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1 Introduction

The compilation process is a cornerstone of modern software development and programming language design. This multi-phase process transforms high-level source code into executable machine instructions through a series of systematic analyses and transformations. Among these phases, lexical analysis serves as the initial step by breaking down the source code into meaningful tokens—the fundamental building blocks of any programming language. Following this, syntactic analysis takes these tokens and verifies their arrangement according to the grammatical rules defined by the language specification. Finally, semantic analysis ensures that the syntactically correct structures also make logical sense within the language's type system and operational constraints.

This report presents a comprehensive examination of the design, implementation, and validation of an integrated syntax-semantic analyzer. The system combines a parser with Syntax-Directed Translation (SDT) capabilities to process a carefully designed subset of programming language features, including arithmetic expressions, variable assignments, and type-checked variable declarations. The implementation demonstrates the practical application of compiler theory by recognizing valid mathematical operations, managing variable assignments, and enforcing type constraints while providing clear diagnostic messages for both syntactic and semantic errors.

The fundamental challenge addressed by this project extends beyond simple pattern recognition. While many systems can verify whether a sequence of tokens matches a grammatical pattern, this implementation goes further by validating the semantic correctness of syntactically valid constructs. Consider, for instance, the declaration `int x = "text"`. From a purely syntactic perspective, this statement is well-formed: it follows the pattern of a type keyword, followed by an identifier, an assignment operator, and a value. However, from a semantic standpoint, this declaration is fundamentally flawed. It attempts to assign a string literal to a variable explicitly declared to hold integer values, creating a type mismatch that would lead to runtime errors or undefined behavior in most programming languages. This project implements verification mechanisms to catch such semantic inconsistencies during the compilation phase, providing developers with immediate feedback and preventing potential runtime failures.

2 Objectives

2.1 General Objective

To design and implement a comprehensive syntax-semantic analyzer capable of processing arithmetic expressions and variable declarations through the construction of parse trees and the application of syntax-directed translation rules for semantic verification.

2.2 Specific Objectives

- Design and implement a context-free grammar that accurately recognizes arithmetic expressions, variable assignments, and typed variable declarations.
- Construct a recursive descent parser leveraging the Lark parsing library for Python to automate parse tree generation.
- Define comprehensive SDT rules for evaluating arithmetic expressions and performing type checking in variable declarations.
- Validate the complete system through an extensive test suite encompassing correct operations as well as intentional syntactic and semantic errors.
- Generate visual representations of parse trees to facilitate understanding of the parsing process and support debugging activities.

3 Theoretical Framework

3.1 Parsing (Syntactic Analysis)

Syntactic analysis, commonly referred to as parsing, represents the second critical phase in the compilation pipeline, positioned strategically between lexical analysis and semantic analysis. The parser's primary responsibility is to accept the linear sequence of tokens produced by the lexical analyzer and determine whether this sequence conforms to the structural rules defined by the programming language's grammar. This verification process constructs a hierarchical representation of the program's structure, typically in the form of a parse tree or abstract syntax tree.

Modern parsing techniques generally fall into two broad categories:

- **Top-Down Parsing**: This approach initiates the parsing process from the grammar's start symbol and attempts to derive the input string through successive expansions of production rules. Top-down parsers work by predicting which production to apply based on the current input token and the current non-terminal being expanded. Notable examples include recursive descent parsers, which directly encode the grammar into a set of recursive functions, and LL parsers, which process input from left to right while constructing a leftmost derivation.
- **Bottom-Up Parsing**: In contrast, bottom-up parsers begin with the terminal symbols in the input and progressively reduce them to higher-level non-terminals until reaching the start symbol. These parsers recognize the right-hand side of productions and replace them with the corresponding left-hand side non-terminal. This category includes LR parsers, SLR parsers, and LALR parsers, which are capable of recognizing a broader class of grammars than their top-down counterparts.

