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Q.1)

a) Differentiate between System Software and Application Software.

## System Software

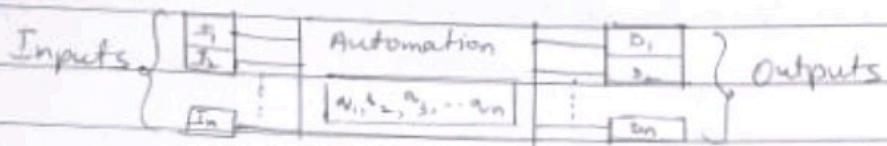
- 1) System Software is any computer program that manages and controls computer hardware so that productive tasks, such as word processing or application software can perform image manipulation a task.
- 2) The function of system software is to manage the resources of computer, automate its operation, computational task for the user, and facilitate program development. These programs are specifically designed to be generally provided by the computer manufacturers or a specialized programming firm.
- 3) System software is the operating system which handles devices etc.
- 4) System software or operating system is the software that allows the computer to boot.
- 5) Example: operating systems such as Microsoft Windows, Mac OS X or Linux, compilers, linkers, etc.

## Application Software

- 1) Application software are programs that enable the end-user to perform specific productive tasks, such as word processing or perform specific later processing or computational task for the user.
- 2) Application software are designed to perform specific later processing or computational task for the user.
- 3) Application software is third party software that sorts help from the System software.
- 4) Application Software are programs that run inside of or on top of the Operating System and allows you to do things like email or word processing.
- 5) Example: Microsoft Word, Oracle, Paint brush, Spread sheets, anti-virus.

b) e) Explain the role of finite automata in compiler theory?

A(n) automaton is a self operating machine the word is sometimes used to describe a robot, more specifically an autonomous robot. Automaton is more often used to describe non-electronic moving machines, especially those that have been made to resemble human being or animal actions.



2) Characteristics of Automata -

i) Input - At each of the discrete instants of time input values  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  are applied to the input side of the model.

ii) Output -  $O_1, O_2, \dots, O_n$  are the output of the model.

iii) States - At any time automata is anyone of the state  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3$ .

iv) Transition relation - The next state of automata is determined by present state of the automata.

v) Output relation - Output of automata is depend only on state or both, input and state.

3) Finite automata is a machine with a finite number of states in which machine can perform. There is a distinctive start state, from which the machine starts. Finite Automata is a recogniser for a language that takes as input a string  $x$  and answer 'yes' if  $x$  is a sentence of the language and 'no' otherwise. we compile a regular expression into a recogniser by constructing a generalized transition diagram called finite automata.

c) Explain the functions of a loader?

The fundamental task of a loader is to

- bring an object program into memory and
- start its execution.

An object program contains translated instructions and data from the source program. It also specifies addresses in memory where these items are to be loaded.

To execute a program a loader performs the following four functions

- Allocation: It is used to allocate space in memory for the object program. Translators cannot allocate space since overlap may occur or large wastage of memory takes place.
- Linking - It combines two or more separate object programs and resolve symbolic references between object decks. It also supplies the information needed to allow to reference between them.
- Relocation: It modifies the object program so that it can be loaded at an address different from the location originally specified and adjusts all address dependent location.
- Loading: Physically it places the machine instructions and data into the memory for the execution.

d) Compare compilers and interpreters?

#### Compiler

- It compiles the whole program at one time directly into machine code.
- Compiled program runs faster than interpreted program.
- More compact compiled application.
- Interpreted code is good for compiled applications.
- The disadvantage are that we cannot change the program going back to the original source code.
- Example of compilers: Visual Basic, C, C++, COBOL etc.

#### Interpreter

- It translates the high level language into intermediate form line-by-line.
- Interpreters are slow in comparison to compiler.
- Less compact.
- Interpreted code is good for simple applications.
- The disadvantage is that every line has to be translated every time it is executed.
- Example of interpreters are Java Script, LISP, FORTH, BASIC.

Q.2) With reference to assembly, explain the following tables with suitable example.

i) POT

POT is fixed length table i.e. the contents of these tables are not filled in or altered during the assembly process.

2. Example:-

POT (Pseudo-Op-Table) for pass 1.

Pseudo-Opcode  
(5-bytes)  
(character)

Address of routine  
to process Pseudo-Opcode  
(5-bytes = 24 bit address)

"DROPb"

P1DROP

"ENDb"

P1END

"EQUb"

P1EQU

"START"

P1START

"USING"

P1USING

These are presumably tables of routines in pass 1; the table will actually contain the physical addresses.

2) MOT

MOT (Machine Opcode Table) is a fixed length table i.e. the contents of these tables are not filled in or altered during the assembly process.

