

Semantic Analysis

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Semantic Analysis

Perform various checks:

- Type checking
 - $1 + \text{"1"}$
- Scopes
 - Undefined variables
- Other
 - Division by zero
 - Visibility semantics in classes (public, private, ...)

Visitor Design Pattern

Perform computations over tree-like data structures

visit(node):

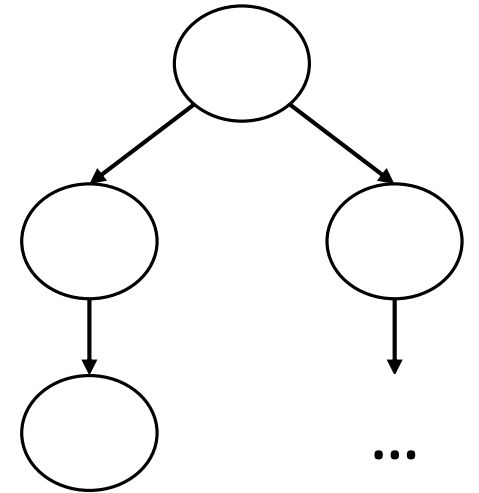
// do something with node

$r_1 = \text{visit}(\text{node.child}_1)$

$r_2 = \text{visit}(\text{node.child}_2)$

...

// do something with r_1, r_2, \dots



Visitor Design Pattern: Example

Printing the AST

```
visit(node):  
    print(node)  
    for child in node.children:  
        visit(child)
```

Symbol Table

- Stack of scopes
- Each scope contains information about identifiers
 - Name
 - Type (int, string, ...)
 - Kind (variable, function, method, ...)

Symbol Table



Symbol Table Operations

- **Insert** symbol
- **Lookup** symbol
- **Enter** scope
- **Exit** scope

Symbol Table: Insert

Example:

- Insert(z, int, variable)

main scope

ID	Type	Kind
x	int	variable
y	int	variable

scope₁

ID	Type	Kind
tmp	int	variable

scope₂



Symbol Table: Insert

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scope₂

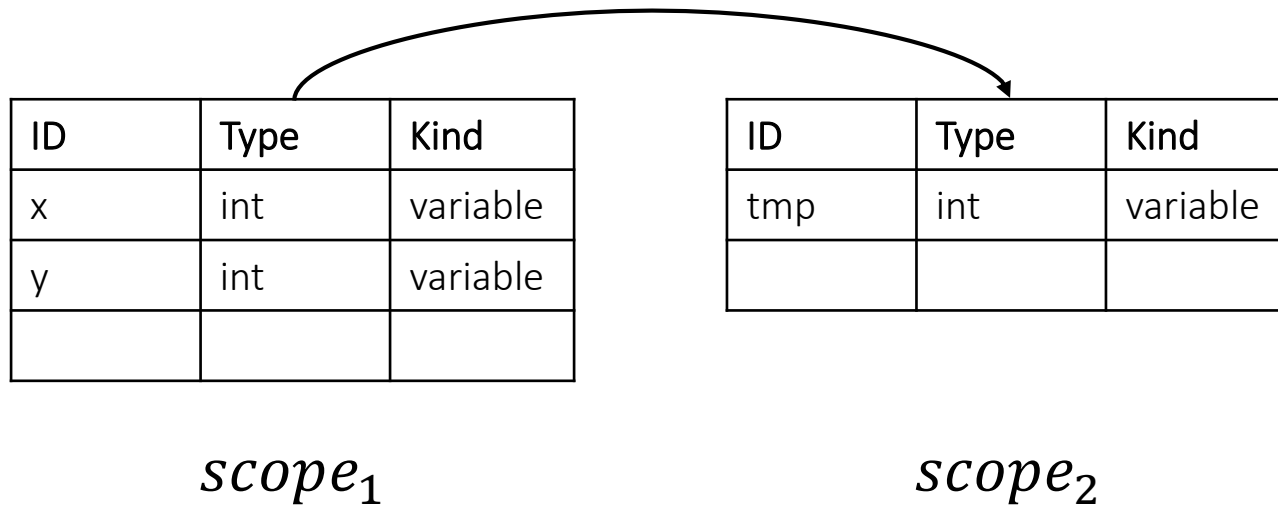


Symbol Table: Lookup

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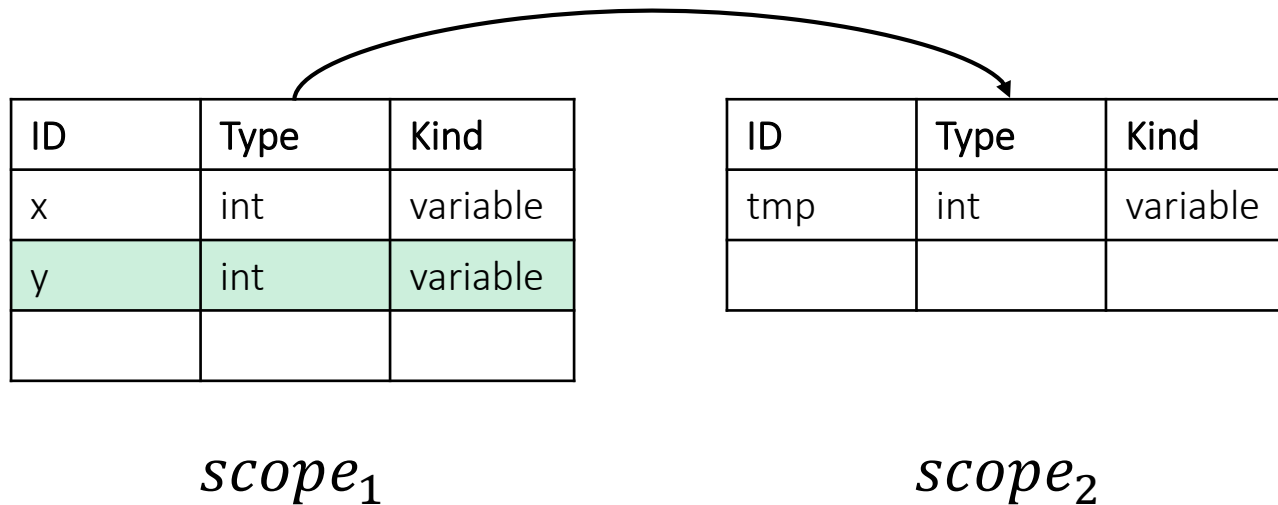


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$scope_1$

ID	Type	Kind
tmp	int	variable

$scope_2$

ID	Type	Kind

$scope_3$



Symbol Table: Exit

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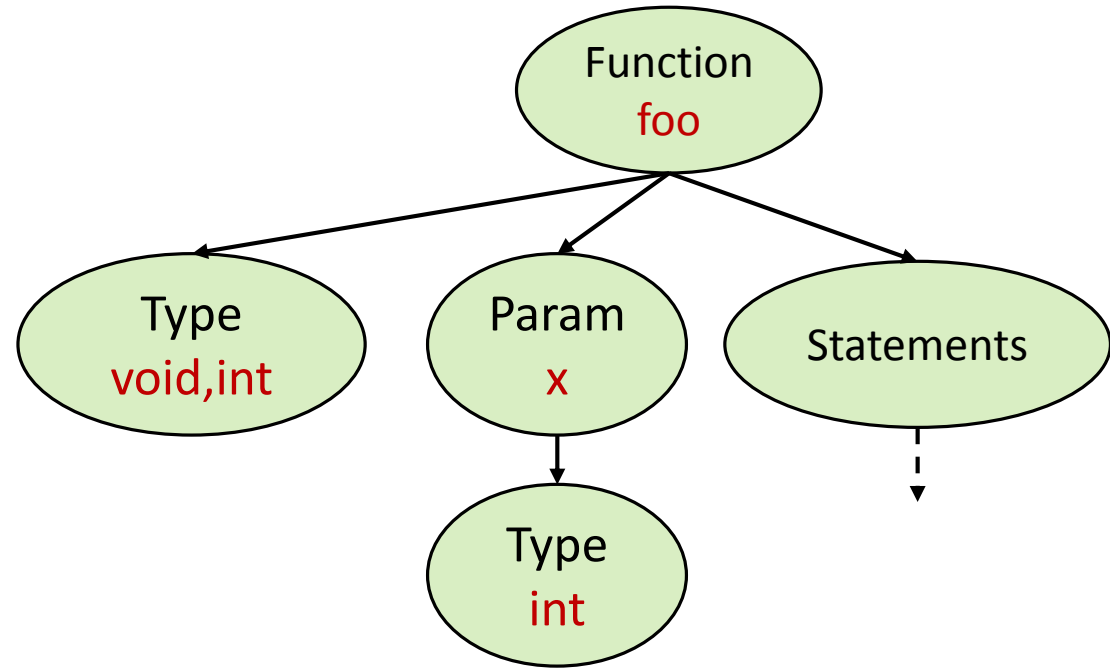
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scope₁

Symbol Table Construction

- Identifier declaration
 - Insert
- Identifier reference
 - Lookup
- When visiting a new block
 - Enter
- When leaving a block
 - Exit

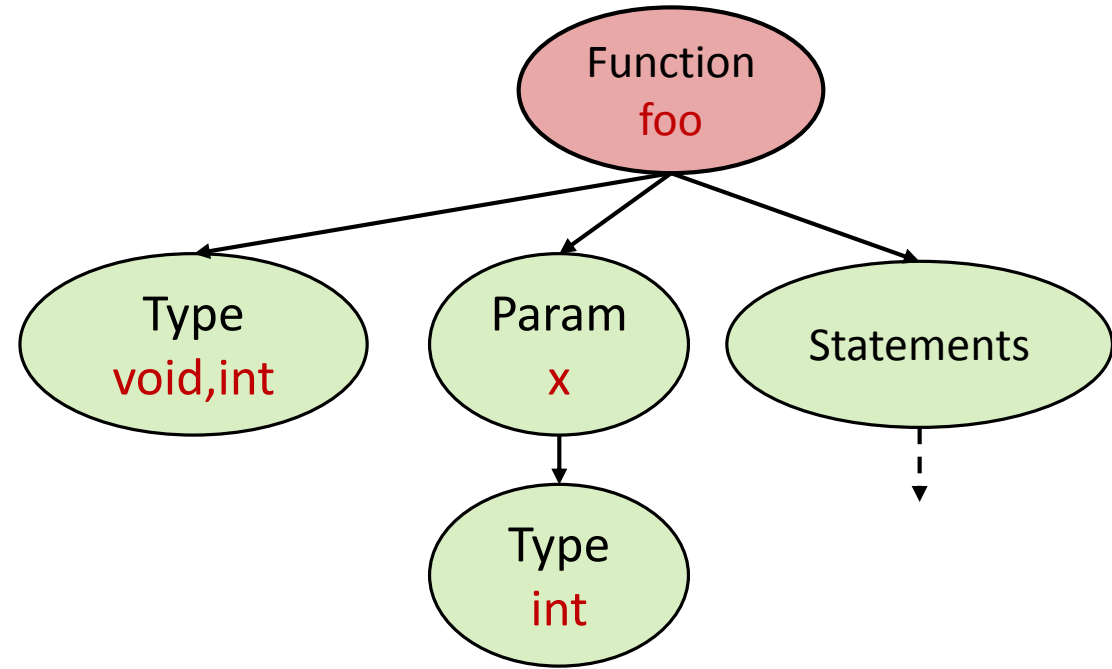

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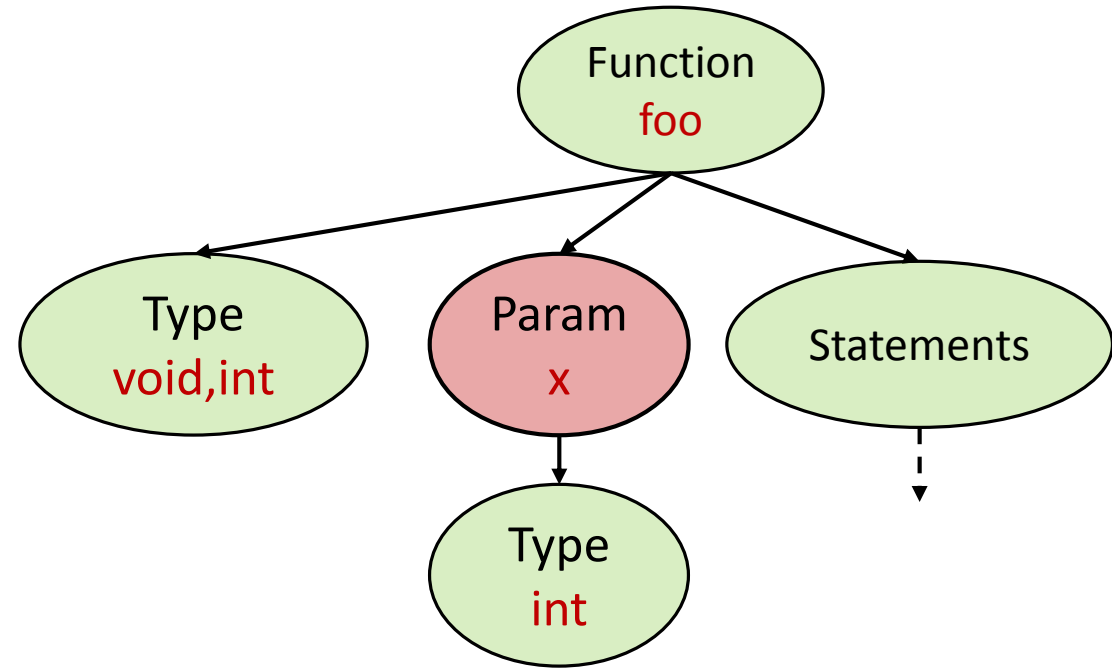




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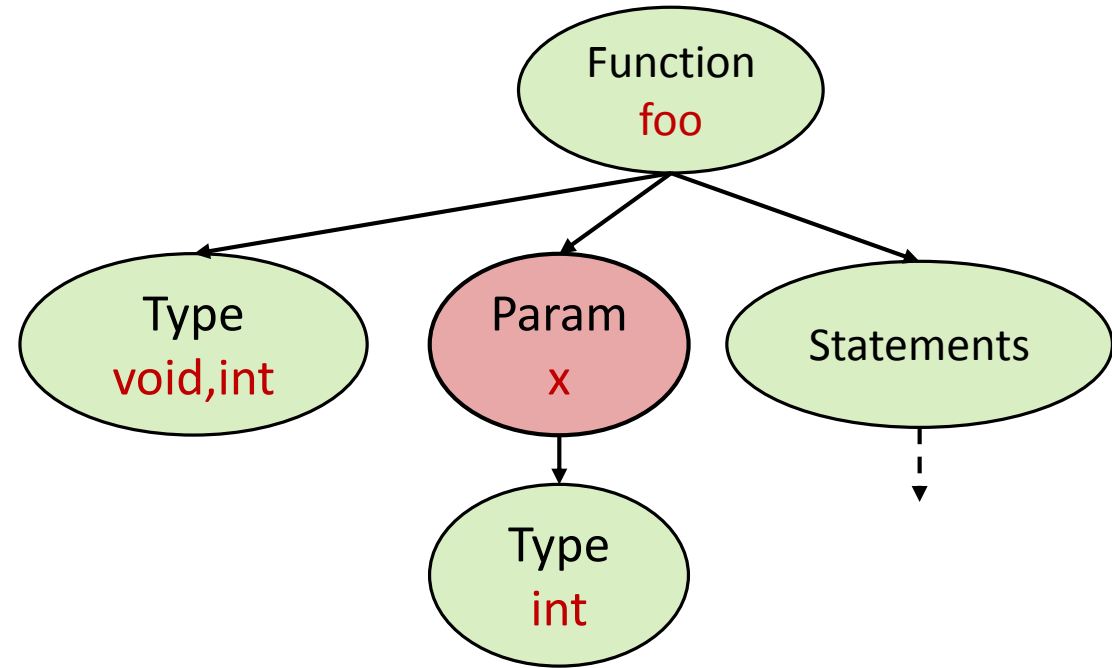




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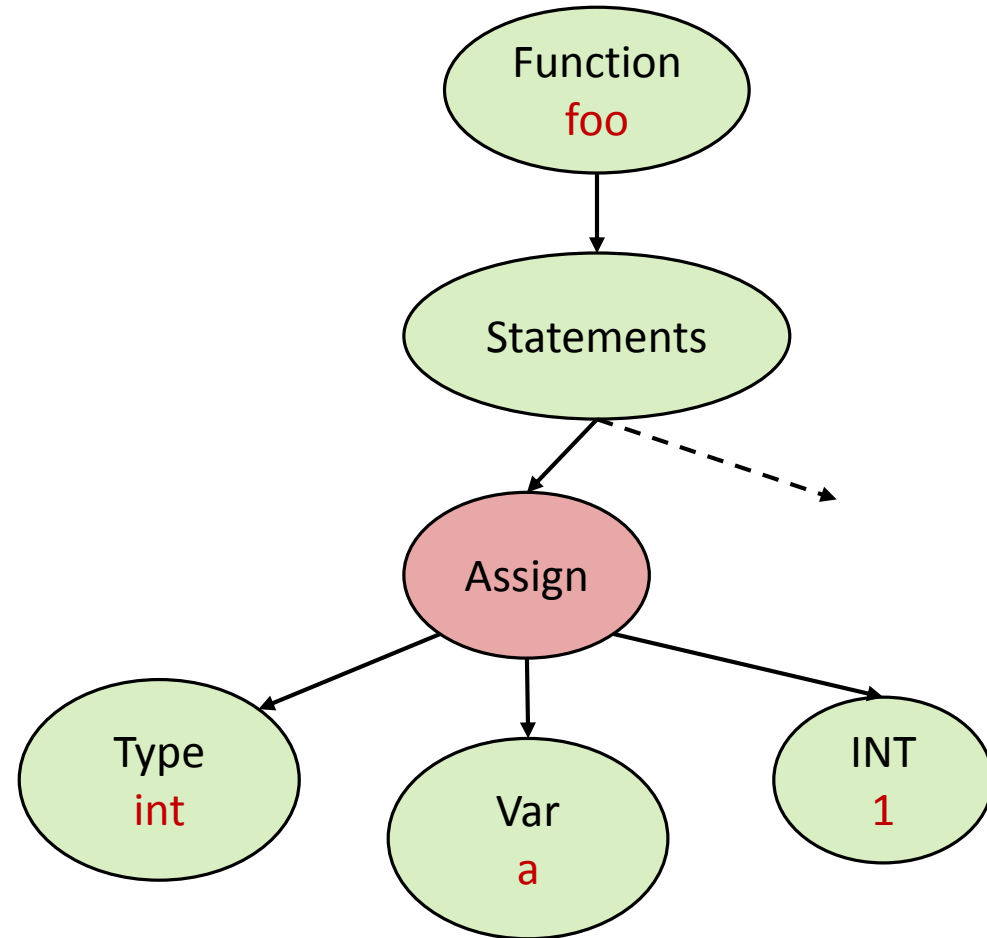




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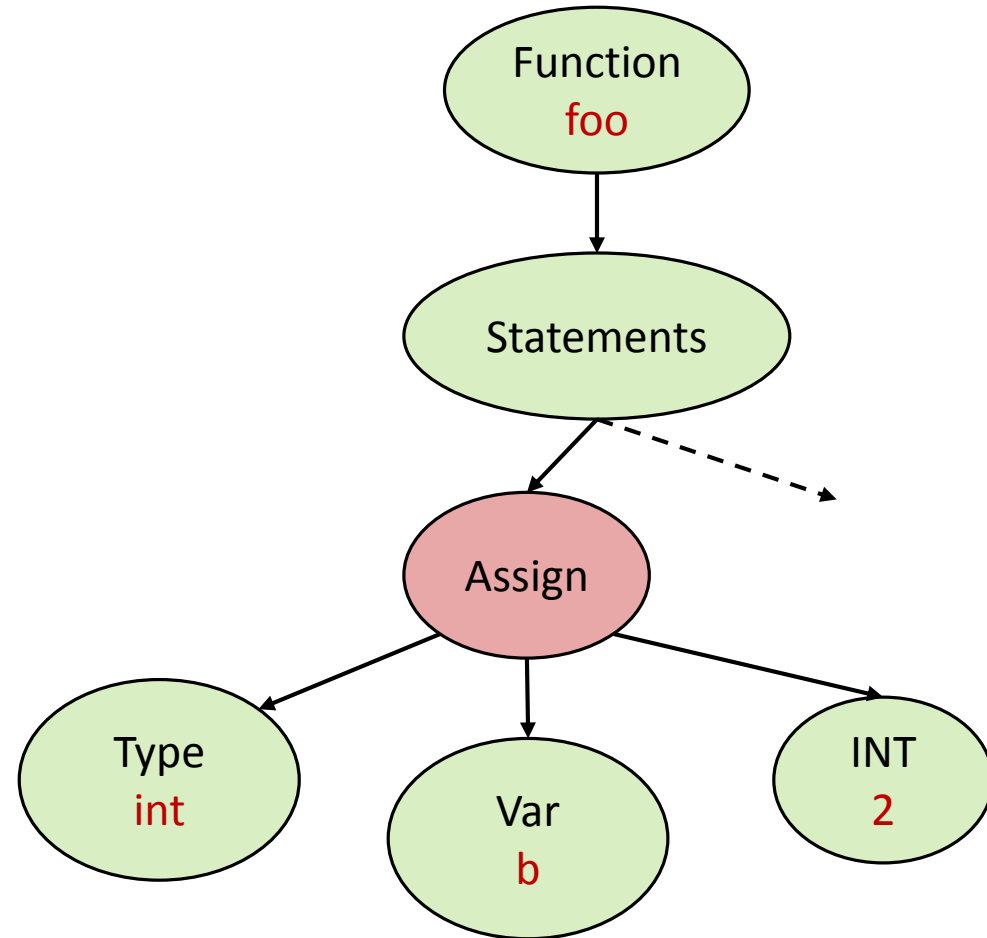




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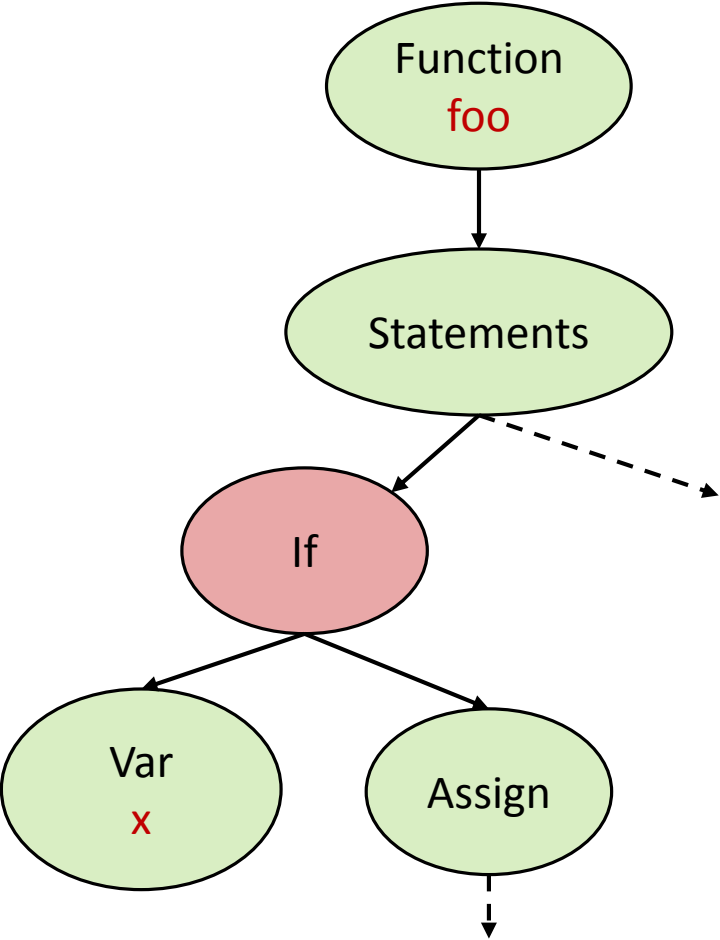


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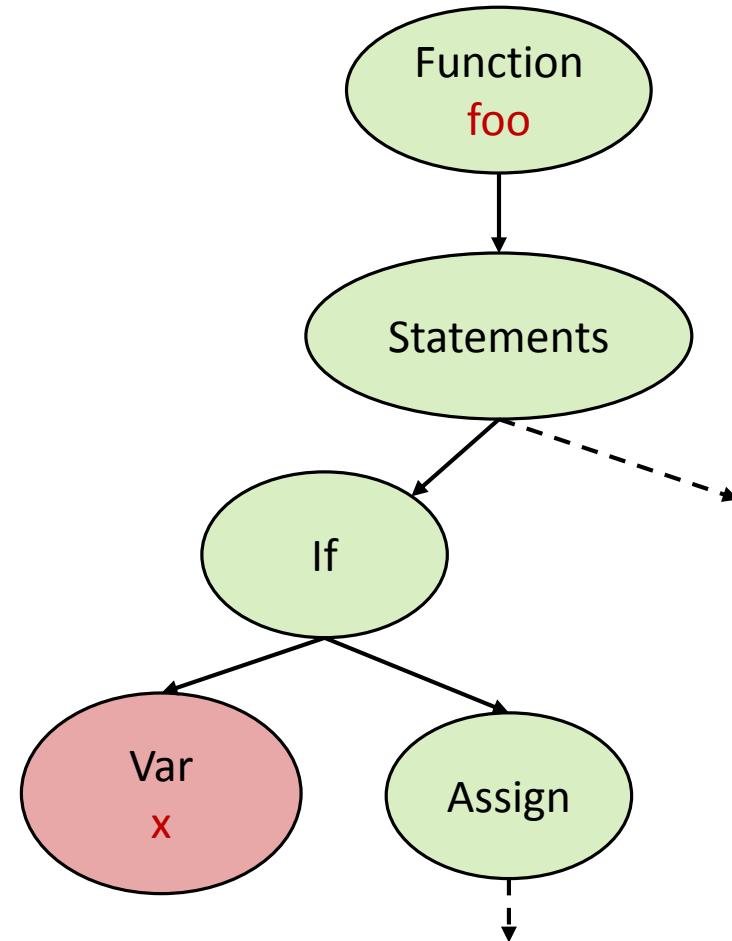