3.2 Context-Free Grammars

Context-free grammars provide the formal foundation for describing the syntax of programming languages. A context-free grammar is mathematically defined as a quadruple $G = (N, \Sigma, P, S)$, where each component plays a specific role:

- N represents the finite set of non-terminal symbols, which are abstract syntactic categories that can be further expanded according to the grammar's production rules.
- Σ denotes the finite set of terminal symbols, which correspond to the actual tokens that appear in the input string and cannot be further expanded.
- P comprises the set of production rules, each having the form $A \to \alpha$, where $A \in N$ is a single non-terminal and $\alpha \in (N \cup \Sigma)^*$ is a string of terminals and non-terminals.
- $S \in N$ designates the start symbol, representing the top-level syntactic category from which all valid strings in the language can be derived.

The power of context-free grammars lies in their ability to capture the recursive and hierarchical nature of programming language constructs. They can elegantly express nested structures such as parenthesized expressions, block statements, and function calls, making them ideally suited for programming language specification.

3.3 Syntax-Directed Translation

Syntax-directed translation extends the concept of parsing by associating semantic actions with grammar productions. These actions are executed during or after the parsing process, enabling the parser to perform computations, enforce constraints, and generate outputs based on the structure of the input. SDT is fundamental to many compiler operations:

- **Expression Evaluation**: Computing the numeric value of arithmetic expressions by applying operators to operands according to the parse tree structure.
- **Type Checking**: Verifying that operations are applied to compatible data types and that assignments respect type declarations.
- **Code Generation**: Producing intermediate or target code that corresponds to the high-level source constructs.
- **Symbol Table Management**: Recording declarations, maintaining scope information, and resolving identifier references.
- **Error Detection and Reporting**: Identifying semantic inconsistencies and generating informative error messages.

A syntax-directed definition augments each production with semantic rules that specify how to compute attributes of the symbols in the production. These rules are represented as:

$$A \to \alpha_1 \{action_1\} \alpha_2 \{action_2\} \cdots \alpha_n$$

where actions are interspersed with grammar symbols and executed at specific points during parsing.

3.4 Parse Trees

A parse tree, also known as a concrete syntax tree, is a hierarchical representation that captures the derivation of an input string according to a grammar. Each node in the tree corresponds to a grammar symbol:

- The root node represents the grammar's start symbol.
- Internal nodes represent non-terminal symbols, each corresponding to the application of a production rule.
- Leaf nodes represent terminal symbols (tokens) from the input string.
- The children of an internal node represent the symbols on the right-hand side of the production rule applied at that node.

Parse trees serve multiple purposes in compiler design: they provide a clear visualization of the syntactic structure, guide the semantic analysis phase, and can be transformed into more compact abstract syntax trees for further processing.

4 Development

4.1 Grammar Specification

The grammar implemented in this project encompasses three primary constructs: arithmetic expressions with standard operators, variable assignment statements, and typed variable declarations. The complete grammar is presented below using extended Backus-Naur Form (EBNF) notation:

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\begin{aligned}
\langle start \rangle &\rightarrow \langle sum \rangle \mid \langle assign\_var \rangle \mid \langle declaration \rangle \\
\langle declaration \rangle &\rightarrow \texttt{int}\ \langle NAME \rangle\ \texttt{=}\ \langle sum \rangle \\
\langle assign\_var \rangle &\rightarrow \langle NAME \rangle\ \texttt{=}\ \langle sum \rangle \\
\langle sum \rangle &\rightarrow \langle product \rangle \\
&\quad \mid \langle sum \rangle\ \texttt{+}\ \langle product \rangle \\
&\quad \mid \langle sum \rangle\ \texttt{-}\ \langle product \rangle \\
\langle product \rangle &\rightarrow \langle atom \rangle \\
&\quad \mid \langle product \rangle\ \texttt{*}\ \langle atom \rangle \\
&\quad \mid \langle product \rangle\ \texttt{/}\ \langle atom \rangle \\
\langle atom \rangle &\rightarrow \langle NUMBER \rangle \\
&\quad \mid \texttt{-}\langle atom \rangle \\
&\quad \mid \texttt{(}\langle sum \rangle\texttt{)} \\
&\quad \mid \langle STRING \rangle
\end{aligned}
$$

