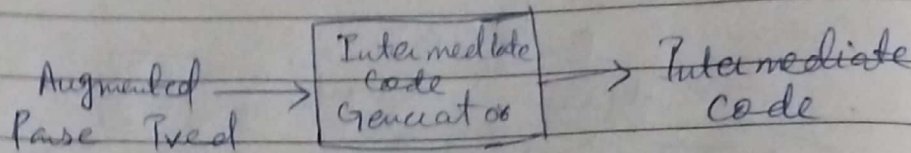


# INTERMEDIATE CODE GENERATION

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- Last phase of the frontend of a compiler.
- It creates an intermediate representation then the backend will generate targeted machine code.
- The choice of intermediate representation depends on compiler to compiler.
- An intermediate representation can be an actual representation or it may consist of internal data structures.
- C programming language is widely used as an intermediate form because of its flexibility with machine/low-level code.

## Variants of Syntax Trees.

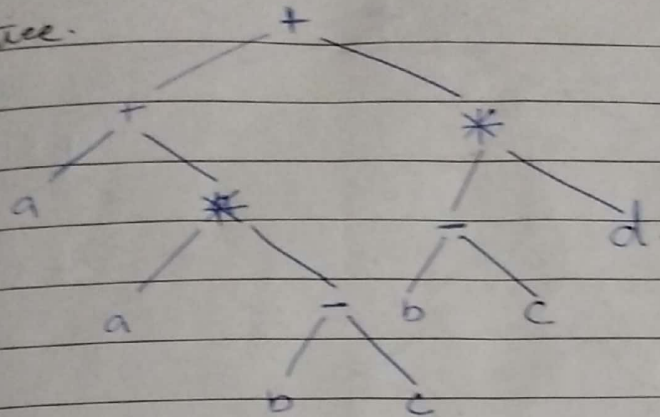
- Nodes in a syntax tree represents constructs in the source program, its children represents meaningful components of the construct.
- A directed acyclic graph (DAG) for an expression identifies the common subexpressions of the expression.

## Directed Acyclic Graphs for Expressions

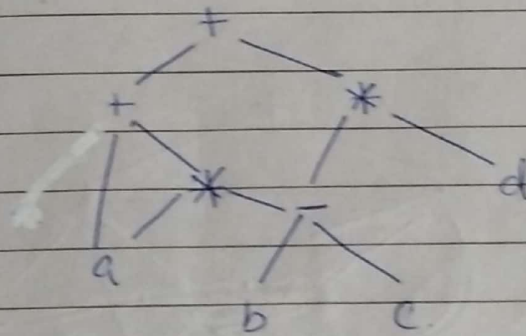
- DAGs can be constructed using the same technique as for syntax trees.
- A DAG has leaves corresponding to atomic operands & interior nodes for operators.
- Here a node can have more than one parent, if a common subexpression exists.

Ex: 6.1  $a + a * (b - c) + (b - c) * d$ 

Syntax tree.



DAG



Following are semantic rules to construct syntax trees or DAGs.

Productions

1)  $E \rightarrow E_1 + T$ 2)  $E \rightarrow E_1 - T$ 3)  $E \rightarrow T$ 4)  $T \rightarrow (E)$ 5)  $T \rightarrow id$ 6)  $T \rightarrow num$ 

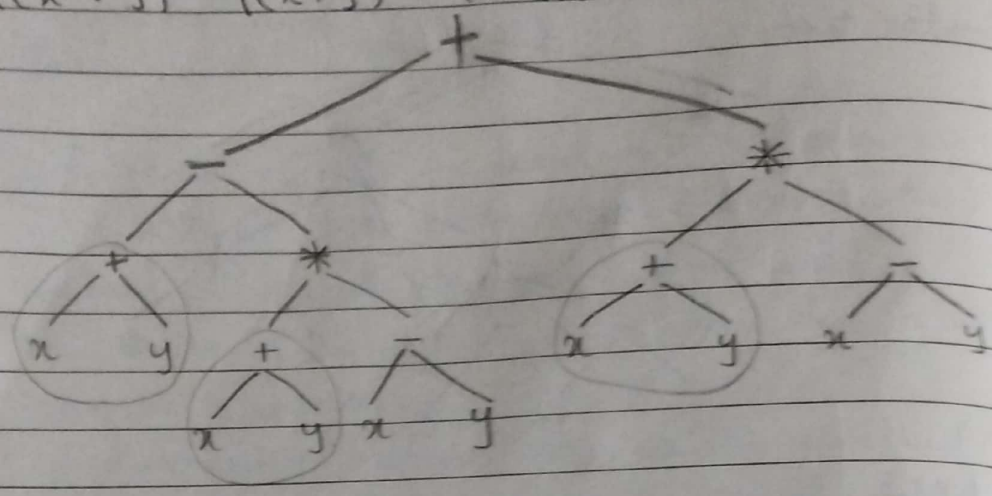
Semantic rules.

