

INTERMEDIATE REPRESENTATIONS

- GRAPHICAL

- LINEAR

- HYBRID

1-ADDRESS CODE

3-ADDRESS CODE

(BASIC BLOCKS)

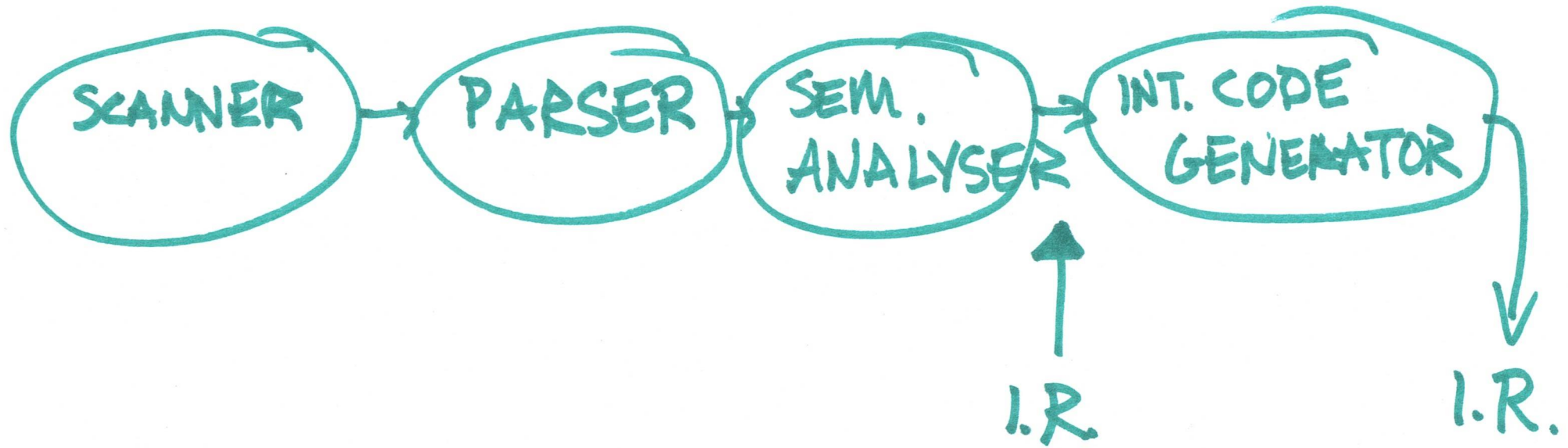
(1AC)

(3AC)

CONTROL-FLOW GRAPH (CFG)

EXPRESSION DAGS

STATIC SINGLE ASSIGNMENT FORM
(SSA)

