

Assignment No 5

Aim: Generating abstract syntax tree using LEX and YACC

Objective:

1. To understand the concept of syntax tree..
2. To generate an abstract syntax tree for the given arithmetic expression.

Software Requirement:

1. Linux Operating System
2. Lex compiler
3. Yacc compiler

Mathematical Model:

Consider a set S consisting of all the elements related to a program. The mathematical model is given as below,

$S = \{s, e, X, Y, Fme, DD, NDD, Mem\}$ shared

Where, s = Initial State

e = End State

X = Input data. Here it is any valid arithmetic expression.

Y = Output. Here output is pre-order or post-order traversal of syntax tree.

Fme = Algorithm/Function used in program. for eg. create(), preorder(), postorder()

DD = Deterministic Data

NDD = Non deterministic Data Mem shared = Memory shared by processor.

Theory:

Abstract Syntax Tree :

An (abstract) syntax tree is a condensed form of parse tree useful for representing language constructs. In syntax tree, operators and keywords do not appear as leaves, but rather are associated with the interior node that would be the parent of those leaves in the parse tree.

For Example :

a syntax-tree node representing an expression $E1 + E2$ has label + and two children representing the sub expressions E1 and E2.

Abstract syntax trees are data structures widely used in compilers, due to their property of representing the structure of program code. An AST is usually the result of syntax analysis phase of a compiler. It often serves as an intermediate representation of the program through several stages that the compiler requires, and has a strong impact on the final output of the compiler.

Constructing Syntax Trees for Expressions :

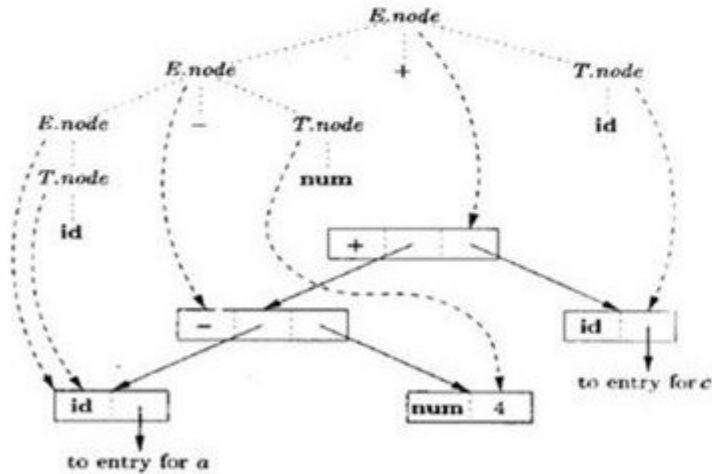
The construction of syntax tree for an expression is similar to the translation of the expression into postfix form. Each node in a syntax tree can be implemented as a record with several fields. In the node for an operator, one can identify the operator and the remaining fields contain pointers to the nodes for the operands. The operator is often called as the label of the node. When used for translation, the nodes in a syntax may have additional fields to hold the values of attributes attached to the node.

Syntax Directed Definitions for generating abstract syntax tree :

Following table contains an S-attributed definition constructs syntax trees for a simple expression grammar involving only the binary operators $+$ and $-$. As usual, these operators are at the same precedence level and are jointly left associative. All nonterminals have one synthesized attribute node, which represents a node of the syntax tree.

Productions	Semantic rules
$E \rightarrow E1 + T$	$E.node := \text{new Node}('+', E1.node, T.node)$
$E \rightarrow E1 - T$	$E.node := \text{new Node}('-', E1.node, T.node)$
$E \rightarrow T$	$E.node := T.node$
$T \rightarrow (E)$	$T.node := E.node$
$T \rightarrow \text{id}$	$T.node := \text{new leaf}(\text{id}, \text{id.entry})$
$T \rightarrow \text{num}$	$T.node := \text{new leaf}(\text{num}, \text{num.val})$

Syntax tree for $a-4+c$ using the above SDD is shown below,



Steps in the construction of the syntax tree for $a-4+c$:

If the rules are evaluated during a post order traversal of the parse tree, or with reductions during a bottom-up parse, then the sequence of steps shown below ends with p5 pointing to the root of the constructed syntax tree.

1. p1 = new Leaf(id,entry-a);
2. p2 = new Leaf(num,4);
3. p3 = new Node(-,p1,p2);
4. p4 = new Leaf (id,entry-c);
5. p5 = new Node(+,p3,p4);

Command :

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$ lex < programname > .l
$ yacc -d < programname > .y
$ gcc lex.yy.c y.tab.c -ll -ly
$ ./a.out
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CONCLUSION :

Thus, we have generated an abstract syntax tree for the given arithmetic expression using LEX and YACC.

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