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EECS 665

COMPILER

CONSTRUCTION

Abstract Syntax Trees

Check-In

Warm-up

Assign SDD rules to each of the following rules according to the following goal:

> Goal: Each B translates to whether the subtree has an odd number of “1”s

```
B ::= B 0
    |  B 1
    |  ε
```

Announcements

Lecture 6 – Abstract Syntax Trees

Quiz 1 next Friday during class period

- Covers material up to and including today's lecture

Review Session

- Wednesday at 6:00 – 8:00

Last Time

Review: Syntax-Directed Translation

Working with Parse Trees

- Perspectives on trees
  - Data structure / recursive definition
- Syntax-Directed Definitions
  - Specifies *meaning* of parse trees
    - Digit sequence as integer
    - Expression as its evaluation
    - Expression as its operator count

Syntax-Directed Definition

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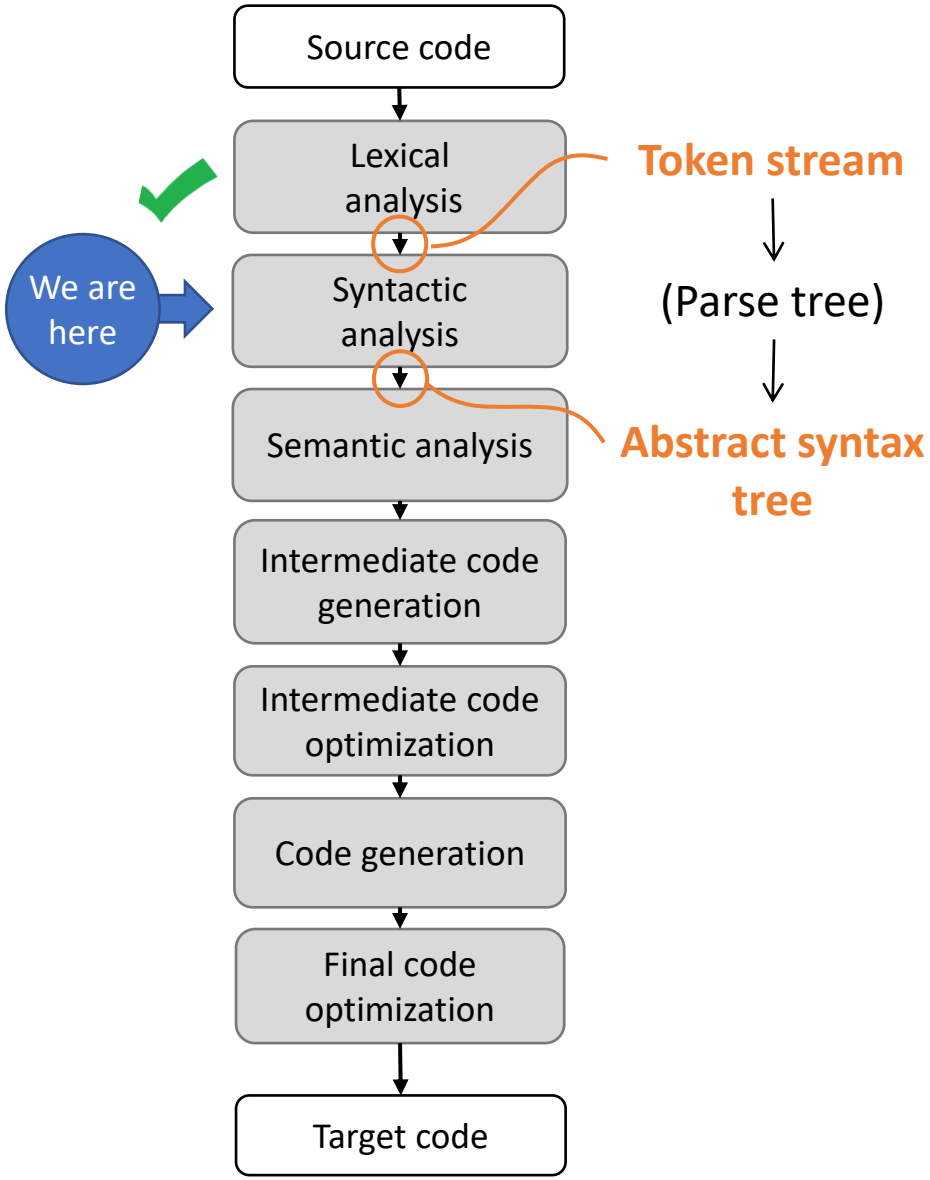
Compiler Construction

