

```
In [1]: import { requireCytoscape, requireCarbon } from "../lib/draw";
requireCarbon();
requireCytoscape();
```

## Transpilers and Compilers

### Where Were We?

1. Language primitives (i.e., building blocks of languages)
2. Language paradigms (i.e., combinations of language primitives)
3. **Building a language** (i.e., designing your own language)
  - Last time: interpreters and evaluation
  - This time: **compilers** and **transpilers**

### Review

- We've seen two components of language implementation: parsers and interpreters.
- Let's review these before moving to the topic for today: *compilers* and *transpilers*.

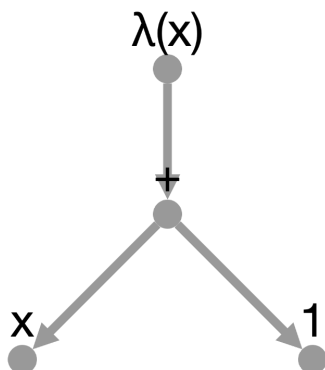
```
In [2]: import { draw, treeLayout } from "../lib/draw";
import * as T from "../lib/lambdats/token";
import * as E from "../lib/lambdats/expr";
import * as I from "../lib/lambdats/substInterp";
import * as Parser from "../lib/lambdats/parser";

function drawProg(prog: string|E.Expr): void {
  if (typeof prog === 'string') {
    draw(E.cytoscapify(Parser.parse(prog)), 800, 350, treeLayout);
  } else {
    draw(E.cytoscapify(prog), 800, 350, treeLayout);
  }
}
```

### Component: Parsing

- Input: string
- Output: AST

```
In [3]: const inputString = "λx => x + 1";
const outputAST = Parser.parse(inputString);
drawProg(outputAST);
```

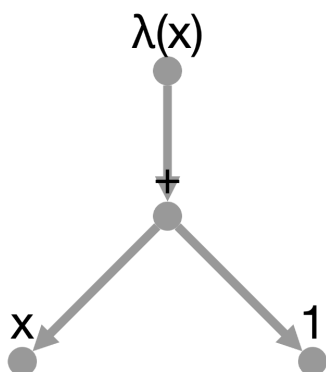


### Component: Interpreter

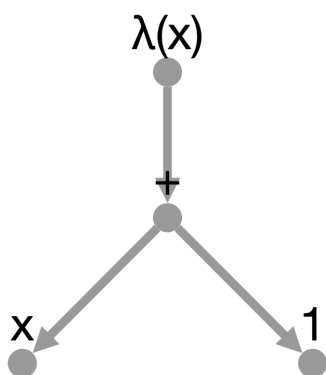
- Input: AST
- Output: AST that is a *value*.
  - A *value* is an AST that can no longer be reduce.
  - For LambdaTS, this means that the root of the AST is either a `NumericConstant` or a `FunctionExpr`.

```
In [4]: const inputAST = Parser.parse("λx => x + 1");
console.log("Input");
drawProg(inputAST);
const outputAST = I.interpret(inputAST);
console.log("Output");
drawProg(outputAST);
```

Input

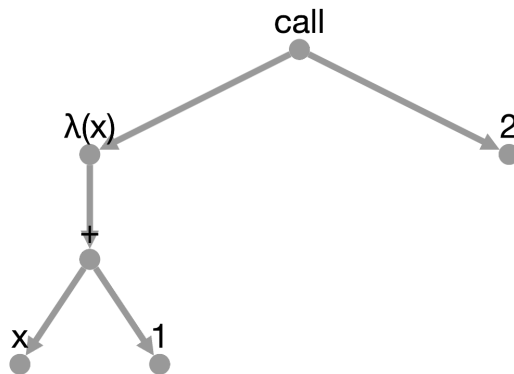


Output



```
In [5]: const inputAST = Parser.parse("(λx => x + 1)(2)");
console.log("Input");
drawProg(inputAST);
const outputAST = I.interpret(inputAST);
console.log("Output");
drawProg(outputAST);
```

Input



Output

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## Compiler / Transpiler

Today, we will look at **compilers**, a program that converts an expression/AST in a **source** language into an expression/AST in a **target** language.

- Traditionally, the source language is some high-level language and the target language is assembly, i.e., a low-level language.
- When the **source** language and **target** language are both high-level programming languages, the compiler is also called a **transpiler**.

## LambdaTS Expression/AST

```
export type Expr = NumericConstant | BinaryExpr | ConditionalExpr | FunctionExpr | Identifier | CallExpr;
export type BinaryExpr = { tag: "BINARY";
  operator: BinaryOperator;
  left: Expr;
  right: Expr;
};
// Note (e) is not part of the AST
export type ConditionalExpr = { tag: "CONDITIONAL";
  condExpr: Expr;
  thenExpr: Expr;
  elseExpr: Expr;
};
export type FunctionExpr = { tag: "FUNCTION";
  parameter: string;
  body: Expr;
};
export type CallExpr = { tag: "CALL";
  func: Expr;
  argument: Expr;
};
```

## A Second AST

- Transpiling does not make sense if there is only 1 AST.
- We'll need another AST. Let's add **let bindings** to LambdaTS to create LambdaTS2.
- We will then write a **transpiler** that translates expressions in LambdaTS2 to LambdaTS.

