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## **CAPSTONE PROJECT REPORT**

### **PROJECT TITLE**

**SYNTAX TREE TO DAG CONVERTOR**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The syntax tree to directed acyclic graph (DAG) converter project aims to streamline representation in various computational tasks. By converting syntax trees into DAGs, redundancy is eliminated, optimizing resources. This abstract outlines the project's objectives, methodology, and significance. It addresses the gap in literature regarding the conversion process between these two representations. The research plan involves analyzing existing algorithms, developing a methodology, and estimating costs. Methodology includes gathering data, setting up the environment, designing the core algorithm, and implementing the converter code. Expected results include a functional converter tool, performance comparisons, and thorough documentation. The project's conclusion reflects on its merits, limitations, and future improvements.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The syntax tree to directed acyclic graph (DAG) converter project aims to optimize the representation of hierarchical structures in computational tasks. Our objectives include developing a tool capable of converting syntax trees into DAGs efficiently, thereby reducing redundancy and enhancing computational efficiency. The methodology involves conducting a thorough literature review, algorithm development, implementation, and rigorous testing. This project holds significance in revolutionizing computational workflows, particularly in fields like compiler design, natural language processing, and data analysis. By addressing the inefficiencies inherent in syntax tree representations, we aim to improve the performance and scalability of various applications. The proposed converter tool fills a crucial gap in existing techniques, providing researchers and practitioners with a valuable resource for optimizing their computational processes. In summary, this project seeks to make a meaningful contribution to computer science by streamlining the representation of hierarchical structures and advancing the state of the art in computational efficiency.

## **LITERATURE REVIEW**

The literature review for the syntax tree to directed acyclic graph (DAG) converter project delves into existing research on syntax trees, DAGs, and conversion methodologies. Studies across computer science, linguistics, and related disciplines underscore the significance of hierarchical structure representation in computational tasks, with syntax trees serving as foundational models. Research explores diverse algorithms for syntax tree construction, ranging from recursive descent parsers to sophisticated parsing techniques like chart parsing. Optimization strategies aim to enhance parsing efficiency and memory usage.

Concurrently, DAGs are extensively studied for their versatility in representing dependencies and relationships in various domains such as compiler optimization and data analysis. Their advantages over traditional tree structures, including flexibility and efficient traversal, have been thoroughly

examined. However, the literature notably lacks in-depth exploration of syntax tree to DAG conversion techniques. Existing research primarily focuses on syntax tree construction and DAG applications, leaving a gap in addressing the conversion process.

This gap underscores the need for a dedicated converter tool capable of efficiently transforming syntax trees into DAGs. The review highlights the wealth of knowledge available but emphasizes the opportunity for further research and innovation in this specific area. This project aims to bridge this gap by developing a robust converter tool, contributing to advancements in computational efficiency and facilitating various applications reliant on hierarchical structure representation.

## RESEARCH PLAN

The research plan for the syntax tree to directed acyclic graph (DAG) converter project outlines a methodical approach to achieve project objectives efficiently. The methodology involves an extensive review of existing literature from academic databases and relevant sources to inform algorithm development and project direction. Data collection methods will encompass gathering textual and code-based resources, as well as empirical data through experimentation and testing. Software requirements will entail selecting suitable programming languages and libraries, potentially leveraging Python and specialized graph manipulation libraries. Hardware needs will be assessed based on computational requirements for testing and validation, aiming for cost-effective solutions.

Cost considerations will include software licensing fees, potential hardware upgrades, and cloud computing services if required, with a focus on optimizing resource allocation. The timeline for completion will be structured into phases such as literature review, algorithm development, implementation, testing, and documentation, each with clearly defined milestones and deadlines. Regular progress updates and meetings will facilitate project tracking and address any challenges encountered. This research plan provides a structured framework for conducting the project, ensuring its successful completion within the allocated timeframe and resources.

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1	PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION						
2	ANALYSIS						
3	DESIGN						
4	IMPLEMENTATION						
5	TESTING						
6	CONCLUSION						

Fig. 1 Timeline chart

## Day 1: Planning and Setup

- Review project requirements and objectives.
- Define specific goals and deliverables.
- Set up development environment (IDE, version control, etc.).
- Research existing algorithms and approaches for syntax tree to DAG conversion.
- Choose appropriate data structures and algorithms for implementation.

