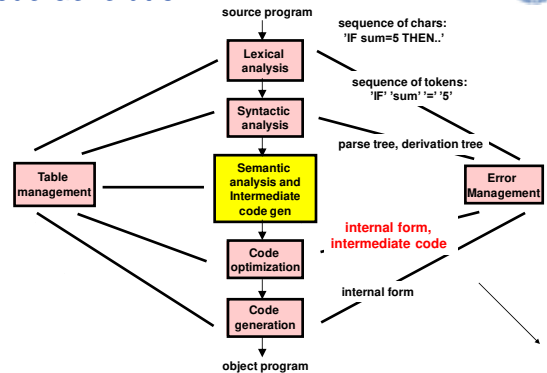




Semantic Analysis and Intermediate Code Generation

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Semantic Analysis and Intermediate Representations



- The task of this phase is to check the "static semantics" and generate the internal form of the program.

■ Static semantics

- Check that variables are defined, operands of a given operator are compatible, the number of parameters matches the declaration etc.
- Formalism for static semantics?

■ Internal form

- Generation of good code cannot be achieved in a single pass – therefore the source code is first translated to an internal form.

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Methods/Formalisms in Compiler Phases?



- Which methods / formalisms are used in the various phases during the analysis?

1. Lexical analysis: *RE (regular expressions)*
2. Syntax analysis: *CFG (context-free grammar)*
3. Semantic analysis and intermediate code generation: *(syntax-directed translation)*

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Why not the Same Formalism Everywhere?



Why not use the same formalism (formal notation) during the whole analysis?

- REs are too weak for describing the *language's syntax and semantics*.
- Both *lexical features and syntax of a language* can be described using a CFG. Everything that can be described using REs can also be described using a CFG.
- A CFG can not describe *context-dependent (static semantics) features of a language*. Thus there is a need for a stronger method of **semantic analysis** and the *intermediate code generation phase*.

Syntax-directed translation is commonly used in this phase.

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Use of Context Free Grammars vs Regular Expressions?



- Follow-up questions:

- Why are lexical and syntax analysis divided into two different phases?
- Why not use a CFG instead of REs in lexical descriptions of a language?

- Answers:

- Simple design is important in compilers. Separating lexical and syntax analysis simplifies the work and keeps the phases simple.
- You build a simple machine using REs (i.e. a scanner), which would otherwise be much more complicated if built using a CFG.

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Syntax-Directed Translation in Semantics Phase



The first method we present for the semantics phase is **syntax-directed translation**.

Goal 1: **Semantic analysis**:

- a) Check the program to find semantic errors, e.g. type errors, undefined variables, different number of actual and formal parameters in a procedure,
- b) Gather information for the code generation phase, e.g.


```
var a: real;
b: integer
begin
  a := b;
  ...
  generates code for the transformation:
  a := IntToReal(b); // Note: IntToReal is a function for changing
  integers to a floating-point value.
```

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Goal: Intermediate Code Generation



- Another representation of the source code is generated, a so-called intermediate code representation

- Generation of intermediate code has, among others, the following advantages:

The internal form is:

- + machine-independent
- + not profiled for a certain language
- + suitable for optimization
- + can be used for interpreting

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Examples of Internal/Intermediate forms



Internal forms

- Infix notation
- Postfix notation (reverse Polish notation, RPN)
- Abstract syntax trees, AST
- Three-address code
- Quadruples
- Triples

Infix notation

- Example:


```
a := b + c * (d + e)
```
- Operands are between the operators (binary operators). Suitable notation for humans but not for machines because of priorities, associativities, parentheses.

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Postfix Notation



Postfix notation

(Also called reverse Polish notation)

Examples and comparison:

- Operators come after the operands.
- No parentheses or priority ordering required.
- Stack machine, compare with an HP calculator.
- Operands have the same ordering as in infix notation.
- Operators come in evaluation order.
- Suitable for expressions without conditions (e.g. if)

Infix	Postfix
$a + b$	$a b +$
$a + b * c$	$a b c * +$
$(a + b) * c$	$a b + c *$
$a + (-b - 3 * c)$	$a b @ 3 c * - +$

Here @ denotes unary minus

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Evaluation of Postfix Notation



- Given an **arithmetic expression in reverse Polish (Postfix)** notation it is easy to evaluate directly from left to right.
 - Often used in interpreters.
 - We need a **stack for storing intermediate results**.
- If numeric value:
 - Push the value onto the stack.
- If identifier:
 - Push the value of the identifier (r-value) onto the stack.
- If binary operator:
 - Pop the two uppermost elements, apply the operator to them and push the result.
- If unary operator:
 - Apply the operator directly to the top of the stack.
 - When the expression is completed, the result is on the top of the stack.

