

# Intermediate Code Generation

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## \* What is an Intermediate code?

- The task of compiler is to convert the source program into machine program. This activity can be done directly, but it is not always possible to generate such a machine code directly in one pass. Then, typically compilers generate an easy to represent form of source language which is called intermediate language.
- The generation of an intermediate language leads to efficient code generation.

## \* Benefits of intermediate Code Generation -

There are certain benefits of generating machine independent intermediate code.

- 1) A compiler for different machines can be created by attaching different backend to the existing front ends of each machine.
- 2) A compiler for different source languages (on the same machine) can be created by proving different front ends for corresponding source languages to existing back end.
- 3) A machine independent code optimizer can be applied to intermediate code in order to optimize the code generation.

The role of intermediate code generator in compiler is depicted by

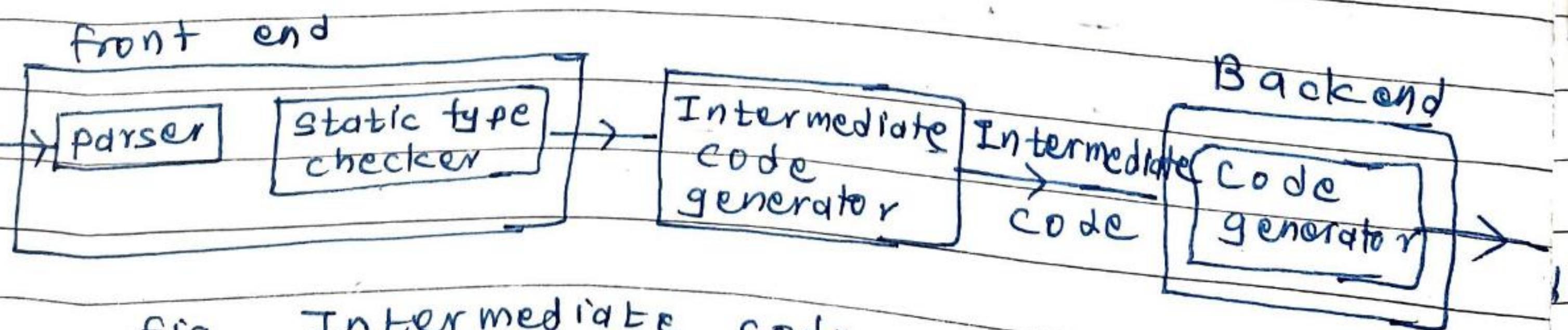


Fig. Intermediate code generator in compiler.

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## Intermediate Languages -

- There are mainly three types of intermediate code representations. These three representations are used to represent the intermediate languages.

i) Syntax tree

ii) Posix

iii) Three address code.

### 2) Syntax tree -

With the help of syntax tree & DAG the code being generated as intermediate should be such that the remaining processing of the subsequent phases should be easy.

ex. The Syntax tree & DAG for  $\underline{-a*b} + \underline{-a*b}$   
Postfix is  $a - b * a - b * +$

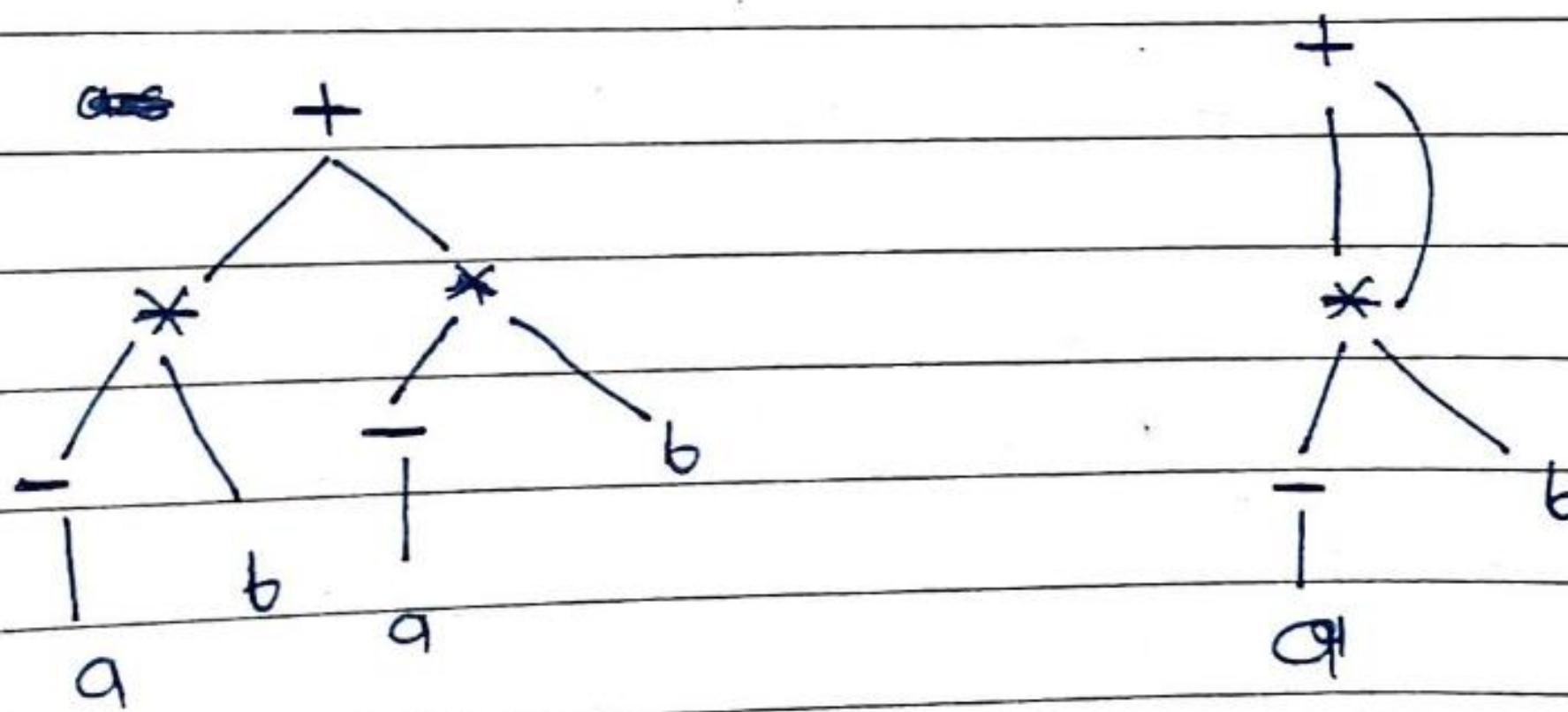


fig. Syntax tree & dag for  $\underline{-a*b} + \underline{-a*b}$

### 2) Posix -

The postfix notation is used using postfix representation. Consider that the input expression  $x := \underline{-a*b} + \underline{-a*b}$  then required posix form is

$$x := a - b * a - b * +$$

This is the most natural way of representing in expression evaluation.

### 3) Three address code -

- In three address code form at the most three addresses are used to represent any statement.
- The general form of three address code representation is .

$a := b \text{ op } c$

where a, b or c are operands that can be names, constants, compiler generated temporaries & op represents the operator. The operators can be fixed or floating point arithmetic operator or logical operators on boolean valued data, only single operation at right side of the expression is allowed at a time .

ex. the expression like  $a = b + c + d$  the three address code will be .

$t_1 := b + c$

$t_2 := t_1 + d$

$a := t_2$

here,  $t_1$  &  $t_2$  are temporary names generated by the compiler. There are at the most three addresses are allowed, hence the name of this representation is three address code .

#### \* Types of three address statements

The form of three address code is very much similar to assembly language. Commonly used three address code for typical language constructs,

Language Construct	Intermediate Code	Meaning .
Assignment Statement	$x := y \text{ op } z$	here binary operation is performed using operator op
Assignment statement	$x := \text{op } y$	here unary operation is performed. The operator 'op' is an unary operator

Language construct  
Copy statement

Intermediate code  
 $x := y$

meaning  
here value of  $y$  is assigned to  $x$ .

unconditional jump

$\text{goto } L$

the control flow goes to the statement labeled  $L$ .

conditional jump if  $x$  rel op  $y$

$\text{goto } L$

the rel op indicates the relational operators such as  $<, =, >, \leq$

procedure calls

param  $x_1,$

param  $x_2$

-----

param  $x_n$

here the parameters  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are used as parameters to the procedure  $p.$

call  $p, n$

The return statement indicate the return value

return  $y$

The value at  $i$ th index array  $y$  is assigned to

Array statements

$x := y[i]$

The value of  $x$  will be ~~at~~ or location of  $y$

Address & pointer assignments

$x := *y$

They is pointer value

$*x := y$

The r-value of object pointed by  $x$  is set to the l-value of  $y$ .

### \* Implementation of three address code

- The three address code is an abstract form of intermediate code that can be implemented as a record with address fields.

- There are three representations used for three address code

a) quadruple

b) triple

c) indirect triples.

### a) Quadruple representation -

- This is the structure with at most four fields such as op, arg1, arg2, result.
- The op field is used to represent the internal code for operator, the arg1, & arg2 representations the two operands used & result field is used to store the result of an expression.
- In quadruple representation using temporary names the entries in the symbol table against those temporaries can be obtained.
- With quadruple representation is that one can quickly access the value of temporary variables using symbol table.
- Use of temporaries introduces level of indirection for the use of symbol table in quadruple representation.
- This is beneficial for code optimization.  
ex. Consider the input statement  $x := -a * b + -a * b$

The three address code is

$t_1 := \text{unminus } a$

$t_2 := t_1 * b$

$t_3 := \text{unminus } a$

$t_4 := t_3 * b$

$t_5 := t_2 + t_4$

$x := t_5$

### Quadruple

	Op	Arg 1	Arg 2	Result
(0)	unminus	a		
(1)	*	$t_1$	b	$t_1$
(2)	unminus	a		
(3)	*	$t_3$	b	$t_3$
(4)	+	$t_2$	$t_4$	$t_4$
(5)	$:=$	$t_5$		x

b) Triples -

- In the triple representation the use of temporary variables is avoided by referring the pointers in the symbol table.
- In triple representation the pointers are used.
- By using pointers one can access directly the symbol table entry.