3. Example:-

MOT for pass 1 and pass 2

6-bytes per entry

Mnemonic op-code (4-bytes) (characters)	Binary op-code (1-byte) (hexadecimal)	Instruction length (2-bits)	Instruction format (3-bits)	Not used in this design

"Abbb"	5A	10	001	
"AXbb"	4A	10	001	
"A1bb"	5E	10	001	
"A1Rb"	1E	01	000	
"A2bb"	1A	01	000	
...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	
"mV(b)"	D2	11	100	

b - represents the character "blank"

### 3) ST

- ST (Symbol Table) includes four entries for each entry:
  - Name of the symbol
  - Symbols assembly time value
  - Length (in bytes) and
  - Relative location indicator (RA)
- Operands can be either immediate (typically one byte values coded in the instruction itself) or the address of the data located elsewhere.

Symbol (8-bytes) (characters)	Value (4-bytes) (hexadecimal)	Length (1-byte) (hexadecimal)	Relocation (1-byte) (character)
"JOHNbbb"	0000	01	"R"
"FOURbbb"	000C	04	"R"
"FIVEbbb"	0010	04	"R"
"TEMPbbb"	0014	04	"R"

4. LT

1. LT (Literal Table) includes for each entry
  - i) Name of literal
  - ii) Literal assembly time value
  - iii) Length (in bytes) and
  - iv) Relative location Indicator (RLA)
2. Literal is equivalent

2. Example:-

Name of Literal (1-byte)	Value of Literal (1-byte)	Length of Literal (1-byte)	Relative locator indicator (1-byte)

Q.2(b) Explain different code optimization techniques in compiler design.

Ans. Important code optimization techniques and their types are explained below as:

1. Function Preserving Transformation

It is majorly of four type of transformation. They are:

a) Compile Time Evaluation

The two possible ways are:

i) Constant Folding

Evaluation of an expression with constant operands to replace the expression with single value.

e.g. -  $\pi = 22/7$  is replaced as  $\pi = 3.142$

ii) Constant Propagation

Replace a variable with constant which has been assigned to it earlier.

Ex:-

$$\text{area} = \pi * r * r \rightarrow \text{area} = 3.142 * 1 * 1$$

b) Common Sub- Expression Elimination

The expression that has been already computed before and appears again in the code for computation is called as Common Sub- Expression Elimination.

c) Dead Code Elimination

Dead code is portion of program which will not be executed in any path of program. If an instruction's result is never used in the program, the instruction is considered to be "dead" and can be removed from the instruction stream.

d) Copy Propagation

This optimization is similar to constant propagation, but generalized to non-constant values. Copy propagation is the process of removing them and replacing the copies generated by the compiler in an intermediate form. It often levels dead-code.

In the optimized version of the code, it eliminated the unnecessary copies and propagated the original variable.

## 2. Loop Optimization

The various types are as follows:

### 1) Code Motion

In this, the code moves from one part of the program to other without modifying the algorithm. The two advantages of using it are as

1. It reduces the size of the program
2. It reduces the execution frequency of the code subjected to the movement.

### 2) Strength Reduction

Operator strength reduction replaces an operator by a "less expensive one".

Typically strength reduction occurs in address calculation of array references.

### 3) Induction variable strength Reduction

### 4) Loop Fission

Loop Fission tries to break a loop into multiple loops over the same index range but each taking only a part of the loop's body. It improves the locality of reference.

### 5) Loop Unrolling

It duplicates the body of the loop multiple times, in order to decrease the number of times the loop conditions needs to be tested.

## 3. Reducible Flow Graph

A flow graph is reducible when the edges can be partitioned into forward edges and back edges. With the help of duplication code irreducible flow graph can always be converted into reducible flow graph.

## 4. Global Optimizations

In order to perform the global optimization, the program is to be represented in the form of program flow graph. Two types are A) Control Flow analysis B) Data Flow analysis.

### A) Control Flow

It determines information concerning the structure of the program like the presence of loops, nodes visited before the execution reaches a specific node.

### B) Data Flow

It determines information regarding the data flow in a program like how data items are assigned and referenced in a program, what are the values which are available when program execution reaches a specific statement of the program.

Q3. a) Explain the different ways in code generation?

① Input data for code generator

Below mentioned are the following formats used as input for code generator

- i) True address code (quadruples, triples, indirect triples)
- ii) Virtual machine presentation (high-code, stack machine)
- iii) Linear presentation (prefix, infix, postfix)
- iv) Graphical presentation (syntax trees, DAG)
- v) parse tree, syntax directed translation

② Target Program

- Knowledge of machine architecture and instructions is an the pre-requisite for the design of good code generator.
- Proper selection of machine architecture helps in producing absolute machine language programs and - Writable machine-language program.

