

Branches and Binary Operators

BOA: Branches and Binary Operators

Next, let's add

- Branches (if-expressions)
- Binary Operators (+, -, etc.)

In the process of doing so, we will learn about

- Intermediate Forms
- Normalization

Branches

Lets start first with branches (conditionals).

We will stick to our recipe of:

1. Build intuition with examples,
2. Model problem with types,
3. Implement with type-transforming-functions,
4. Validate with tests.

Examples

First, let's look at some examples of what we mean by branches.

- For now, let's treat 0 as "false" and non-zero as "true"

Example: If1

```
if 10:
    22
else:
    sub1(0)
```

- Since 10 is not 0 we evaluate the "then" case to get 22

Example: If2

```
if sub(1):
    22
else:
    sub1(0)
```

- Since sub(1) is 0 we evaluate the "else" case to get -1

QUIZ: If3

if-else is also an expression so we can nest them:

What should the following evaluate to?

```
let x = if sub(1):
    22
else:
    sub1(0)
in
    if x:
        add1(x)
    else:
        999
```

- A. 999
- B. 0
- C. 1
- D. 1000
- E. -1

X86
jump
branch
labels
Comparisons

Control Flow in Assembly

To compile branches, we will use labels, comparisons and jumps

Labels

```
our_code_label:
```

...

Labels are "landmarks"

- from which execution (control-flow) can be started, or

- to which it can be diverted

QUIZ: Compiling if-else

Jumps

```
jmp LABEL # jump unconditionally (i.e. always)
je LABEL # jump if previous comparison result was EQUAL
jne LABEL # jump if previous comparison result was NOT-EQUAL
```

Use the result of the flag set by the most recent cmp

- To continue execution from the given LABEL

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let x = i;

```

in
  if x:
    55
  else:
    999

      mov [rsp - 8*1], rax
      mov rax, [rsp - 8*1]
      cmp rax, 0
      je if_false
      mov rax, 55
      jmp if_exit
if_false:
  mov rax, 999
if_exit:

```

Example: if3

Oops, cannot reuse labels across if-expressions!

- Can't use same label in two places (invalid assembly)

```

let x = if 10:
  22
else:
  0

in
  if x:
    55
  else:
    999

```

```

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Types: Source

Lets modify the *Source Expression* to add `if-else` expressions

```
data Expr a
= Number Int
| Add1 (Expr a)
| Sub1 (Expr a)
| Let Id (Expr a) (Expr a)
| Var Id
| If (Expr a) (Expr a) (Expr a) a
```

Polymorphic tags of type `a` for each sub-expression

- We can have *different types* of tags
- e.g. Source-Position information for error messages

Lets define a name for Tag (just integers).

```
type Tag = Int
```

We will now use:

```
type BareE = Expr ()      -- AST after parsing
type TagE = Expr Tag      -- AST with distinct tags
```

Types: Assembly

Now, lets extend the *Assembly* with labels, comparisons and jumps:

```
data Label
= BranchFalse Tag
| BranchExit Tag

data Instruction
= ...
| ICmp Arg Arg    -- Compare two arguments
| ILabel Label     -- Create a label
| IJmp Label       -- Jump always
| IJe Label        -- Jump if equal
| IJne Label       -- Jump if not-equal
```

{- B -} _1 = i
 _2 = i1 + i

{- C -} _1 = i
 _2 = i2 + i

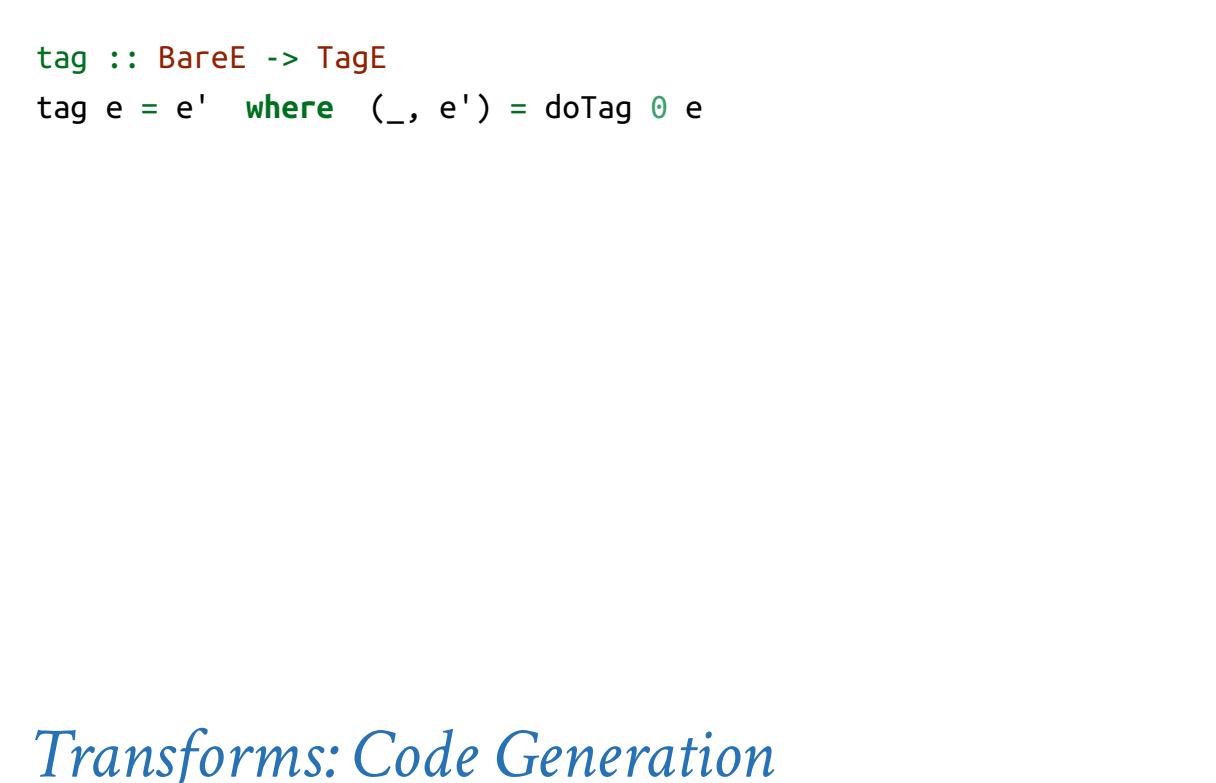
{- D -} _1 = i1
 _2 = i2 + 1

A diagram illustrating a vector space F with a basis consisting of three vectors: e_1 , e_2 , and e_3 . The vectors are shown as red arrows originating from a common point. A dashed orange box labeled $\{e_i\}$ encloses the vectors e_1 , e_2 , and e_3 . Above the vectors, the label F is written in red, indicating the vector space.

- (ProTip: Use `mapAccumL`)

We can now tag the whole program by

 - Calling `doTag` with the initial counter (e.g. `0`),



Now that we have the tags we lets implement them