Ex.  $x := a * b + -a * b$  the triple representation is given below.

Number	OP	Arg 1	Arg 2
(0)	uminus	a	
(1)	*	(0)	b
(2)	uminus	a	
(3)	*	(2)	b
(4)	+	(1)	(3)
(5)	:=	4	*

c) Indirect triples -

In the indirect triples representation the listing of triples is been done. And listing pointers are used instead of using statements.

- In indirect triple list of all references to computation is made separately & stored.
- Indirect triple saves some amount of space compared with quadruple representation.

Number	OP	Arg 1	Arg 2	Statement
(0)	uminus	a		(0) (11)
(1)	*	(11)	b	(1) (12)
(2)	uminus	a		(2) (13)
(3)	*	(13)	b	(3) (14)
(4)	+	(12)	(14)	(4) (15)
(5)	:=	25	x	(5) (16)

1) List the commonly used intermediate code representations. Write the following expression in all types of intermediate representations you know.

$$(a - b) * (c + d) - (a + b)$$

→ The commonly used intermediate representations are

- a) syntax tree or dag (Graphical representation)
- b) postfix notation.
- c) three address code.

a) Graphical representation - postfix notation

First we convert this expression into postfix.

$$(a - b) * (c + d) - (a + b)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{ab} - * \underline{cd} + - \underline{ab} +$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{ab} - \underline{cd} + * - \underline{ab} +$$

$$\Rightarrow ab - cd + * ab + -$$

b) Graphical representation

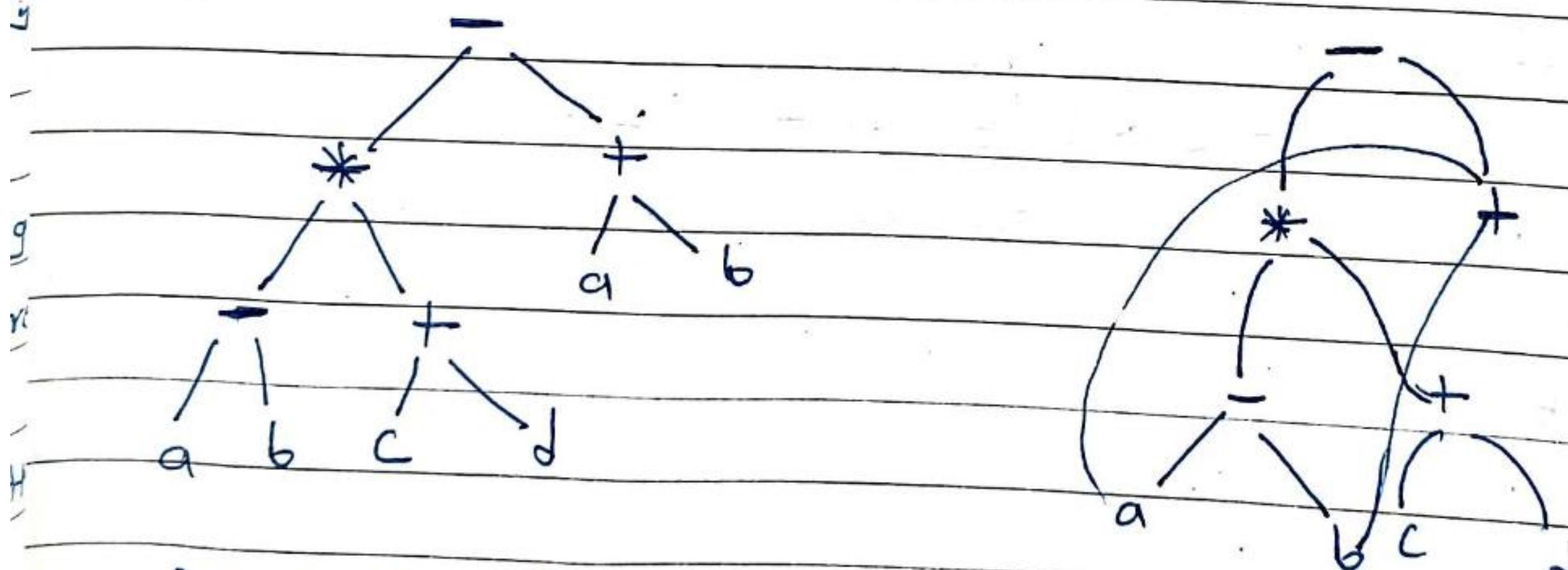


fig. Syntax tree & dag for  $(a - b) * (c + d) - (a + b)$

c) The three address code can be

$$t_1 := a - b$$

$$t_2 := c + d$$

$$t_3 := t_1 * t_2$$

$$t_4 := a + b$$

$$t_5 := t_3 - t_4$$

From this quadruple & triple are as follows

	OP	arg 1	arg 2	result
(0)	-	a	b	t <sub>1</sub>
(1)	+	c	d	t <sub>2</sub>
(2)	*	t <sub>1</sub>	t <sub>2</sub>	t <sub>3</sub>
(3)	+	a	b	t <sub>4</sub>
(4)	-	t <sub>3</sub>	t <sub>4</sub>	t <sub>5</sub>

fig. quadruple

	OP	arg 1	arg 2
(0)	-	a	b
(1)	+	c	d
(2)	*	(0)	(1)
(3)	+	a	b
(4)	-	2	3

fig. triple

2) Write Quadruplet & Triple representation for following expression

$$A = B + C * D/E + -F * -G$$

→ The three address code.

$$t_1 = B + C$$

$$t_2 = D/E$$

$$t_3 = t_1 * t_2$$

$$t_4 = -F$$

$$t_5 = t_3 + t_4$$

$$t_6 = -G$$

$$t_7 = t_5 * t_6$$

## \* Generation of three address code -

- The translation scheme for various language constructs can be generated by using the appropriate semantic actions.
- In this section we will discuss the translation schemes for declaration statement, array references, boolean expression & so on.

## 1) Declarations -

In the declarative statements the data items along with their data types are declared.

ex.

$S \rightarrow D$	{ offset := 0 }
$D \rightarrow id : T$	{ enter-tab(id.name, T.type, offset); offset := offset + T.width; }
$T \rightarrow integer$	{ T.type := integer; } T.width := 4 }
$T \rightarrow real$	{ T.type := real; } T.width := 8 }
$T \rightarrow array [num] of T_1$	{ T.type := array(num, Val, T1.type); T.width := num * Val * T1.width; }
$T \rightarrow *T_1$	{ T.type := pointer(T.type); } T.width := 4 }

## 2) Assignment statements -

- The assignment statement mainly deal with the expressions. The expressions can be of type integer, real, array & record.

- In this section we will see how to write the syntax directed translation scheme for generation of three address code for assignment statement containing arithmetic expressions.

1) Obtain the translation scheme for obtaining the three address code for the grammar.

$$S \rightarrow id : = E$$

$$E \rightarrow E_1 + E_2$$

$$E \rightarrow E_1 * E_2$$

$$E \rightarrow - E_1$$

$$E \rightarrow ( E_1 )$$

$$E \rightarrow id$$

→ Translation scheme for above grammar which in turn will generate the three address code.

Production rule	Semantic actions
$S \rightarrow id : = E$	$\{ id\_entry := \text{look\_up}(id, \text{name});$ if $id\_entry \neq \text{nil}$ then $\text{append}(id\_entry := E.\text{place})$ else error; /* id not declared */ $\}$
$E \rightarrow E_1 + E_2$	$\{ E.\text{place} := \text{newtemp}();$ $\text{append}(E.\text{place} := E_1.\text{place} + E_2.\text{place})$ $\}$
$E \rightarrow E_1 * E_2$	$\{ E.\text{place} := \text{newtemp}();$ $\text{append}(E.\text{place} := E_1.\text{place} * E_2.\text{place})$ $\}$
$E \rightarrow - E_1$	$\{ E.\text{place} := \text{newtemp}();$ $\text{append}(E.\text{place} := \text{unminus } E_1.\text{place})$ $\}$
$E \rightarrow ( E_1 )$	$\{ E.\text{place} := E_1.\text{place} \}$
$E \rightarrow id$	$\{ id\_entry := \text{look\_up}(id, \text{name}),$ if $id\_entry \neq \text{nil}$ then $\text{append}(id\_entry := E.\text{place})$ else error; /* id not declared */ $\}$

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- The look-up returns the entry for id.name in the symbol table if it exists there.
- The function append is for appending the three address code to the output file. Otherwise an error will be reported.
- newtemp() is the function for generating temporary variables.
- E.place is used to hold the value of E.

ex. Consider the assignment statement  $x := (a+b)*c$   
 We will assume all these identifiers are of the same type. Let us use the bottom up parsing method.

