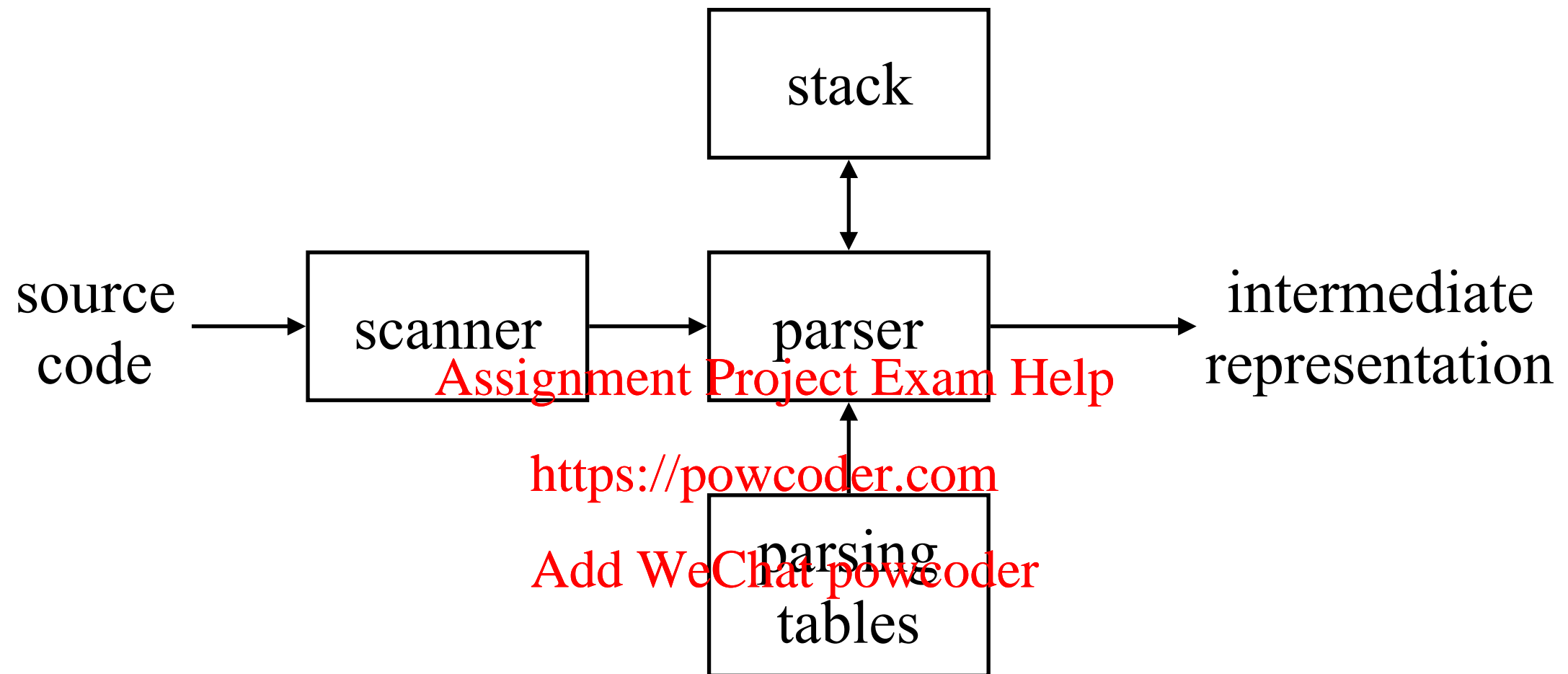
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M is the parse table