Terminal Symbols

- `int`: Keyword indicating integer type declaration
- `NAME`: Identifiers conforming to standard variable naming conventions
- `NUMBER`: Numeric literals representing integer or floating-point constants
- `STRING`: String literals enclosed in either single or double quotation marks
- Binary operators: `+` (addition), `-` (subtraction), `*` (multiplication), `/` (division)
- Assignment operator: `=`
- Grouping symbols: `(` (left parenthesis), `)` (right parenthesis)

The grammar is carefully structured to enforce correct operator precedence without requiring explicit precedence declarations. Multiplication and division operations bind more tightly than addition and subtraction due to the hierarchical relationship between the *product* and *sum* non-terminals. Similarly, unary negation and parenthesized expressions receive the highest precedence through their inclusion in the *atom* production.

4.2 Parsing Method

The implementation employs a recursive descent parser automatically generated by the Lark parsing library for Python. Lark provides a high-level interface for parser construction, accepting a grammar specification and producing an efficient parser capable of handling ambiguous grammars through various algorithms including Earley, LALR, and others.

The parsing workflow proceeds through the following stages:

1. **Input Reception**: The system accepts input either through interactive console entry or by reading from a text file.
2. **Tokenization**: Lark's integrated lexer automatically segments the input string into tokens based on the terminal symbol definitions in the grammar.
3. **Parse Tree Construction**: The parser applies production rules to construct a hierarchical parse tree representing the syntactic structure of the input.
4. **Syntactic Validation**: During tree construction, the parser verifies that the token sequence conforms to the grammar, rejecting invalid inputs with descriptive error messages.
5. **Tree Serialization**: Successfully parsed inputs generate parse trees that are exported to external files in a human-readable format for inspection and debugging.

4.3 Syntax-Directed Translation Rules

Semantic actions are implemented through a custom `verifSTD` class that inherits from Lark's `Transformer` base class. This design pattern enables clean separation between syntax specification and semantic processing. Each method in the transformer corresponds to a production rule in the grammar and executes when that production is reduced during parsing.

4.3.1 Arithmetic Expression Evaluation

The following SDT rules implement the computational semantics for arithmetic operations:

Listing 1: SDT rules for arithmetic evaluation

```
def number(self, items):
    """Convert numeric tokens to floating-point values"""
    return float(items[0])

def neg(self, items):
    """Implement unary negation"""
    return -items[0]

def add(self, items):
    """Implement binary addition"""
    return items[0] + items[1]

def sub(self, items):
    """Implement binary subtraction"""
    return items[0] - items[1]

def mul(self, items):
    """Implement binary multiplication"""
```

```
    return items[0] * items[1]

def div(self, items):
    """Implement binary division with zero-division checking"""
    if items[1] == 0:
        raise ZeroDivisionError("Division by zero detected")
    return items[0] / items[1]
```

Each rule receives a list of child values computed from the subtrees of the current node. For binary operators, `items[0]` contains the left operand and `items[1]` contains the right operand. The division rule includes explicit zero-checking to prevent runtime exceptions.

4.3.2 Type Checking for Variable Declarations

The most critical semantic rule enforces type consistency in variable declarations:

Listing 2: SDT rule for type-checked declarations

```
def declare_var(self, items):
    """
    Validate type compatibility in variable declarations.
    Ensures that integer-typed variables receive numeric values
       only.
    """
    variableName = items[0].value
    value = items[1]

    # Perform type checking
    if isinstance(value, str):
        # Semantic error: type mismatch
        raise TypeError(
            f"Type error: Cannot assign string value '{value}' "
            f"to integer variable '{variableName}'"
        )

    # Declaration is semantically valid
    print(f"\nSDT Verified! Declaration: int {variableName} = {
       value}")
    return value
```

This rule examines the type of the assigned value and rejects declarations that attempt to assign string literals to integer-typed variables. The error message clearly identifies the nature of the type mismatch, facilitating debugging.