Production rule	Semantic action for attribute evaluation	Output
$E \rightarrow id$	$E.place := a$	
$E \rightarrow id$	$E.place := b$	
$E \rightarrow E_1 + E_2$	$E.place := t_1$	$t_1 := a+b$
$E \rightarrow id$	$E.place := c$	
$E \rightarrow id$	$E.place := d$	
$E \rightarrow E_1 * E_2$	$E.place := t_2$	$t_2 := c+d$
$E \rightarrow E_1 * E_2$	$E.place := t_3$	$t_3 := (a+b)*c$
$S \rightarrow id := E$		$x := t_3$

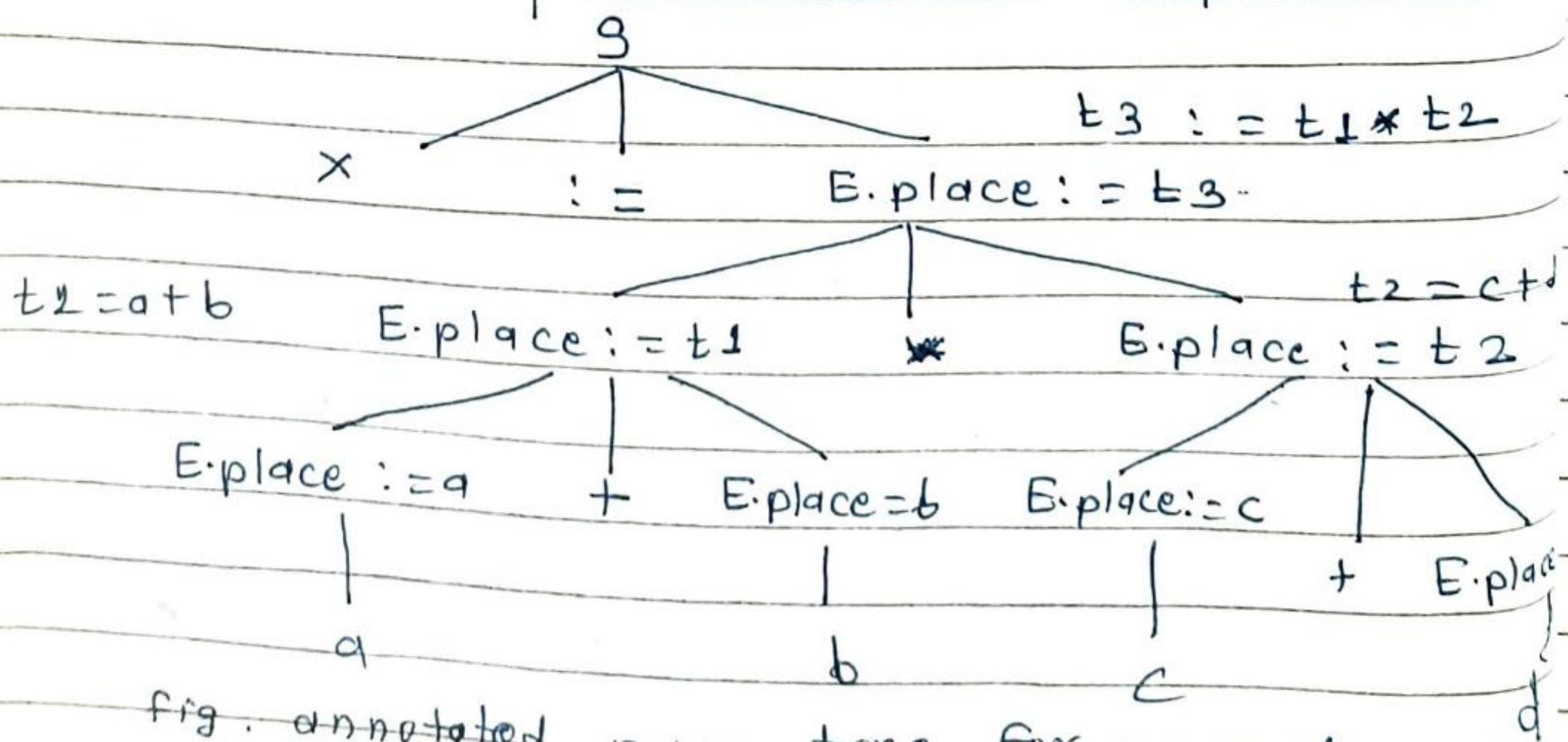


fig. annotated parse tree for generation of three address code.

## Type Conversion

While generating the three address code for mixed mode expressions it becomes necessary to achieve the type compatibility between the sub-expressions. Consider the grammar  $E \rightarrow E+E$  &  $E \rightarrow E * E$

production rule

$E \rightarrow E_1 + E_2$

Semantic actions

$E.place := newtemp()$

if  $E_1.type = integer \& E_2.type = integer$  then

{

append ( $E.place := E_1.place.int + E_2.place$ )

$E.type := integer$

}

else if  $E_1.type = real \& E_2.type = real$  then

{

append ( $E.place := E_1.place.real + E_2.place$ )

$E.type := real$

}

else if  $E_1.type = integer \& E_2.type = real$  then

{

$t := newtemp();$

append ( $t := inttoreal(E_1.place)$ );

append ( $E.place := t.real + E_2.place$ );

$E.type := real$

}

else if  $E_1.type = real \& E_2.type = integer$  then

{

$t := newtemp();$

append ( $t := inttoreal(E_2.place)$ );

append ( $E.place := E_1.place.real + t$ );

$E.type := real$

}

else

$E.type := type\_error();$

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$E \rightarrow E_1 * E_2$ 
 E.place := newtemp()
 if  $E_1.type = integer \& E_2.type = integer$ 
 {  
 append(E.place := E<sub>1</sub>.place 'int \*' E<sub>2</sub>.place) →  
 E.type := integer
 }

} else if  $E_1.type = real \& E_2.type = real$   
 {  
 append(E.place := E<sub>1</sub>.place 'real \*' E<sub>2</sub>.place)  
 E.type := real
 }

} else if  $E_1.type = integer \& E_2.type = real$   
 {  
 t := newtemp();  
 append(t := 'inttoreal' E<sub>1</sub>.place);  
 append(E.place := t real \* E<sub>2</sub>.place);  
 E.type := real
 }

} else if  $E_1.type = real \& E_2.type = integer$   
 {  
 t := newtemp();  
 append(t := 'inttoreal' E<sub>2</sub>.place);  
 append(E.place := E<sub>1</sub>.place 'real \*' t);  
 E.type := real
 }

else  
 E.type := type\_error;

fig. translation scheme for generating 3-address code  
for expressions using type expression.

Ex. 1) Generate the three address code for an expression  
 $x := a + b * c + d$ ; Assuming  $x$  &  $a$  as real &  $b, c, d$  are integer.

$$t_1 := b \text{ int} * c$$

$$t_2 := t_1 \text{ int} + d$$

$$t_3 := \text{int to real } t_2$$

$$t_4 := a \text{ real} + t_3$$

$$x := t_4$$

## \* Arrays

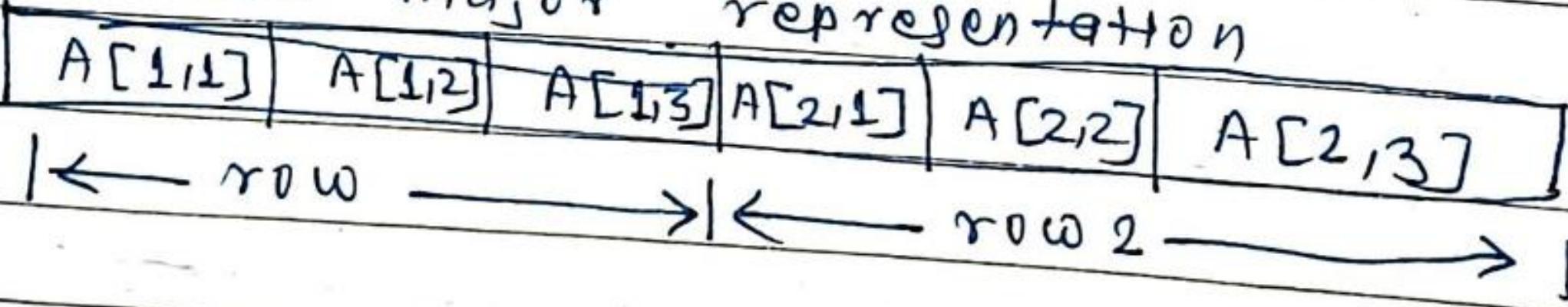
- Array is a collection of contiguous storage of elements, for accessing elements of an array what we need is its address.

- For statically declared arrays it is possible to compute the relative address of each element.

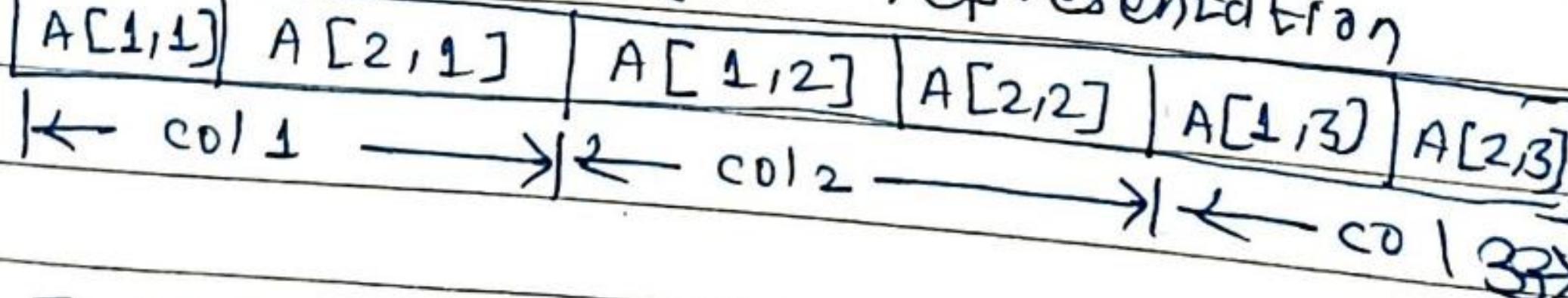
- Typically there are two representations of arrays.
  - 1) Row major representation
  - 2) Column major representation.

The presentations are as follows.