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Example Evaluation of Postfix Notation



- Example: evaluate the postfix expression below.

$a b @ 3 c * - +$

Given that $a = 34$, $b = 4$, $c = 5$

corresponding infix notation: $a + (-b - 3 * c)$

Step	Stack	Input
1	-	$ab@3c*-+ -$
2	- 34	$b@3c*-+ -$
3	- 34 4	$@3c*-+ -$
4	- 34 -4	$3c*-+ -$
5	- 34 -4 3	$c*-+ -$
6	- 34 -4 3 5	$*-+ -$
7	- 34 -4 15	$-+ -$
8	- 34 -19	$+ -$
9	- 15	$ -$

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Extending Polish/Postfix Notation Assignment Statement



■ Assignment

- `:=` binary operator,
- lowest priority for infix form,
- uses the l-value for its first operand

■ Example:

```
x := 10 + k * 30
↓
x 10 k 30 * + :=
```

Extending Polish/Postfix Notation Conditional Statement



- We need to introduce the unconditional jump, JUMP, and the conditional jump, JEQZ, Jump if Equal to Zero, and also we need to specify the jump location, LABEL.

```
L1 LABEL (or L1: )
<label> JUMP
<value> <label> JEQZ
(value = 0 ⇒ false, otherwise ⇒ true)
```

Example 1:

```
IF <expr> THEN <statement1> ELSE <statement2>
```

gives us

```
<expr> L1 JEQZ <statement1> L2 JUMP L1: <statement2> L2:
where L1: stands for L1 LABEL
```

Example 2, Postfix Notation for If-then-Else Statements



```
if a+b then
  if c-d then
    x := 10
  else y := 20
else z := 30;
```

gives us

```
a b + L1 JEQZ
c d - L2 JEQZ
x 10 := L3 JUMP
L2: y 20 := L4 JUMP
L1: z 30 := L3: L4:
```

Small Postfix Notation Exercise

```
if a+b
  then x :=4
  else x:=33
```

```
a b + L1 JEQZ
x 4 := L2 JUMP
L1: x 33 :=
L2: ...
```

Representing While Suitable Data Structure for Postfix Code



```
while <expr> do <stat>
```

gives us

```
L2: <expr> L1 JEQZ <stat> L2 JUMP L1:
```

Exercise

Translate the **repeat** and **for** statements to postfix notation.

Suitable data structure for postfix code

An array where label corresponds to index.

Array Elements:

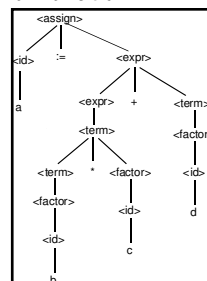
- Operand – pointer to the symbol table.
- Operator – a numeric code, for example, which does not collide with the symbol table index.

Abstract Syntax Trees (AST)

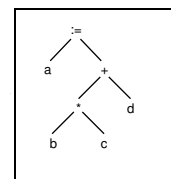


- ASTs are a reduced variant of parse trees. A parse tree contains redundant information, see the figure below.