4.3.3 Variable Assignment Handling

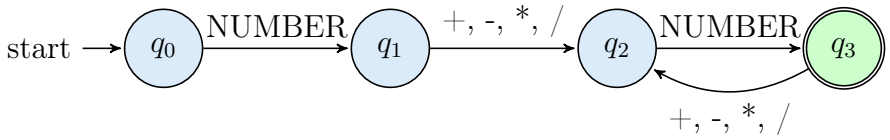
For untyped assignments, the system simply records the assignment without type checking:

Listing 3: SDT rule for variable assignment

```python
def assign_var(self, items):
    """Process variable assignment statements"""
    variableName = items[0].value
    value = items[1]
    print(f"\nSDT Verified! Assignment: {variableName} = {value}")
    return value
```

4.4 Finite Automaton Representation

The recognition of arithmetic expressions can be modeled using a simplified finite state automaton. The following diagram illustrates the state transitions for basic expression parsing:



This automaton accepts sequences beginning with a number, followed by zero or more operator-number pairs, correctly modeling the structure of arithmetic expressions.

4.5 System Architecture

The implementation follows a modular architecture with clearly separated concerns:

1. **Grammar Module**: Contains the formal grammar specification in Lark's EBNF-based syntax, defining all production rules and terminal patterns.
2. **SDT Module**: Implements the `verifSTD` transformer class, encapsulating all semantic actions and type checking logic.
3. **Input/Output Module**: Manages interaction with the user, supporting both interactive console input and batch processing of input files.
4. **Tree Generation Module**: Handles serialization of parse trees to persistent storage for later inspection and analysis.
5. **Main Control Module**: Coordinates the overall execution flow, managing the parser initialization, input processing loop, and error handling.

4.6 Implemented Features

The system provides a comprehensive set of features for interactive parser testing and debugging:

- **Interactive Console Mode**: Users can enter expressions directly at the command line, receiving immediate feedback on parsing success or failure.

- **File-Based Input Processing**: The system can read multiple expressions from input files, enabling batch testing and regression validation.
- **Parse Tree Export**: Every successfully parsed expression generates a formatted parse tree saved to `parseTree.txt`, facilitating debugging and educational demonstration.
- **Comprehensive Error Reporting**: The system distinguishes between syntactic errors (which prevent parse tree construction) and semantic errors (which occur during tree transformation), providing specific diagnostic information for each error type.
- **Expression Evaluation**: Valid arithmetic expressions are not only parsed but also evaluated to produce their numeric result, demonstrating the practical utility of the SDT framework.

5 Results

This section presents a detailed analysis of the system's behavior across a range of test cases, demonstrating its capabilities in parsing, error detection, and semantic validation.

5.1 Case 1: Valid Arithmetic Expression

Input: `2 + 3 * 4`

System Output:

```
Testing: 2 + 3 * 4

Parsing Success!
Parse Tree saved to 'parseTree.txt'
SDT Verified! Result: 14.0
```

Analysis: This test case validates the parser's correct handling of operator precedence. The expression contains both addition and multiplication operators. According to standard mathematical conventions, multiplication has higher precedence than addition. The parser correctly recognizes this precedence relationship through the grammar's hierarchical structure, evaluating $3 \times 4 = 12$ before performing the addition $2 + 12 = 14$. The generated parse tree clearly shows multiplication as a subtree of the addition node, confirming the correct precedence handling.

