Syntax-Directed Translation

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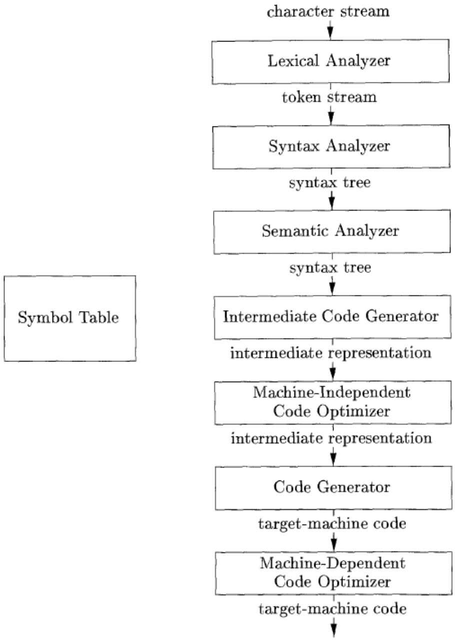

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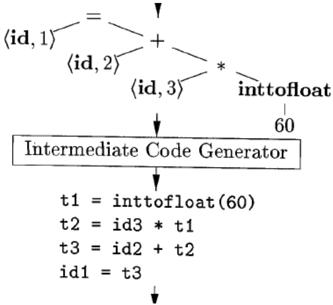
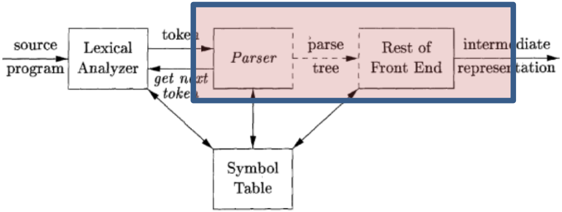




- **Semantic analysis** and **translation** actions can be **interlinked** with parsing
- Implemented as a **single module**.

Syntax-Directed Translation

- **Translation** of languages **guided** by **context-free grammars**.

- Attach ***attributes*** to the **grammar symbol**

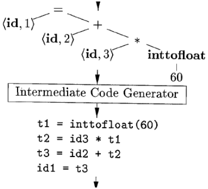
- **Syntax-directed definition** specifies the **values of attributes**
  - By associating **semantic rules** with the **grammar productions**

Syntax-Directed Translation

- *Syntax-directed definition* (SDD) is a **context-free grammar** together with **attributes and rules**
    - Attributes are associated with grammar symbols
    - Rules are associated with productions.

- If ***X*** is a **grammar symbol** and ***a*** is one of its **attributes**,
    - ***X.a*** denotes the value of the attribute *X.*

- Attributes may be
    - numbers, types, table references, or strings,
    - Strings may even be code in the intermediate language.



Attributes

Synthesized attribute:

- *Synthesized attribute* for a **nonterminal *A*** at a parse-tree node *N* is defined by
- **Semantic rule** associated with the **production at *N*.**
- The production must have ***A* as its head**.

- A synthesized attribute at node *N* is defined only in terms of attribute values at the **children of *N* and at *N* itself**.

PRODUCTION	SEMANTIC RULE
$E \rightarrow E_1 + T$	$E.code = E_1.code \parallel T.code \parallel '+'$

Attributes

Inherited attribute:

- Inherited attribute for a **nonterminal B** at a parse-tree node N is defined by

- **Semantic rule** associated with the **production at the parent of N**

- Note that the production must have **B as a symbol in its body**.

- An inherited attribute at node N is defined only in terms of **attribute values at N's parent, N itself, and N's siblings**

$T \rightarrow F\ T'$	$T'.inh = F.val$
$T' \rightarrow *\ F\ T'_1$	$T'_1.inh = T'.inh \times F.val$

Attributes

- **Synthesized attribute** at node N to be **defined** in terms of **inherited attribute** values at node **N itself**.