③ Instruction Selection

The complexity of mapping IR programs into code sequence depends on:

- Level of intermediate representation (high-level or low-level)
- Type & nature of instruction set

④ Register Allocation & Assignment

Selection of set of variables that will reside in registers at each point and choosing specific register helps in faster execution of

data.

⑤ Evaluation Order

Listing the order in which computation are performed effects the efficiency of target code.

**Q3.b** Explain working of direct linking loader with example showing entries in different database built by DLL.

→ Direct linking loader uses four types of records in the object file they are as ESD, TXT, RID, END.

① External Symbol Dictionary (ESD)

It combines information about all symbols that are mentioned in the program but that may be referenced elsewhere.

② Text record (TXT)

It contains the information about the actual object code translated version of the source program.

③ Relocation & Linkage Dictionary (RID)

RID cards are used to store those locations and addresses on which the program works are dependent.

(ii) END Record

It specifies the end of the object file's starting address for execution if the assembled routine is in the main program.

→ Example program

Line	Relocation	Label	Sample program
1	0	LC001	START
2			ENTRY LC001C, LC001A
3			EXTRN LI001C, LI001A
4	8	LC001D	
5	12	LC001E	DC B(LC001D)
6	16		DC B(LC001E + 10)
7	20		DC B(LC001E - 10)
8	24		DC B(LC001E)
9	28		DC B(LC001E + 5)
10	32		DC B(LC001E + 30)
11			END
12	0	LI001F	JSTART
13			ENTRY LI001F
14			EXTRN LC001D, LC001E
15	4	LI001G	
16	14	DC	A(LI001F)
17	8	DC	A(LC001E + 11)
18	22	DC	A(LI001F - 11)
19	END		

\* SAMPLE PROGRAM FOR LC001 & LI001

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→ 9 columns required for DRU

① Pass 1

- Object files
- Initial Program Load Address (IPLA)
- Program Load Address (PLA)
- GEAT
- Output is used as input in pass 2
- Load map for external symbols

② Pass 2

- Output of pass 1 as input
- PLA from pass 1
- Program load address words
- GEAT
- TSD & RSD cards relation given by local external symbol array

### EJD Records

Item Card	Variable Name	EJD	Relative Address	Length
		Type ID		
1	WELL	SD 01	0	30 (0-31)
2	LISTART1	LD 02	08	
2	LISTART1	LD 02	12	
3	LISTART1	ER 03	-	
3	LISTART1	ER 03	-	

\* Object code program for Loop 1

where

SD - Segment Definition (01)

LD - Local Definition (02)

ER - External Reference (03)

### TXT Records

Item Card Reference	Relative Address	Content	What results in
1	14-19	08	
7	20-23	32	$12+10=22$
8	24-27	0L	$12-53-02=01$
9	28-31	0	New known value
10	32-35	75	(S) LISTART1, LISTART1 NM KNOWN TO ALSO

		R LD	Words		
Variable Name	Some Code Reference	EDD ID	(length (by n))	Address	Register
L0UTPUT	6	02	1	+	16
L0START1	7	02	4	+	20
L103PART0	9	02	4	+	24
L103PART1	10	02	4	+	28
L103PART2	11	02	4	+	32

### Global External Symbol Table (Gest)

It is used to store the external symbols  
so that corresponding core addresses in tables  
which are defined by 15 or 16 entry on a  
EDD word.

← 12 bytes per entry →	
External symbol	A signed 16 address
"L00P1 bb"	100
"L0 START0 bb"	120
"L0START1 bb"	130
"L103START1 bb"	150
"L103START0 bb"	180

### Local External Symbol Table (LESAT)

Assigned core address of core  
symbol

Induced	1	100
by	2	120
workfun	3	130
	4	-

Q 4

a) construct predictive parsing table for following grammar

$$E \rightarrow +TE'$$

$$E' \rightarrow +TE' / \epsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow FT'$$

$$T' \rightarrow ^*FT' / \epsilon$$

$$F \rightarrow (E) / id$$

Production	First	Follow
$E \rightarrow TE'$	{(, id}	{), \$}
$E' \rightarrow +TE'/\epsilon$	{+, E}	{), \$}
$T \rightarrow FT'$	{(, id}	{+, ), \$}
$T' \rightarrow ^*FT'/\epsilon$	{^*, E}	{+, ), \$}
$F \rightarrow (E) / id$	{(, id}	{^*, +, ), \$}

$$\text{First}(E) = \text{First}(T) - ①$$

$$\text{First}(T) = \text{First}(F) - ②$$

$$\text{First}(F) = \{(, id\} - ③$$

from ①, ② & ③

$$\text{First}(E) = \{(, id\}$$

$$\text{First}(T) = \{(, id\}$$

$$\text{first}(E') = \{+, E\}$$

$$\text{First}(T') = \{^*, E\}$$

$$\text{Follow}(E) = \{), \$\}$$

$$\text{Follow}(E') = \text{Follow}(E) = \{), \$\}$$

$$\text{Follow}(T') = \{$$

b) Explain different error recovery techniques?

