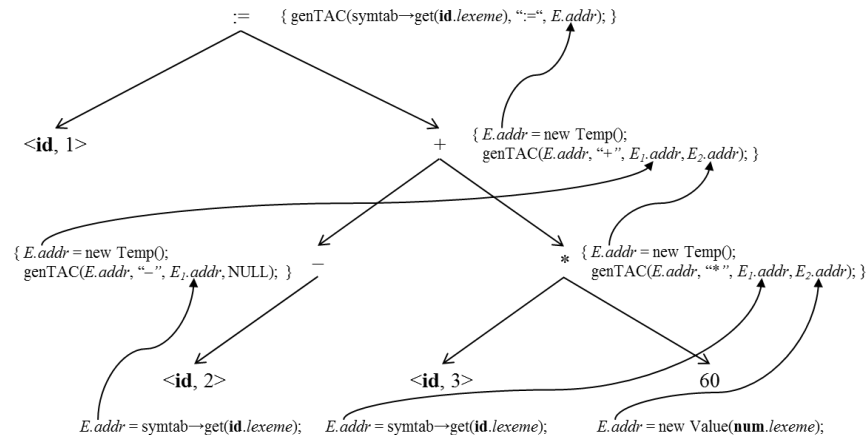


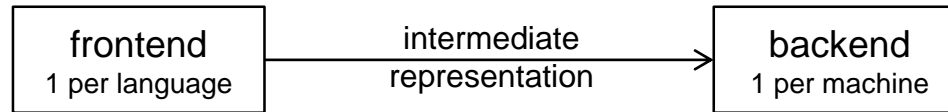
# Intermediate-Code Generation



# Intermediate Representations

# Intermediate Representation (IR)

- Separation of the frontend (scanner, parser) from the backend (machine-dependent code generator)
  - IR: “glue” between the frontend and backend



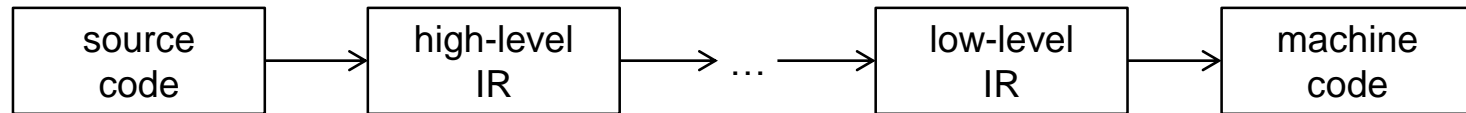
- allows to perform language-independent optimizations on the IR level
- if the IR is designed well, any frontend producing the IR can be combined with any backend generating machine code from the IR
  - ▶ obtain NxM compilers (N languages, M machines) with just N frontends and M backends

“In theory, theory and practice are the same. In practice, they are not.”

Albert Einstein

# Intermediate Representation

- Often, there exists more than one IR in a compiler suite
  - from high-level to low-level

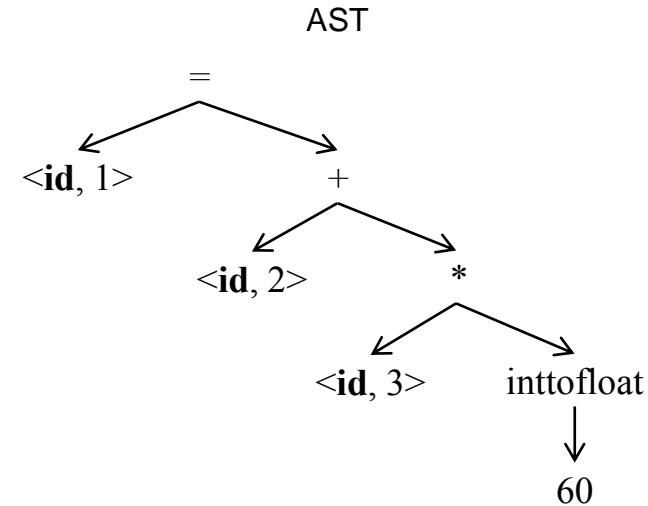


- high-level: closer to source
  - ▶ structures preserved (variable names, control-flow structures)
  - ▶ easier to do high-level optimizations
- low-level: closer to machine code
  - ▶ often in a 'assembly-like' form

# Intermediate Representation

## ■ Forms of intermediate representations

- any form that is convenient to the compiler
  - ▶ not a stream of characters any more
  - ▶ not (yet) machine operations in binary form
- typical forms:
  - ▶ trees
    - parse tree, abstract syntax tree
  - ▶ linear representations
    - three-address code



```
t1 = inttofloat(60)
t2 = id3 * t1
t3 = id2 + t2
id1 = t3
```