Predictive Parsing

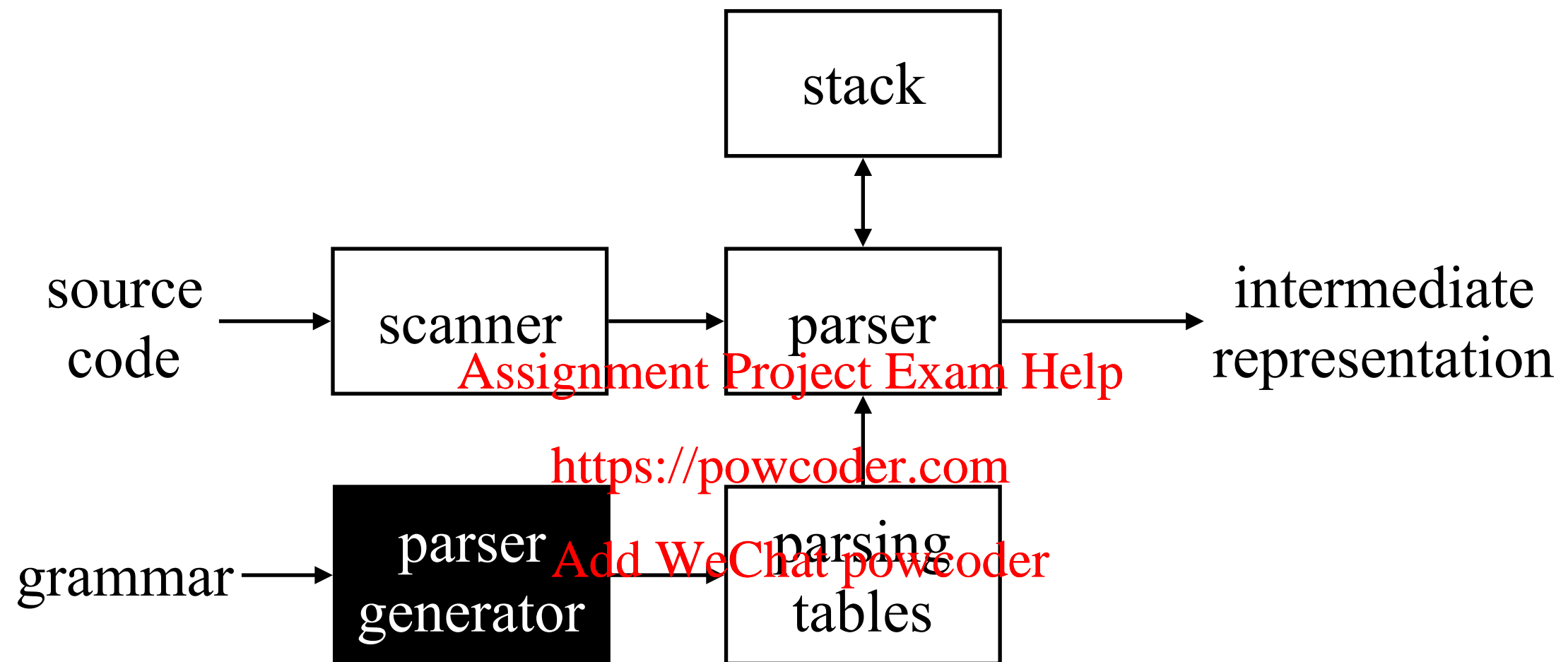
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Building tables can be automated!

Predictive Parsing

So far:

- Introduced **FIRST**, **FOLLOW**, and **PREDICT** sets
- Introduced **LL(1)** condition:
 - A grammar G can be parsed predictively with one symbol of lookahead if for all pairs of productions $A ::= \alpha$ and $A ::= \beta$ that satisfy:
- Introduced a recursive descent parser for an **LL(1)** grammar

$$\text{PREDICT}(A ::= \alpha) \cap \text{PREDICT}(A ::= \beta) = \emptyset$$

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How to automatically construct *FIRST* and *FOLLOW* sets?

FIRST and FOLLOW Sets

FIRST(α):

For some $\alpha \in (T \cup NT \cup EOF \cup \varepsilon)^*$, define **FIRST** (α) as the set of tokens that appear as the first symbol in some string that derives from α .