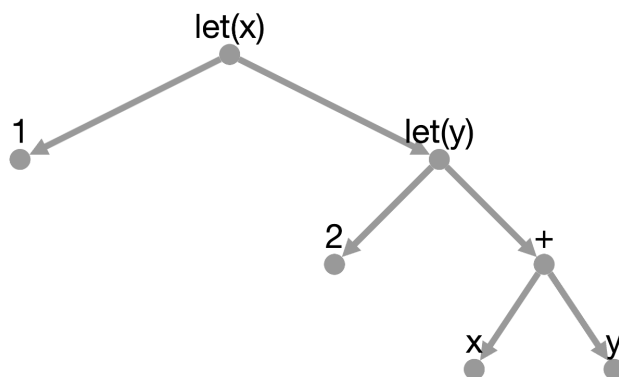
### Let Expressions

- We want to have local variables.
- Note that TypeScript has let statements and not let expressions.
- Let expressions are the functional version of let statements.

```
In [6]: let x = 1;
let y = 2;
x + y
```

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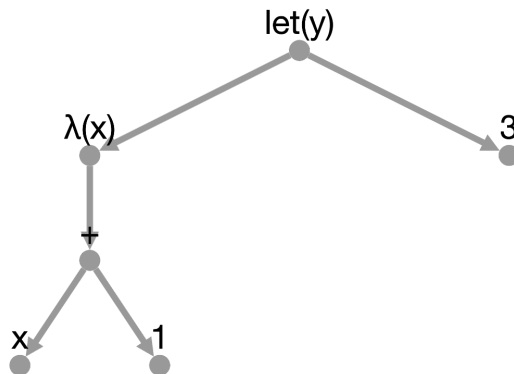
```
In [7]: // LambdaTS2 program
drawProg(Parser.parse("let x = 1 in let y = 2 in x + y"));
```



```
In [8]: let y = (x) => x + 1;
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```

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```
In [9]: // LambdaTS2 Program
drawProg(Parser.parse("let y = λx => x + 1 in 3"));
```



## LambdaTS2 AST

```
In [10]: type Expr = T.NumericConstant | BinaryExpr | ConditionalExpr | FunctionExpr | T.Identifier | CallExpr | LetExpr;

// New language construct
type LetExpr = { tag: "LET"; // let x = left in right
  name: string;
  left: Expr;
  right: Expr;
};

type BinaryExpr = { tag: "BINARY";
  operator: T.BinaryOperator;
  left: Expr;
  right: Expr;
};

type ConditionalExpr = { tag: "CONDITIONAL";
  condExpr: Expr;
  thenExpr: Expr;
  elseExpr: Expr;
};

type FunctionExpr = { tag: "FUNCTION";
  parameter: string;
  body: Expr;
};

type CallExpr = { tag: "CALL";
  func: Expr;
  argument: Expr;
};
```

## LambdaTS2 Interpreter?

- We could write an interpreter for LambdaTS2.
- Alternatively, we could translate a LambdaTS2 AST into a LambdaTS AST and use the LambdaTS interpreter.
- This is what happens with TypeScript---we use `tsc` to transpile a TypeScript AST into a JavaScript AST and use the JavaScript interpreter node.

## Transpiling

### Example 1

```
In [11]: let x = 2;
x + 1
```

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```
In [12]: ((x) => x + 1)(2)
```

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## Example 2

```
In [13]: let x = 2;
let y = 3;
x + y
```

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```
In [14]: // Step one
((x) => {
  let y = 3;
  return x + y;
})(2)
```

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```
In [15]: // Step two, recursive translation of the body
((x) => ((y) => x + y)(3))(2)
```

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## Exercise

```
In [16]: let x = 2;
let y = 3;
let z = 4;
x + y + z;
```

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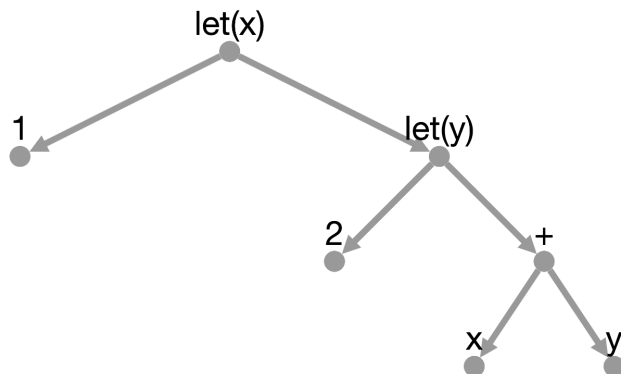
```
In [18]: // Expr is LambdaTS2 AST
// E.Expr is LambdaTS AST
function transpile(e: Expr): E.Expr {
  switch (e.tag) {
    case "LET": {
      // We don't have "LET" in LambdaTS
      // We translate let x = left in right into
      //      (λx => right)(left)
      return E.mkCallExpr(E.mkFunctionExpr(e.name, transpile(e.right)), transpile(e.left));
    }