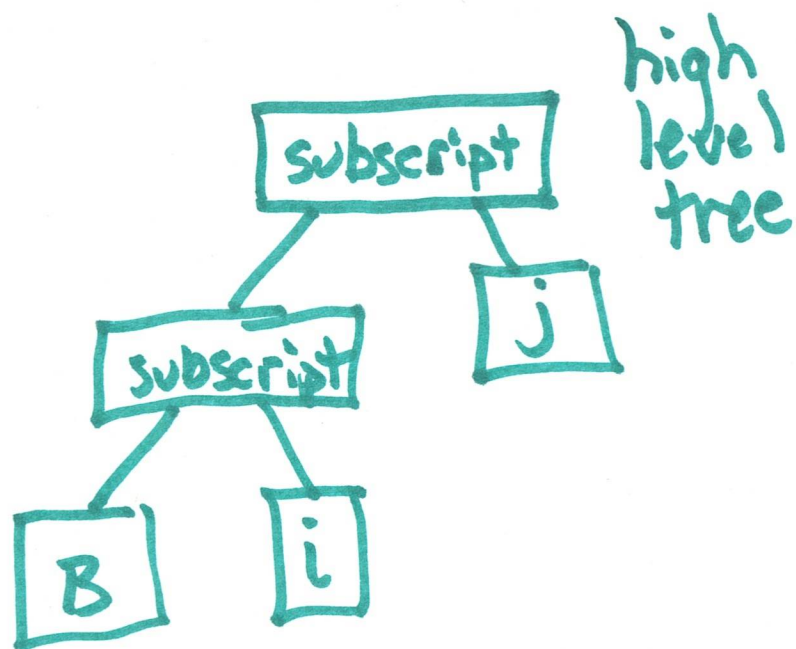


USE THE I.R. DURING SYNTHESIS
AS THE REFERENCE FORM OF THE
PROGRAM (THE SOURCE IS NOT CONSULTED)

MOST PHASES USE AN I.R. MANY COMPILERS
USE MORE THAN ONE.

ABSTRACTION LEVEL OF AN I.R. CAN BE LOW OR HIGH. (OR ANYTHING IN BETWEEN)

$B[i][j]$ with 4-byte elements & subelements, both subscripts running from 1 to 10, and we wish to represent the array reference $B[i][j]$



low-level linear

$$r_1 = \text{load } B$$

$$r_2 = i - 1$$

$$r_3 = r_2 * 4$$

$$r_4 = r_1 + r_3$$

$$r_5 = \text{load } r_4$$

$$r_6 = j - 1$$

$$r_7 = r_6 * 4$$

$$r_8 = r_5 + r_7$$

HIGH-LEVEL LINEAR

$$r_1 = B[i]$$
$$r_2 = r_1[j]$$

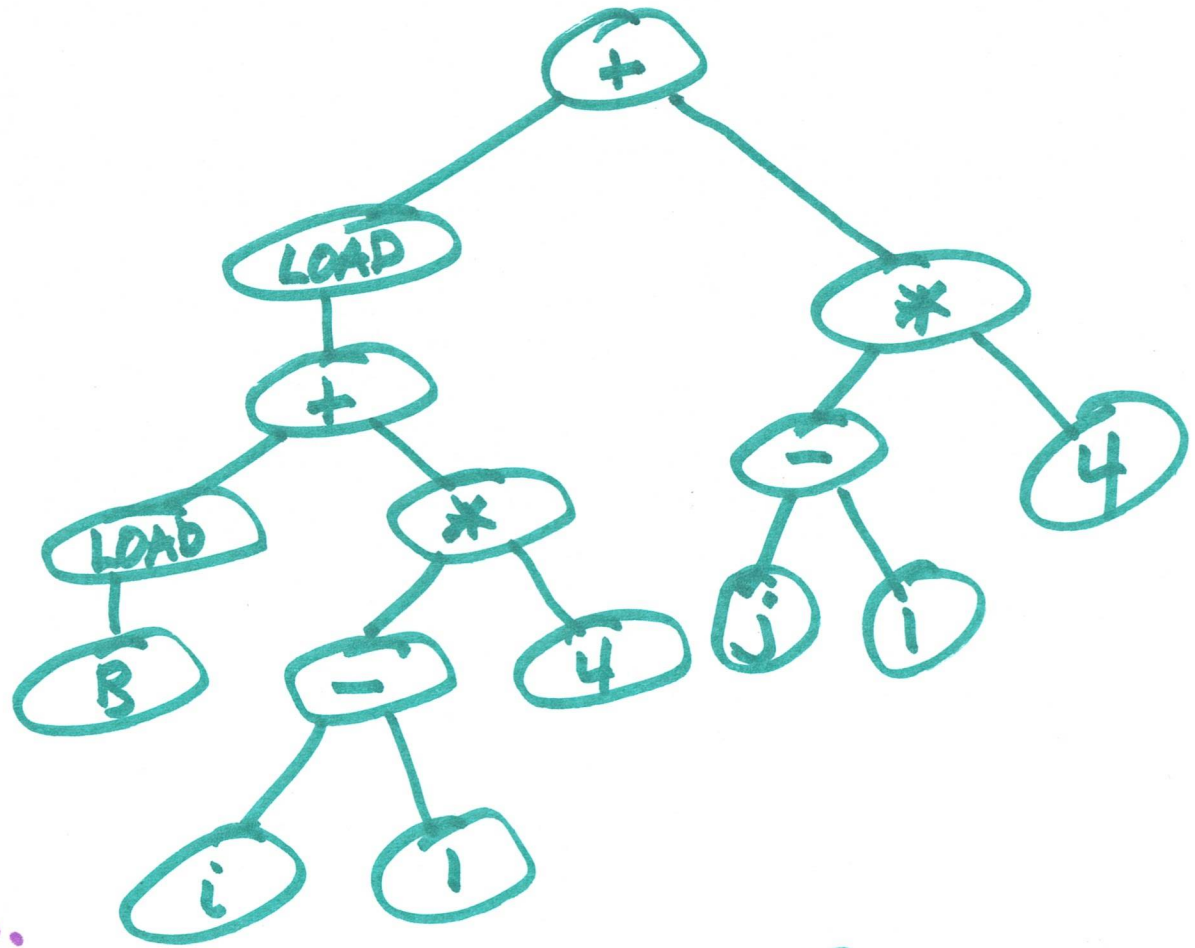
Examples:

