

```
1  #include <iostream>
2
3  void functions_in_c_plus_plus() {
4      using namespace std;
5      cout << "Welcome to the lesson on functions!" << endl;
6  }
7
8  int main() {
9      functions_in_c_plus_plus();
10 }
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10 }
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```

Functions

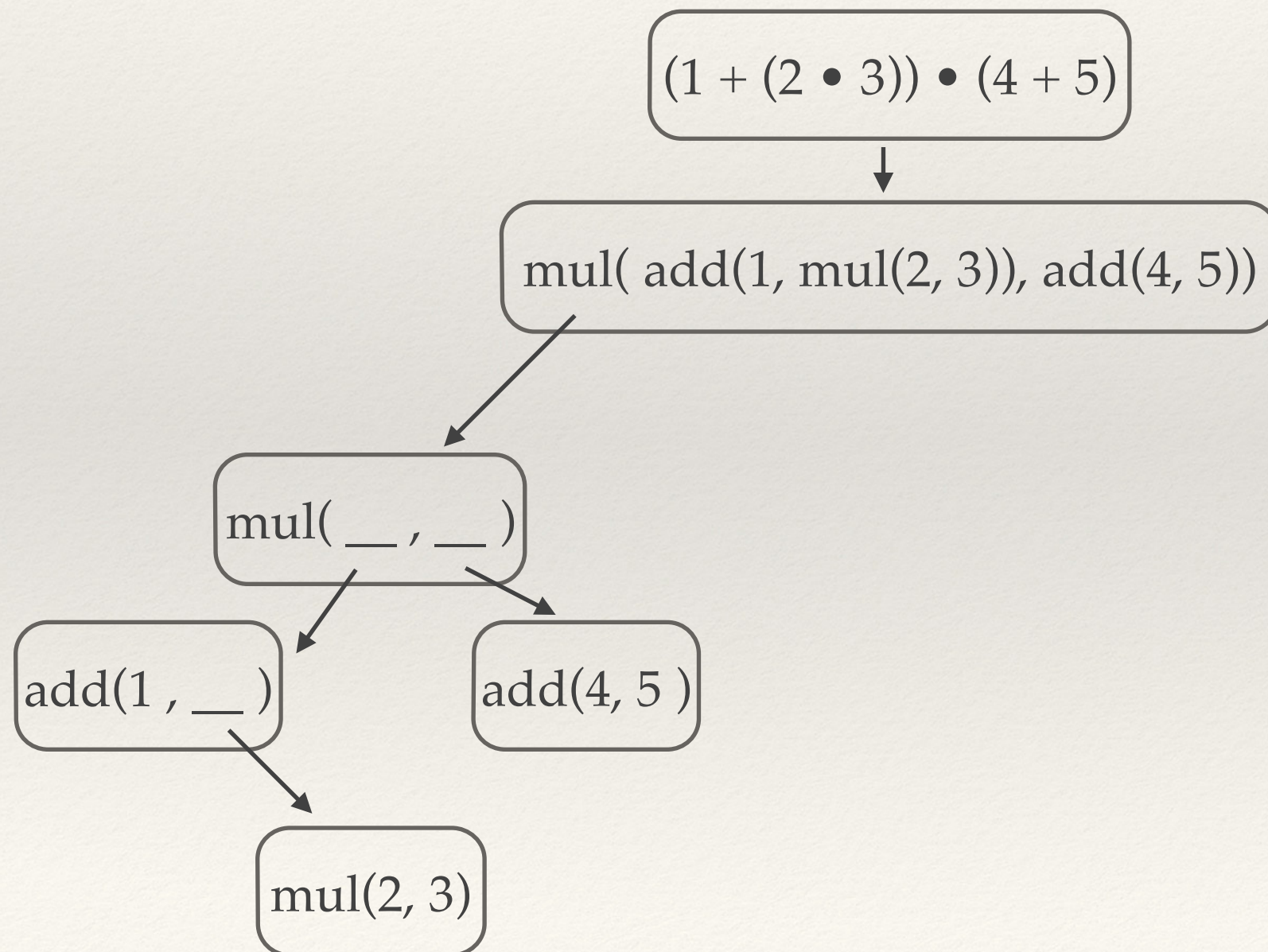
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Expressions

