COMPUTATION OF FIRST AND FOLLOW

EX. NO. 4

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AIM: To write a program to perform first and follow.

ALGORITHM:

For computing the first:

- 1. If X is a terminal then $FIRST(X) = \{X\}$ Example: $F \rightarrow I \mid id$ We can write it as $FIRST(F) \rightarrow \{(x, id)\}$
- 2. If X is a non-terminal like E -> T then to get FIRSTI substitute T with other productions until you get a terminal as the first symbol
- 3. If X -> ε then add ε to FIRST(X).

For computing the follow:

- 1. Always check the right side of the productions for a non-terminal, whose FOLLOW set is being found. (never see the left side).
- 2. (a) If that non-terminal (S,A,B...) is followed by any terminal (a,b...,*,+,(,)...), then add that terminal into the FOLLOW set.
- (b) If that non-terminal is followed by any other non-terminal then add FIRST of other nonterminal into the FOLLOW set.

PROGRAM:

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import sys
sys.setrecursionlimit(60)

def first(string):
    first_ = set()
    if string in non_terminals:
        alternatives = productions_dict[string]
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for alternative in alternatives:
        first_2 = first(alternative)
        first_ = first_ | first_2
  elif string in terminals:
     first_ = {string}
  elif string==" or string=='#:
     first_ = {'#'}
  else:
     first_2 = first(string[0])
     if '#' in first_2:
        i = 1
        while '# in first_2:
           first_ = first_ | (first_2 - {'#})
           if string[i:] in terminals:
             first_ = first_ | {string[i:]}
              break
           elif string[i:] == ":
             first_ = first_ | {'#'}
              break
           first_2 = first(string[i:])
           first_ = first_ | first_2 - {'#'}
           i += 1
     else:
        first_ = first_ | first_2
  return first_
def follow(nT):
  follow_= set()
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prods = productions_dict.items()
  if nT==starting_symbol:
     follow_ = follow_ | {'$'}
  for nt,rhs in prods:
     for alt in rhs:
       for char in alt:
          if char==nT:
            following_str = alt[alt.index(char) + 1:]
            if following_str==":
               if nt==nT:
                  continue
               else:
                  follow_ = follow_ | follow(nt)
            else:
               follow_2 = first(following_str)
               if '#' in follow_2:
                 follow_ = follow_ | follow_2-{'#'}
                  follow_ = follow_ | follow(nt)
               else:
                  follow_ = follow_ | follow_2
  return follow_
no_of_terminals=int(input("Enter no. of terminals: "))
terminals = []
print("Enter the terminals :")
for _ in range(no_of_terminals):
  terminals.append(input())
no_of_non_terminals=int(input("Enter no. of non terminals: "))
non_terminals = []
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print("Enter the non terminals :")
for _ in range(no_of_non_terminals):
  non_terminals.append(input())
starting_symbol = input("Enter the starting symbol: ")
no_of_productions = int(input("Enter no of productions: "))
productions = []
print("Enter the productions:")
for _ in range(no_of_productions):
  productions.append(input())
productions_dict = {}
for nT in non_terminals:
  productions_dict[nT] = []
for production in productions:
  nonterm_to_prod = production.split("->")
  alternatives = nonterm_to_prod[1].split("/")
  for alternative in alternatives:
     productions_dict[nonterm_to_prod[0]].append(alternative)
FIRST = \{\}
FOLLOW = \{\}
for non_terminal in non_terminals:
  FIRST[non_terminal] = set()
for non_terminal in non_terminals:
  FOLLOW[non_terminal] = set()
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for non_terminal in non_terminals:
  FIRST[non_terminal] = FIRST[non_terminal] | first(non_terminal)
FOLLOW[starting_symbol] = FOLLOW[starting_symbol] | {'$'}
for non_terminal in non_terminals:
  FOLLOW[non_terminal] = FOLLOW[non_terminal] | follow(non_terminal)
print("{: ^20}{: ^20}{: ^20}".format('Non Terminals','First','Follow'))
for non_terminal in non_terminals:
  print("{: ^20}{: ^20}{:
^20}".format(non_terminal,str(FIRST[non_terminal]),str(FOLLOW[non_terminal])))
INPUT:
Enter the terminals:
b
Enter no. of non terminals: 3
Enter the non terminals:
S
Α
Enter the starting symbol: S
Enter no of productions: 3
Enter the productions:
S->AB
A->a/#
B->b/#
OUTPUT:
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Enter no. of terminals: 2
Enter the terminals :
Enter no. of non terminals: 3
Enter the non terminals :
Enter the starting symbol: S
Enter no of productions: 3
Enter the productions:
S->AB
A->a/#
B->b/#
   Non Terminals
                           First
                                               Follow
                      {'b', '#', 'a'}
                                              {'$'}
                         {'#', 'a'}
                                             {'b', '$'}
         Α
                         {'b', '#'}
                                              {'$'}
         В
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RESULT:

The FIRST and FOLLOW sets of the non-terminals of a grammar were found successfully using python language.