- ```
[ICmp (Reg RAX) (Const 0) -- compare result
 , IJe (BranchFalse i) -- if-zero then
]
```

*block*



- ```
++ compile env eTrue ++
[ IJmp   lExit ] -
ock!)
```

```
: compile env eFalse ++
[ ILabel (BranchExit i) ] -- code for `False`-block
-- exit
```

Recap: Branches

Lesson: Tagged program representation simplifies compilation...

- Next: another example of how intermediate representations help.

Binary Operations

2. Model problem with types,
3. Implement with type-transforming-functions,
4. Validate with tests.

Compiling Binary Operations

Lets look at some expressions and figure out how they would get compiled.

- Recall: We want the result to be in `rax` after the instructions finish.

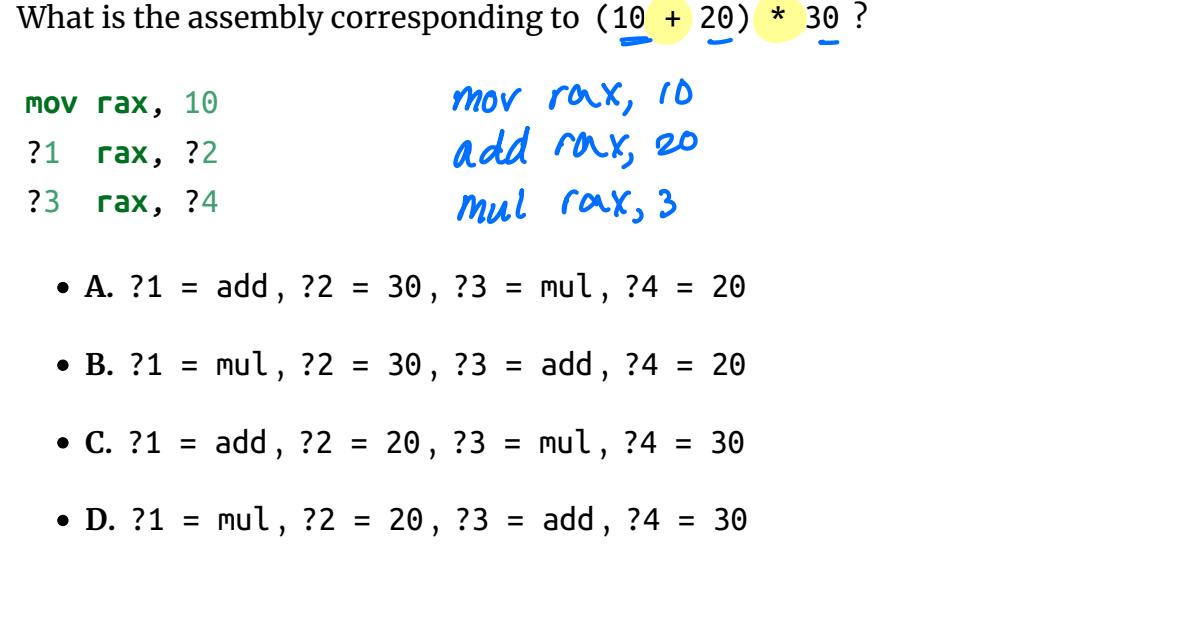
QUIZ

What is the assembly corresponding to $33 - 10$?