Progress Pics



We have most of the concepts of syntactic analysis

Syntactic Analysis

- Output: AST
- Specification:
  - Syntax: CFG
  - Semantics: SDD

just need to apply the concepts to a programming language

The Parse Tree vs AST

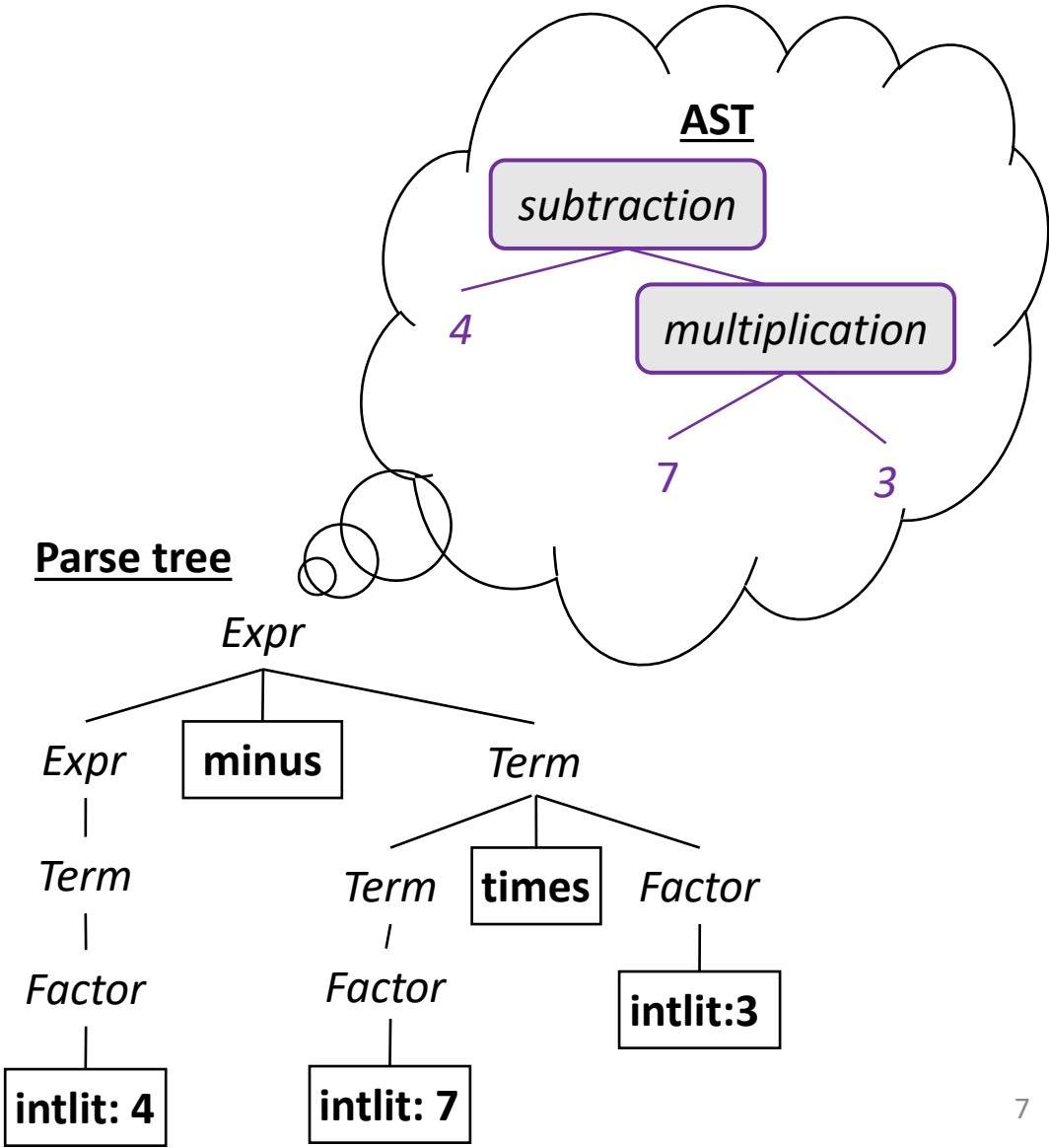
Abstract Syntax Trees

Parse tree

- Recognizes valid syntax
- Nodes are rules that constrain structure

AST

- Transcends concrete syntax
- Represents program semantics
- Nodes are language concepts



AST: Implicit in the Parse Tree

Abstract Syntax Trees

Parse tree implies an AST

- Syntactic analysis "extracts" the AST from the parse tree
- Conceptually, a post-processing pass over the parse tree