HIGH-LEVEL

ALIAS ANALYSIS.

LOW-LEVEL

LOOP INVARIANT
EXPRESSIONS.



LOW-LEVEL TREE.

IRs: NAMING OF VALUES

$$t_1 = b$$

$$t_2 = 2 * t_1$$

$$t_3 = a$$

$$t_4 = t_3 - t_2$$

(no name re-use)

more common +
more flexible

$$t_1 = b$$

$$t_1 = 2 * t_1$$

$$t_2 = a$$

$$t_1 = t_2 - t_1$$

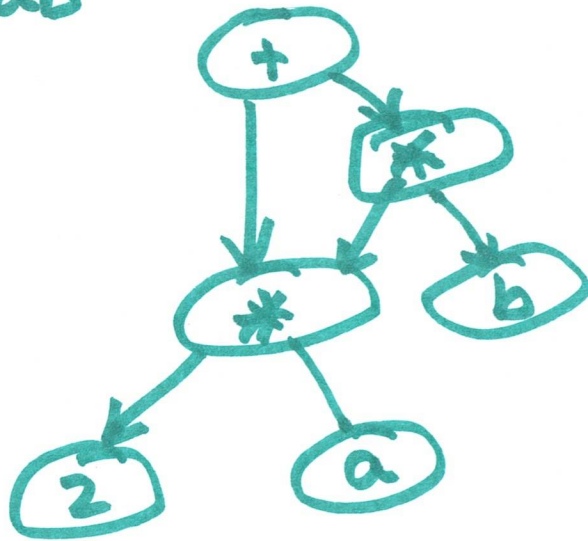
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GRAPHICAL IRs