$T' \to \epsilon$	$T'.syn = T'.inh$

- **Do not allow** an **inherited attribute** at node *N* to be defined in terms of attribute values at the **children of node *N***

- **Terminals** can have **synthesized attributes**, but not inherited attributes.
- **Attributes for terminals** have **lexical values** that are supplied by the **lexical analyzer**

$F \to \textbf{digit}$	$F.val = \textbf{digit}.\text{lexval}$

Example of SDD

Each of the Non-terminals has a **single synthesized attribute**, called ***val***

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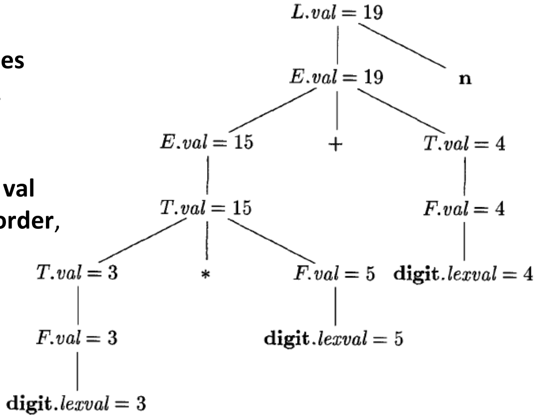
Annotated parse tree.

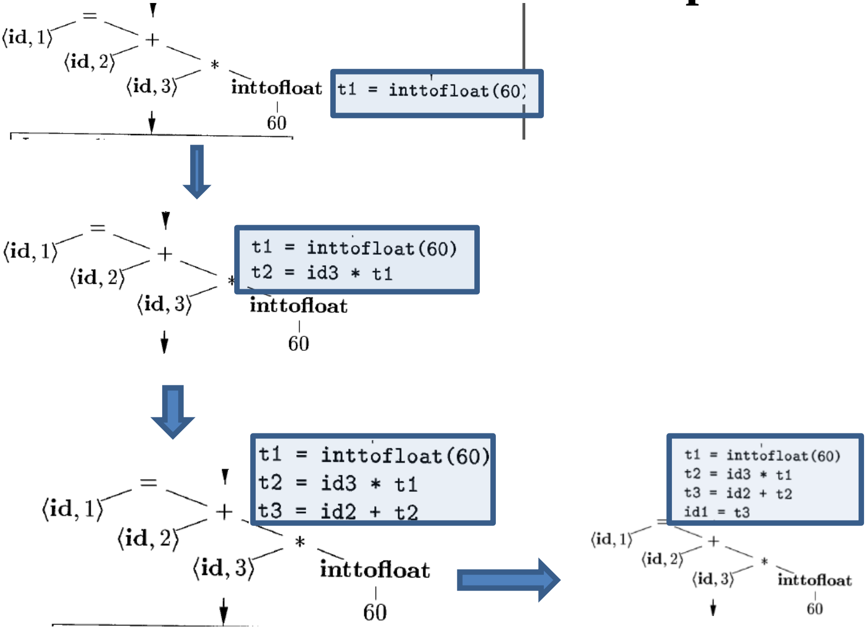
A **parse tree**, showing the **value(s) of its attribute(s)** is called an ***annotated*** *parse tree.*

Input string: **3 * 5 + 4 n**

- We show the resulting **values associated** with **each node**.
- Each of the nodes for the nonterminals has **attribute val** computed in a **bottom-up order**,



Annotation and Evaluation of parse tree



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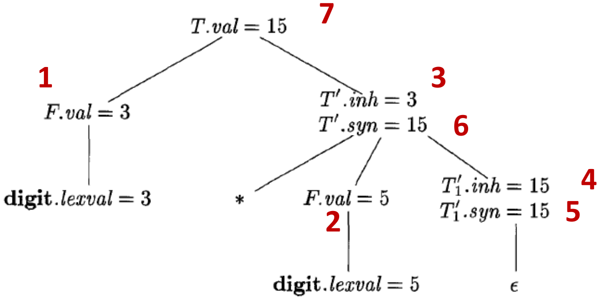
val and **syn**: Synthesized
inh: Inherited

Annotated parse tree for 3 * 5



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- "**Dependency graphs**" are a useful tool for determining an **evaluation order** for the **attribute** instances in a given parse tree.
  - Depicts the **flow of information** among the attribute instances in a particular parse tree
  - **Directed edges**

- For a **node A in parse tree** -> **node A in dependency graph**

A has a **synthesized** attribute **b**

Production	**Semantic Rule**
A->…X..	A.b=f(.., X.c, ..)