    // All of these cases are not interesting
    case "NUMBER": {
      return T.mkNumericConstant(e.value);
    }
    case "BINARY": {
      return E.mkBinaryExpr(transpile(e.left), e.operator, transpile(e.right));
    }
    case "CONDITIONAL": {
      return E.mkConditionalExpr(transpile(e.condExpr), transpile(e.thenExpr), transpile(e.elseExpr));
    }
    case "FUNCTION": {
      return E.mkFunctionExpr(e.parameter, transpile(e.body));
    }
    case "IDENTIFIER": {
      return T.mkIdentifier(e.name);
    }
    case "CALL": {
      return E.mkCallExpr(transpile(e.func), transpile(e.argument));
    }
    default: {
      throw Error("Shouldn't happen");
    }
  }
}
```

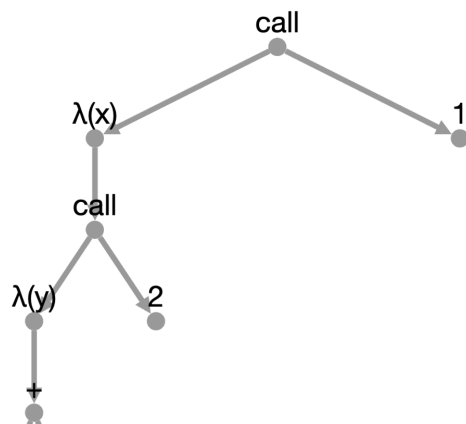
## Example 1

```
In [19]: const inputAST = Parser.parse("let x = 1 in let y = 2 in x + y");
console.log("Input (in LambdaTS2)");
drawProg(inputAST);
const outputAST = transpile(inputAST);
console.log("Output (in LambdaTS)");
drawProg(outputAST);
console.log("Interpret (in LambdaTS)");
drawProg(I.interpret(outputAST));
```

Input (in LambdaTS2)



Output (in LambdaTS)



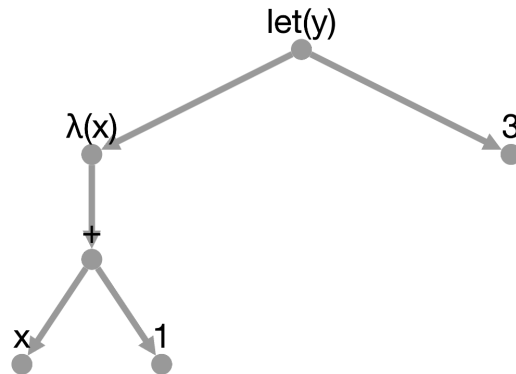
Interpret (in LambdaTS)

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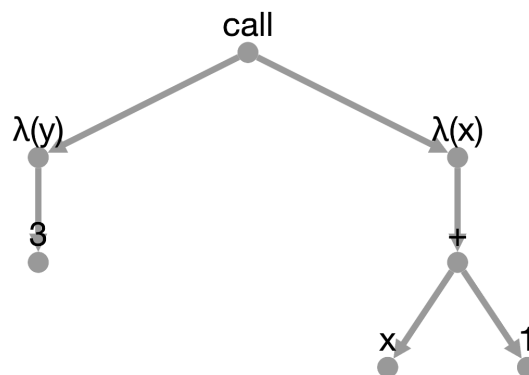
Example 2

```
In [20]: const inputAST = Parser.parse("let y = λx => x + 1 in 3");
console.log("Input (in LambdaTS2)");
drawProg(inputAST);
const outputAST = transpile(inputAST);
console.log("Output (in LambdaTS)");
drawProg(outputAST);
console.log("Interpret (in LambdaTS)");
drawProg(I.interpret(outputAST));
```

Input (in LambdaTS2)



Output (in LambdaTS)



Interpret (in LambdaTS)

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### That's It!

- We have seen how to translate an AST in one language into an AST in another language.
- `transpile` translates a LambdaTS2 AST into a LambdaTS AST.
- This is similar to what `tsc` is doing: translating a TypeScript AST into a JavaScript AST.
- Once we do so, we can use the interpreter for the other language to run our programs.



- Every TypeScript language feature is transpiled into a JavaScript AST.

## Same Language Translations

- Transpilers take ASTs in one language and convert them into ASTs in another language.
- Now we'll look at same language source code translations.
- This can be used to optimize code and is what a compiler might perform.

### Example 1: Compare these two pieces of code

```
In [21]: // Version 1  
const width = 5  
const height = 4  
const area = width * height  
console.log(area)
```

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```
In [22]: // Version 2  
console.log(20)
```

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### Tradeoffs

1. Version 1 is more interpretable.
2. Version 2 gets rid of extra arithmetic.

### Example 2: Compare these two pieces of code

```
In [23]: // Version 1  
let flag = true;  
let version;  
if (flag) {  
  version = "1.1";  
} else {  
  version = "1.2";  
}
```

```
In [24]: // Version 2  
let version = "1.1";  
// version = "1.2"; // We are using comments to toggle between version number
```