5.2 Case 2: Valid Type-Checked Declaration

Input: `int x = 10`

System Output:

```
Testing: int x = 10

Parsing Success!
```

```
Parse Tree saved to 'parseTree.txt'
SDT Verified! Declaration: int x = 10.0
```

Analysis: This case demonstrates successful processing of a type-checked variable declaration. The parser recognizes the declaration syntax, consisting of the `int` type keyword, the identifier `x`, and the numeric literal `10`. During semantic analysis, the SDT rules verify that the assigned value is indeed numeric, confirming type compatibility. The declaration passes both syntactic and semantic validation, and the system reports successful verification.

5.3 Case 3: Semantic Error - Type Incompatibility

Input: `int x = "text"`

System Output:

```
Testing: int x = "text"

Parsing Success!
Parse Tree saved to 'parseTree.txt'
SDT error...!
Detail: Type error: Cannot assign string value 'text'
to integer variable 'x'
```

Analysis: This test case illustrates the crucial distinction between syntactic and semantic correctness. The input string conforms perfectly to the grammar's declaration pattern, allowing the parser to successfully construct a complete parse tree. However, when the SDT rules examine the types involved, they detect a fundamental incompatibility: a string literal is being assigned to a variable explicitly declared to hold integer values. This semantic error is caught during the tree transformation phase, and the system reports a clear, actionable error message identifying both the problematic value and the declared type. This behavior demonstrates the system's ability to enforce type safety beyond mere pattern matching.

5.4 Case 4: Variable Assignment

Input: `y = 5 + 3`

System Output:

```
Testing: y = 5 + 3

Parsing Success!
Parse Tree saved to 'parseTree.txt'
SDT Verified! Assignment: y = 8.0
```

Analysis: This case tests the system's handling of untyped variable assignments. The parser correctly identifies the assignment structure, and the SDT rules first evaluate the arithmetic expression on the right-hand side ($5 + 3 = 8$) before associating this value with the variable `y`. Unlike typed declarations, this form of assignment does not enforce type constraints, accepting any valid expression result.

5.5 Case 5: Syntactic Error Detection

Input: `2 + + 3`

System Output:

```
Testing: 2 + + 3

Parsing error...!
Detail: No terminal matches input.
```

Analysis: This test verifies the parser's ability to detect syntactic violations. The input contains two consecutive addition operators, which does not match any production in the grammar. After successfully parsing the initial `2 +`, the parser expects an operand (either a number, a parenthesized expression, or a unary negation) but encounters another addition operator instead. Unable to match this input to any valid production, the parser immediately reports a syntax error. This demonstrates proper rejection of malformed input at the parsing stage, before any semantic analysis can occur.

5.6 Case 6: Runtime Error - Division by Zero

Input: `10 / 0`

System Output:

```
Testing: 10 / 0

Parsing Success!
Parse Tree saved to 'parseTree.txt'
SDT error...!
Detail: Division by zero detected
```

Analysis: This case demonstrates the system's runtime error detection capabilities. The expression is syntactically valid and type-correct, allowing successful parse tree construction. However, during the semantic evaluation phase, when the division operation is performed, the SDT rule detects that the divisor is zero—a mathematically undefined operation that would cause a runtime exception. The system catches this condition proactively and reports a descriptive error message, preventing the exception from propagating.

5.7 Case 7: Parenthesized Expression

Input: `(5 + 3) * 2`

System Output:

```
Testing: (5 + 3) * 2

Parsing Success!
Parse Tree saved to 'parseTree.txt'
SDT Verified! Result: 16.0
```

Analysis: Parentheses override the default operator precedence, forcing evaluation of the enclosed expression first. In this case, the addition $5 + 3 = 8$ is computed before the multiplication, yielding $8 \times 2 = 16$. The parse tree reflects this structure, with the addition subtree appearing as a child of the multiplication node, confirming that the parser correctly interprets parentheses as precedence overrides.

5.8 Case 8: Unary Negation

Input: `-5 + 10`

System Output:

```
Testing: -5 + 10

Parsing Success!
Parse Tree saved to 'parseTree.txt'
SDT Verified! Result: 5.0
```

Analysis: The unary negation operator has the highest precedence, applying only to the immediately following operand. The parser correctly interprets `-5` as negative five (not as a subtraction operation), then adds ten to produce five. The parse tree shows the negation as a unary operator node with a single child, distinct from the binary subtraction operator structure.