 $E.node = \text{new Node}('+', E_1.node, T.node)$  $E.node = \text{new Node}('-', E_1.node, T.node)$  $E.node = T.node$  $T.node = E.node$  $T.node = \text{new Leaf}(id, id.entry)$  $T.node = \text{new Leaf}(num, num.val)$ 

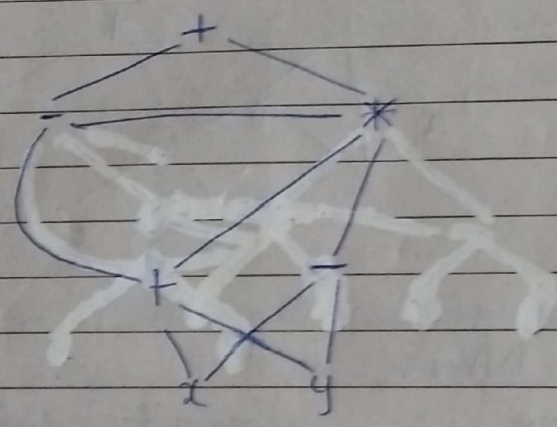
$\Rightarrow \text{Node}(op, left, right) \rightarrow$  It'll first check whether there exist a node with value  $op$ , left, right child, if true, it'll return that node, else creates a new Node.



Exercise 6.1.1: Construct the DAG for the expression  $((x+y) - ((x+y) * (x-y))) + ((x+y) * (x-y))$ .

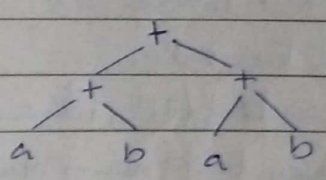


DAG

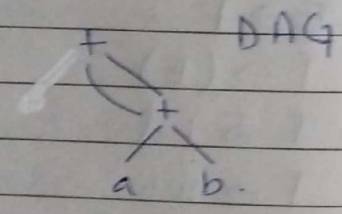


Exercise: 6.1.2: Construct a DAG or identify the value numbers for the subexpressions of the following expressions assuming + associates from the left.

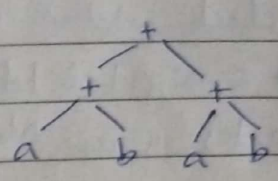
a)  $a + b + (a + b)$



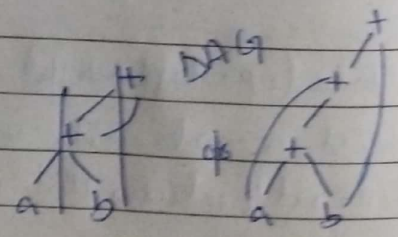
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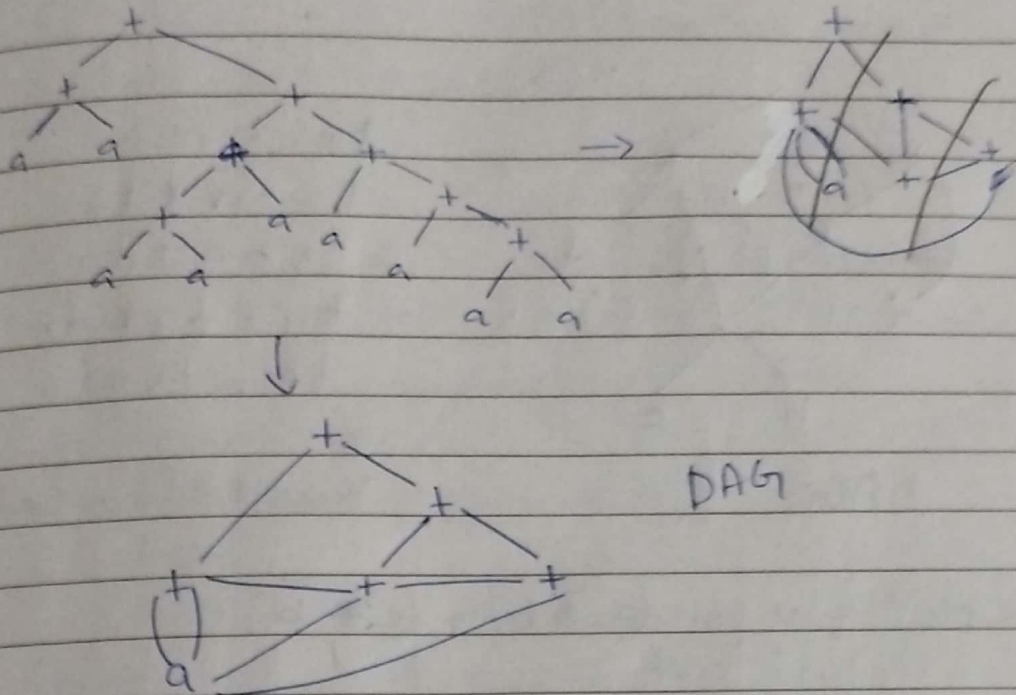
b)  $a + b + a + b$



