

CSE 401 - LL Parsing and FIRST/FOLLOW/nullable Worksheet - Week 4

1. Compute the FIRST, FOLLOW, and nullable sets for each non-terminal in the following grammar:

$A ::= x \ C \ B \ y$

$B ::= z \mid \epsilon$

$C ::= y \mid B \ x$

Non-Terminal	FIRST	FOLLOW	nullable
A			
B			
C			

2. For each of the following grammars, identify whether or not the grammar satisfies the LL(1) condition. If the grammar is not LL(1), explain the problem. *Hint:* Although you are not required to follow the formal algorithm, you may find it helpful to examine the grammar in terms of the FIRST, FOLLOW, and nullable sets.

a) $X ::= a \ Y \mid Z$

$Y ::= a \mid c$

$Z ::= b \ Y$

b) $P ::= d \ R$

$R ::= o \mid S$

$S ::= g \mid o \ g$

c) $J ::= a \ K \ L$

$K ::= c \mid \epsilon$

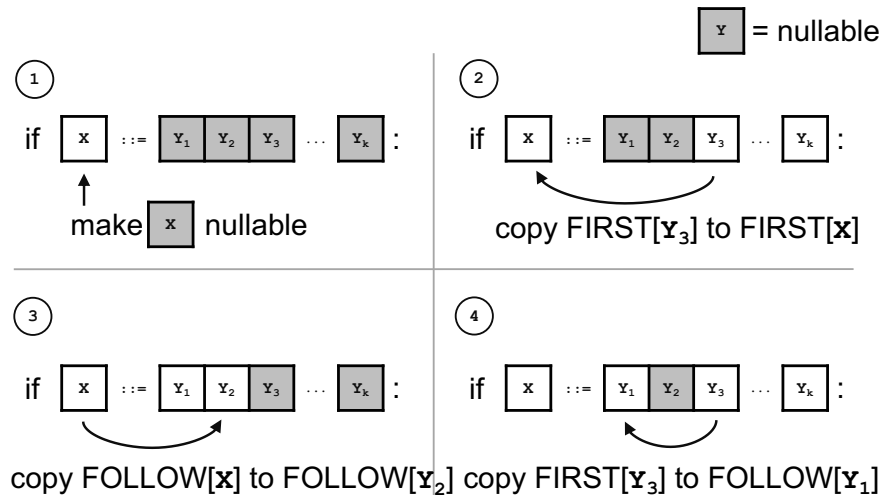
$L ::= c$

d) $J ::= a \ K \ L$

$K ::= c \mid \epsilon$

$L ::= b$

Computing FIRST, FOLLOW, & nullable (3)



Computing FIRST, FOLLOW, and nullable

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repeat
  for each production  $X ::= Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_k$ 
    if  $Y_1 \dots Y_k$  are all nullable (or if  $k = 0$ )
      set nullable[X] = true
    for each  $i$  from 1 to  $k$  and each  $j$  from  $i+1$  to  $k$ 
      if  $Y_1 \dots Y_{i-1}$  are all nullable (or if  $i = 1$ )
        add FIRST[ $Y_i$ ] to FIRST[X]
      if  $Y_{i+1} \dots Y_k$  are all nullable (or if  $i = k$ )
        add FOLLOW[X] to FOLLOW[ $Y_i$ ]
      if  $Y_{i+1} \dots Y_{j-1}$  are all nullable (or if  $i+1=j$ )
        add FIRST[ $Y_j$ ] to FOLLOW[ $Y_i$ ]
  Until FIRST, FOLLOW, and nullable do not change
  
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Canonical FIRST & FIRST FOLLOW conflicts & their solutions:

FIRST Conflict:

Both productions of A have α in their FIRST sets

0. $A ::= \alpha\beta \mid \alpha\gamma$

Solution:

Factor out the prefix (α)

0. $A ::= \alpha \text{ Tail}$

1. $\text{Tail} ::= \beta \mid \gamma$

FIRST FOLLOW Conflict:

B is nullable, α in FIRST & FOLLOW

0. $A ::= B \alpha$

1. $B ::= \alpha \mid \epsilon$

Solution:

Substitute B into A

0. $A ::= \alpha\alpha \mid \alpha$

Factor out the prefix (α)

0. $A ::= \alpha \text{ Tail}$

1. $\text{Tail} ::= \alpha \mid \epsilon$