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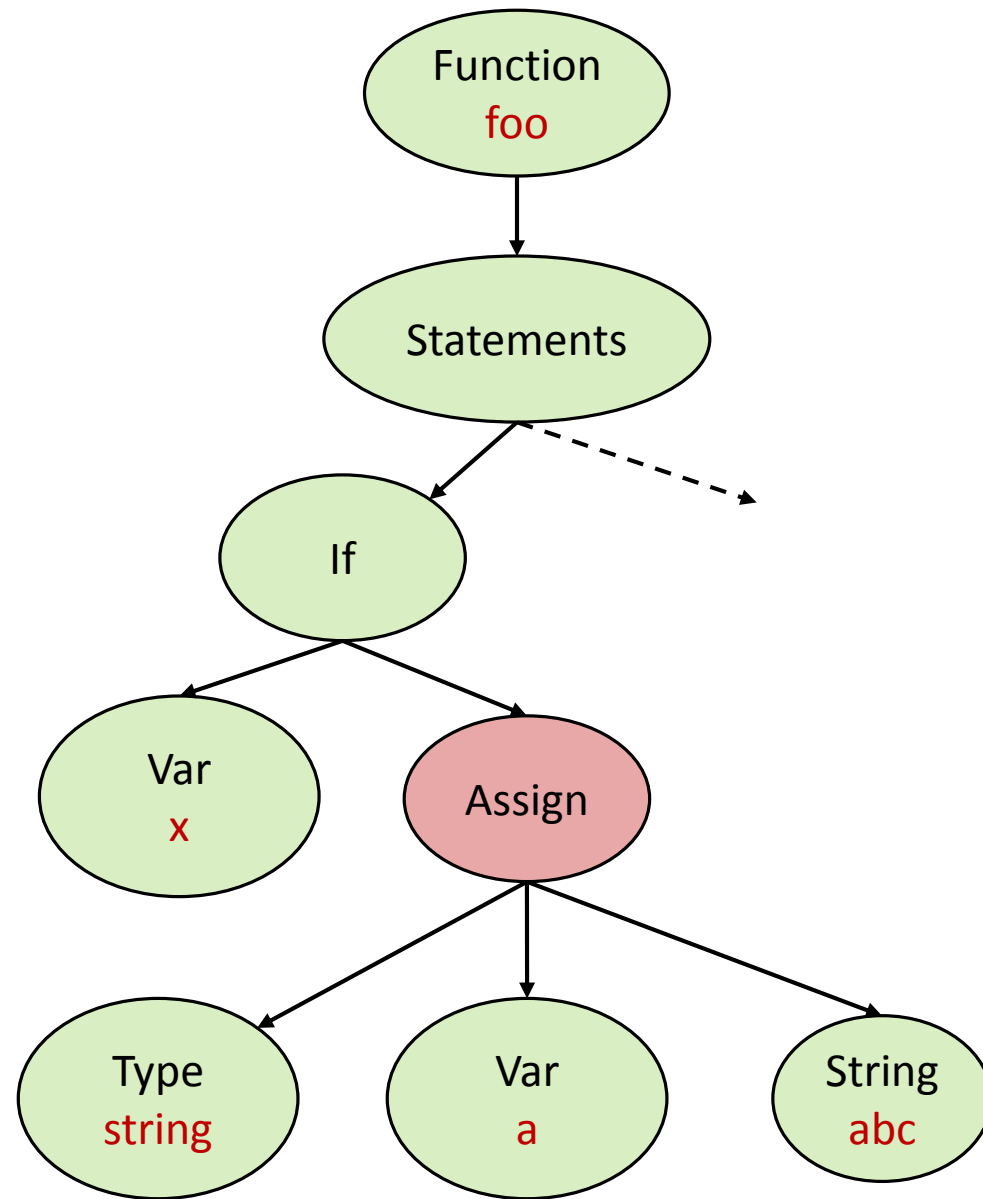


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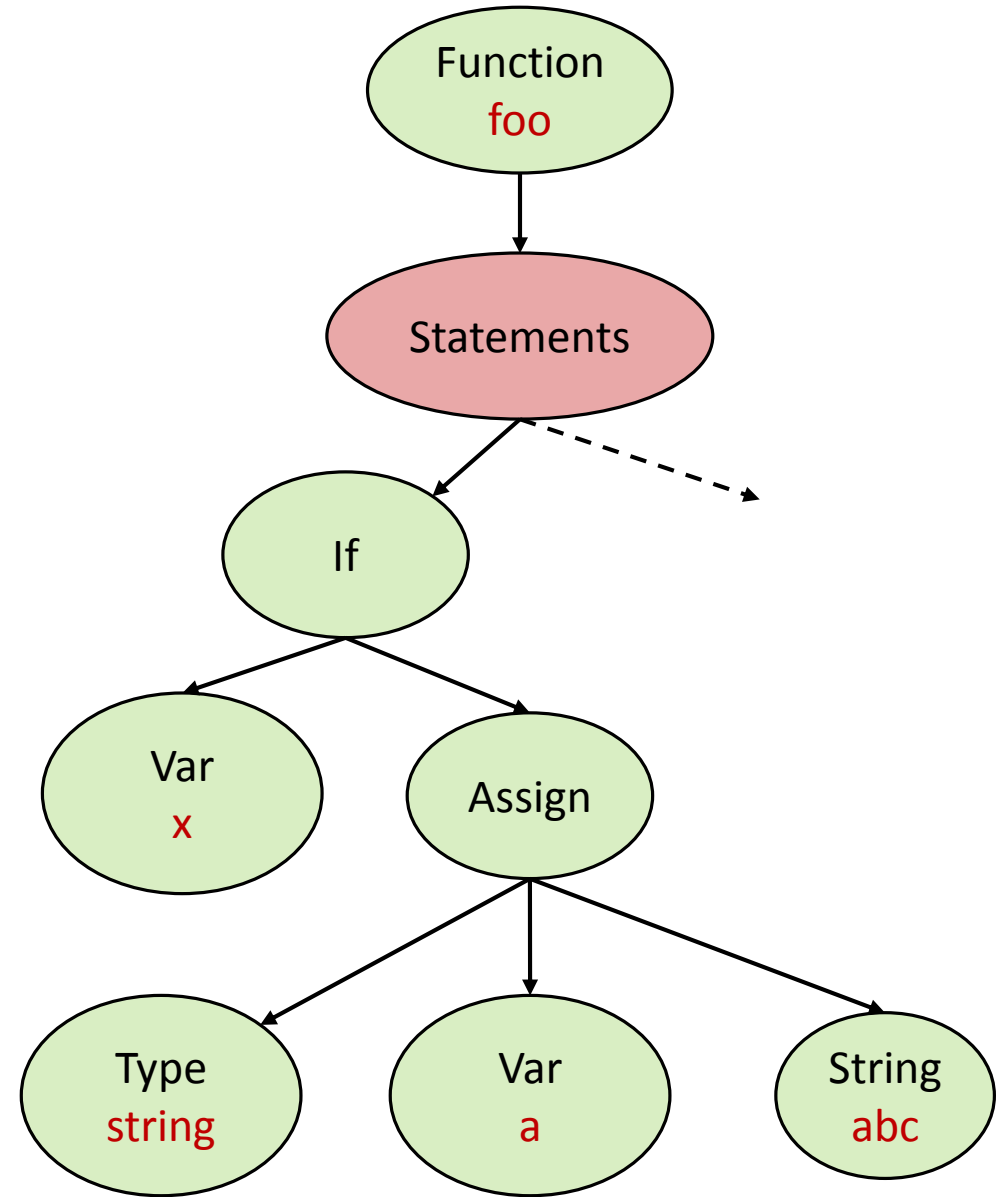
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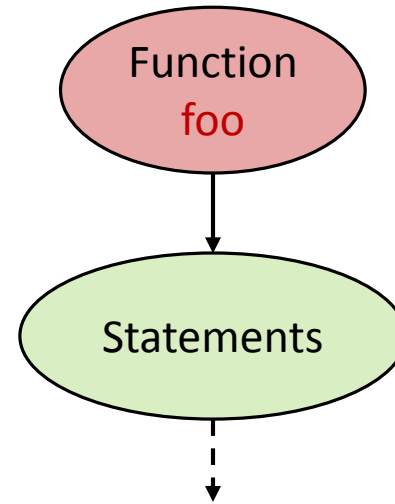
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Type Checking

Goals:

- Type correctness of expressions
- Compute type of expressions

Performed using:

- AST visitor
- Symbol table

Type Checking

Basic algorithm:

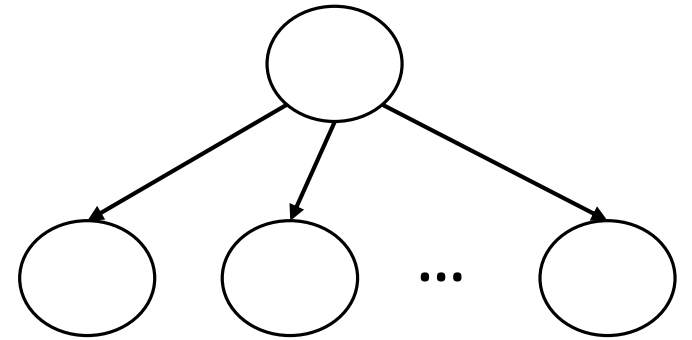
visit(node):

$t_1 = \text{visit}(\text{node.child}_1)$

...

$t_n = \text{visit}(\text{node.child}_n)$

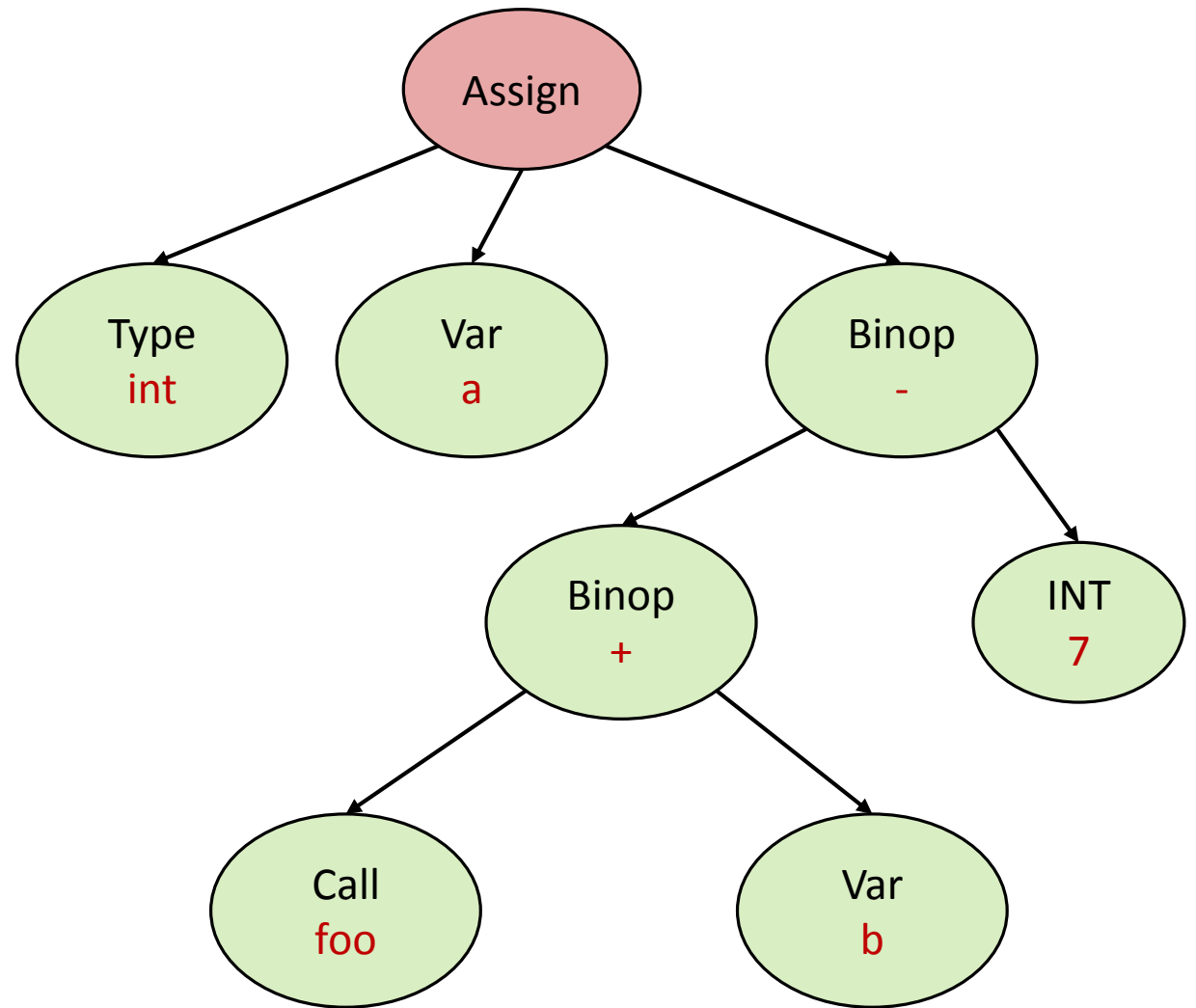
$\text{return } \underbrace{\text{compute_type}(t_1, \dots, t_n)}_{\text{node specific}}$