- ```
?1 rax, ?2 mov rax, 33
?3 rax, ?4 sub rax, 10
```
- A. ?1 = sub, ?2 = 33, ?3 = mov, ?4 = 10
  - B. ?1 = mov, ?2 = 33, ?3 = sub, ?4 = 10
  - C. ?1 = sub, ?2 = 10, ?3 = mov, ?4 = 33
  - D. ?1 = mov, ?2 = 10, ?3 = sub, ?4 = 33

### Example: Bin1

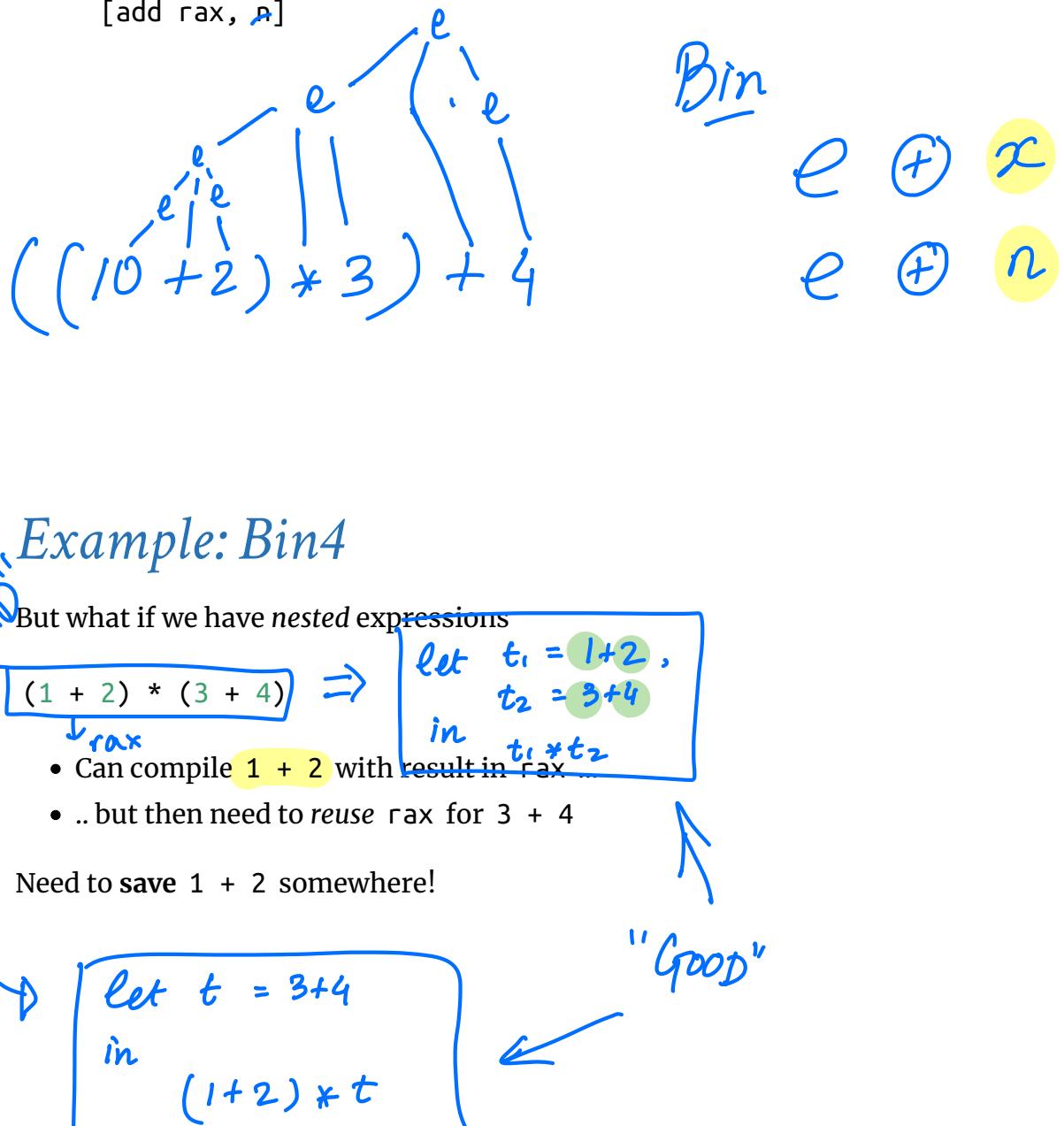
Lets start with some easy ones. The source:



Example: Bin1

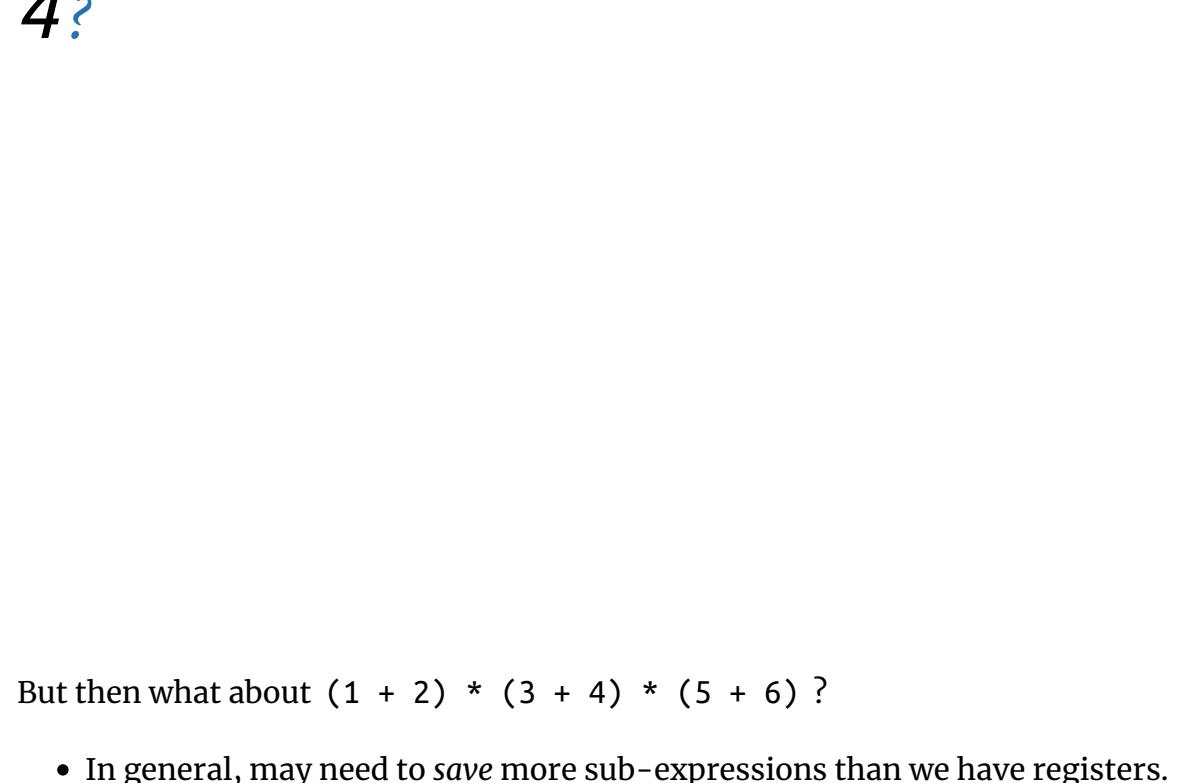
Strategy: Given  $n_1 + n_2$

- Move  $n_1$  into `rax`,
- Add  $n_2$  to `rax`.



### Example: Bin2

What if the first operand is a variable?

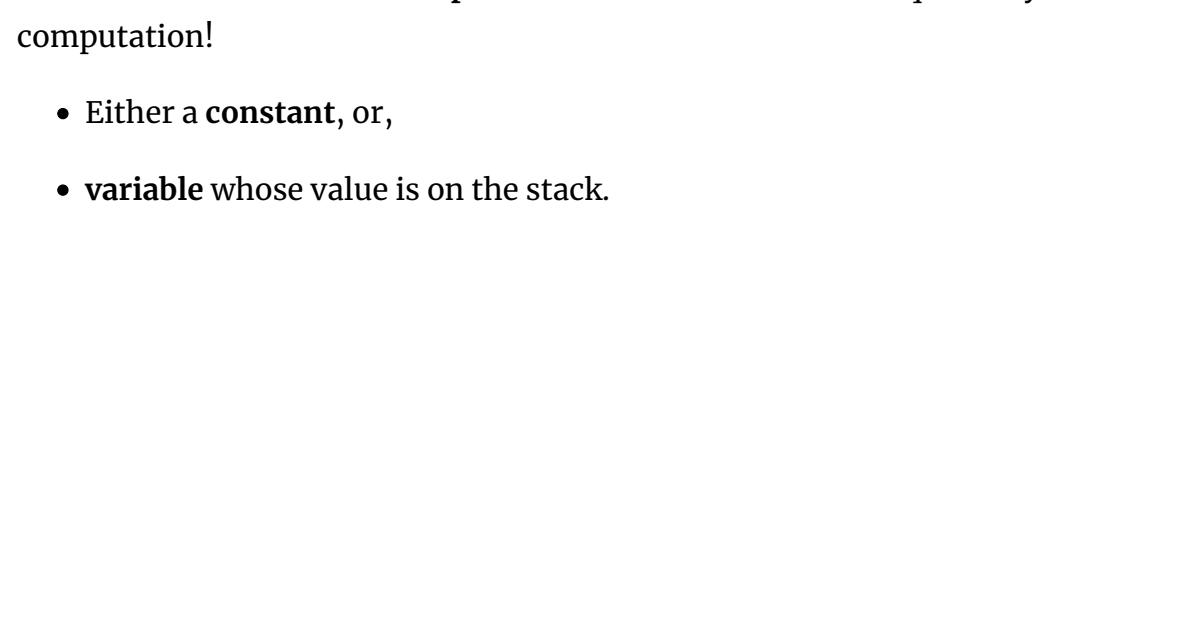


Example: Bin2

Simple, just copy the variable off the stack into `rax`

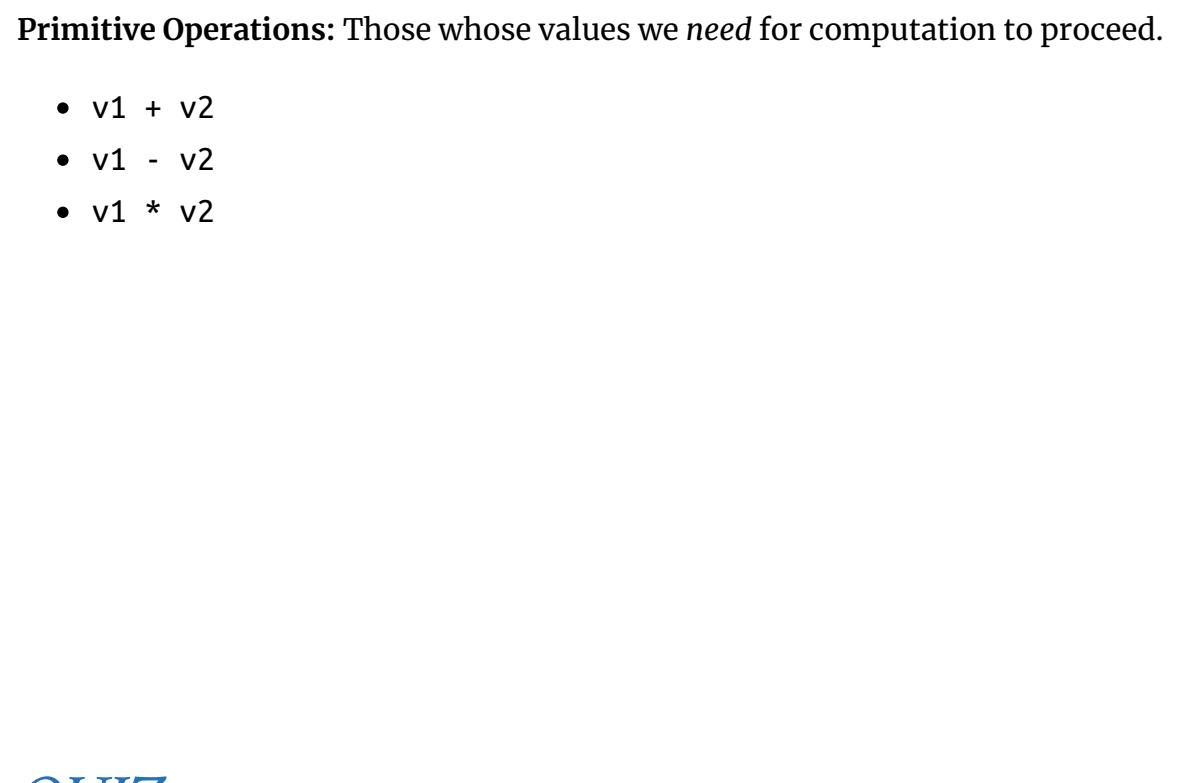
Strategy: Given  $x + n$

- Move  $x$  (from stack) into `rax`,
- Add  $n$  to `rax`.



### Example: Bin3

Same thing works if the second operand is a variable.



Example: Bin3

What is the assembly corresponding to  $(10 + 20) * 30$ ?

