

# CS & IT ENGINEERING

## Compiler Design

Syntax Directed Translations

Lecture No. 1



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→ What is SDT?

→ Attributes

→ Definitions



# Semantic Analysis

Vs

# SDT

→ It uses SDT  
to perform type checking,  
function compatibility,  
variable declaration, ...

→ It is more powerful  
program or tool that  
can be used for

- 1) Semantic Analysis
- 2) parse tree Generation
- 3) Intermediate code
- 4) Evaluations of Exprs
- 5) conversions

# Syntax Directed Translation (SDT)



$$\begin{aligned} \text{SDT} &= \text{syntax} + \text{Translation} \\ &\quad (\text{Structure}) \\ &= \text{CFG} + \text{Translations} \\ &\quad \{ \dots \} \end{aligned}$$

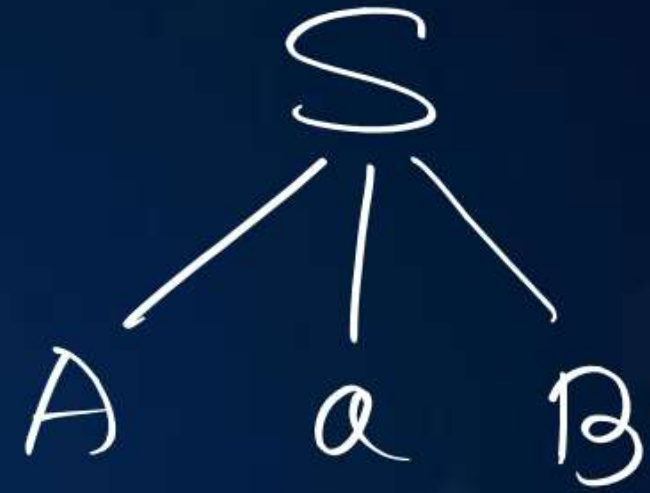
- Semantic
- Evaluation
- Actions
- Specific requirement
- program

$S \rightarrow AB$	$\{ \underbrace{S \cdot x}_{\text{computing here}} = A \cdot x * z \}$
$A \rightarrow a$	$\{ \underbrace{A \cdot x} = a.val + 100 \}$
$B \rightarrow a$	$\{ B \cdot x = 11 \}$
Syntax	Translations

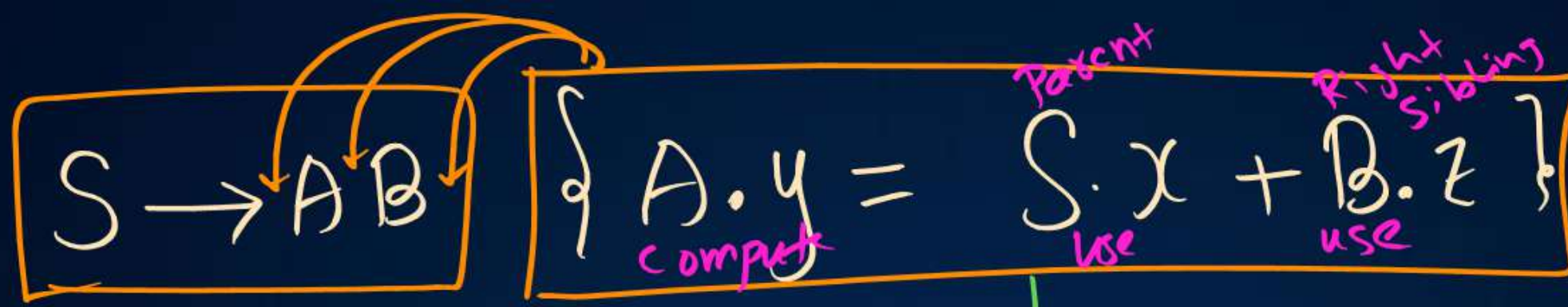
Every production has zero or more translations