→



$$d) a + a + ((a + a + a + (a + a + a + a)))$$



### THREE ADDRESS CODE

- At most one operator on the right side of an instruction, no built up arithmetic expressions are permitted.

$\Rightarrow x + y * z$  might be translated into

$$\Rightarrow t_1 = y * z$$

$$\Rightarrow t_2 = x + t_1$$

- here  $t_1$  &  $t_2$  are temporary names generated by the compiler.
- This multi-operator arithmetic expressions or nested flow of control statements make three-address code desirable for targeted machine code.
- Three address code is a linearized representation of a syntax tree or a DAG, where the temporary names e.g.  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  represents intermediate nodes.





## Addresses & Instructions.

- Three address code is built from two concepts: addresses and instructions.
- In object-oriented way, it corresponds to the concept of classes or subclasses.
- Three-address code can be implemented using fields or records with fields for addresses or records called quadruples or tripples.
- An address can be

- ① A name (source program names)
- ② A constant
- ③ A compiler-generated temporary. e.g.  $t_1$  or  $t_2$

- Common three-address instruction form

- ① Assignment instructions  $x = y \text{ op } z$ .

op: binary, arithmetic or logical operation or,  $x, y, z$  are addresses

- ② Assignment  $\Rightarrow x = \text{op } z$ , op is a unary operator such as negation, unary minus, shift etc.

- ③ Copy instructions  $\Rightarrow x = y$ .

- ④ Unconditional jump goto L. (L is label)

- ⑤ Conditional jump  $\Rightarrow$  if  $x$  goto L.

- ⑥ or  $\Rightarrow$  if  $x \text{ relop } y$  goto L, relop is relational operators ( $>$ ,  $<$ ,  $=$  etc).

- ⑦ Procedure calls or return statements.

param  $x \Rightarrow$  for parameters.

call  $P, n$

return  $y$ .

$y = \text{call } P, n$  (Procedure function calls)

- ⑧ Indexed copy instruction  $\Rightarrow x = y[i], x[i] = y$

- ⑨ Addresses & pointers  $\Rightarrow x = \&y, x = *y$ .



Ex: 6.5. do  $i = i + 1$ ; while  $(a[i] < v)$ ;

L:  $t_1 = i + 1$

$i = t_1$

$t_2 = i * 8$

$t_3 = a[t_2]$

if  $t_3 < v$  goto L.

100:  $t_1 = i + 1$

101:  $i = t_1$

102:  $t_2 = i * 8$

103:  $t_3 = a[t_2]$

104: if  $t_3 < v$  goto 100

Symbolic Labels  
Representation

Position Numbers  
Representation.