- Example: Parse tree for `a := b * c + d`



Abstract syntax tree for
`a := b * c + d`:



Properties of Abstract Syntax Trees

- Advantages and disadvantages of abstract syntax trees
 - + Good to perform optimization on
 - + Easy to traverse
 - + Easy to evaluate, i.e. suitable for interpreting
 - + *unparsing (prettyprinting) possible via inorder traversal*
 - + *postorder traversing gives us postfix notation!*
 - Far from machine code

Stay with as far as possible

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Three-address Code and Quadruples

Three-address code

- op: =, +, -, *, /, :=, JEQZ, JUMP, [], =[]

Quadruples

- Form:

Example: Assignment statement
A := B * C + D

- gives us the quadruples

T1 := B * C

T2 := T1 + D

A := T2

- T1, T2 are temporary variables.
- The contents of the table are references to the symbol table.

z	:=	x	op	y
↑		↑		↑
addr1		addr2		addr3

Quadruples:

op	arg1	arg2	res
----	------	------	-----

op	arg1	arg2	res
*	B	C	T1
+	T1	D	T2
:=	T2		A

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Control Structures Using Quadruples

- Example:
if a = b
then x := x + 1
else y := 20;

Quad-no	op	arg1	arg2	res
1	=	a	b	T1
2	JEQZ	T1		(6) †
3	+	x	1	T2
4	:=	T2		x
5	JUMP			(7) †
6	:=	20		y
7				

† The jump address was filled in later as we can not know in advance the jump address during generation of the quadruple in a phase. We reach the addresses either during a later pass or by using syntax-directed translation and filling in when these are known. This is called **backpatching**.

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Procedure call

- Example: f(a1, a2, ..., an)

Quad-no	op	arg1	arg2	res
1	param	a1		
2	param	a2		
...		
n	:=	an		
n+1	call	f	n	

- Example: READ(X)

Quad-no	op	arg1	arg2	res
1	param	X		
2	call	READ	1	

Quad-no	op	arg1	arg2	res
1	*	A	B	T1
2	+	X	5	T2
3	param	T1		
4	param	T2		
5	call	WRITE	2	

- Example: WRITE(A*B, X+5)

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Array-reference

A[I] := B

[] = is called l-value, specifies the address to an element. In l-value context we obtain storage address from the value of T1.

B := A[I]

= [] is called r-value, specifies the value of an element

Quad-no	op	arg1	arg2	res
1	[] =	A	I	T1
2	:=	B		T1

Quad-no	op	arg1	arg2	res
1	= []	A	I	T2
2	:=	T2		B

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Quadruples vs triples

Triples (also called two-address code)

Triples Form:

- Example: A * B + C
- No temporary name!

Triple-no	op	arg1	arg2
1	*	A	B
2	+	(1)	C

Quadruples:

- Temporary variables take up space in the symbol table.
- + Good control over temporary variables.
- + Easier to optimize and move code around.

Triples:

- Know nothing about temporary variables.
- + Take up less space.
- optimization by moving code around is difficult; in this case indirect triples are used.

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Methods for Syntax-Directed Translation

1. Attribute Grammars

There are two main methods:

1. Attribute grammars, 'attributed translation grammars'

■ Describe the translation process using

- a) CFG
- b) a number of attributes that are attached to terminal and nonterminal symbols, and
- c) a number of semantic rules that are attached to the rules in the grammar which calculate the value of the attribute.

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2. Syntax Directed Translation Scheme

Describe the translation process using:

- a) a CFG
- b) a number of semantic operations
e.g. a rule: $A \rightarrow XYZ \{ \text{semantic operation} \}$

■ Semantic operations are performed:

- when **reduction** occurs (bottom-up), or
- during **expansion** (top-down).

■ This method is a more procedural form of the previous one (contains implementation details), which explicitly show the evaluation order of semantic rules.

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Example 1: Translation Schema for Semantic Analysis

- **Intuition:** Attach **semantic actions** to syntactic rules to perform *semantic analysis and intermediate code generation*.
- Part of CFG, variable declarations of a language with non-nested blocks.
- The text in *{}* stands for a **description of the semantic analysis** for book-keeping of information on symbols in the symbol table.

```
<decls> → ...
<decl> → var <name-list> : <type-id>
        {Attach the type of <type-id> to all id in <name-list>}
<name-list> → <name-list> , <name>
        {Check that name in <name-list> is not duplicated, and
         check that name has not been declared previously}
<name-list> → <name>
        {Check that name has not been declared previously}
<type-id> → "ident"
        {Check in the symbol table for "ident", return its index
         if it is already there, otherwise error: unknown type.}
<name> → "ident"
        {Update the symbol table to contain an entry for this "ident"}
```

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Example 2: Translation Schema Intermediate Code Generation

Translation of **infix** notation to **postfix** notation in a bottom-up environment.