The program errors are detected and reported by parser. The parser handles few errors encountered and the rest of the input is passed. The errors may be encountered at various stages of the compilation process. At various stages, the following kinds of errors occur.

- a) lexical - name of some identifier typed incorrectly
- b) syntactical - missing semicolon or unbalanced parenthesis
- c) semantical - Incompatible value assignment.
- d) logical - code not reachable, infinite loop

In order to deal with the errors in the code, the following are the four common error recovery strategies.

#### Name Mode

When an error is encountered anywhere in the statement, the rest of the statement is ignored by not processing the input from the erroneous input to delimiter such as semi-colon. This mode prevents the parser from developing infinite loops and is considered as the easiest way for recovery of the errors.

#### Statement mode

When an error is encountered by the parser corrective measure are taken which facilitate the parser to parse the rest of the inputs of the statements. For example, inserting a missing semicolon replace comma with a semicolon etc. More attention is required as one wrong correction may lead to infinite loop.

$$\text{follow}(E) = \{ , \$ \}$$

$$\text{follow}(E') = \text{follow}(E) \quad \boxed{\text{From production } E \rightarrow T E'}$$

$$\therefore \text{follow}(E') = \{ , \$ \}$$

$$\text{follow}(T) = \text{First of } E' \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{l} \text{from production } E' \rightarrow S T E' T G \\ E' \rightarrow T E' \end{array}}$$

$$\therefore \text{follow}(T) = \{ +, , \}, \$ \}$$

$$\text{follow}(T') = \text{follow}(T) \quad \boxed{\text{from productions } \begin{array}{l} T \rightarrow F T' \\ T \rightarrow * F T' / e \end{array}}$$

$$\text{follow}(T') = \{ +, , \}, \$ \}$$

$$\text{follow}_{\text{of}}(F) = \text{First}(T') \quad \boxed{\text{from productions } \begin{array}{l} T \rightarrow F T' \\ T' \rightarrow * F T' / e \end{array}}$$

$$\text{follow}_{\text{of}}(F) = \{ *, +, , \}, \$ \}$$

Parsing Table:

	$\text{id}$	$+$	$*$	$($	$)$	$\$$	
$E$	$E \rightarrow T E'$			$E \rightarrow T E'$			
$E'$		$E' \rightarrow + T E'$			$E' \rightarrow e$	$E' \rightarrow e$	
$T$	$T \rightarrow F T'$			$T \rightarrow F T'$			
$T'$		$T \rightarrow e$	$T \rightarrow * F T'$		$T' \rightarrow e$	$T' \rightarrow e$	
$F$	$F \rightarrow \text{id}$	$F \rightarrow \text{id}$		$F \rightarrow (e)$			

#### (e) i) Error production

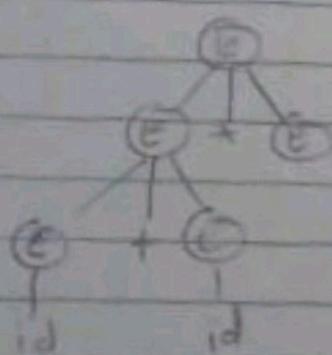
The computer designer sometimes knew that certain errors may occur in the code. In such instances, augmented grammar is created by the designer as productions which generate constructs during the time of occurrence of errors.

#### (e) ii) Global correction

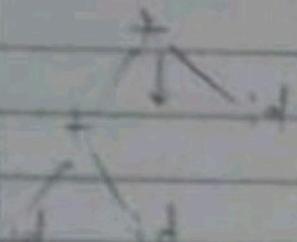
The program in hand is considered as a whole and the intended program is figured out and the closest match for the same is matched, which is error-free. When a erroneous input  $X$  is fed, it creates a parse tree for some closest error-free Statement  $Y$ . This enables the parser to make minimal changes to the source code.

