



# SYNTAX ANALYSIS

LECTURE 3 - 4



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# TOP DOWN PARSING

- Can be viewed as a problem of constructing a parse tree for the input string
- It starts from the root and create nodes of the parse tree in pre order (Depth First)
- Equivalently can be viewed as a leftmost derivation

# TOP DOWN PARSING

Example:

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

**Leftmost Derivation of string  $id + id * id$**

$$E \rightarrow TE'$$
$$\rightarrow FT'E'$$
$$\rightarrow idT'E'$$
$$\rightarrow id e E'$$
$$\rightarrow id + TE'$$
$$\rightarrow id + FT'E'$$
$$\rightarrow id + id T'E'$$
$$\rightarrow id + id * FT'E'$$
$$\rightarrow id + id * id T'E'$$
$$\rightarrow id + id * id e E'$$
$$\rightarrow id + id * id e e$$

# TOP DOWN PARSING

- At each of the step the key problem is that Determining the production to be applied for a nonterminal say A
- Once an A production is chosen the rest of the parsing process consists of matching the terminal symbols in the production body with the input string

# RECURSIVE DESCENT PARSING

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void A ( )  
{  
    Choose an A pro duction  $A \rightarrow X_1 X_2 \dots X_k$   
    For ( i to k)  
    {  
        if ( $X_i$  is a nonterminal)  
            call procedure  $X_i ( )$ ;  
        else if ( $X_i$  equals the current input symbol a)  
            advance the input to the next symbol  
        else  
            an error has occurred  
    }  
}
```

# RECURSIVE DESCENT PARSING

- A recursive descent parsing program consists of a set of procedures one for each nonterminal
- Execution begins with the procedure for the start symbol
- The execution halts and announces success if its procedure body scans entire input string.
- Note that this pseudo code is nondeterministic since it begins by choosing the A production to apply in a manner that is not specified
- Backtracking is required

# RECURSIVE DESCENT PARSING

Consider the grammar

$$S \rightarrow c A d$$
$$A \rightarrow a b \mid a$$

Derivation of string  $w = cad$

If you go with  $S \rightarrow cAd$  and then  $A \rightarrow ab$  it leads to wrong string.

$$S \rightarrow cabd$$

Backtracking is necessary



# FIRST OF GRAMMAR

- If  $X$  is a terminal then  $\text{FIRST}(X) = X$
- If  $X$  is a nonterminal and

$X \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_k$  is a production for some  $k \geq 1$

## Case 1:

- a. if for some  $i$ , 'a' is in  $\text{FIRST}(Y_i)$  and
- b. epsilon is in all of  $\text{FIRST}(Y_j)$  where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, i-1$

Then add 'a' in the  $\text{FIRST}(X)$

## Case 2:

If epsilon is in  $\text{FIRST}(Y_j)$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$

then add epsilon in  $\text{FIRST}(X)$

- If  $X \rightarrow \epsilon$  is a production then add epsilon in  $\text{FIRST}(X)$

# FIRST OF GRAMMAR

Example 1:

$$E \rightarrow TE'$$

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

$$T \rightarrow FT'$$

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

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

Solution:

- $\text{FIRST}(E) = \text{FIRST}(T) = \text{FIRST}(F) = \{ (, \text{id} \}$
- $\text{FIRST}(E') = \{ +, \varepsilon \}$
- $\text{FIRST}(T) = \text{FIRST}(F) = \{ (, \text{id} \}$
- $\text{FIRST}(T') = \{ *, \varepsilon \}$
- $\text{FIRST}(F) = \{ (, \text{id} \}$

# FIRST OF GRAMMAR

## Example 2

- $A \rightarrow BC$
- $B \rightarrow Ax \mid x$
- $C \rightarrow yC \mid y$

## Solution

- In  $A \rightarrow BC$   
 $\text{FIRST}(A) = \{\text{FIRST}(B) \cup \text{FIRST}(C)\}$  if  $B \rightarrow \epsilon$  is true
- $\text{FIRST}(A) = \{\text{FIRST}(B)\}$  if  $B \rightarrow \epsilon$  is false
- $\text{FIRST}(A) = \{x\}$
- $\text{FIRST}(B) = \{x\}$
- $\text{FIRST}(C) = \{y\}$

# FOLLOW OF GRAMMAR

## Rule 1:

Place \$ in FOLLOW (S) where S is the start symbol and \$ is the input right endmarker

## Rule 2:

If there is a production  $A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$  then everything in  $\text{FIRST}(\beta)$  except  $\epsilon$  is in FOLLOW (B)

## Rule 3:

If there is a production  $A \rightarrow \alpha B$  or  
a production  $A \rightarrow \alpha B \beta$  where  $\text{FIRST}(\beta)$  contains  $\epsilon$   
then everything in FOLLOW (A) is in FOLLOW (B)

