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Task

Write a program to identify FIRST and FOLLOW from the given grammar.

Background

FIRST is a function that gives the set of terminals that begins the strings derived from the production rule. A symbol 'a' is in FIRST (α) if and only if $\alpha \Rightarrow a\beta$ for some sequence β of grammar symbols.

Rules to find the FIRST() of a grammar:

To find the FIRST() of the grammar symbol, then we have to apply the following set of rules to the given grammar:

1. If X is a terminal, then FIRST(X) is {X}.
2. If X is a non-terminal and $X \Rightarrow a\alpha$ is production, then add 'a' to the FIRST of X. If $X \Rightarrow \epsilon$, then add null to the FIRST(X).
3. If $X \Rightarrow YZ$ then if FIRST(Y)= ϵ , then FIRST(X) = { FIRST(Y)- ϵ } U FIRST(Z).
4. If $X \Rightarrow YZ$, then if FIRST(X)=Y, then FIRST(Y)=terminal but null then FIRST(X)=FIRST(Y)=terminals.

A terminal symbol a is in FOLLOW(N) if and only if there is a derivation from the start symbol S of the grammar such that $S \Rightarrow \alpha N \alpha \beta$, where α and β are a sequence of grammar symbols (possibly empty). In other words, a terminal d is in FOLLOW(N) if d can follow N at some point in a derivation.

Rules to find the FOLLOW() of a grammar:

To find the follow() of the grammar symbol, then we have to apply the following set of rules to the given grammar:

1. \$ is a FOLLOW of the start symbol 'S'.
2. If $A \Rightarrow \alpha B \beta$, $\beta \neq \epsilon$, then FIRST(β) is in FOLLOW(B).
3. If $A \Rightarrow \alpha B$ or $A \Rightarrow \alpha B \beta$ where FIRST(β)= ϵ , then everything in FOLLOW(A) is a FOLLOW(B).

Source Code

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from prettytable import PrettyTable as table

input_grammar = []

def evaluate_first(symbol):
    if symbol[0]==symbol[0].lower():
        return symbol[0]
    else:
        FIRST = ''
        for i in range(len(symbol)):
            for production in input_grammar:
                if production[0]==symbol[i]:
                    for x in production[1]:
                        if x[0]==symbol[0]:
                            FIRST+=evaluate_first(x[1:])
                        else:
                            FIRST+=evaluate_first(x)
            if 'e' in FIRST:
                continue
            else:
                break
        if FIRST[-1] != 'e':
            FIRST = FIRST.replace('e','')
        return FIRST

def evaluate_follow(symbol):
    # evaluate_follow of augmented input_grammar
    if symbol[0] == 'X':
        return '$'
    else:
        FOLLOW = ''
        for production in input_grammar:
            for prod in production[1]:
                if symbol[0] in prod:
                    if symbol[0] == prod[-1]:
                        production[0] != symbol[0] else FOLLOW += evaluate_follow(production[0]) if
                        else:
                            evaluate_first(prod[prod.index(symbol[0])+1:]) FOLLOW +=
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        if 'e' in FOLLOW:
            FOLLOW.replace('e', '')
        if symbol[0] != production[0]:
            FOLLOW += evaluate_follow(production[0])

    return FOLLOW

def tabulate_results():
    output_table = []
    for production in input_grammar:
        output_table.append([production[0], evaluate_first(production[0]), evaluate_follow(production[0])])

    for i in range(len(output_table)):
        output_table[i][1] = "".join(dict.fromkeys(output_table[i][1]))
        output_table[i][2] = output_table[i][2].replace('e', '')
        output_table[i][2] = "".join(dict.fromkeys(output_table[i][2]))
    return output_table

def display_table(tbl):
    output_table = table(['----', 'FIRST', 'FOLLOW'])
    output_table.title = 'FIRST and FOLLOW table'
    for i in range(len(tbl)):
        row=[]
        row.append(tbl[i][0] if not tbl[i][0]=='X' else tbl[i+1][0]+'')
        for j in tbl[i][1:]:
            temp = '{'
            for k in j[:-1]:
                temp +=k+', '
            temp+=j[-1]+'}'
            row.append(temp)
        output_table.add_row(row)
    print(output_table)

def take_grammar_input():
    input_grammar = []

    print('Note: \n 1. e represents epsilon. \n',
          '2. Represent in the form: A=>aB \n',
          '3. Press enter after each production. \n')

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while(True):
    inp = input(f'Production: ')
    if inp == '':
        break
    input_grammar.append(inp)

for i,g in enumerate(input_grammar):
    input_grammar[i]=g.split('=>')
    input_grammar[i][1]=input_grammar[i][1].split('|')
input_grammar.insert(0,['X',[input_grammar[0][0]+'$']])
i=0
while i<len(input_grammar):
    j=0
    while j<len(input_grammar):
        if i!=j:
            if input_grammar[i][0] == input_grammar[j][0]:
                input_grammar[i][1].extend(input_grammar[j][1])
                input_grammar.pop(j)
            j+=1
        i+=1
    return input_grammar
if __name__=='__main__':
    input_grammar = take_grammar_input()
    output_table = tabulate_results()
    display_table(output_table)

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Explanation

A grammar is taken as input from the user. Each of the production is accepted separately. The FIRST and FOLLOW sets are computed according to the rules as discussed above. The final results are displayed in a tabular form using the PrettyTable library of Python. The augmented production and its FIRST and FOLLOW sets are also computed. The follow of the starting symbol is considered to be a \$ sign and epsilon is represented using the character 'ε'.

There are four main functions: `evaluate_first()` used to compute the FIRST sets, `evaluate_follow()` used to compute the FOLLOW sets, `tabulate_results()` and `display_table()` used to display the output to the user.

Outputs

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Note:

1. e represents epsilon.
2. Represent in the form: $A \Rightarrow aB$
3. Press enter after each production.

Production: $S \Rightarrow A$

Production: $A \Rightarrow aB \mid aC \mid B$

Production: $B \Rightarrow bBc \mid f$

Production: $C \Rightarrow g$

Production:

FIRST and FOLLOW table			
----	FIRST	FOLLOW	
S'	{a,b,f}	{}	
S	{a,b,f}	{}	
A	{a,b,f}	{}	
B	{b,f}	{,c}	
C	{g}	{}	

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Production: $A \Rightarrow aaBcc \mid bbAdd$

Production: $B \Rightarrow ccAdd \mid ddMff$

Production: $M \Rightarrow f$

Production:

FIRST and FOLLOW table			
----	FIRST	FOLLOW	
A'	{a,b}	{}	
A	{a,b}	{,d}	
B	{c,d}	{c}	
M	{f}	{f}	

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As we can see from the outputs above, the FIRST and the FOLLOW sets for the given grammar are computed correctly and displayed in a tabular form.

Conclusion

In this way, the program to calculate the FIRST and FOLLOW sets from the given input grammar was implemented in Python. The source code and the outputs of the program are attached in the document above.