Row major representation



Column major representation



To compute the address of any element;  
 The base is the address at  $a[ ]$  &  $w$  is the width of the element then to compute its address of  $a[i]$   
 $\text{base} + (i - \text{low}) \times w$   
 where low is lower bound on subscript  
 here  $a[\text{low}] = \text{base}$

$$\text{base} + (i - \text{low})w = \text{base} + i \times w - \text{low} \times w \\ = i \times w + (\text{base} - \text{low} \times w)$$

Let  $c = \text{base} - \text{low} \times w$  is computed at compile time. Then the relative address can be computed as

$$c + (i \times w)$$

Similarly, for calculation of relative address of two dimensional array we need to consider  $i$  &  $j$  subscripts. Considering row major representation we will compute relative address for  $a[i, j]$  using following formula.

$$a[i, j] = \text{base} + ((i - \text{low}_1) \times n_2 + (j - \text{low}_2)) \times w$$

where  $\text{low}_1$  &  $\text{low}_2$  are the two lower bounds → on values of  $i$  &  $j$  &  $n_2$  is number of values that  $j$  can take. In other words.

$$n_2 = \text{high}_2 - \text{low}_2 + 1$$

where,  $\text{high}_2$  is the upper bound on  $j$ .

Assuming that  $i$  &  $j$  are not known at compile time we can rewrite the formula as

$$a[i, j] = ((i \times n_2) + j) \times w + (\text{base} - ((\text{low}_1 \times n_2) + \text{low}_2) \times w)$$

The term  $(\text{base} - ((\text{low}_1 \times n_2) + \text{low}_2) \times w)$  can be computed at compile time.

ex. Consider an array  $A$  of size  $10 \times 20$  assuming  $\text{low}_1 = 1$  &  $\text{low}_2 = 1$ . The computation of  $A[i, j]$  is possible by assuming that  $w = 4$  as

$$A[i, j] = ((i \times n_2) + j) \times w + (\text{base} - ((\text{low}_1 \times n_2) + \text{low}_2) \times w)$$

Given  $n_2 = 20$

$w = 4$

$low_1 = 1$

$low_2 = 1$

$$A[i,j] = ((i \times 20) + j) \times 4 + (\text{base} - ((1 \times 20) + 1) \times 4)$$

$$A[i,j] = 4 \times (20i + j) + (\text{base} - 84)$$

The value  $\text{base} - 84$  can be computed at compile time.

\* Generate the three address code for the expression  $x := A[i,j]$  for an array  $10 \times 20$ . Assume  $low_1 = 1$  &  $low_2 = 1$ .

Given that,  $low_1 = 1$  &  $low_2 = 1$ ,  $n_1 = 10$ ,  $n_2 = 20$

$$\begin{aligned} A[i,j] &= ((i \times n_2) + j) \times w + (\text{base} - ((low_1 \times n_2) + low_2) \times w) \\ &= ((i \times 20) + j) \times 4 + (\text{base} - ((1 \times 20) + 1) \times 4) \\ &= 4 \times (20i + j) + (\text{base} - 84) \end{aligned}$$

The three address code for this expression can be

$t_1 := i * 20$

$t_1 := t_1 + j$

$t_2 := c$  /\* computation of  $c = \text{base} - 84 */$

$t_3 := 4 * t_1$

$t_4 := t_2 [t_3]$

$x := t_4$

The annotated parse tree can be drawn as follows

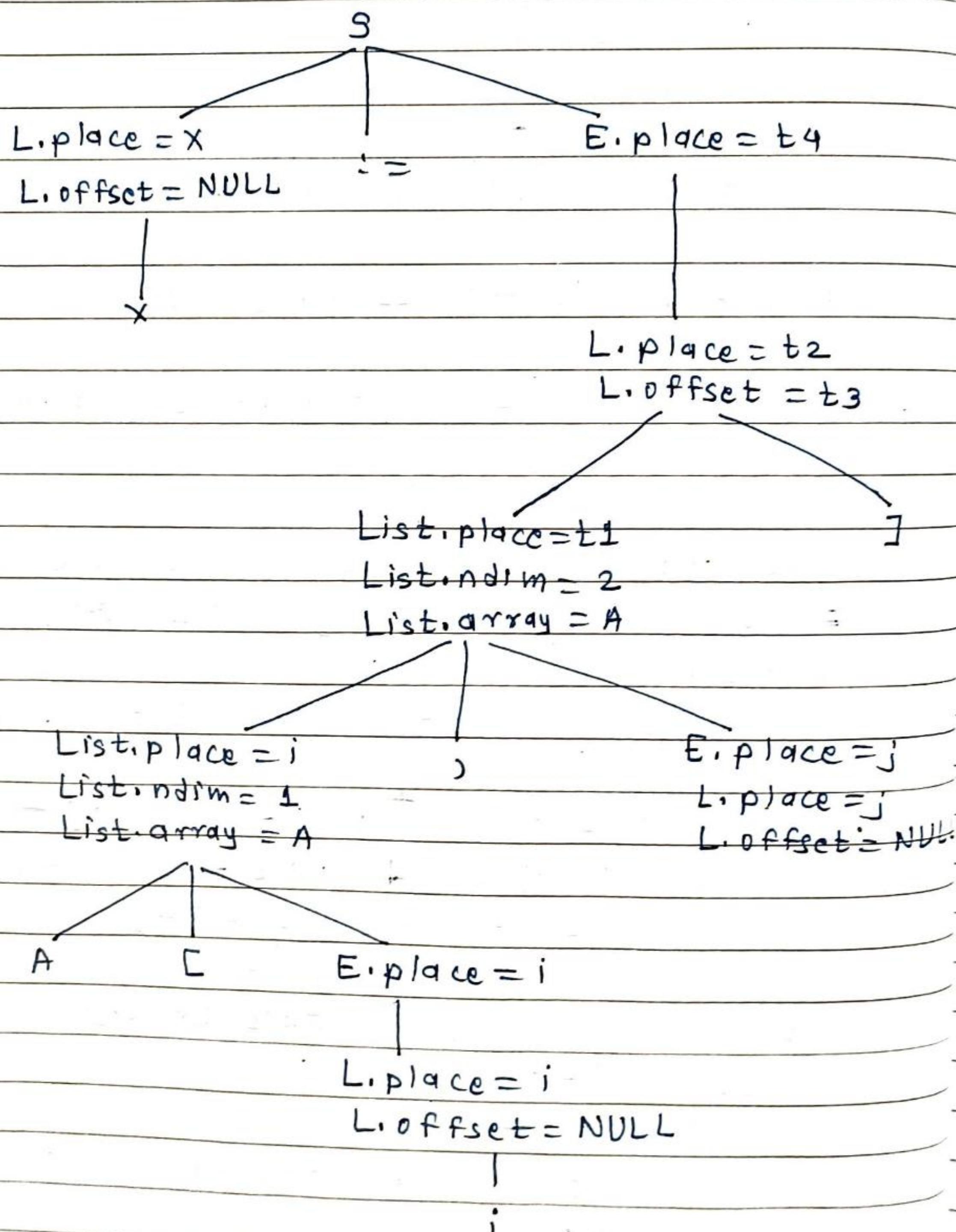


Fig. Annotated parse tree for  $x := A[i, j]$

## \* Boolean Expressions -

Normally there are two types of boolean expressions used.

1) for computing the logical value.

2) In conditional expressions using if-then-else or while-do

Consider, the boolean expression generated by following grammar.

$$E \rightarrow E \text{ OR } E$$

$$E \rightarrow E \text{ AND } E$$

$$E \rightarrow \text{NOT } E$$

$$E \rightarrow (E)$$

$$E \rightarrow \text{id} \text{ relop id}$$

$$E \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$$

$$E \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$$

here, the relop is denoted by  $\leq, >, \neq, <, \geq$ . The OR & AND are left associate. The highest precedence is NOT then AND & lastly OR.

The translation scheme for Boolean expressions having numerical representation given below.

Production Rule

$$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ OR } E_2$$

Semantic Rule.

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E.place := newtempc()

append(E.place := E<sub>1</sub>.place 'OR' E<sub>2</sub>.place)

{}

$$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ AND } E_2$$

$\Sigma$

E.place := newtempc()

append(E.place := E<sub>1</sub>.place 'AND' E<sub>2</sub>.place)

{}

$$E \rightarrow \text{NOT } E_1$$

$\Sigma$

E.place := newtempc()

append(E.place := NOT' E<sub>1</sub>.place)

{}

Production rule	Semantic rule
$E \rightarrow (E_1)$	$E.place := E_1.place$
	}
$E \rightarrow id_1 \text{ relop } id_2$	$E.place := \text{newtemp}()$ $\text{append('if' } id_1.place \text{ relop } id_2.place$ $'\text{goto}' \text{ next\_state} + 3);$ $\text{append}(E.place := '0');$ $\text{append}('goto' \text{ next\_state} + 2);$ $\text{append}(E.place := '1')$
	}
$E \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$	$E.place := \text{newtemp}();$ $\text{append}(E.place := 1)$
	}
$E \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$	$E.place := \text{newtemp}()$ $\text{append}(E.place := 0)$
	}

fig. translation scheme for generation of 3 address code for

The function append generates the three address code & newtemp() is for generation of temporary variable for the semantic action for the rule  $E \rightarrow id_1 \text{ relop } id_2$  contains next\_state which gives the index of next three address statement in the output seqn. Let us take an example the three address code using above translation scheme.

$P > q \text{ AND } r < s \text{ OR } u > v$

L00 : if  $P > q$  goto L03

L01 :  $t_1 := 0$

L02 : goto L04

L03 :  $t_1 := 1$

L04 : if  $r < s$  goto L07

L05 :  $t_2 := 0$

L06 : goto L08

L07 :  $t_2 := 1$

L08 : if  $u > v$  goto L11

L09 :  $t_3 := 0$

L10 : goto L12

L11 :  $t_3 := 1$

L12 :  $t_4 := t_1 \text{ AND } t_2$

L13 :  $t_5 := t_4 \text{ OR } t_3$

The AND has higher precedence over OR hence at location L12 the ANDing is performed & then in the intermediate next statement ORing is performed.