- ❖ Expressions are computable statements
 - ❖ $3 + 10$
 - ❖ $\sqrt{169}$
 - ❖ $|-13|$
 - ❖ $f(x)$

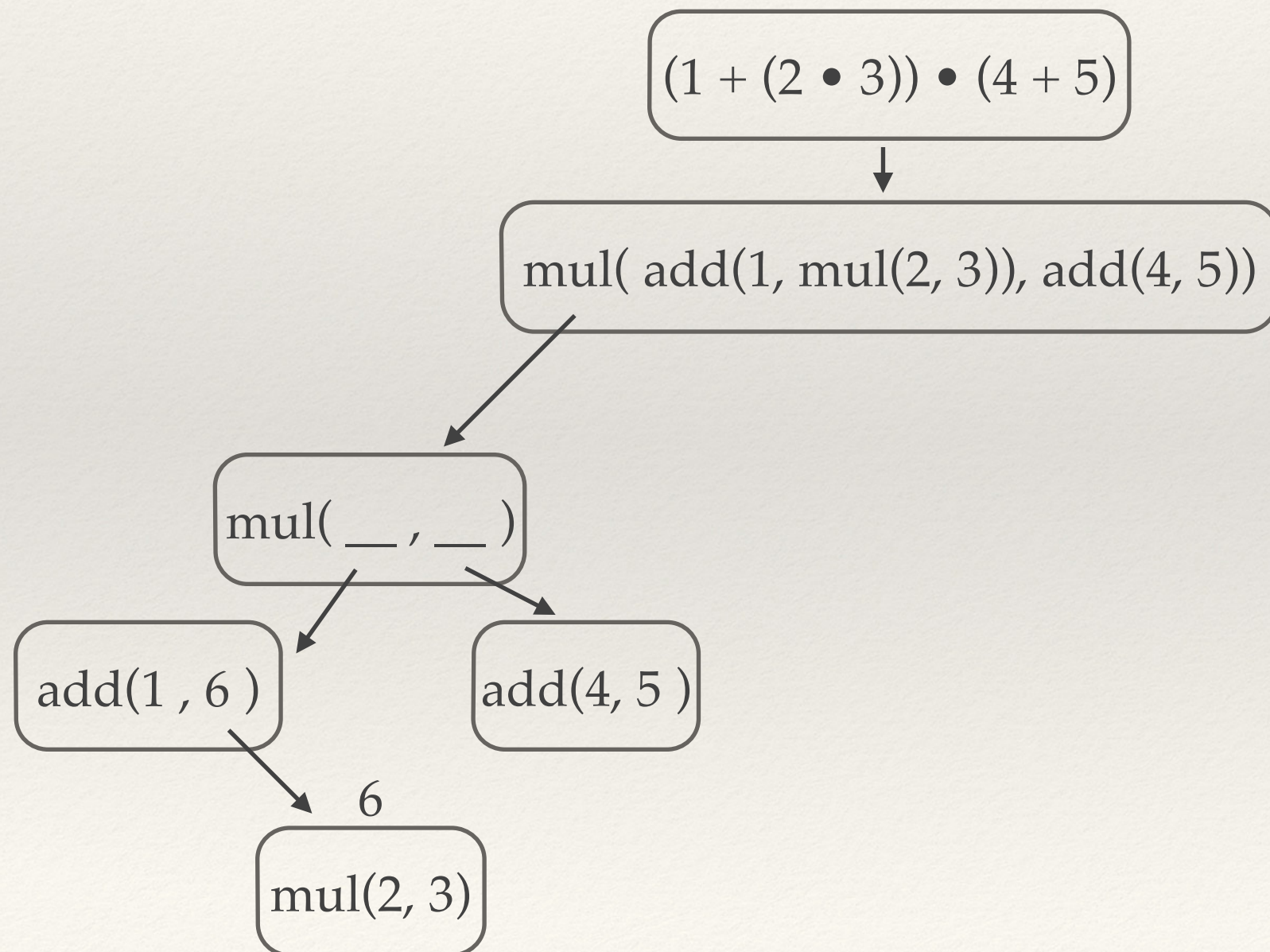
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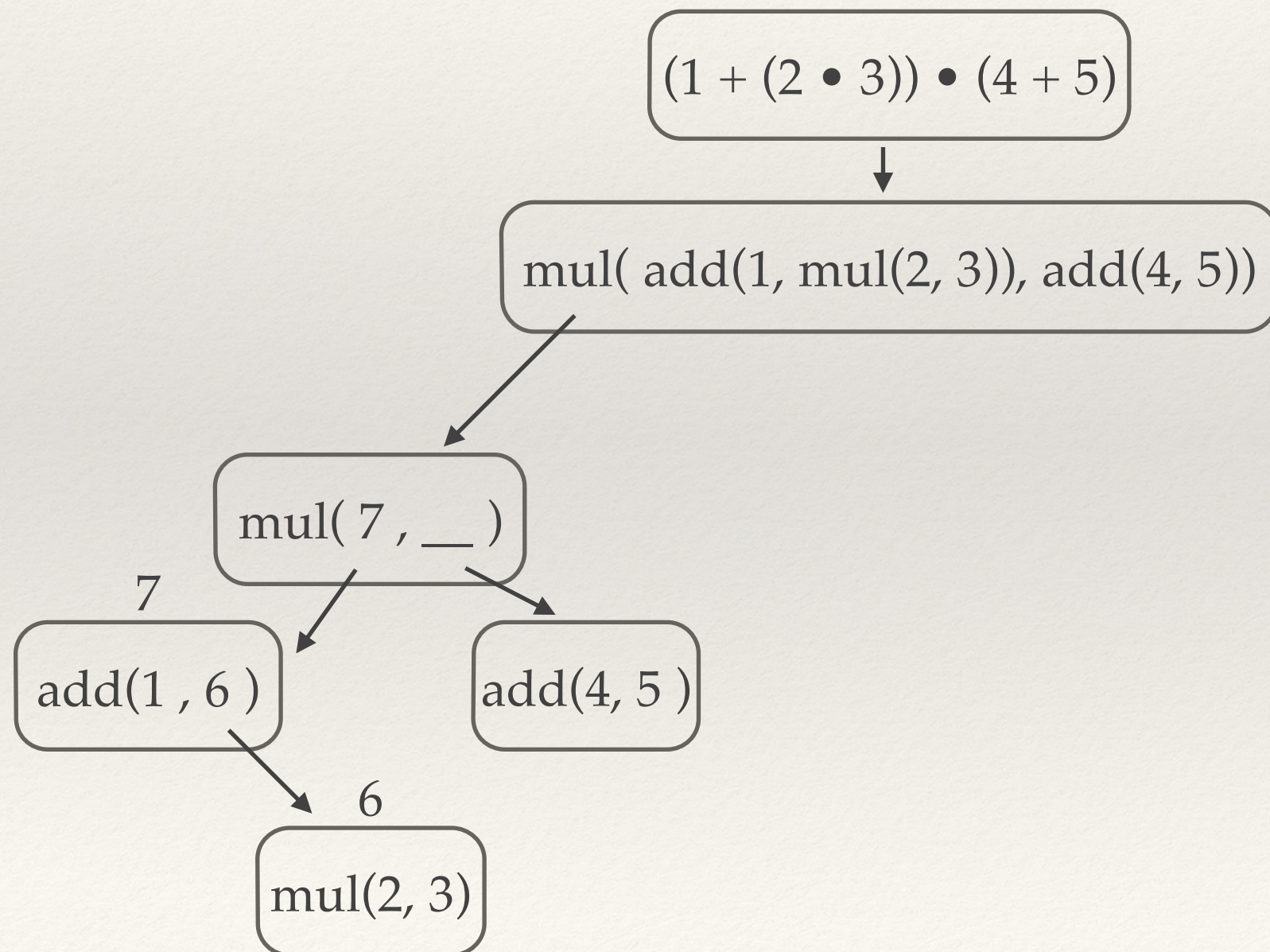