**APPLY ABOVE RULES UNTIL THERE IS NO UPDATION IN  
FOLLOW LIST**

## FOLLOW OF GRAMMAR

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

Example 1:

$$E \rightarrow TE'$$

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

$$T \rightarrow FT'$$

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

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

Solution:

$$1. \text{ FOLLOW } (E) = \{ \$, ) \}$$

Since E is start symbol and Production Rule  $F \rightarrow (E)$

$$2. \text{ FOLLOW } (E') = \text{ FOLLOW } (E) = \{ \$, ) \}$$

By Rule 3 of FOLLOW

## FOLLOW OF GRAMMAR

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

Example 1:

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

Solution:

$$3. \text{ FOLLOW } (T) = \{ \text{FIRST } (E') - \epsilon \} \cup \{ \text{FOLLOW } (E') \}$$

$$= \{ + \} \cup \{ \$ , ) \}$$

$$= \{ + , \$ , ) \}$$

$$4. \text{ FOLLOW } (T') = \text{FOLLOW } (T)$$

$$= \{ + , \$ , ) \}$$

## FOLLOW OF GRAMMAR

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

Example 1:

$E \rightarrow TE'$

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

$T \rightarrow FT'$

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

$F \rightarrow (E) | id$

Solution:

5. FOLLOW (F) = { FIRST (T') -  $\epsilon$  } U { FOLLOW (T') }

= { \* } U { + , \$ , ) }

= { \* , + , \$ , ) }

## FOLLOW OF GRAMMAR

Example 2:

$A \rightarrow BC$

$B \rightarrow Ax \mid x$

$C \rightarrow yC \mid y$

Solution:

1.  $\text{FOLLOW}(A) = \{ \$ \} \cup \text{FIRST}(x) \dots$  As A is the start symbol  
 $= \{ \$, x \}$
2.  $\text{FOLLOW}(B) = \text{FIRST}(C)$   
 $= \{ y \}$
3.  $\text{FOLLOW}(C) = \text{FOLLOW}(A)$   
 $= \{ \$, x \}$

	FIRST	FOLLOW
A	x	\$ , x
B	x	y
C	y	\$ , x



## FOLLOW OF GRAMMAR

	FIRST	FOLLOW
S	d, g, h, b, a, $\epsilon$	
A	d, g, h, $\epsilon$	
B	g, $\epsilon$	
C	h, $\epsilon$	

Example 3:

$$S \rightarrow ACB \mid Cbb \mid Ba$$

$$A \rightarrow da \mid BC$$

$$B \rightarrow g \mid \epsilon$$

$$C \rightarrow h \mid \epsilon$$

Solution:

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

## FOLLOW OF GRAMMAR

Example 3:

$$S \rightarrow ACB \mid Cbb \mid Ba$$

$$A \rightarrow da \mid BC$$

$$B \rightarrow g \mid \varepsilon$$

$$C \rightarrow h \mid \varepsilon$$

Solution:

1. FOLLOW (S) = { \$ } ... Since S is start symbol
2. FOLLOW (A) = { FIRST (C) -  $\varepsilon$  } U { FIRST (B) -  $\varepsilon$  } U FOLLOW (S)  
= { h , g , \$ }
3. FOLLOW (B) = FIRST (a) U { FIRST (C) -  $\varepsilon$  } U FOLLOW (A) U FOLLOW (S)  
= { a , h , g , \$ }
3. FOLLOW (C) = FIRST (b) U { FIRST(B) -  $\varepsilon$  } U FOLLOW (A)  
= { b , g , h , \$ }

	FIRST	FOLLOW
S	d, g, h, b, a, $\varepsilon$	\$
A	d , g , h , $\varepsilon$	h , g , \$
B	g, $\varepsilon$	a , h , g , \$
C	h , $\varepsilon$	b , h , g , \$

## FOLLOW OF GRAMMAR

	FIRST	FOLLOW
S	a , b , d , $\epsilon$	
A	a , b , d , $\epsilon$	
B	b , d , $\epsilon$	
D	d , $\epsilon$	

Example 4:

$$S \rightarrow ABD$$

$$A \rightarrow a \mid BSB$$

$$B \rightarrow b \mid D$$

$$D \rightarrow d \mid \epsilon$$

Solution:

$$1. \text{FIRST}(S) = \text{FIRST}(A)$$

$$= \{a\} \cup \text{FIRST}(B)$$

$$= \{a\} \cup \{b\} \cup \text{FIRST}(D)$$

$$= \{a, b, d, \epsilon\}$$

$$2. \text{FIRST}(A) = \{a\} \cup \text{FIRST}(B)$$

$$= \{a\} \cup \{b\} \cup \text{FIRST}(D)$$

$$= \{a, b, d, \epsilon\}$$

$$3. \text{FIRST}(B) = \{b\} \cup \text{FIRST}(D)$$

$$= \{b, d, \epsilon\}$$

$$4. \text{FIRST}(D) = \{d, \epsilon\}$$

## FOLLOW OF GRAMMAR

	FIRST	FOLLOW
S	a , b , d , $\epsilon$	b , d , \$
A	a , b , d , $\epsilon$	b , d , \$
B	b , d , $\epsilon$	a , b , d , \$
D	d , $\epsilon$	a , b , d , \$

Example 4:

$S \rightarrow ABD$

$A \rightarrow a \mid BSB$

$B \rightarrow b \mid D$

$D \rightarrow d \mid \epsilon$

Solution:

- $\text{FOLLOW}(S) = \{ \$ \} \cup \{ \text{FIRST}(B) - \epsilon \} \cup \text{FOLLOW}(A)$   
 $= \{ \$ , b , d \} \cup \{ \text{FIRST}(B) - \epsilon \} \cup \{ \text{FIRST}(D) - \epsilon \}$   
 $= \{ b , d , \$ \}$
- $\text{FOLLOW}(A) = \{ \text{FIRST}(B) - \epsilon \} \cup \{ \text{FIRST}(D) - \epsilon \} \cup \text{FOLLOW}(S)$   
 $= \{ b , d , \$ \}$
- $\text{FOLLOW}(B) = \{ \text{FIRST}(D) - \epsilon \} \cup \text{FOLLOW}(S) \cup \{ \text{FIRST}(S) - \epsilon \} \cup \text{FOLLOW}(A)$   
 $= \{ d , b , a , \$ \}$
- $\text{FOLLOW}(D) = \text{FOLLOW}(B) \cup \text{FOLLOW}(S)$   
 $= \{ a , b , d , \$ \}$