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...
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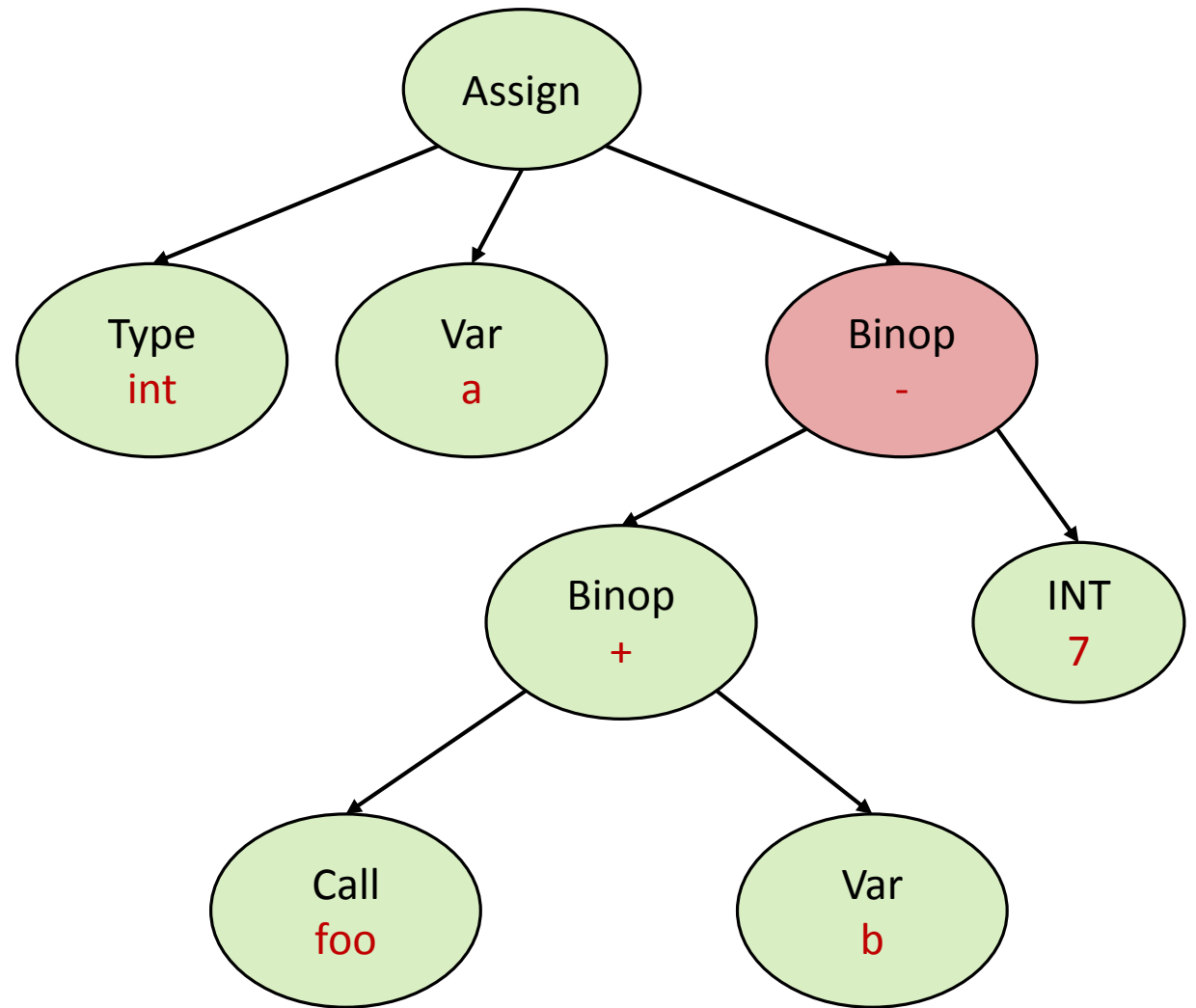
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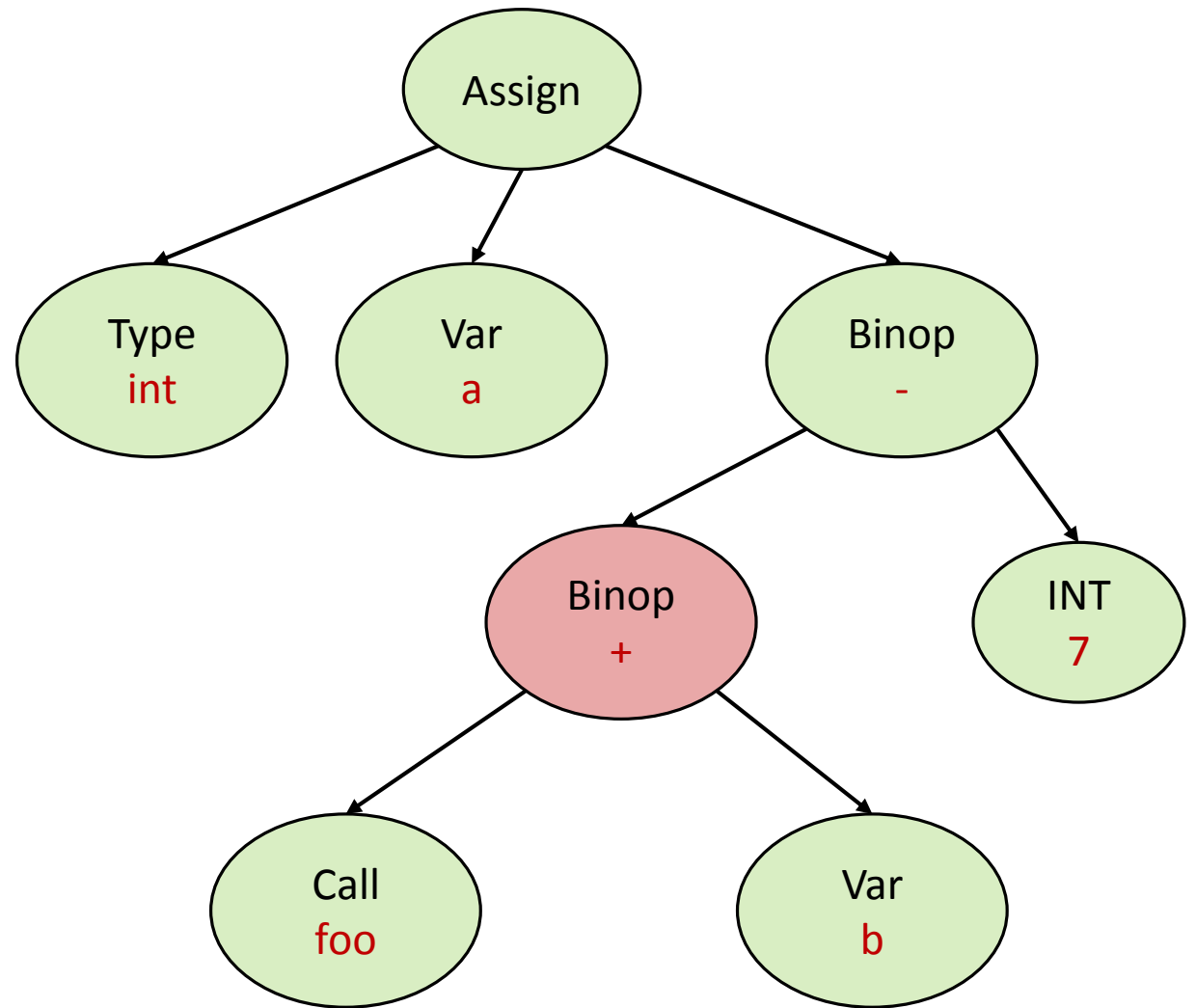
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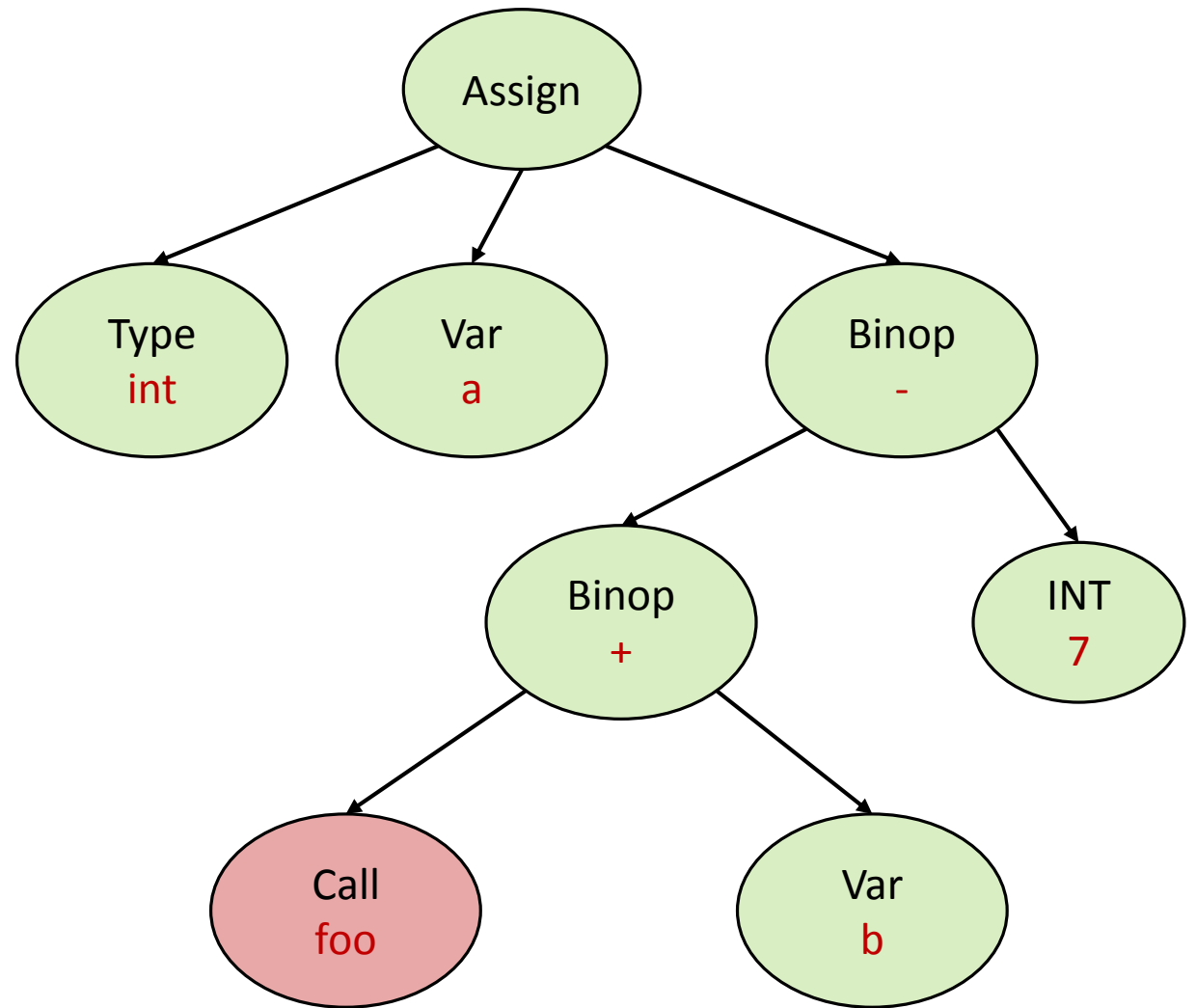
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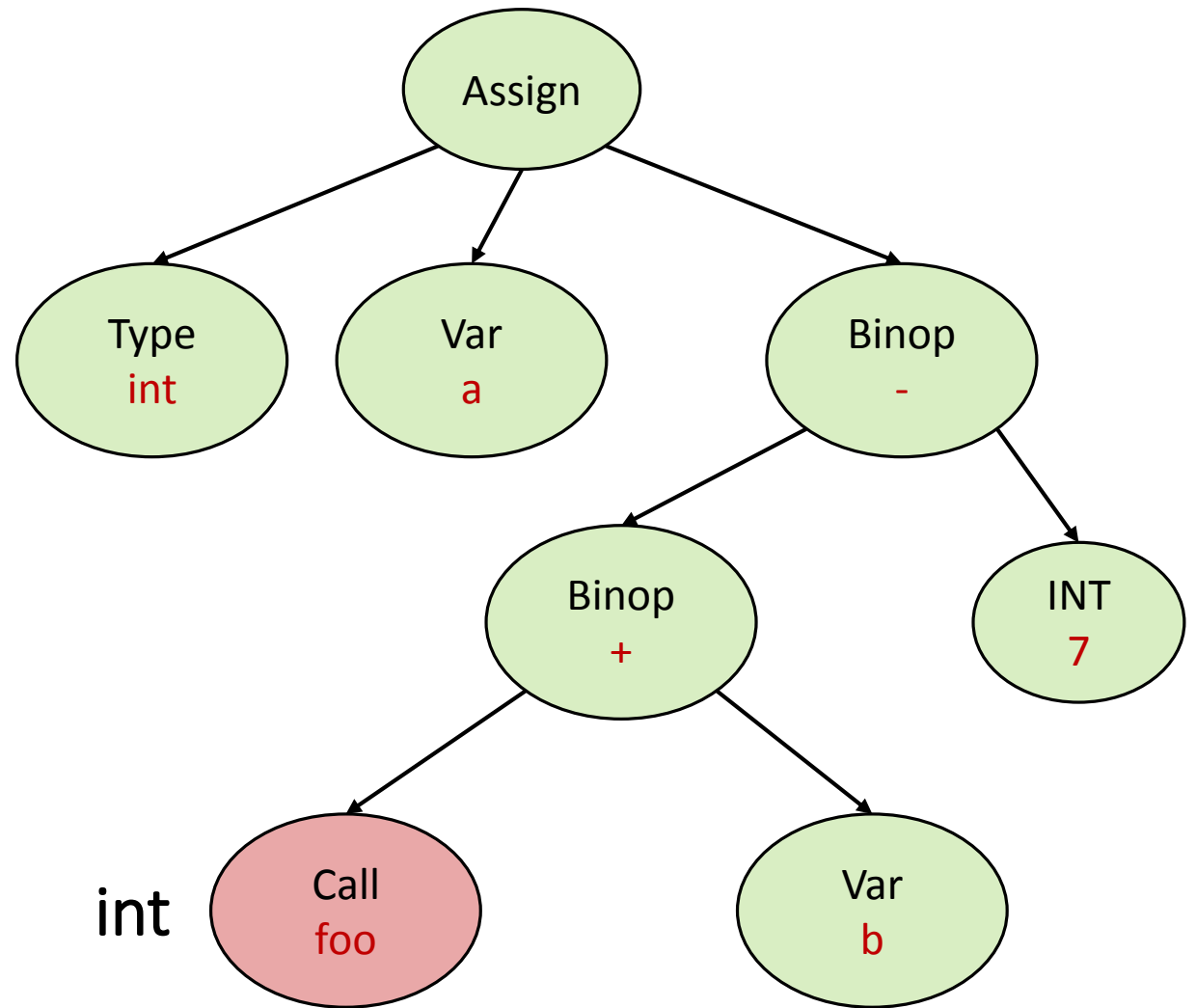
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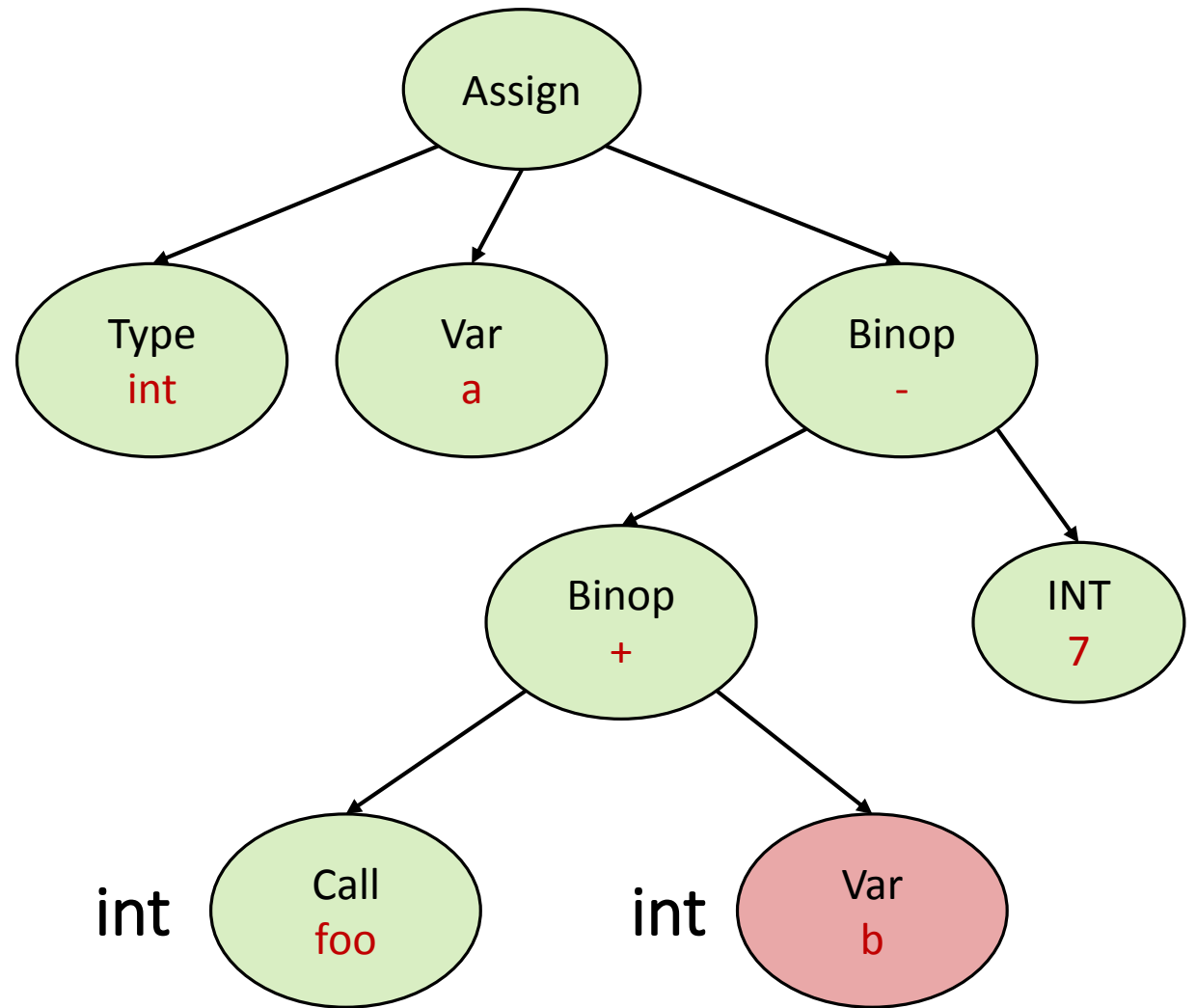
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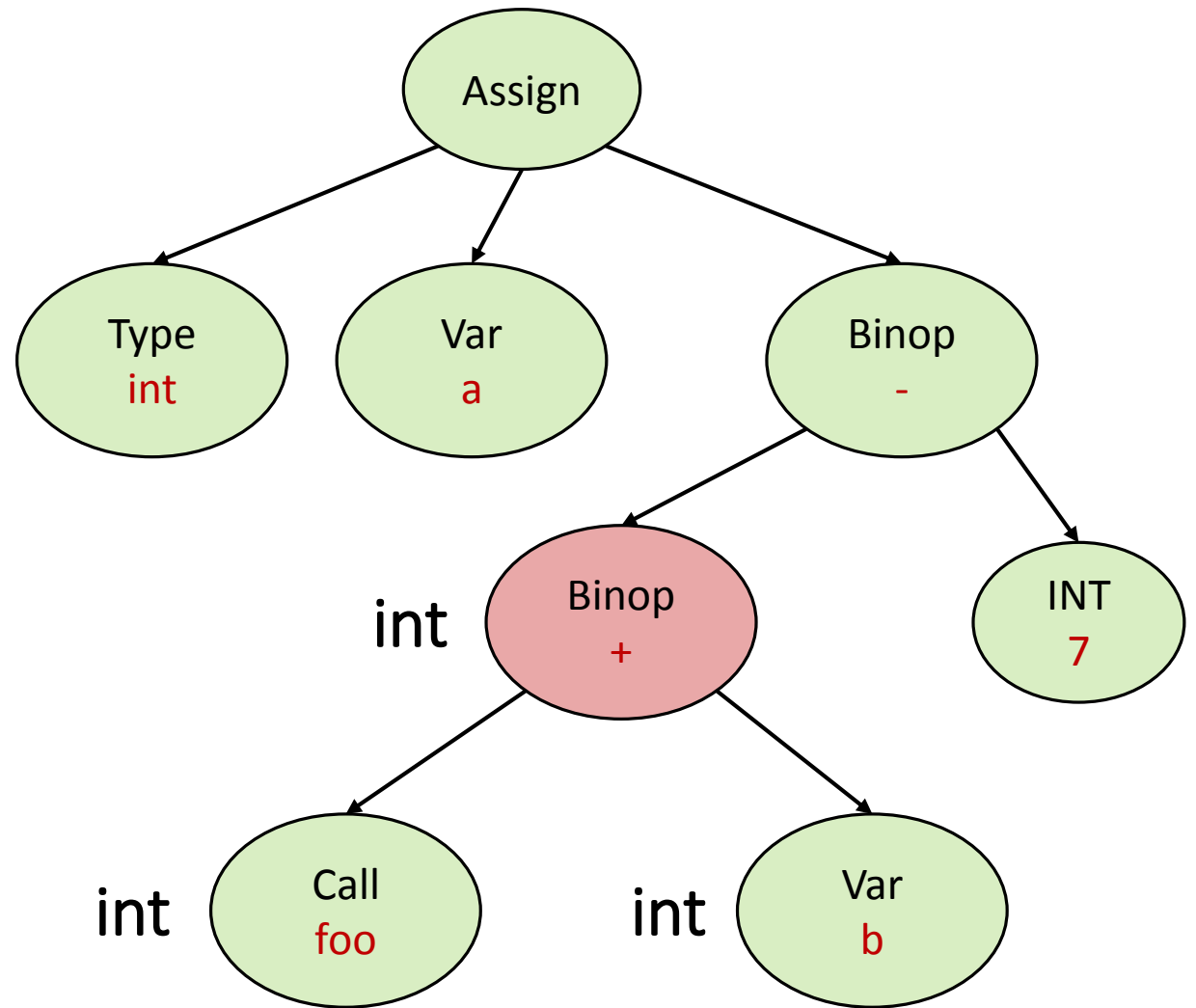
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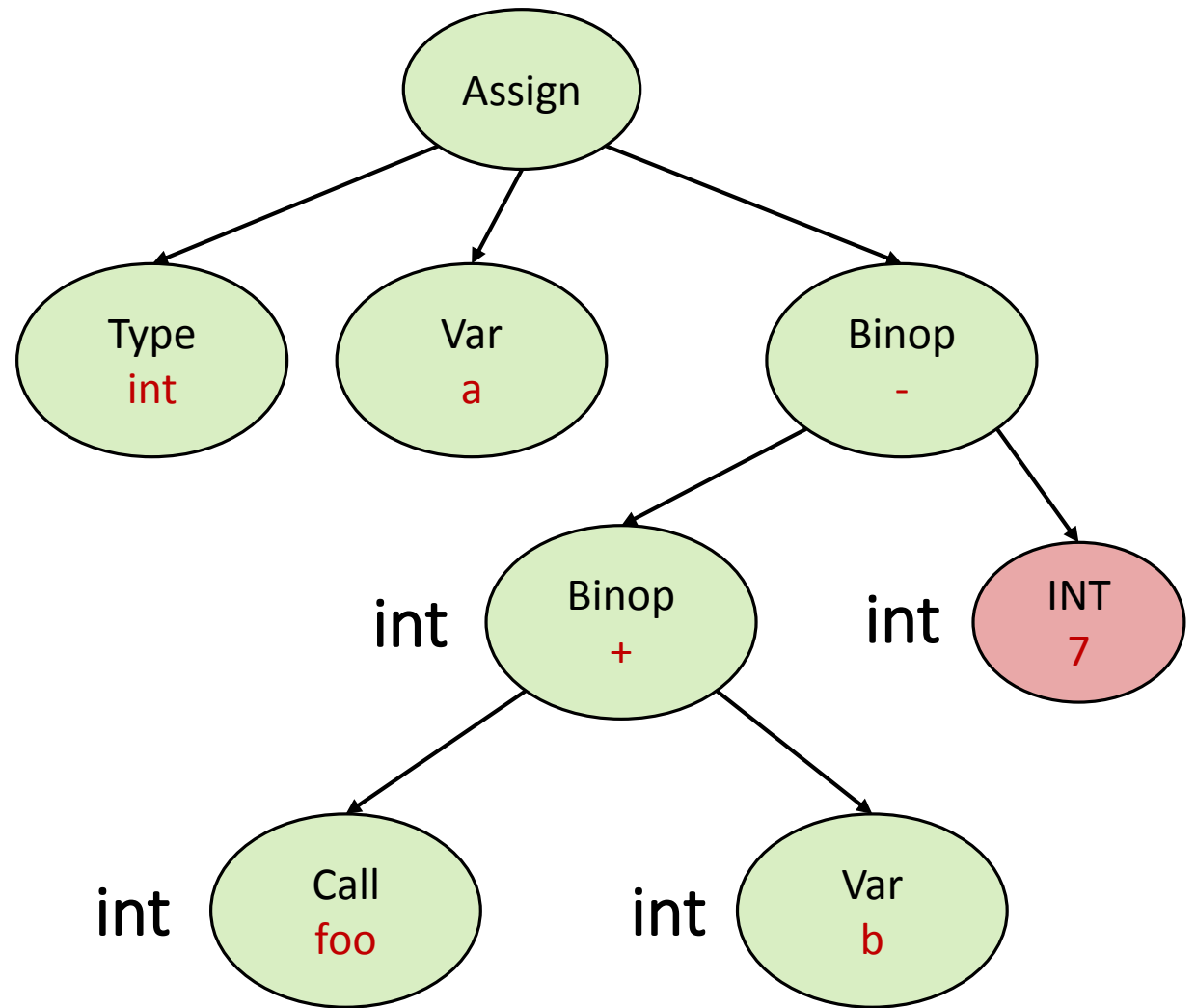
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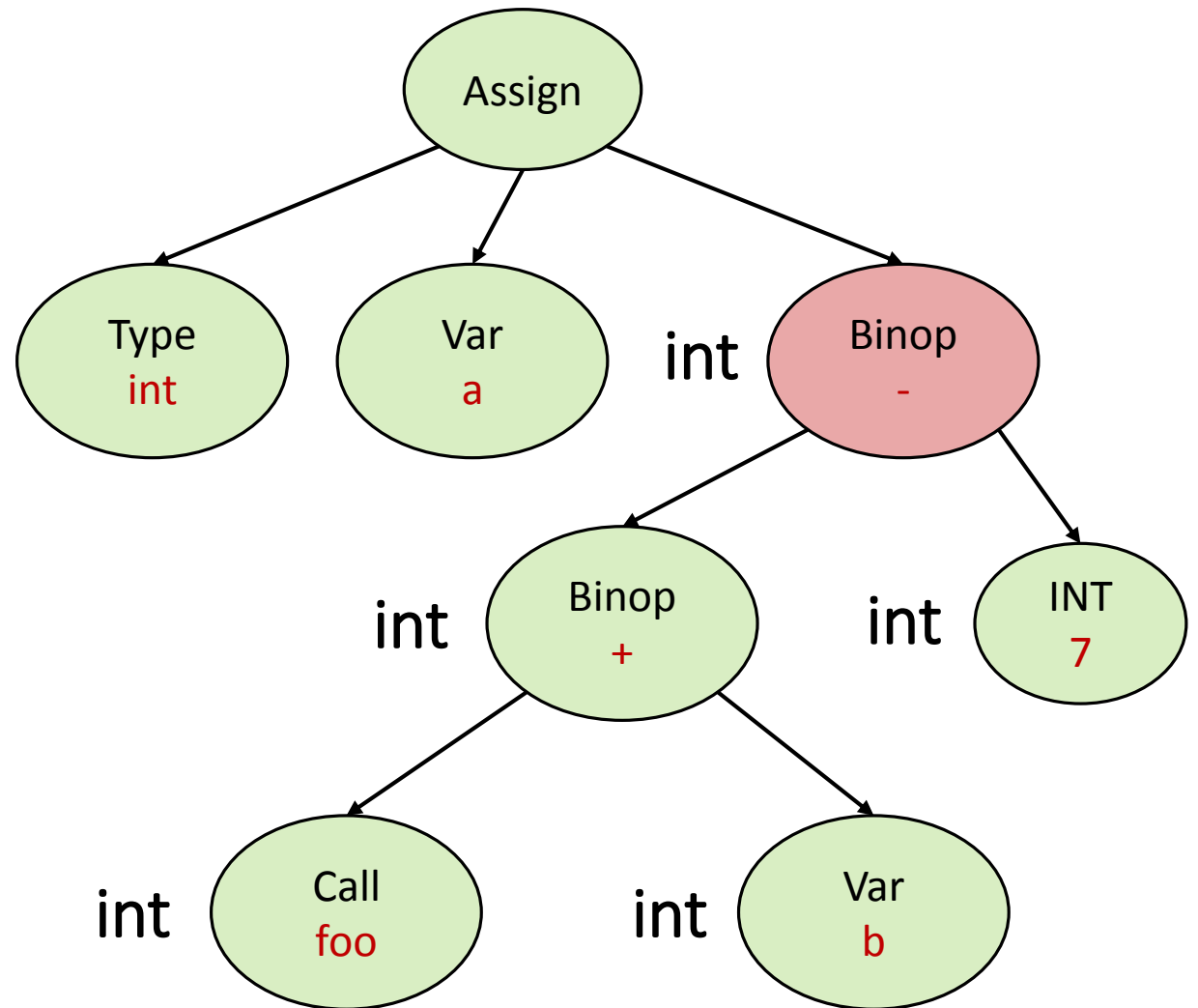
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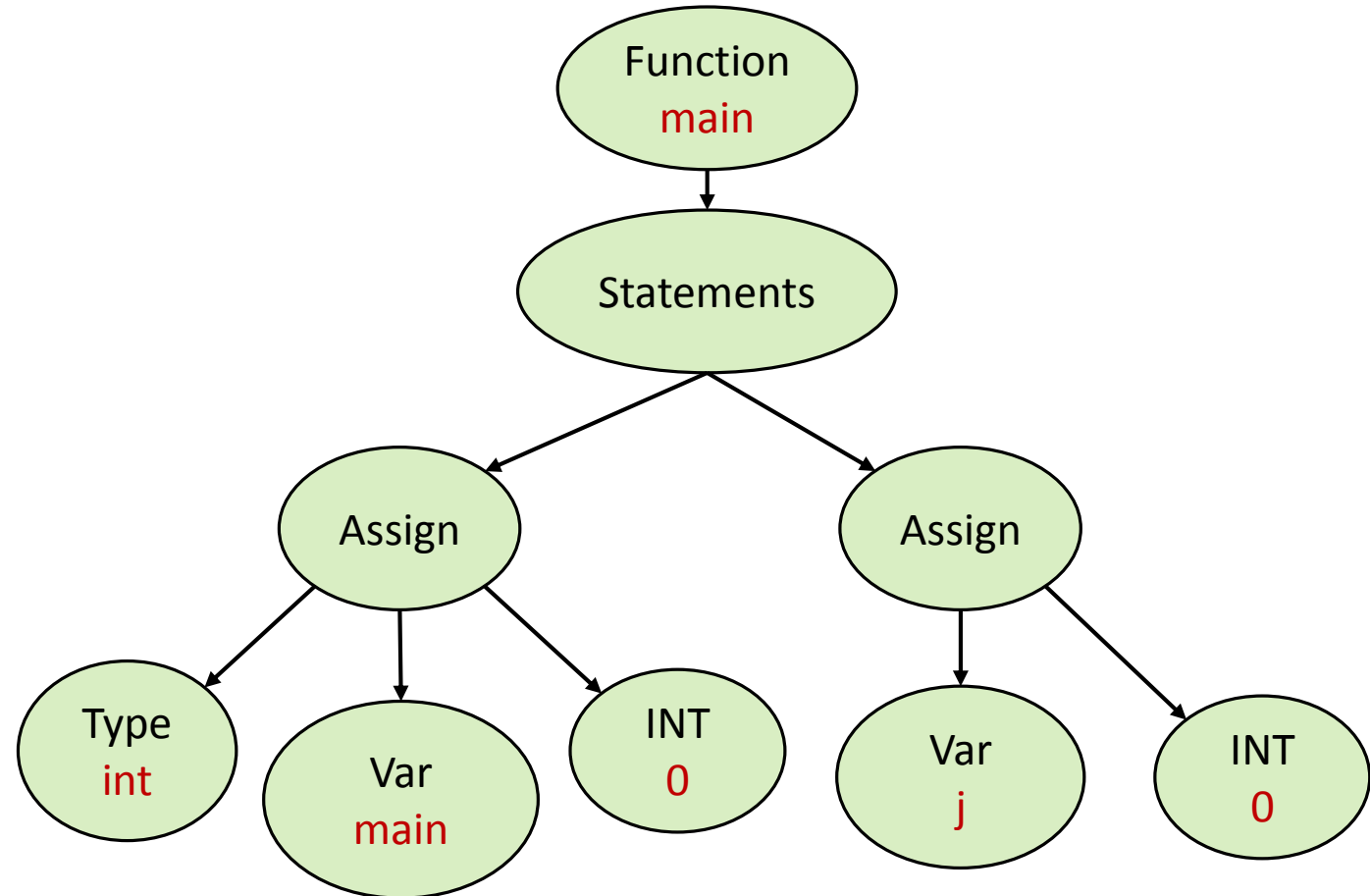
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Examples

