Yacc

- Generator of LALR(1) parsers
- YACC = "Yet Another Compiler Compiler" → symptom of two facts:
 - 1. Popularity of parser generators in the '70s
 - 2. Historically: compiler phases mixed within syntax analysis





Yacc (ii)

• Yacc specification: structurally identical to Lex

Declarations
%%
Translation rules
%%
Auxiliary functions

black box (auxiliary definitions): %{ #include, constants, variables %}
 Declarations
 white box (tokens, rules of precedence/associativity (for conflict resolution), ...)

• Example: calculator (interpreter)

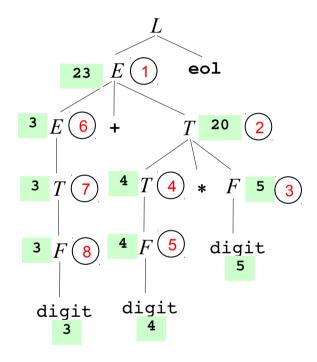
$$E \rightarrow E + T \mid T$$
 $T \rightarrow T * F \mid F$
 $F \rightarrow (E) \mid \text{digit}$
Left recursive

Yacc (iii)

```
L \rightarrow E eol
E \rightarrow E + T \mid T
T \rightarrow T * F \mid F
F \rightarrow (E) \mid digit
```

```
왕 {
                    #include <stdio.h>
                    #include <ctype.h>
                    용}
                    %token DIGIT
                    용용
                               expr '\n' { printf("%d\n", $1); }
                    line
                               expr '+' term { $$ = $1 + $3; }
                    expr
                               term
                              term '*' factor { $$ = $1 * $3; }
                    term
                               factor
                    factor :
                               '(' expr ')' { $$ = $2; }
                               DIGIT
                    응응
                    yylex()
                    { int c;
                     c = getchar();
                     if (isdigit(c)){
return(DIGIT);
                     return(c);
                    yyerror()
                    { fprintf(stderr, "Syntax error\n"); }
                    main()
                    { yyparse(); }
```





Yacc (iv)

1. **Declarations** < % { C declarations % } declaration of terminals (tokens) of G

2. **Translation rules** = production rules + semantic actions

$$A \rightarrow \alpha_{1} \mid \alpha_{2} \mid \dots \mid \alpha_{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad A : \alpha_{1} \{ action 1 \} \\ \mid \alpha_{2} \{ action 2 \} \\ \mid \alpha_{n} \{ action n \} \\ \mid \alpha_{$$

- %start line Axiom = first nonterminal (default), or
- 2 ways for token recognition < '+'
- 'c' = terminal symbol 'c'
- Nonterminal = string of alphanumeric characters
- Alternatives separated by I
- Separation of each group of alternatives + semantic actions by ;
- Semantic action = fragment of C code
- Pseudo-variables to reference values of semantic attributes (default: integer) < \$\$: left

Yacc (v)

- yylval = variable containing lexical value of tokens → assigned by lexical analyzer (value associated with terminal shifted onto the stack)
- Semantic action executed at a reduction \$\$ = f(\$1, \$2, ...)

```
expr : expr '+' term {$$ = $1 + $3;}
term;
default action: $$ = $1;
```

3. **Auxiliary functions** = C functions necessary for completing the parsing function

```
In particular: \begin{cases} \frac{yylex()}{yyerror()} & \implies \text{ called by } \frac{yyparse()}{yyparse()} \rightarrow \text{return} \\ & \text{1: error} \end{cases}
```

Yacc (vi)