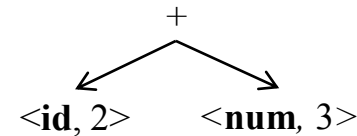
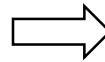
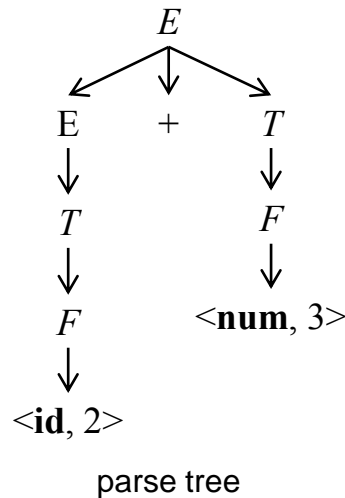
three-address code

- ## ■ Higher-level IRs typically use some form of an AST (abstract syntax tree), whereas lower-level IRs are usually represented in linear form

# IR: Abstract Syntax Trees (AST)

## ■ Abstract Syntax Trees (AST)

- each interior node represents an operator, the children of the node represent the operands for the operator

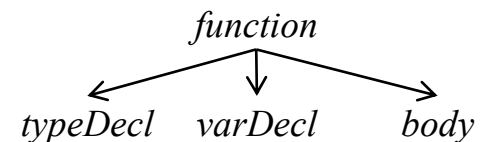
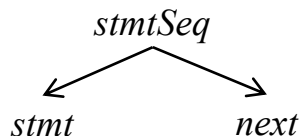
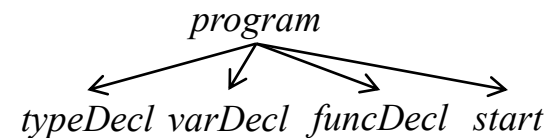
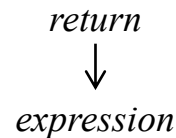
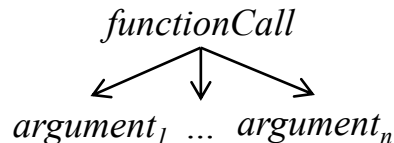
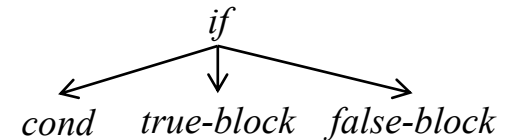
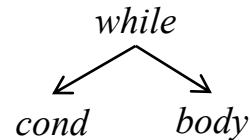
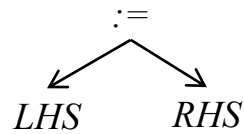


AST

# IR: Abstract Syntax Trees (AST)

## ■ Abstract Syntax Trees (AST)

- any programming construct can be handled by making up an “operator” for the construct and adding “operands” to represent the semantically meaningful components of that construct

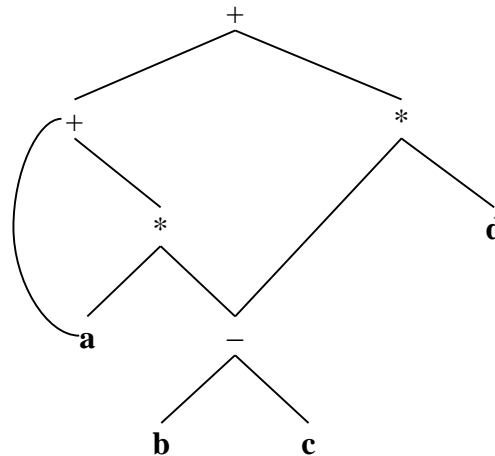


# High-Level IR: Directed Acyclic Graphs

- Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)

- very close to syntax trees
- node N has more than one parent if N represents a common subexpression

$$a + a * (b - c) + (b - c) * d$$





# Identifying Common Subexpressions

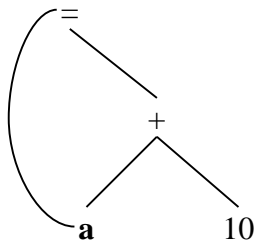
- How do we identify common subexpressions?
- Idea: identify identical nodes and return a pointer to the existing node instead of creating a new one

<i>Production</i>			<i>Semantic Rule</i>
$E$	$\rightarrow$	$E_1 + T$	$E.node = GetNode('+', E_1.node, T.node)$
$E$	$\rightarrow$	$E_1 - T$	$E.node = GetNode('-', E_1.node, T.node)$
$E$	$\rightarrow$	$T$	$E.node = T.node$
$T$	$\rightarrow$	$( E )$	$T.node = E.node$
$T$	$\rightarrow$	<b>id</b>	$T.node = GetLeaf(\mathbf{id}, \mathbf{id}.entry)$
$T$	$\rightarrow$	<b>num</b>	$T.node = GetLeaf(\mathbf{num}, \mathbf{num}.val)$

# The Value-Number Method

- Traditionally, the nodes of a DAG were stored in an array.
- The index for a node into that array is called its *value number*.

$$a = a + 1$$



1	<b>id</b>			→ to entry of a in symbol table
2	<b>num</b>	1		
3	+	1	2	
4	=	1	3	
5	...			