Translation of the input string:

$a + b * d$

becomes in postfix:

$a \ b \ d \ * \ +$

See the parse tree on the coming page:

Productions	Semantic operations
1 $E \rightarrow E1 + T$	{print('+')}
2 $ T$...
3 $T \rightarrow T1 * F$	{print('*')}
4 $ F$...
5 $F \rightarrow (E)$...
6 $ id$	{print(id)}

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Translation Schema Intermediate Code Generation, Implementation in LR Case

The parser routine:

```
void parser();
{
    while not done {
        switch action {
            case shift:
                ...
            case reduce:
                semantic(ruleNo);
                ...
        }
    }
}
```

The semantic routine:

```
void semantic(int ruleNo);
{
    switch ruleNo {
        case 1: print('+');
        case 3: print('*');
        case 6: print(id);
    };
}
```

Productions	Semantic operations
1 $E \rightarrow E1 + T$	{print('+')}
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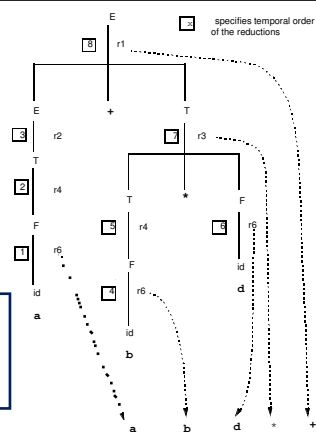
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Parse Tree of Translation to Postfix Code

Translation of the input string:
 $a + b * d$

to postfix:
 $a \ b \ d \ * \ +$

Productions	Semantic operations
1 $E \rightarrow E1 + T$	{print('+')}
2 $ T$...
3 $T \rightarrow T1 * F$	{print('*')}
4 $ F$...
5 $F \rightarrow (E)$...
6 $ id$	{print(id)}



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Syntax-directed translation of assignment statements and arithmetic expressions into quadruples

using a bottom-up approach

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Generating Quadruples

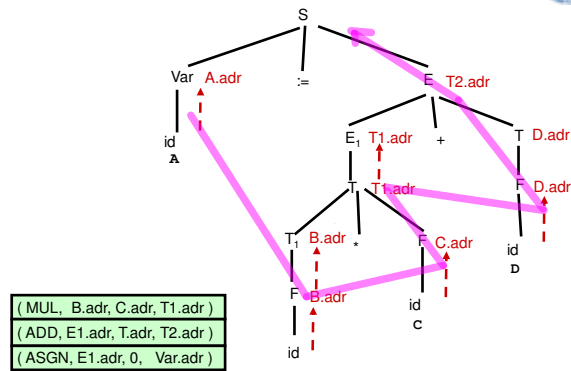
1. $S \rightarrow \text{Var} := E$	{ GEN(ASGN, E.adr, 0, Var.adr); }
2. $E \rightarrow E_1 + T$	{ temp = gen_tempvar(); GEN(ADD, E1.adr, T.adr, temp); E.adr = temp; }
3. T	{ E.adr = T.adr; }
4. $T \rightarrow T_1 * F$	{ temp = gen_tempvar(); GEN(MUL, T1.adr, F.adr, temp); T.adr = temp; }
5. F	{ T.adr = F.adr; }
6. $F \rightarrow (E)$	{ F.adr = E.adr; }
7. id	{ F.adr = lookup(id.name); }
8. $\text{Var} \rightarrow \text{id}$	{ Var.adr = lookup(id.name); }

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Generating Quadruples for $A := B * C + D$



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Generating Quadruples for Control Structures Example: IF-THEN-ELSE

■ $S \rightarrow \text{if } E \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2$

- Jump to S_2 if E is false/zero
- After S_1 jump to after S_2

- Problem: jump target quadruple indices $q+1$, r are unknown when the jumps are generated
- Solution: factorise the grammar, store jump index in attribute quad

Index	Quadruple Table
in:	Quadruples for
 temp := E
p:	<JEQZ, temp, q+1, 0>
	Quadruples for ...
	... statement S_1
q:	<JUMP, r, 0, 0>
q+1:(L1:)	Quadruples for ...
	... statement S_2
r:(L2:)	...