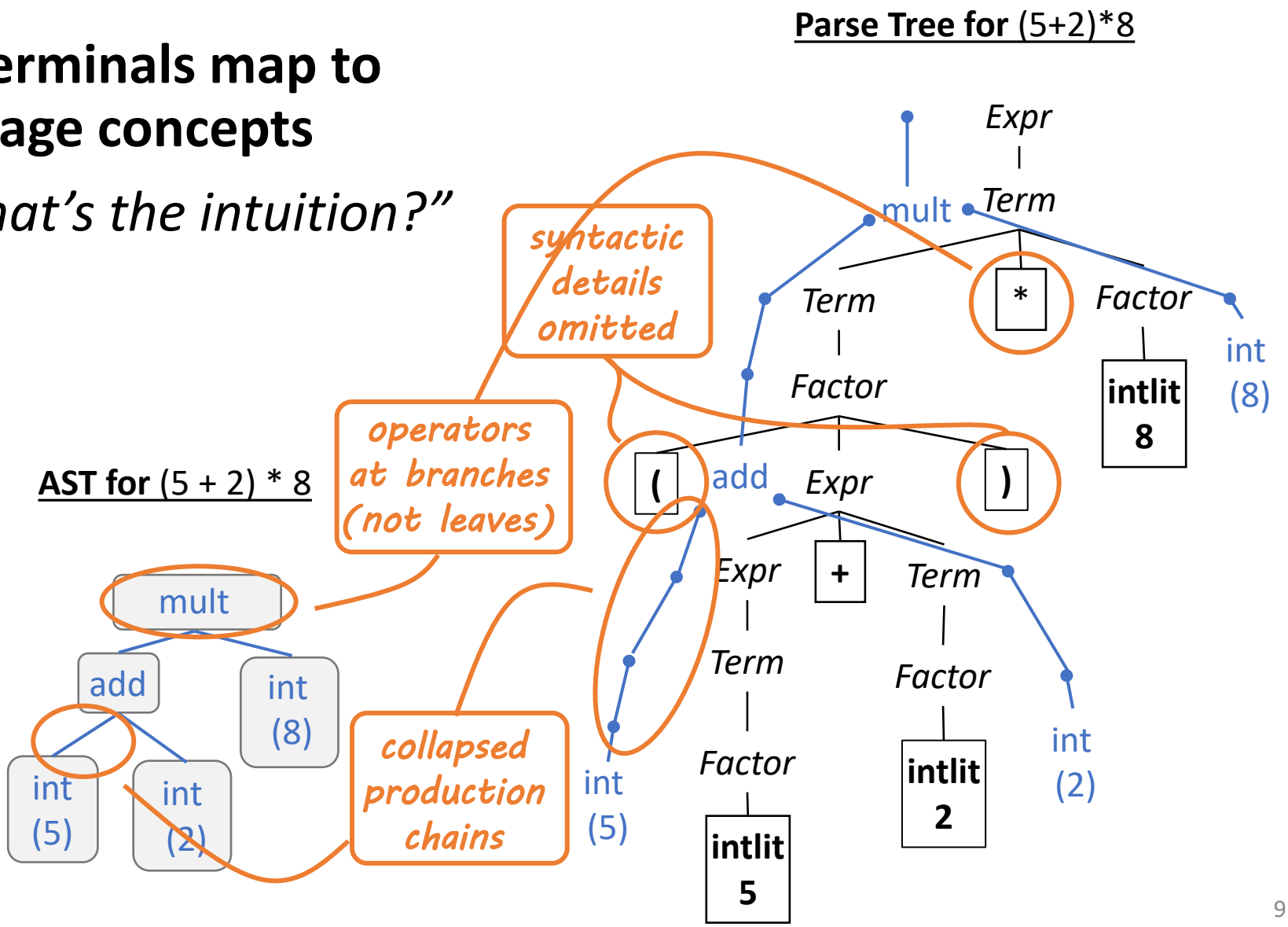
A tree within a tree

AST: Implicit in the Parse Tree

Abstract Syntax Trees

Nonterminals map to language concepts

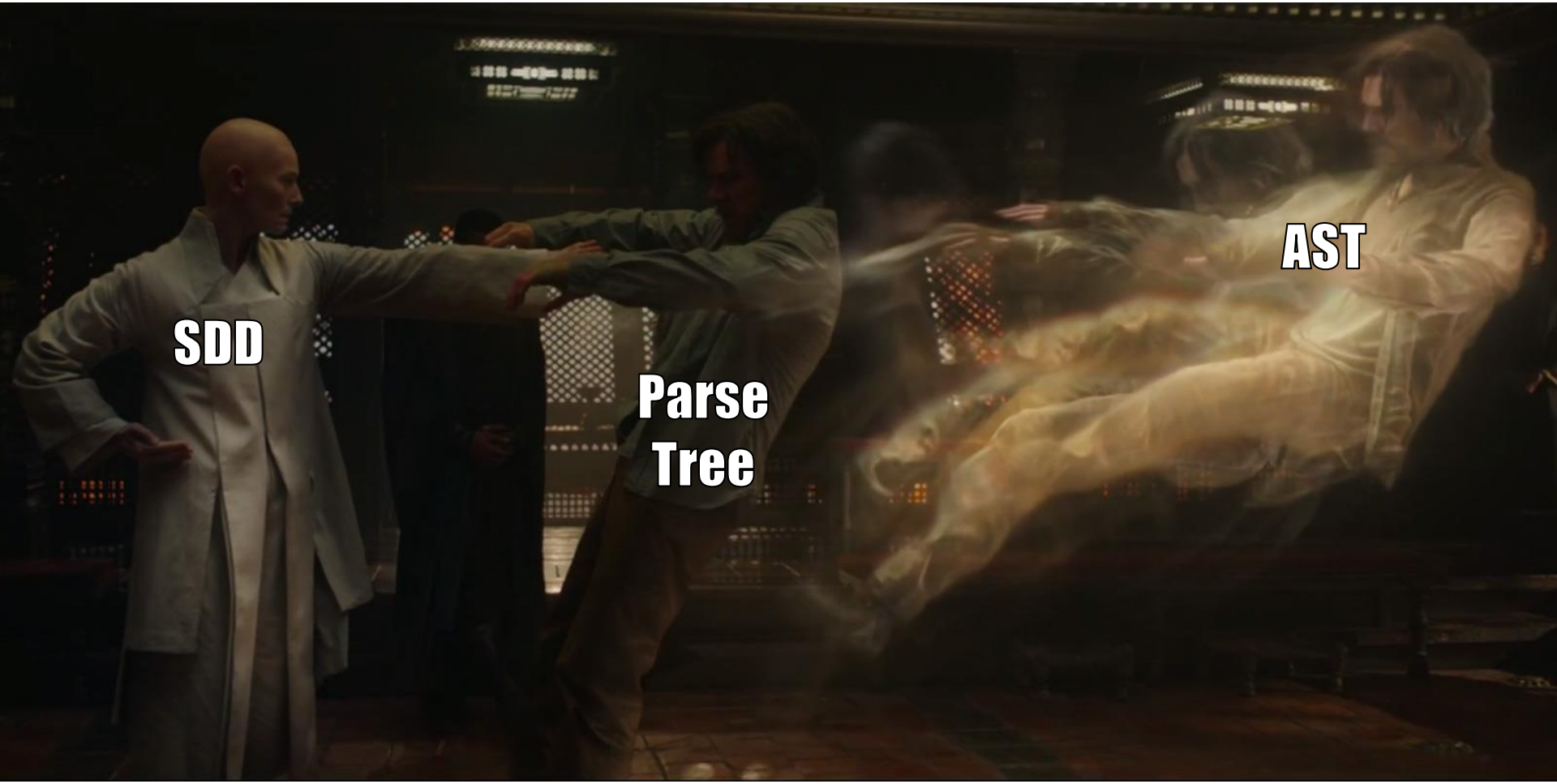
- *"What's the intuition?"*



From Parse Tree to AST

Abstract Syntax Trees

SDD knocks the AST out of the parse tree



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Abstract Syntax Trees

