

# Homework 2

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For this homework, you will modify the following BNF grammar to resolve ambiguity that includes operator precedence and associativity.

```
<e> ::= <e> + <e>
      | <e> - <e>
      | <e> * <e>
      | <e> / <e>
      | <e> ^ <e>
      | <e> !
      | <e> %
      | ( <e> )
      | - <e>
      | E
      | PI
      | <NUMBER>
```

Note that your grammars do not consider white spaces and <NUMBER> is a non-terminal that refers to numbers.

## 1 Requirement

1. Your new grammar should have the following precedence.

$$+, - \leq *, / \leq ^ \leq !, \% \leq -$$

2. Your new grammar should enforce left associativity for +, -, \*, / and right associativity for ^.
3. You should verify your solution using **jison**. To use **jison**, go to the website <https://github.com/zaach/jison> and follow the instruction to install the source code using **npm** and examples using **git**. Note that if you should also install **node.js**, **npm**, and **git**, which I assume you can easily figure out by yourself.

I have provided a **jison** source file called **hwk2.jison** for you to modify. Before you do that, you can test it by running

```
jison hwk2.jison
node hwk2.js test
```

where `test` is a text file with the content:

```
1 + 2 + 3 - 4 * -5! - PI / E ^ 6 ^ 7 + 8%
```

The execution result is

```
(((((1 + 2) + 3) - (4 * ((-5)!))) - (PI / (E ^ (6 ^ 7)))) + (8%))
```

where the parentheses correspond to the shape of the parse tree.

The relevant portion of the `jison` input is shown below, which you should modify:

```
e
: e '+' e
  {$$ = '(' + $1 + ' + ' + $3 + ')';}
| e '-' e
  {$$ = '(' + $1 + ' - ' + $3 + ')';}
| e '*' e
  {$$ = '(' + $1 + ' * ' + $3 + ')';}
| e '/' e
  {$$ = '(' + $1 + ' / ' + $3 + ')';}
| e '^' e
  {$$ = '(' + $1 + ' ^ ' + $3 + ')';}
| e '!'
  {$$ = '(' + $1 + '!' + ')';}
| e '%'
  {$$ = '(' + $1 + '%' + ')';}
| '-' e %prec UMINUS
  {$$ = '(-' + $2 + ')';}
| '(' e ')'
  {$$ = '(' + $2 + ')';}
| NUMBER
  {$$ = Number(yytext);}
| E
  {$$ = 'E';}
| PI
  {$$ = 'PI';}
;
```

You do not need to modify the lines enclosed by `{` and `}`, which are used to generate the output. Note that this `jison` file is not ambiguous because the following lines above the production rules, which establishes the precedence and associativity.

```

%left '+' '-'
%left '*' '/'
%right '^'
%right '!'
%right '%'
%left UMINUS

```

You should delete them from your `jison` file. After deleting these lines, if you run `jison hwk2.jison`, you will get errors that say the grammar is ambiguous for parsing. You should add non-terminals to resolve the ambiguity. In particular, you should add non-terminals called

- (a) `RootExp` to represent any expression that does not include operators,
- (b) `NegExp` to represent negation expression,
- (c) `UnaryExp` to represent unary expressions `!` and `%`,
- (d) `PowExp` to represent exponentiation, and
- (e) `MulExp` to represent multiplication and division.

For example, below is the grammar after adding `RootExp`.

```

e
: e '+' e
  { $$ = '(' + $1 + ' + ' + $3 + ')' ; }
| e '-' e
  { $$ = '(' + $1 + ' - ' + $3 + ')' ; }
| e '*' e
  { $$ = '(' + $1 + ' * ' + $3 + ')' ; }
| e '/' e
  { $$ = '(' + $1 + ' / ' + $3 + ')' ; }
| e '^' e
  { $$ = '(' + $1 + ' ^ ' + $3 + ')' ; }
| e '!'
  { $$ = '(' + $1 + ' ! ' + ')' ; }
| e '%'
  { $$ = '(' + $1 + ' % ' + ')' ; }
| '-' e %prec UMINUS
  { $$ = '(' + $2 + ')' ; }
| '(' e ')'
  { $$ = '(' + $2 + ')' ; }
| RootExp
  { $$ = $1 ; }
;

```

```

RootExp
: '(' e ')'

```

```

        {$$ = '(' + $2 + ')';}
    | NUMBER
        {$$ = Number(yytext);}
    | E
        {$$ = 'E';}
    | PI
        {$$ = 'PI';}
    ;

```

Note that the line `{$$ = $1;}` in the lines

```

...

    | RootExp
        {$$ = $1;}
...

```

is needed to collect the string representing `RootExp`. You should do the same for other new non-terminals. If your implementation is correct, you should get the same output as you do with the original `hwk2.json`.

## 2 Submission

Please submit a file `hwk2.txt` that contains the BNF grammar in text and a file called `hwk2.json` that reflects your solution in `json` to the dropbox.