### Tradeoffs

1. Version 1 uses code to toggle and is easier to extend.
2. Version 2 doesn't have branching overhead.

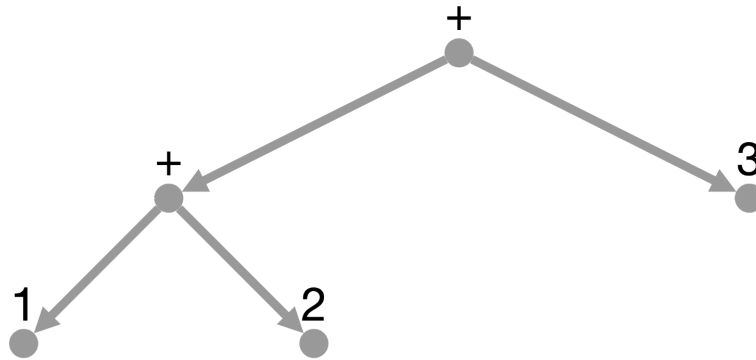
## Constant Folding: Example of Semantics Preserving Translation

Get best of both worlds:

1. Let user write interpretable code.
2. Use syntax rewriting to get code that eliminates code that can be statically simplified.

```
In [25]: console.log("original");
drawProg("1 + 2 + 3");
console.log("constant folded");
drawProg("6");
```

original



constant folded

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#### Constant Folding on Arithmetic

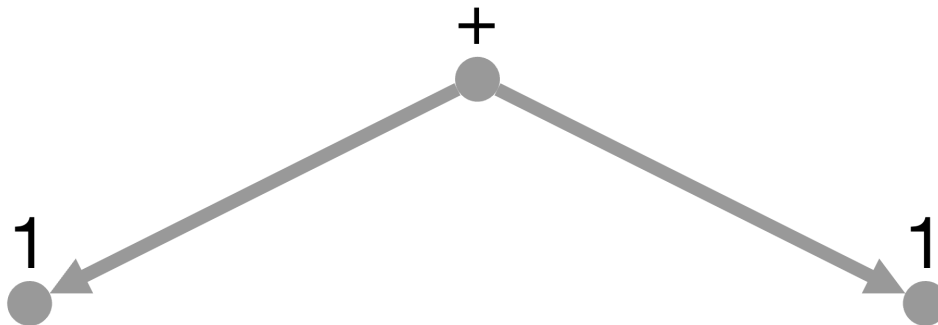
```
In [26]: function constantFoldBinary(eLeft: E.Expr, operator: T.BinaryOperator, eRight: E.Expr): E.Expr {
    if (eLeft.tag === "NUMBER" && eRight.tag === "NUMBER") {
        // If both the left and right are numbers, then we can evaluate them and return the appropriate constant.
        // Question: how does this compare with the interpreter for binary expressions?
        // Hint: look at the return type of constantFoldBinary
        switch (operator) {
            case "+": {
                return T.mkNumericConstant(eLeft.value + eRight.value);
            }
            case "-": {
                return T.mkNumericConstant(eLeft.value - eRight.value);
            }
            case "*": {
                return T.mkNumericConstant(eLeft.value * eRight.value);
            }
            case "/": {
                return T.mkNumericConstant(eLeft.value / eRight.value);
            }
        }
    }
    else {
        // If either one of the expressions is not a numeric constant, we cannot evaluate the expression.
        return E.mkBinaryExpr(eLeft, operator, eRight);
    }
}
```

```
In [27]: function constantFold(e: E.Expr): E.Expr {
  switch (e.tag) {
    case "NUMBER": {
      return T.mkNumericConstant(e.value); // Nothing to do
    }
    case "BINARY": {
      // Note: what can be improved?
      return constantFoldBinary(e.left, e.operator, e.right);
    }
    case "CONDITIONAL": {
      // Will handle later
      return E.mkConditionalExpr(constantFold(e.condExpr), constantFold(e.thenExpr), constantFold(e.elseExpr));
    }
    case "FUNCTION": {
      // Recursively perform constant folding
      return E.mkFunctionExpr(e.parameter, constantFold(e.body))
    }
    case "IDENTIFIER": {
      return T.mkIdentifier(e.name); // Nothing to do
    }
    case "CALL": {
      // Recursively perform constant folding
      return E.mkCallExpr(constantFold(e.func), constantFold(e.argument));
    }
    default: {
      throw Error("Shouldn't happen");
    }
  }
}
```

### Example 1

```
In [28]: const ex1 = "1 + 1";
console.log("Original", E.exprToString(Parser.parse(ex1)));
drawProg(ex1);
console.log("Optimized", E.exprToString(constantFold(Parser.parse(ex1))));
drawProg(constantFold(Parser.parse(ex1)));
```

Original (1+1)