# The Value-Number Method

## ■ Algorithm for constructing a DAG with common subexpressions

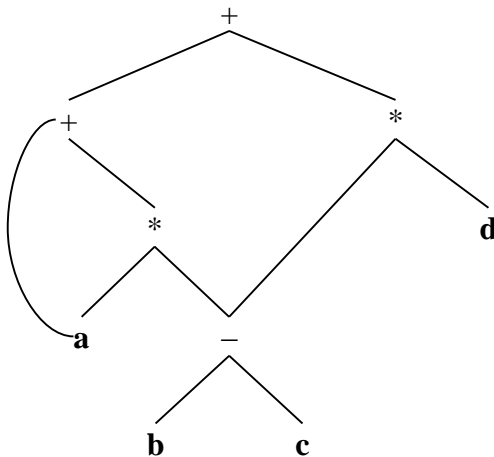
```
GetNode(Label op, Node l, Node r)
{
    if there is an entry in the DAG array that matches {op,l,r}
    then {
        return an index to that entry;
    } else {
        insert a new entry {op,l,r} into the DAG array;
        return the index of the new entry;
    }
}
```

```
GetLeaf(Type t, Value v)
{
    if there is an entry in the DAG array that matches {t, v}
    then {
        return an index to that entry;
    } else {
        insert a new entry {t, v} into the DAG array;
        return the index of the new entry;
    }
}
```

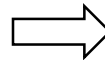
# IR: Three-Address Code

## ■ Three-address Code

- list of simple instructions (think: “assembly instructions”)
- at most one operator on the right-hand side of an instruction
- linearized representation of a syntax tree or a DAG



DAG



```
t1 = b - c
t2 = a * t1
t3 = a + t2
t4 = t1 * d
t5 = t3 + t4
```

three-address code

# Three-Address Code

- Building blocks of three-address code
  - instructions
  - addresses
    - ▶ names (variables)
    - ▶ constants
    - ▶ compiler-generated temporary values
  - labels to represent control-flow
    - ▶ symbolic or index

```
t1 = b - c
L1:
t2 = a * t1
t3 = a + t2
t4 = t1 * d
t5 = t3 + t4
if t5 goto L1
```

# Three-Address Code

## ■ Common forms of three-address code instructions

- assignments

- ▶ binary  $x = y \text{ op } z$
- ▶ unary  $x = \text{op } y$
- ▶ copy  $x = y$

- jumps

- ▶ unconditional  $\text{goto } L$
- ▶ conditional  $\text{if } x \text{ goto } L \text{ / ifFalse } x \text{ goto } L$   
 $\text{if } x \text{ relop } y \text{ goto } L$

- procedure calls

- ▶ parameters  $\text{param } x$
- ▶ procedure  $\text{call } p, n$
- ▶ function  $y = \text{call } p, n$

# Three-Address Code

## ■ Common forms of three-address code instructions (cont'd)

- indexed copies

- ▶ read indexed  $x = y[i]$

- ▶ write indexed  $x[i] = y$

- address manipulation

- ▶ location  $x = \&y$

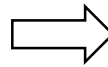
- ▶ pointer assignment  $*x = y$

- $x = *y$

# Three-Address Code

## ■ Example

```
do {  
    i = i+1;  
} while (a[i] < v);
```



```
L:  
    t1 = i + 1  
    i = t1  
    t2 = i*4  
    t3 = a[t2]  
    if t3 < v goto L
```



# Storing Tree-Address Code

## ■ Quads (aka quadruples)

- each statement is represented by a record with up to 4 elements
  - ▶ exceptions: unary operators (no arg2), params (neither arg2 nor result), jumps with labels (target in result)

$$a = b * -c + b * -c$$

```
t1 = minus c
t2 = b * t1
t3 = minus c
t4 = b * t3
t5 = t2 + t4
a  = t5
```

	op	arg1	arg2	result
1	minus	c		t1
2	*	b	t1	t2
3	minus	c		t3
4	*	b	t3	t4
5	+	t2	t4	t5
6	=	t5		a

# Storing Tree-Address Code

## ■ Triples and indirect triples

- similar to quads, except that there is no explicit result
- triples: refer to the result of an operation by its index
  - ▶ difficult to move instructions around

$a = b * -c + b * -c$

```
t1 = minus c
t2 = b * t1
t3 = minus c
t4 = b * t3
t5 = t2 + t4
a = t5
```

	op	arg1	arg2
1	minus	c	
2	*	b	(1)
3	minus	c	
4	*	b	(3)
5	+	(2)	(4)
6	=	a	(5)

# Storing Tree-Address Code

## ■ Triples and indirect triples

- indirect triples: triples still stored in array, but extra instruction list
  - ▶ can move around instructions in instruction list

$a = b * -c + b * -c$

```
t1 = minus c
t2 = b * t1
t3 = minus c
t4 = b * t3
t5 = t2 + t4
a = t5
```

instructions

103	(0)
104	(1)
105	(2)
106	(3)
107	(4)
108	(5)
109	(6)

triples

	op	arg1	arg2
1	minus	c	
2	*	b	(1)
3	minus	c	
4	*	b	(3)
5	+	(2)	(4)
6	=	a	(5)