- ```
mov rax, 10      mov rax, 10
?1 rax, ?2      add rax, 20
?3 rax, ?4      mul rax, 30
```

- A. ?1 = add, ?2 = 30, ?3 = mul, ?4 = 20
- B. ?1 = mul, ?2 = 30, ?3 = add, ?4 = 20
- C. ?1 = add, ?2 = 20, ?3 = mul, ?4 = 30
- D. ?1 = mul, ?2 = 20, ?3 = add, ?4 = 30

Second Operand is Constant

In general, to compile $e \oplus n$ we can do

compile e $e \oplus x$
++ -- result of e is in rax
[add rax, n]

$((10 + 2) * 3) + 4$

Bin

$e \oplus x$ $e \oplus n$ } immediate

"BAD" "GOOD"

But what if we have nested expressions

- (1 + 2) * (3 + 4) \Rightarrow let $t_1 = 1+2$,
in $t_2 = 3+4$

- Can compile $1 + 2$ with result in `rax`,
- .. but then need to reuse `rax` for $3 + 4$

Need to save $1 + 2$ somewhere!

let $t = 1+2$
in $(1+2) * t$

How can we compile the above code?

; TODO in class

$V_1 * V_2$ $mov rax, [rbp - 8]$
 $mul rax, [rbp - 16]$

But then what about $(1 + 2) * (3 + 4) * (5 + 6)$?

- In general, may need to save more sub-expressions than we have registers.

Question:

Why are $1 + 2$ and $x + y$ so easy to compile but $(1 + 2) * (3 + 4)$ not?

Idea: How about use another register for $3 + 4$?

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Why were $1 + 2$ and $x + y$ so easy to compile but $(1 + 2) * (3 + 4)$ not?

Idea: Administrative Normal Form (ANF)

An expression is in Administrative Normal Form (ANF)

ANF means all primitive operations have immediate arguments.

Primitive Operations: Those whose values we need for computation to proceed.

- $v_1 + v_2$
- $v_1 - v_2$
- $v_1 * v_2$

So, the below is not in ANF as * has non-immediate arguments

(1 + 2) * (4 - 3)

However, note the following variant is in ANF

: %s /eax/rax/gc : %s /esp/rbp/gc

Strategy: Given $x + y$

- Move x (from stack) into `rax`,

- Add y to `rax`.

ANF means all primitive operations have immediate arguments.

ANF means all

isANF :: Expr → Bool

isImm :: Expr → Bool

Types: Source

Lets add binary primitive operators

