# CS 420 - Compilers

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Chapter 1 touches on all the material.

• Chapter 2 constructs (the front end of) a simple compiler.

• Chapters 3-8 fill in the (considerable) gaps, as well as the presenting the beginnings of the compiler back end

- Syntax-Directed Definitions (SDDs)
  - In our previous example, we give the **syntax directed definition** as follows:
  - '||' means concatenate

| Production  | Semantic Rule   |
|---|---|
| $expr \rightarrow expr_1 + term$                                  | $expr.t := expr_1.t \parallel term.t \parallel '+'$     |
| $\mathtt{expr} \longrightarrow \mathtt{expr}_1$ - $\mathtt{term}$ | $expr.t := expr_1.t \parallel term.t \parallel '-'$     |
| expr → term   | expr.t := term.t  |
| term $ ightarrow$ term $_1$ * factor                              | $term.t := term_1.t \parallel factor.t \parallel^{two}$ |
| term $ ightarrow$ term $_1$ / factor                              | $term.t := term_1.t \parallel factor.t \parallel V$     |
| term → factor   | term.t := factor.t                                      |
| factor $ ightarrow$ digit   | factor.t := digit.t                                     |
| factor $\rightarrow$ ( expr )                                     | factor.t := expr.t                                      |
| $\operatorname{digit} \to 0$                                      | digit.t := '0'  |
| digit → 1   | digit.t := '1'  |
| digit → 2   | digit.t := '2'  |
| digit → 3   | digit.t := '3'  |
| digit → 4   | digit.t := '4'  |
| digit → 5   | digit.t := '5'  |
| digit → 6   | digit.t := '6'  |
| digit → 7   | digit.t := '7'  |
| digit → 8   | digit.t := '8'  |
| digit → 9   | digit.t := '9'  |

SDD for Infix to Posfix Translator

- Simple Syntax-Directed Definitions
  - Simple? Why it is called simple?
    - In the production (LHS) or in the semantic rule(RHS), if the left hand side (LHS) of the production is just the concatenation of the annotations for the non-terminals on the RHS in the same order as the non-terminals appear in the production, we call it simple
  - See the table of 1st one row
    - expr, expr1 and term, no matter it is in LHS RHS. If they are showing up in the same order (no need to care about the '+' ← terminal), it is called simple.

(depth-first) Tree Traversals (left to right)

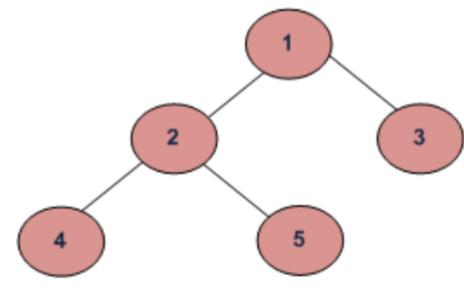
• The internal nodes (non-terminals, non-leaf) can be visited in on of the

following approach

• Before visiting any of its children.

Pre-order, roots gets highest priority

- Between visiting its children.
  - Left kid → root → right kid
- After visiting all of its children.
  - Post-order, roots gets lowest priority



#### Depth First Traversals:

(a) Inorder (Left, Root, Right): 42513

(b) Preorder (Root, Left, Right):12453

(c) Postorder (Left, Right, Root):45231

Breadth-First or Level Order Traversal: 1 2 3 4 5

- (depth-first) Tree Traversals (left to right) (Cont.)
  - I don't like the pseudocode in book in the chapter 2.3.4
  - Very ambiguous, just 3 lines of code which confuses us a lot
  - I like this one more!