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Generate Quadruples for if-then-else (2)

- Factorised grammar:

1. $\langle \text{ifstmt} \rangle ::= \langle \text{truepart} \rangle S_2$
2. $\langle \text{truepart} \rangle ::= \langle \text{ifclause} \rangle S_1 \text{ else}$
3. $\langle \text{ifclause} \rangle ::= \text{if } E \text{ then}$

Attributes:

addr = address to the symbol table entry for result of E
quad = quadruple number

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Generate quadruples for if-then-else (3)

3. $\langle \text{ifclause} \rangle ::= \text{if } E \text{ then}$

```
{ <ifclause>.quad = currentquad + 1;  
  // save address p of jump over S1 for later in <ifclause>.quad  
  GEN( JEQZ, E.adr, 0, 0 );  
  // jump to S2. Target q+1 not known yet.  
}
```

2. $\langle \text{truepart} \rangle ::= \langle \text{ifclause} \rangle S_1 \text{ else}$

```
{ <truepart>.quad = currentquad + 1;  
  // save address q of jump over S2 for later  
  GEN( JUMP, 0, 0, 0 );  
  // jump over S2. Target r not known yet.  
  QUADRUPE[ <ifclause>.quad ][ 2 ] = currentquad + 1;  
  // backpatch JEQZ target to q+1  
}
```

3. $\langle \text{ifstmt} \rangle ::= \langle \text{truepart} \rangle S_2$

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- Attribute grammar for syntax-directed type checking

```
E → num      { E.type = Inttype; }
E → num . num { E.type = Reatype; }
E → id       { E.type = lookup(id.name).type; }
E → E1 op E2 { E.type = (E1.type == Inttype && E2.type == Inttype)? Inttype :
                  ( E1.type == Inttype && E2.type == Reatype
                  || E1.type == Reatype && E2.type == Inttype
                  || E1.type == Reatype && E2.type == Reatype ) ?
                  Reatype :
                  error("Type error"), Notype; }
```

type is a synthesised attribute:
information flows right-to-left, bottom-up

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- Attribute grammar extended for assignment statement with implicit type conversion from integer to Real

```
...
E → E1 op E2 { E.type = ... }
...
S → V := E      { if (V.type == E.type)
                  ... // generate code directly according to type
                  else
                    if (V.type == Inttype && E.type == Reatype)
                      error("Type error");
                    else
                      if (V.type == Reatype && E.type == Inttype)
                        // Code generation / evaluation with type conversion:
                        E.value = ... ;
                        V.value = ConvertIntToReal( E.value );
                  }
```

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Attribute Grammar Example 2: Intermediate Code Generation

- Given: Attribute grammar G
- Translate expressions in the language over G(E) to intermediate code in postfix notation
- For example: 2+3*5 is translated to: 23+5- or 235+- depending on parse tree
- The attribute code is attached to all nonterminals in the grammar
- A semantic rule attached to each grammar rule

```
E → E1 + E2 { E.code = concat( E1.code, E2.code, "+" ); }
  | E1 - T     { E.code = concat( E1.code, T.code, "-" ); }
  | T           { E.code = T.code; }
T → '0'         { T.code = "0"; }
  | '1'         { T.code = "1"; }
  | ...         { ... }
  | '9'         { T.code = "9"; }
```

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Attribute grammar example 3: Calculator (an interpreter of expressions)

- Semantic rules calculate the value of an arithmetic expression without generating any intermediate code
- Semantic rules execute at grammar rule reductions (LR)
- Synthesised attribute N.val for each nonterminal N

```
S → E = { display( E.val ); }
E → E1 + T { E.val = E1.val + T.val; }
  | T       { E.val = T.val; }
T → T1 * F { T.val = T1.val * F.val; }
  | F       { T.val = F.val; }
F → ( E )   { F.val = E.val; }
  | num     { F.val = num.val; }
```