#### (f) Abstract Syntax Tree

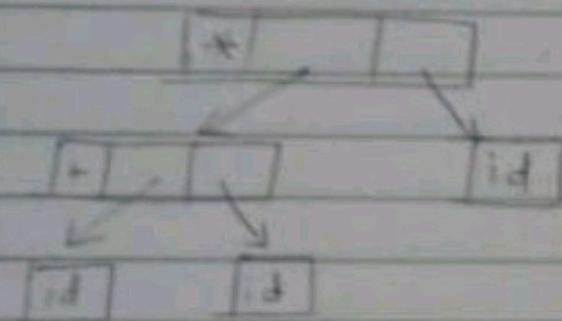
The representation of the parse tree is not easily parsed by the compiler as they contain more details. For instance, the following parse tree is considered as an example.



It is observed that the parent nodes have a child node  $\text{id}$ . Feeding it to the next phase, this information can be eliminated. The lifting of extra information results in a tree as shown below.



An abstract tree can be represented as



The important data structures in a compiler with minimum memory  
important information are ASTs. ASTs are easily used by the  
compiler as they are more compact than a parse tree.

(Q5a) Explain the different storage allocation strategies in detail.

### Runtime Storage Allocation Strategies

Static Allocation

Dynamic Allocation

Stack Allocation

Heap Allocation

- **Storage Allocation:**

Runtime environment manages runtime memory requirements for the following entities:

- **Code:** It is known as the text part of a program that does not change at runtime. Its memory requirements are known at the compile time.
- **Procedures:** Their text part is static but they are called in a <sup>random</sup> manner. That is why, stack storage is used to manage procedure calls and activations.
- **Variables:** Variables are known at the runtime only, unless they are global or constants. Heap memory allocation scheme is used for managing allocation and de-allocation of memory for variables in runtime.

- **Static Allocation:**

In this allocation scheme, the combination data is bound to a fixed location in the memory and it does not change when the program executes. As the memory requirement and storage locations are known in advance, native support package for memory allocation and de-location is not required.

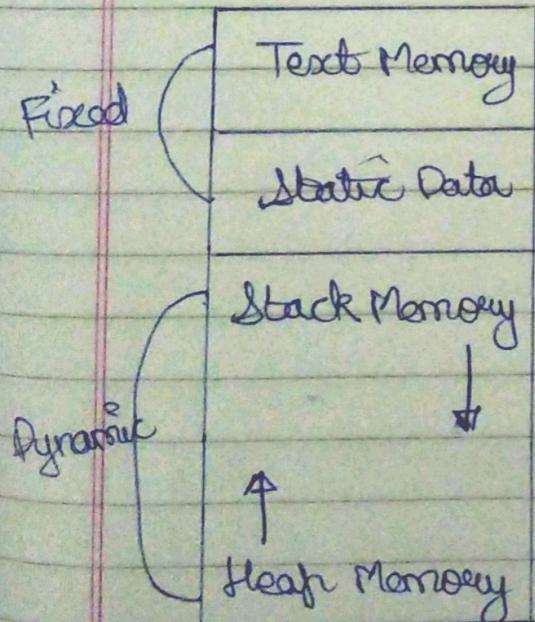
- **Stack Allocation:**

Procedure calls and their activations are managed by means of stack memory allocation. It works in last-in-first-out (LIFO) method and this allocation strategy is very useful for recursive procedure calls.

- **Heap Allocation:**

Variables local to a procedure are allocated and de-allocated only at runtime. Heap allocation is used to dynamically allocate memory to the variables and claim it back when the variables are no more required.

Except statically allocated memory area, both stack and heap grow and shrink dynamically and unexpectedly. Therefore, they cannot be provided with a fixed amount of memory in the system.



The text part of the code is allocated a fixed amount of memory. Stack and heap memory are arranged at the extremes of total memory allocated to the program. Both shrink and grow against each other.

Q.5(b) Differentiate Top-down and Bottom-up parsing techniques. Explain shift reduce parser in detail