# Static Single-Assignment (SSA) Form

- IR that facilitates lots of code optimizations
  - used in most production compilers
- SSA is a special form of three-address code with two exceptions
  - all assignments are to variables with distinct names (versions)

$p = a + b$		$p_1 = a + b$
$q = p - c$		$q_1 = p_1 - c$
$p = q * d$	$\Rightarrow$	$p_2 = q_1 * d$
$p = e - p$		$p_3 = e - p_2$
$q = p + q$		$q_2 = p_3 + q_1$

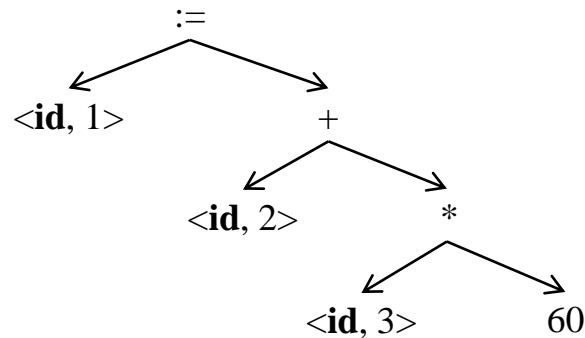
- a special function “ $\phi$ ” to combine different versions of the same variable

if (flag) $x = -1$ ; else $x = 1$ ;		if (flag) $x_1 = -1$ ; else $x_2 = 1$ ;
$y = x * a$ ;	$\Rightarrow$	$x_3 = \phi(x_1, x_2)$ ;
		$y = x_3 * a$ ;

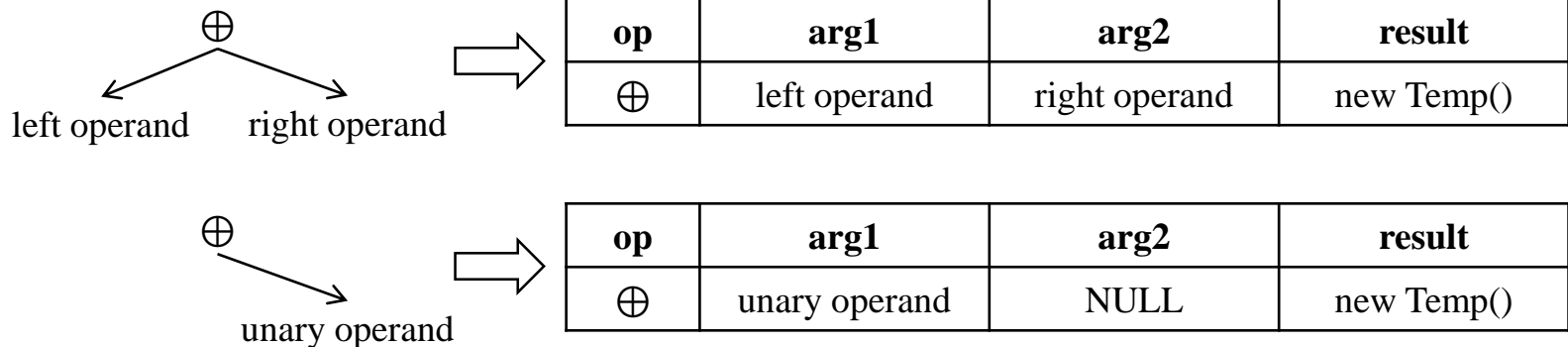
# Intermediate-Code Generation

# Translation of Expressions

## ■ Translation patterns



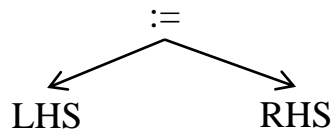
## ● binary/unary operations



# Translation of Expressions

## ■ Translation patterns

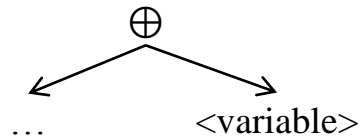
### ● assignments



op	arg1	arg2	result
:=	LHS	RHS	NULL

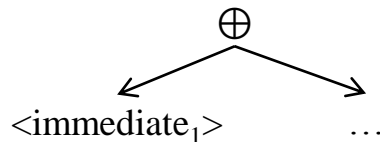
### ● operands

#### ▶ scalar variables



op	arg1	arg2	result
⊕	...	<variable>	new Temp()

#### ▶ immediate values



op	arg1	arg2	result
⊕	<immediate <sub>1</sub> >	...	new Temp()