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P3	*T* ::= *F*	*LHS*.trans = *F*.trans
P4	*T* ::= *T* **times** *F*	*LHS*.trans = MultNode where MultNode.arm1 = *T*.trans MultNode.arm2 = *F*.trans
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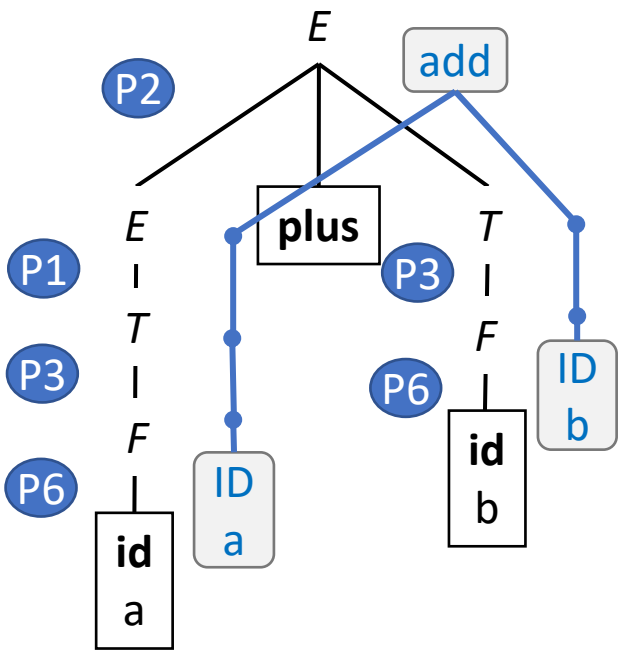

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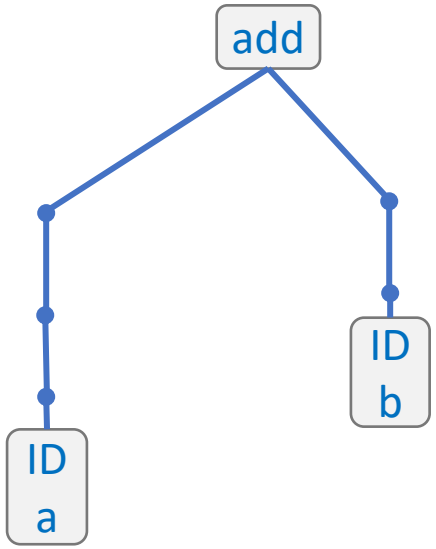

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Capturing Program Constructs

Abstract Syntax Trees – ASTs for Programs

ASTs can (and must) capture all program constructs

- Simply need to attach the right SDD rule to each production
- May need to tweak the grammar a bit
  - (we already saw this with syntactic ambiguity)