```
data Prim2
    = Plus | Minus | Times
```

and use them to extend the source language:

```
data Expr a
    = ...
    | Prim2 Prim2 (Expr a) (Expr a) a
```

So, for example, $2 + 3$ would be parsed as:

```
Prim2 Plus (Number 2 ()) (Number 3 ()) ()
```

Types: Assembly

Need to add X86 instructions for primitive arithmetic:

```
data Instruction
    = ...
    | IAdd Arg Arg
    | ISub Arg Arg
    | IMul Arg Arg
```

Types: ANF

We can define a separate type for ANF (try it!)

... but ...

super tedious as it requires duplicating a bunch of code.

Instead, lets write a function that describes immediate expressions

```
isImm :: Expr a -> Bool
isImm (Number _ _) = True
isImm (Var _ _) = True
isImm _ = False
```

We can now think of immediate expressions as:

```
type ImmExpr = {e:Expr | isImm e == True}
```

The subset of Expr such that isImm returns True

Similarly, lets write a function that describes ANF expressions

ANF means all primitive operations have immediate arguments.

```
isAnf :: Expr a -> Bool
isAnf (Number _ _) = True
isAnf (Var _ _) = True
isAnf (Prim1 _ e1 _ ) = isImm e1
isAnf (Prim2 _ e1 e2 _ ) = isImm e1 && isImm e2
isAnf (If e1 e2 e3 _ ) = isImm e1 && isANF e2 && isANF e3
isAnf (Let x e1 e2 _ ) = isANF e1 && isANF e2
```

What should we fill in for $_1$?

```
{- A -} isAnf e1
{- B -} isAnf e2
{- C -} isAnf e1 && isAnf e2 ✓
{- D -} isImm e1 && isImm e2
```

What should we fill in for $_2$?

```
{- A -} isAnf e1 ✓ (but B also works)
{- B -} isImm e1
{- C -} True
{- D -} False
```

We can now think of ANF expressions as:

```
type AnfExpr = {e:Expr | isAnf e == True}
```

The subset of Expr such that isAnf returns True

Use the above function to test our ANF conversion.



Compiler Pipeline with ANF: Types

$$(2+5)*(5-1) \Rightarrow \text{let } t_1 = 2+3 \\ t_2 = 5-1$$

in $t_1 * t_2$

Transforms: Compiling AnfTagE to Asm

Compiler Pipeline: ANF to ASM

The compilation from ANF is easy, lets recall our examples and strategy:

Strategy: Given $v1 + v2$ (where $v1$ and $v2$ are immediate expressions)

- Move $v1$ into rax ,
- Add $v2$ to rax .