# Translation of Expressions

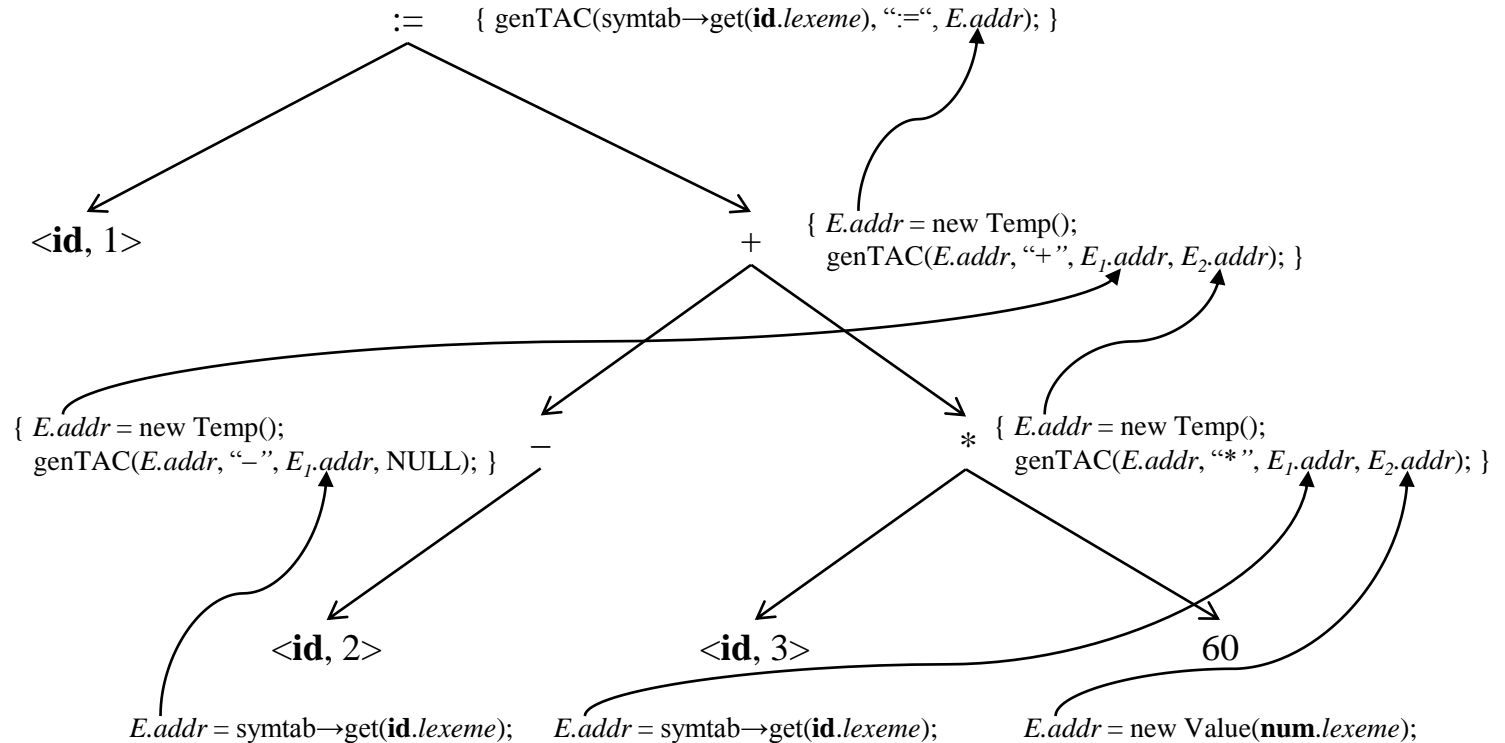
## ■ Syntax-Directed Translation

<i>Production</i>		<i>Semantic Rule</i>
$S$	$\rightarrow$ <b>id</b> := $E$ ;	{ genTAC(symtab $\rightarrow$ get( <b>id.lexeme</b> ), “:=“, $E.addr$ ); }
$E$	$\rightarrow$ $E_1 \oplus E_2$	{ $E.addr$ = new Temp(); genTAC( $E.addr$ , “ $\oplus$ ”, $E_1.addr$ , $E_2.addr$ ); }
	$\oplus E_1$	{ $E.addr$ = new Temp(); genTAC( $E.addr$ , “ $\oplus$ ”, $E_1.addr$ , NULL); }
	( $E_1$ )	{ $E.addr$ = $E_1.addr$ ; }
	<b>id</b>	{ $E.addr$ = symtab $\rightarrow$ get( <b>id.lexeme</b> ); }
	<b>num</b>	{ $E.addr$ = new Value( <b>num.lexeme</b> ); }



