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1	$S \rightarrow H_1 C \$$	$B$	$\{B\}$	$\{\}$	$\{R_4, R_5, R_7\}$				
2	$C \rightarrow g$								
3	$C \rightarrow \lambda$								
4	$H \rightarrow w B_1 C d B_2$								
5	$H \rightarrow B_3 Q$								
6	$H \rightarrow \lambda$								
7	$B \rightarrow m B_4$								
8	$B \rightarrow d$								
9	$Q \rightarrow j$								

Initial invocation:  $A = B, T = \{\} = \emptyset; A \notin T; P = \{R_4, R_5, R_7\}$

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1	$S \rightarrow H_1 C \$$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>4</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }				
2	$C \rightarrow g$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }	<i>R</i> <sub>4</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>1</sub>	<i>C d B</i> <sub>2</sub>	<i>firstSet(C d B</i> <sub>2</sub> , $\emptyset$ )
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First loop iterations with  $p = R_4$   $\mathcal{Y} = B_1$  need *First(C d B)*

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2	$C \rightarrow g$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }	<i>R</i> <sub>4</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>1</sub>	<i>C d B</i> <sub>2</sub>	<i>firstSet(C d B</i> <sub>2</sub> <i>, ∅)</i>
3	$C \rightarrow \lambda$			{ <i>g, d</i> }	$F \leftarrow F \cup G$				{ <i>g, d</i> }
4	$H \rightarrow w B_1 C d B_2$								
5	$H \rightarrow B_3 Q$								
6	$H \rightarrow \lambda$								
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*firstSet(C d B*<sub>2</sub>*, ∅)* returns {*g, d*}; merge this with *F*

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2	$C \rightarrow g$	$B$	$\{B\}$	$\{\}$	$\{R_5, R_7\}$	$R_4$	$B_1$	$C d B_2$	$firstSet(C d B_2, \emptyset)$
3	$C \rightarrow \lambda$			$\{g, d\}$	$F \leftarrow F \cup G$				$\{g, d\}$
4	$H \rightarrow w B_1 C d B_2$								
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$|\pi| > 0$  and  $\pi$  contains a terminal ( $d$ ), go on to next loop iteration

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1	$S \rightarrow H_1 C \$$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>4</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }				
2	$C \rightarrow g$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }	<i>R</i> <sub>4</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>1</sub>	<i>C d B</i> <sub>2</sub>	<i>firstSet(C d B</i> <sub>2</sub> , $\emptyset$ )
3	$C \rightarrow \lambda$			{ <i>g, d</i> }					{ <i>g, d</i> }
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4	$H \rightarrow w B_1 C d B_2$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g, d</i> }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }	<i>R</i> <sub>4</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>2</sub>	DNE	<i>followSet(H, {B})</i>
5	$H \rightarrow B_3 Q$								
6	$H \rightarrow \lambda$								
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Second  $\mathcal{Y}$  loop iteration; still with  $p = R_4$ ; now  $\mathcal{Y} = B_2$  and  $|\pi| = 0$ ; now we need *Follow(H)*

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1	$S \rightarrow H_1 C \$$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>4</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }				
2	$C \rightarrow g$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }	<i>R</i> <sub>4</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>1</sub>	<i>C d B</i> <sub>2</sub>	<i>firstSet(C d B</i> <sub>2</sub> , $\emptyset$ )
3	$C \rightarrow \lambda$			{ <i>g, d</i> }					{ <i>g, d</i> }
4	$H \rightarrow w B_1 C d B_2$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g, d</i> }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }	<i>R</i> <sub>4</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>2</sub>	DNE	<i>followSet(H, {B})</i>
5	$H \rightarrow B_3 Q$			{ <i>g, d, \$</i> }					{ <i>g, \$</i> }
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*followSet(H, {B})* returns {*g, \$*}; merge this with *F*

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1	$S \rightarrow H_1 C \$$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{}	{ <i>R</i> <sub>4</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }				
2	$C \rightarrow g$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{}	{ <i>R</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }	<i>R</i> <sub>4</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>1</sub>	<i>C d B</i> <sub>2</sub>	<i>firstSet(C d B</i> <sub>2</sub> , $\emptyset$ )
3	$C \rightarrow \lambda$			{ <i>g</i> , <i>d</i> }					{ <i>g</i> , <i>d</i> }
4	$H \rightarrow w B_1 C d B_2$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g</i> , <i>d</i> }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }	<i>R</i> <sub>4</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>2</sub>	DNE	<i>followSet(H, {B})</i>
5	$H \rightarrow B_3 Q$			{ <i>g</i> , <i>d</i> , $\$$ }					{ <i>g</i> , $\$$ }
6	$H \rightarrow \lambda$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g</i> , <i>d</i> , $\$$ }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }	<i>R</i> <sub>5</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>3</sub>	<i>Q</i>	<i>firstSet(Q, <math>\emptyset</math>)</i>
7	$B \rightarrow m B_4$								
8	$B \rightarrow d$								
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Second *p* loop iteration;  $p = R_5$ ;  $\mathcal{Y} = B_3$ ,  $\pi = Q$ ; need *First(Q)*

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3	$C \rightarrow \lambda$			{ <i>g, d</i> }					{ <i>g, d</i> }
4	$H \rightarrow w B_1 C d B_2$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g, d</i> }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }	<i>R</i> <sub>4</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>2</sub>	DNE	<i>followSet(H, {B})</i>
5	$H \rightarrow B_3 Q$			{ <i>g, d, \$</i> }					{ <i>g, \$</i> }
6	$H \rightarrow \lambda$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g, d, \$</i> }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }	<i>R</i> <sub>5</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>3</sub>	<i>Q</i>	<i>firstSet(Q, \emptyset)</i>
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*firstSet(Q, \emptyset)* returns {*j*}; merge this with *F*;  $Q \not\stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow} \lambda$ , continue to  $\mathcal{Y} = B_4$