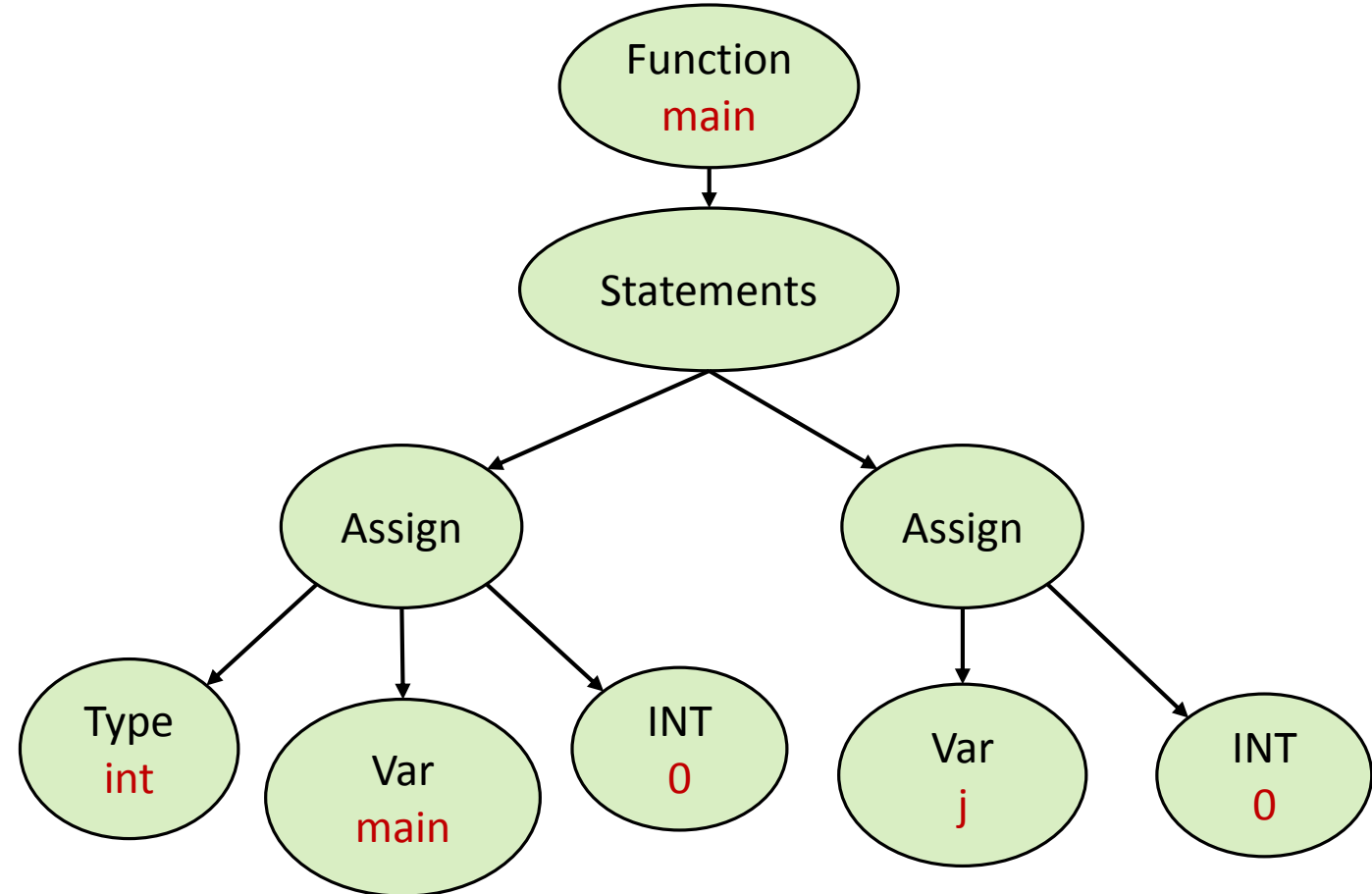
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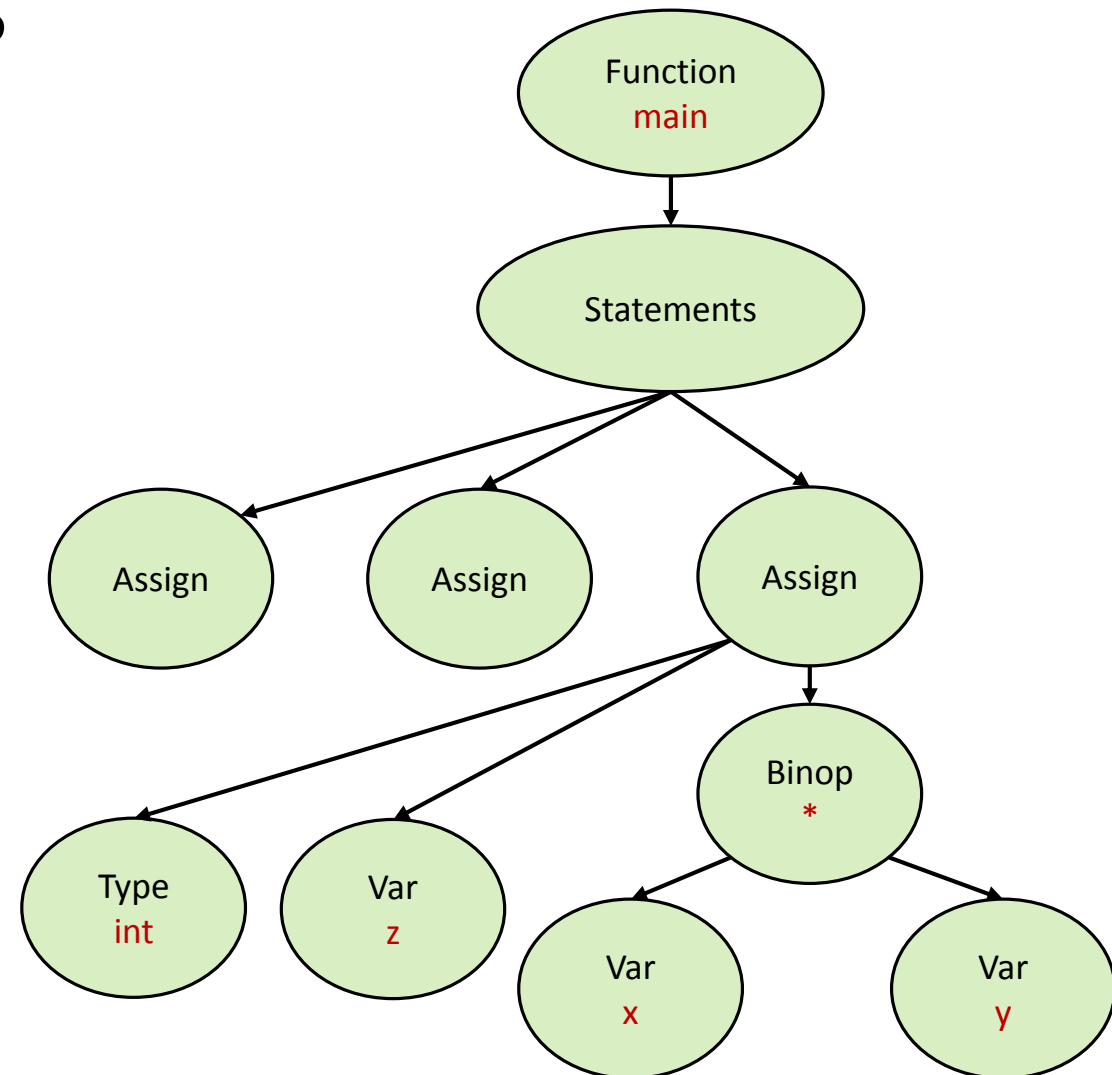
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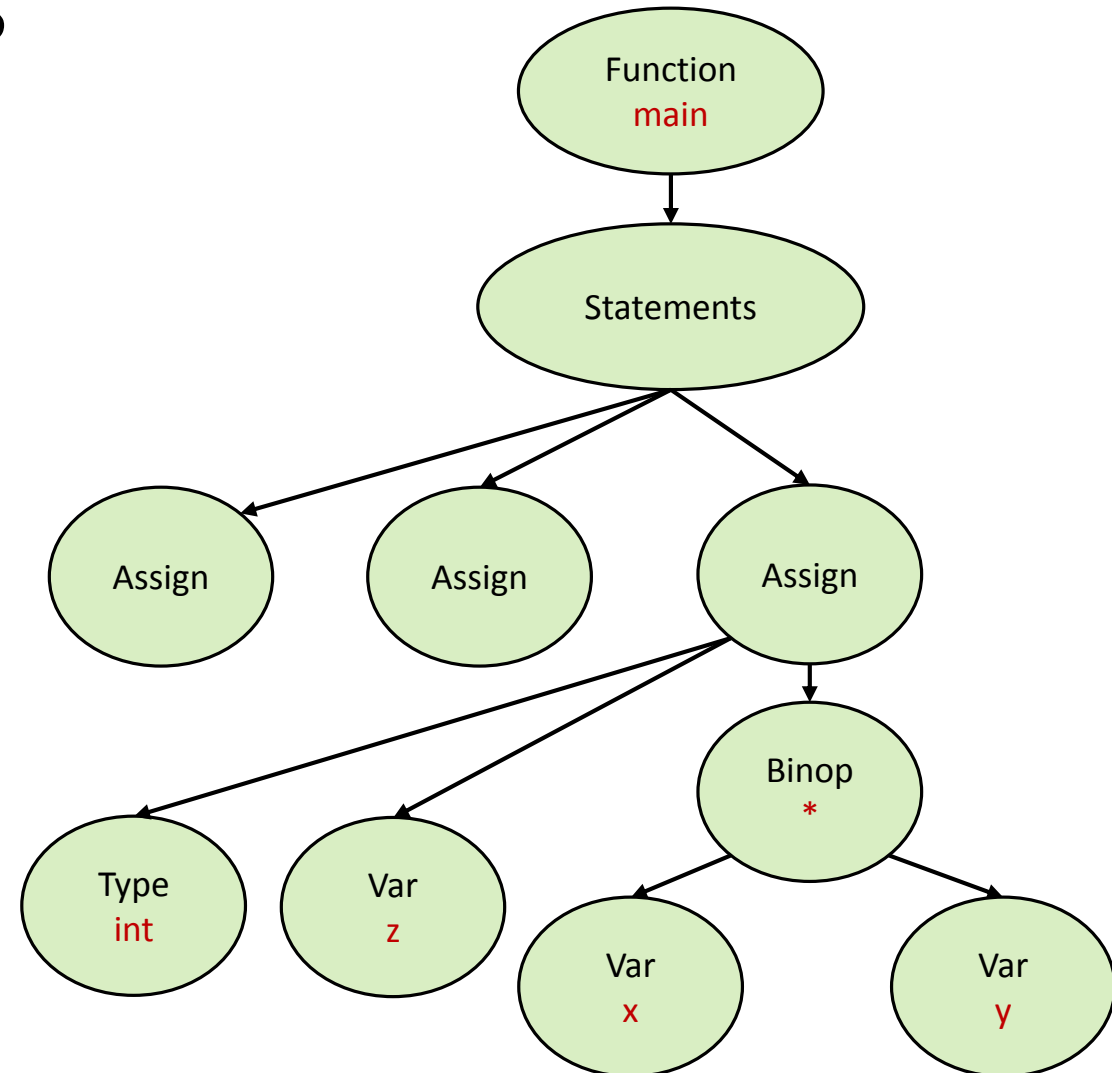
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void main() {  
    string x = "A";  
    string y = "B";  
    string z = x * y;  
}
```



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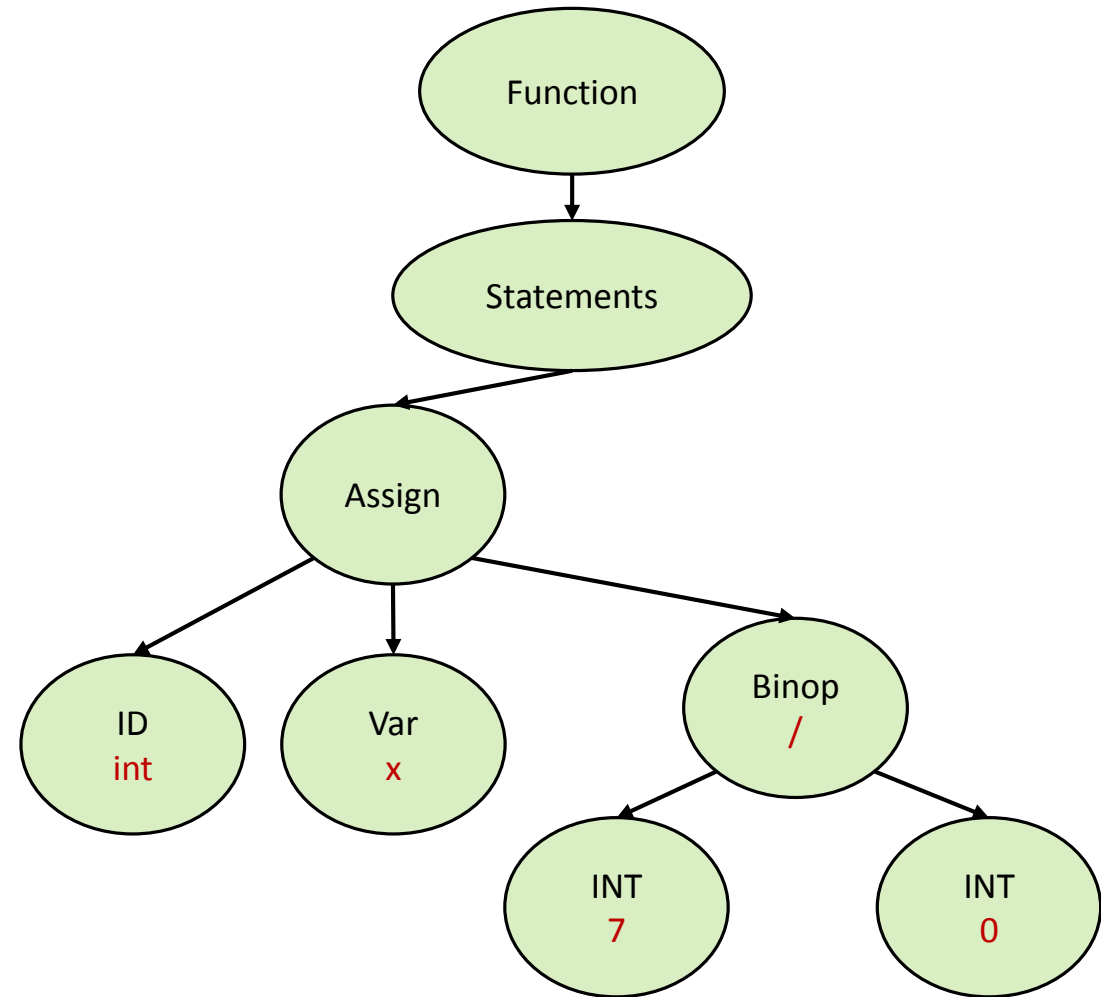
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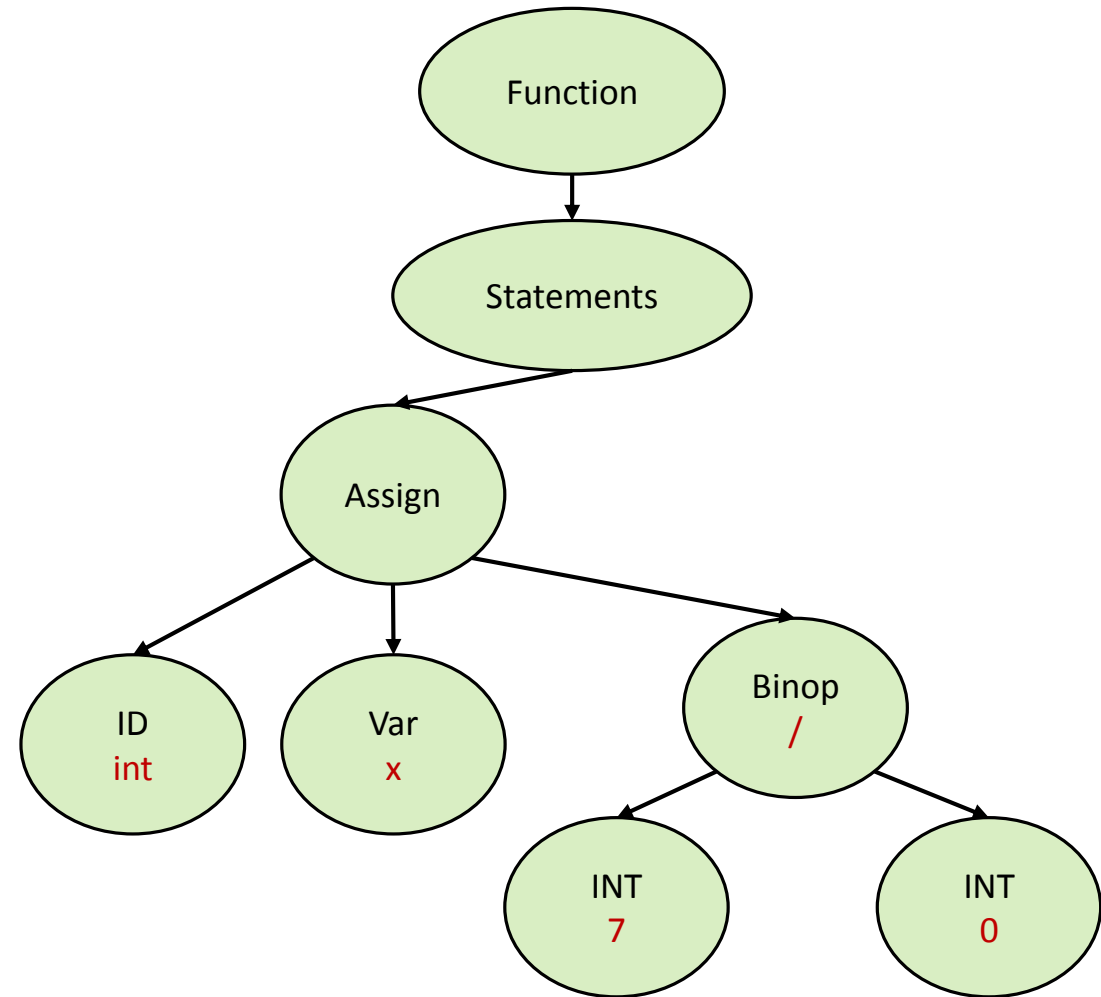
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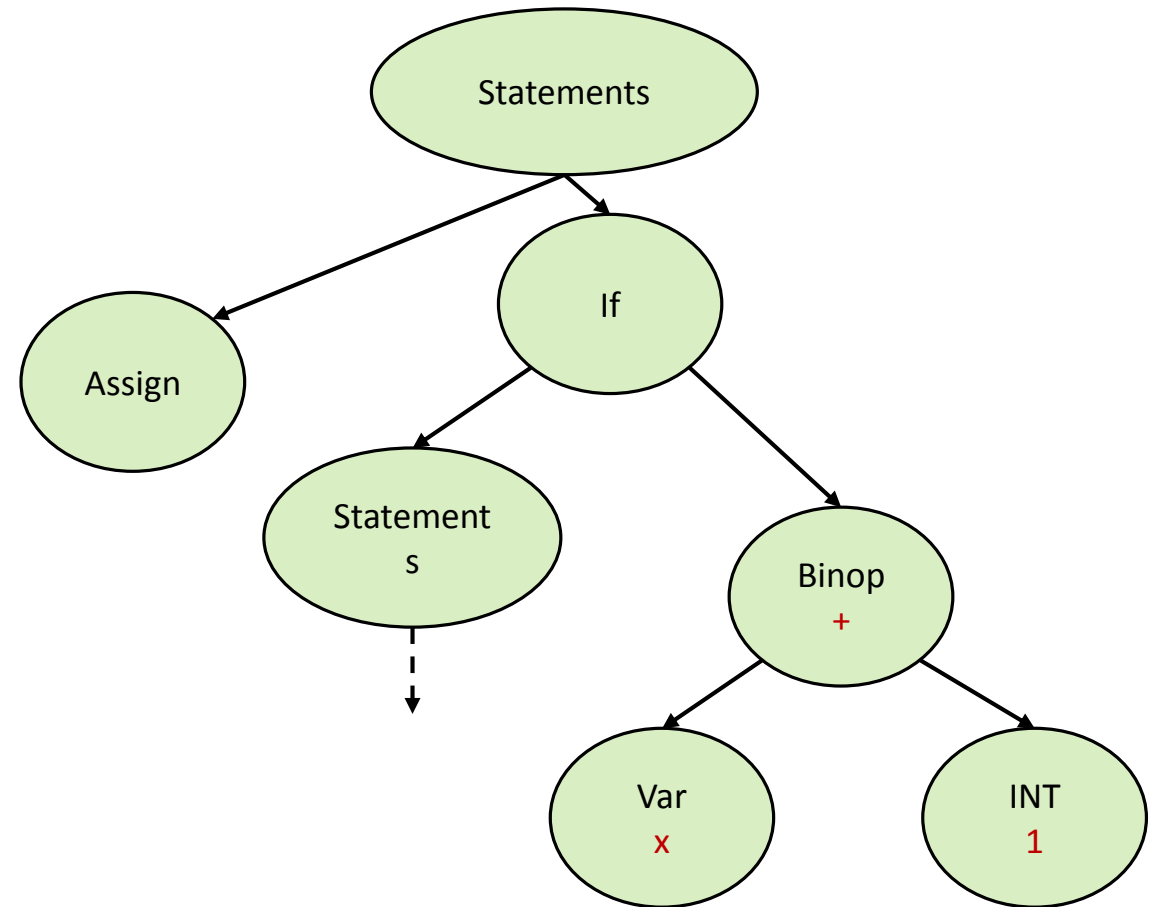
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If, While, ...

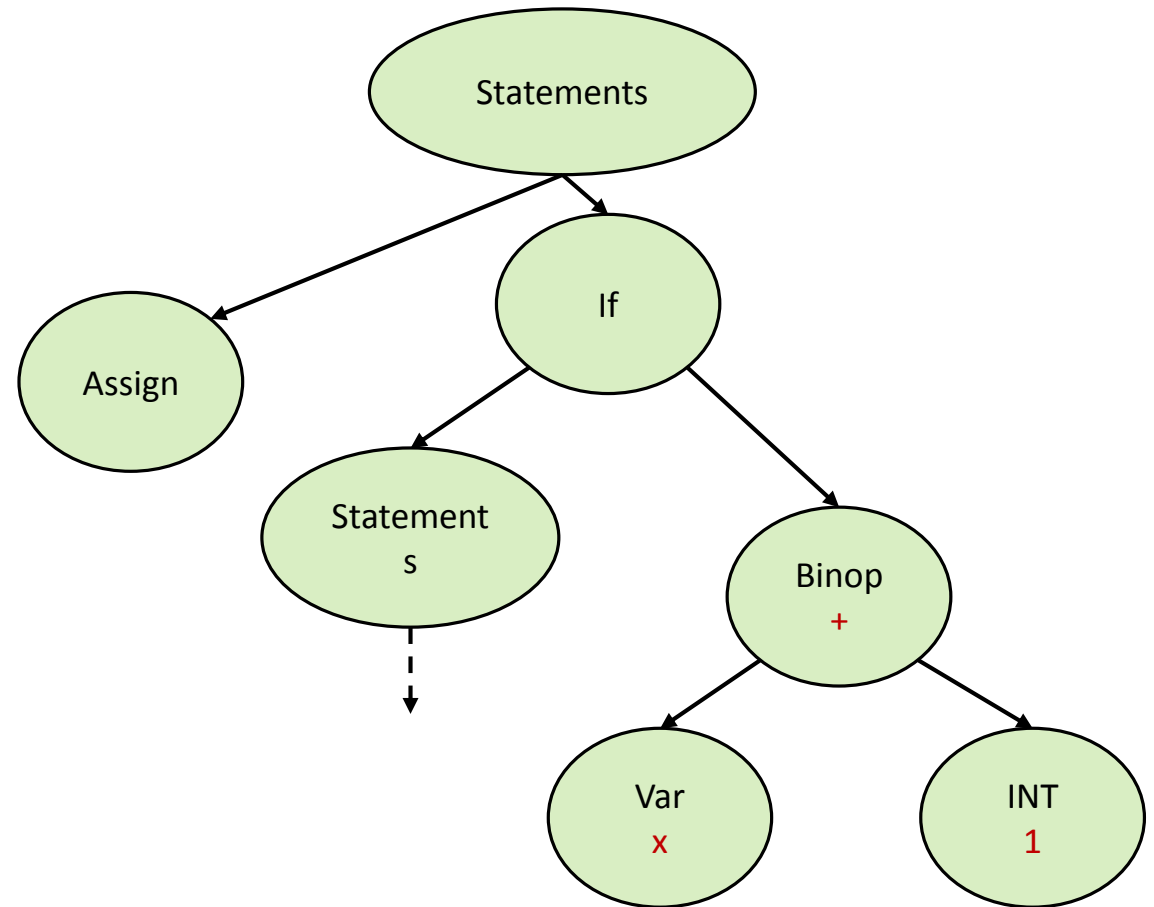
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void main() {  
    int x = 1;  
    if (x + 1) {  
        int z = 2;  
    }  
}
```



If, While, ...

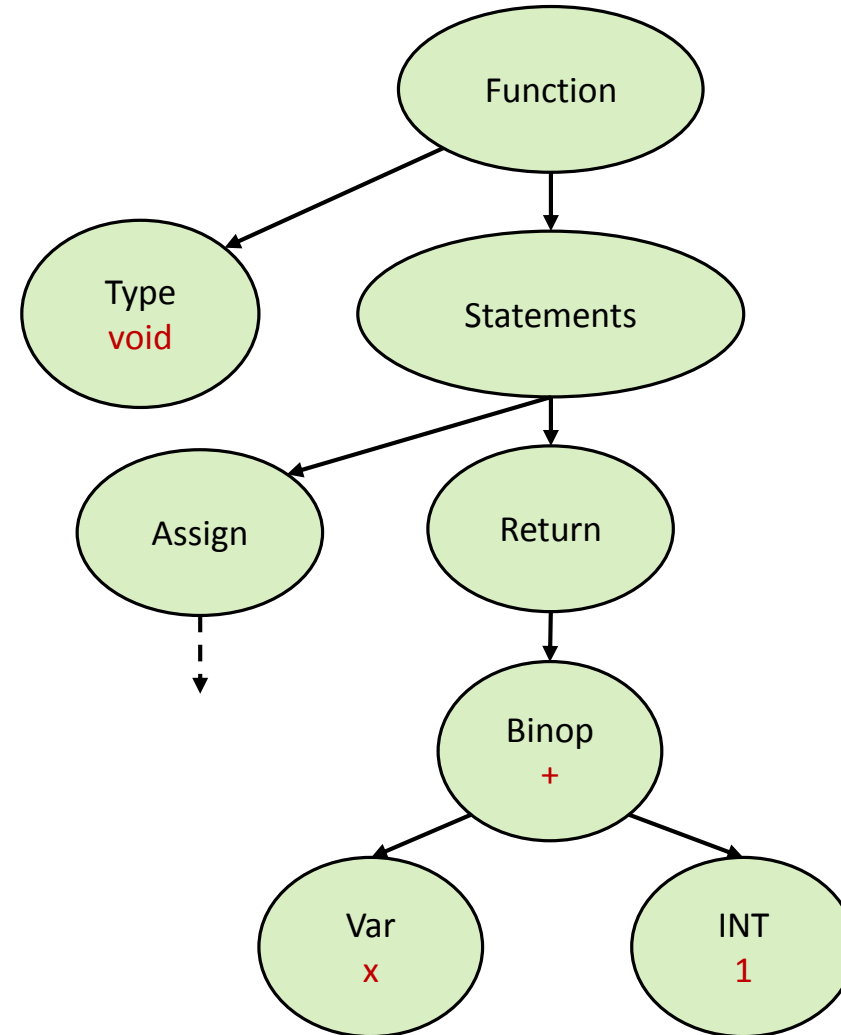
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Return Statement