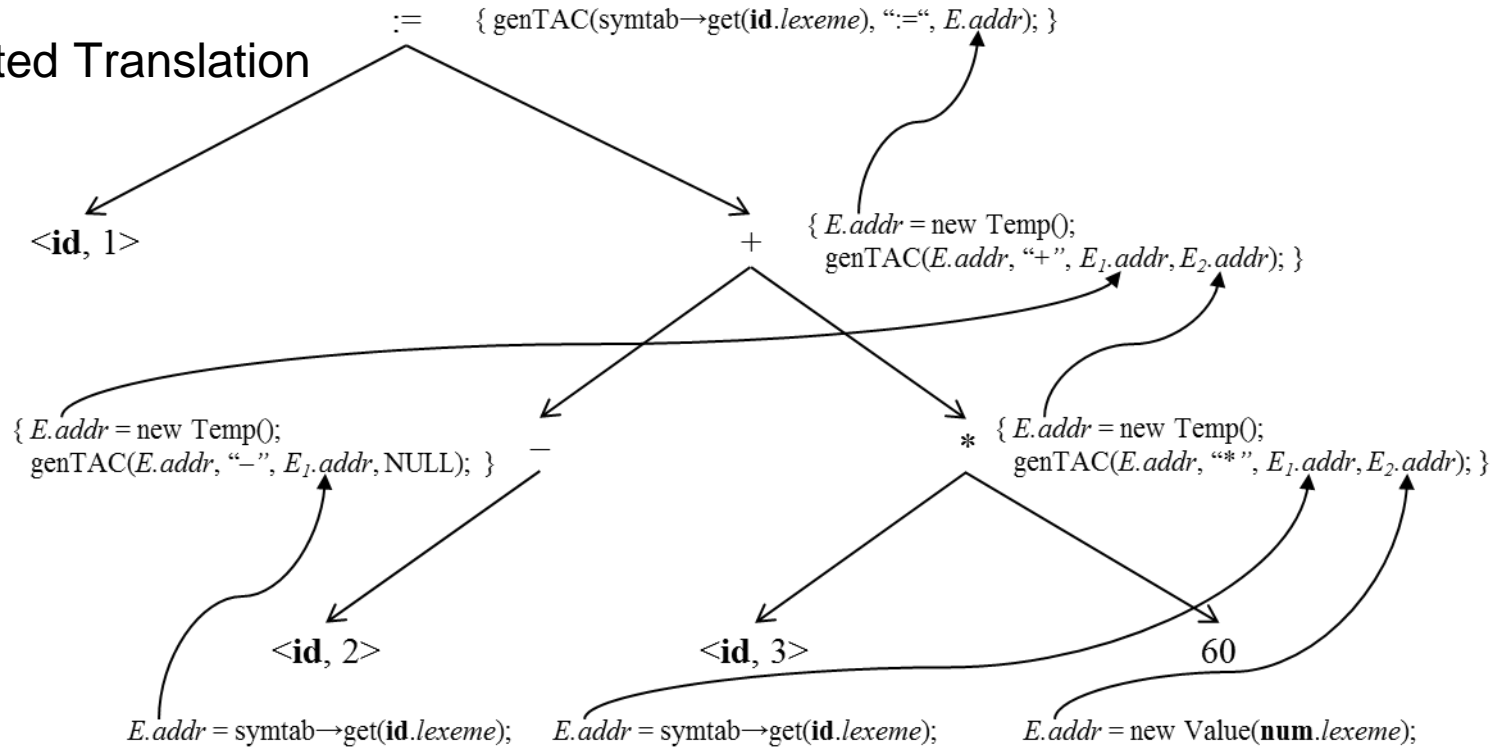
# Translation of Expressions

## ■ Syntax-Directed Translation



# Translation of Expressions

## ■ Syntax-Directed Translation



	op	arg1	arg2	result
1	minus	<id, 2>		t1
2	*	<id, 3>	60	t2
3	+	t1	t2	t3
4	:=	t3	<id, 1>	

# Translation of Array Elements

- Address calculation of array elements
  - assumption: row-major layout

```
int A[N][M][O];
```

```
A[i][k][l];
```

address computation

$$A + ((i * M + k) * O + l) * \text{sizeof}(\text{int})$$

# Translation of Array Elements

- A syntax-directed translation scheme to translate array references

<i>Production</i>	<i>Semantic Rule</i>
$S \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{id} := E ;$ $\quad \quad   \quad L := E ;$	$\{ \text{genTAC}(\text{symtab} \rightarrow \text{get}(\mathbf{id.lexeme}), " := ", E.addr); \}$ $\{ t = \text{new Temp}();$ $\quad \text{genTAC}(t, "+", L.base.addr, L.addr);$ $\quad \text{genTAC}(t, " := ", E.addr); \}$
$E \quad \rightarrow \quad E_1 \oplus E_2$ $\quad \quad   \quad \mathbf{id}$ $\quad \quad   \quad L$	$\{ E.addr = \text{new Temp}();$ $\quad \text{genTAC}(E.addr, "\oplus", E_1.addr, E_2.addr); \}$ $\{ E.addr = \text{symtab} \rightarrow \text{get}(\mathbf{id.lexeme}); \}$ $\{ E.addr = \text{new Temp}();$ $\quad \text{genTAC}(E.addr, "+", L.base.addr, L.addr); \}$
$L \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{id} [ E ]$ $\quad \quad   \quad L_1 [ E ]$	$\{ L.array = \text{symtab} \rightarrow \text{get}(\mathbf{id.lexeme});$ $\quad L.type = L.array.type.elem;$ $\quad L.addr = \text{new Temp}();$ $\quad \text{genTAC}(L.addr, "*", E.addr, L.type.width); \}$ $\{ L.array = L_1.array;$ $\quad L.type = L_1.type.elem;$ $\quad t = \text{new Temp}();$ $\quad L.addr = \text{new Temp}();$ $\quad \text{genTAC}(t, "*", E.addr, L.type.width);$ $\quad \text{genTAC}(L.addr, "+", L_1.addr, t); \}$