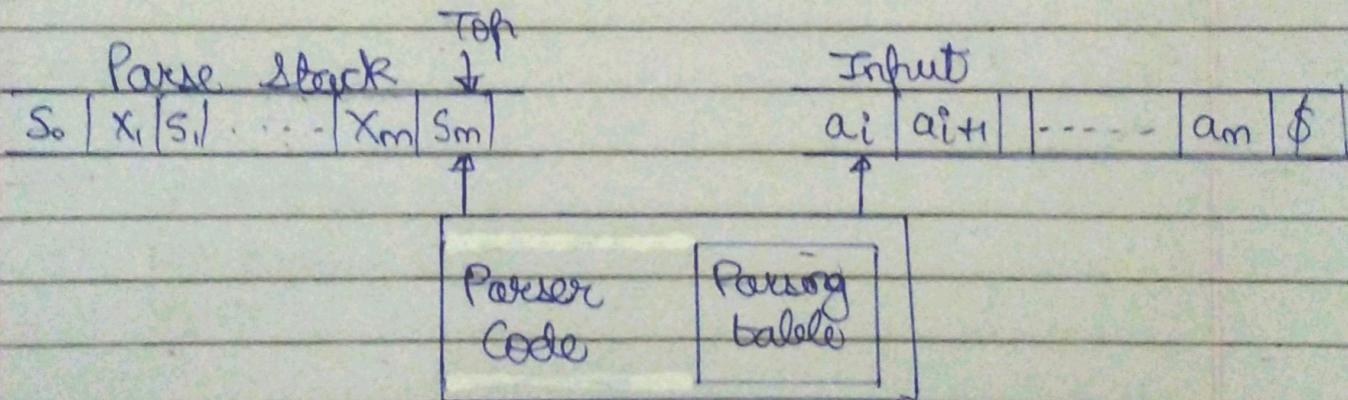
### Top-Down Parsing

### Bottom-Up Parsing

- i) It is a parsing strategy that first looks at the highest level of the parse tree and works down the parse tree by using the rules of grammar.
  - ii) Top-down parsing attempts to find the most derivations of an input string.
  - iii) In this parsing technique we start parsing from top (start symbol of parse tree) to down (the leaf node of parse tree) in top-down manner.
  - iv) This parsing technique uses Left Most Derivation.
  - v) Its main decision is to select what production rule to use in order to construct the string.
- It is a parsing strategy that first looks at the lowest level of the parse tree and works up the parse tree by using the rules of grammar.
- Bottom-up parsing can be defined as an attempt to reduce the input string to start symbol of a grammar.
- In this parsing technique, we start parsing from bottom (leaf node of parse tree) to up (the start symbol of parse tree) in bottom-up manner.
- This parsing technique uses Right Most Derivation.
- The main decision is to select where to use a production rule to reduce the string to get the starting symbol.

## • Shift-Reduce Parser:

- i) Shift-reduce parsers use the principle of bottom-up parsing.
- ii) Shift-reduce parsers shift input symbols until a handle is found. Then, reduce the substring to the non-terminal on the left hand side of the corresponding production.
- iii) The various data structures required for a shift-reduce parser are as follows:
  - (a) A stack to hold grammar symbols and to detect handles
  - (b) An input buffer to hold the input string to be parsed.
  - (c) A data structure for storing and accessing the left hand side and right hand side of the production rules.



The shift-reduce parser performs the following four actions:

- (i) Shift - next input symbol is shifted onto the stack
- (ii) Reduce - if handle is at top of the stack
- (iii) Accept - stop parsing and report success
- (iv) Error - call error reporting/recovery routine.

Algorithm:

It uses a stack and an input buffer.

1. Initialize stack with \$
2. Repeat until the top of the stack is the goal symbol and the input token is eof

(a) find the handle

If we don't have a handle on top of the stack, shift an input symbol onto the stack.

(b) pursue the handle.

If we have a handle ( $A ::= \beta, k$ ) on top of the stack, reduce

(i) pop  $|\beta|$  symbols off the stack

(ii) push  $A$  onto the stack.

Q6. a) Explain different phases of compiler. Illustrate all these phases for the following

$$a = b + c * 5$$

### (1) Lexical Analysis

- It is also known as lexical analysis or scanning & works as interface between user program & syntax analyzer.
- It determines the lexical constituents in a non-string by reading the stream of characters from left to right and grouping them as tokens.

### (2) Syntax Analysis

- It is also known as grammatical or parsing analysis. It is a process of analyzing a sequence of tokens in order to determine its grammatical structure with respect to a given formal grammar.
- The output of syntax analysis is AST, a tree with a finite, labelled, where internal nodes are labelled by operators & leaf represent symbols.
- This can be done using
  - Top down parsing
  - Bottom up parsing

### (3) Semantics Analysis

- It is used to determine the meaning of the whole code. It determines the meaning of the whole string and ensures that the components of -

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- program fit together meaningfully
  - It performs type checking and object binding.

