COMP-520 – Review lecture

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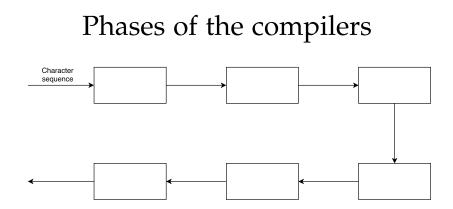
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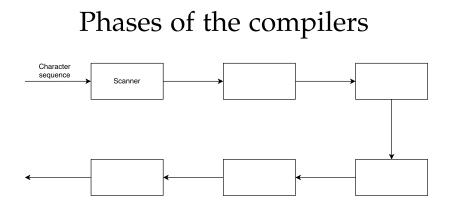
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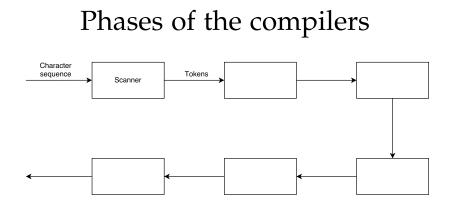
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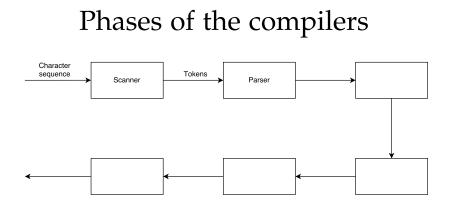
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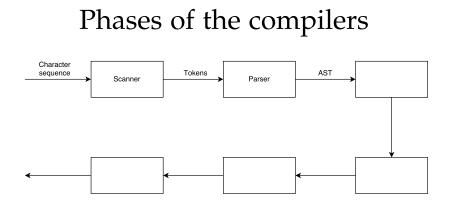
An *automated* program that *translates* programs written in a *source language* into *equivalent* programs in a *target language*.

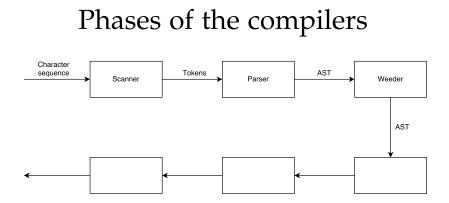


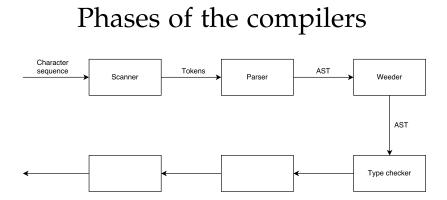


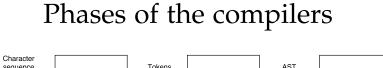


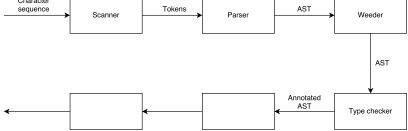




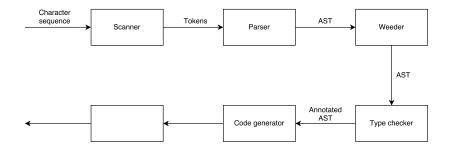




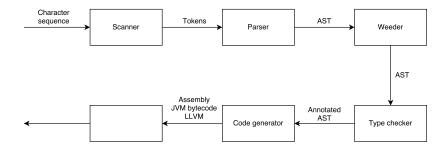




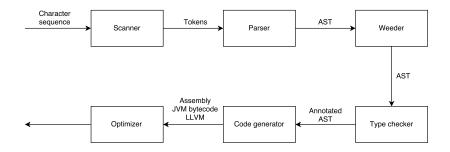




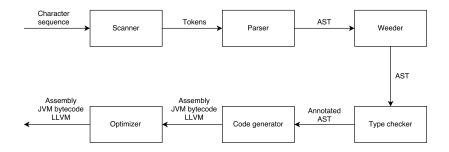




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- ► C
- ► E
- ► C
- ► A
- ► R

- Character 'c'
- ► E
- ► C
- ► A
- ► R

- Character 'c'
- ► C
- ► A
- ► R

- Character 'c'
- Concatenation AB
- ► A
- ► R

- Character 'c'
- Empty string
- Concatenation AB
- Alternation A | B
- ► R

- Character 'c'
- Concatenation AB
- Alternation A | B
- Repetition A*

More regular expressions

Optional

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- Longest match rule (e.g. var vs variance)
- First match rule (e.g. keywords vs identifiers)

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Regular expression \rightarrow NFA \rightarrow DFA

Regular Languages

What relationship exists between regular expressions, NFAs and DFAs?