$S \rightarrow AaB$



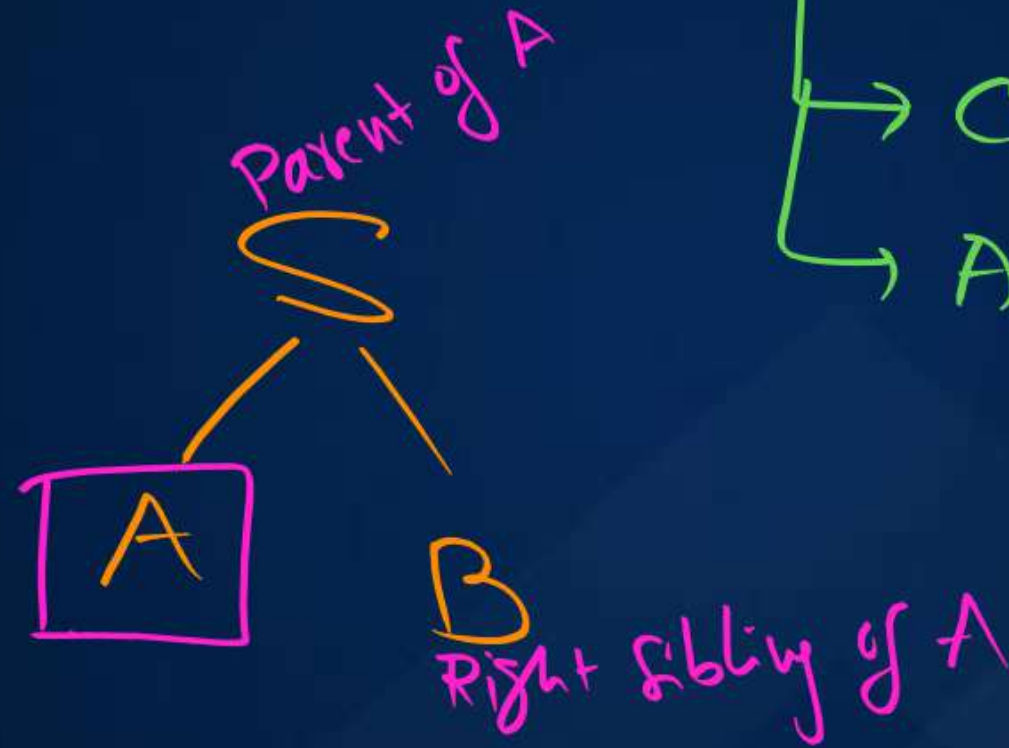
Parent / siblings / child



Syntax Rule

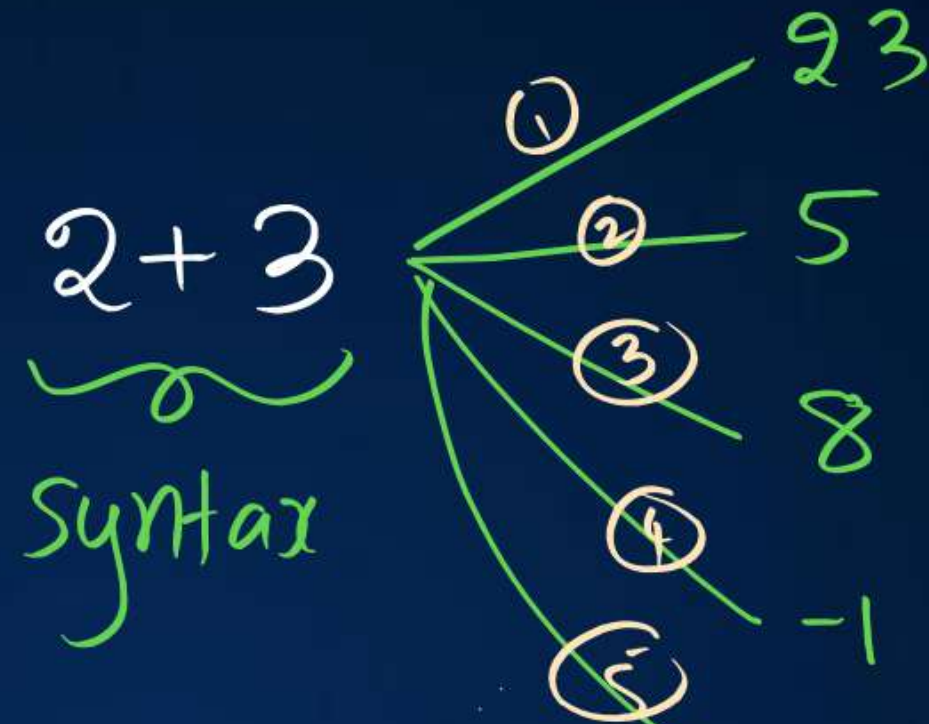
Translation

Computation  
Attributes



$x$   
 $y$   
 $z$

} attributes



$C = a + b$  {  $c.val = \text{concat}(a.val, b.val)$  }

② {  $c.val = a.val + b.val$  }

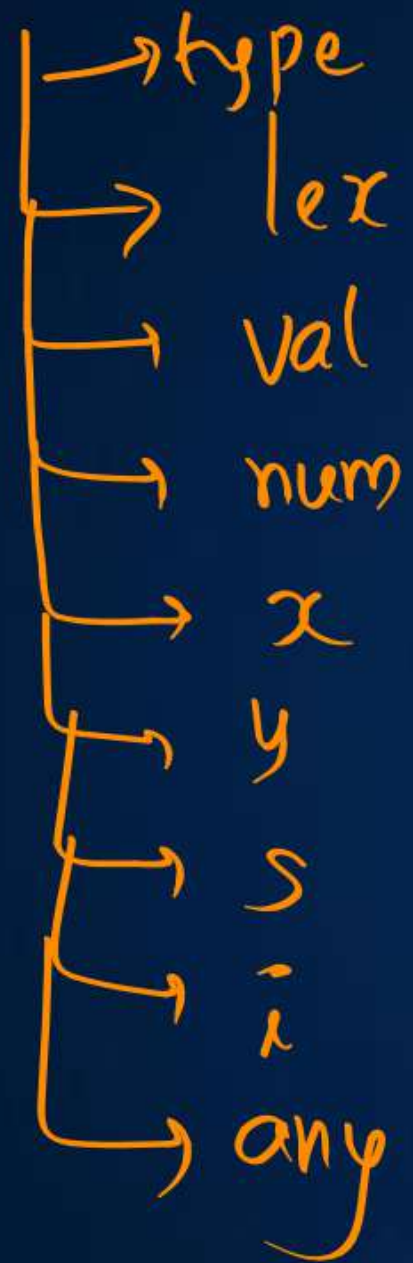
③ {  $c.val = \text{pow}(a.val, b.val)$  }

④ {  $c.val = a.val - b.val$  }

⑤ {  $c.val = a.val * b.val$  }



Attribute



A.type

A.val

A.x

# Attributes

↳ ① Inherited Attribute

$$S \rightarrow Aa \boxed{B}$$

$$\underbrace{\{B.val = S.val * A.val\}}_{\text{Computation}}$$

computation depends on parent/siblings

② Synthesized Attribute

$$\boxed{S} \rightarrow AaB$$

$$\underbrace{\{S.val = A.val + a.val\}}_{\text{Computation}}$$

computation depends on children



Find Attribute type

$$\textcircled{1} \quad S \rightarrow a \quad \{ \boxed{S.x} = a.val \}$$

~~val~~ (we are only using)  
x is synthesized

$$\textcircled{2} \quad S \rightarrow S_1 a \quad \{ \overset{\text{inherited}}{\boxed{S_1.x}} = S.x + 1 \ ; \ \overset{\text{synthesized}}{\boxed{S.y}} = S_1.y * 2 \}$$

$$S \rightarrow b \quad \{ \overset{\text{synthesized}}{\boxed{S.x}} = b.val - 1 \ ; \ \overset{\text{synthesized}}{\boxed{S.y}} = S.x + 9 \}$$

we can use anywhere

~~x~~  
~~y~~  
~~val~~

x is neither inherited nor synthesized

y is synthesized



$$\textcircled{3} \quad \boxed{E} \rightarrow E_1 + E_2 \quad \{ \boxed{E.x} = E_1.x + E_2.x \}$$

