## **COMS W4115**

# Programming Languages and Translators Lecture 13: Intermediate Representations March 6, 2013

#### **Lecture Outline**

- 1. Syntax-directed translation
- 2. Variants of syntax trees
- 3. Three-address code
- 4. Semantic analysis

## 1. Syntax-Directed Translation

- · Postfix translation schemes
- Translation schemes with actions inside productions
- · Producing ASTs with top-down parsing
  - Here is the L-attributed SDD based on an LL(1) grammar for translating arithmetic expressions into ASTs from Lecture 12.

#### 2. Variants of Syntax Trees

- Abstract syntax trees
- Directed acyclic graphs
  - Algorithm 6.3: Value-number method for constructing a DAG (p. 361)

#### 3. Three-Address Code

- Three-address instructions
- · Representations for three-address code
  - Records
  - Quadruples
  - Triples
- Static single-assignment form

### 4. Semantic Analysis

- Uses made of semantic information for a variable x:
  - What kind of value is stored in x?
  - How big is x?
  - Who is responsible for allocating space for x?
  - Who is responsible for initializing x?
  - How long must the value of x be kept?
  - If x is a procedure, what kinds of arguments does it take and what kind of return value does it have?
- Storage layout for local names

## 5. Practice Problems

1. Construct a DAG for the expression

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((x + y) - ((x + y) * (x - y))) + ((x + y) * (x - y))
```

2. Translate the following assignments into (a) syntax trees, (b) quadruples, (c) triples, (d) three-address code:

a. 
$$x = a + -(b+c)$$

$$b. x[i] = y[i] + z[i]$$

c. 
$$x = f(y+1) + 2$$

## 6. Reading

• ALSU, Sections 6.1-6.3

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