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$$Follow(H) \text{ is } \{g, \$\}$$

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4	$H \rightarrow w B_1 C d B_2$								
5	$H \rightarrow B_3 Q$								
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7	$B \rightarrow m B_4$								
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Initial invocation: $A = B, T = \{\} = \emptyset; A \notin T; P = \{R_4, R_5, R_7\}$

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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>	$\{B\}$	$\{\}$	$\{R_5, R_7\}$	<i>R</i> ₄	<i>B</i> 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	$H \rightarrow w \ B_1 \ C \ d \ B_2$								
5	$H \rightarrow B_3 \ Q$								
6	$H \rightarrow \lambda$								
7	$B \rightarrow m \ B_4$								
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$firstSet(C \ d \ B_2, \emptyset)$ returns $\{g, d\}$; merge this with *F*

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$|\pi| > 0$, go on to next loop iteration

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3	$C \rightarrow \lambda$			$\{g, d\}$					$\{g, d\}$
4	$H \rightarrow w B_1 C d B_2$	<i>B</i>	$\{B\}$	$\{g, d\}$	$\{R_5, R_7\}$	R_4	B_2	DNE	$followSet(H, \{B\})$
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> ₄ , <i>R</i> ₅ , <i>R</i> ₇ }				
2	$C \rightarrow g$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ }	{ <i>R</i> ₅ , <i>R</i> ₇ }	<i>R</i> ₄	<i>B</i> ₁	<i>C d B</i> ₂	<i>firstSet(C d B</i> ₂ , ∅)
3	$C \rightarrow \lambda$			{ <i>g</i> , <i>d</i> }	$F \leftarrow F \cup G$				{ <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> ₅ , <i>R</i> ₇ }	<i>R</i> ₄	<i>B</i> ₂	DNE	<i>followSet(H, {B})</i>
5	$H \rightarrow B_3 Q$			{ <i>g</i> , <i>d</i> , <i>\$</i> }	$F \leftarrow F \cup G$				{ <i>g</i> , <i>\$</i> }
6	$H \rightarrow \lambda$								
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followSet(H, {B}) returns {*g*,*\$*}; merge this with *F*

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

Second *p* loop iteration; $p = R_5$; $\mathcal{Y} = B_3$, $\pi = Q$; need *First(Q)*

followSet(A, T) Pseudo Code Trace for *Follow(B)*

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1	$S \rightarrow H_1 C \$$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ }	{ <i>R</i> ₄ , <i>R</i> ₅ , <i>R</i> ₇ }				
2	$C \rightarrow g$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ }	{ <i>R</i> ₅ , <i>R</i> ₇ }	<i>R</i> ₄	<i>B</i> ₁	<i>C d B</i> ₂	<i>firstSet</i> (<i>C d B</i> ₂ , ∅)
3	$C \rightarrow \lambda$			{ <i>g</i> , <i>d</i> }	$F \leftarrow F \cup G$				{ <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> ₅ , <i>R</i> ₇ }	<i>R</i> ₄	<i>B</i> ₂	DNE	<i>followSet</i> (<i>H</i> , { <i>B</i> })
5	$H \rightarrow B_3 Q$			{ <i>g</i> , <i>d</i> , <i>\$</i> }	$F \leftarrow F \cup G$				{ <i>g</i> , <i>\$</i> }
6	$H \rightarrow \lambda$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g</i> , <i>d</i> , <i>\$</i> }	{ <i>R</i> ₇ }	<i>R</i> ₅	<i>B</i> ₃	<i>Q</i>	<i>firstSet</i> (<i>Q</i> , ∅)
7	$B \rightarrow m B_4$			{ <i>g</i> , <i>d</i> , <i>\$</i> , <i>j</i> }	$F \leftarrow F \cup G$				{ <i>j</i> }
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firstSet(*Q*, ∅) returns {*j*}; merge this with *F*

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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	$H \rightarrow B_3 Q$			$\{g, d, \$ \}$					$\{g, \$ \}$
6	$H \rightarrow \lambda$	B	$\{B\}$	$\{g, d, \$ \}$	$\{R_7\}$	R_5	B_3	Q	$firstSet(Q, \emptyset)$
7	$B \rightarrow m B_4$			$\{g, d, \$, j\}$					$\{j\}$
8	$B \rightarrow d$	B	$\{B\}$	$\{g, d, \$, j\}$	$\{\}$	R_7	B_4	DNE	$followSet(B, \{B\})$
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	$C \rightarrow g$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ }	{ <i>R</i> ₅ , <i>R</i> ₇ }	<i>R</i> ₄	<i>B</i> ₁	<i>C d B</i> ₂	<i>firstSet(C d B</i> ₂ , \emptyset)
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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> ₅ , <i>R</i> ₇ }	<i>R</i> ₄	<i>B</i> ₂	DNE	<i>followSet(H, {B})</i>
5	$H \rightarrow B_3 Q$			{ <i>g, d, \$</i> }	<i>F</i> \leftarrow <i>F</i> \cup <i>G</i>				{ <i>g, \$</i> }
6	$H \rightarrow \lambda$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g, d, \$</i> }	{ <i>R</i> ₇ }	<i>R</i> ₅	<i>B</i> ₃	<i>Q</i>	<i>firstSet(Q, \emptyset)</i>
7	$B \rightarrow m B_4$			{ <i>g, d, \$, j</i> }	<i>F</i> \leftarrow <i>F</i> \cup <i>G</i>				{ <i>j</i> }
8	$B \rightarrow d$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g, d, \$, j</i> }	{ }	<i>R</i> ₇	<i>B</i> ₄	DNE	<i>followSet(B, {B})</i>
9	$Q \rightarrow j$								

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

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2	$C \rightarrow g$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ }	{ <i>R</i> ₅ , <i>R</i> ₇ }	<i>R</i> ₄	<i>B</i> ₁	<i>C d B</i> ₂	<i>firstSet(C d B</i> ₂ , \emptyset)
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5	$H \rightarrow B_3 Q$			{ <i>g</i> , <i>d</i> , $\$$ }	$F \leftarrow F \cup G$				{ <i>g</i> , $\$$ }
6	$H \rightarrow \lambda$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g</i> , <i>d</i> , $\$$ }	{ <i>R</i> ₇ }	<i>R</i> ₅	<i>B</i> ₃	<i>Q</i>	<i>firstSet(Q, \emptyset)</i>
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8	$B \rightarrow d$	<i>B</i>	{ <i>B</i> }	{ <i>g</i> , <i>d</i> , $\$$, <i>j</i> }	{ }	<i>R</i> ₇	<i>B</i> ₄	DNE	<i>followSet(B, {B})</i>
9	$Q \rightarrow j$			{ <i>g</i> , <i>d</i> , $\$$, <i>j</i> }	$F \leftarrow F \cup G$				\emptyset

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

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

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

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