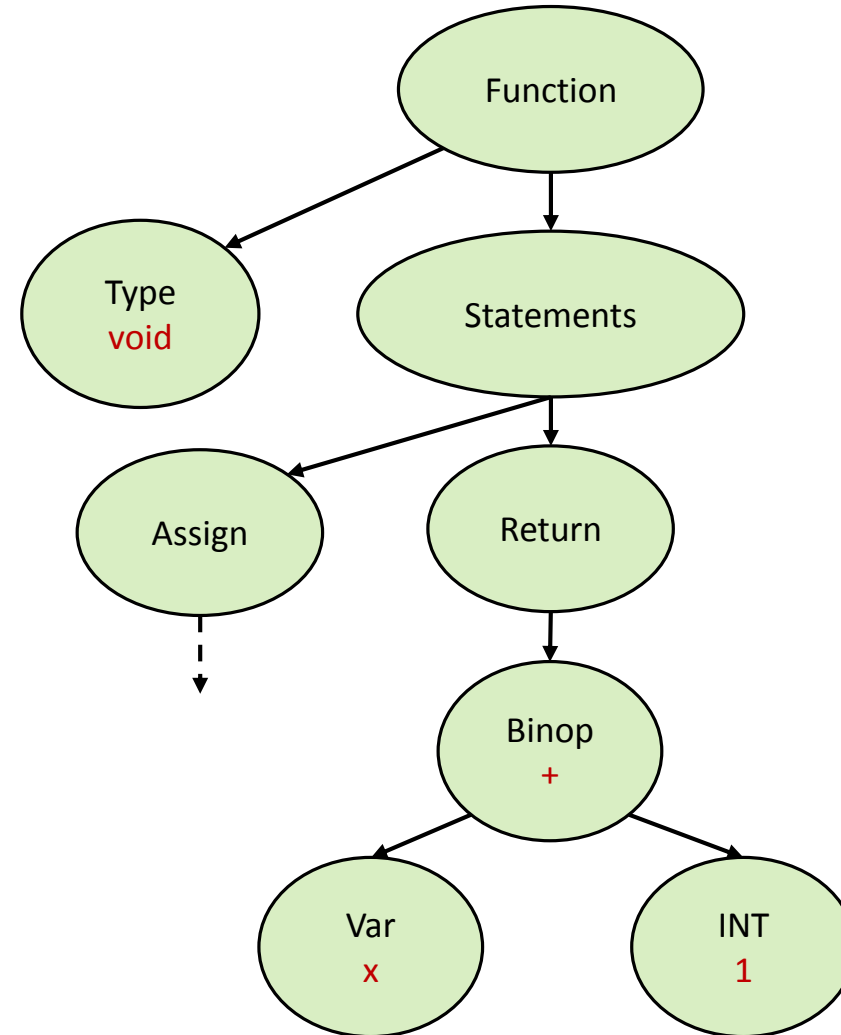
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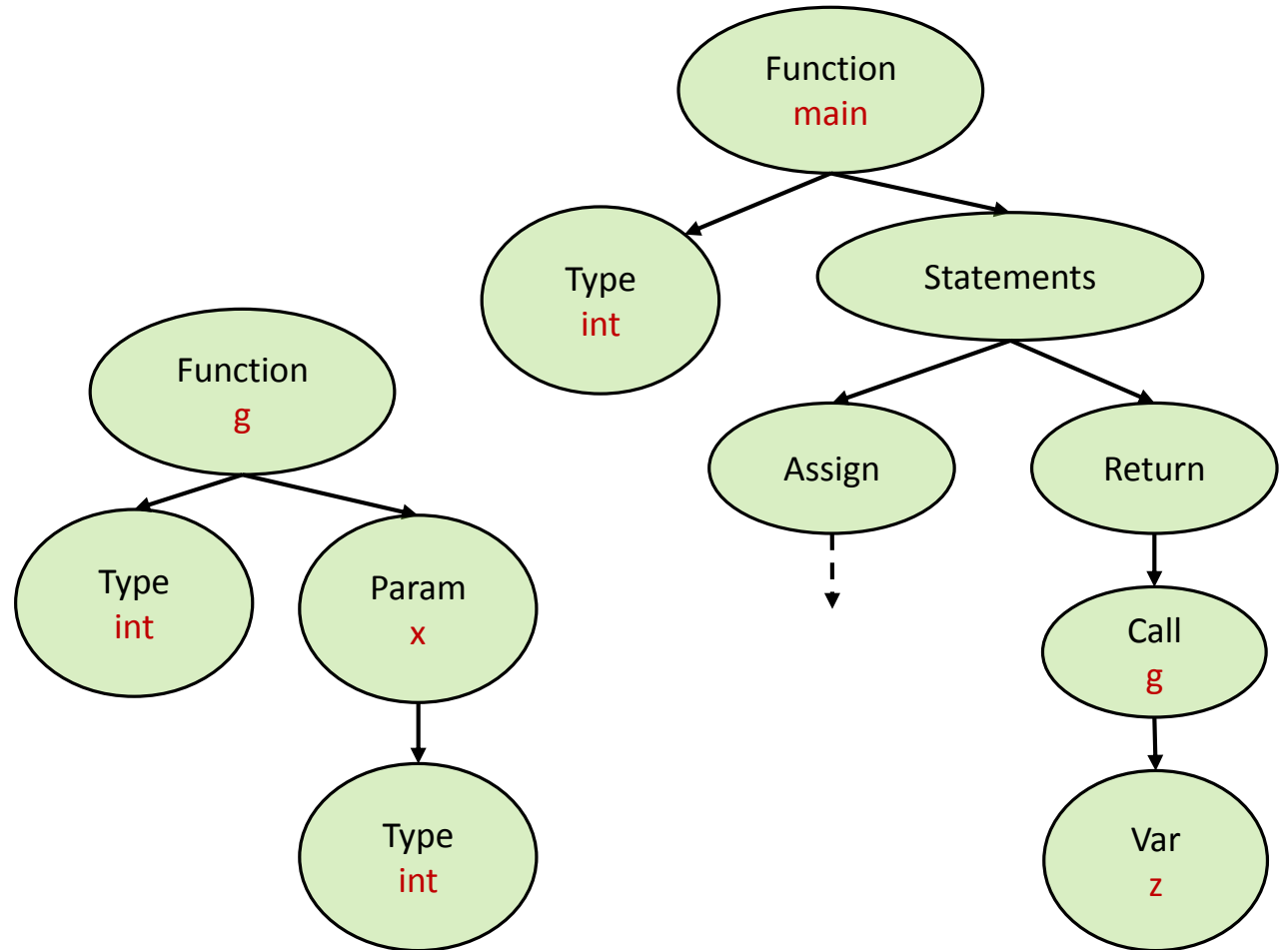
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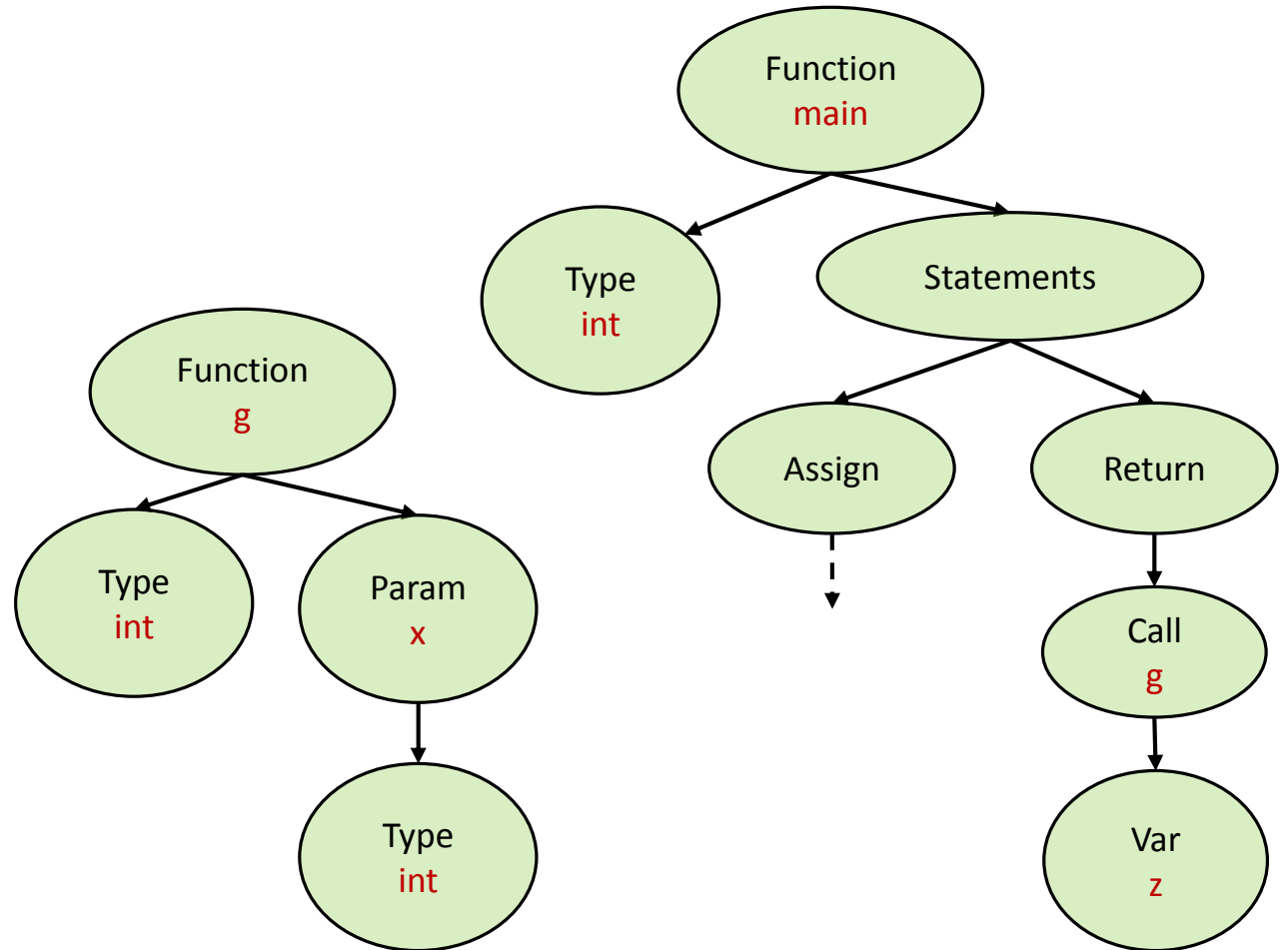
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int g(int x) {  
    return x + 1;  
}  
int main() {  
    string z = "..."  
    return g(z);  
}
```



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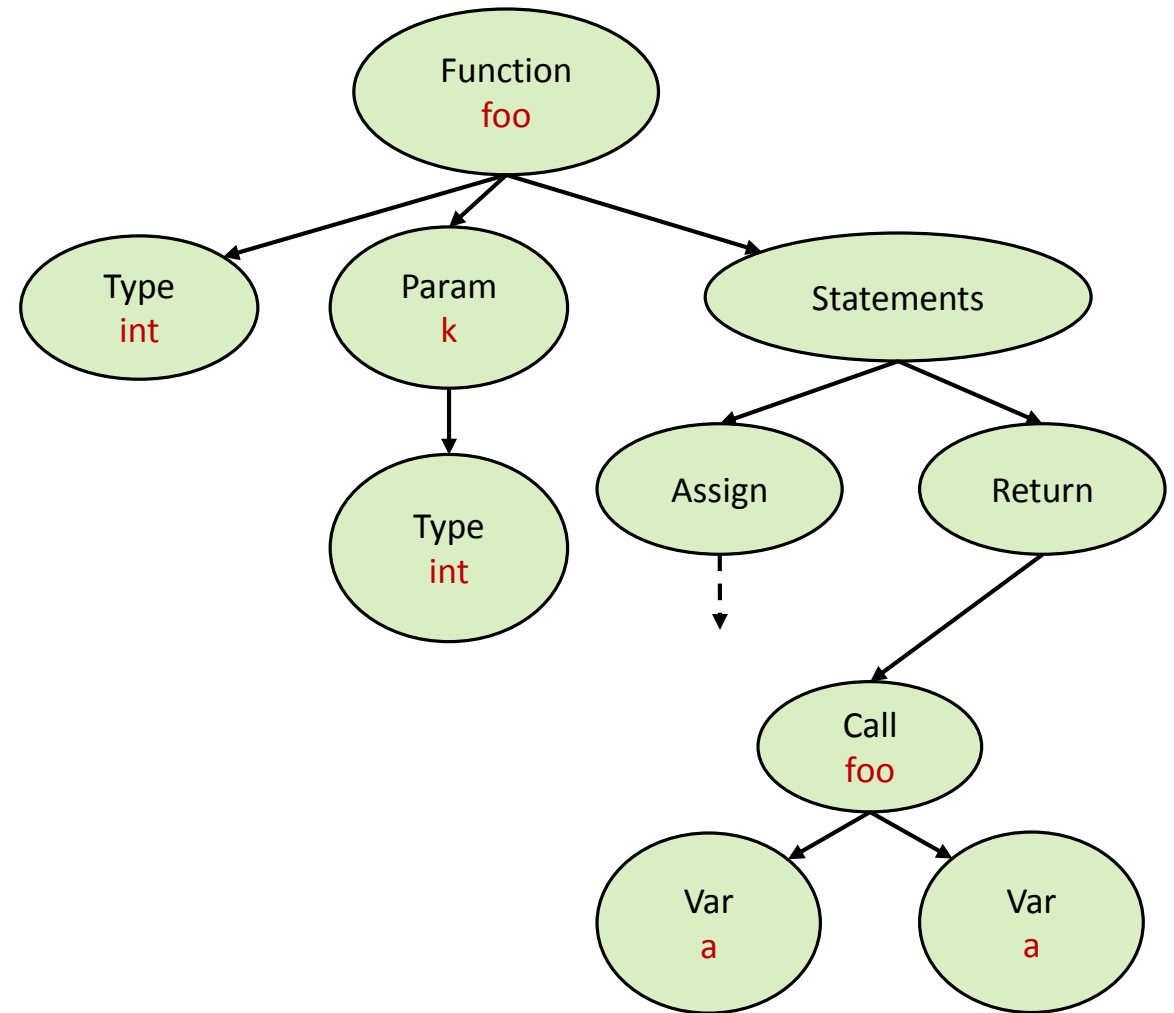
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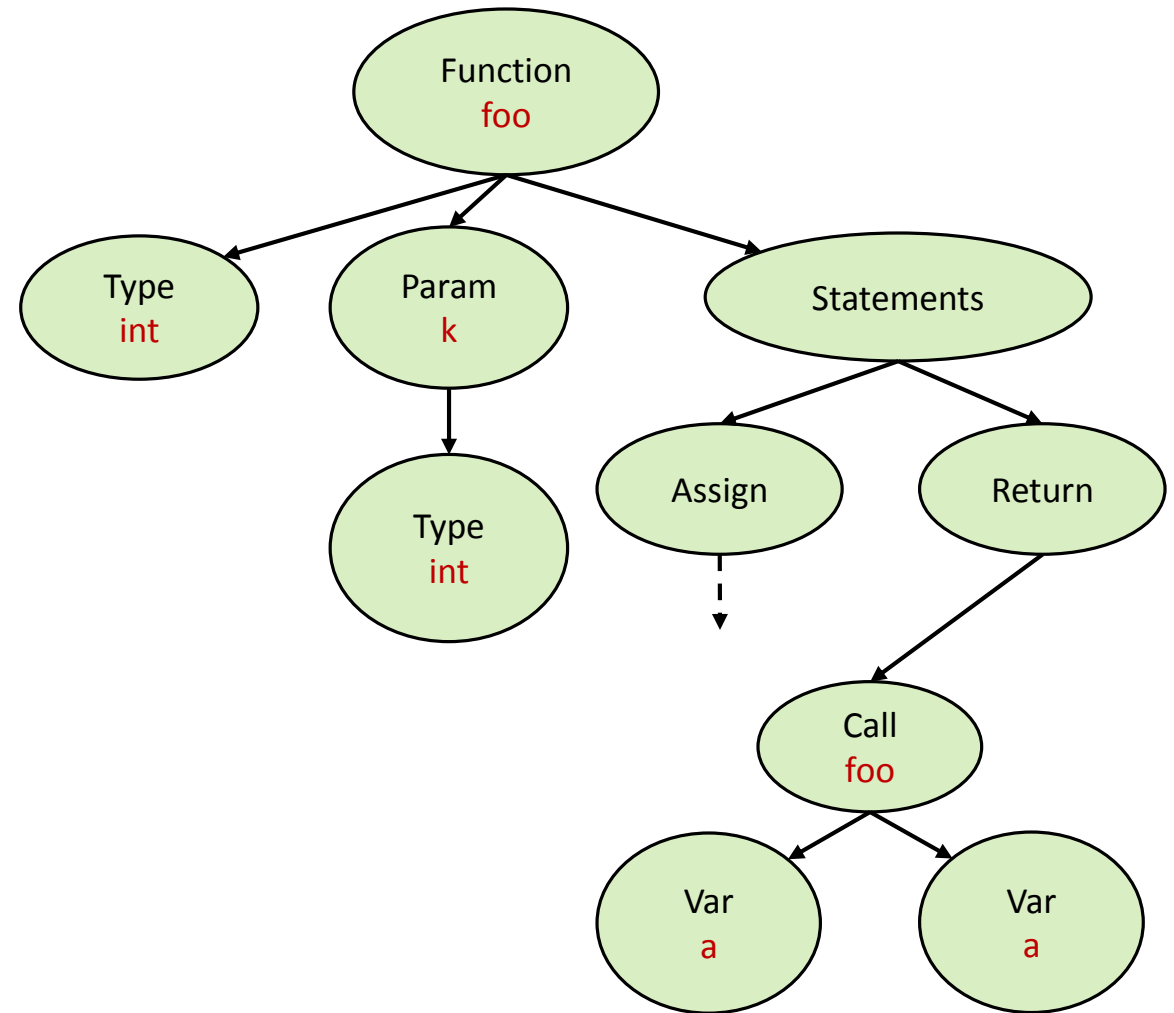
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```
int foo(int k) {  
    int a = k * 10;  
    return foo(a, a);  
}
```



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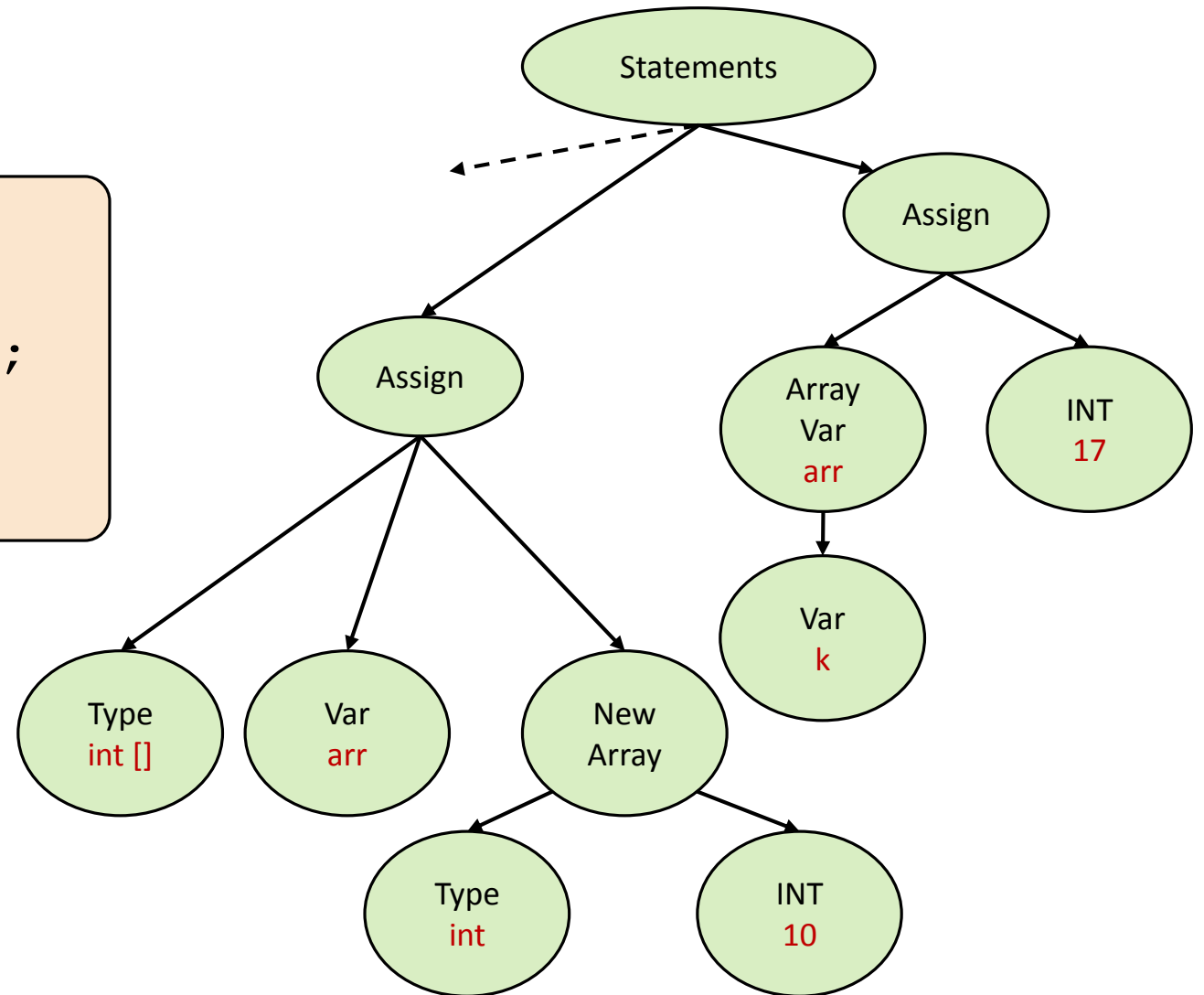
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Arrays

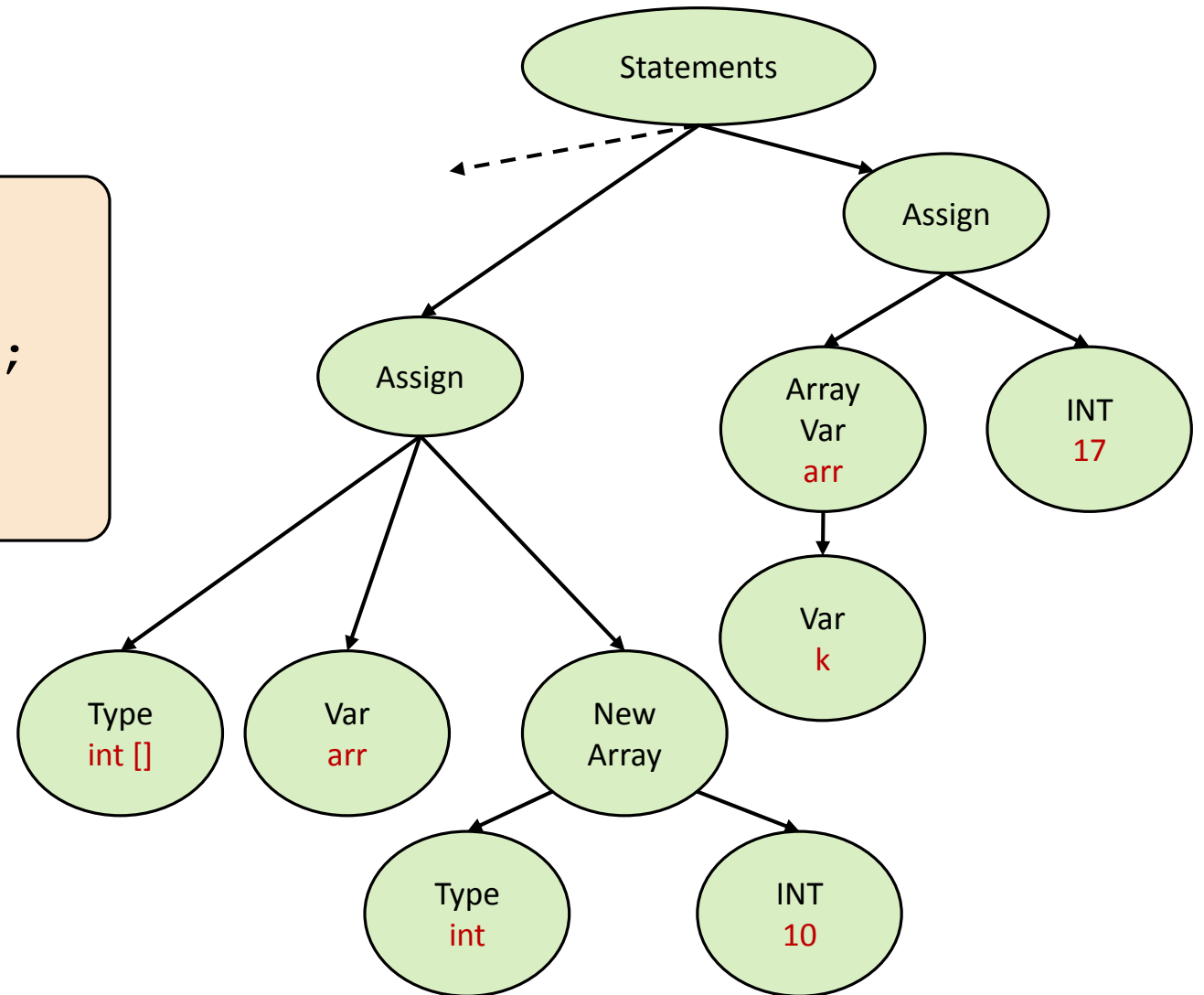
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void foo(int d) {  
    int k = 3;  
    int[] arr = new int[10];  
    arr[k] = 17;  
}
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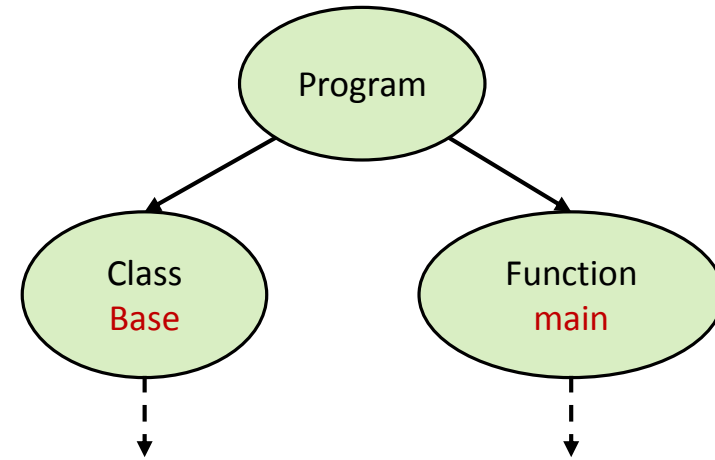
Classes

```
class A {  
  int x;  
  int y;  
  void foo(int) { }  
}
```