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That is, $x \in \text{FIRST}(\alpha)$ iff $\alpha \Rightarrow^* x\gamma$ for some γ

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FIRST set is defined over the strings of grammar symbols
 $(T \cup NT \cup EOF \cup \varepsilon)^*$

T: terminals NT: non-terminals

Computing *FIRST* Sets

For a production $A \rightarrow B_1 B_2 \dots B_k$:

- $\text{FIRST}(A)$ includes $\text{FIRST}(B_1) - \epsilon$
- $\text{FIRST}(A)$ includes $\text{FIRST}(B_2) - \epsilon$ if B_1 can be rewritten as ϵ
- $\text{FIRST}(A)$ includes $\text{FIRST}(B_3) - \epsilon$ if both B_1 and B_2 can derive ϵ
- ...
- $\text{FIRST}(A)$ includes $\text{FIRST}(B_m) - \epsilon$ if $B_1 B_2 \dots B_{m-1}$ can derive ϵ

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$\text{FIRST}(A)$ includes $\text{FIRST}(B_1) \dots \text{FIRST}(B_m)$ not including ϵ iff
 $\epsilon \in \text{FIRST}(B_1), \text{FIRST}(B_2), \text{FIRST}(B_3), \dots, \text{FIRST}(B_{m-1})$

$\text{FIRST}(A)$ includes ϵ iff
 $\epsilon \in \text{FIRST}(B_1), \text{FIRST}(B_2), \text{FIRST}(B_3), \dots, \text{FIRST}(B_k)$

First Set Construction

Build FIRST(X) for all grammar symbols X:

- For each X as a terminal, then FIRST(X) is {X}
- If $X ::= \varepsilon$, then $\varepsilon \in \text{FIRST}(X)$
- 1. For each X as a non-terminal, initialize FIRST(X) to \emptyset
- 2. **Iterate until** no more terminals or ε can be added to any FIRST(X):

For each rule in the grammar of the form $X ::= Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_k$

add a to FIRST(X) if $a \in \text{FIRST}(Y_1)$

add a to FIRST(X) if $a \in \text{FIRST}(Y_i)$ and $\varepsilon \in \text{FIRST}(Y_j)$

for all $1 \leq j \leq i-1$ and $i \geq 2$

add ε to FIRST(X) if $\varepsilon \in \text{FIRST}(Y_i)$ for all $1 \leq i \leq k$

End iterate

Filling in the Details: Computing *FIRST* sets

for each $x \in (T \cup \text{EOF} \cup \varepsilon)$

$\text{FIRST}(x) \leftarrow \{x\}$

for each $A \in \text{NT}$, $\text{FIRST}(A) \leftarrow \emptyset$

Initially, set *FIRST* for each terminal symbol, EOF and ε

while (*FIRST* sets are still changing) do

for each $p \in P$, of the form $X \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_k$ do

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$i \leftarrow 1$

while ($i \leq k-1$ and $\varepsilon \in \text{FIRST}(Y_i)$)

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end // while loop

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If $\text{FIRST}(Y_1)$ contains ε , then we need to add $\text{FIRST}(Y_2)$ to rhs, and ...

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If the entire rhs can go to ε ,
then we add ε to *FIRST*(lhs)

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Outer loop is monotone
increasing for *FIRST* sets
 $\Rightarrow |T \cup \text{NT} \cup \text{EOF} \cup \varepsilon|$ is
bounded, so it terminates

Example

Consider the SheepNoise grammar and its *FIRST* sets

Goal	::= SheepNoise
SheepNoise	::= SheepNoise baa baa

baa is a terminal symbol

Clearly, $FIRST(x) = \{baa\}, \forall x \in (T \cup NT)$
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Symbol	<i>FIRST</i> Set
Goal	baa
SheepNoise	baa
baa	baa

Computing *FIRST* sets

```

for each  $x \in (T \cup \text{EOF} \cup \varepsilon)$ 
     $\text{FIRST}(x) \leftarrow \{x\}$ 
for each  $A \in \text{NT}$ ,  $\text{FIRST}(A) \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
    
```