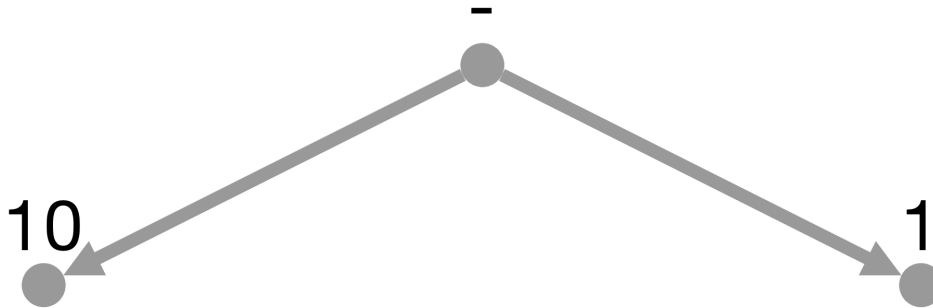
Optimized 2

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### Example 2

```
In [29]: const ex2 = "10 - 1";  
console.log("Original", E.exprToString(Parser.parse(ex2)));  
drawProg(ex2);  
console.log("Optimized", E.exprToString(constantFold(Parser.parse(ex2))));  
drawProg(constantFold(Parser.parse(ex2)));
```

Original (10-1)



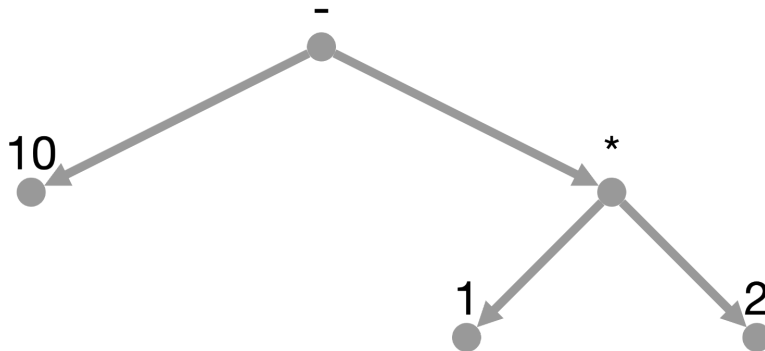
Optimized 9

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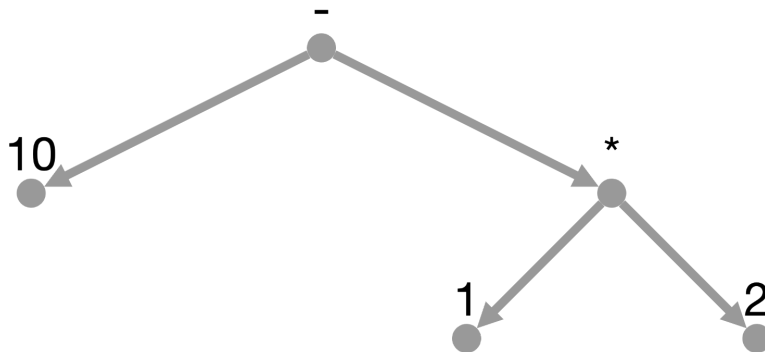
### Example 3

```
In [30]: const ex3 = "10 - (1 * 2)";  
console.log("Original", E.exprToString(Parser.parse(ex3)));  
drawProg(ex3);  
console.log("Optimized", E.exprToString(constantFold(Parser.parse(ex3))));  
drawProg(constantFold(Parser.parse(ex3)));
```

Original (10-(1\*2))



Optimized (10-(1\*2))



Hmm ... what went wrong?

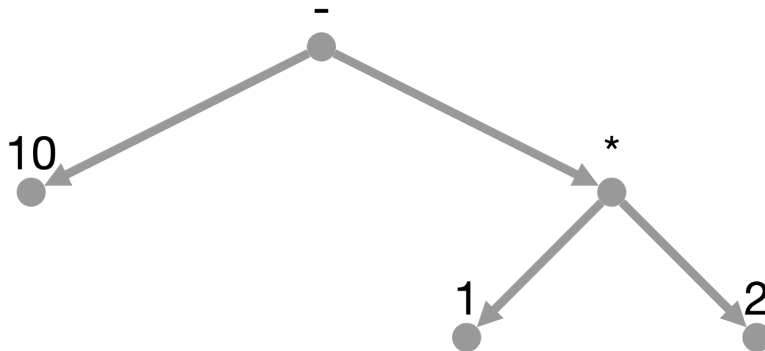
1. 10 is a numeric constant
2. 1\*2 is a binary expression
3. Hence, our constant fold operation cannot reduce it

```
In [31]: function constantFold2(e: E.Expr): E.Expr {
  switch (e.tag) {
    case "NUMBER": {
      return T.mkNumericConstant(e.value); // Nothing to do
    }
    case "BINARY": {
      // Note: what can be improved?
      return constantFoldBinary(constantFold2(e.left), e.operator, constantFold2(e.right));
    }
    case "CONDITIONAL": {
      // Will handle later
      return E.mkConditionalExpr(constantFold2(e.condExpr), constantFold2(e.thenExpr), constantFold2(e.elseExpr));
    }
    case "FUNCTION": {
      // Recursively perform constant folding
      return E.mkFunctionExpr(e.parameter, constantFold2(e.body))
    }
    case "IDENTIFIER": {
      return T.mkIdentifier(e.name); // Nothing to do
    }
    case "CALL": {
      // Recursively perform constant folding
      return E.mkCallExpr(constantFold2(e.func), constantFold2(e.argument));
    }
    default: {
      throw Error("Shouldn't happen");
    }
  }
}
```