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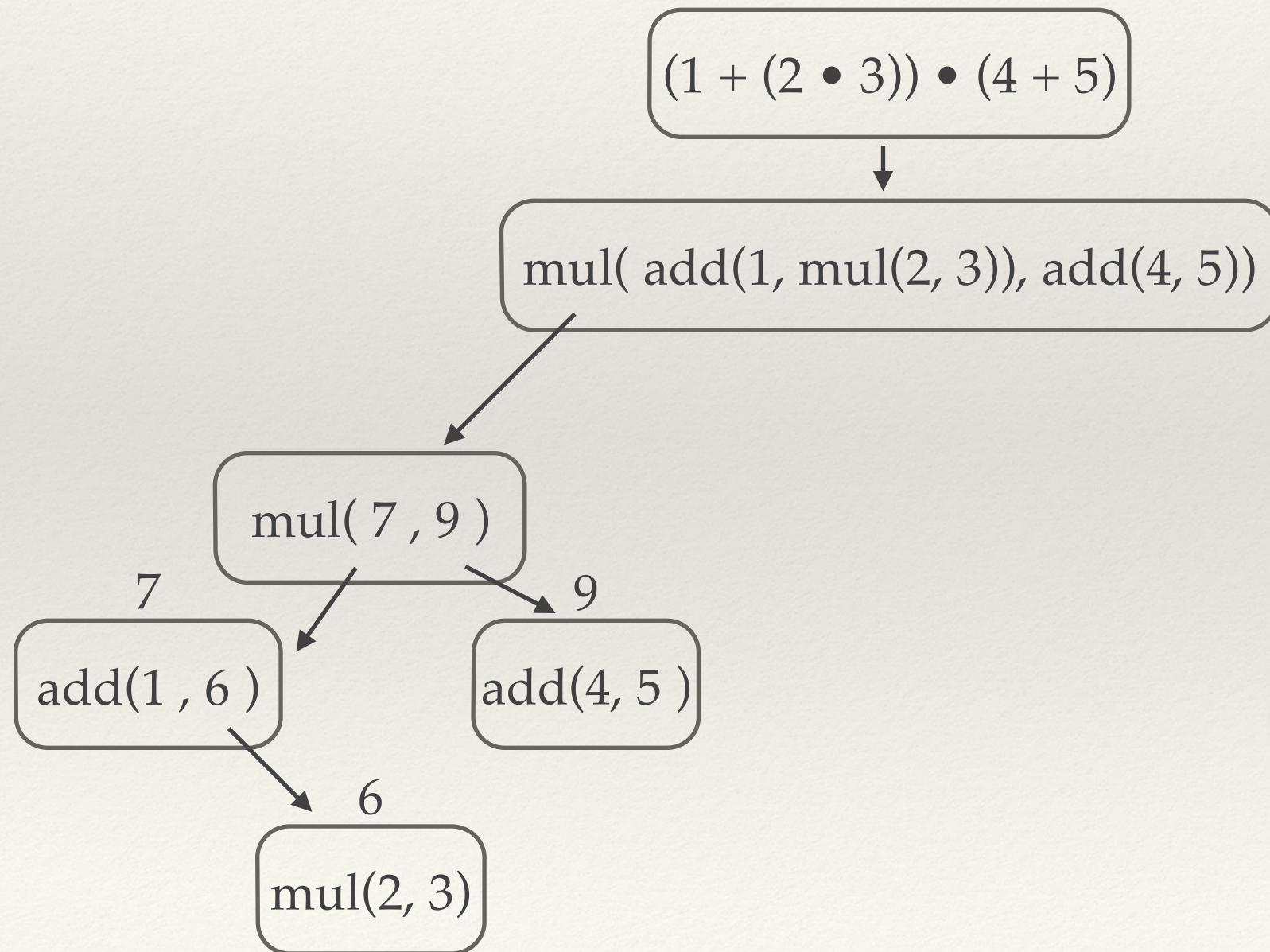
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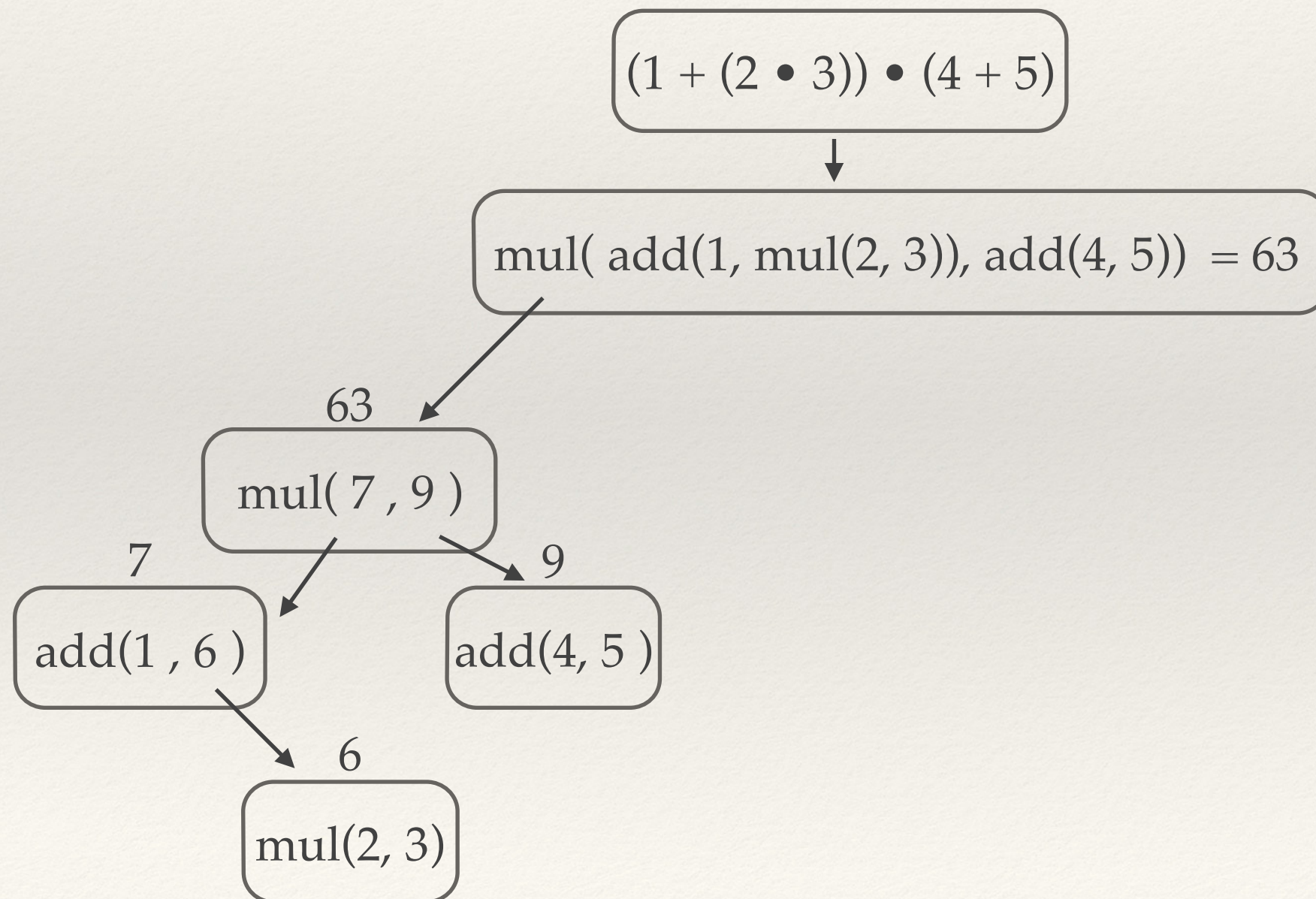
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