# Translation of Array Elements

- A syntax-directed translation scheme to translate array references

```
int A[2][3];
```

```
A[i][j] := c + A[i][j]
```

```
t1 = i * 12;  
t2 = j * 4;  
t3 = t1 + t2;  
t4 = A + t3;  
t5 = c + t4;  
t6 = i * 12;  
t7 = j * 4;  
t8 = t6 + t7;  
t9 = A + t8;  
t9 = t5;
```

# Translation of Boolean Expressions

- Boolean expressions assume two different roles

- alter the control flow

```
if (<boolean expression>) then begin
    ...
end else begin
    ...
end
```

- compute logical values

```
var b: boolean;
...
b := <boolean expression>
```

- role determined by the syntactic context

# Translation of Boolean Expressions

## ■ Short-circuit code

- boolean operators &&, ||, and ! are translated into jumps

```
if (x < 100 || x > 200 && x != y) x = 0;
```

can be translated into

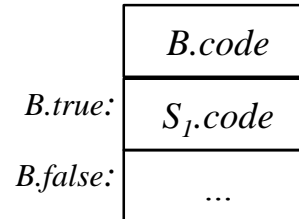
```
    if x < 100 goto L2
    ifNot x > 200 goto L1
    ifNot x != y goto L1
L2:  x = 0
L1:
```

→ value of boolean expression is represented by a position in the code

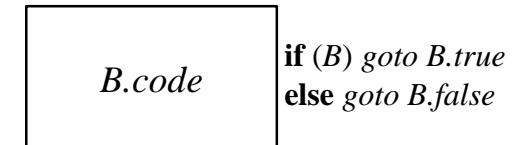
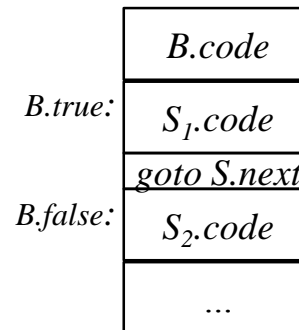
# Translation of Boolean Expressions

## ■ Boolean expression as part of control-flow statements

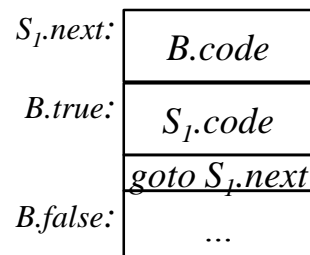
- `if (B) S1`



- `if (B) S1 else S2`



- `while (B) S1`





# Translation of Boolean Expressions

## ■ SDD for Translating Boolean Expressions – Control-Flow Statements

<i>Production</i>			<i>Semantic Rule</i>
$P$	$\rightarrow$	$S$	$S.next = \text{new Label}()$ $P.code = S.code \parallel \text{genTAC}(\text{"label"} S.next)$
$S$	$\rightarrow$	<b>assign</b>	$S.code = \text{assign}.code$
$S$	$\rightarrow$	<b>if</b> ( $B$ ) $S_1$	$B.true = \text{new Label}()$ $B.false = S_1.next = S.next$ $S.code = B.code \parallel \text{genTAC}(\text{"label"} B.true) \parallel S_1.code$
$S$	$\rightarrow$	<b>if</b> ( $B$ ) $S_1$ <b>else</b> $S_2$	$B.true = \text{new Label}()$ $B.false = \text{new Label}()$ $S_1.next = S_2.next = S.next$ $S.code = B.code$ $\parallel \text{genTAC}(\text{"label"} B.true) \parallel S_1.code \parallel \text{genTAC}(\text{'goto'} S.next)$ $\parallel \text{genTAC}(\text{"label"} B.false) \parallel S_2.code$
$S$	$\rightarrow$	<b>while</b> ( $B$ ) $S_1$	$B.true = \text{new Label}()$ $B.false = S.next$ $S_1.next = \text{new Label}()$ $S.code = \text{genTAC}(\text{"label"} S_1.next) \parallel B.code$ $\parallel \text{genTAC}(\text{"label"} B.true) \parallel S_1.code \parallel \text{genTAC}(\text{'goto'} S_1.next)$
$S$	$\rightarrow$	$S_1 S_2$	$S_1.next = \text{new Label}()$ $S_2.next = S.next$ $S.code = S_1.code \parallel \text{genTAC}(\text{"label"} S_1.next) \parallel S_2.code$