Quadruples:

- A representation in a data structure of three-address.
- A quadruple (or quad) has four fields: op, arg<sub>1</sub>, arg<sub>2</sub>, and result.
- A three address instruction in a quad would be

$x = y + z \Rightarrow$  op arg<sub>1</sub> arg<sub>2</sub> result  
+ of z x

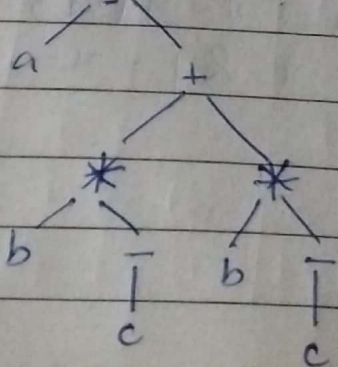
① Instructions with unary operators  $\Rightarrow x = \text{minus } y$   
or  $x = y$ , do not use arg<sub>2</sub>. A in copy stated  
 $x = y$ , op is =

② Operators such as param don't use arg<sub>2</sub> or result.

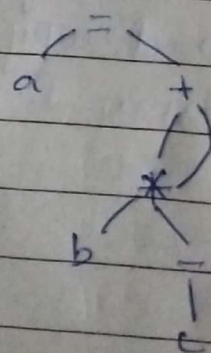
③ Conditional or Uncondition jumps, put label in result.

Ex: 6.6.  $a = b * -c + b * -c;$

Syntax tree



Dag



|                         | op | arg1  | arg2      | result |
|-------------------------|----|-------|-----------|--------|
| $t_1 = \text{minus } c$ | 0  | minus | c         | $t_1$  |
| $t_2 = b * t_1$         | 1  | *     | b $t_1$   | $t_2$  |
| $t_3 = t_2 + t_2$       | 2  | +     | $t_2 t_2$ | $t_3$  |
| $a = t_3$               | 3  | =     | $t_3$     | a      |

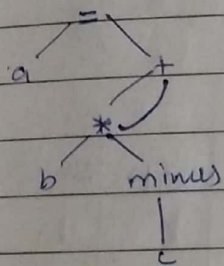
Three-address code

Triples. Quadruple.

Triple:

- A triple has only three fields, op, arg1, and arg2.
- Using triples, we refer to the result of an operation  $x \text{ op } y$  by its position (index) rather than temporary names. ~~positions~~
- Positions will be like (0). Parenthesized numbers represent pointers into the triple data structure itself.

Ex: 6.7  $a = b * -c + b * -c$



|   | op    | arg1 | arg2 |
|---|-------|------|------|
| 0 | minus | c    |      |
| 1 | *     | b    | (0)  |
| 2 | +     | (1)  | (1)  |
| 3 | =     | a    | (2)  |

- Triples take less space.
- Quadruples can switch statements.
- In quadruples, we store result in temporary say  $t$ , if we move that instruction, we don't have to change  $t$ .
- In triples, result of an instruction is referred by pointer  $i$ , if we move the instruction, the references will have to be changed.
- This problem of triple is solved by indirect triples.



## Indirect triples.

- Listing of pointers to triples, rather than listing of triples themselves
- let's use an array instruction to list pointers to triples in a desired order.

The indirect triple representation of previous example:

| instruction |     |   | op    | arg1 | arg2 |
|-------------|-----|---|-------|------|------|
| 35          | (0) | 0 | minus | c    |      |
| 36          | (1) | 1 | *     | b    | (0)  |
| 37          | (2) | 2 | +     | (1)  | (1)  |
| 38          | (3) | 3 | =     | a    | (2)  |

Using indirect triples, an instruction can be readdressed ~~using~~ in instruction list.

Example:  $-(a * b) + (c * d + e)$ .

$$t_1 = a * b$$

$$t_2 = -t_1$$

$$t_3 = c * d$$

$$t_4 = t_3 + e$$

$$t_5 = t_2 + t_4$$

Three address code.

|   | op | arg1  | arg2  | result |
|---|----|-------|-------|--------|
| 0 | *  | a     | b     | $t_1$  |
| 1 | -  | $t_1$ |       | $t_2$  |
| 2 | *  | c     | d     | $t_3$  |
| 3 | +  | $t_3$ | e     | $t_4$  |
| 4 | +  | $t_2$ | $t_4$ | $t_5$  |

|   | op | arg1 | arg2 |
|---|----|------|------|
| 0 | *  | a    | b    |
| 1 | -  | (0)  |      |
| 2 | *  | c    | d    |
| 3 | +  | (2)  | e    |
| 4 | +  | (1)  | (3)  |

Triple.