#### \* Flow of control statements -

The control statements are if - then - else & while - do. The grammar for such statements is as shown below.

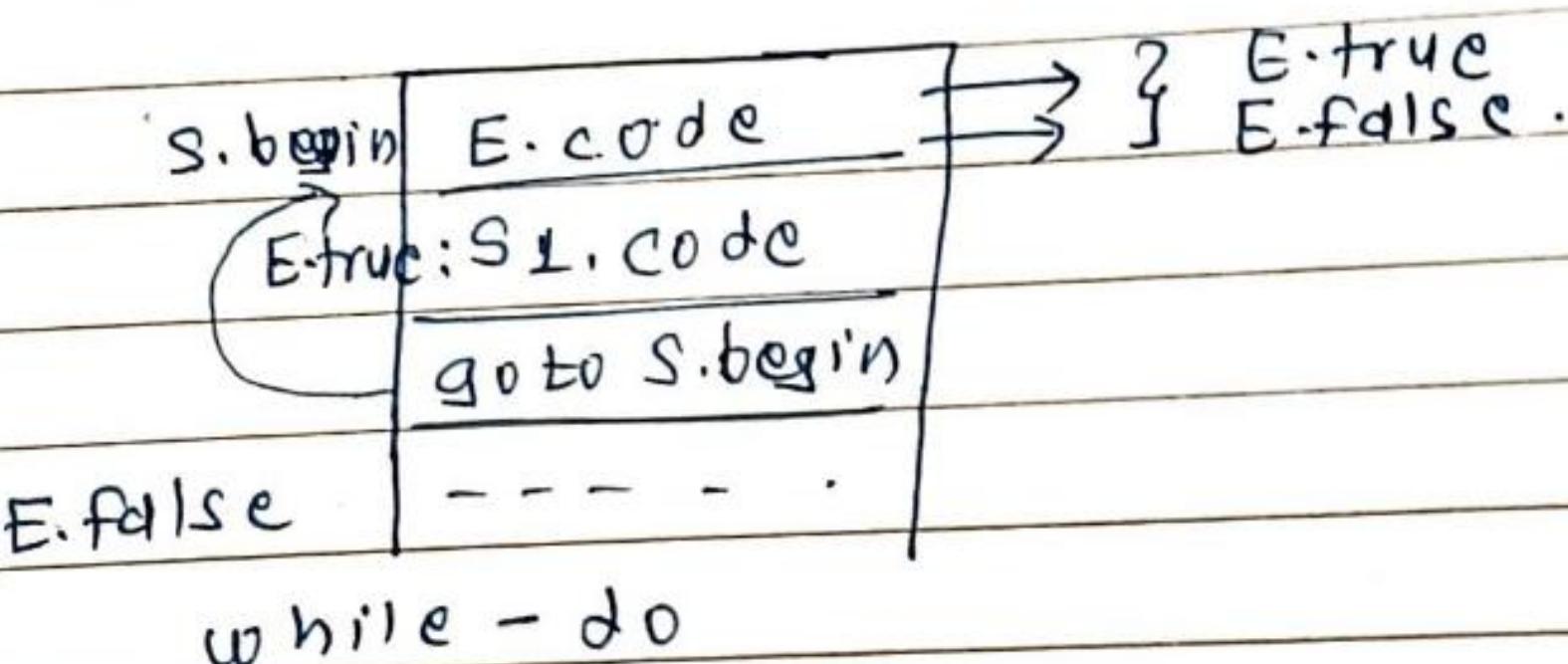
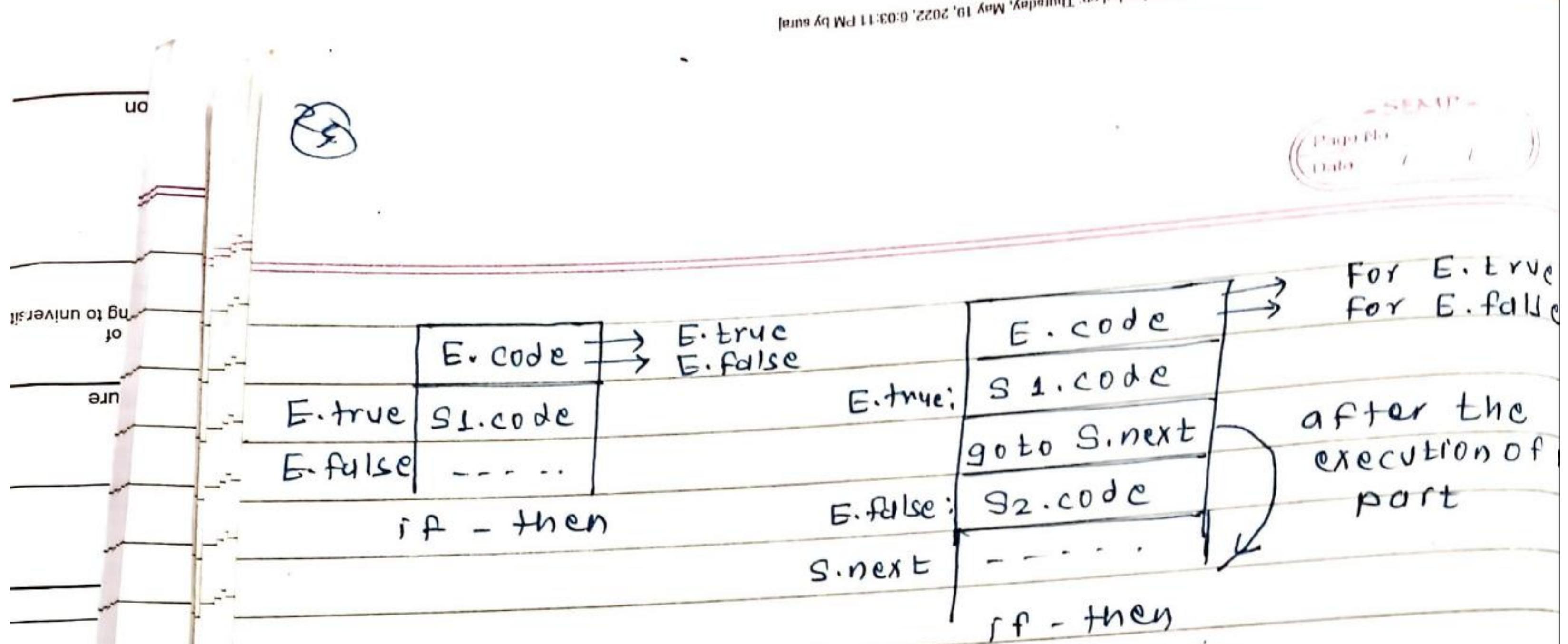
$S \rightarrow \text{if } E \text{ then } S_1 |$

$| \text{if } E \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2$

$| \text{while } E \text{ do } S_1$

while generating three address code .

- To generate new symbolic label the function new\_label()
- With the expression E\_true & E\_false are the labels ~~also~~ <sup>issued</sup>
- S\_code & E\_code is for generating three address code



$S \rightarrow \text{if } E \text{ then } S_1$

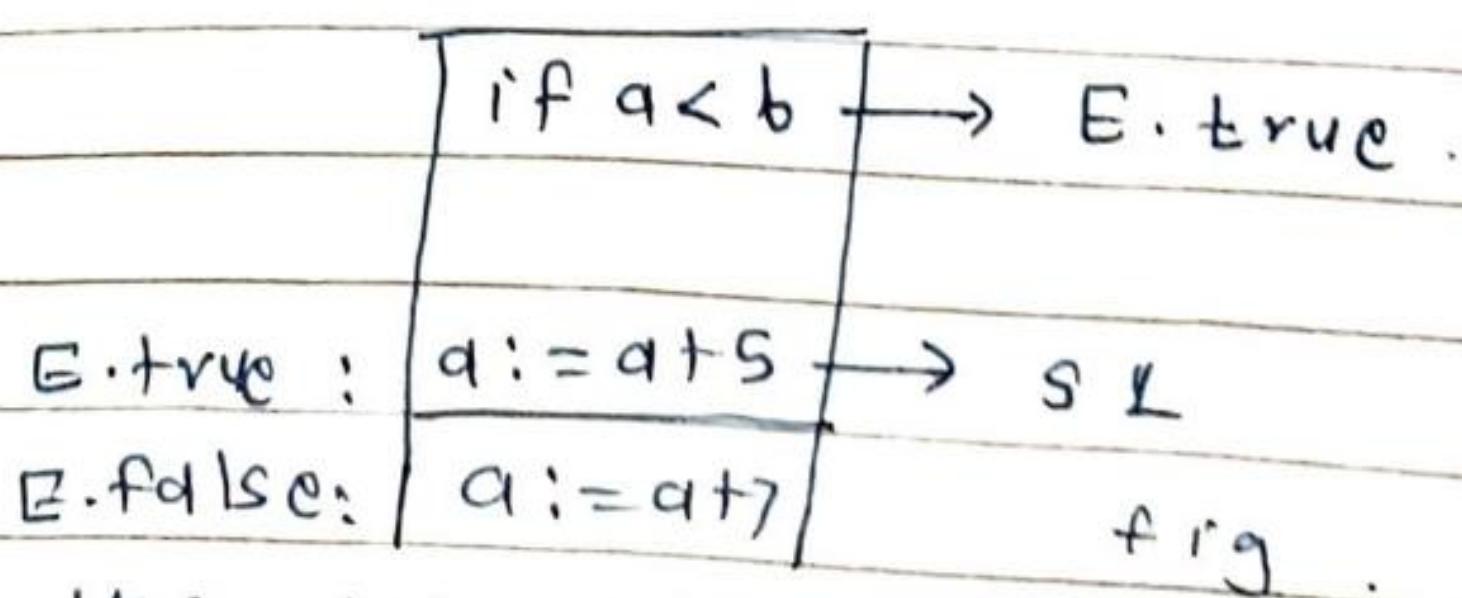
E.true := new\_label()

E.false := S.next

S1.next := S.next

S.code := E.code || gen\_code(E.true, ':') || S1.