- **Edge** from X.c to A.b
  - Edge from **child attribute** to **parent attribute**

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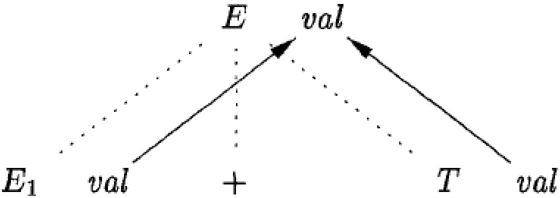

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B has an inherited attribute **c**

Production	**Semantic Rule**
A->…B..X..	B.c=f(.., X.a, ..)

- **Edge** from **X.a to B.c**
    - Edge from **attribute a of X** (parent or sibling of B) to **attribute c of B** (body of the production)

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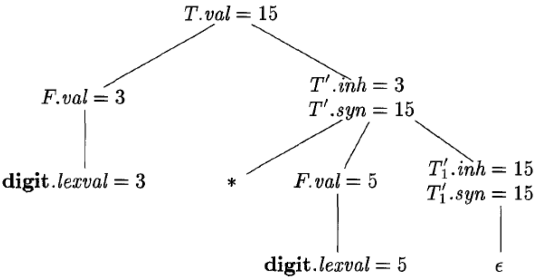

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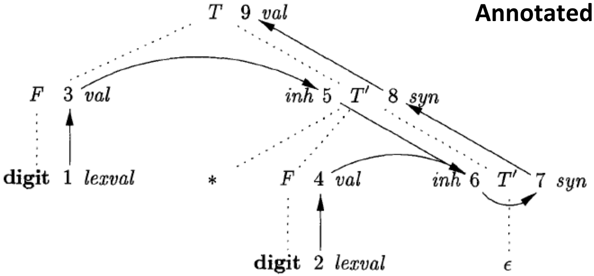


Ordering the Evaluation of Attributes

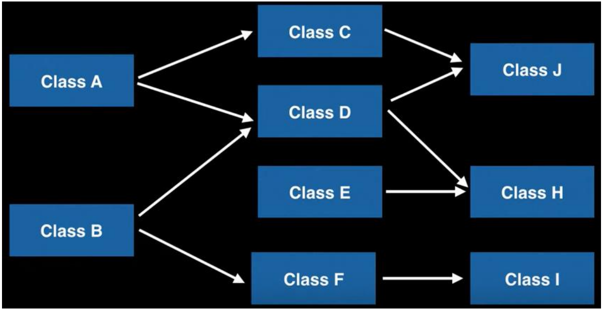
- The **dependency graph** characterizes the possible **evaluation orders**
  - In which we can **evaluate the attributes** at the various nodes of a parse tree.

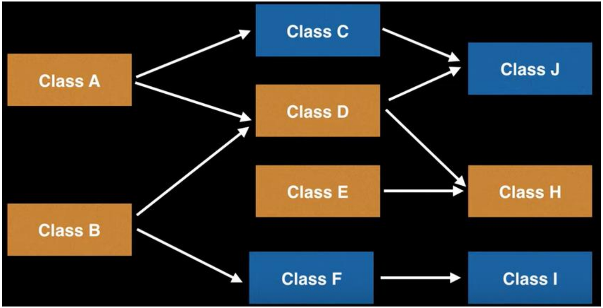
- If the dependency graph has an **edge from node M to node N**,
  - Attribute corresponding to **M must be evaluated before** the attribute of N.

- If there is an edge of the dependency graph from **Ni to Nj, such that i < j**
  - the only allowable orders of evaluation are those sequences of nodes **N1, N2,... ,Nk**

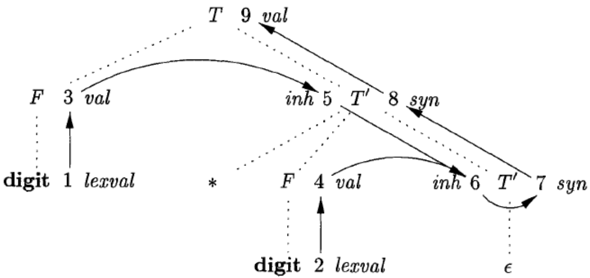
- Embeds a directed graph into a linear order, and is called a **topological sort** of the graph

Topological Sort





Topological Sort- Ordering the Evaluation

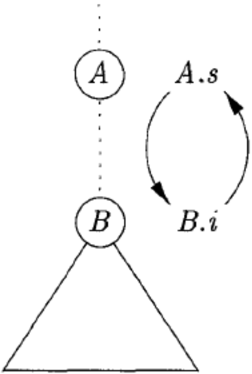


- One **topological sort** is the order in which the nodes have already been numbered: 1,2,... ,9.