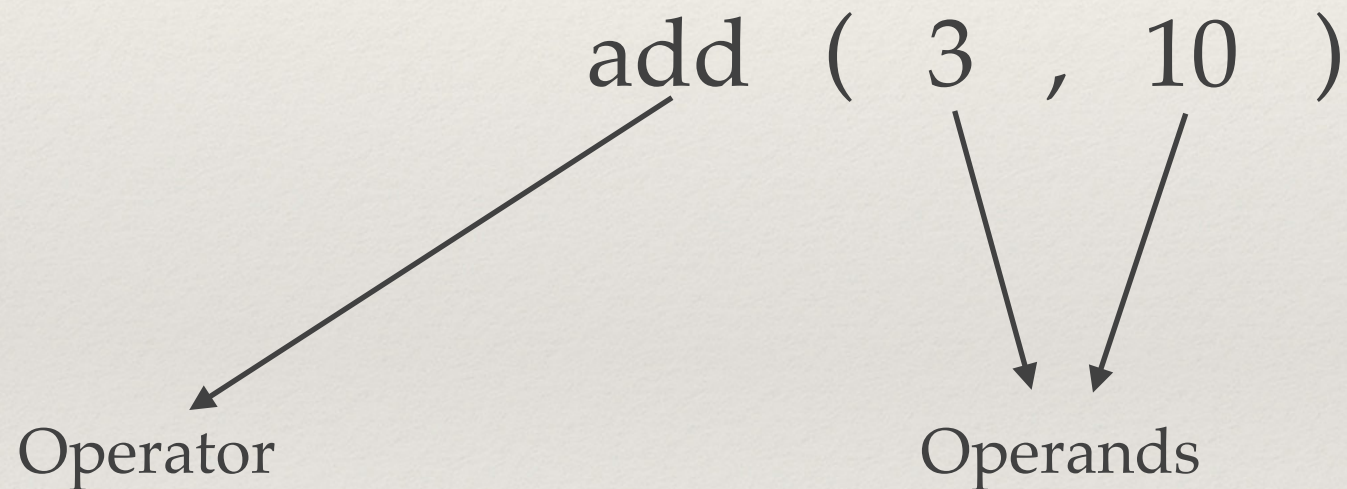
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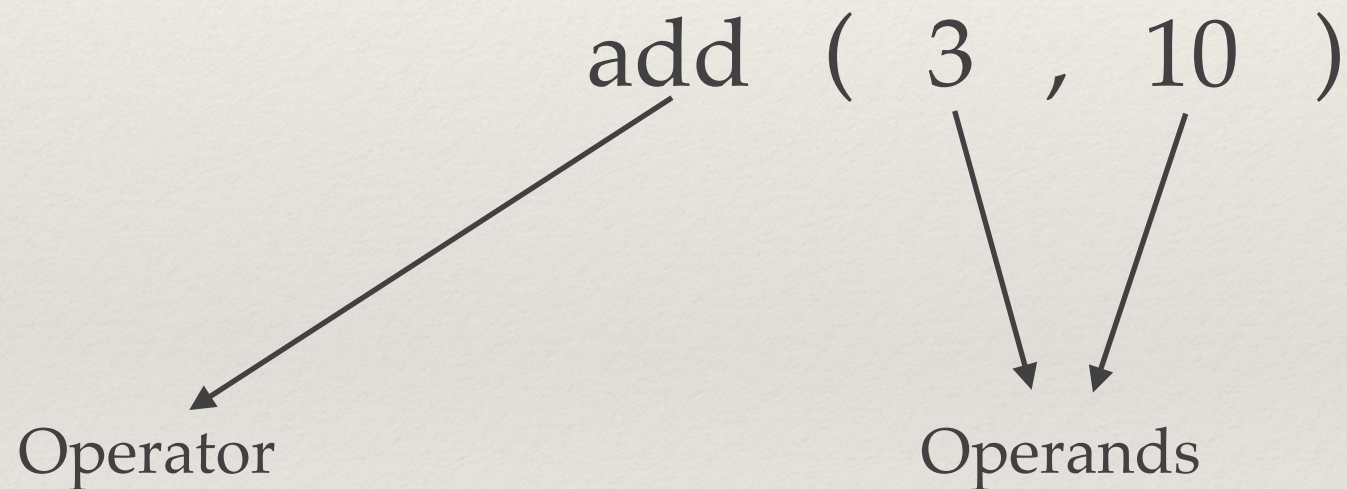


Operators and Operands are expressions themselves and evaluate to values.