In the above translation scheme || is used to concat the strings. The function gen\_code is used to evaluate the non quoted arguments passed to it & to concat complete string. The S.code is the important rule which ultimately generates the three address code



Consider, the statement if  $a < b$  then  $a = a + 5$  else  $a = a + 7$ .  
The three address code for if-then is:

L00 : If  $a < b$  goto L1

L01 : goto L03

L02 : L1 :  $a = a + 5$

L03 :  $a = a + 7$

here E-code is "if 'a < b' L1 denotes E.true & E.false  
 is shown by jumping to line 103 (i.e. S.next)  
 similarly,  $S \rightarrow \text{if } E \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2$

```

E.true := new-label()
E.false := new-label()
S1.next := S.next
S2.next := S.next
S.code := E.code || gen_code(E.true)
S1.code || gen_code('goto', S.next)
|| gen_code(E.false ':') || S2.code
  
```

$S \rightarrow \text{while } E \text{ do } S_1$       S.begin := new-label()

```

E.true := new-label()
E.false := S.next
S1.next := S.begin
S.code := gen_code(S.begin ':') || E.code
|| gen_code(E.true ':') || S1.code || gen_code('goto', S.begin)
  
```

Ex. Translate executable sentences of the following C program

main()

{

  int i = 1;

  int a[10];

  while (i <= 10)

{

    a[i] = 0;

    i = i + 1;

}

  int o;

a) syntax tree

b) postfix notation

c) three-address code.

→ Postfix notation

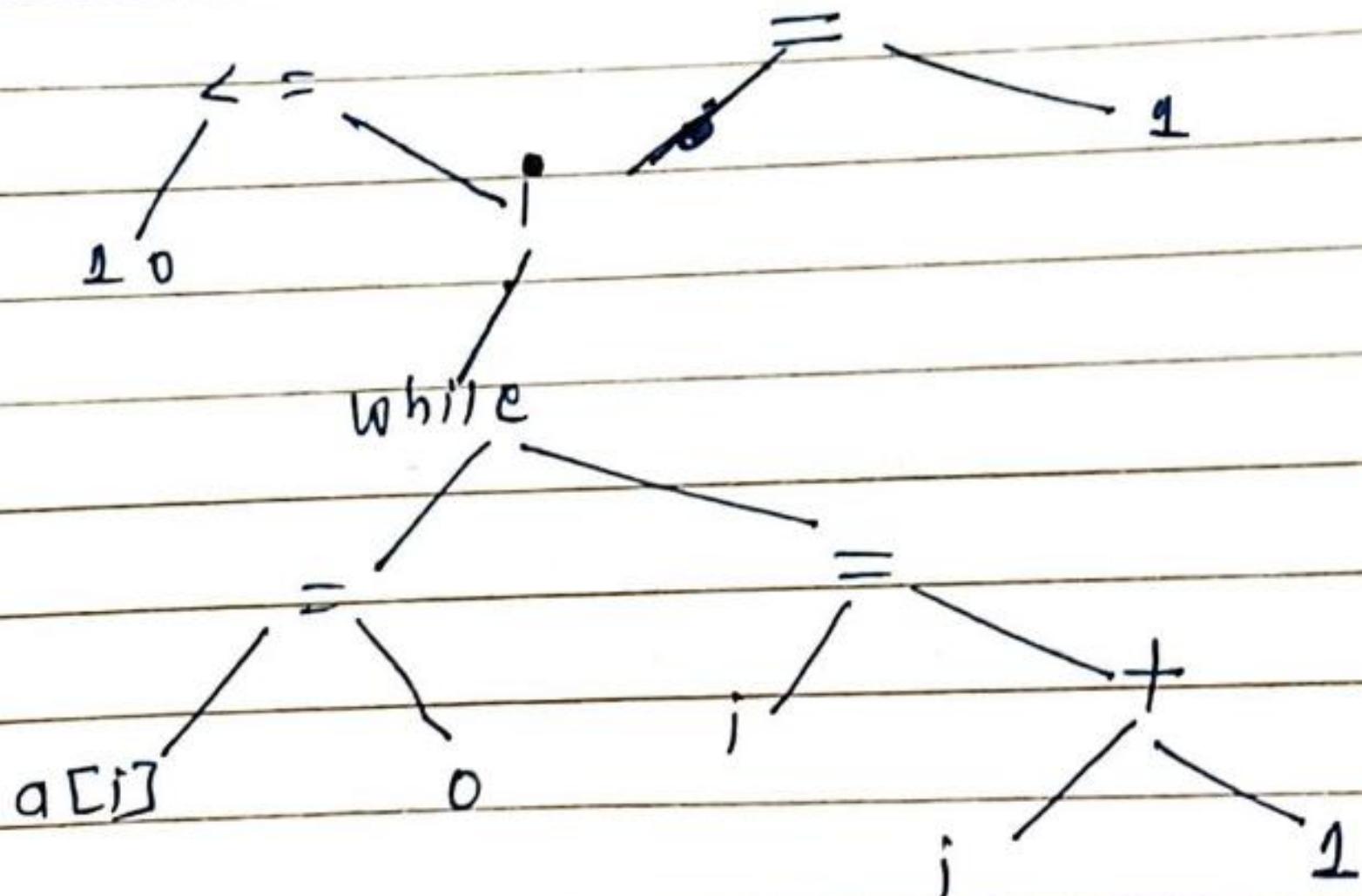
$i =$

while  $i \leq 10$

$a[i] = 0$

$i = i + 1$

Syntax tree



three address code -

$i_1 = 1$

$t_1 := i$

$L1 : \text{if } t_1 \leq 10 \text{ goto }$   
 $\text{goto } L2$

$1 \times 4 \leftarrow \text{width of variables}$

$t_1 := i$

$a[t_1] := 0$

$t_1 := t_1 + 1$

$\text{goto } L1$

$L2 : \text{stop}$

### \* Case Statements -

The syntax for switch case statement can be as shown

switch expression

1

case value : statement

-----  
case value : statement

default : statement

2

Let us, write the translation scheme for case statement

Production rule

switch E

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case Y1 : S1

-----

case Yn-1 : Sn-1

default : Sn

4

Semantic action.

Evaluate E into t such that  $t = E$   
goto check.

L1 : code for S1 goto Last

-----  
Ln : code for Sn goto Last

Last :

1) Generate the three address code for

switch(ch)

5

case 1 : c = a + b;  
break;

case 2 : c = a - b;  
break;

6

The three address code can be

L00 : if ch = 1 goto L1

L01 : if ch = 2 goto L2

L02 : L1 : t1 := a + b

L03 : c := t1

L04 : goto Last

L05 : L2 : t1 := a - b

L06 : c := t1

L07 : goto Last

L08 : Last :

## \* Backpatching -

- Backpatching is the activity of filling up unspecified information of labels using appropriate semantic actions in during the code generation process.
- To generate code using backpatching in the semantic actions following functions are used.

a) mklist(i) - creates

creates the new list. The index i is passed as argument to this function where i is an index of the array of quadruple.

b) merge\_list(p1, p2)

function concatenates two lists pointed by p1, p2. It returns the pointer to the concatenated list.

c) backpatch(p, i)

Inserts i as target label for the statement pointed by pointer p.

### \* Backpatching using boolean expressions

Consider the grammar for boolean expressions.

$$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ OR } M \text{ } E_2$$

$$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ AND } M \text{ } E_2$$

$$E \rightarrow \text{NOT } E_1$$

$$E \rightarrow (E_1)$$

$$E \rightarrow \text{id}_1 \text{ relop } \text{id}_2$$

$$E \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$$

$$E \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$$

$$M \rightarrow e$$

→ here, a new nonterminal  $M$  is inserted as a marker nonterminal. The purpose of  $M$  is to mark the exact point where the semantic action is picked up.

- The synthesized attributes  $T\text{list}$  &  $F\text{list}$  are used to generate the jumping code for Boolean expressions. For the true statement  $E.T\text{list}$  will be generated & for the false statement  $E.F\text{list}$  is generated.

- The attribute 'state' will be associated with the  $M$  & that is used to record the number (address) of the statement. It is denoted as  $M.state$ . The 'nextstate' will point to the next statement.

Production rule

$$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ OR } M \text{ } E_2 \quad \{$$

Semantic action

```
backpatch(E1.Flist, M.state);
E.Tlist := merge(E1.Tlist, E2.Tlist);
E.Flist := E2.Flist
```

}

$$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ AND } M \text{ } E_2 \quad \{$$

```
backpatch(E1.Tlist, M.state);
```

```
E.Tlist := E2.Tlist;
```

```
E.Flist := merge(E1.Flist, E2.Flist)
```

}

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$E \rightarrow \text{NOT } E_1$

{

$E.\text{Tlist} := E_1.\text{First};$

$E.\text{First} := E_1.\text{Tlist};$

}

$E \rightarrow \text{id}'(E_1)$

{

$E.\text{Tlist} := E_1.\text{Tlist};$

$E.\text{First} := E_1.\text{First};$

}

$E \rightarrow \text{id}_1 \text{ relop id}_2$

{

$E.\text{Tlist} := \text{mklist(nextstate)};$

$E.\text{First} := \text{mklist(nextstate)}$

$\text{append('if' id}_1.\text{place relop id}_2.\text{place 'goto -'})$

$\text{append('goto -')};$

}

$E \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$

{

$E.\text{Tlist} = \text{mklist(nextstate)};$

$\text{append('goto -')};$

{

$E \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$

{

$E.\text{First} := \text{mklist(nextstate)};$

$\text{append('goto -')};$

{

$M \rightarrow G$

{

$M.\text{state} := \text{nextstate}$

{

Q.1. Generate an intermediate code for following expression.