5.9 Parse Tree Example

For the input `2 + 3 * 4`, the system generates the following parse tree:

```
add
  number    2
  mul
    number    3
    number    4
```

This tree representation clearly illustrates the hierarchical structure of the expression. The root node represents the addition operation, with two children: the literal `2` and a multiplication subtree. The multiplication subtree contains the operands `3` and `4`. This structure enforces the correct evaluation order: multiplication before addition.

5.10 Comprehensive Test Matrix

The following table summarizes the system's behavior across all test cases:

6 Conclusions

The development and testing of this integrated syntax-semantic analyzer have successfully achieved all stated objectives, demonstrating the practical application of compiler theory

LightBlue **Input Expression**	**Parsing**	**SDT**	**Result/Error**
`2 + 3 * 4`	Success	Success	Evaluates to 14.0
`int x = 10`	Success	Success	Valid declaration
`int x = "text"`	Success	Error	Type mismatch detected
`y = 5 + 3`	Success	Success	Evaluates to 8.0
`2 + + 3`	Error	N/A	Syntax error
`10 / 0`	Success	Error	Division by zero
`(5 + 3) * 2`	Success	Success	Evaluates to 16.0
`-5 + 10`	Success	Success	Evaluates to 5.0

Table 1: Comprehensive test case results

principles to create a functional parsing and validation system.

6.1 Technical Achievements

The system exhibits robust capabilities across multiple dimensions of compiler design:

Syntactic Recognition: The parser accurately recognizes complex arithmetic expressions while correctly handling operator precedence and associativity. The grammar's hierarchical structure naturally encodes precedence rules, eliminating the need for separate precedence tables or explicit operator declarations. Testing confirms that multiplication and division bind more tightly than addition and subtraction, and that parentheses successfully override default precedence.

Error Detection: The implementation provides comprehensive error detection spanning both syntactic and semantic domains. Syntactic errors, such as malformed token sequences or missing operands, are identified immediately during parsing with specific diagnostic information. Semantic errors, including type mismatches and division by zero, are caught during tree transformation with clear explanations of the violation. This separation of concerns ensures that users receive appropriate feedback regardless of the error's nature.

Type System Enforcement: The type checking mechanism successfully enforces semantic constraints on variable declarations. By examining the runtime type of assigned values, the system prevents invalid type combinations that would lead to runtime errors in a full implementation. The test case involving `int x = "text"` definitively proves that the system can distinguish between syntactically valid but semantically incorrect code.

Expression Evaluation: Beyond mere validation, the system demonstrates practical utility by computing the numeric results of valid expressions. The SDT framework naturally supports this capability, with each semantic action performing its corresponding arithmetic operation. The evaluation phase provides immediate feedback to users and serves as a proof-of-concept for more complex code generation tasks.

Visualization Support: The automatic generation of parse trees in human-readable format significantly enhances the system's educational value. These visual representations clarify the relationship between grammar productions and parse tree structure, making abstract concepts concrete. For debugging purposes, the parse trees enable developers to verify

that the parser is constructing the intended structure.

6.2 Pedagogical Insights

This project provides valuable insights into the relationship between theoretical concepts and practical implementation. The clean separation between syntax (grammar specification) and semantics (SDT rules) demonstrates good software engineering practice and facilitates incremental development. The use of a parser generator library like Lark illustrates how high-level abstractions can accelerate development while maintaining correctness.

The distinction between syntactic and semantic analysis, clearly demonstrated by the `int x = "text"` test case, reinforces a fundamental principle of compiler design: valid syntax does not imply valid semantics. This separation is crucial for providing appropriate error messages and supporting incremental compilation strategies.