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This is a function call:



Order of Operations:

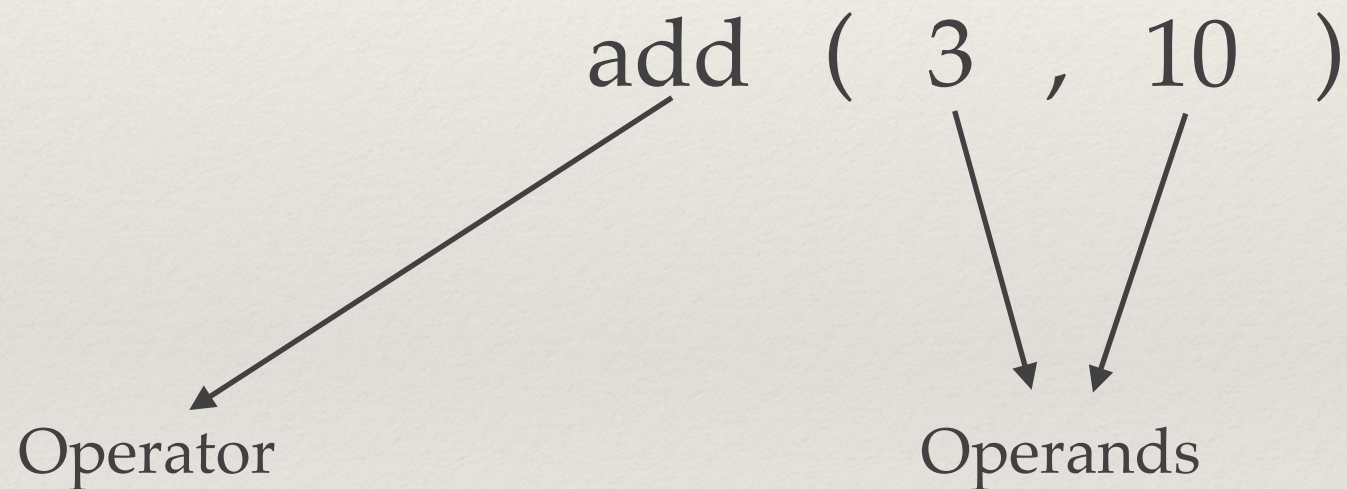
1. Evaluate the Operator and the Operands*

*The order of evaluation for operands is undefined.