Capturing Program Constructs

Abstract Syntax Trees – ASTs for Programs

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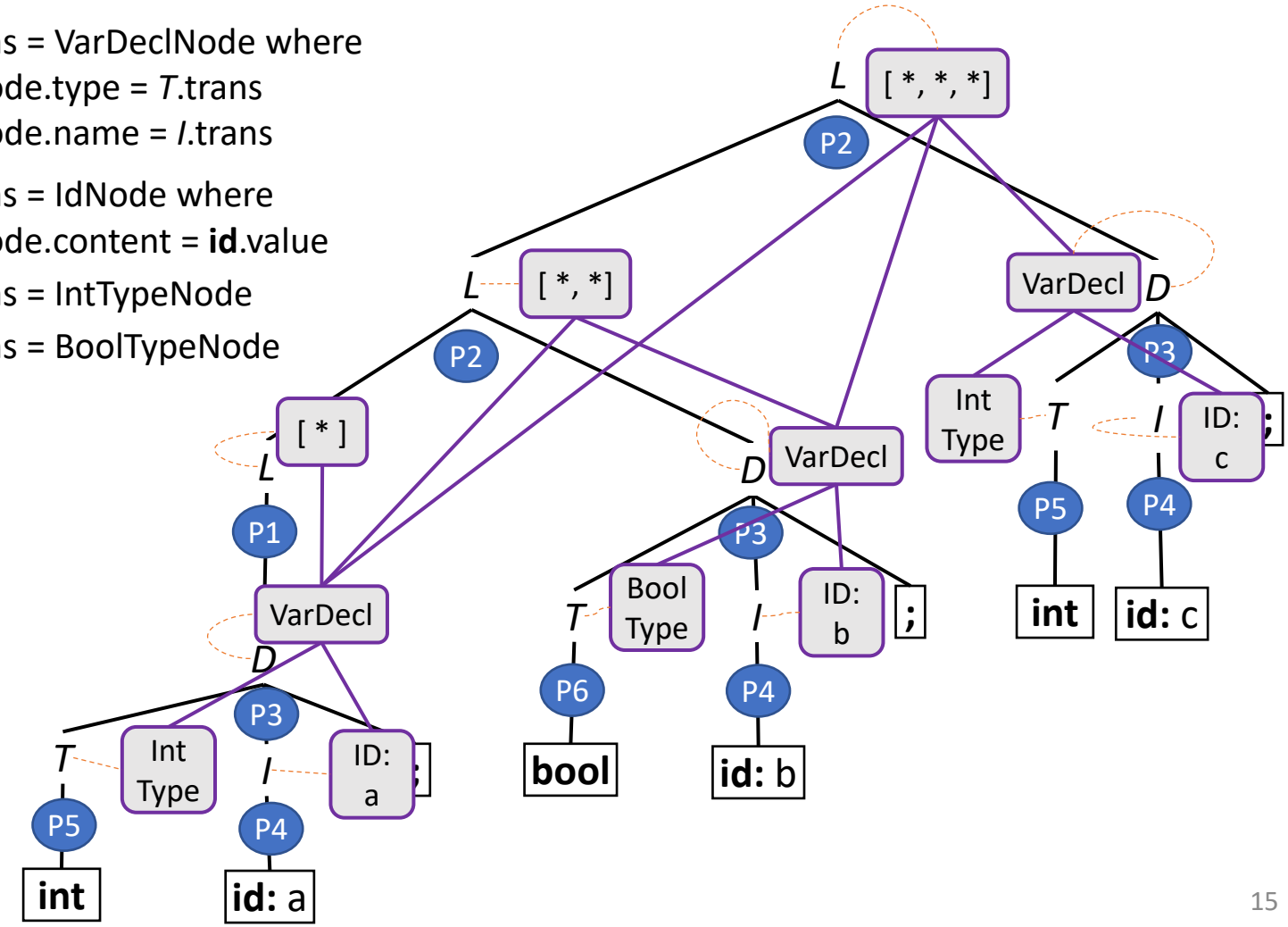