### Example 3: Again

```
In [32]: const ex3 = "10 - 1 * 2";
console.log("Original", E.exprToString(Parser.parse(ex3)));
drawProg(ex3);
console.log("Optimized", E.exprToString(constantFold2(Parser.parse(ex3))));
drawProg(constantFold2(Parser.parse(ex3)));
```

Original (10-(1\*2))



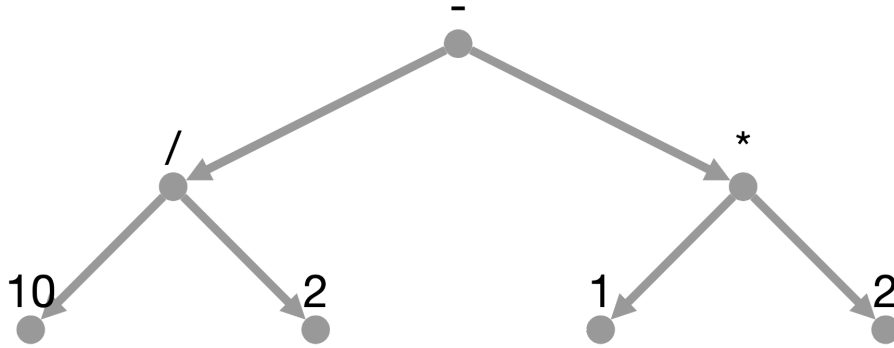
Optimized 8

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#### Example 4

```
In [33]: const ex4 = "(10 / 2) - 1 * 2";  
console.log("Original", E.exprToString(Parser.parse(ex4)));  
drawProg(ex4);  
console.log("Optimized", E.exprToString(constantFold2(Parser.parse(ex4))));  
drawProg(constantFold2(Parser.parse(ex4)));
```

Original ((10/2)-(1\*2))



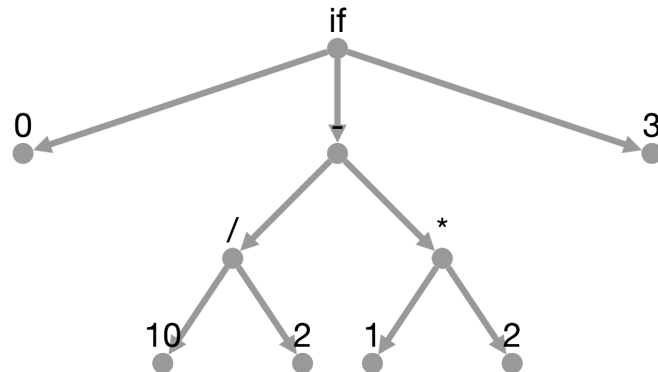
Optimized 3

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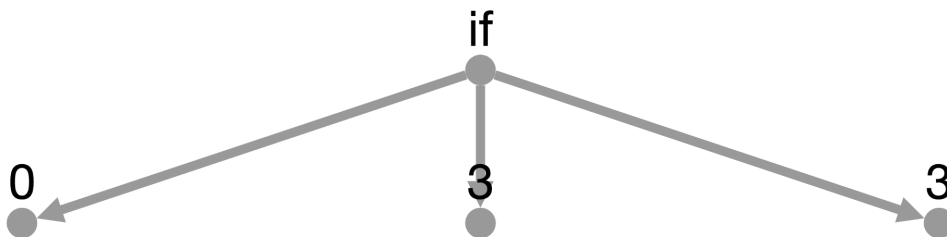
#### Example 5

```
In [34]: const ex5 = "0 ? (10 / 2) - 1 * 2 : 3";
console.log("Original", E.exprToString(Parser.parse(ex5)));
drawProg(ex5);
console.log("Optimized", E.exprToString(constantFold2(Parser.parse(ex5))));
drawProg(constantFold2(Parser.parse(ex5)));
```

Original (0?((10/2)-(1\*2)):3)



Optimized (0?3:3)

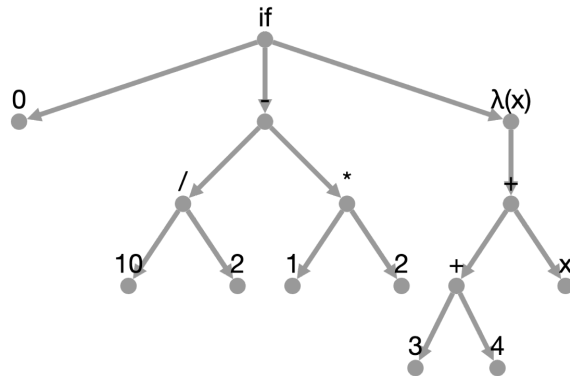


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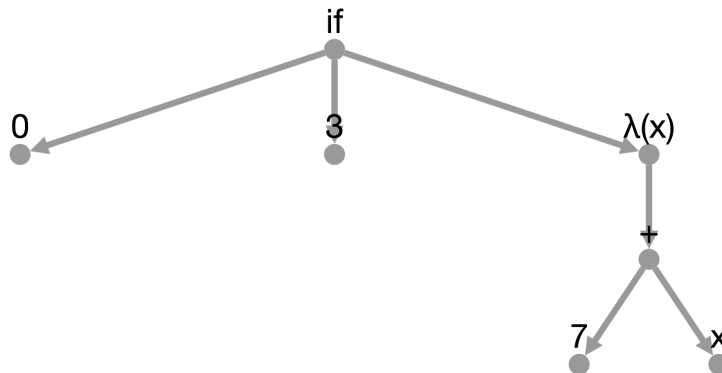


```
In [35]: const ex6 = "0 ? (10 / 2) - 1 * 2 : λx => 3 + 4 + x";
console.log("Original", E.exprToString(Parser.parse(ex6)));
drawProg(ex6);
console.log("Optimized", E.exprToString(constantFold2(Parser.parse(ex6))));
drawProg(constantFold2(Parser.parse(ex6)));
```