Initialization assigns each *FIRST* set a value

```

while (FIRST sets are still changing) do
    for each  $p \in P$ , of the form  $X \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_k$  do
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         $i \leftarrow 1$ 
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        end // while loop
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            then  $\text{temp} \leftarrow \text{temp} \cup \{\varepsilon\}$ 
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        end // if - then
    end // for loop
end // while loop
    
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SheepNoise	
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3	SheepNoise	::=	baa

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If we visit the rule
in the order 3, 2, 1

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SheepNoise	
baa	{baa}

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An Example

Consider the simplest parentheses grammar

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2	List ::= Pair List
3	ϵ
4	Pair ::= <u>LP</u> List <u>RP</u>

Where LP is (and RP is)

If we visit the rules
in order 4, 3, 2, 1

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		1 st	2 nd
Goal	\emptyset		
List	\emptyset		
Pair	\emptyset		
LP	<u>LP</u>	<u>LP</u>	<u>LP</u>
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Pair	\emptyset	<u>LP</u>
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Where LP is (and RP is)

If we visit the rules
in order 4, 3, 2, 1

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Goal	\emptyset	
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Goal	∅	<u>LP</u> , ε	
List	∅	<u>LP</u> , ε	
Pair	∅	<u>LP</u>	<u>RP</u>
LP	<u>LP</u>	<u>LP</u>	<u>LP</u>
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List	\emptyset	<u>LP</u> , ϵ	<u>LP</u> , ϵ
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An Example

Consider the simplest parentheses grammar

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1 Goal ::= List
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```

- Iteration 1 adds LP to *FIRST*(Pair) and LP, ε to *FIRST*(List) and *FIRST*(Goal)
 \Rightarrow If we take them in rule order 4, 3, 2, 1
- Algorithm reaches fixed point at Iteration 2

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Goal	∅	<u>LP</u> , ε	<u>LP</u> , ε
List	∅	<u>LP</u> , ε	<u>LP</u> , ε
Pair	∅	<u>LP</u>	<u>LP</u>
LP	<u>LP</u>	<u>LP</u>	<u>LP</u>
RP	<u>RP</u>	<u>RP</u>	<u>RP</u>
EOF	EOF	EOF	EOF

FOLLOW Sets

FOLLOW(A):

For $A \in \mathbf{NT}$, define **FOLLOW(A)** as the set of tokens that can occur immediately after A in a valid sentential form.

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FOLLOW set is defined over the set of non-terminal symbols, **NT**.

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Follow Set Construction

To Build FOLLOW(X) for non-terminal X:

- Place EOF in FOLLOW(<start>)
- 1. For each X as a non-terminal, initialize FOLLOW(X) to \emptyset
- 2. Iterate until no more terminals can be added to any FOLLOW(X):