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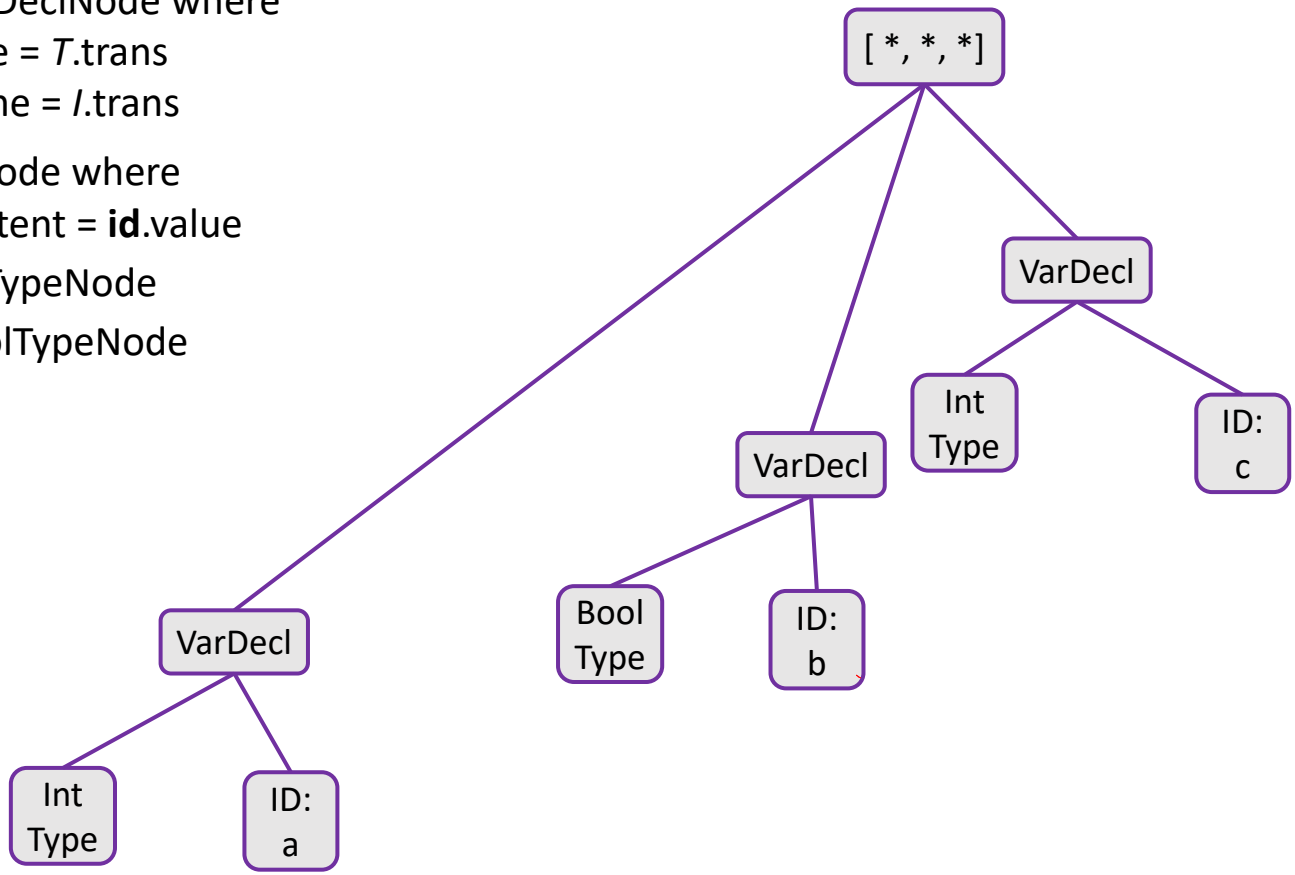