- G ambiguous → conflicts → detected by Yacc (option -v : shows the solutions too)
- If ∃ conflicts → consult file.output to view < conflicts solutions
- Yacc rules for conflict resolutions:
 - 1. Shift/reduce \rightarrow chosen the shift
 - 2. Reduce/reduce \rightarrow chosen the first production (in file)
- Change of default of resolution for conflicts shift/reduce \(\begin{array}{c} \text{precedence} \\ \text{associativity} \end{array} \)

```
%left '+' '-' same precedence left associative
%right '^' right associative
%nonassoc '<' ...... non-associative (binary) operator a < b < c ◄..... no!
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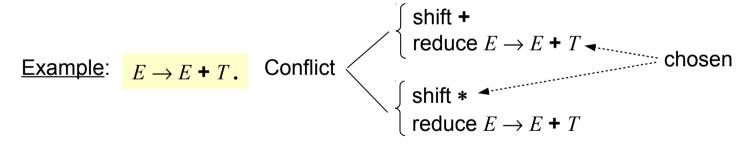
increasing precedence: %left '+' '-' %left '*' '/'

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- ullet Yacc implicitly defines a \langle associativity for production A ightarrow α
 - \implies that of the <u>rightmost terminal</u>

Rule: Given the choice between $\left\{\begin{array}{c} \text{shift } \textbf{a} \\ \text{reduce } \text{A} \rightarrow \alpha \end{array}\right\}$ in a shift/reduce conflict:

```
\begin{array}{lll} \textbf{if} \ \mathsf{precedence} \ (\mathsf{A} \to \alpha) > \mathsf{precedence}(\mathbf{a}) \ \ \mathsf{or} \\ & (\mathsf{precedence} \ (\mathsf{A} \to \alpha) = \mathsf{precedence}(\mathbf{a}) \ \ \mathsf{and} \ \ \mathsf{associativity}(\mathsf{A} \to \alpha) = \mathsf{left}) \ \ \mathsf{then} \\ & \mathsf{Reduce} \ \mathsf{A} \to \alpha \\ & \mathsf{else} \ \mathsf{Shift} \ \ \mathsf{a} \\ \end{array} \qquad \qquad \begin{array}{ll} \mathsf{a} \ \ ^* \ \ ^* \ \ ^* \ \ \mathsf{c} \\ & \mathsf{a} \ + \ \mathsf{b} \ \ ^* \ \ \mathsf{c} \\ \end{array}
```



Changing the precedence-default for a production (inherited from rightmost terminal):

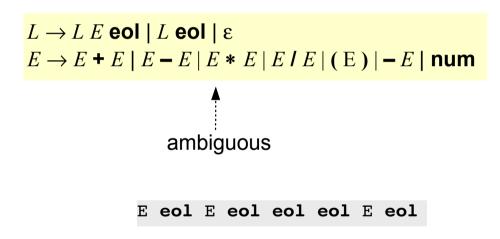
```
%prec <terminal>
added to production

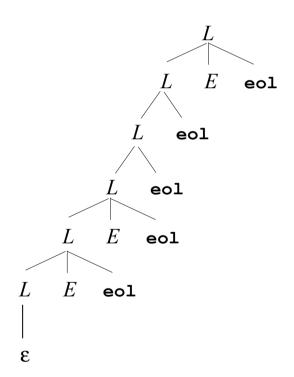
expr : '-' expr %prec UMINUS {$$ = -$2;}
```

Yacc (viii)

Extended calculator <

- 1. List of expressions (one for each line)
- 2. Possible empty lines between different expressions
- 3. Spacing within expressions
- 4. Operator both unary and binary
- 5. Numbers with several digits





Yacc (ix)

```
L \rightarrow L \, E \, eol | L \, eol | \epsilon
E \rightarrow E + E \, | E - E \, | E * E \, | E \, | E \, | ( E ) | - E \, | num
```

```
8 {
#include <stdio.h>
#include <ctype.h>
%}
%token NUM
%left '+' '-'
%left '*' '/'
%right UMINUS
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lines : lines expr '\n' {printf("%d\n", $2);}
         lines '\n'
         /* g */
      : expr'+'expr {$$ = $1 + $3;}
expr
         expr'-'expr {$$ = $1 - $3;}
         expr'*' expr {$$ = $1 * $3;}
         expr '/' expr {$$ = $1 / $3;}
         '(' expr ')' {$$ = $2;}
          '-' expr %prec UMINUS {$$ = -$2;}
         NUM
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```

```
yylex()
{
   int c;

while((c = getchar()) == ' ' || c == '\t')
   ;
   if (isdigit(c))
{
      ungetc(c, stdin);
      scanf("%d", &yylval);
      return(NUM);
   }
   return(c);
}

yyerror()
{ fprintf(stderr, "Syntax error\n"); }

main()
{ yyparse(); }
```

Yacc (x)

Options of Yacc:

to make visible definition of tokens

-d (header): generates file.h = declarations of exportable information

```
#define YYSTYPE int
Symbols for Lex
extern YYSTYPE yylval;
```

-V (verbose): generates file.output = description of LALR(1) parsing table

Pragmatically: First: run Yacc on G (without semantic actions, auxiliary functions, etc.) to be sure that the generated parser conforms to expectations.