Original  $0?((10/2)-(1*2)):(\lambda x \Rightarrow ((3+4)+x))$



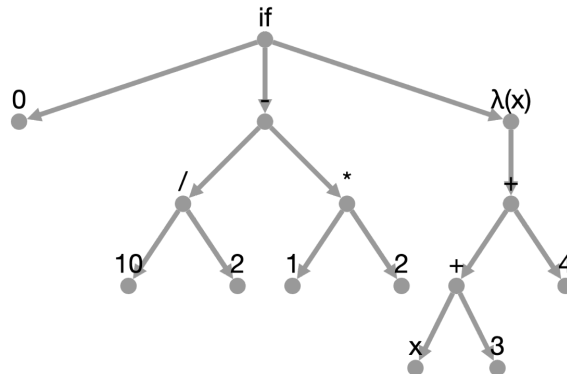
Optimized  $0?3:(\lambda x \Rightarrow (7+x))$



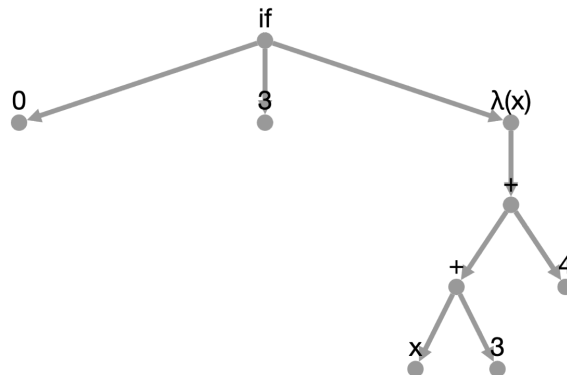
Example 7

```
In [36]: const ex7 = "0 ? (10 / 2) - 1 * 2 : λx => x + 3 + 4";
console.log("Original", E.exprToString(Parser.parse(ex7)));
drawProg(ex7);
console.log("Optimized", E.exprToString(constantFold2(Parser.parse(ex7))));
drawProg(constantFold2(Parser.parse(ex7)));
```

Original  $0 ? ((10/2) - (1*2)) : (\lambda x \Rightarrow ((x+3)+4))$



Optimized  $0 ? 3 : (\lambda x \Rightarrow ((x+3)+4))$



Hmmm ... that didn't work

1.  $x + 3$  is an expression
2. so therefore our constant folder did not work

### Aside: soundness vs. completeness

1. Both `constantFold` and `constantFold2` are **sound**, i.e., they do the correct thing
2. Neither `constantFold` nor `constantFold2` are **complete**, i.e., perform all constant foldings
3. In general, cannot be both sound and complete. Languages make the decision to be sound.
4. This soundness vs. completeness issue most often appears in **type-checking**.

### Constant Folding with Conditionals

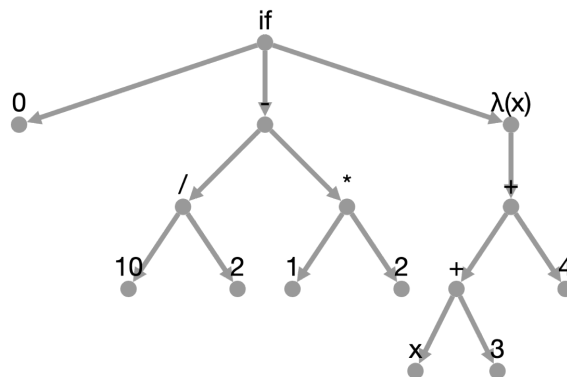
```
In [37]: function constantFoldConditional(eCondExpr: E.Expr, eThenExpr: E.Expr, eElseExpr: E.Expr): E.Expr {
  if (eCondExpr.tag === "NUMBER") {
    return eCondExpr.value === 0 ? eElseExpr : eThenExpr;
  } else {
    return E.mkConditionalExpr(eCondExpr, eThenExpr, eElseExpr);
  }
}
```

```
In [38]: function constantFold3(e: E.Expr): E.Expr {
  switch (e.tag) {
    case "NUMBER": {
      return T.mkNumericConstant(e.value); // Nothing to do
    }
    case "BINARY": {
      // Note: what can be improved?
      return constantFoldBinary(constantFold3(e.left), e.operator, constantFold3(e.right));
    }
    case "CONDITIONAL": {
      // Will handle later
      return constantFoldConditional(constantFold3(e.condExpr), constantFold3(e.thenExpr), constantFold3(e.elseExpr));
    }
    case "FUNCTION": {
      // Recursively perform constant folding
      return E.mkFunctionExpr(e.parameter, constantFold3(e.body))
    }
    case "IDENTIFIER": {
      return T.mkIdentifier(e.name); // Nothing to do
    }
    case "CALL": {
      // Recursively perform constant folding
      return E.mkCallExpr(constantFold3(e.func), constantFold3(e.argument));
    }
    default: {
      throw Error("Shouldn't happen");
    }
  }
}
```