```
compile :: Env -> TagE -> Asm
compile env (Prim2 o v1 v2)
    = [ IMov (Reg RAX) (ImmArg env v1)
        , (prim2 o) (Reg RAX) (ImmArg env v2)
    ]
```

where we have a helper to find the `Asm` variant of a `Prim2` operation:

```
prim2 :: Prim2 -> Arg -> Arg -> Instruction
prim2 Plus = IAdd
prim2 Minus = ISub
prim2 Times = IMul
```

and another to convert an immediate expression to an x86 argument:

```
immArg :: Env -> ImmTag -> Arg
immArg _ (Number n _) = Const n
immArg env (Var x _) = RegOffset RBP i
    where
        i = fromMaybe err (lookup x env)
        err = error (printf "Error: '%s' is unbound" x)
```

we get the overall pipeline:

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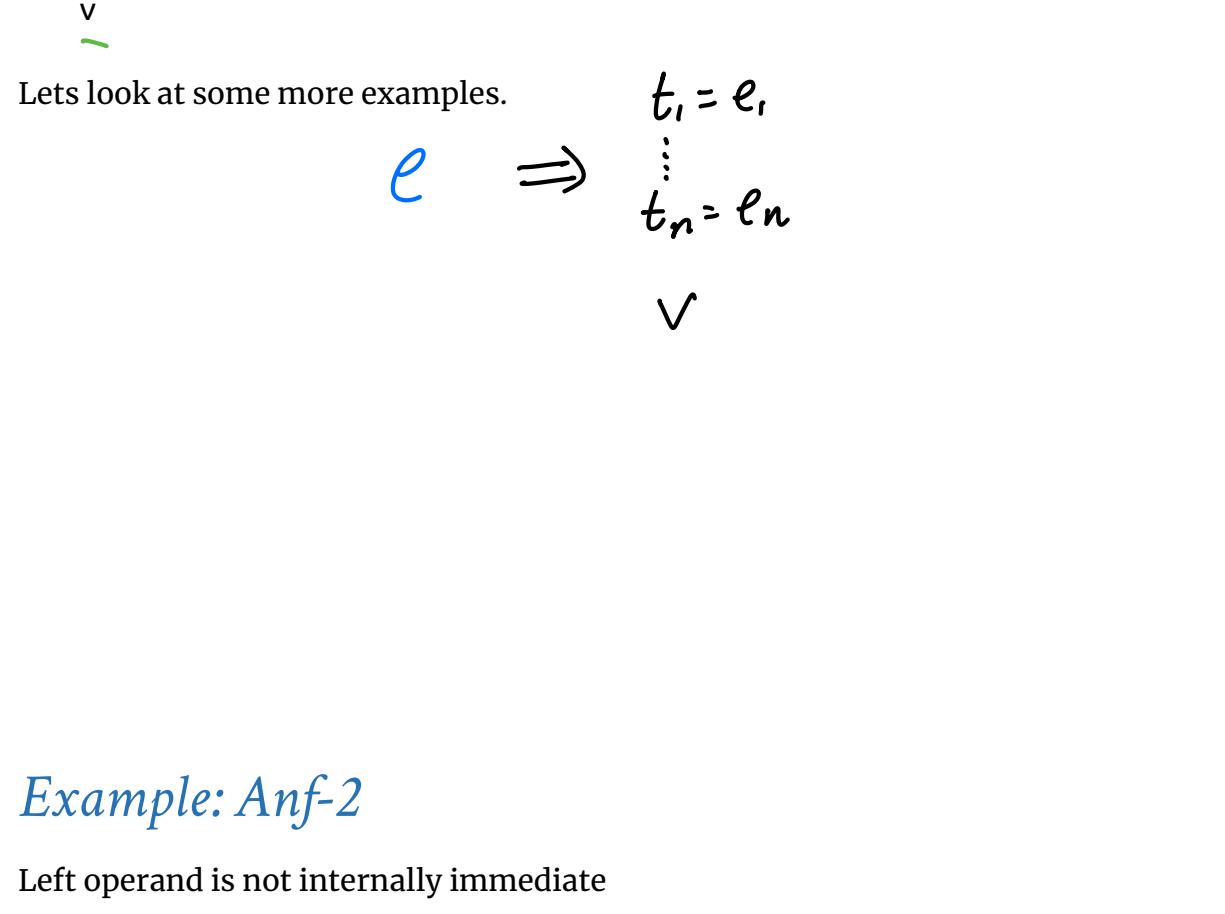
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Example: Anf-1 $e \rightarrow (\text{Id}, \text{ANF}), \text{Id}$

Left operand is not immediate



Example: ANF 1

Key Idea: Helper Function

$\text{imm} : \text{BareE} \rightarrow ([\text{Id}, \text{AnfE}], \text{ImmE})$

$\text{imm } e \text{ returns } ([(\text{t1}, \text{a1}), \dots, (\text{tn}, \text{an})], v)$ where

- ti, ai are new temporary variables bound to ANF expressions