Then: completion.

YYDEBUG: Tracing of the execution of the parser generated by Yacc (not tracing of Yacc!)

Symbol that must be defined, typically with **-D** option of C compiler: **-DYYDEBUG**Actual tracing enabled by integer variable yydebug:

```
extern int yydebug; yydebug = 1; list of the actions executed by the parser for a given input
```

Yacc (xi)

• Generalization of type of values computed by semantic actions (in other words: type of pseudo-variables, e.g. calculator for <u>real</u> values)

```
%{
...
#define YYSTYPE float
...
%}
```

• In general: different value types for different grammar symbols:

```
float expr \rightarrow expr \ addop \ term \mid term
float term \rightarrow term \ mulop \ factor \mid factor
float factor \rightarrow (expr) \mid rnum
char addop \rightarrow + \mid -
char mulop \rightarrow * \mid I

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Yacc (xii)

1. By %union

```
%union {float value; char operator;}
%type <value> expr term factor RNUM
%type <operator> addop mulop
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       : expr '\n' {printf("%f\n", $1);}
line
       : expr addop term
expr
          {switch($2)
            {case '+': $$ = $1 + $3$; break;}
             case '-': $$ = $1 - $3; break;}}
          term
       : term mulop factor
term
          {switch($2)
            {case '*': $$ = $1 * $3; break;
             case '/': $$ = $1 / $3; break;}}
          factor
```

```
line \rightarrow expr eol
expr \rightarrow expr addop term | term
term \rightarrow term mulop factor | factor
factor \rightarrow ( expr ) | rnum
addop \rightarrow + | -
mulop \rightarrow * | I
```

Yacc (xiii)

2. By defining the data type in a separate file typedef ... TYPE;

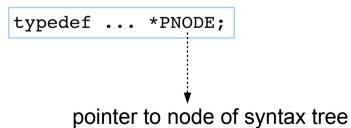
```
#define YYSTYPE TYPE (in file Yacc)
```



Value of TYPE constructed ad hoc within semantic actions

```
\$\$.field = \$1.field1 + \$2.field2
```

Example: Construction of the syntax tree: typedef ... *PNODE;



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```
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#include <ctvpe.h>
#include <stdio.h>
typedef union {float value; char operator;} Value;
#define YYSTYPE Value
용 }
%token RNUM
일 용
line : expr '\n' {printf("%f\n", $1.value);}
expr : expr addop term
       {switch($2.operator)
         {case '+': $$.value = $1.value + $3.value; break;
          case '-': $$.value = $1.value - $3.value; break;}}
       term
term : term mulop factor
       {switch($2.operator)
         {case '*': $$.value = $1.value * $3.value; break;
          case '/': $$.value = $1.value / $3.value; break;}}
      factor
```

```
line \rightarrow expr eol
expr \rightarrow expr addop term | term
term \rightarrow term mulop factor | factor
factor \rightarrow ( expr ) | rnum
addop \rightarrow + | -
mulop \rightarrow * | I
```

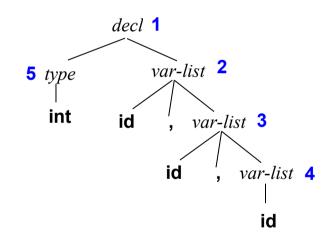
Yacc (xv)

• Embedded semantic actions: when necessary executing code <u>before</u> the complete recognition of a production

```
decl \rightarrow type \ var-list; type \rightarrow int \mid float var-list \rightarrow id, var-list \mid id
```

```
int a, b, c;
```

Goal: Analyzing identifiers in *var-list*, qualify each **id** with relevant type.