type of A {
 x : int
 y : int
 foo : void, int

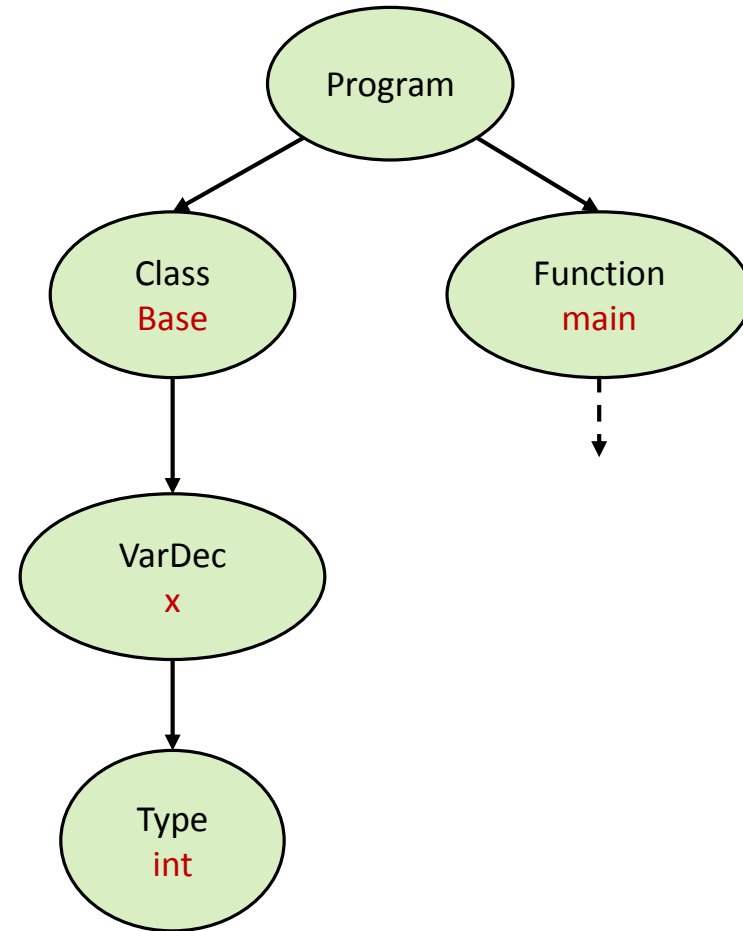
Classes

```
class Base {  
    int x;  
}  
void main() {  
    Base o = new Base;  
    o.y = 1;  
}
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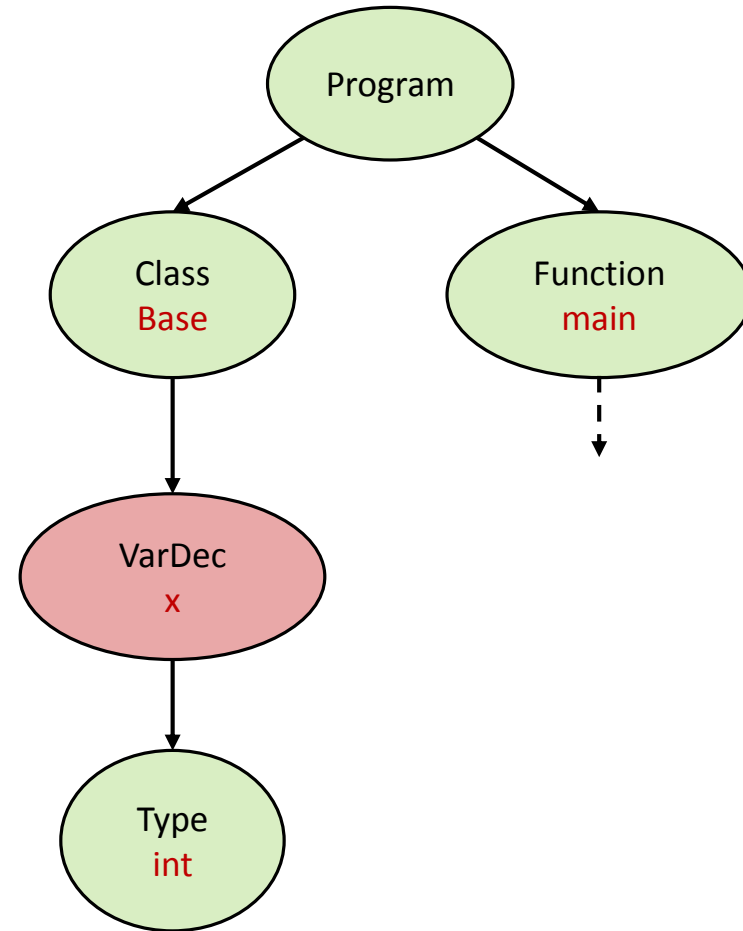
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ID	Type	Kind
Base	...	class

$scope_1$

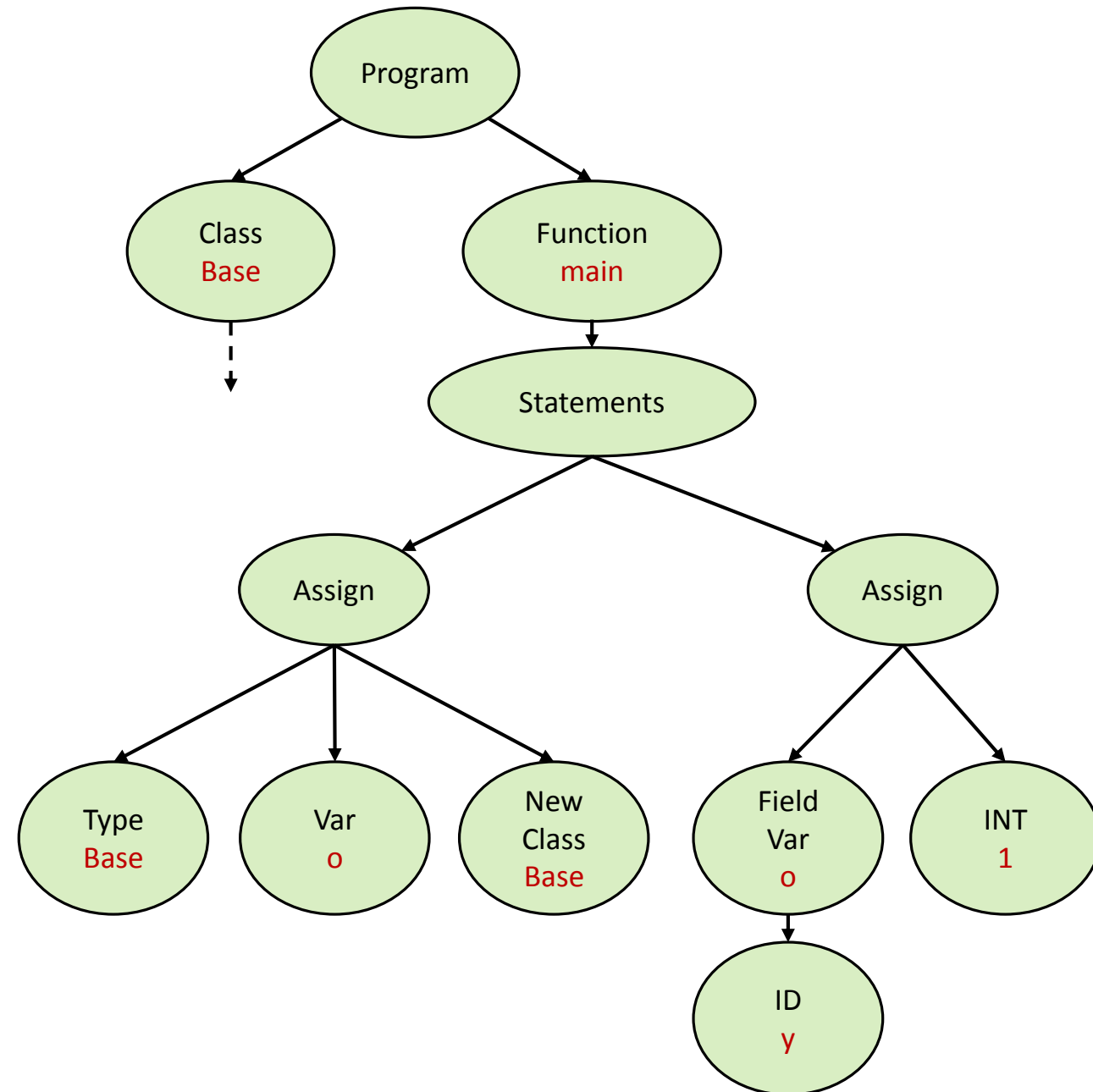
ID	Type	Kind
x	int	variable

$scope_2$



Classes

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Classes

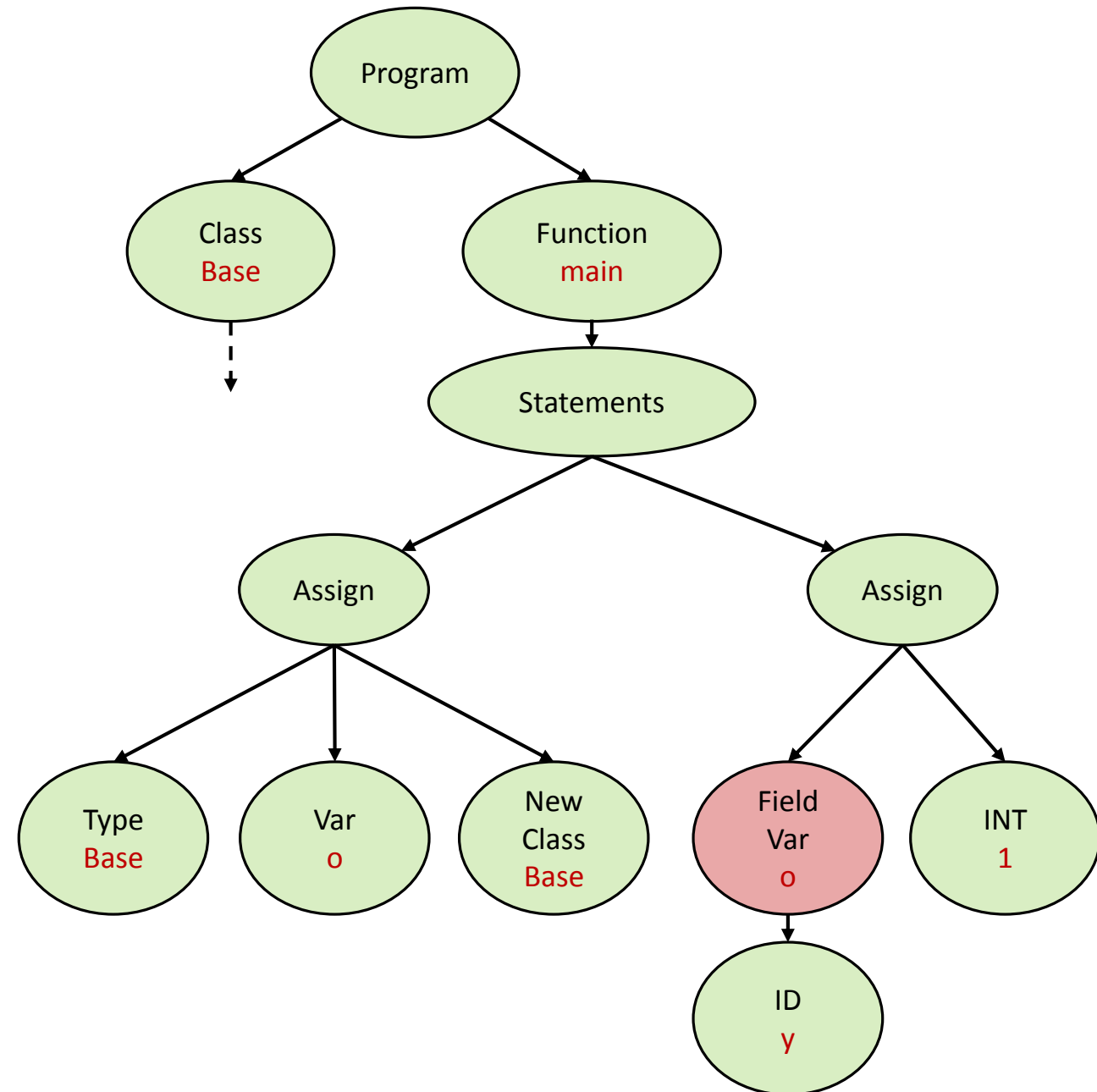
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ID	Type	Kind
Base	...	class
main	...	function

scope₁

ID	Type	Kind
o	Base	variable

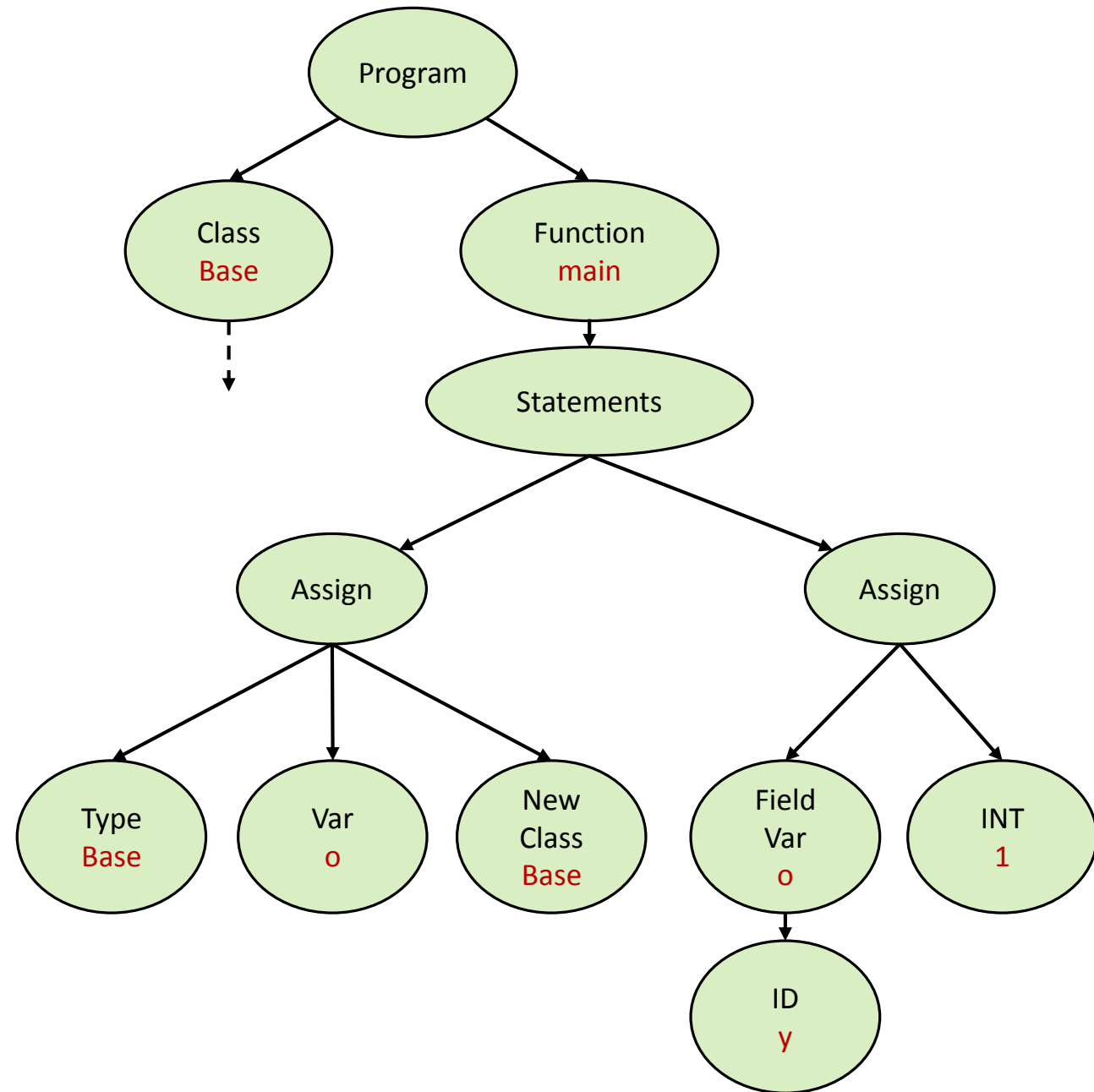
scope₂



Classes

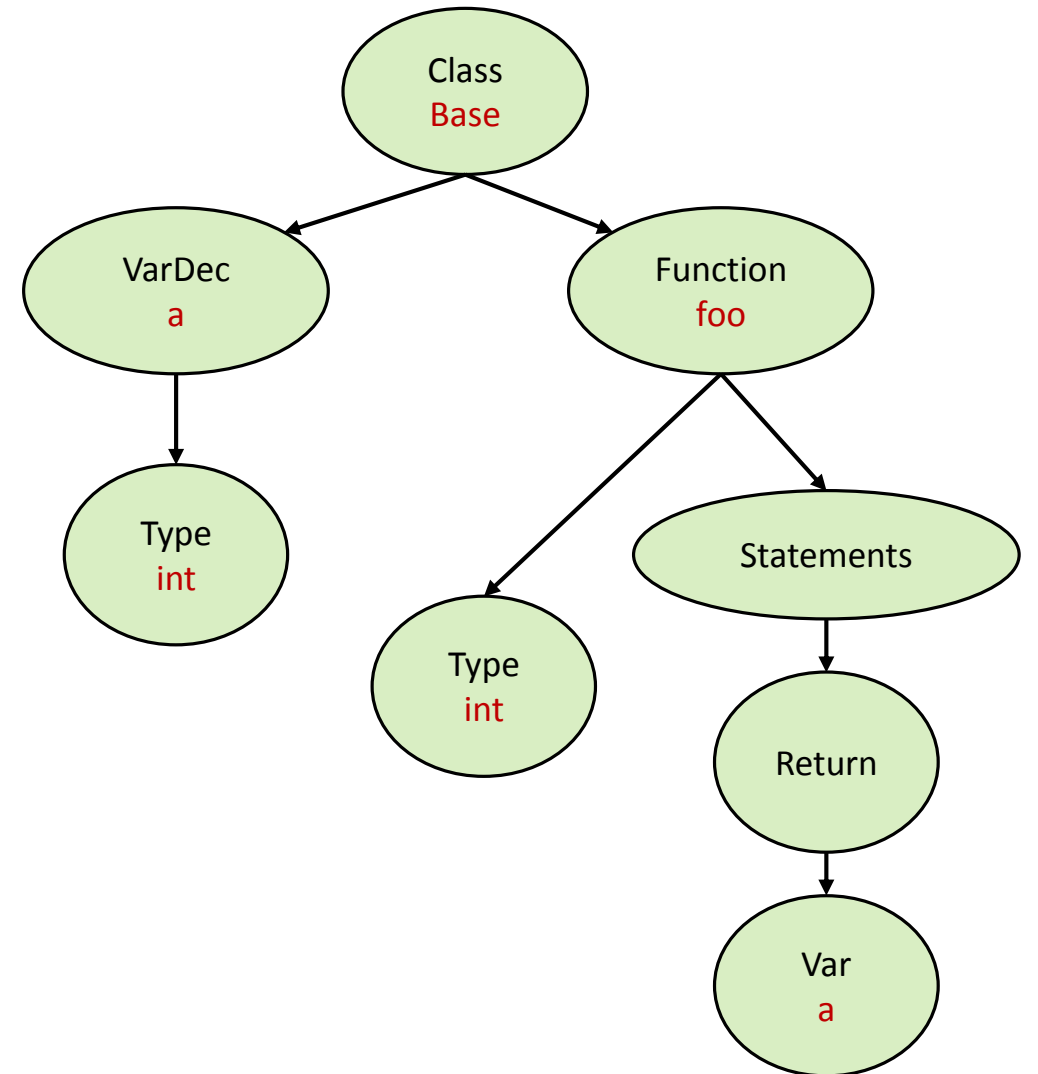
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```

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Classes

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  int a;  
  int foo() {  
    return a;  
  }  
}
```



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```

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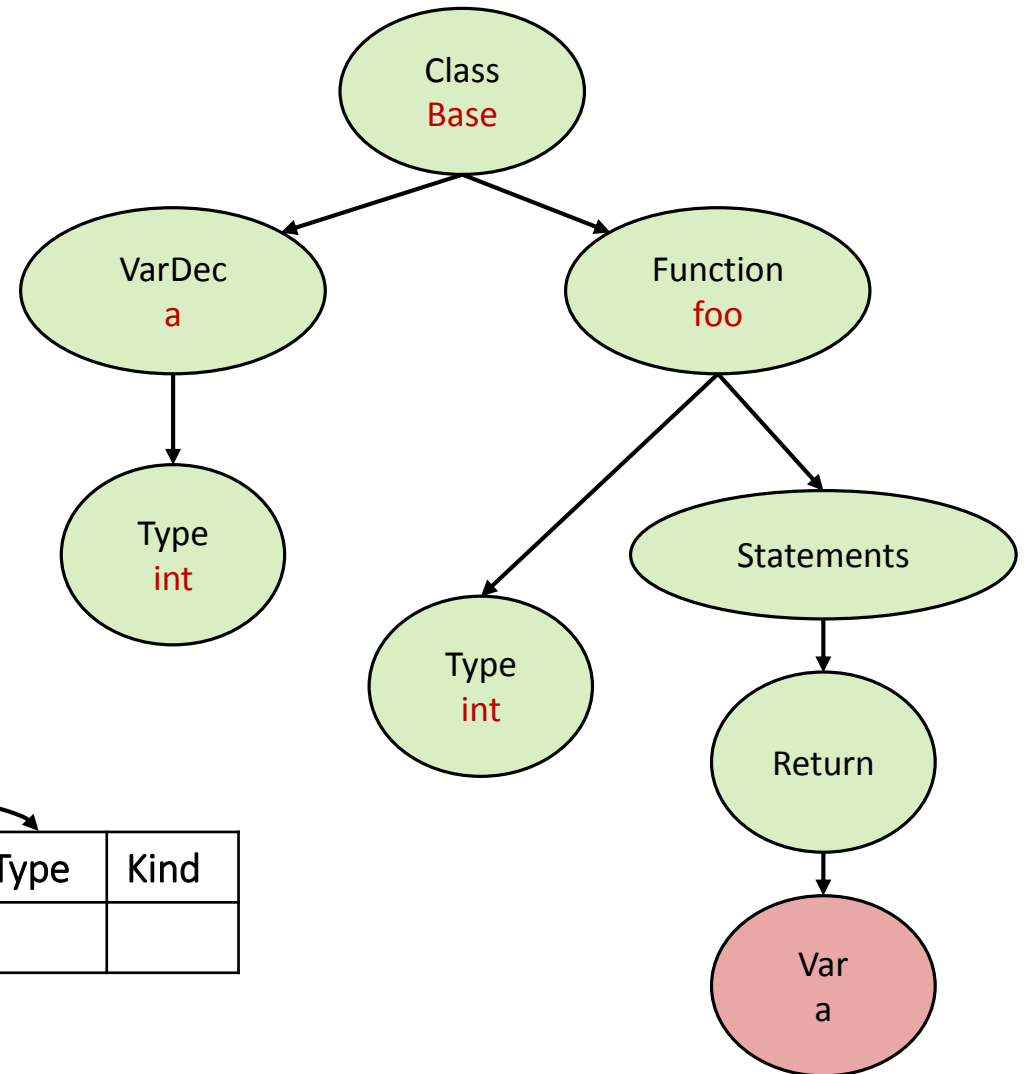
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a	int	variable
foo	...	function

scope₂

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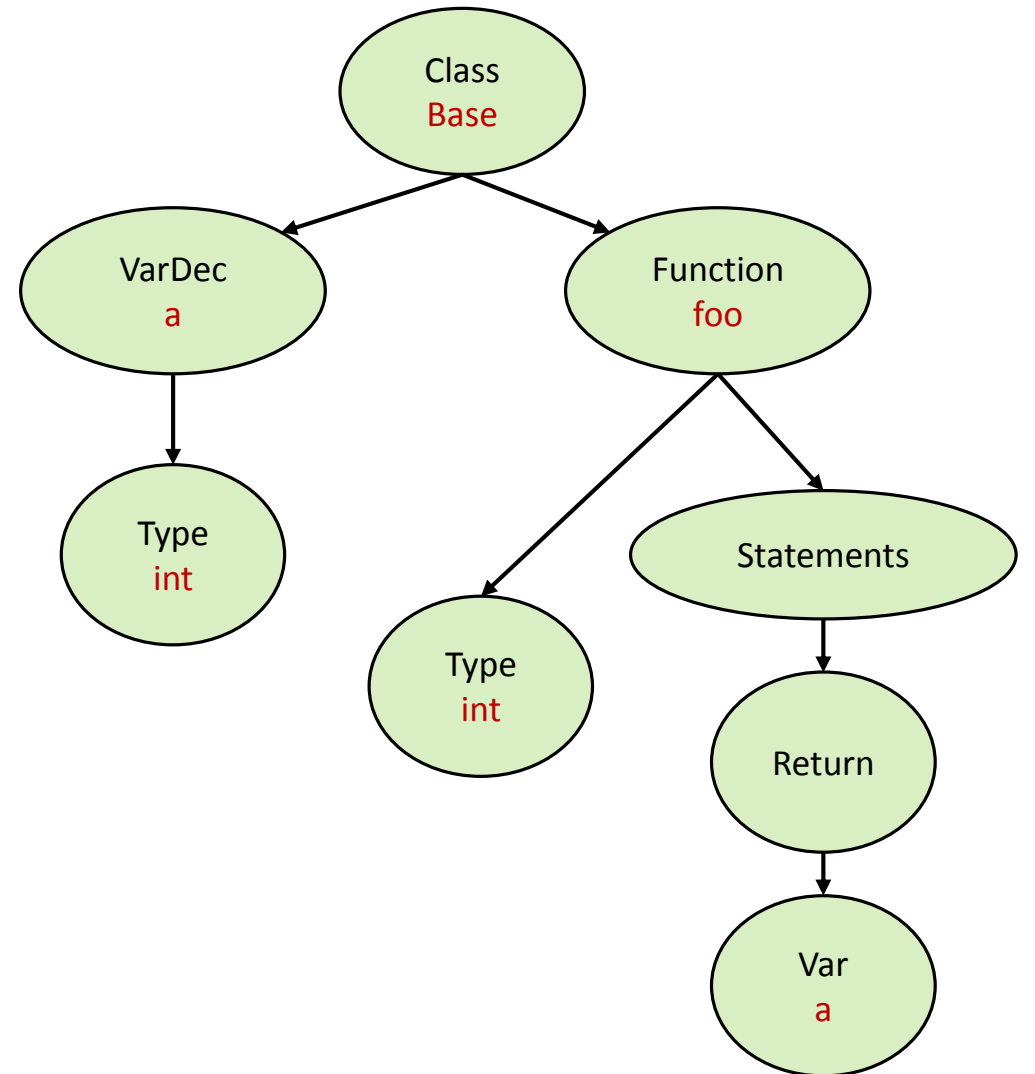
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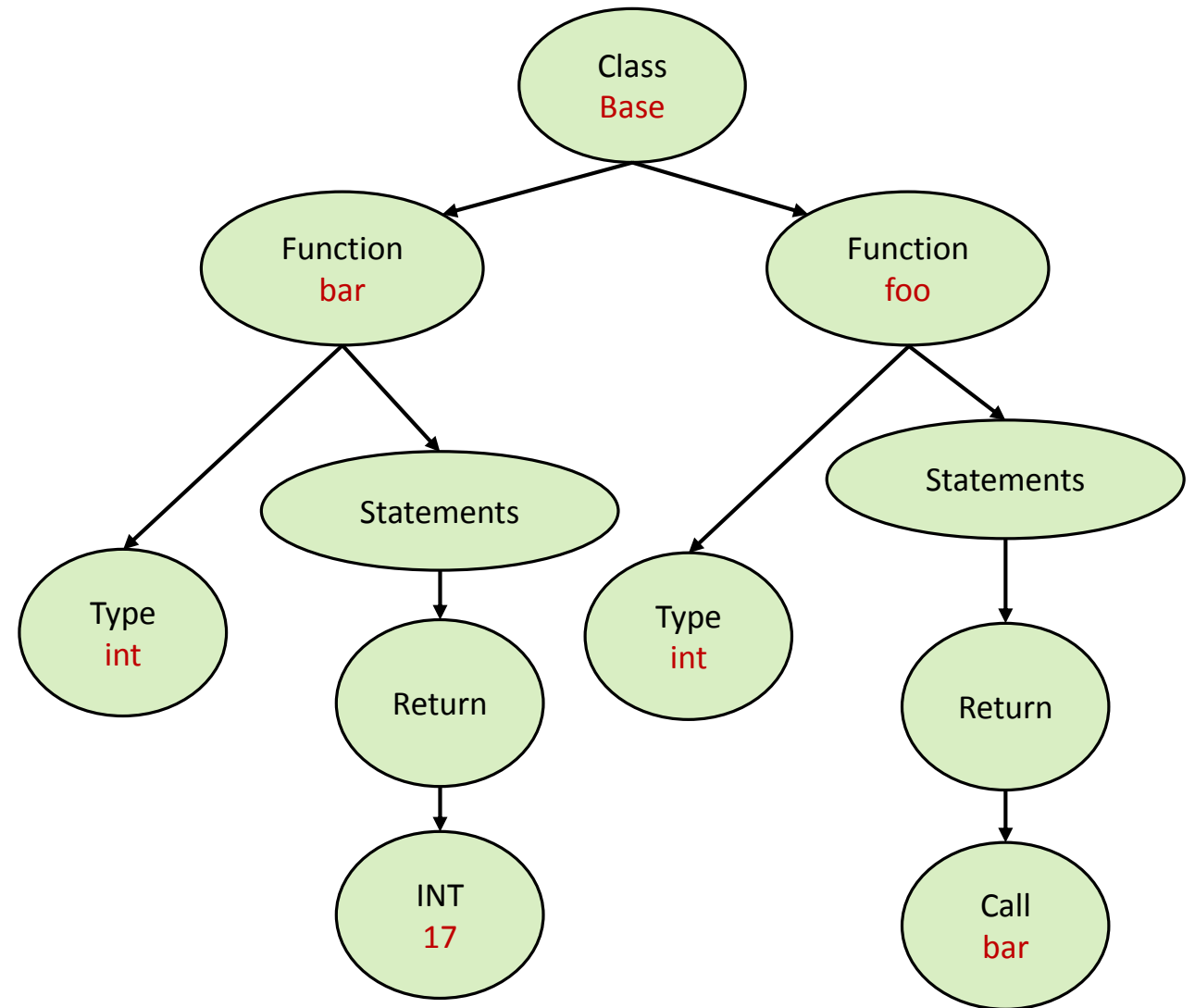
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class Base {  
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  int foo() {  
    return a;  
  }  
}
```

Valid



Classes

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    int bar() {  
        return 17;  
    }  
    int foo() {  
        return bar();  
    }  
}
```