- v is an immediate value (either a constant or variable)

Such that e is equivalent to

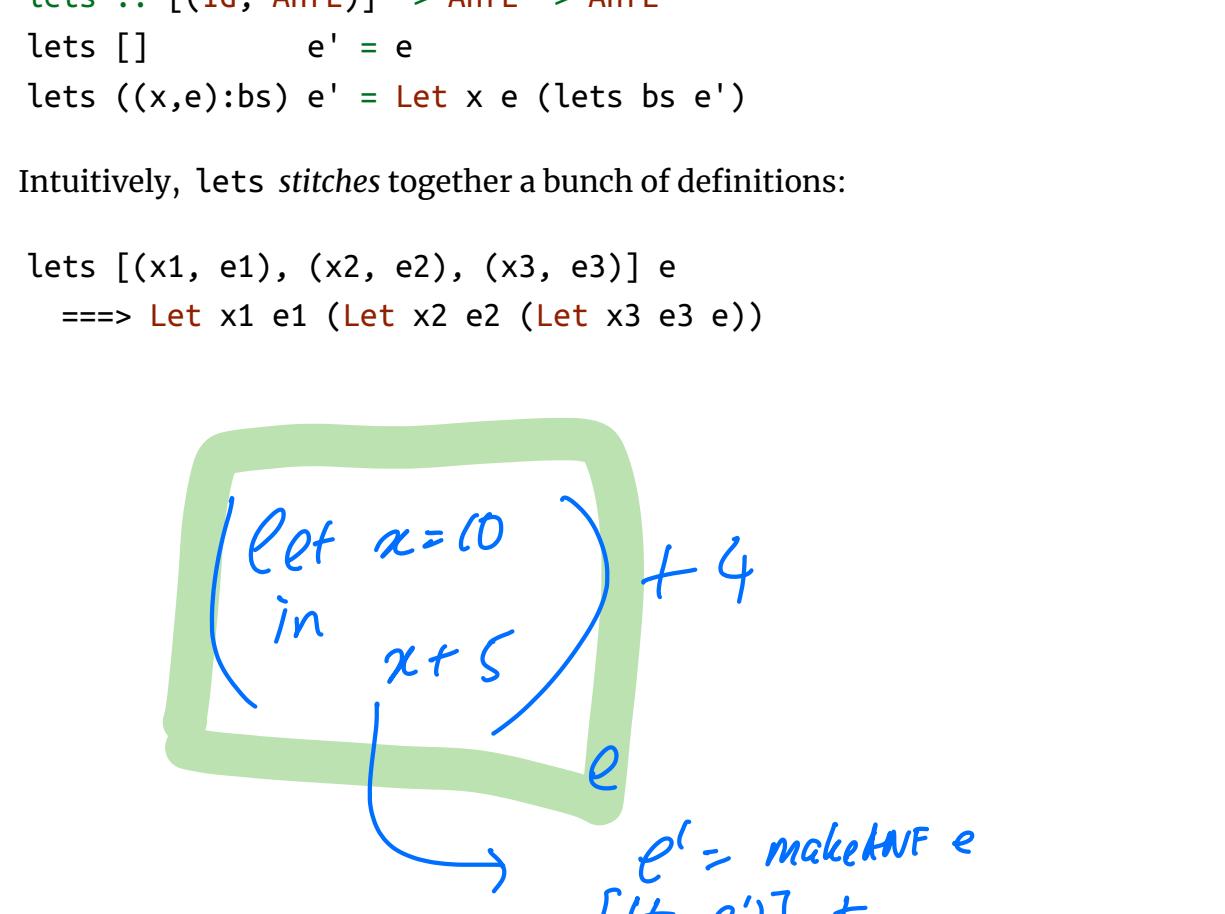
$$e \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{let } x = \text{mk } e_1 \\ , \dots \\ , \text{tn} = \text{an} \end{array} \quad e_1 + e_2 \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{let } x = \text{mk } e_1 \\ y = \text{mk } e_2 \\ \text{in } x + y \end{array}$$

Lets look at some more examples.

$$e \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} t_1 = e_1 \\ \vdots \\ t_n = e_n \end{array} \quad \checkmark$$

Example: Anf-2

Left operand is not internally immediate

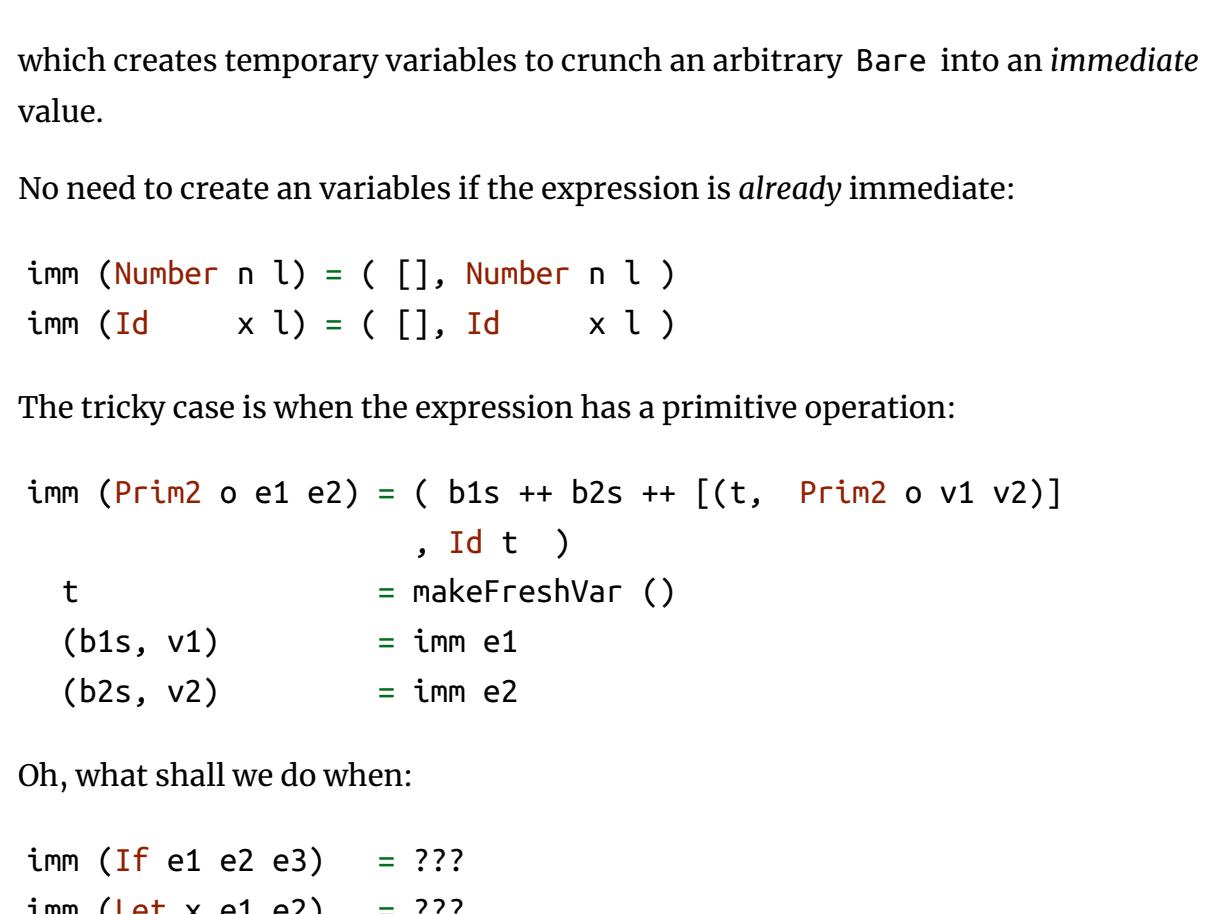


Example: ANF 2

$$\text{imm } ((1+2)+3) \Rightarrow [(t_1, 1+2), (t_2, t_1+3)] \quad t_2$$

Example: Anf-3 $e_1 \Rightarrow (bs_1, v_1)$ $e_2 \Rightarrow (bs_2, v_2)$ $t = v_1 + v_2$

Both operands are not immediate



Example: ANF 3

ANF: General Strategy $bs_1 + bs_2 + [t_1, v_1 + v_2], t$



ANF Strategy

1. Invoke imm on both the operands
2. Concat the let bindings
3. Apply the binary operator to the immediate values

$$\text{Add1}(e) \quad [t = \text{add1}(e')]$$

$$e_1 + e_2 \quad t$$

ANF Implementation: Binary Operations

Lets implement the above strategy