Quadruple.

instructions

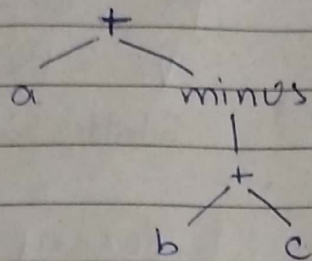
|     | op  | arg1 | arg2 | result |
|-----|-----|------|------|--------|
| 101 | (0) |      |      | (2)    |
| 102 | (1) |      |      | (1)    |
| 103 | (2) |      |      | (0)    |
| 104 | (3) |      |      | (3)    |
| 105 | (4) |      |      | (4)    |

## Static Single Assignment Form.

Exercise 6.2.1:  $a + -(b+c)$

Translate this arithmetic expression into.

(a) A syntax tree.



(b) Quadruples.

|   | op | arg1           | arg2           | result         |
|---|----|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 0 | +  | b              | c              | t <sub>1</sub> |
| 1 | -  | t <sub>1</sub> |                | t <sub>2</sub> |
| 2 | +  | a              | t <sub>2</sub> | t <sub>3</sub> |

(c) Triples

|   | op | arg1 | arg2 |
|---|----|------|------|
| 0 | +  | b    | c    |
| 1 | -  | (0)  |      |
| 2 | +  | a    | (1)  |

(d) Indirect Triples.

|     |     |
|-----|-----|
| 100 | (0) |
| 101 | (1) |
| 102 | (2) |

## Static Single Assignment form: (SSA)

- An intermediate representation that provides code optimization
- There are two aspects that distinguishes SSA from three address code.

① All assignments in SSA are two variables with distinct names (hence static single assignment). Each variable is defined once only but may be used multiple times. (i.e. variables cannot be repeated on L.H.S of assignment).



Example:

$$P = a + b$$

$$q = P - c$$

$$P = q * d$$

$$P = e - P$$

$$q = P + q$$

Three address code

$$P_1 = a + b$$

$$q_1 = P_1 - c$$

$$P_2 = q_1 * d$$

$$P_3 = e - P_2$$

$$q_2 = P_3 + q_2$$

Static Single assignment

minimum total variables: temporary variables

$$\{ P_1, P_2, P_3, q_1, q_2 \}$$

$$+ \{ a, b, c, d, e \}$$

Total 10 variables.

Example: Consider the following three address code.

$$x = a / b$$

$$y = c + d$$

$$y = y - x$$

$$x = d + y$$

$$z = f + y$$

$$z = z + a$$

$$x_1 = a / b$$

$$y_1 = c + d$$

$$y_2 = y_1 - x_1$$

$$x_2 = d + y_2$$

$$z_1 = f + y_2$$

$$z_2 = z_1 + a$$

Min Temporary variables used = 6

Min Total variables use = 6 + 5 = 11

Ex 16.2.2

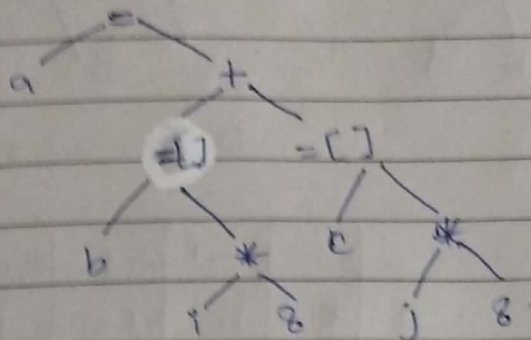
Example Translate the code segment into

(a) A Syntax tree (b) Quadtuples (c) Triples.

(d) Indirect Triples.

(1)  $a = b[i] + c[j]$ .

(a) Syntax tree.