Classes

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  }  
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    return bar();  
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}
```

ID	Type	Kind
Base	...	class

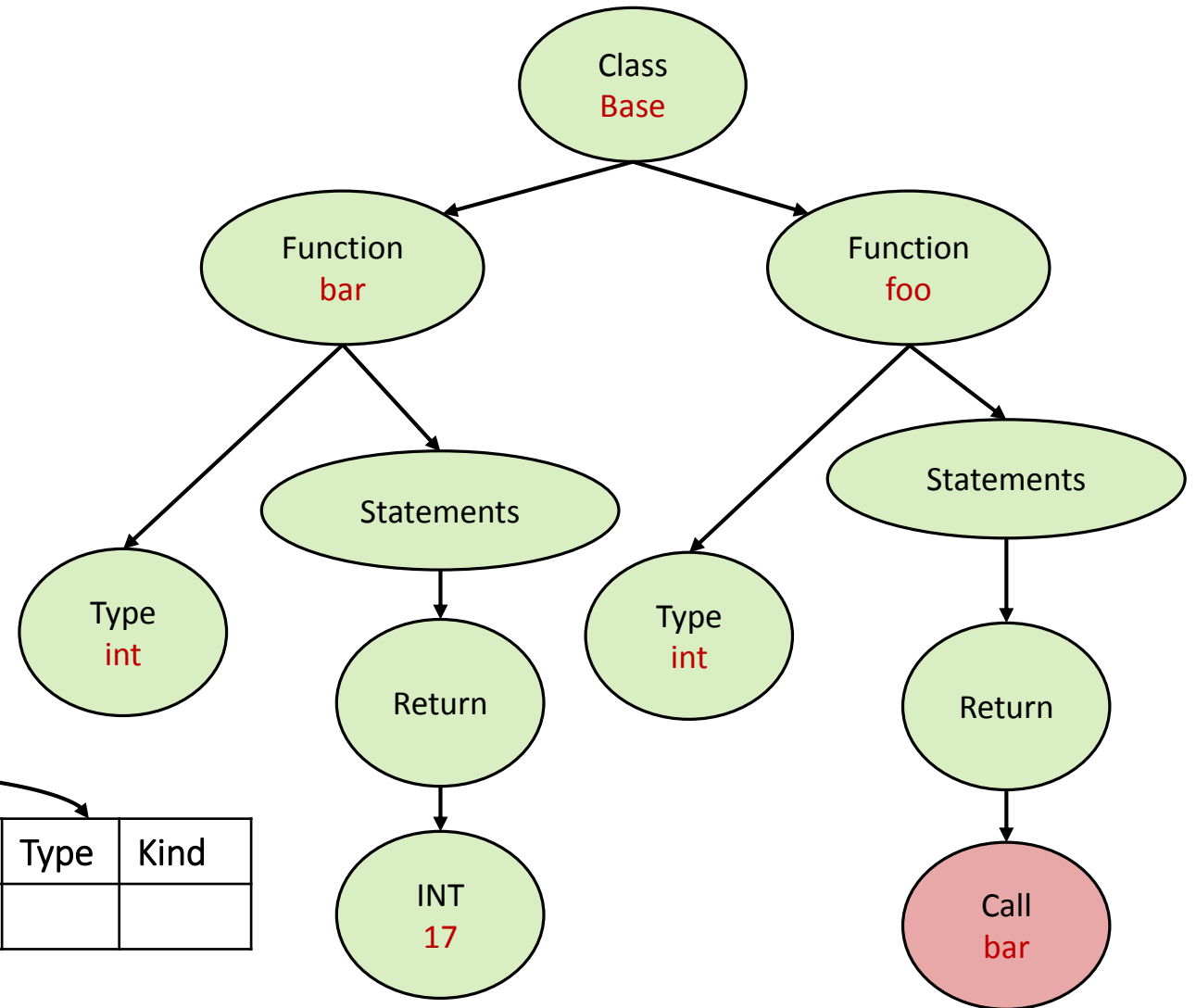
scope₁

ID	Type	Kind
bar	...	function
foo	...	Function

scope₂

ID	Type	Kind

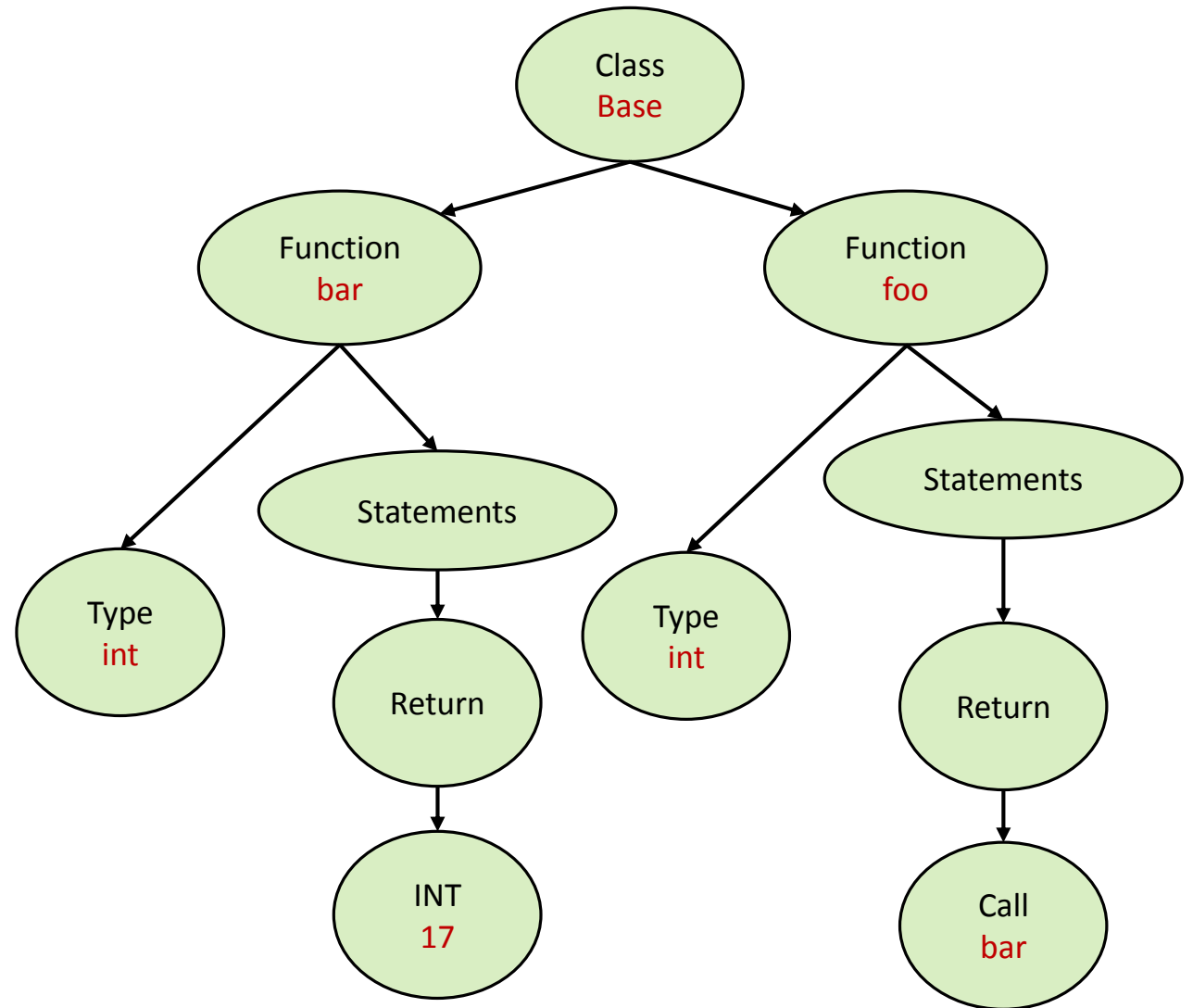
scope₃



Classes

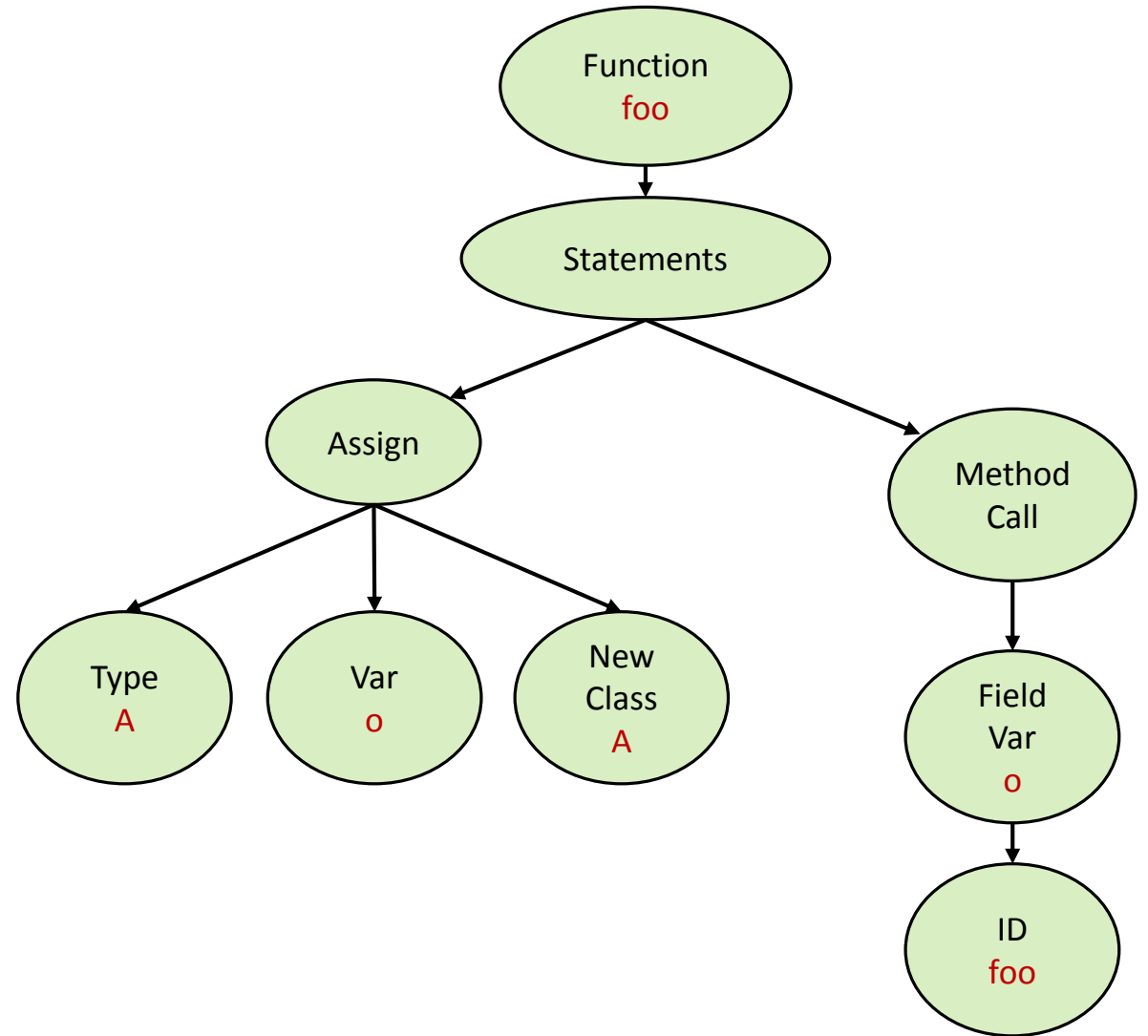
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Valid



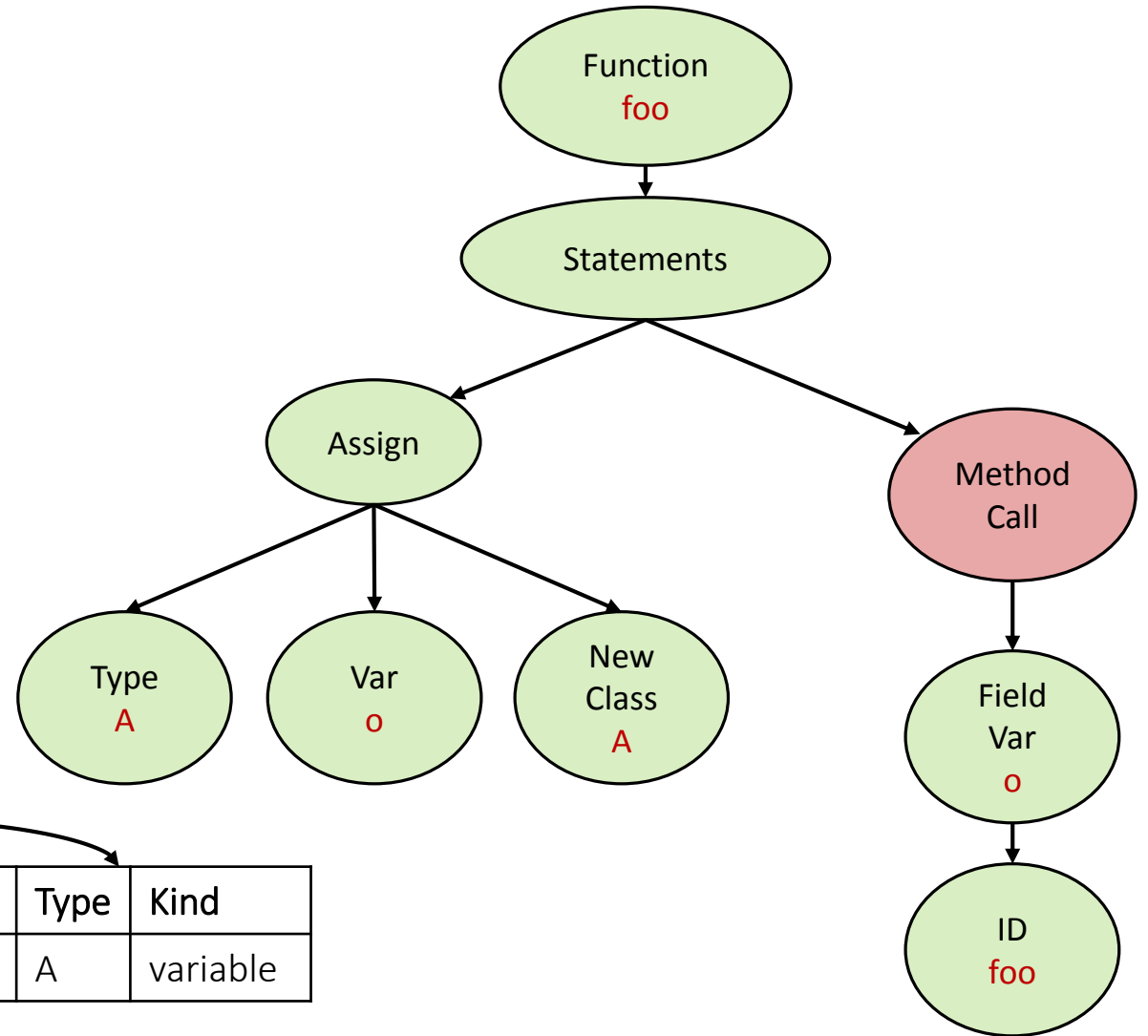
Classes

```
class A {  
    void foo() {  
        A o = new A;  
        o.foo();  
    }  
}
```



Classes

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    }  
}
```



ID	Type	Kind
A	...	class

scope₁

ID	Type	Kind
foo	...	function

scope₂

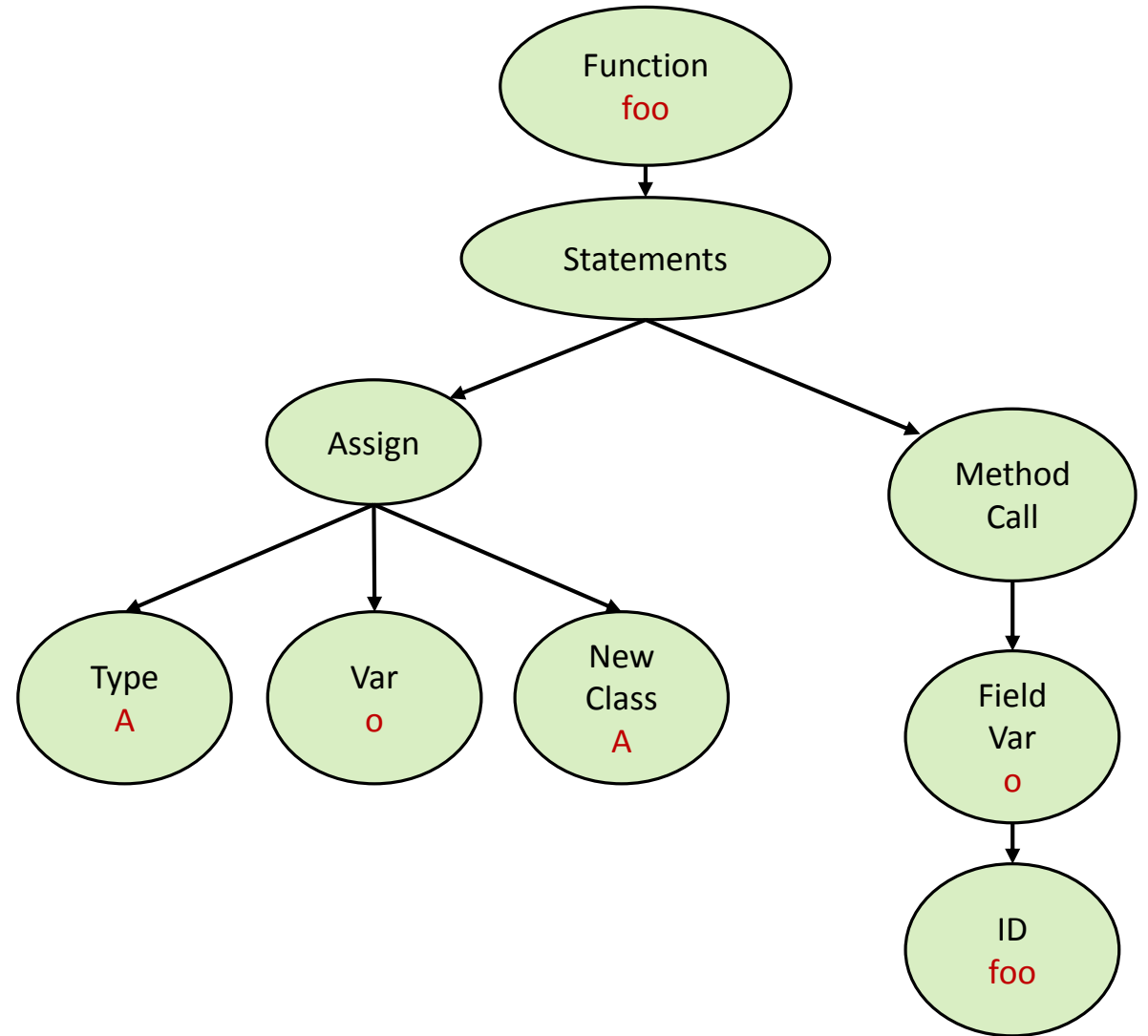
ID	Type	Kind
o	A	variable

scope₃

Classes

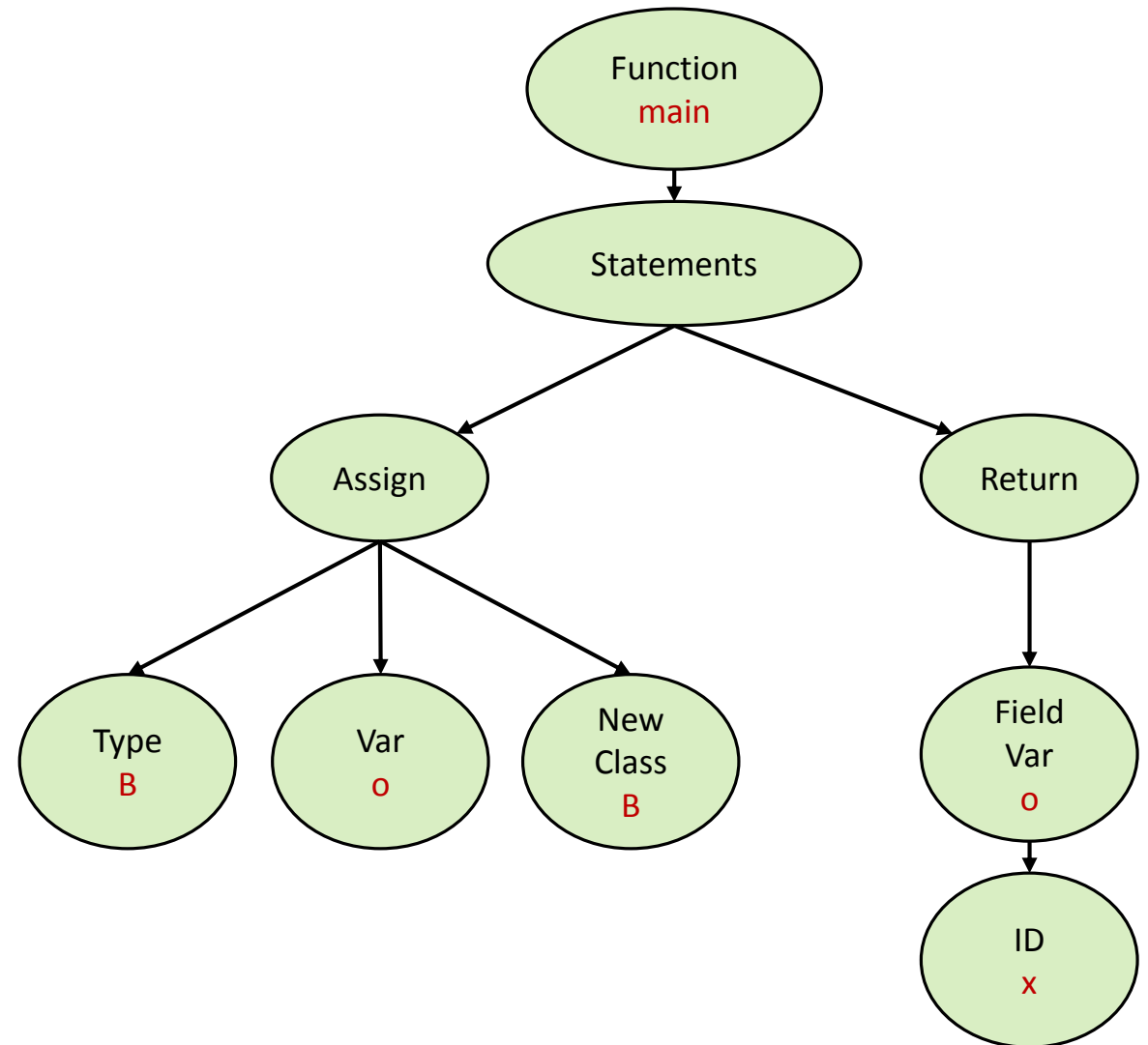
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  void foo() {  
    A o = new A;  
    o.foo();  
  }  
}
```

Valid



Inheritance

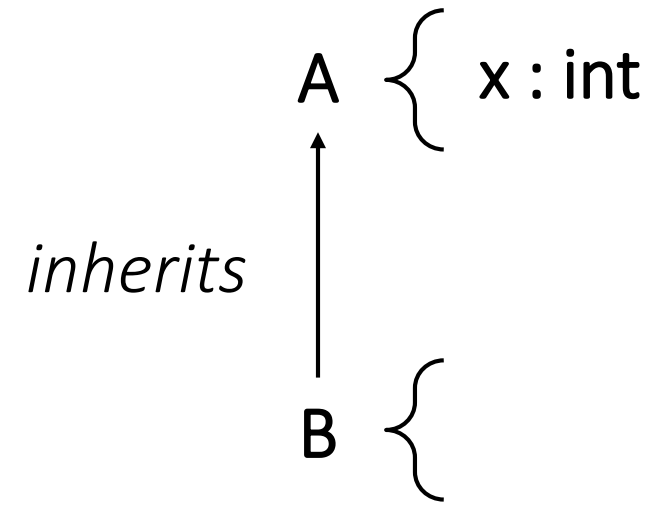
```
class A {  
    int x;  
}  
class B extends A {  
    int foo() {  
        B o = new B;  
        return o.x;  
    }  
}
```



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    int foo() {  
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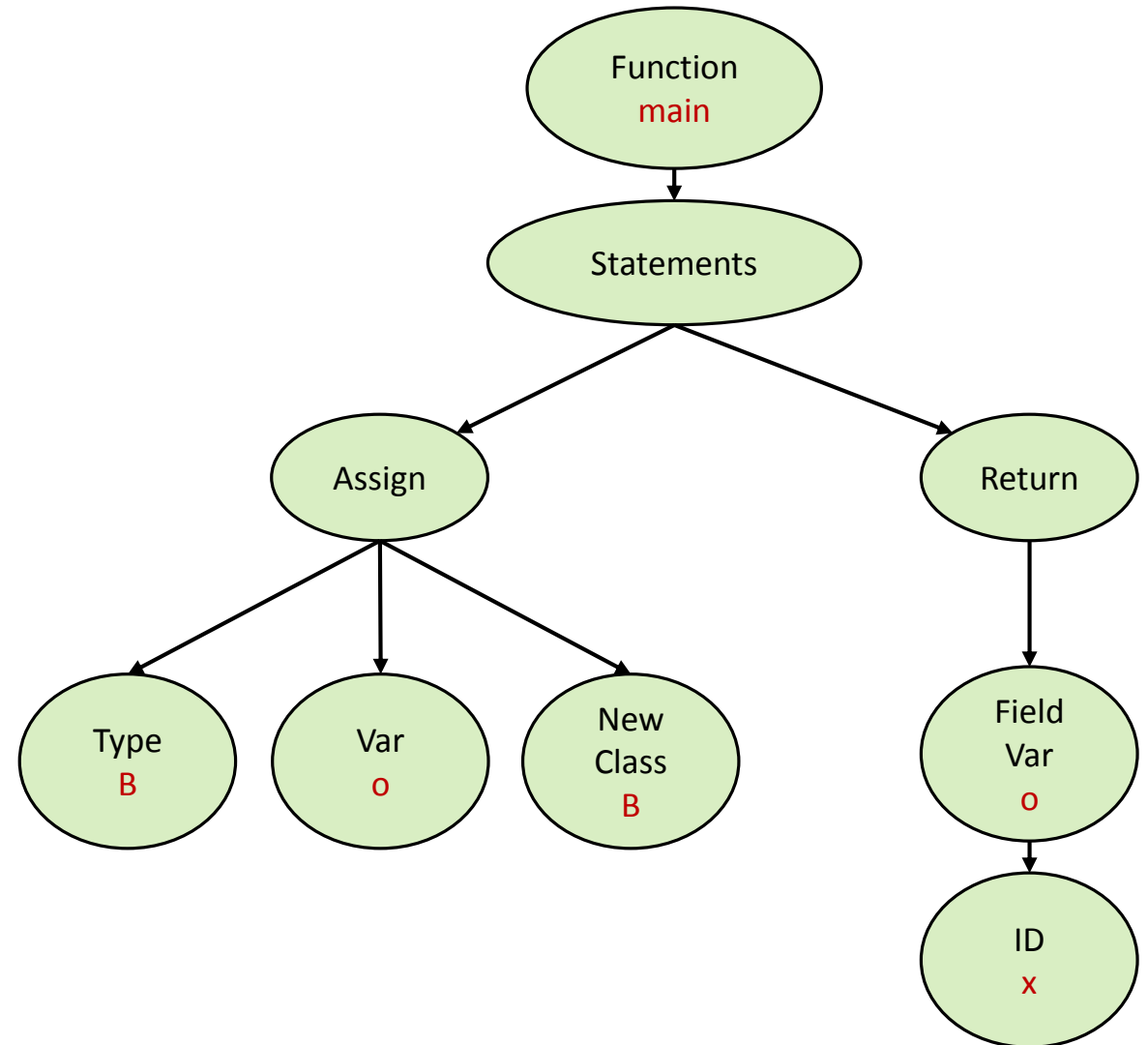
class hierarchy



Inheritance

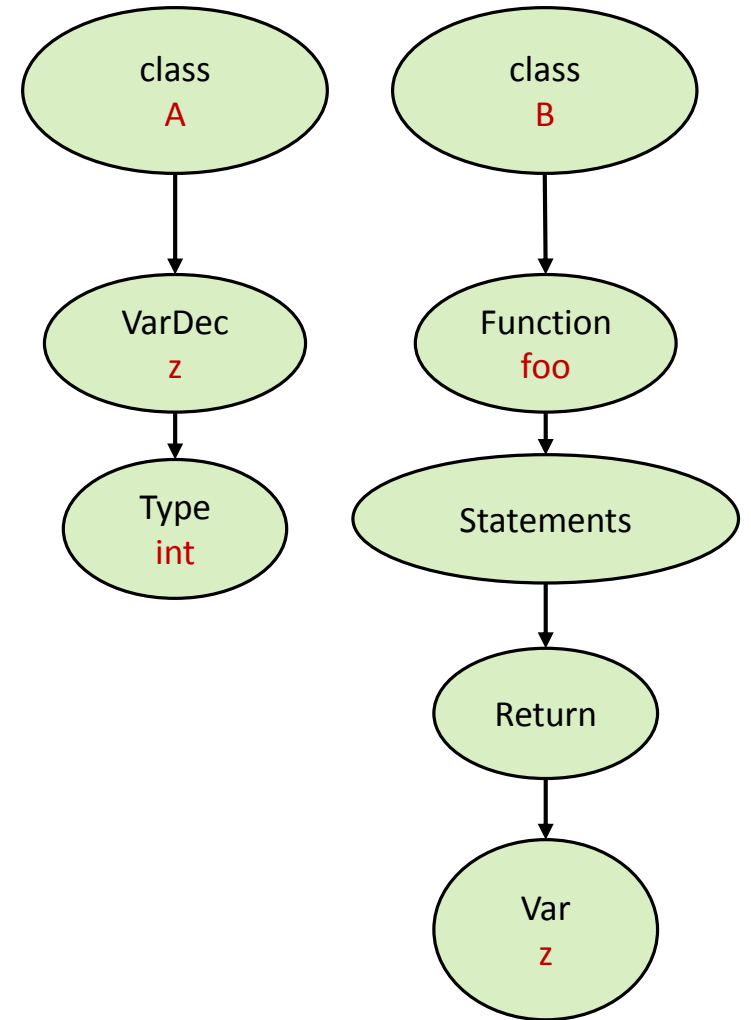
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        return o.x;  
    }  
}
```

Valid



Inheritance

```
class A {  
    int z;  
}  
class B extends A {  
    int foo() {  
        return z;  
    }  
}
```



Inheritance

```
class A {  
    int z;  
}  
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    int foo() {  
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    }  
}
```

ID	Type	Kind
A	...	class
B	...	class

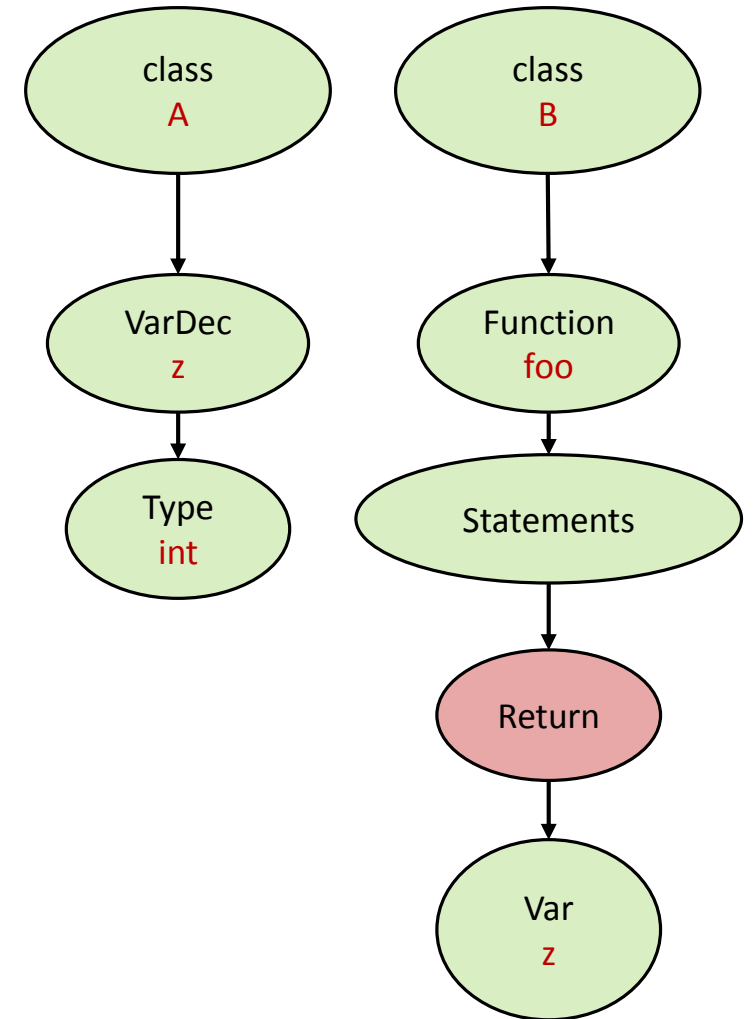
$scope_1$

ID	Type	Kind
foo	...	function

$scope_2$

ID	Type	Kind

$scope_3$



Inheritance

```
class A {  
    int z;  
}  
class B extends A {  
    int foo() {  
        return z;  
    }  
}
```

