Generating Code for Arithmetic Expressions

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- go through parsing
- go through code generation
- print -5 + 2 * 3;
- print 3 * ((4 1) * (7) + 50 / (2 4));



Expressions Use Intermediate Values

- Project 0: statements only have one operation
- Project 1: arbitrary expressions use many
- LLVM IR (and machine code): one operation at a time
- Compiler needs to emit and store each operation



Expressions Use Intermediate Values

```
print -5 + 2 * 3;
```



```
%t1 = mul nsw i32 2, 3
%t2 = add nsw i32 -5, %t1
call void @print_integer(i32 %t2)
```



Predictive Parsing Grammar

- Remove left recursion
- Parsing begins at starting symbol
- Parser choose a production at each step
- Parser uses a token lookahead to predict

```
expression
  = term expression prime
expression prime
  = PLUS term expression prime
   epsilon
term
  = factor term prime
term prime
  = TIMES factor term prime
   epsilon
factor
  = LPAREN expression RPAREN
```

NUMBER

Recursive Descent Parsing

- Each nonterminal is a function
- Each function body contains the productions
- Use lookahead to predict production
- Parse the production by either
 - consuming a token
 - calling the next nonterminal

```
expression():
  term()
  expression prime()
expression prime():
  if (next is PLUS):
    consume PLUS
    term()
    expression prime()
  else:
    // do nothing for epsilon
factor()
  if (next is LPAREN):
    consume LPAREN
    expression()
    consume RPAREN
  elif (next is NUMBER):
    consume NUMBER
  else: error()
```



Adding Code Generation

- Get parsing working first
- Add code that
 - Collects values
 - Generate temps
 - Emits code
- Create temps for nested expressions

```
expression():
 left = term()
  result = expression prime(left)
  return result
expression prime(left):
  if (next is PLUS):
    consume PLUS
    right = term()
    result = newtemp()
    emit result " = add " left ", " right
    return expression prime(result)
  else:
    // do nothing for epsilon
    return left.
```



Demo: Parsing and Code Generation

```
print -5;
print -5 + 2;
print -5 + 2 * 3;
print (-5 + 2) * 3;
```