value of integer-constant token num
as computed by the scanner

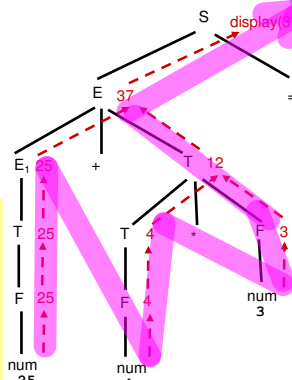
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- Calculator input:
25 + 4 * 3 =



```
S → E = { display( E.val ); }
E → E1 + T { E.val = E1.val + T.val; }
  | T       { E.val = T.val; }
T → T1 * F { T.val = T1.val * F.val; }
  | F       { T.val = F.val; }
F → ( E )   { F.val = E.val; }
  | num     { F.val = num.val; }
```

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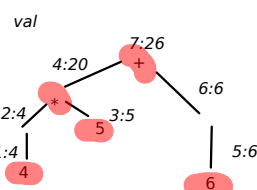
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Do attribute evaluation bottom-up.
Evaluate the following expression:

4 * 5 + 6

Small Attribute Grammar Exercise



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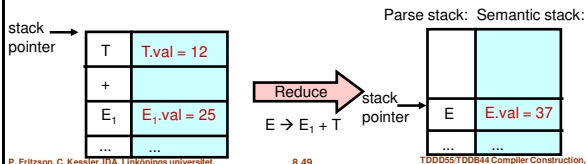
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LR Implementation of Attribute Grammars

In an LR parser:

- Semantic stack in parallel with the parse stack (common stack pointer)
 - Each entry can store all attributes of a nonterminal
- When performing a reduction $[A \rightarrow \beta_1 \beta_2 \dots \beta_k]$
 - calculate all attributes attr by
 $A.attr = f(\beta_1.attr, \dots, \beta_k.attr)$



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In an LR parser (comment to picture on the previous slide)

- A semantic action: $E.val = E_1.val + T.val$ translated to a statement: $val[stkp-2] = val[stkp-2] + val[stkp]$
- Comments:
 - $stkp$ denotes the stack pointer, val the attribute value (an array)
 - its value in the semantic action is the value *before* the reduction
 - At the call, the LR parser will reduce $stkp$ by the length of the right hand side of grammar rule (here: 3)
 - It then puts E on the parse stack (because we reduced with $E = E_1 + T$) with the result that the stack pointer increases a step and we get the reduced configuration in the previous slide.

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Generated semantic routine:

```
semantic(ruleno)
{
  switch ruleno
  case 1: display(val[stkp-1]);
  case 2: val[stkp-2] = val[stkp-2] + val[stkp];
  case 3: ;
  case 4: val[stkp-2] = val[stkp-2] * val[stkp];
  case 5: ;
  case 6: val[stkp-2] = val[stkp-1];
  case 7: val[stkp] = num.val;
}
```

Grammar:

```
1. S → E =
2. E → E1 + T
3.   | T
4. T → T1 * F
5.   | F
6. F → ( E )
7.   | num
```

- $stkp$ specifies the stack pointer before reducing
- The stack grows with higher addresses
- reduce pops with $stkp := stkp - \text{lengthRightHandSide}(\text{rule})$

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Implementation of Attribute Grammars

In a Recursive Descent Parser:

- Recall: One procedure for each nonterminal
- Interpretation:
 - Add a *formal parameter* for each attribute
 - implicit semantic stack (i.e., by *parameters* stored on the normal program execution stack)
 - parameters for synthesized attributes to be passed by reference, so values can be returned
- Code generation:
 - Write the translated code to a memory buffer or file or return a pointer to generated code block to caller

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Example: Calculator for Recursive Descent

LL(1) grammar for calculator (EBNF style):

```
S → E = { display( E.val ); }
E → T1 { E.val = T1.val; }
   {+ T2} { E.val = E.val + T2.val; }
T → F1 { T.val = F1.val; }
   {* F2} { T.val = E.val * F2.val; }
F → ( E ) { F.val = E.val; }
   | num { F.val = num.val; }
```

```
void E ( int *E_val )
{
  int T1_val, T2_val;
  T ( &T1_val );
  *E_val = T1_val;
  while (token == '+') {
    scan();
    T ( &T2_val );
    *E_val = *E_val + T2_val;
  }
}
```

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