$t_1 = i * 8$

$t_2 = b[t_1]$

$t_3 = j * 8$

$t_4 = c[t_3]$

$t_5 = t_2 + t_4$

$a = t_5$

(b) Quadtuples.

|   | op    | arg1  | arg2  | result |
|---|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 0 | *     | i     | 8     | $t_1$  |
| 1 | $=[]$ | b     | $t_1$ | $t_2$  |
| 2 | *     | j     | 8     | $t_3$  |
| 3 | $=[]$ | c     | $t_3$ | $t_4$  |
| 4 | +     | $t_2$ | $t_4$ | $t_5$  |
| 5 | =     | $t_5$ |       | a      |

Three address code.

|   | op    | arg1 | arg2 |
|---|-------|------|------|
| 0 | *     | i    | 8    |
| 1 | $=[]$ | b    | (0)  |
| 2 | *     | j    | 8    |
| 3 | $=[]$ | c    | (2)  |
| 4 | +     | (1)  | (3)  |
| 5 | =     | a    | (4)  |

(c) Triples

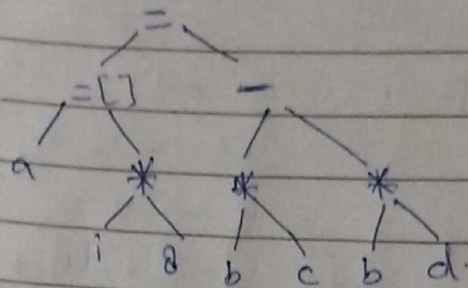
(d) Indirect Triples.

Instructions.

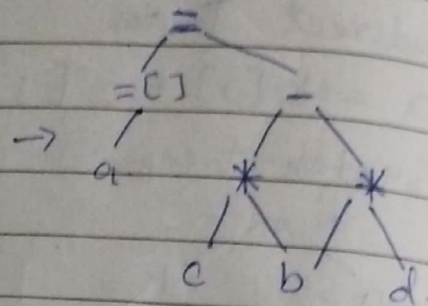
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|-----|-----|
| 100 | (0) |
| 101 | (1) |
| 102 | (2) |
| 103 | (3) |
| 104 | (4) |
| 105 | (5) |



(ii)  $a[i] = b * c - b * d.$



Syntax tree



Dag.

$$t_1 = b * c$$

$$t_2 = b * d.$$

$$t_3 = t_1 - t_2.$$

$$t_4 = i * 8.$$

$$a[t_4] = t_3$$

Three address code

|   | op    | arg1           | arg2           | result         |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 0 | *     | b              | c              | t <sub>1</sub> |
| 1 | *     | b              | d              | t <sub>2</sub> |
| 2 | -     | t <sub>1</sub> | t <sub>2</sub> | t <sub>3</sub> |
| 3 | *     | i              | 8              | t <sub>4</sub> |
| 4 | [ ] = | a              | t <sub>4</sub> | t <sub>5</sub> |
| 5 | =     | t <sub>3</sub> |                | t <sub>5</sub> |

Quadruples.

|   | op    | arg1 | arg2 |
|---|-------|------|------|
| 0 | *     | b    | c    |
| 1 | *     | b    | d    |
| 2 | -     | (0)  | (1)  |
| 3 | *     | i    | 8    |
| 4 | [ ] = | a    | (3)  |
| 5 | =     | ( )  | (2)  |

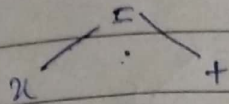
Triples

Indirect triples

|     |     |
|-----|-----|
| 101 | (0) |
| 102 | (1) |
| 103 | (2) |
| 104 | (3) |
| 105 | (4) |
| 106 | (5) |

Indirect Triples.

(iii)  $x = f(y+1) + 2$



$f(y+1)$  is a function  
 $(y+1)$  is parameter to  $f$

$$t_1 = y + 1$$

$$t_2 = f(t_1)$$

$$t_3 = t_2 + 2$$

$$x = t_3$$

Intermediate three address code.

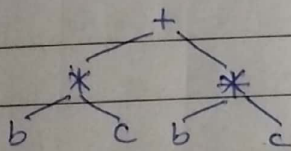
(b) Quadruples

|   | op    | arg1           | arg2 | result         |
|---|-------|----------------|------|----------------|
| 0 | +     | y              | 1    | t <sub>1</sub> |
| 1 | param | t <sub>1</sub> |      |                |
| 2 | call  | f              | 1    | t <sub>2</sub> |
| 3 | +     | t <sub>2</sub> | 2    | t <sub>3</sub> |
| 4 | =     | t <sub>3</sub> |      | x              |

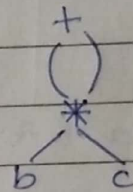
Triples

|   | op    | arg1 | arg2 |
|---|-------|------|------|
| 0 | +     | y    | 1    |
| 1 | param | (0)  |      |
| 2 | call  | f    | 1    |
| 3 | +     | (2)  | 2    |
| 4 | =     | x    | (3)  |