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They are all equally powerful, and all recognize *regular* languages

- S
 T
 1
- ▶ n

- States
- ► T
- ▶ 1
- ▶ n

- States
- Transitions (A \xrightarrow{k} B)
- ▶ 1
- ▶ n

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- n accept states

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Arbitrary nesting (e.g. parentheses, control structures) Regular languages cannot be defined recursively.

Practice questions

- Is the language $\{a^nb^m \mid n > m\}$ regular?
- Is the language $\{a^nb^m \mid n, m \text{ both even}\}$ regular?
- ▶ Draw the DFA for the regular language {*aⁿ* | *n* odd}

Parser

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- ► T
- ► N
- ► P
- ► S

What are the 4 building blocks of context-free grammars?

Terminals (tokens)

- ► N
- ► P
- ► S

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- Start symbol

When is a grammar ambiguous?

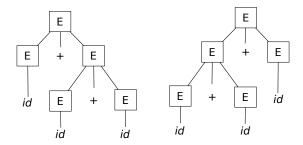
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When at least one sentence that has more than one derivation/parse tree.

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Precedence+associativity directives:

%left '+' E = id | E '+' E;

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E = E '+' TT = IDa + b + c

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```
E = E '+' T

T = ID

a + b + c

E '+' T

// left-most derivation

E '+' T ==>

E '+' T '+' T
```

```
E = E '+ ' T
T = TD
a + b + c
Е (+) Т
// left-most derivation
E '+' T ==>
   Е '+' Т '+' Т
// right-most derivation
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E + T = >
   E '+' TD
```

What are the two types of parser we saw in class?

► T

► B

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- ► Top-down
- ► B

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Top-down parsers

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Recursive descent

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```
// Grammar
stmt = ID '=' expr ';'
     | PRINT expr ';'
     1 ...
// Python code
def stmt():
    next_tok = peek()
    if next tok == TOK ID:
        id = consume(TOK ID)
        consume(TOK_EQ)
        e = expr()
        consume (TOK_SEMI)
        return astnode(AST_ASSIGN, lhs=id, rhs=e)
    elif next tok == TOK PRINT:
        consume (TOK_PRINT)
        e = expr()
        consume(TOK SEMI)
        return astnode(AST_PRINT, expr=e)
    elif ...
```

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Shift/reduce

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- Accept

Given the simple context-free grammar

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S	\$	accept

What type of conflict is exhibited in this grammar?

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%start start
%%
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rule1: ID
rule2: ID
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They instruct the parser to either shift or reduce when both options are valid

AST

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AST vs CSTCan you use a CST for type checking? Yes

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- Then why do we prefer ASTs? Simpler and shorter

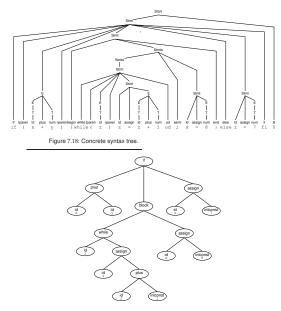


Figure 7.19: AST for the parse tree in Figure 7.18.

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Reject invalid programs that the parser cannot.

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- Reject break and continue outside of loops
- Reject switch statements with multiple default branches
- Reject non-void functions without return statements

Can we write a parser to reject break outside loops?

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Probably, but the parser would be larger, more complicated and uglier.

If a check can be done in the parser and in the weeder, where should we do it?

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- Where it makes our job easier
- Where it gives the better error message

Symbol tables

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What is stored in a symbol table?

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Identifiers and their related information.

What information can be associated with a symbol?