$$\boxed{E} \rightarrow a \quad \{ \boxed{E.x} = a.val \}$$

$x$  is Synthesized attribute

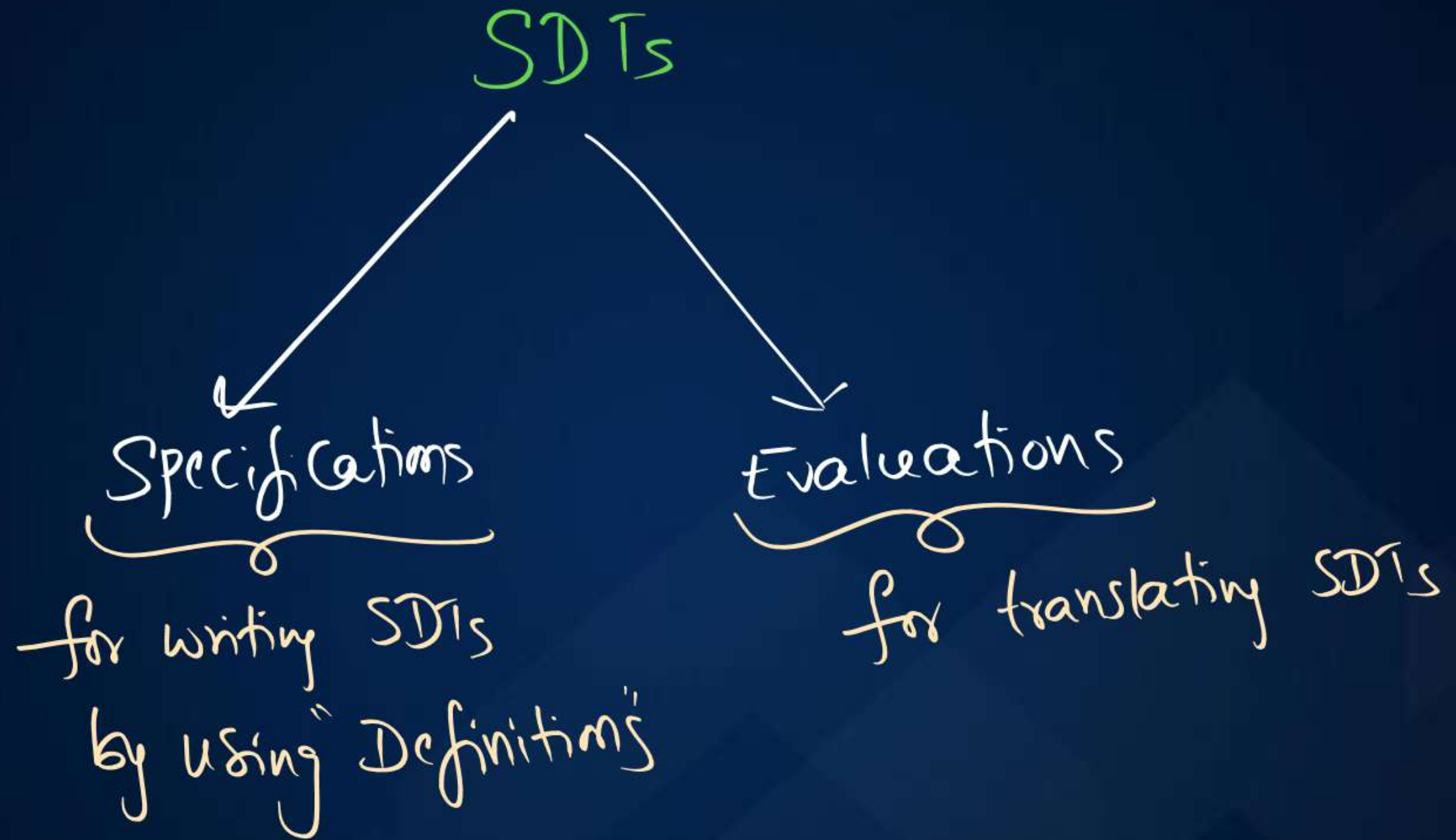
④

$D \rightarrow T \boxed{I} ; \{ I.type = T.type \}$  <sup>Inherited</sup>

$\boxed{T} \rightarrow \text{'int' } \{ T.type = \text{'int'} \}$  <sup>Synthesized</sup>

$I \rightarrow a \{ \}$

type is neither inherited nor synthesized Attribute





# Definitions of SDTs:



↳ ① L-attributed Grammar

(L-attributed Definition)  
[L-attributed SDT]

↙ ② S-attributed Grammar

[S-attributed SDT]  
(S-attributed Definition)

Based on "Computation"  
and  
"Position of Translation"



# ① L-attributed SDT

I) Computation depends on  
Parent/Left siblings/children

$S \rightarrow a \quad \{ S.val = a.num \}$

$S \rightarrow AB \quad \{ \begin{array}{l} B.val = S.val \\ A.val = S.val \end{array} \}$

Note: Except right siblings,  
it can depend on any.