Interpretation of embedded actions by Yacc:

```
A : B { embedded action } C;
```

 $\mathbf{E} \to \mathbf{E}$ reduced after action on B

A : B E C;
E : { embedded action }; $\mathbf{E} \to \mathbf{E}$

Yacc (xvi)

• Internal identifiers of Yacc:

Identifier	Description		
file.c	Name of output file		
file.h	Header file generated by Yacc (using -d), containing #define of tokens		
yyparse()	Parsing function		
yylval	Value of current token (in stack)		
YYSTYPE	Symbol for C preprocessor defining the type of values computed by semantic actions		
yydebug	Integer variable enabling the execution of tracing of parser generated by Yacc		

• Yacc definitions:

Keyword	Definition		
%token	Symbol of preprocessing for tokens		
%start	Axiom		
%union	Union YYSTYPE to allow computing values of different types in semantic actions		
%type	Variant type associated with a grammar symbol		
%left	Left associativity for tokens		
%right	Right associativity for tokens		
%nonassoc	Non-associativity		

Bottom-up Construction of (almost) Concrete Tree

```
program 
ightarrow stat-list

stat-list 
ightarrow stat stat-list \mid stat

stat 
ightarrow def-stat \mid assign-stat

def-stat 
ightarrow def id (def-list)

def-list 
ightarrow domain-decl, def-list \mid domain-decl

domain-decl 
ightarrow id : domain

domain 
ightarrow integer | string \mid boolean

assign-stat 
ightarrow id := { tuple-list }

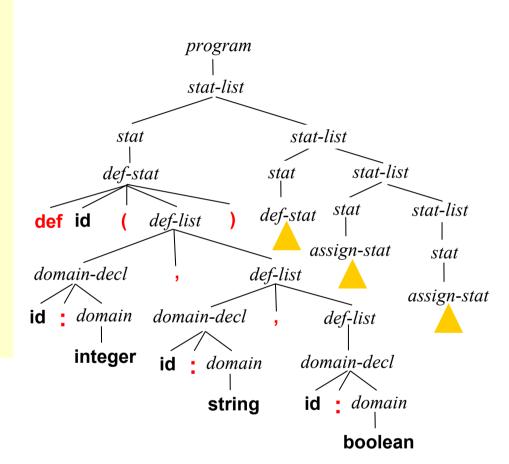
tuple-list 
ightarrow tuple-const tuple-list \mid \varepsilon

tuple-const 
ightarrow (simple-const-list)

simple-const-list 
ightarrow simple-const

simple-const | simple-const
```

```
def R (A: integer, B: string, C: boolean)
def S (D: integer, E: string)
R := {(3, "alpha", true)(5, "beta", false)}
S := {(125, "sun")(236, "moon")}
```



def.h

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
typedef enum
   NPROGRAM,
   NSTAT LIST,
   NSTAT,
   NDEF STAT,
   NDEF LIST,
   NDOMAIN DECL,
    NDOMAIN,
   NASSIGN STAT,
   NTUPLE LIST,
   NTUPLE CONST,
   NSIMPLE CONST LIST,
   NSIMPLE CONST
} Nonterminal;
typedef enum
    T INTEGER,
    T STRING,
   T BOOLEAN,
    T INTCONST,
    T BOOLCONST,
    T STRCONST,
    T ID,
    T NONTERMINAL
} Typenode;
```

```
typedef union
{
    int ival;
    char *sval;
    enum {FALSE, TRUE} bval;
} Value;

typedef struct snode
{
    Typenode type;
    Value value;
    struct snode *child, *brother;
} Node;

typedef Node *Pnode;
```

```
char *newstring(char*);

Pnode nontermnode(Nonterminal),
    idnode(),
    keynode(Typenode),
    intconstnode(),
    strconstnode(),
    boolconstnode(),
    newnode(Typenode);
```

lexer.lex

```
8 {
#include "parser.h"
#include "def.h"
int line = 1:
Value lexval;
용}
%option noyywrap
spacing
            ([\t1)+
letter
            [A-Za-z]
digit
            [0-9]
intconst
           {digit}+
           \"([<sup>^</sup>\"])*\"
strconst
boolconst
            false true
            {letter}({letter}|{digit})*
id
            [(){}:,]
sugar
응응
{spacing}
\n
            {line++;}
def
            {return(DEF);}
integer
            {return(INTEGER);}
string
            {return(STRING);}
boolean
            {return(BOOLEAN);}
{intconst} {lexval.ival = atoi(yytext); return(INTCONST);}
{strconst} {lexval.sval = newstring(yytext); return(STRCONST);}
{boolconst} {
               lexval.bval = (yytext[0] == 'f' ? FALSE : TRUE);
               return(BOOLCONST);
{id}
            {lexval.sval = newstring(yytext); return(ID);}
{sugar}
            {return(yytext[0]);}
":="
            {return(ASSIGN);}
            {return(ERROR);}
응응
```