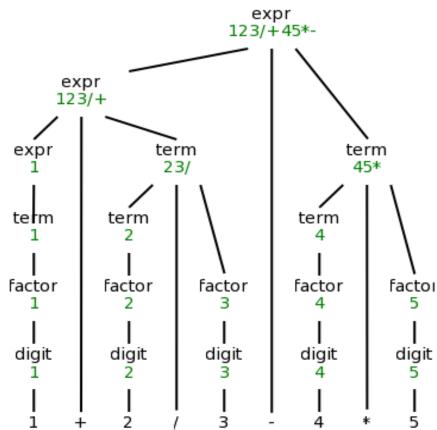
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traverse (n : treeNode)
                                    -- visit leaves once; base of recursion
    if leaf(n)
       visit(n)
    else
                                    -- interior node, at least 1 child
       -- visit(n)
                                    -- visit node PRE visiting any children
                                    -- recursive call
      traverse(first child)
       while (more children remain) -- excluding first child
                                    -- visit node IN-between visiting children
           -- visit(n)
           traverse (next child)
                                    -- recursive call
       -- visit(n)
                                    -- visit node POST visiting all children
```

- (depth-first) Tree Traversals (left to right) (Cont.)
  - Note the following properties
    - Comments are introduced by -- and terminate at the end of the line
    - If you uncomment just the first (interior node) visit, you get a *preorder traversal*, in which each node is visited before (i.e., pre) visiting any of its children.
    - If you uncomment only the middle visit, you get an *inorder traversal*, in which the node is visited (in-) between visiting its children.
    - If you uncomment just the last visit, you get a *postorder traversal*, in which each node is visited after (i.e., post) visiting all of its children.
    - Inorder traversals are normally good for binary trees (exactly two children)
    - If you uncomment all of the three visits, you get an *Euler-tour traversal*.
      - An Eulerian tour on a directed graph is one that traverses each edge once.
      - If we view the tree on the right as undirected and replace each edge with two arcs each direction, we see that the pink curve is indeed an Eulerian tour.

- (depth-first) Tree Traversals (left to right) (Cont.)
  - At this point in the course, we are considering only synthesized attributes, a
    postorder traversal will always yield a correct evaluation order for the
    attributes.
  - This is so since synthesized attributes depend only on attributes of child nodes and a postorder traversal visits a node only after all the children have been visited (and hence all the child node attributes have been evaluated).

#### Translation schemes

- The bottom-up annotation scheme just described generates the final result as the annotation of the root. (remember this?)
- In our infix to postfix example, we get the result desired by printing the root annotation.
- There is another technique, that produces its results incrementally.
- There is a thing called "semantic actions"
- When it is drawn in diagrams
   (e.g., see the diagram below),
   the semantic action is connected to its node,
   with a distinctive, often dotted, line.



#### Translation schemes (Cont.)

- **Definition**: A *syntax-directed translation scheme* is a context-free grammar with embedded semantic actions.
- An example, in the infix to postfix translation translator, the parent either
  - takes the attribute of its only child, or
  - concatenates the attributes, left to right of its several children, and adds something at the end.
- In practice, it is redundant to give both semantic actions and semantic rules. In this course we will emphasize semantic rules, i.e. syntax directed definitions (SDDs).
- I show both the rules and the actions in a table just so that we can see the correspondence.

#### Translation schemes (Cont.)

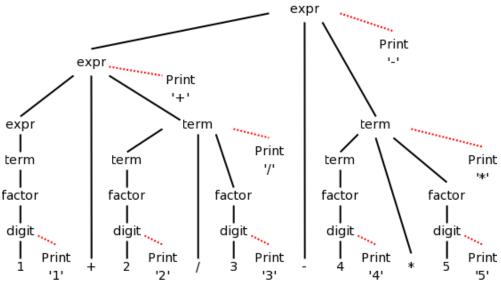
- **Goal:** infix to postfix translation
- The diagram for input string 1+2/3-4\*5 with attached semantic actions is shown on the below.