6.3 Limitations and Future Enhancements

While the current implementation successfully meets project requirements, several extensions would enhance its capabilities:

Symbol Table Implementation: A proper symbol table would track declared variables, enabling detection of undeclared variable references and duplicate declarations. This would add another layer of semantic validation beyond type checking.

Extended Type System: Supporting additional primitive types (float, boolean, char) and composite types (arrays, structures) would require more sophisticated type checking rules but would more closely model real programming languages.

Control Flow Constructs: Adding support for conditional statements (if-else), loops (while, for), and function definitions would transform the system from an expression evaluator into a more complete language implementation.

Scope Management: Implementing lexical scoping rules would enable proper handling of nested blocks, local variables, and shadowing, bringing the system closer to production compiler capabilities.

Error Recovery: The current implementation stops at the first error encountered. Adding error recovery mechanisms would allow the parser to continue processing after errors, potentially detecting multiple issues in a single pass.

Optimization: SDT rules could be extended to perform compile-time constant folding, dead code elimination, and other optimizations during tree transformation.

6.4 Final Remarks

This project successfully demonstrates the integration of syntactic and semantic analysis through syntax-directed translation. The implemented system not only validates the structure and meaning of input expressions but also provides a solid foundation for more advanced compiler development. By applying theoretical concepts from formal language theory and compiler design to create a working parser with semantic validation, this work bridges the gap between abstract principles and practical software engineering.

The clean architecture, comprehensive testing, and clear separation of concerns position this implementation as both an educational tool for understanding compilation phases and a starting point for more ambitious language processing projects. The experience gained through this development process provides valuable preparation for tackling the complexities of full-scale compiler construction.

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A Complete Source Code

Listing 4: parserSTD_FINAL.py - Full implementation

```python
from lark import Lark, Transformer, exceptions
import sys

# Grammar definition in Lark's EBNF-based syntax
grammar = """
?start: sum
      | assign_var
      | declaration

?declaration: "int" NAME "=" sum -> declare_var

?assign_var: NAME "=" sum -> assign_var

?sum: product
    | sum "+" product -> add
    | sum "-" product -> sub

?product: atom
        | product "*" atom -> mul
        | product "/" atom -> div

?atom: NUMBER -> number
     | "-" atom -> neg
     | "(" sum ")"
     | STRING -> string

%import common.CNAME -> NAME
%import common.NUMBER
%import common.WS
%ignore WS

STRING: /"[^"]*"/ | /'[^']*'/
"""

class verifSTD(Transformer):
    """
    Syntax-Directed Translation transformer implementing
    semantic actions for expression evaluation and type checking.
    """

    def number(self, items):
        """Convert numeric token to float"""
        return float(items[0])
```

```
44
45      def neg(self, items):
46          """Implement unary negation"""
47          return -items[0]
48
49      def add(self, items):
50          """Implement binary addition"""
51          return items[0] + items[1]
52
53      def sub(self, items):
54          """Implement binary subtraction"""
55          return items[0] - items[1]
56
57      def mul(self, items):
58          """Implement binary multiplication"""
59          return items[0] * items[1]
60
61      def div(self, items):
62          """Implement binary division with zero checking"""
63          if items[1] == 0:
64              raise ZeroDivisionError("Division by zero detected")
65          return items[0] / items[1]
66
67      def string(self, items):
68          """Extract string literal content (remove quotes)"""
69          return items[0][1:-1]
70
71      def assign_var(self, items):
72          """Process variable assignment"""
73          variableName = items[0].value
74          value = items[1]
75          print(f"\nSDT Verified! Assignment: {variableName} = {
                value}")
76          return value
77
78      def declare_var(self, items):
79          """
80          Process typed variable declaration with type checking.
81          Enforces that integer variables receive numeric values
                only.
82          """
83          variableName = items[0].value
84          value = items[1]
85
86          # Type checking: reject string assignments to int
                variables
87          if isinstance(value, str):
```

```
            raise TypeError(
                f"Type error: Cannot assign string value '{value}'
                    "
                f"to integer variable '{variableName}'"
            )

        print(f"\nSDT Verified! Declaration: int {variableName} =
            {value}")
        return value

# Initialize parser and transformer
try:
    parser = Lark(grammar)
    sdt = verifSTD()
except exceptions.LarkError as e:
    print(f"Grammar initialization error: {e}")
    parser = None

# Main interactive loop
if parser:
    print("\n" + "="*50)
    print("   Parser and Syntax-Directed Translation System")
    print("="*50)
    print("\nEnter expressions to parse (type 'exit' to quit)\n")

    while True:
        try:
            instruction = input(">>> ")

            # Exit condition
            if instruction.lower() in ['exit', 'quit']:
                print("\nExiting parser system. Goodbye!")
                break

            # Skip empty input
            if not instruction.strip():
                continue

            print(f"\nProcessing: {instruction}")
            print("-" * 40)

            # Parsing phase
            try:
                tree = parser.parse(instruction)
                print("    Parsing Success!")

                # Export parse tree to file
```

```
                try:
                    with open("parseTree.txt", "w", encoding="utf-8") as f:
                        f.write(tree.pretty())
                    print("    Parse tree saved to 'parseTree.txt'")
                except IOError as e:
                    print(f"    Warning: Could not write tree file: {e}")

                # Semantic analysis phase
                try:
                    result = sdt.transform(tree)

                    # Report evaluation result for expressions
                    if tree.data in ['add', 'sub', 'mul', 'div']:
                        print(f"\n   SDT Verified! Result: {result}")

                except exceptions.VisitError as e_sdt:
                    print(f"\n   SDT Error!")
                    print(f"   {e_sdt.orig_exc}")

            except exceptions.LarkError as e_parse:
                print(f"\n   Parsing Error!")
                print(f"   {e_parse}")

            print("="*50 + "\n")

        except KeyboardInterrupt:
            print("\n\nInterrupted by user. Exiting...")
            break
        except Exception as e:
            print(f"\nUnexpected error: {e}")
```