- AST $\begin{cases} \text{high level} \\ \text{low level} \end{cases}$

- EXPRESSION DAG

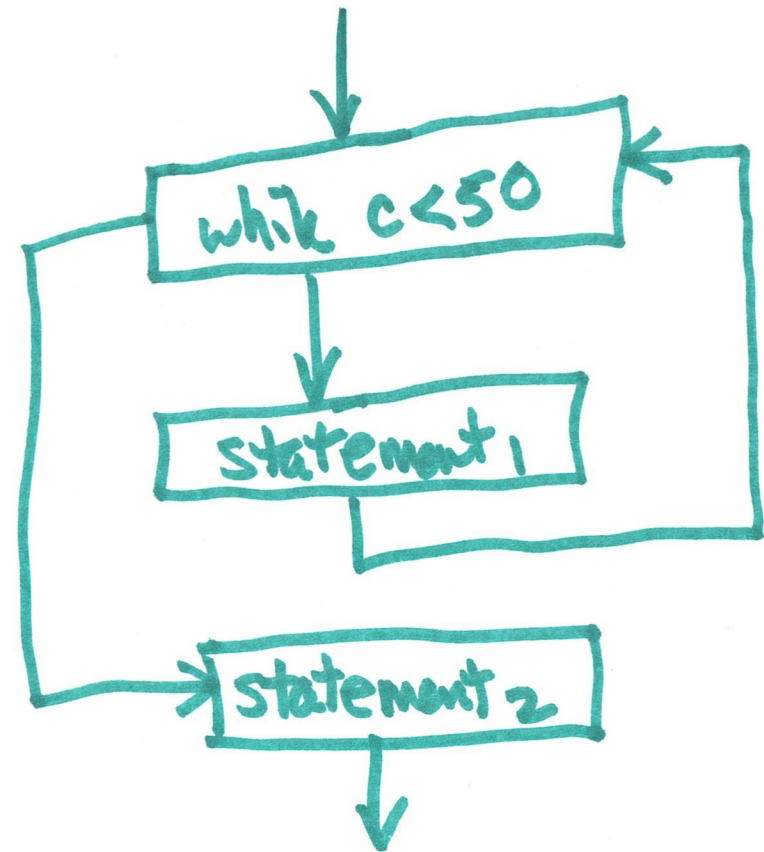
$2a + 2ab$



- CALL GRAPHS

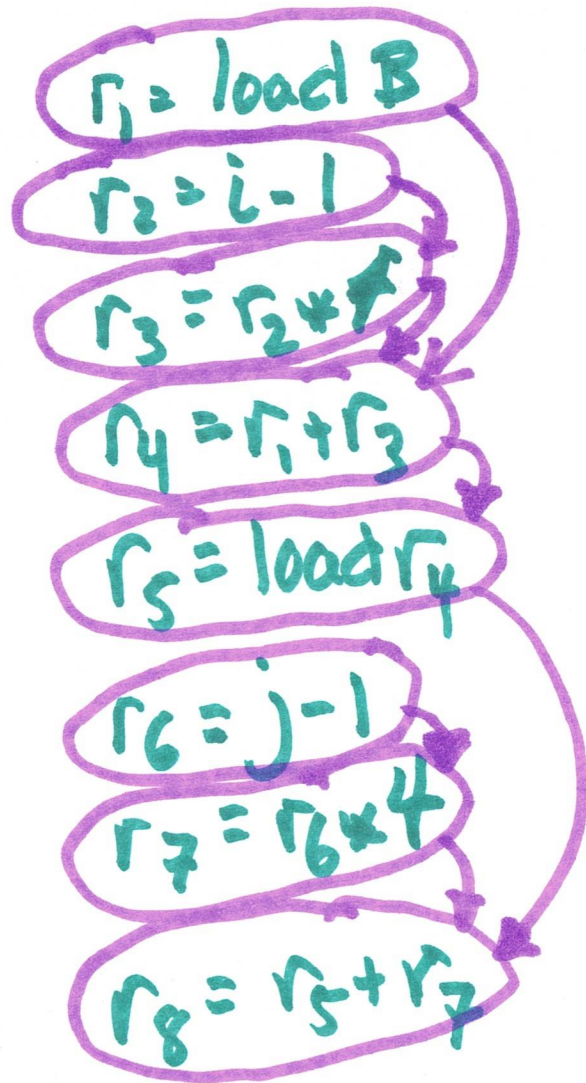
A graph of which subroutines call which other subroutines.

- CONTROL-FLOW GRAPHS



• DEPENDENCE GRAPHS

which statements depend on values of which other statements



LINEAR IRS

- mostly resemble assembly code for some abstract machine.
- control-flow modelled after real machine - jumps & branches.

(1) one-address: stack machines
Smalltalk, java, scala compiles to LAC

(2) two-address: machine with destructive operations
(two operands & overwrite one of them with the result). $t_2 = t_2 * t_1$

(3) three-address: machine has most operations with 2 operand and a separate place for the result.

$$\underline{t_3} = \underline{t_2} * \underline{t_1}$$