| Production with Semantic Action |                 | Semantic Rule                        |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| expr → expr1 + term             | { print('+') }  | expr.t := expr1.t    term.t    '+'   |
| expr → expr1 - term             | { print('-') }  | expr.t := expr1.t    term.t    '-'   |
| term → term1 / factor           | { print('/') }  | term.t := term1.t    factor.t    '/' |
| term → factor                   | { null }        | term.t := factor.t                   |
| digit → 3                       | { print ('3') } | digit.t := '3'                       |

Semantic Actions and Rules for an Infix to Postfix Translator

- We just do a (left-to-right) depth first traversal of the corresponding diagram and perform the semantic actions as they occur.
- When these actions are print statements as above, we are said to be emitting the translation.

- Translation schemes (Cont.)
  - Since the actions are all leaves of the tree, they occur in the same order for any depth-first (left-to-right) traversal
  - Do on the board a depth first traversal of the diagram, performing the semantic actions as they occur, and confirm that the translation emitted is in fact 123/+45\*-, the postfix version of 1+2/3-4\*5
  - The way to traverse: left to right, all leaves!
     (produced by red-dotted line)

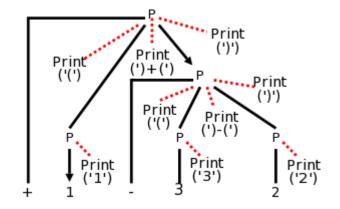


- Translation schemes (Cont.)
  - Goal: prefix to infix translation
  - In our previous example, we haven't talk about '(' and ')'
    - Precedence
    - In this example, we want to demonstrate this capability
    - Think about this grammar, which generates the simple language of prefix expressions consisting of addition and subtraction of digits between 1 and 3 without parentheses
    - P → + P P | P P | 1 | 2 | 3
    - Input string: +1-32
    - $P \rightarrow +PP \rightarrow +P-PP \rightarrow +P-32 \rightarrow +1-32$
    - We can do something in the translation table to add the function to support '(' and ')'

- Translation schemes (Cont.)
  - Here is the table (we are now working on the "action")
  - And here is the tree by applying the red-dotted actions

| See if you can get th | e   |
|-----------------------|-----|
| answer (1)+((3)-(2))  | ??? |

| Production with Semantic Action   | Semantic Rule  |
|---|--|
| $P \rightarrow + \{ print('(')) \} P_1 \{ print(')+(') \} P_2 \{ print(')') \}$ | $P.t := '(' \parallel P_1.t \parallel ')+(' \parallel P.t \parallel ')'$ |
| $P \rightarrow - \{ print('(')) \} P_1 \{ print(')-(') \} P_2 \{ print(')') \}$ | $P.t := '(' \parallel P_1.t \parallel ')-(' \parallel P.t \parallel ')'$ |
| P → 1 { print('1') }  | P.t := '1'   |
| $P \rightarrow 2 \{ print('2') \}$  | P.t := '2'   |
| $P \rightarrow 3 \{ print('3') \}$  | P.t := '3'   |



Prefix to infix translator

The way to traverse is the same! Depth-first, left to right, all leaves!

- In this section we assume that the lexical analyzer has already scanned the source input and converted it into a sequence of tokens.
- **Objective**: Given a string of tokens and a grammar, produce a parse tree yielding that string (or at least determine if such a tree exists).
- We will learn both top-down (begin with the start symbol, i.e. the root of the tree) and bottom up (begin with the leaves) technique
- In this chapter we just quickly go through bottom-up quickly.
- And little bit more in doing top-down, which is easier. In Ch.4 we will cover both (in detail).

- Bottom-up parsing
  - Input string: a + b \* c (forget about the precedence)
  - The goal is try to reduce (not derive) the input string to the root
  - Production rules:

```
S \rightarrow E
E \rightarrow E + T
E \rightarrow E * T
E \rightarrow T
T \rightarrow id
```

- Read the input and check if any production matches with the input:
  - It can be reduced into S!
  - Try to build up your (bottom-up) parse tree!

```
a + b * c
T + b * c
E + b * c
E + T * c
E * T
E
```

- Top-down parsing
  - Put the root on top is your first step!
  - Top (root) to down (leaves)
  - Given the following Pascal-like simple language, a high level idea, not the real Pascal (way more complicated)
    - 2 non-terminals
      - type: start symbol
      - simple: means the "simple type"
    - 8 terminals
      - Tokens already produced by the lexer

- 1. integer and char
- 2. **id** for identifier
- 3. **array** and **of** used in array declarations
- 4. ↑ meaning pointer to
- 5. **num** for a (positive whole) number
- 6. **dotdot** for .. (used to give a range like 6..9)

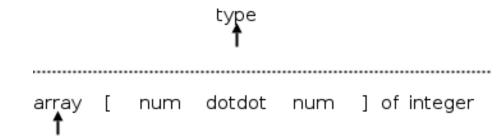
Top-down parsing (Cont.)

The productions are

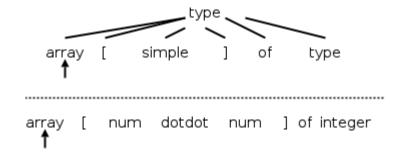
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type → simple
type → ↑ id

type → array [ simple ] of type
simple → integer
simple → char
simple → num dotdot num
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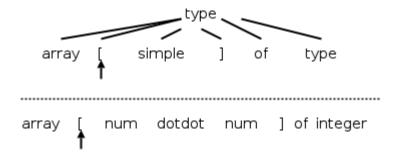
- Here is a movie showing you,
   the whole process in building the whole tree
   (Up: Tree to be built, Down: input string)
- Step1



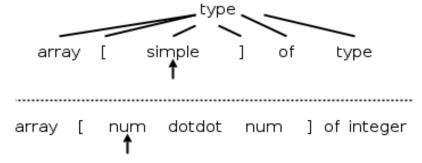
- Top-down parsing (Cont.)
  - Step2



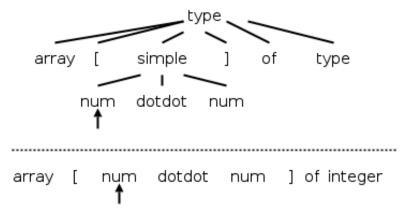
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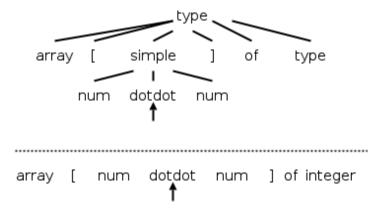
- Top-down parsing (Cont.)
  - Step4



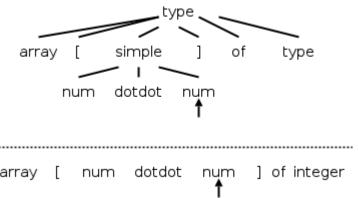
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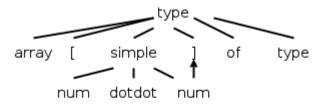
- Top-down parsing (Cont.)
  - Step6



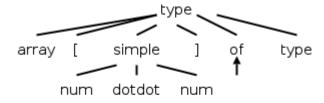
• Step7



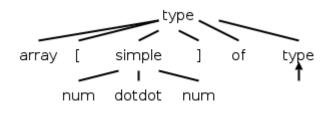
- Top-down parsing (Cont.)
  - Step8~10



array [ num dotdot num ] of integer

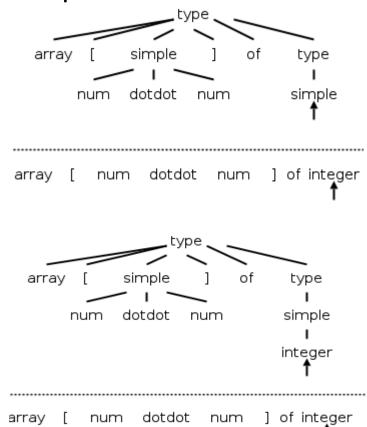


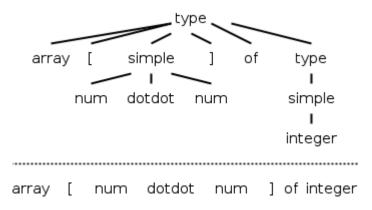
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- Top-down parsing (Cont.)
  - Step11~13





- Predictive Parsing
  - TBD, in Part3