### ⑤ Intermediate code generation

- It should have two properties. It should be easy-to translate into the target program.
- The intermediate code is represented in a form called "three address code".
- Each TAC can be defined as a quad or double or triple

### ⑥ Code optimization

- It tries to improve the intermediate code to achieve faster running machine code
- Code optimizer uses various techniques as common in them an innovation, avoid redundancy. less code, straight line code, avoid many access & loop optimizer

### ⑦ Code Generation

- Code generation is the process in which a code generator converts some internal representation of some code into machine code that can be readily executed by a machine
- The output of a code generator will be a machine code, amenable code & code for an abstract machine

$a = b + c * d$

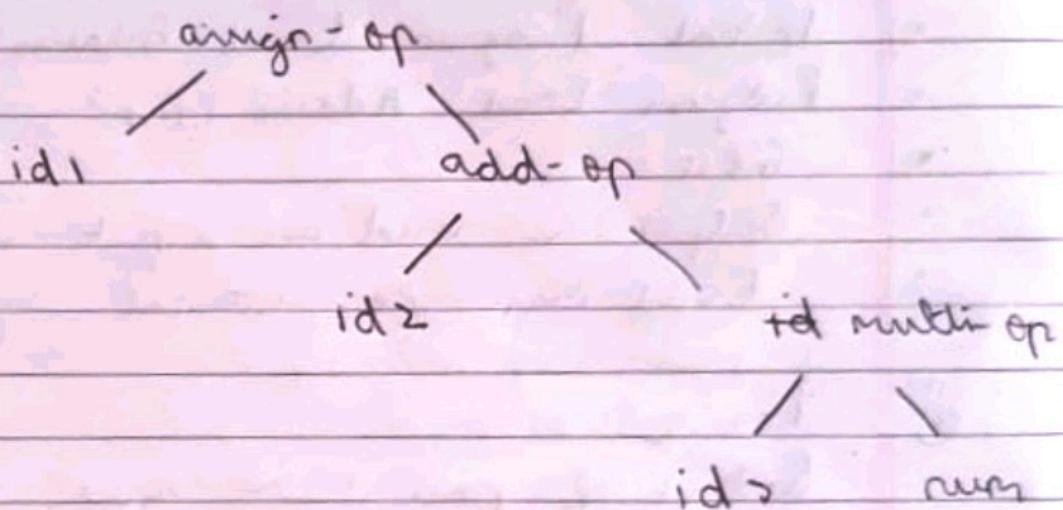


LEXICAL ANALYSIS

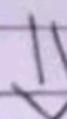
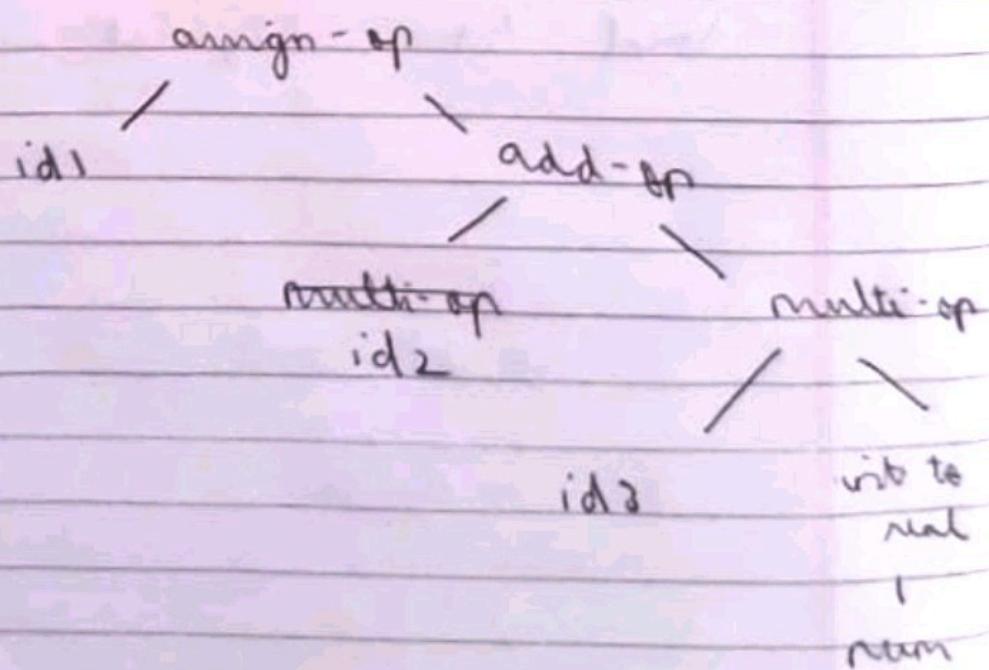
id1 assign-op id2 add-op id3 multi-op num