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5	$H \rightarrow B_3 Q$			{ <i>g, d, \$</i> }					{ <i>g, \$</i> }
6	$H \rightarrow \lambda$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g, d, \$</i> }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }	<i>R</i> <sub>5</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>3</sub>	<i>Q</i>	<i>firstSet(Q, \emptyset)</i>
7	$B \rightarrow m B_4$			{ <i>g, d, \$, j</i> }					{ <i>j</i> }
8	$B \rightarrow d$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g, d, \$, j</i> }	{ }	<i>R</i> <sub>7</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>4</sub>	DNE	<i>followSet(B, {B})</i>
9	$Q \rightarrow j$								

Third and final *p* loop iteration;  $p = R_7$ ;  $\mathcal{Y} = B_4$ ,  $|\pi| = 0$ ; need *Follow(B)*

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2	$C \rightarrow g$	$B$	$\{B\}$	$\{\}$	$\{R_5, R_7\}$	$R_4$	$B_1$	$C d B_2$	$firstSet(C d B_2, \emptyset)$
3	$C \rightarrow \lambda$			$\{g, d\}$	$F \leftarrow F \cup G$				$\{g, d\}$
4	$H \rightarrow w B_1 C d B_2$	$B$	$\{B\}$	$\{g, d\}$	$\{R_5, R_7\}$	$R_4$	$B_2$	DNE	$followSet(H, \{B\})$
5	$H \rightarrow B_3 Q$			$\{g, d, \$ \}$	$F \leftarrow F \cup G$				$\{g, \$ \}$
6	$H \rightarrow \lambda$	$B$	$\{B\}$	$\{g, d, \$ \}$	$\{R_7\}$	$R_5$	$B_3$	$Q$	$firstSet(Q, \emptyset)$
7	$B \rightarrow m B_4$			$\{g, d, \$, j \}$	$F \leftarrow F \cup G$				$\{j\}$
8	$B \rightarrow d$	$B$	$\{B\}$	$\{g, d, \$, j \}$	$\{\}$	$R_7$	$B_4$	DNE	$followSet(B, \{B\})$
9	$Q \rightarrow j$								

Recursive invocation of *followSet*;  $A = B \in T = \{B\}$ ; terminal case stops  $\infty$ -recursion;  
 $followSet(B, \{B\})$  returns  $\emptyset$

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2	$C \rightarrow g$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }	<i>R</i> <sub>4</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>1</sub>	<i>C d B</i> <sub>2</sub>	<i>firstSet(C d B</i> <sub>2</sub> , $\emptyset$ )
3	$C \rightarrow \lambda$			{ <i>g, d</i> }					{ <i>g, d</i> }
4	$H \rightarrow w B_1 C d B_2$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g, d</i> }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }	<i>R</i> <sub>4</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>2</sub>	DNE	<i>followSet(H, {B})</i>
5	$H \rightarrow B_3 Q$			{ <i>g, d, \$</i> }					{ <i>g, \$</i> }
6	$H \rightarrow \lambda$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g, d, \$</i> }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }	<i>R</i> <sub>5</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>3</sub>	<i>Q</i>	<i>firstSet(Q, \emptyset)</i>
7	$B \rightarrow m B_4$			{ <i>g, d, \$, j</i> }					{ <i>j</i> }
8	$B \rightarrow d$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g, d, \$, j</i> }	{ }	<i>R</i> <sub>7</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>4</sub>	DNE	<i>followSet(B, {B})</i>
9	$Q \rightarrow j$			{ <i>g, d, \$, j</i> }					$\emptyset$

Back in the calling invocation, merge the  $\emptyset$  returned by *followSet(B)* with *F*

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1	$S \rightarrow H_1 C \$$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>4</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }				
2	$C \rightarrow g$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }	<i>R</i> <sub>4</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>1</sub>	<i>C d B</i> <sub>2</sub>	<i>firstSet(C d B</i> <sub>2</sub> , $\emptyset$ )
3	$C \rightarrow \lambda$			{ <i>g, d</i> }					{ <i>g, d</i> }
4	$H \rightarrow w B_1 C d B_2$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g, d</i> }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>5</sub> , <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }	<i>R</i> <sub>4</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>2</sub>	DNE	<i>followSet(H, {B})</i>
5	$H \rightarrow B_3 Q$			{ <i>g, d, \$</i> }					{ <i>g, \$</i> }
6	$H \rightarrow \lambda$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g, d, \$</i> }	{ <i>R</i> <sub>7</sub> }	<i>R</i> <sub>5</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>3</sub>	<i>Q</i>	<i>firstSet(Q, \emptyset)</i>
7	$B \rightarrow m B_4$			{ <i>g, d, \$, j</i> }					{ <i>j</i> }
8	$B \rightarrow d$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g, d, \$, j</i> }	{ }	<i>R</i> <sub>7</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>4</sub>	DNE	<i>followSet(B, {B})</i>
9	$Q \rightarrow j$			{ <i>g, d, \$, j</i> }					$\emptyset$

Algorithm complete: follow set of *B* is {*g, d, \$, j*}

Review this trace table with pseudo code in [followSet.pdf](#)

*R*<sub>x</sub> ≡ Rule #x, grammar symbol subscripts (*B*<sub>2</sub>) are used to identify particular RHS symbols for clarity — they don't change the symbol name or meaning.