Functions

- ❖ Function calls are types of expressions

This is a function call:



Order of Operations:

2. Pass the evaluated components to the function.

Defining Your Own Functions

In C++, all functions match a general form.

```
<return type> <name>(<formal parameters>) {  
    <body>  
}
```

- ❖ Return Type - The type of expression that the function will evaluate to
- ❖ Name - The name used to call and refer to the function
- ❖ Formal Parameters - The arguments that are to be passed to the function
- ❖ Body - An expression (1+ lines) that is to be evaluated when the function is called

Return Type

The return type of a function is the type it should evaluate to. For example, a function that adds two integers should return an integer.

Example Return Types:

- ❖ Integer - `int`
- ❖ Double - `double`
- ❖ Boolean - `bool`
- ❖ Nothing - `void`

Name

You can name your functions whatever you like as long as they follow the following rules:

1. Only alphanumeric and underscore characters may be used.
2. Names cannot start with a number.
3. C++ keywords cannot be used (more on this later)

Names are also case sensitive. For example, `myvariable` is a different variable than `myVariable`.

Formal Parameters

Formal parameters are the arguments your function takes in to do things with.

These parameters consist of a type and a name (or identifier).

For example, a function with the header,

```
void printNum(int a)
```

would take a single integer parameter that could be referred to as 'a' inside the function.

Functions can have many formal parameters, but having more than 3 makes things messy.

Body

The body of a function is where all the processing and calculation happens.

Function bodies can have 1 or more lines and expressions.

If a function has a return type, then its body must contain a return statement.

Valid Function Body

```
int add_one(int a) {  
    return a + 1;  
}
```

Invalid Function Body

```
int add_one(int a) {  
    int x = a + 1;  
}
```

Using Functions

Like stated before, functions are a type of expression, meaning they can be used in more complicated expression and can be called many times.

To call a function, we use the syntax:

```
<name>(<arguments>)
```

Lets use the `add_one` function from the last slide as an example.

Using Functions

```
int add_one(int a) {  
    return a + 1;  
}
```

Here are some ways we might use `add_one`:

```
add_one(1); // this works, evaluates to 2
```

```
add_one(-1); // this works, evaluates to 0
```

```
add_one(0.5); // this works, evaluates to 1
```

```
add_one(1, 2); /* this won't compile! The  
                arguments given to the  
                function don't match the  
                formal parameters! */
```

Function Guidelines and Tips

- ❖ Every function should have exactly one job.
 - ❖ If your functions are getting longer than 10 lines and/or you can't describe what they do without using 'and', split them up.
- ❖ Use functions if you find yourself copying code over and over.
- ❖ Make your functions general.
 - ❖ Our `add_one(int a)` function was not general.
 - ❖ A general version would be just `add(int a, int b)`

Function Documentation

All functions should have a documentation comment above them.

These comments should follow the following format:

```
/**  
 * @brief <short description of function>  
 * @details <longer description>  
 *  
 * @param <name> <description>  
 * @param <name> <description>  
 * ...  
 * @return <description of return value>  
 */
```

Citations

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