SYNTAX ANALYSIS



SEMANTIC ANALYSIS



INTERMEDIATE CODE  
GENERATION

temp1 = int to real (num)

temp2 = id3 \* temp1

temp3 = temp2 + id2

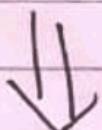
id1 = temp3



CODE OPTIMISATION

t1 = id3 \* rnum

id1 = t1 + id2



CODE GENERATION

movf id3, r2

mulf rnum, r2

movf id2, r1

addf r2, r1

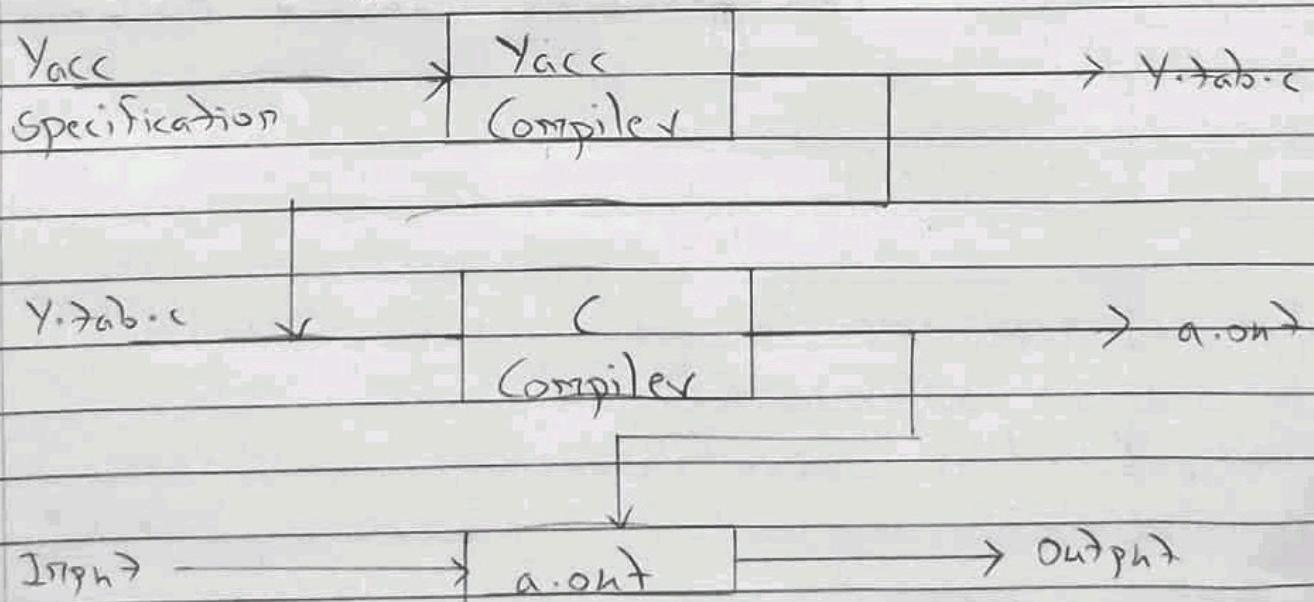
movf r1, id1

f - floating point arithmetic

r1, r2 two registers to store values.

## Q.6b) YACC

1. YACC is officially known as a "parser". Its job is to analyse the structure of the input stream, and operate on the "big picture".
2. In the course of its normal work, the parser also verifies that the input is syntactically sound.
3. Consider again the example of a C-Compiler. In the C-language, a word can be a function name or a variable, depending on whether it is followed by a ( or a =. There should be exactly one ) for each { in the program.
4. YACC stands for "Yet another Compiler Compiler". This is because this kind of analysis of text files is normally associated with writing compilers.



### Working

1. It is designed for use with C code and generates a parser written in C.
2. The parser is configured for use in conjunction with lex generated scanner and relies on

standard strand features and calls the function `yyflex` as a scanner constructor.

3. You provide a grammar specification file and then invoke `yacc` on it which creates `y.tab.h` and `y.tab.c` files containing a thousand or so lines of intense C code that implements an efficient LR(1) parser for your grammar, including code for actions you specified.
4. File provides an extant function `yyparse(y)` that will attempt to successfully parse a valid sentence.
5. Compile that C file normally, link with the rest of your code. By default, the parser reads from `stdin` and writes to `stdout` just like a lex-generated scanner does.

Ques]

b) i) Parameterized Macros:

- ii) A parameterized macro is a macro that is able to insert given objects into its expression.
- iii) This gives the macro some of the power of a function.
- iv) Parameterized macros are useful mechanism for performing in-line expansion.
- v) There are generally three ways of specifying arguments to a macro call,

(a) Positional arguments:

Arguments are matched with the dummy arguments according to the order in which they appear.

(b) Keyword arguments:

Dummy variables can also be referenced using name. This is useful when a macro has arguments that are not always used.

(c) Default arguments:

It is an argument that a programmer is not required to specify.