```
char *newstring(char *s)
{
   char *p;

   p = malloc(strlen(s)+1);
   strcpy(p, s);
   return(p);
}
```

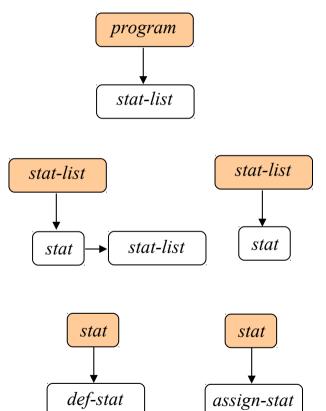
parser.h

#define	DEF	258
#define	INTEGER	259
#define	STRING	260
#define	BOOLEAN	261
#define	ID	262
#define	INTCONST	263
#define	STRCONST	264
#define	BOOLCONST	265
#define	ASSIGN	266
#define	ERROR	267

parser.y

```
용 {
#include "def.h"
#define YYSTYPE Pnode
extern char *yytext;
extern Value lexval;
                      lexical analyzer
extern int line;
extern FILE *yyin;
Pnode root = NULL;
용}
%token DEF INTEGER STRING BOOLEAN ID INTCONST STRCONST BOOLCONST ASSIGN
%token ERROR
용용
program : stat list {root = $$ = nontermnode(NPROGRAM);
                     $$->child = $1;}
stat list : stat stat list {$$ = nontermnode(NSTAT LIST);
                            $$->child = $1;
                            $1->brother = $2;}
          stat {$$ = nontermnode(NSTAT LIST);
                  $$->child = $1;}
stat : def stat {$$ = nontermnode(NSTAT);
                 $$->child = $1;}
     assign stat {$$ = nontermnode(NSTAT);
                    $$->child = $1;}
```

 $program \rightarrow stat$ -list stat-list $\rightarrow stat$ stat-list $\mid stat$ $stat \rightarrow def$ - $stat \mid assign$ -stat



parser.y (ii)

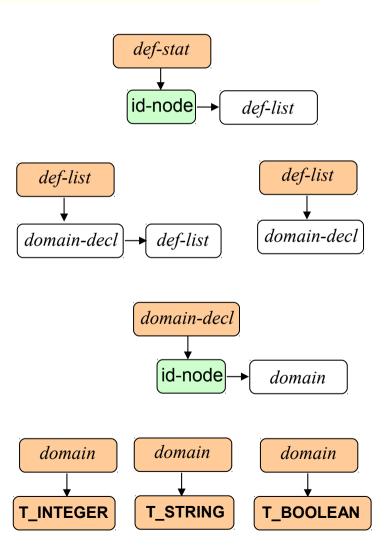
```
def-stat \rightarrow \mathbf{def} id ( def-list )

def-list \rightarrow def-list, domain-decl | domain-decl

domain-decl \rightarrow \mathbf{id} : domain

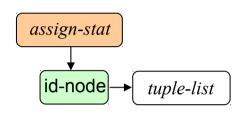
domain \rightarrow \mathbf{integer} | \mathbf{string} | \mathbf{boolean}
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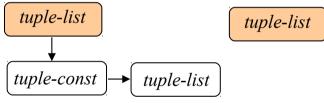
```
def stat : DEF
           ID {$$ = idnode();}
           '(' def list ')' {$$ = nontermnode(NDEF STAT);
                             $$->child = $3;
                             $3->brother = $5;}
def list : domain decl ',' def list {$$ = nontermnode(NDEF LIST);
                                     $$->child = $1;
                                     $1->brother = $3;}
          domain decl {$$ = nontermnode(NDEF LIST);
                        $$->child = $1:}
domain decl : ID {$$ = idnode();}
              ':' domain {$$ = nontermnode(NDOMAIN DECL);
                          $$->child = $2;
                          2->brother = 4:
domain : INTEGER {$$ = nontermnode(NDOMAIN);
                  $$->child = keynode(T INTEGER);}
         STRING {$$ = nontermnode(NDOMAIN);
                 $$->child = keynode(T STRING);}
        BOOLEAN {$$ = nontermnode(NDOMAIN);
                  $$->child = keynode(T BOOLEAN);}
```