For each rule p in the grammar

If p is of the form $A ::= \alpha B \beta$, then
if $\varepsilon \in FIRST(\beta)$

Place $\{FIRST(\beta) - \varepsilon, FOLLOW(A)\}$ in FOLLOW(B)

else

Place $\{FIRST(\beta)\}$ in FOLLOW(B)

If p is of the form $A ::= \alpha B$, then

Place FOLLOW(A) in FOLLOW(B)

End iterate

Computing *FOLLOW* Sets

for each $A \in \mathbf{NT}$

$\mathbf{FOLLOW}(A) \leftarrow \emptyset$

$\mathbf{FOLLOW}(S) \leftarrow \{ \mathbf{EOF} \}$

while (*FOLLOW* sets are still changing) do

for each $p \in P$, of the form $A \rightarrow B_1 B_2 \dots B_k$ do

Don't add ϵ

TRAILER $\leftarrow \mathbf{FOLLOW}(A)$

for $i \leftarrow k$ down to 1

if $B_i \in \mathbf{NT}$ then // domain checking

$\mathbf{FOLLOW}(B_i) \leftarrow \mathbf{FOLLOW}(B_i) \cup \text{TRAILER}$

if $\epsilon \in \mathbf{FIRST}(B_i)$ // add right context

TRAILER $\leftarrow \text{TRAILER} \cup (\mathbf{FIRST}(B_i) - \{ \epsilon \})$

else TRAILER $\leftarrow \mathbf{FIRST}(B_i)$ // no $\epsilon \Rightarrow$ truncate the right context

else TRAILER $\leftarrow \{ B_i \}$ // $B_i \in \mathbf{T} \Rightarrow$ only 1 symbol

To build *FOLLOW* sets, we need *FIRST* sets

Computing *FOLLOW* Sets

For a production $A \rightarrow B_1 B_2 \dots B_k$:

- It works its way backward through the production:
 $B_k, B_{k-1}, \dots B_1$
- It builds the *FOLLOW* sets for the rhs symbols,
 $B_1, B_2, \dots B_k$, not A
- In the absence of ϵ , *FOLLOW*(B_i) is just *FIRST*(B_{i+1})
 - As always, ϵ makes the algorithm more complex

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To handle ϵ , the algorithm keeps track of the first word in the trailing right context as it works its way back through rhs: $B_k, B_{k-1}, \dots B_1$

Computing *FOLLOW* Sets

Consider the simplest parentheses grammar

1	Goal ::= List
2	List ::= Pair List
3	ϵ
4	Pair ::= <u>LP</u> List <u>RP</u>

Symbol

Initial

Goal

EOF

List

\emptyset

Pair

\emptyset

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Initial Values:

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- Goal, List and Pair are set to \emptyset
- Goal is then set to { **EOF** }

An Example

Consider the simplest parentheses grammar

1	Goal ::= List
2	List ::= Pair List
3	ϵ
4	Pair ::= <u>LP</u> List <u>RP</u>

Symbol

Initial

1st

Goal

EOF

List

\emptyset

Pair

\emptyset

Iteration 1:

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If we visit the rules
in order 1, 2, 3, 4

Assume FIRST Sets are
obtained using the algorithm we
discussed in previous slides. →

Symbol

FIRST Set

Goal

LP, ϵ

List

LP, ϵ

Pair

LP

LP

LP

RP

RP

EOF

EOF

An Example

Consider the simplest parentheses grammar

1 **Goal ::= List**
 2 List ::= Pair List
 3 | ϵ
 4 Pair ::= LP List RP

Symbol

Initial

1st

Goal

EOF

EOF

List

\emptyset

EOF

Pair

\emptyset

Iteration 1:

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If we visit the rules
in order 1, 2, 3, 4

Symbol

FIRST Set

Goal

LP, ϵ

List

LP, ϵ

Pair

LP

LP

LP

RP

RP

EOF

EOF

An Example

Consider the simplest parentheses grammar