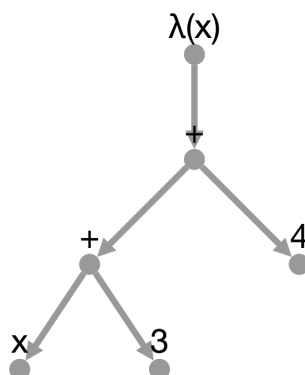
#### Example 7 Again

```
In [39]: const ex7 = "0 ? (10 / 2) - 1 * 2 : λx => x + 3 + 4";
console.log("Original", E.exprToString(Parser.parse(ex7)));
drawProg(ex7);
console.log("Optimized", E.exprToString(constantFold3(Parser.parse(ex7))));
drawProg(constantFold3(Parser.parse(ex7)));
```

Original (0?((10/2)-(1\*2)):λx=>((x+3)+4))



Optimized (λx=>((x+3)+4))



## Summary

1. Constant folding is one of many optimizations that many compilers perform.
2. Many "hand-performed" optimizations can be done with a compiler.
3. Obviously, there are limits to compiler optimization. Compiler optimizations are sound, but not necessarily complete.

## Making Your Code Lazy: Code transformation that changes the semantics of your code

**Problem:** suppose you want to transpile Haskell code to TypeScript code. The problem is that Haskell is a lazy language but TypeScript has eager semantics. How would you do this?

**Related problem:** suppose we have an interpreter for lambdaTS that has eager semantics, but we want it to have lazy semantics. What's an alternative to writing another interpreter for lambdaTS?

```
In [40]: function toLazyExpr(e: E.Expr): E.Expr {
  switch (e.tag) {
    case "NUMBER": {
      return T.mkNumericConstant(e.value);
    }
    case "BINARY": {
      return E.mkBinaryExpr(toLazyExpr(e.left), e.operator, toLazyExpr(e.right));
    }
    case "CONDITIONAL": {
      return E.mkConditionalExpr(toLazyExpr(e.condExpr), toLazyExpr(e.thenExpr), toLazyExpr(e.elseExpr));
    }
    case "FUNCTION": {
      return E.mkFunctionExpr(e.parameter, toLazyExpr(e.body))
    }
    case "IDENTIFIER": {
      // Evaluate the thunk with an arbitrary input (thunk's argument is never used).
      return E.mkCallExpr(T.mkIdentifier(e.name), T.mkNumericConstant(42));
    }
    case "CALL": {
      // Delay the evaluation of the argument of a call by wrapping it in a thunk.
      const thunk = E.mkFunctionExpr("unit", toLazyExpr(e.argument));
      return E.mkCallExpr(toLazyExpr(e.func), thunk);
    }
    default: {
      throw Error("Shouldn't happen");
    }
  }
}
```

## Example

```
In [41]: E.exprToString(toLazyExpr(Parser.parse("(λx => 3)(4 + (λy => y))")))
(λx=>3)((λunit=>(4+(λy=>y(42)))))
```

```
In [43]: try {
  // Should error
  drawProg(I.interpret(Parser.parse("(λx => 3)(4 + (λy => y))")));
} catch(err) {
  console.log(err);
}
```

Error: Attempting [object Object] + [object Object]  
at interpretBinop (/Users/dehuang/Documents/teaching/csc600/lectures/lib/lambdaTS/substInterp.js:74:15)  
at interpret (/Users/dehuang/Documents/teaching/csc600/lectures/lib/lambdaTS/substInterp.js:84:20)  
at Object.interpret (/Users/dehuang/Documents/teaching/csc600/lectures/lib/lambdaTS/substInterp.js:104:29)  
at evalmachine.<anonymous>:4:32  
at evalmachine.<anonymous>:10:3  
at signintHandlersWrap (node:vm:270:12)  
at Script.runInThisContext (node:vm:127:14)  
at Object.runInThisContext (node:vm:307:38)  
at Object.execute (/Users/dehuang/Documents/teaching/csc600/lectures/node\_modules/tslab/dist/executor.js:162:38)  
at JupyterHandlerImpl.handleExecuteImpl (/Users/dehuang/Documents/teaching/csc600/lectures/node\_modules/tslab/dist/jupyter.js:219:38)

```
In [45]: // The lazy program does not error!  
drawProg(I.interpret(toLazyExpr(Parser.parse("(λx => 3)(4 + (λy => y))"))));
```

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## Summary

1. Compilers and transpilers are programs that convert ASTs in one language into ASTs in another language.
2. Compilers/transpilers can be used for code optimization.
3. Compilers/transpilers can be used to convert between languages with different semantics.

```
In [ ]:
```