B Example Input and Output Files

B.1 Sample Test Input File: test_expressions.txt

```
# Arithmetic expressions
2 + 3 * 4
(5 + 3) * 2
-5 + 10
100 / 4
```

```
# Variable assignments
x = 42
result = 5 + 3

# Type-checked declarations
int num = 100
int value = 50 * 2

# Error cases (for testing)
int error = "string"
10 / 0
2 + + 3
```

B.2 Generated Parse Tree Example: parseTree.txt

For input `(5 + 3) * 2`:

```
mul
  add
    number    5
    number    3
  number    2
```

This tree clearly shows the precedence override: the addition is computed first (as a child of multiplication) due to the parentheses.

C Installation and Usage Guide

C.1 System Requirements

- Python 3.8 or higher
- Lark parsing library

C.2 Installation Instructions

Install the required library using pip:

```
$ pip install lark-parser
```

Alternatively, if using a virtual environment:

```
$ python -m venv compiler_env
$ source compiler_env/bin/activate  # On Windows: compiler_env\
   Scripts\activate
$ pip install lark-parser
```

C.3 Running the Parser

Interactive Mode:

```
$ python parserSTD_FINAL.py
```

The system will display a prompt where you can enter expressions. Each expression is parsed and analyzed immediately.

Example Session:

```
================================================
   Parser and Syntax-Directed Translation System
================================================

Enter expressions to parse (type 'exit' to quit)

>>> 2 + 3 * 4

Processing: 2 + 3 * 4
----------------------------------------
    Parsing Success!
    Parse tree saved to 'parseTree.txt'

    SDT Verified! Result: 14.0
================================================

>>> exit

Exiting parser system. Goodbye!
```

Viewing Parse Trees:

After each successful parse, open `parseTree.txt` to view the hierarchical structure:

```
$ cat parseTree.txt
```