- There are other topological sorts as well, such as 1,3,5,2,4,6,7,8,9.

Ordering the Evaluation – Cycles

PRODUCTION	SEMANTIC RULES
$A \to B$	$A.s = B.i;$ $B.i = A.s + 1$



These rules are circular; it is impossible to evaluate either *A.s* or *B.i*

Classes of SDD

(a) S-Attributed Definitions
(b) L-Attributed Definitions

Guarantee an evaluation order

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When an SDD is S-attributed, we can evaluate its attributes in any bottom-up order of the nodes of the parse tree. It is often especially simple to evaluate the attributes by performing a postorder traversal of the parse tree and evaluating the attributes at a node N when the traversal leaves N for the last time.

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postorder(N) {
    for ( each child C of N, from the left ) postorder(C);
    evaluate the attributes associated with node N;
}
```

L-Attributed SDD

- The idea behind L-attributed SDD class is that,
  - **Between the attributes** associated with a **production body**, **dependency-graph edges can go from left to right**,
  - But not from right to left (hence "L-attributed")

1. Synthesized, or

2. Inherited, but with the rules limited as follows. Suppose that there is a production $A \to X_1 X_2 \cdots X_n$, and that there is an inherited attribute $X_i.a$ computed by a rule associated with this production. Then the rule may use only:

   (a) Inherited attributes associated with the head A.

   (b) Either inherited or synthesized attributes associated with the occurrences of symbols $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_{i-1}$ located to the left of X_i.

   (c) Inherited or synthesized attributes associated with this occurrence of X_i itself, but only in such a way that there are no cycles in a dependency graph formed by the attributes of this X_i.

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Production	Semantic Rules
$A \to B\ C$	$A.s = B.b;$ $B.i = f(C.c, A.s)$

Side Effects

- Print a result,
- Enter the type of an identifier into a symbol table.

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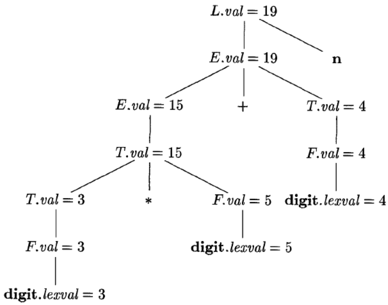
1)	$L \to E$ **n**	$print(E.val)$



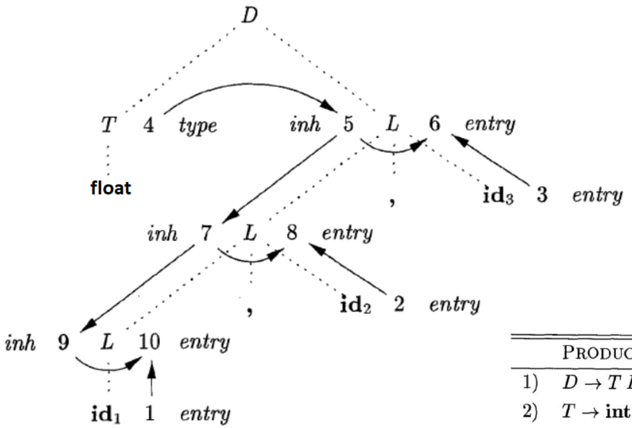
Side Effects – examples

- The SDD takes a **simple declaration** D consisting of a **basic type T** followed by a **list L of identifiers**.
- T can be **int or float**.
- For each identifier on the list, the **type is entered into the symbol-table** entry for the identifier.

	Production	Semantic Rules	
1)	$D \rightarrow T\ L$	$L.inh = T.type$	**The type is passed to the attribute L.inh**
2)	$T \rightarrow \textbf{int}$	$T.type = \text{integer}$	**Evaluate the synthesized attribute T.type, giving it the appropriate value, integer or float.**
3)	$T \rightarrow \textbf{float}$	$T.type = \text{float}$	
4)	$L \rightarrow L_1\ ,\ \textbf{id}$	$L_1.inh = L.inh$	**Passes L.inh down the parse tree**
		$addType(\textbf{id}.entry, L.inh)$	**Function addType() properly installs the type L.inh as the type of the identifier.**