ID	Type	Kind
A	...	class
B	...	class

scope₁

ID	Type	Kind
foo	...	function

scope₂

(scope of class B)

ID	Type	Kind

scope₃



Inheritance

```
class A {  
    int z;  
}  
class B extends A {  
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        return z;  
    }  
}
```

ID	Type	Kind
A	...	class
B	...	class

*scope*₁

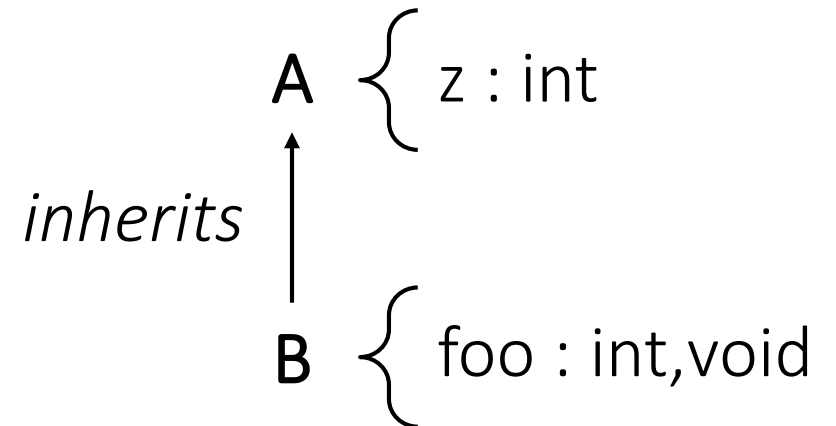
ID	Type	Kind
foo	...	function

*scope*₂

(scope of class B)

ID	Type	Kind

*scope*₃



Inheritance

```
class A {  
    int z;  
}  
class B extends A {  
    int foo() {  
        return z;  
    }  
}
```

ID	Type	Kind
A	...	class
B	...	class

scope₁

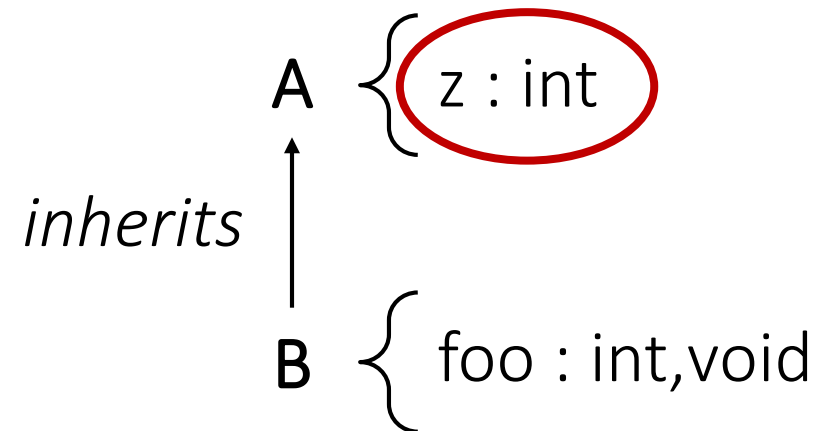
ID	Type	Kind
foo	...	function

scope₂

(scope of class B)

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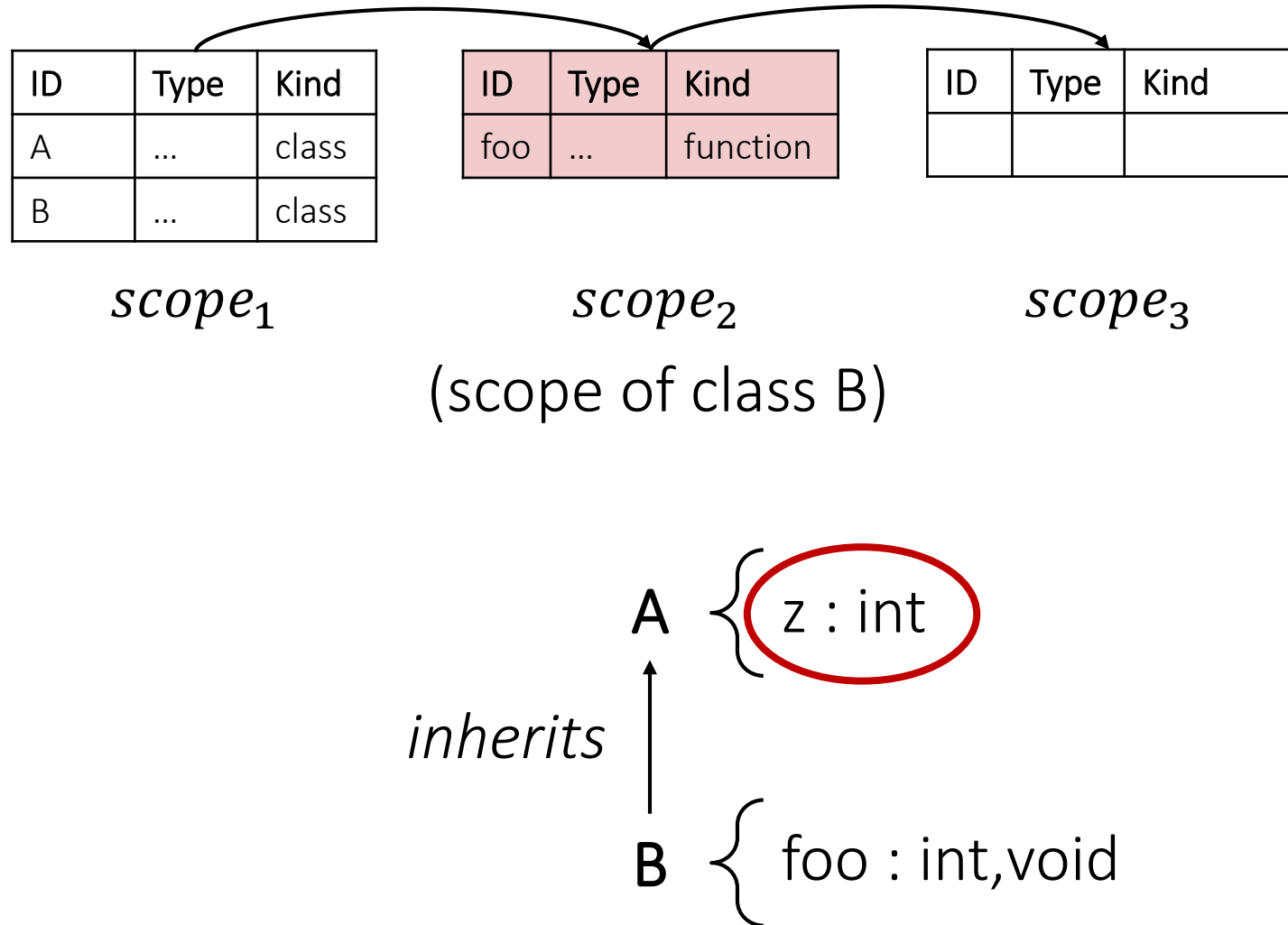
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Inheritance

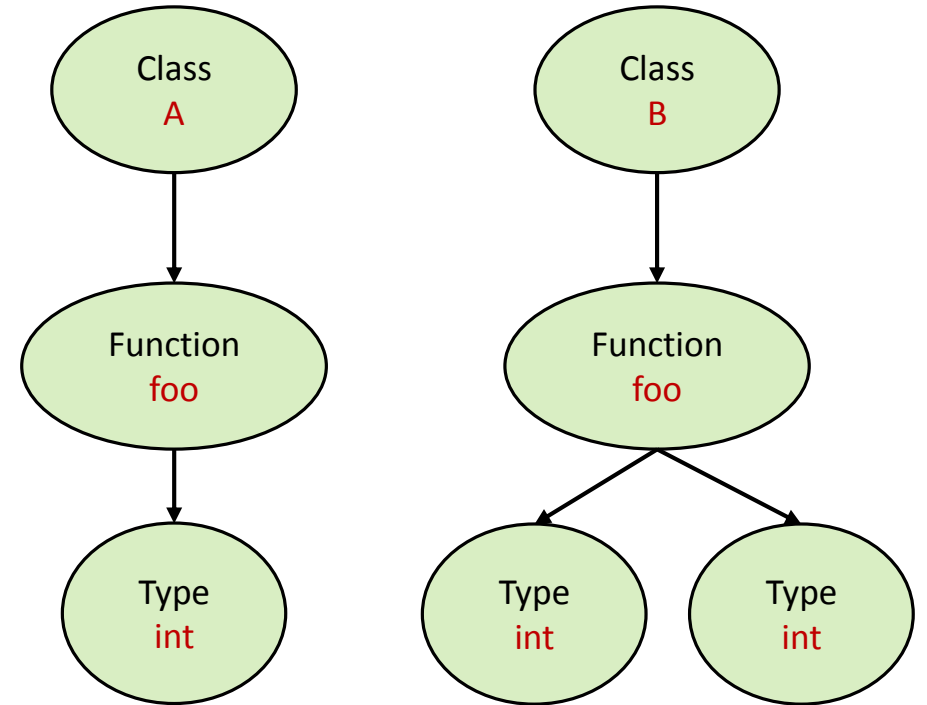
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    }  
}
```

Valid



Inheritance

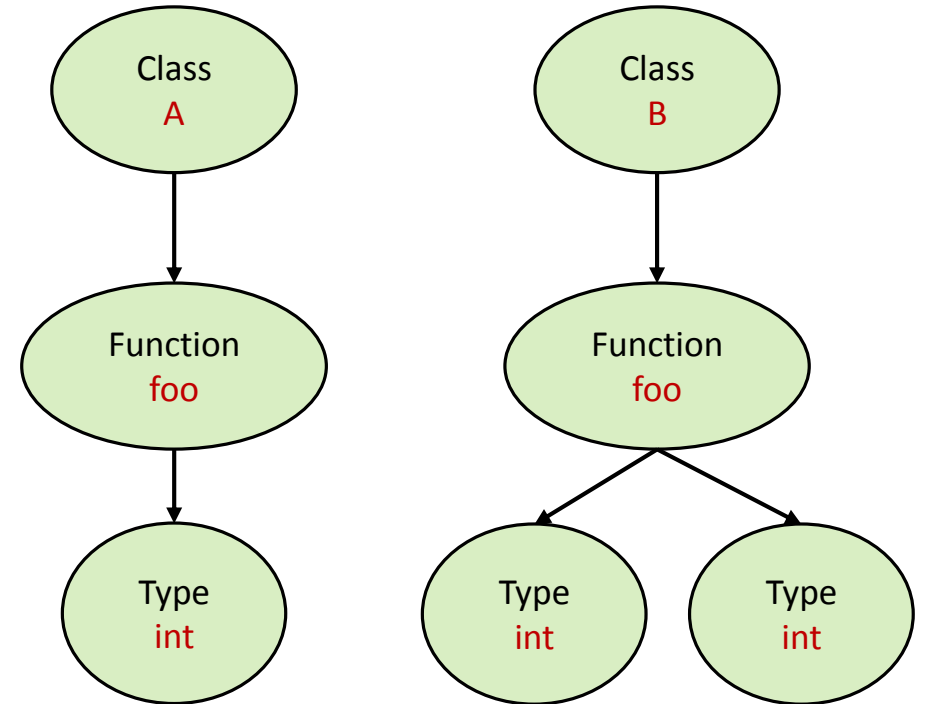
```
class A {  
    int foo() {  
        return 17;  
    }  
}  
class B extends A {  
    int foo(int x) {  
        return x + 1;  
    }  
}
```



Inheritance

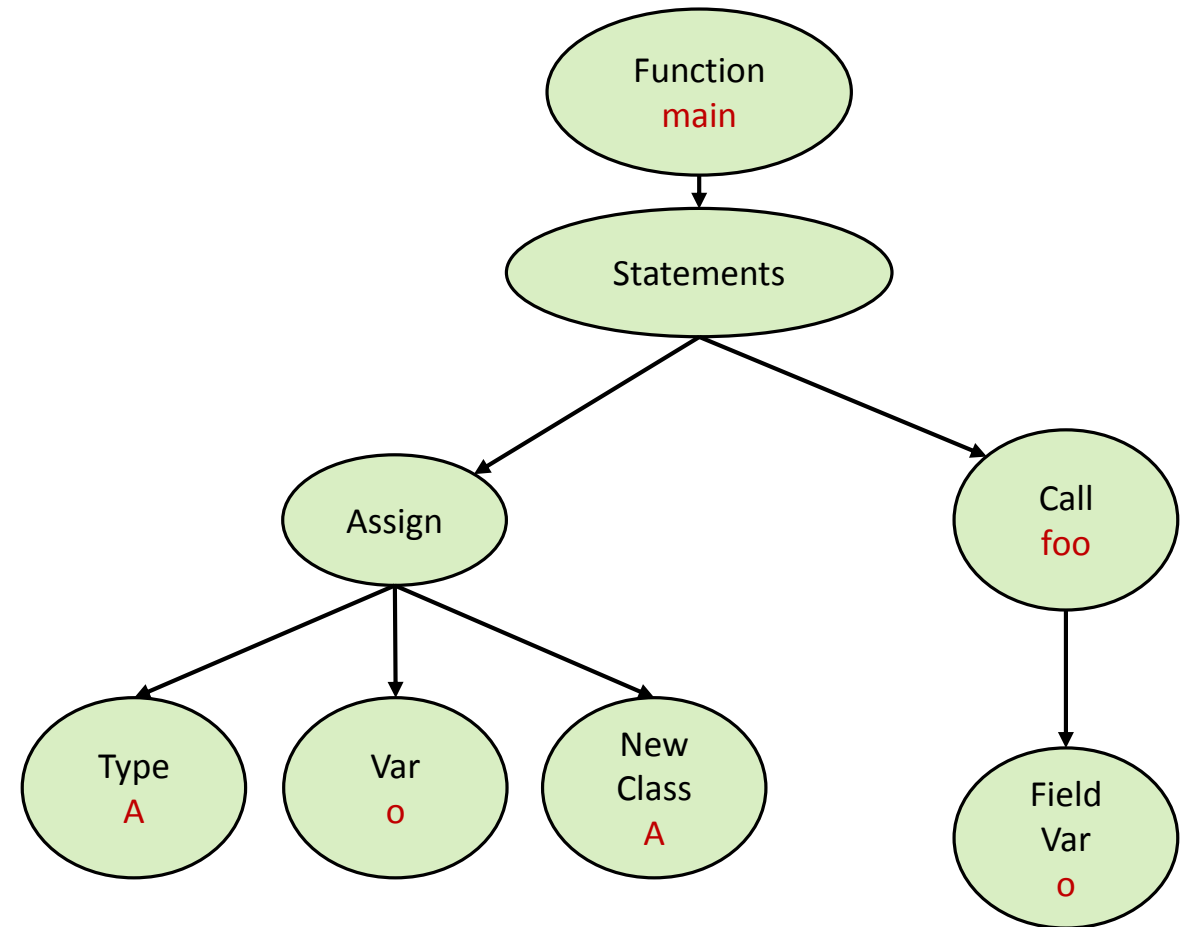
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```

Invalid



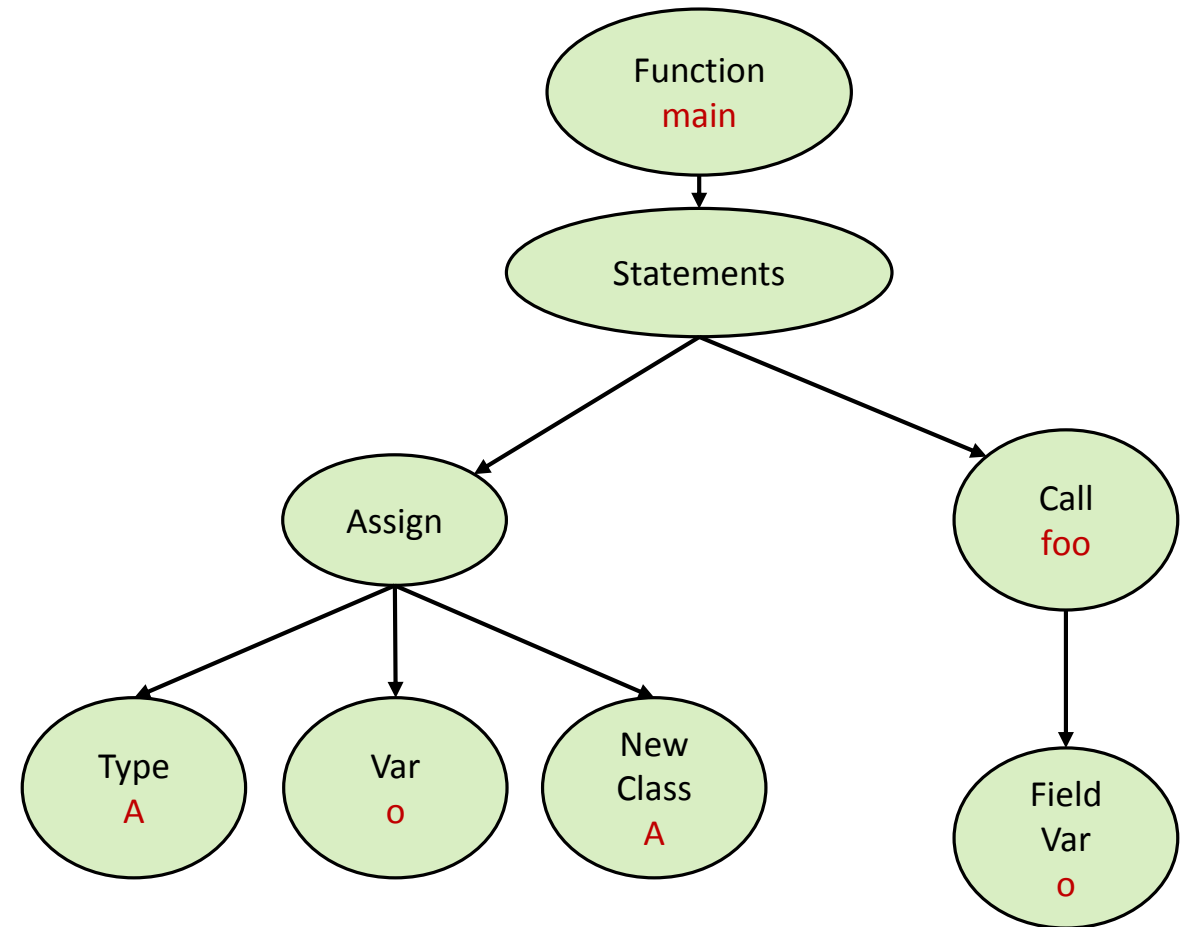
Inheritance

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void main() {  
    A o = new A;  
    foo(o);  
}
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Inheritance

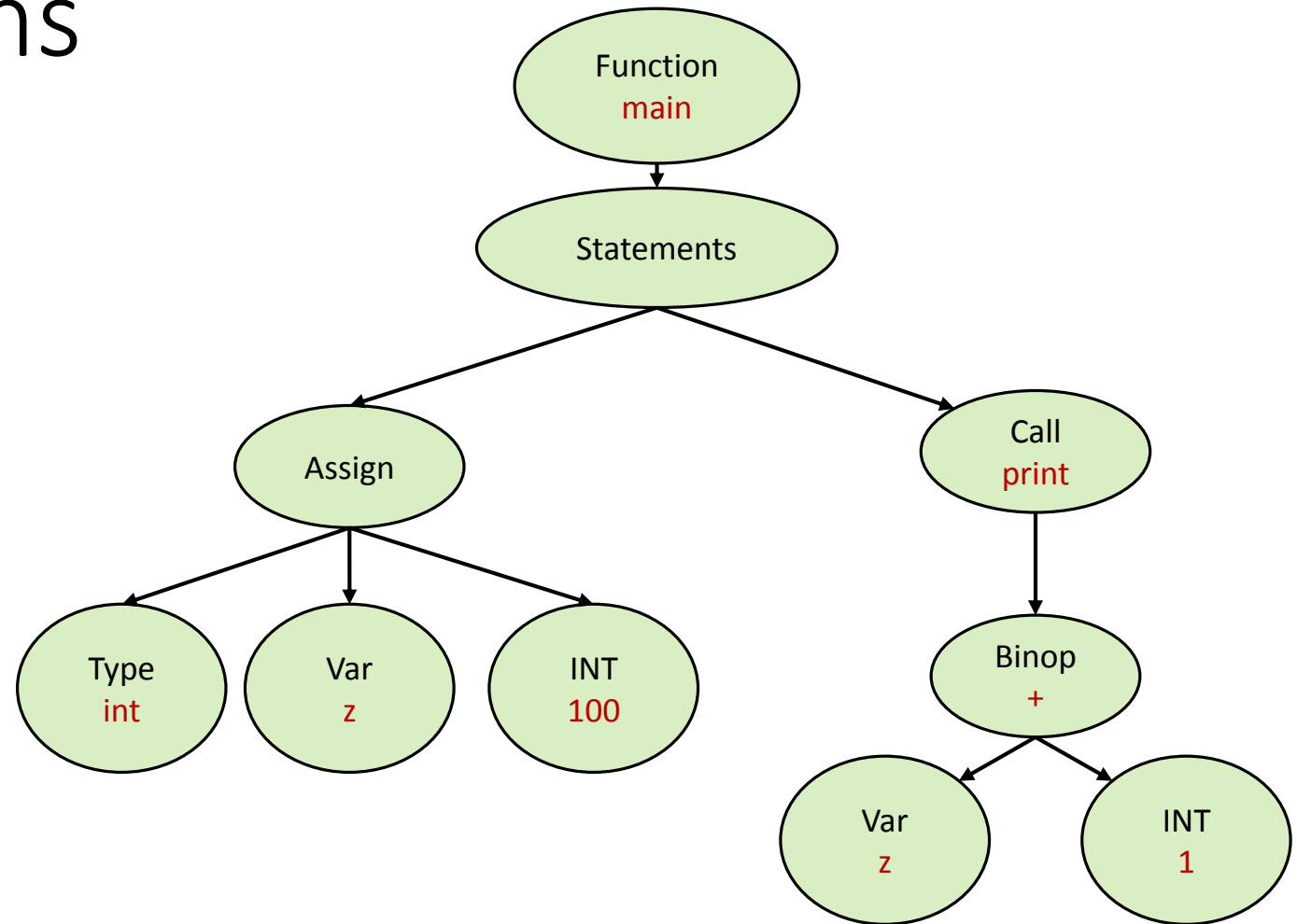
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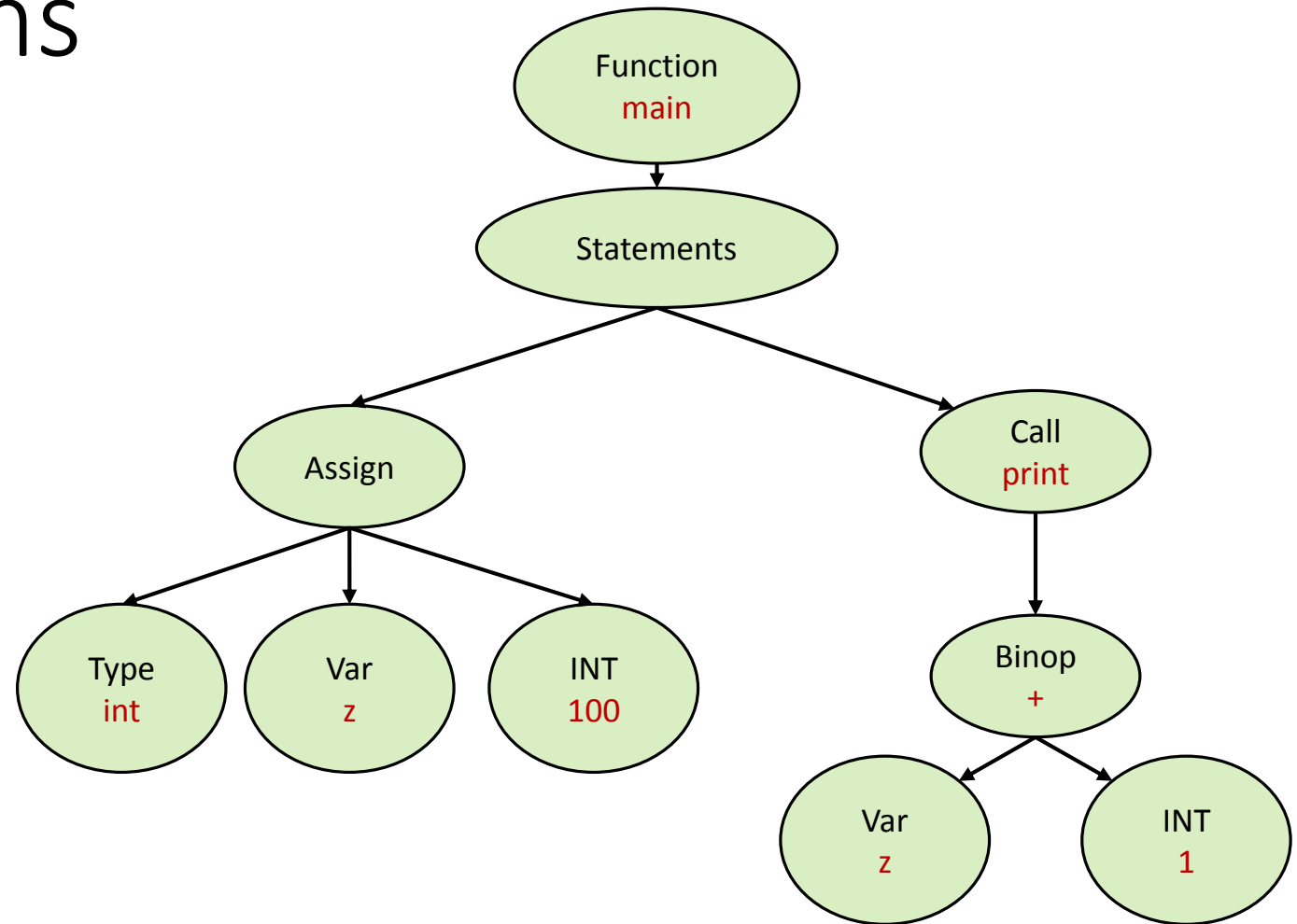
Library Functions

```
void main() {  
    int z = 100;  
    print(z + 1);  
}
```



Library Functions

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}
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Valid

Implementation

The AST is traversed in a top-down manner:

- Each AST node class, has a **visit** API
 - Performs the relevant semantic checks
 - May call the visitors of the node's children
- The traversal starts from the root node

Implementation

```
class ASTExpBinOp {
    public ASTExp left;
    public ASTExp right;
    ...
    public Type visit() {
        Type t1 = left.visit();
        Type t2 = right.visit();
        if (t1 != t2) { // error }
        // check if op is supported w.r.t. t1/t2
        return t1;
    }
}
```

Implementation

```
class ASTStatmentList {  
    public ASTStatement head;  
    public ASTStatmentList tail;  
    ...  
    public Type visit() {  
        if (head)  
            head.visit();  
        if (tail)  
            tail.visit();  
        return null;  
    }  
}
```