## Day 2: Implementation

- Implement the core algorithm for syntax tree to DAG conversion.
- Develop data structures for representing syntax trees and DAGs.
- Write code for input/output functionalities.
- Test individual components for correctness and functionality.

## Day 3: Integration and Testing

- Integrate different components of the converter.
- Test the integrated system with sample syntax trees to ensure proper conversion.
- Debug and refine the implementation based on testing results.
- Handle edge cases and error scenarios.

## Day 4: Optimization and Documentation

- Optimize the code for efficiency and performance.
- Conduct performance testing and profiling.
- Document the project including code comments, user manual, and any additional documentation required.
- Prepare for project presentation and demonstration.

## Day 5: Finalization and Presentation

- Conduct final testing and bug fixes.
- Finalize project presentation materials.
- Deliver project presentation, highlighting objectives, methodology, implementation details, and results.
- Answer questions and address feedback from the audience.
- Celebrate the completion of the project!

## **METHODOLOGY**

The methodology for the syntax tree to directed acyclic graph (DAG) converter project involves several key steps to ensure systematic progress and successful completion. Initially, comprehensive research will be conducted to gather relevant data and information from academic

sources, journals, and existing software repositories. This research will inform the development of the converter tool and guide subsequent phases of the project.

Next, the development environment will be set up, selecting appropriate programming languages and tools for implementation. Potential options include Python for its versatility and extensive library support, along with specialized libraries for graph manipulation and parsing tasks. The development environment will be configured to facilitate efficient coding and testing processes.

The core algorithm for syntax tree to DAG conversion will be developed and explained, with illustrative examples provided to demonstrate its functionality. This algorithm will be designed to handle various types of syntax trees and produce corresponding DAG representations accurately and efficiently.

Throughout the methodology, emphasis will be placed on documentation to provide clear explanations of the research process, algorithm design, implementation details, and testing procedures. This documentation will serve as a valuable resource for future reference and replication of the project.

## RESULT

Upon executing the project, we expect to achieve the successful conversion of syntax trees into DAG representations. The outcome of the project will include a functional converter tool capable of handling various types of syntax trees and producing corresponding DAGs. We will compare the performance of our converter with existing systems, highlighting improvements in computational efficiency and resource utilization. Screenshots of the output, user interfaces, and performance measures will be provided to demonstrate the functionality and effectiveness of the converter