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- Type
- Offset in stack frame
- Resources for methods (e.g. number of locals, stack limit)
- Original name
- ► Etc.

What data structure is typically used for symbol tables?

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Hash tables

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Stack of hash tables

When do we modify this stack?

Push when opening a new scope, pop when closing a scope

How do we lookup a symbol?

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Search hash tables in the stack from top to bottom

What is the role of type checking?

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Reject programs that are *syntactically correct*, **but** *semantically wrong*.

What is the input of the type checker?

What is the input of the type checker? AST

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- What is the output of the type checker? Annotated AST (AST+types)

Do declarations have a type?

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Where do we store the type of expressions?

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- In the AST
- In an auxiliary table (SableCC)

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 - Report an error if x is already defined in the current scope

```
if expr {
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}
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- Type check x
- Type check max
- Make sure max accepts two parameters and that 2+3 has the type of the first formal parameter and x has the type of the second formal parameter
- ▶ The whole expression has the return type declared for max

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"If P then C"

What about this?

 $\frac{P_1 \quad P_2}{C}$

What about this?

$$\frac{P_1 \quad P_2}{C}$$

"If P_1 and P_2 then C"

What about this?

$$\frac{P_1 \quad P_2}{C}$$

"If P_1 and P_2 then C"

Short version for:

$$\frac{P_1 \wedge P_2}{C}$$

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 $\Gamma \vdash e:T$

"Under the set of assumptions Γ , *it is provable* (\vdash) that *e* has type (:) *T*"

(Assumptions = symbol table)

What does this action do?

 $\frac{\Gamma[x \to T]}{\Gamma \vdash T \ x}$

What does this action do?

$$\frac{\Gamma[x \to T]}{\Gamma \vdash T \ x}$$

Adds the mapping from *x* to *T* in the symbol table

What does this mean in English?

$$\frac{\Gamma(x) = T}{\Gamma \vdash x : T}$$

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$$\frac{\Gamma(x) = T}{\Gamma \vdash x : T}$$

"If under the set of assumptions Γ *x* is mapped to type *T*, then under the set of assumptions Γ it is provable that *e* has type *T*."

 $\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : int \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : int}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 + e_2 : int}$

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"If under the set of assumptions Γ it is provable that e_1 has type *int* and under the set of assumptions Γ it is provable that e_2 has type *int*, then under the set of assumptions Γ it is provable that $e_1 + e_2$ has type *int*."

This is not going to be on the exam (probably)

 $L, C, M, V \vdash E_i : \sigma_i$ $\exists \vec{\tau}: constructor(L, C, \vec{\tau}) \land$ $\vec{\tau} := \vec{\sigma} \land$ $(\forall \vec{\gamma}: constructor(L, C, \vec{\gamma}) \land \vec{\gamma} := \vec{\sigma}$ \downarrow $\vec{\gamma} := \vec{\tau}$) $L, C, M, V \vdash \text{new } C(E_1, \dots, E_n) : C$

Code generation

Code generation

Code generation has many sub-phases:

- Computing resources
- Generating an IR of the code
- Optimizing the code
- Emitting the code

- ► L
- ► S
- ► L
- ► O

- Locals (how many?)
- ► S
- ► L
- ► O

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- Stack height (maximum)
- ► L
- ► O

In JOOS, what resources did we need to compute?

- Locals (how many?)
- Stack height (maximum)
- Labels (for control structures and some operators)

► O

- Locals (how many?)
- Stack height (maximum)
- Labels (for control structures and some operators)
- Offsets (locals and formals)

What does the body of this method look like in Jasmin?

```
public static void f(int x) {
    x = x + 3;
}
```

What does the body of this method look like in Jasmin?

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How many locals?

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- How many locals? 1
- Stack height?

What does the body of this method look like in Jasmin?

- How many locals? 1
- Stack height? 2

How do we generate code for relational/logical operators (||, >)?

Use an implicit if-else construct to load 0/1 values as the result

What invariant must be respected by statement code templates?

What invariant must be respected by *statement* code templates? **Stack height is unchanged**

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What invariant must be respected by *expression* code templates?

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What invariant must be respected by *expression* code templates?

Stack height increased by one