$\{ \begin{array}{l} B.x = S.x + A.y \\ S.x = A.x + B.x \end{array} \}$

II) translations can appear anywhere  
 $S \rightarrow \{ \dots \} a$

# S-attributed SDT

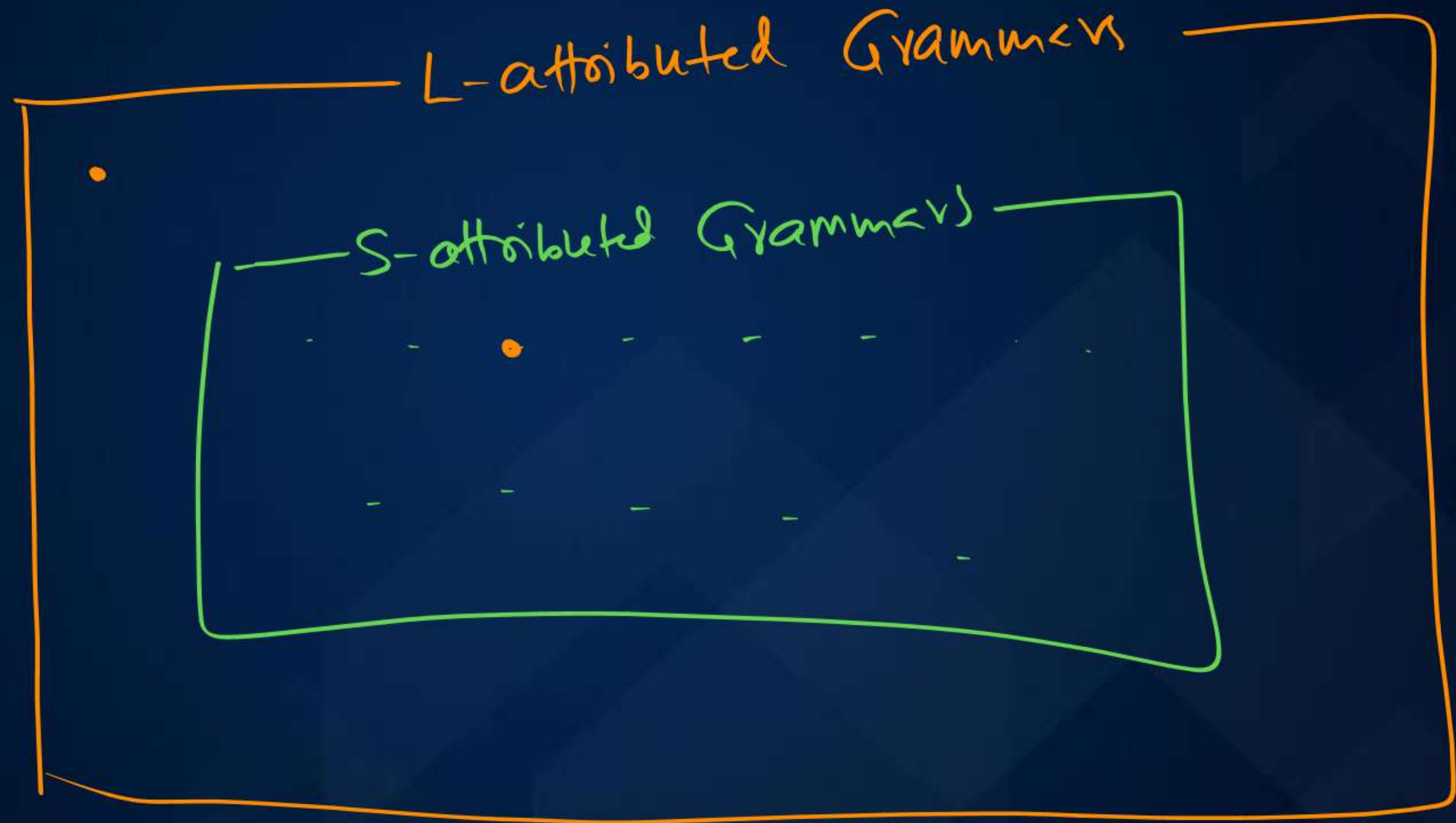


I) Computation depends on  
only children  
[It uses Synthesized Attributes]

II) Translation must appear  
only at end of production

$S \rightarrow a \{ \dots \}$

Every S-attributed SDT is always L-attributed.





①

$$D \rightarrow T \boxed{I} ; \{ I.type = T.type \}$$

$$\boxed{T} \rightarrow \text{int} \{ T.type = \text{int} \}$$

$$I \rightarrow a \{ \}$$

→ This SDT is L-attributed  
but not S-attributed

②

$$E \rightarrow E_1 + E_2 \quad \{ E.val = E_1.val + E_2.val \}$$

$$E \rightarrow a \quad \{ E.val = a.num \}$$

→ SDT is S-attributed & L-attributed

③

$$E \rightarrow E_1 \underbrace{\{E.val = E_1.val + E_2.val\}}_{\text{not at the end}} + E_2 \uparrow ;$$

$$E \rightarrow a \quad \{E.val = a.num\}$$

→ SDT is not S-attributed  
is L-attributed



Take all SDTs from GATE PYQ

Q1) Find attribute type

Q2) Find SDT Definition

→ SDT ✓

Attributes ✓

Definitions ✓

Next: Evaluation ?