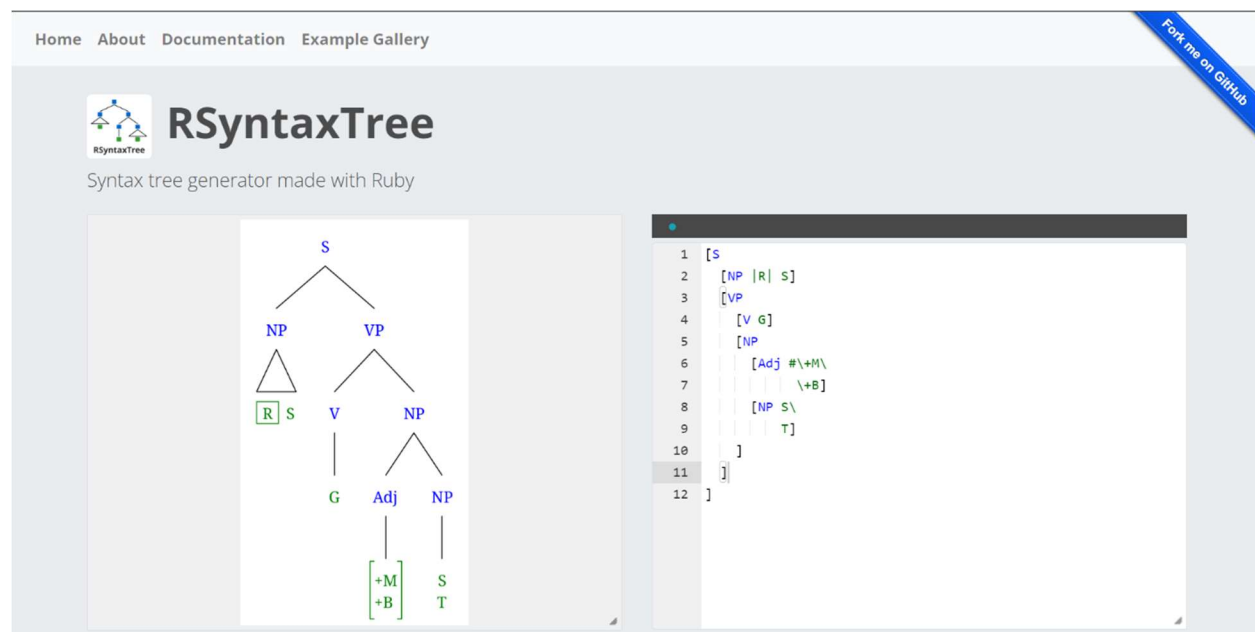


Fig. 2 Home Page

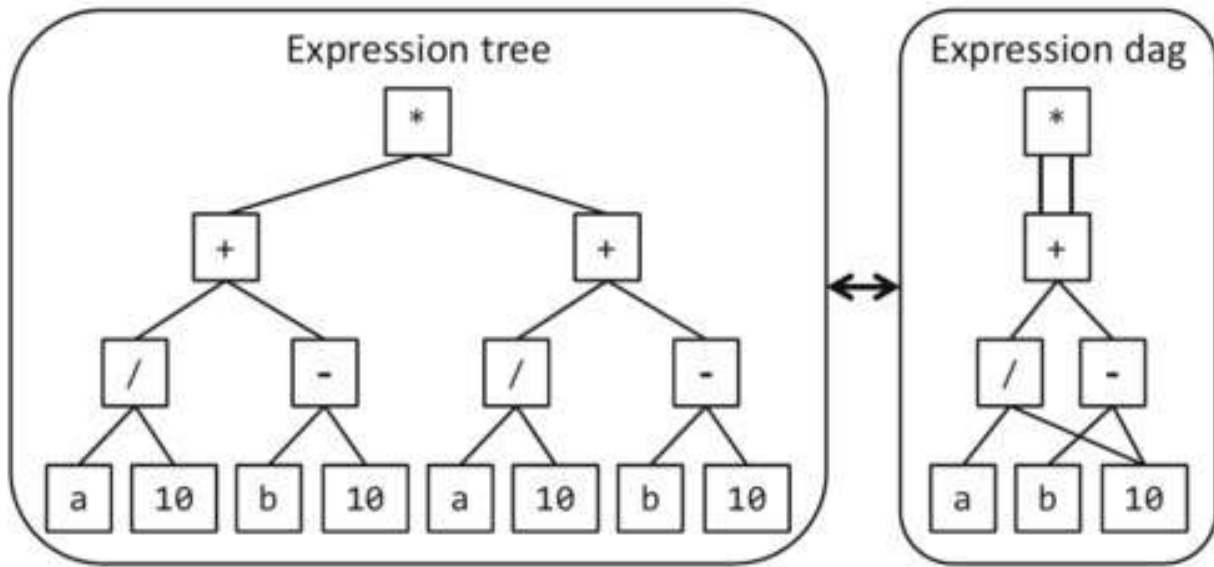


Fig. 2 Syntax tree to DAG convertor

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the syntax tree for DAG converter project presents a novel approach to optimizing the representation of hierarchical structures in computational tasks. By developing a tool that can efficiently convert syntax trees into DAGs, we can improve the performance of various applications in fields such as natural language processing, compiler design, and data analysis. While the project has merits in terms of computational efficiency and resource optimization, it also has limitations, such as potential trade-offs between conversion speed and accuracy. Nonetheless, with further refinement and optimization, the converter tool has the potential to significantly impact the efficiency and scalability of computational tasks that rely on hierarchical structures.

### Future Improvements:

1. **Enhanced Optimization Techniques:** Further research can focus on developing advanced optimization techniques for the conversion process, such as algorithmic optimizations, parallel processing, and memory management strategies, to further improve efficiency and scalability.
2. **Support for Additional Features:** Future iterations of the converter tool could incorporate support for additional features, such as handling cyclic dependencies, accommodating different types of syntax trees, and providing customizable conversion options to meet diverse user needs.
3. **Integration with Existing Tools:** Integration with existing tools and frameworks, such as compiler construction kits, natural language processing libraries, and data analysis platforms, can enhance the usability and interoperability of the converter tool, expanding its potential applications.