$A < B \text{ OR } C < D \text{ AND } P < Q$

→ For the given expression  $A < B \text{ or } C < D \text{ AND } P < Q$   
We will scan it from left to right.

$A < B$  matches with the rule  $E \rightarrow id_1 \text{ relop } id_2$   
In response to this statement the three address  
code will be generated as,

100	if $A < B$ goto ? as semantic actions are	append('if id1.place relop id2.place goto ?')
101	goto -	

append('goto -')

Similarly for remaining part of expression the  
three address code will be,

102	if $C < D$ goto -
103	goto -
104	if $P < Q$ goto -
105	goto -

Now, for the expression if  $A < B \text{ OR } C < D \text{ AND } P < Q$   
we will solve AND operation first then OR, as  
AND has higher precedence over OR.

$E, T\text{list}$

102	if $C < D$ goto -	backpatch( $E, T\text{list}, L4$ ) $M.\text{state} = \text{next state} = \{104\}$
103	goto -	
104	if $P < Q$ goto -	$\Rightarrow E, T\text{list} = \{104\}$ $E, F\text{list} = \{103, 105\}$
105	goto -	

hence,

102	if $C < D$ goto -104
103	goto -105
104	if $P < Q$ goto -106
105	goto -

Now, consider

$A < B$  OR  $C < D$  AND  $P < Q$

L00 if  $A < B$  goto -

L01 goto -

E. F1 is t

L02 if  $C < D$  goto nextstate

L03 goto -

→ L04 if  $P < Q$  goto -

L05 goto -

At this line expression  $C < D$  AND  $P < Q$  is decided to be true & if  $P < Q$  is also true then  $C < D$  AND  $P < Q = \text{TRUE}$ , hence  $E_2 \cdot T1 \text{ is } t = \{L04\}$

Finally three address code with backpatching will be

L00 if  $A < B$  goto L02

L01 goto L02

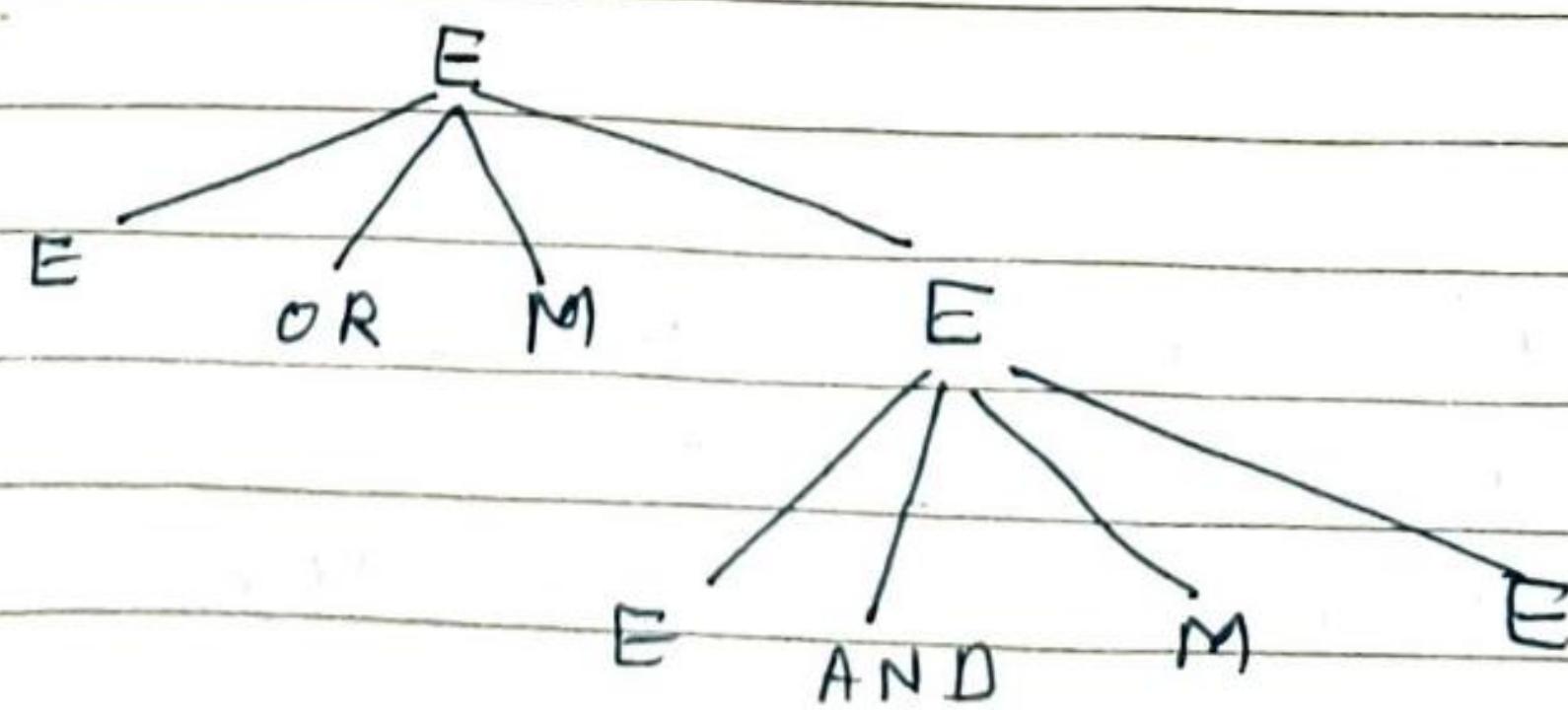
L02 if  $C < D$  goto L04

L03 goto L06

L04 if  $P < Q$  goto L06

L05 goto L06

The annotated parse tree can be constructed as follows.