# Translation of Boolean Expressions

## ■ SDD for Translating Boolean Expressions – Boolean Expressions

<i>Production</i>	<i>Semantic Rule</i>
$B \rightarrow B_1 \parallel B_2$	$B_1.true = B.true$ $B_1.false = \text{new Label}()$ $B_2.true = B.true$ $B_2.false = B.false$ $B.code = B_1.code \parallel \text{genTAC}(\text{"label"} B_1.false) \parallel B_2.code$
$B \rightarrow B_1 \ \&\& \ B_2$	$B_1.true = \text{new Label}()$ $B_1.false = B.false$ $B_2.true = B.true$ $B_2.false = B.false$ $B.code = B_1.code \parallel \text{genTAC}(\text{"label"} B_1.true) \parallel B_2.code$
$B \rightarrow ! B_1$	$B_1.true = B.false$ $B_1.false = B.true$ $B.code = B_1.code$
$B \rightarrow E_1 \ \text{relOp} \ E_2$	$B.code = E_1.code \parallel E_2.code$ $\parallel \text{genTAC}(\text{"if"} E_1.addr \ \text{relOp.op} \ E_2.addr \ \text{"goto"} B.true)$ $\parallel \text{genTAC}(\text{"goto"} B.false)$
$B \rightarrow \text{true}$	$B.code = \text{genTAC}(\text{'goto'} B.true)$
$B \rightarrow \text{false}$	$B.code = \text{genTAC}(\text{'goto'} B.false)$

# Translation of Boolean Expressions

## ■ Example

```
if (x < 100 || x > 200 && x != y) x = 0;
```

```
        if x < 100 goto L2
        goto L3
L3:      if x > 200 goto L4
        goto L1
L4:      if x != y goto L2:
        goto L1
L2:      x = 0
L1:
```

## ■ Avoiding redundant gotos: see textbook 6.6.5

# Translation of Boolean Expressions

## ■ Evaluation of Boolean Values vs Jumping Code

- two variants
  - ▶ two-pass  
generate complete AST for the input, then walk the tree
  - ▶ one-pass for statements, two passes for expressions  
use the SDD from before to generate code for expressions appearing in control flow constructs, but two passes (as above) for expressions

- Example

### *Production*

$S \rightarrow \text{id} := E \mid \text{if } (E) S \mid \text{while } (E) S \mid S ; S$

$E \rightarrow E \parallel E \mid E \ \&\& \ E \mid E \ \text{relOp} \ E \mid E + E \mid (E) \mid \text{id} \mid \text{true} \mid \text{false}$

- ▶ use separate code-generation functions
  - $\text{jump}(E.n)$  to generate jumping code,  $E.n$  representing the syntax tree
  - $\text{rvalue}(E.n)$  to generate code valuating the expression into a temporary

# Translation of Switch Statements

```
switch (  $E$  ) begin
  case  $Const_1$  :  $S_1$ 
  case  $Const_2$  :  $S_2$ 
  ...
  case  $Const_{n-1}$  :  $S_{n-1}$ 
  default:  $S_n$ 
end
```

## ■ Switch translation steps

1. evaluate  $E$
2. find matching  $Const_i$  in the list of possible cases; use **default** if no  $Const_i$  matches (and the **default** statement is provided)
3. execute associated statement  $S_i$  (if any)

# Translation of Switch Statements

## ■ Translation of the n-way branch (step 2)

- lookup table
  - ▶  $n$  small: lookup table
  - ▶  $n$  large ( $\sim > 10$  entries): hash table
  - + compiler-generated lookup code
- jump table
  - ▶ direct jump, very efficient
  - ▶ if  $MAX(Case_i) - MIN(Case_i) / \# Cases$  is close to 1, i.e., there are not too many holes within the range of all possible cases
  - ▶ generate jump table `jtbl` (fill undefined cases with the location of **default.code** or *S.next*), a range check, and one indirect jump to

jump `jtbl[E.val - MIN(Casei)]`

# Translation of Switch Statements

- Generate high-level code, delegate decision of multiway branch implementation to code generator

```

                                t = E.val
                                goto test
LConst1:  S1.code
                                goto next
LConst2:  S2.code
                                goto next
                                ...
LConstn-1: Sn-1.code
                                goto next
Ldefault:  Sn.code
                                goto next
test:    if t = Const1 goto LConst1
          if t = Const2 goto LConst2
          ...
          if t = Constn-1 goto LConstn-1
          goto Ldefault
next:    ...
```

# Translation of Procedure Calls

$$\begin{aligned} &P(E_1, E_2, \dots); \\ &v := F(E_1, E_2, \dots); \\ &v := F(\dots, F_1(\dots), \dots); \end{aligned}$$

## ■ Procedure/Function call translations

- implemented through a sequence of call and optional param operations

$$P(1, E_1, 3);$$

```
param 1
 $t_1 \leftarrow E_1$ 
param  $t_1$ 
param 3
call P
```

- may pose problems for nested calls if arguments are passed in fixed locations



# Translation of Procedure Calls

## ■ Procedure/Function call translations

- assigning parameters to temporary variables and issuing the param statements immediately before the invocation solves the problem of nested procedure calls

$\text{foo}(E_1, \text{bar}(E_2), E_3);$

$t1 \leftarrow E_1$

$t2 \leftarrow E_2$

param t2

$t3 \leftarrow \text{call bar}$

$t4 \leftarrow E_3$

param t1

param t3

param t4

call foo

→ register allocation eliminates most of the temporaries and associated moves