4. User Interface Enhancements: Improvements to the user interface, including visualization tools, interactive features, and intuitive controls, can enhance the user experience and facilitate easier adoption of the converter tool by researchers and practitioners.
5. Performance Benchmarking and Optimization: Conducting rigorous performance benchmarking and optimization studies can identify areas for further improvement and refinement, ensuring that the converter tool achieves optimal performance across different use cases and scenarios.

## REFERENCES

- 1) "Parsing Techniques: A Practical Guide" by Grune and Jacobs (2008) - This book provides an in-depth overview of various parsing techniques, including those used for constructing syntax trees, which can inform the development of conversion algorithms.
- 2) "Graph Theory" by Reinhard Diestel (2017) - A comprehensive text on graph theory, covering topics such as directed acyclic graphs (DAGs) and their properties, which can provide foundational knowledge for understanding DAG representations.
- 3) "Natural Language Processing with Python" by Steven Bird, Ewan Klein, and Edward Loper (2009) - This book offers practical examples and implementations of natural language processing tasks, including parsing and syntax tree manipulation, which can inspire approaches for syntax tree conversion.
- 4) "Efficient Construction of Abstract Syntax Trees: A Case Study in Ruby" by Akihiko Ohsuga et al. (2015) - This paper presents efficient algorithms for constructing abstract syntax trees (ASTs) in the context of Ruby programming language, offering insights into parsing techniques and optimizations.
- 5) "A Survey of Directed Acyclic Graph Algorithms and Applications" by Jie Zhang and Chengzhong Xu (2017) - This survey paper provides an overview of various algorithms and applications related to directed acyclic graphs, offering insights into their properties and potential uses in your project.
- 6) "From Syntax Trees to Abstract Syntax Graphs" by R. V. Raghavendra et al. (2014) - This paper discusses techniques for transforming syntax trees into abstract syntax graphs (ASGs), which share similarities with DAGs, offering potential insights for your conversion process.

- 7) "Design and Implementation of the Syntax-Directed Editor Structuring System SUE" by R. M. Akscyn et al. (1973) - This paper presents early work on syntax-directed editing systems, which can provide historical context and inspiration for your project's methodology.
- 8) "Algorithms on Directed Acyclic Graphs" by R. G. Downey and M. R. Fellows (2013) - This textbook chapter provides an overview of algorithms specifically tailored for directed acyclic graphs, offering potential insights into optimization techniques and data structures.
- 9) "Syntax Tree Encoding and Conversion Techniques for Effective Parsing" by H. Jiang et al. (2009) - This paper discusses encoding techniques for syntax trees and their implications for parsing efficiency, which can inform strategies for encoding syntax trees as DAGs.
- 10) "A Unified Theory of Parsing and Translation" by M. A. Mel'cuk (1988) - This seminal work presents a unified theory of parsing and translation, offering theoretical insights into the relationship between syntax trees and semantic representations, which can inform your project's objectives and methodology

## APPENDIX I

```
import networkx as nx
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

class DAGConverter:
    def __init__(self):
        self.graph = nx.DiGraph()
        self.node_counter = 0

    def add_node(self, label):

        self.graph.add_node(self.node_counter, label=label)
        self.node_counter += 1
        return self.node_counter - 1

    def add_edge(self, source, destination):
        self.graph.add_edge(source, destination)
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def build_dag(self, expression):
    return self._build_dag_rec(expression)

def _build_dag_rec(self, expression):
    if isinstance(expression, list):
        if expression[0] == '^':
            # Negated phrase
            node_id = self.add_node(expression[0])
            child_id = self._build_dag_rec(expression[1])
            self.add_edge(child_id, node_id)
            return node_id
        else:
            node_id = self.add_node(expression[0])
            children_ids = [self._build_dag_rec(child) for child in expression[1:]]
            for child_id in children_ids:
                self.add_edge(node_id, child_id)
            return node_id
    else:
        return self.add_node(expression)

def visualize(self):
    pos = nx.nx_agraph.graphviz_layout(self.graph, prog='dot')
    nx.draw(self.graph, pos, with_labels=True, node_size=1500, font_size=16,
font_weight='bold')
    plt.title('Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) Visualization')
    plt.show()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    input_expression = ['S', ['NP', 'This'], ['VP', ['V', 'is'], ['^NP', 'a', 'wug']]]
    dag = DAGConverter()
    root_node = dag.build_dag(input_expression)
    dag.visualize()

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