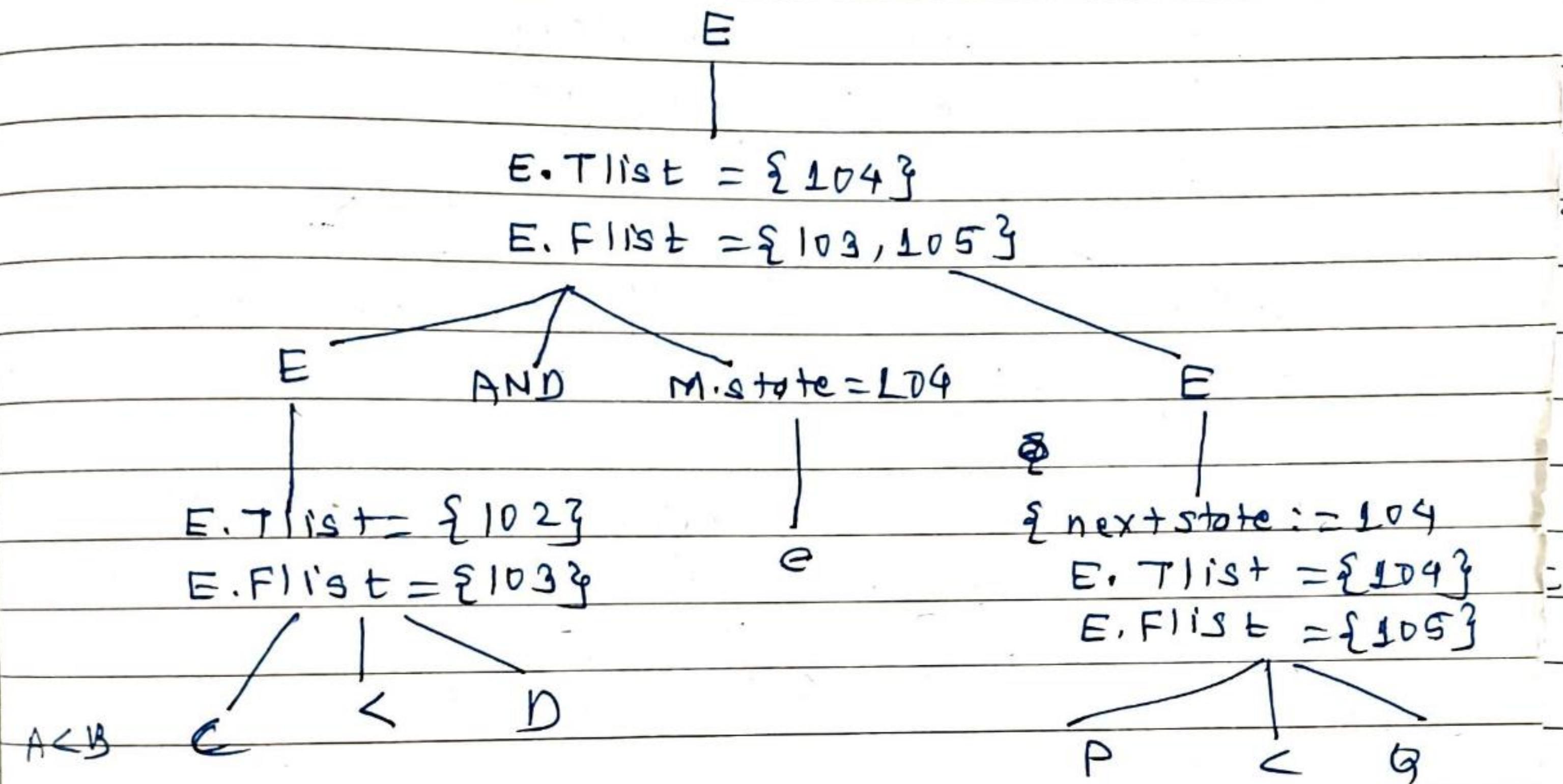


$A < B$

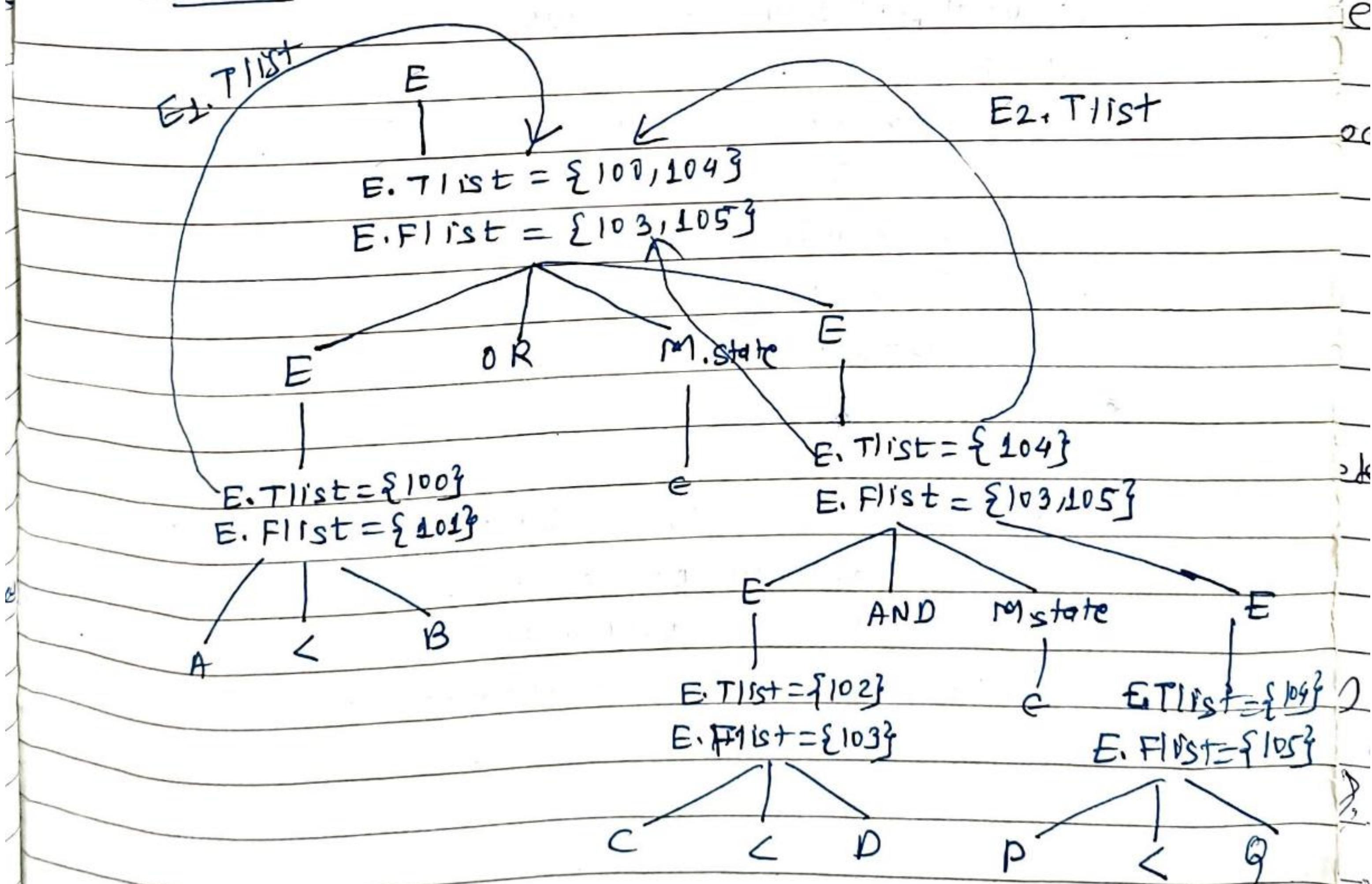
$C < D$

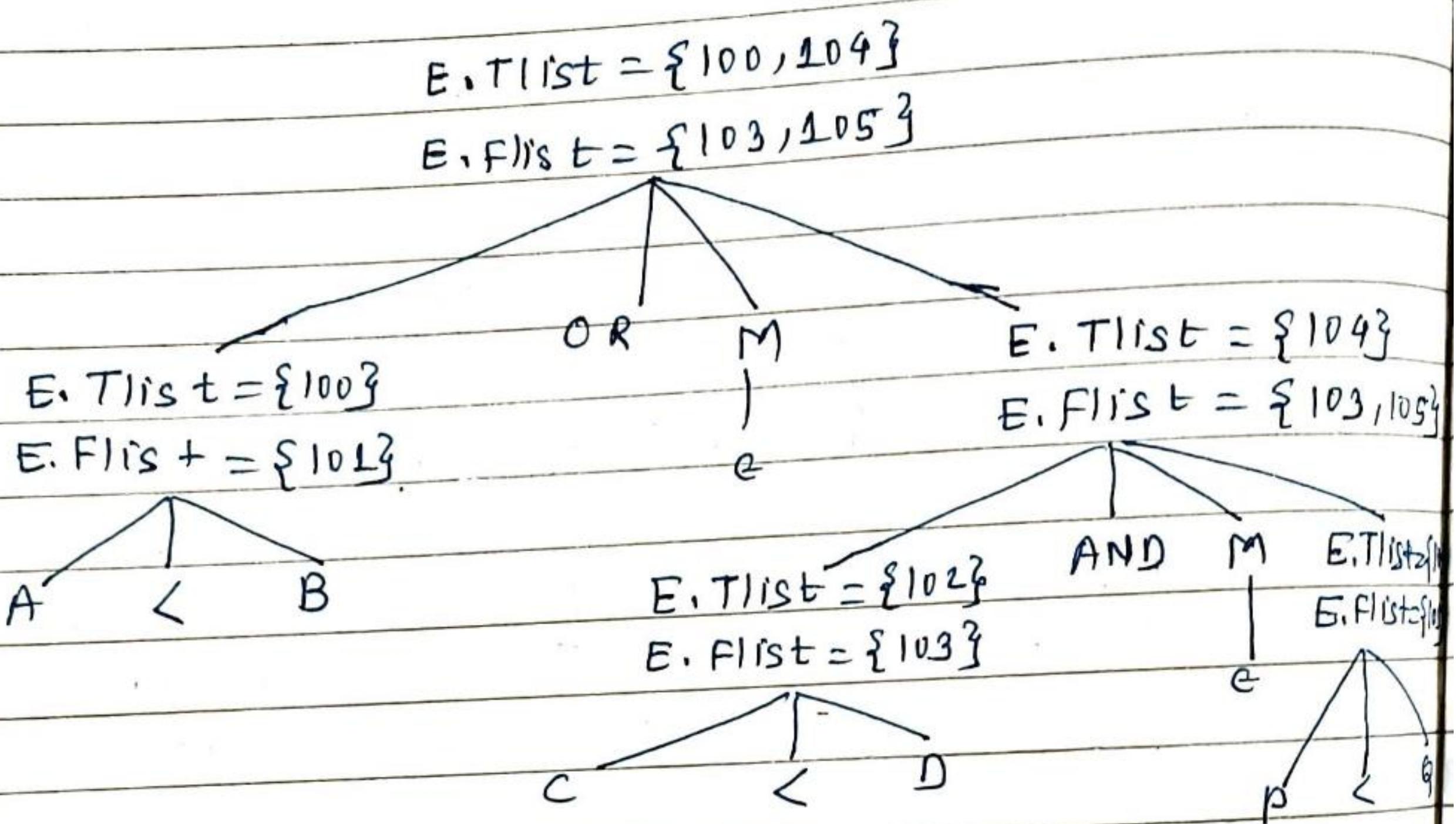
$P < Q$

Step 2



Step 3





### Backpatching using flow of control statements

The flow of control statements can be handled using backpatching techniques for the following grammar.

$S \rightarrow \text{if } B \text{ then } S$

$S \rightarrow \text{if } B \text{ then } S \text{ else } S$

$S \rightarrow \text{while } B \text{ then do } S$

$S \rightarrow \text{begin } L \text{ end}$

$S \rightarrow A$

$L \rightarrow L; S$

$L \rightarrow S$

where S stands for statement

B for Boolean expression

L stands for statement list

A stands for assignment statement

### \* Procedure Calls -

procedure or function is an important programming construct which is used to obtain the modularity in the user program.

Consider, the grammar for a simple procedure call

$$S \rightarrow \text{call id}(L)$$

$$L \rightarrow L, E$$

$$L \rightarrow E$$

here the non terminal S denotes the statement & non terminal L denotes the list of parameters. And E denotes the expression it could be id as well.

The translation scheme can be as given below.

Production rule

$$S \rightarrow \text{call id}(L)$$

Semantic action

{

for each item p in queue do  
append ('param', p);  
append ('call' id, place)

}

$$L \rightarrow L, E$$

{ insert E.place in the queue }

L → E { initialize queue & insert E.place in the queue }

The data structure queue is used to hold the various parameters of the procedure. The keyword param is used to denote the list of parameters passed to the procedure. The call to the procedure is given by 'call id' where id denotes the name of procedure. E.place giving the value of the parameter which is inserted in the queue.

For L → E the queue gets empty & a single pointer to the symbol table is obtained. This pointer denotes the value of E.

Q.1) Write three address code statements for the following source language statement.

$x = \text{FUN}(2, y-1) + z$ , where FUN is a function.

$\rightarrow x = \text{FUN}(2, y-1) + z$  where FUN is function

$t_1 = y-1$

Param 2

Param  $t_1$

call FUN, 2/\*2 denotes total number of params

Return  $t_2$

$t_3 = t_2 + z$

$x = t_3$

2) Write the three address code that will be generated by your scheme.

$x = \text{fun}(y+2*3, 0) - 1$

$\rightarrow$  Consider, three address code for

$x = \text{fun}(y+2*3, 0) - 1$

$t_1 = 2*3$

$t_2 = y + t_1$

param  $t_2$

param 0

call fun, 2

Return  $t_3$

$t_4 = t_3 - 1$

$x = t_4$