```

1 Goal ::= List
2 List ::= Pair List
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```

Symbol

Initial

1st

Goal

EOF

EOF

List

∅

EOF

Pair

∅

EOF, LP

Iteration 1:

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If we visit the rules
in order 1, 2, 3, 4

Symbol

FIRST Set

Goal

LP, ε

List

LP, ε

Pair

LP

LP

LP

RP

RP

EOF

EOF

An Example

Consider the simplest parentheses grammar

1 Goal ::= List

2 List ::= Pair List

3 | ε

4 Pair ::= LP List RP

Symbol	Initial	1 st
Goal	EOF	EOF
List	∅	EOF, RP
Pair	∅	EOF, LP

Iteration 1:

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If we visit the rules
in order 1, 2, 3, 4

Symbol	FIRST Set
Goal	<u>LP</u> , ε
List	<u>LP</u> , ε
Pair	<u>LP</u>
LP	<u>LP</u>
RP	<u>RP</u>
EOF	EOF

An Example

Consider the simplest parentheses grammar

1	Goal ::= List
2	List ::= Pair List
3	ϵ
4	Pair ::= <u>LP</u> List <u>RP</u>

Symbol

Initial

1st

Goal

EOF

EOF

List

\emptyset

EOF, RP

Pair

\emptyset

EOF, LP

Iteration 1:

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If we visit the rules
in order 1, 2, 3, 4

Symbol

FIRST Set

Goal

LP, ϵ

List

LP, ϵ

Pair

LP

LP

LP

RP

RP

EOF

EOF

An Example

Consider the simplest parentheses grammar

1	Goal ::= List
2	List ::= Pair List
3	ϵ
4	Pair ::= <u>LP</u> List <u>RP</u>

Symbol

Initial

1st

2nd

Goal

EOF

EOF

List

\emptyset

EOF, RP

Pair

\emptyset

EOF, LP

Iteration 2:

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If we visit the rules
in order 1, 2, 3, 4

Symbol

FIRST Set

Goal

LP, ϵ

List

LP, ϵ

Pair

LP

LP

LP

RP

RP

EOF

EOF

An Example

Consider the simplest parentheses grammar

```

1 Goal ::= List
2 List ::= Pair List
3       | ε
4 Pair ::= LP List RP
    
```

Symbol	<i>Initial</i>	1 st	2 nd
Goal	EOF	EOF	EOF
List	∅	EOF, RP	EOF, RP
Pair	∅	EOF, LP	

Iteration 2:

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If we visit the rules
in order 1, 2, 3, 4

Symbol	<i>FIRST</i> Set
Goal	<u>LP</u> , ε
List	<u>LP</u> , ε
Pair	<u>LP</u>
LP	<u>LP</u>
RP	<u>RP</u>
EOF	EOF

An Example

Consider the simplest parentheses grammar

- 1

Goal ::= List
- 2

List ::= Pair List
- 3

| ϵ
- 4

Pair ::= LP List RP

Symbol	Initial	1 st	2 nd
Goal	EOF	EOF	EOF
List	\emptyset	EOF, RP	EOF, RP
Pair	\emptyset	EOF, LP	EOF, RP, LP

Iteration 2:

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If we visit the rules
in order 1, 2, 3, 4

Symbol	FIRST Set
Goal	<u>LP</u> , ϵ
List	<u>LP</u> , ϵ
Pair	<u>LP</u>
LP	<u>LP</u>
RP	<u>RP</u>
EOF	EOF

An Example

Consider the simplest parentheses grammar

1 Goal ::= List

2 List ::= Pair List

3 | ε

4 Pair ::= LP List RP

Symbol	Initial	1 st	2 nd
Goal	EOF	EOF	EOF
List	∅	EOF, RP	EOF, RP
Pair	∅	EOF, LP	EOF, RP, LP

Iteration 2:

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If we visit the rules
in order 1, 2, 3, 4

Symbol	FIRST Set
Goal	<u>LP</u> , ε
List	<u>LP</u> , ε
Pair	<u>LP</u>
LP	<u>LP</u>
RP	<u>RP</u>
EOF	EOF

An Example

Consider the simplest parentheses grammar

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Symbol

Initial

1st

2nd

Goal

EOF

EOF

EOF

List

\emptyset

EOF, RP

EOF, RP

Pair

\emptyset

EOF, LP

EOF, RP, LP

Iteration 2:

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- Production 1 adds nothing new
- Production 2 adds RP to **FOLLOW**(Pair)
from **FOLLOW**(List), $\epsilon \in \mathbf{FIRST}(\text{List})$
- Production 3 does nothing
- Production 4 adds nothing new

Symbol

FIRST Set

Goal

LP, ϵ

List

LP, ϵ

Pair

LP

LP

LP

RP

RP

EOF

EOF

Iteration 3 produces the same result \Rightarrow reached a fixed point (omitted in the table)

Next Lecture

Things to do:

- Read Scott, Chapter 2.1 - 2.3.3; ALSU 2.4

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