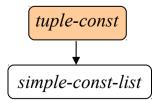


parser.y (iii)

```
assign-stat → id := { tuple-list }
tuple-list → tuple-const tuple-list | \varepsilon
tuple-const → ( simple-const-list )
```



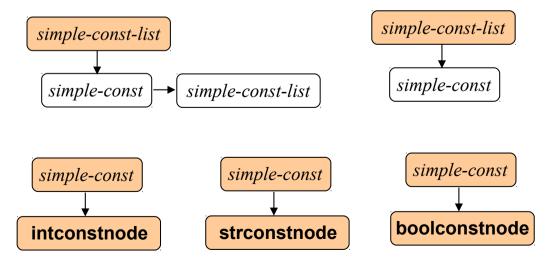




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parser.y (iv)

 $simple-const-list \rightarrow simple-const$, $simple-const-list \mid simple-const$ $simple-const \rightarrow intconst \mid strconst \mid boolconst$



parser.y (v)

```
Pnode nontermnode(Nonterminal nonterm)
   Pnode p = newnode(T NONTERMINAL);
   p->value.ival = nonterm;
   return(p);
Pnode idnode()
   Pnode p = newnode(T ID);
   p->value.sval = lexval.sval;
   return(p);
}
Pnode keynode(Typenode keyword)
   return(newnode(keyword));
}
Pnode intconstnode()
   Pnode p = newnode(T INTCONST);
   p->value.ival = lexval.ival;
   return(p);
}
Pnode strconstnode()
   Pnode p = newnode(T STRCONST);
   p->value.sval = lexval.sval;
   return(p);
```

```
Pnode boolconstnode()
  Pnode p = newnode(T BOOLCONST);
  p->value.bval = lexval.bval;
  return(p);
Pnode newnode (Typenode tnode)
 Pnode p = malloc(sizeof(Node));
 p->type = tnode;
  p->child = p->brother = NULL;
  return(p);
main()
  int result;
  yyin = stdin;
  if((result = yyparse()) == 0)
   treeprint(root, 0);
  return(result);
yyerror()
  fprintf(stderr, "Line %d: syntax error on symbol \"%s\"\n",
          line, yytext);
  exit(-1);
```

