

# 1 Introduction to Binary Operations

Consider the following s-expression: `(sub1 (sub1 (add1 73)))`. Looking at the code discussed in the lecture handout, and assuming `main` runs, what does the stack and heap look like when

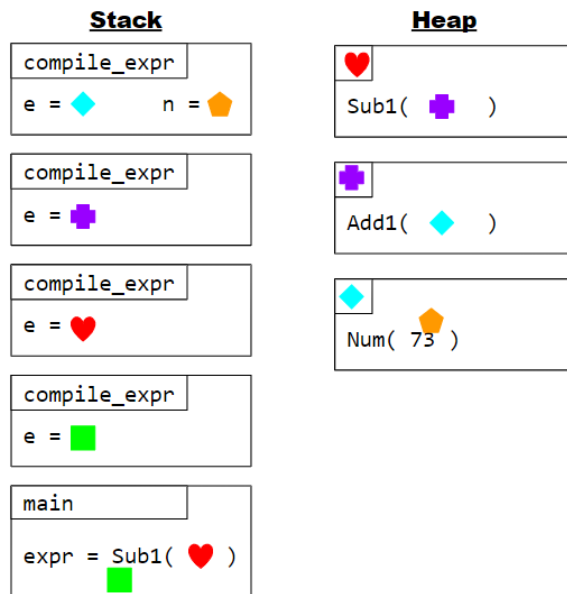
```
format!("mov rax, {}", *n)
```

evaluates?

We'll take a look at the function calls of `compile_expr(&expr)`. First, note that Rust will store objects on the stack unless you allocate it on the heap. Recall, from the previous lecture, we have the AST representation

```
Expr::Sub1(
  Box::new(Expr::Sub1(
    Box::new(Expr::Add1(
      Box::new(
        Expr::Num(73)
      )
    ))
  ))
)
```

Our code initially calls `compile_expr(&expr)`, where `&expr` is a reference to the above object. Note that the outer `Expr::Sub1` is in the stack, but the data in each of the `Enums` will be allocated in the heap. In any case, after calling the function initially, it makes a recursive call with the argument being the held data of the inner object. This repeats until we reach the end (when we have the `Num`).



## 1.1 Adding Binary Operation Support

Let's suppose we want to add `(+ <expr> <expr>)` to our compiler. Our grammar for our language might look like

```
(*
```

```

    expr := <number>
        | (add1 <expr>)
        | (sub1 <expr>)
        | (+ <expr> <expr>)
*)

```

The `Expr` enum might look like

```

enum Expr {
    Num(i32),
    Add1(Box<Expr>),
    Sub1(Box<Expr>),
    Plus(Box<Expr>, Box<Expr>),
}

```

The `parse_expr` function might look like

```

pub fn parse_expr(s: &Sexp) -> Expr {
    match s {
        Sexp::Atom(I(n)) => Expr::Num(i32::try_from(*n).unwrap()),
        Sexp::List(list) => match &list[..] {
            [Sexp::Atom(S(op)), e] if op == "add1" =>
                Expr::Add1(Box::new(parse_expr(e))),
            [Sexp::Atom(S(op)), e] if op == "sub1" =>
                Expr::Sub1(Box::new(parse_expr(e))),
            [Sexp::Atom(S(op)), e] if op == "negate" =>
                Expr::Negate(Box::new(parse_expr(e))),
            [Sexp::Atom(S(op)), e1, e2] if op == "+" => {
                Expr::Add(Box::new(parse_expr(e1)), Box::new(parse_expr(e2)))
            }
            _ => panic!("parse error"),
        },
        _ => panic!("parse error"),
    }
}

```

Then, our `compile_expr` function might look like

```

fn compile_expr(e: &Expr, si: i32) -> String {
    match e {
        Expr::Num(n) => format!("mov rax, {}", *n),
        Expr::Add1(subexpr) => compile_expr(subexpr) + "\nadd rax, 1",
        Expr::Sub1(subexpr) => compile_expr(subexpr) + "\nsub rax, 1",
        Expr::Plus(e1, e2) => {
            // ?
        }
    }
}

```

There are two ways we can implement the `Plus` part of the function.

A	B
<pre>let e1_instrs = compile_expr(e1); let e2_instrs = compile_expr(e2); e1_instrs + "\n mov rbx, rax"     + e2_instrs + "\n add rax, rbx"</pre>	<pre>let e1_instrs = compile_expr(e1, si); let e2_instrs = compile_expr(e2, si + 1); let stack_offset = si * 4; format!("     {e1_instrs}     mov [rsp - {stack_offset}], rax     {e2_instrs}     add rax, [rsp - {stack_offset}] ")</pre>

(Exercise.) With option (a), what is the assembly code generated after compiling the following code? What is the result of running the assembly?

(a) (+ (+ 100 30) 4)

```
mov rax, 500
mov rbx, rax
mov rax, 30
mov rbx, rax
mov rax, 9
add rax, rbx
add rax, rbx
ret
```

The result is 134, as expected.

(b) (+ 500 (+ 30 9))

```
mov rax, 500
mov rbx, rax
mov rax, 30
mov rbx, rax
mov rax, 9
add rax, rbx
add rax, rbx
ret
```

The result is 69, which isn't what we were expecting. Notice how, in the second line, we effectively put 500 into rbx. In the fourth line, we overwrite 500 with 30. In any case, this isn't what we were expecting, so option (a) will not work.