```
anf (Prim2 o e1 e2) = lets (b1s ++ b2s)
                           (Prim2 o (Var v1) (Var v2))
                     where
                       (b1s, v1)      = imm e1
                       (b2s, v2)      = imm e2
```

```
lets :: [(Id, AnfE)] -> AnfE -> AnfE
lets []           e' = e
lets ((x,e):bs) e' = Let x e (lets bs e')
```

Intuitively, lets stitches together a bunch of definitions:

```
lets [(x1, e1), (x2, e2), (x3, e3)] e
====> Let x1 e1 (Let x2 e2 (Let x3 e3 e))
```

$$(2+3) * (6-1) \quad s_1 \quad s_2$$

$e' = \text{makeANF } e$
 $[t, e'] \quad t$

ANF Implementation: Let-bindings

For Let just make sure we recursively anf the sub-expressions.

```
anf (Let x e1 e2) = Let x e1' e2'
                     where
                       e1'          = anf e1
                       e2'          = anf e2
```

```
imm (Number n l) = ( [], Number n l )
imm (Id x l)     = ( [], Id x l )
```

The tricky case is when the expression has a primitive operation:

```
imm (Prim2 o e1 e2) = ( b1s ++ b2s ++ [(t, Prim2 o v1 v2)]
                           , Id t )
                     t = makeFreshVar ()
                     (b1s, v1)      = imm e1
                     (b2s, v2)      = imm e2
```

Oh, what shall we do when:

```
imm (If e1 e2 e3) = ???
imm (Let x e1 e2) = ???
```

Lets look at an example for inspiration.

Example: ANF 4

That is, simply

- anf the relevant expressions,
- bind them to a fresh variable.

```
imm e@(If _ _ _) = immExp e
imm e@(Let _ _ _) = immExp e
```

```
immExp :: Expr -> ([Id, AnfE]), ImmE
immExp e = ((t, e'), t)
```

where

$e' = \text{anf } e$

$t = \text{makeFreshVar } ()$

Intuitively, t is a counter that keeps track of the number of fresh variables used so far.

We will use a counter, but will pass its value around

Just like doTag

```
anf :: Int -> BareE -> (Int, AnfE)
```

```
anf i (Number n l)      = (i, Number n l)
```

```
anf i (Id x l)         = (i, Id x l)
```

```
anf i (Let x e b l)    = (i'', Let x e' b' l)
```

where

$i', e' = \text{anf } i e$

$i'', b' = \text{anf } i' b$

```
anf i (Prim2 o e1 e2 l) = (i'', lets (b1s ++ b2s) (Prim2 o e1' e2' l))
                           , Id t
                     t = makeFreshVar ()
```

where

$i', b1s, e1' = \text{imm } i e1$

$i'', b2s, e2' = \text{imm } i' e2$

$i''', v = \text{fresh } i''$

$bs = b1s ++ b2s ++ [(v, \text{Prim2 o v1 v2 l})]$

and

```
imm :: Int -> BareE -> (Int, [(Id, AnfE)], ImmE)
```

```
imm i (Number n l)      = (i, Number n l)
```

```
imm i (Id x l)         = (i, Id x l)
```

```
imm i (Prim2 o e1 e2 l) = (i'', bs, Var v l)
```

where

$i', e1' = \text{anf } i e1$

$i'', v = \text{fresh } i'$

$bs = b1s ++ b2s ++ [(v, \text{Prim2 o v1 v2 l})]$

where now, the fresh function returns a new counter and a variable

```

fresh :: Int -> (Int, Id)
fresh n = (n+1, "t" ++ show n)

```

Note this is super clunky. There *is* a really slick way to write the above code without the clutter of the `i` but that's too much of a digression, [but feel free to look it up yourself](#)

Recap and Summary

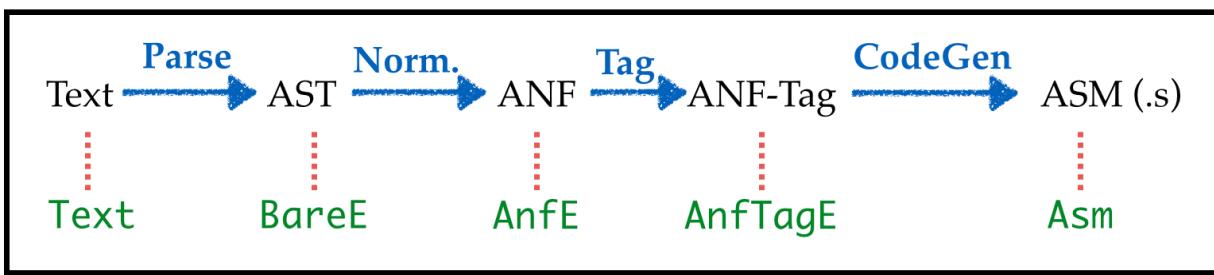
Just created Boa with

- Branches (`if`-expressions)
- Binary Operators (`+`, `-`, etc.)

In the process of doing so, we learned about

- **Intermediate Forms**
- **Normalization**

Specifically,



Compiler Pipeline with ANF