5)	$L \rightarrow \textbf{id}$	$addType(\textbf{id}.entry, L.inh)$	

Side Effects

float id$_1$, id$_2$, id$_3$



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Application of SDD – Syntax tree construction

- **Each node** in a syntax tree represents **a construct**; the children of the node represent the meaningful components of the construct.

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We shall implement the nodes of a syntax tree by objects with a suitable number of fields. Each object will have an *op* field that is the label of the node. The objects will have additional fields as follows:

- If the node is a leaf, an additional field holds the lexical value for the leaf. A constructor function *Leaf*(*op*, *val*) creates a leaf object.

- If the node is an interior node, there are as many additional fields as the node has children in the syntax tree. A constructor function *Node* takes two or more arguments: $Node(op, c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_k)$ creates an object with first field *op* and k additional fields for the k children $c_1, \ldots, c_k$.

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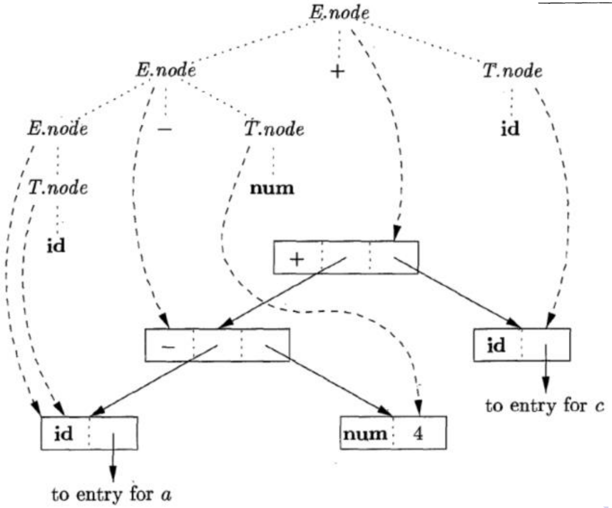

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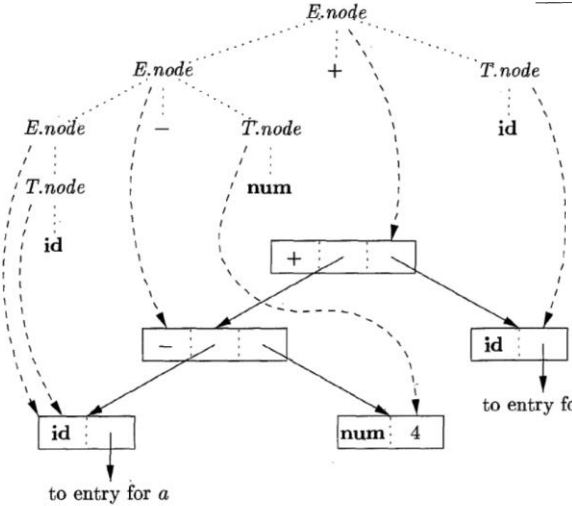

If the rules are **evaluated** during a **postorder traversal** of the parse tree, or
with reductions during a **bottom-up parse**, then the sequence of steps

1) $p_1 = \textbf{new}\ Leaf(\textbf{id}, entry\text{-}a);$
2) $p_2 = \textbf{new}\ Leaf(\textbf{num}, 4);$
3) $p_3 = \textbf{new}\ Node('-', p_1, p_2);$
4) $p_4 = \textbf{new}\ Leaf(\textbf{id}, entry\text{-}c);$
5) $p_5 = \textbf{new}\ Node('+', p_3, p_4);$

Syntax-Directed Translation Schemes

- **Syntax-directed translation schemes** are a **complementary** notation to syntax directed definitions.
- All of the applications of syntax-directed definitions can be implemented using syntax-directed translation schemes.
- Syntax-directed translation scheme (SDT) is a **context free grammar** with **program fragments embedded** within **production bodies**.
- The program fragments are called **semantic actions** and can appear at any position within a production body.
- During parsing, an **action** in a production body **is executed** as soon as all the **grammar symbols to the left of the action have been matched with input**.

Syntax-Directed Translation Schemes

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\begin{array}{lcll}
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\end{array}
$$

- The simplest SDD implementation occurs when we can parse the grammar bottom-up and the SDD is S-attributed.
- In that case, we can construct an SDT in which each action is placed at the end of the production
    - Executed along with the reduction of the body to the head of that production.
- SDT's with all actions at the right ends of the production bodies are called postfix SDT’s.
- Since the underlying grammar is LR, and the SDD is S-attributed,
    - The actions can be correctly performed along with the reduction steps of the parser.