makefile

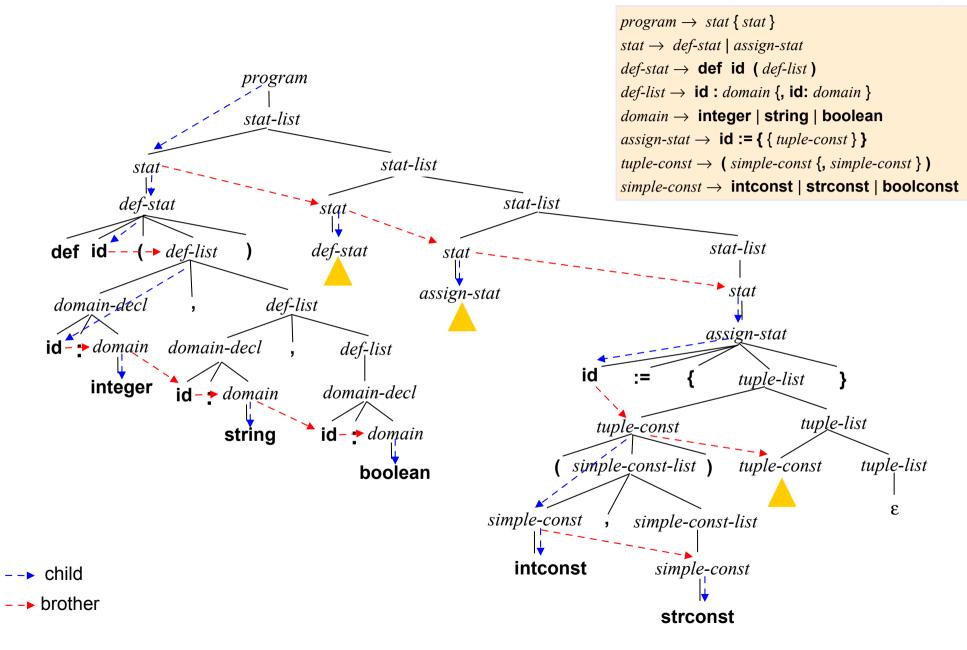
Bottom-up Construction of Abstract Tree (EBNF-like)

```
program → stat-list | stat | stat | stat | stat | def-stat | assign-stat | def-stat | def-list | domain-decl | def-list | domain-decl | domain-decl | domain-decl | domain-decl | domain | domain → integer | string | boolean | assign-stat → id := { tuple-list } tuple-list → tuple-const tuple-list | \epsilon tuple-const → (simple-const-list) | simple-const-list → simple-const | stronst | simple-const | simple-cons
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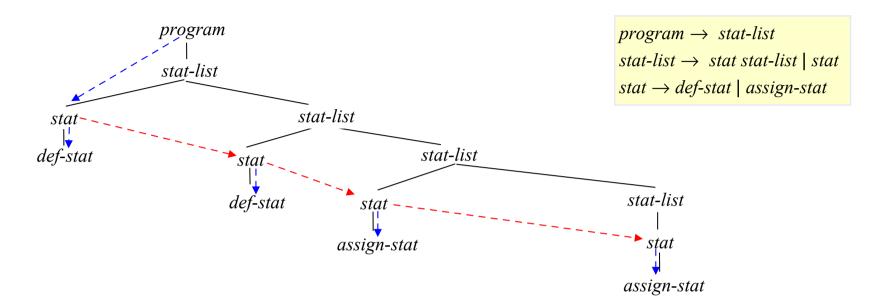
```
program \rightarrow stat \{ stat \}
stat \rightarrow def\text{-}stat \mid assign\text{-}stat
def\text{-}stat \rightarrow \mathbf{def} id (def\text{-}list)
def\text{-}list \rightarrow \mathbf{id} : domain \{, \mathbf{id} : domain \}
domain \rightarrow \mathbf{integer} \mid \mathbf{string} \mid \mathbf{boolean}
assign\text{-}stat \rightarrow \mathbf{id} := \{ \{ tuple\text{-}const \} \}
tuple\text{-}const \rightarrow (simple\text{-}const \mid strconst \mid \mathbf{boolconst} \}
```

```
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def S (D: integer, E: string)
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```

Bottom-up Construction of Abstract Tree (EBNF-like) (ii)

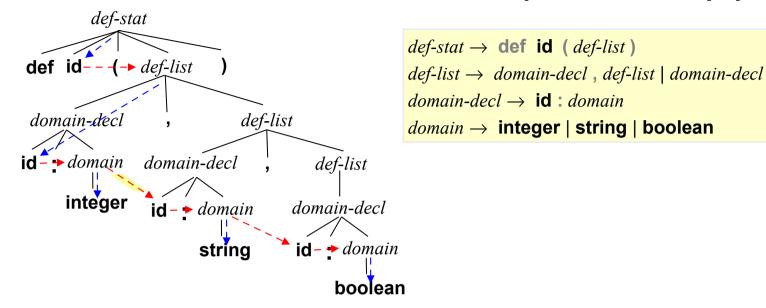


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Bottom-up Construction of Abstract Tree (EBNF-like) (iv)



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```
id := { tuple-list }

tuple-const tuple-list

( simple-const-list ) tuple-const tuple-list

simple-const simple-const

strconst
```

```
assign\text{-}stat \rightarrow \text{id} := \{ tuple\text{-}list \}
tuple\text{-}list \rightarrow tuple\text{-}const tuple\text{-}list } | \epsilon
tuple\text{-}const \rightarrow \text{(simple-const-list)}
simple\text{-}const\text{-}list \rightarrow simple\text{-}const \text{, simple-const-list} | simple\text{-}const
simple\text{-}const \rightarrow \text{intconst} | \text{strconst} | \text{boolconst}
```

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