①  $(b * c) + (b * c)$



AST



DAG

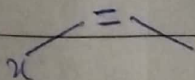
$$bc * bc * +$$

Post fix

$$t_1 = b * c$$

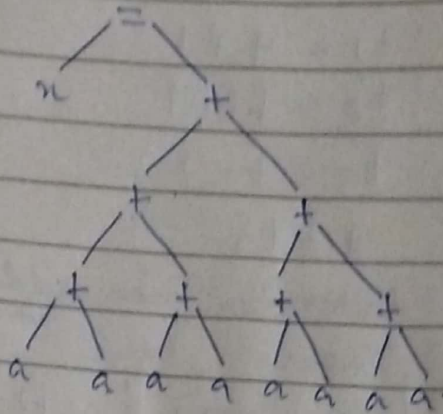
$$t_2 =$$

Q)  $x = (((a+a) + (a+a)) + ((a+a) + (a+a)))$





Q)  $x = (((a+a) + (a+a)) + (a+a) + (a+a))$



AST

$$t_1 = a + a$$

$$t_2 = a + a$$

$$t_3 = t_1 + t_2$$

$$t_4 = a + a$$

$$t_5 = a + a$$

$$t_6 = t_4 + t_5$$

$$t_7 = t_3 + t_6$$

$$x = t_7$$

DAG

$$t_1 = a + a$$

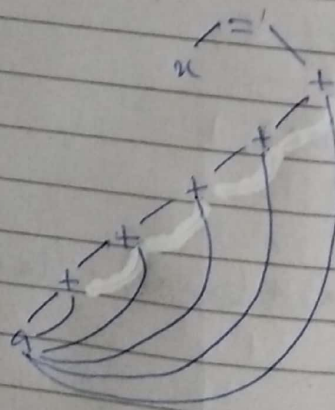
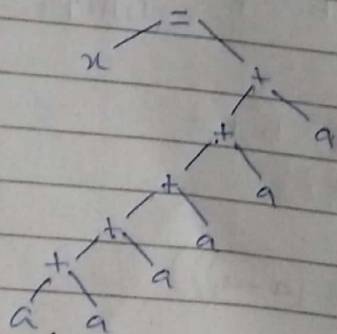
$$t_2 = t_1 + t_1$$

$$t_3 = t_2 + t_2$$

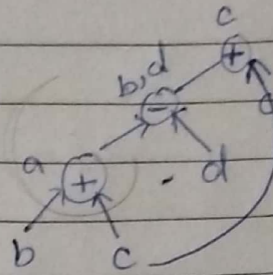
$$x = t_3$$

Three address codes.

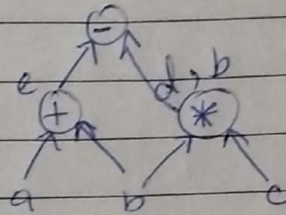
Q)  $x = a + a + a + a + a + a$



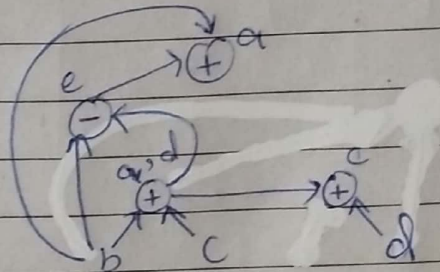
Q)  $a = b + c$   
 $b = a - d$   
 $c = b + c$   
 $d = a - d$



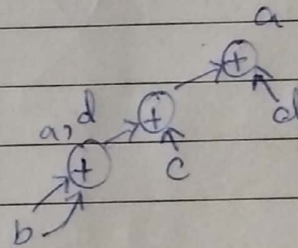
Q)  $d = b * c$   
 $e = a + b$   
 $b = b * c$   
 $a = e - d$



Q)  $a = b + c$   
 $c = a + d$   
 $d = b + c$   
 $e = d - b$   
 $a = e + b$



~~Q)~~  $a = e + b$   
 $= d - b + b$   
 $= d$   
 $= b + c$   
 $= b + a + d$   
 $a = b + b + c + d \rightarrow$



Q)  $a = b * c$   
 $d = b$   
 $e = d * c$   
 $b = e$   
 $f = b + c$   
 $g = f + d$