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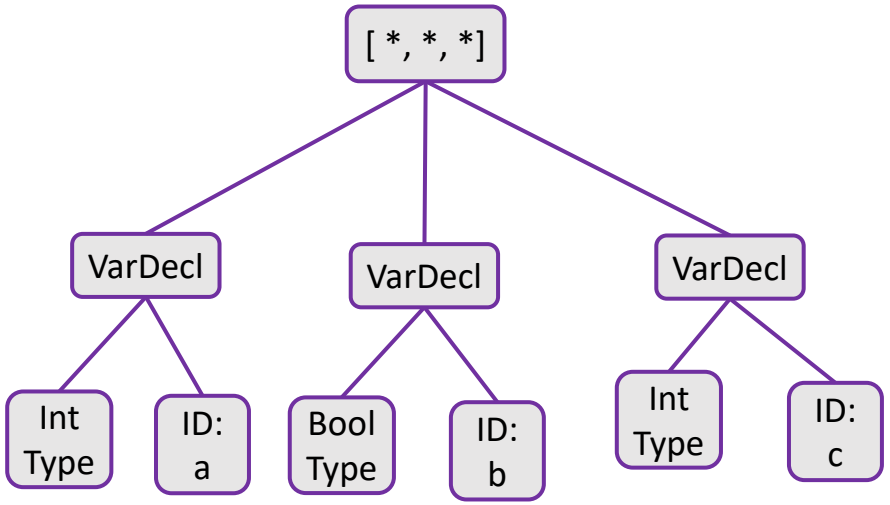

AST: much more intuitive program representation

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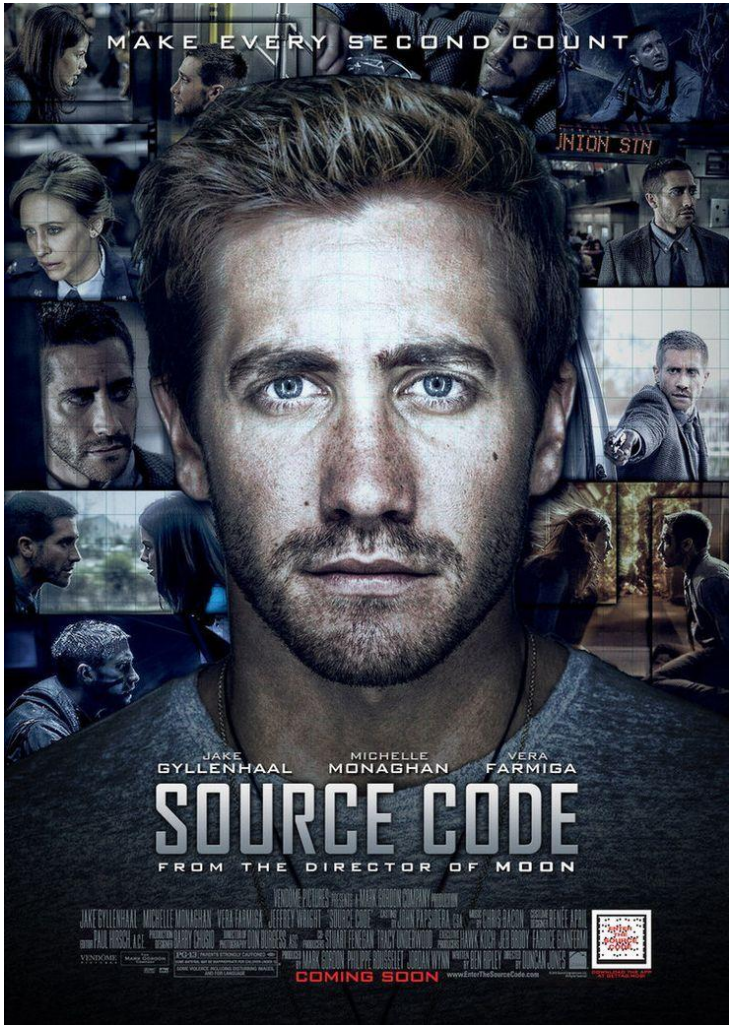
What do ASTs Look like *in Code*?

Abstract Syntax Trees – ASTs in Code

- Let's contemplate source code to implement ASTs



Implementing AST Nodes

Abstract Syntax Trees – ASTs in Code

We've given AST nodes pseudocode properties

- We'll lean into that with C++ classes and members

```
class DeclNode{
    TypeNode& type;
    IDNode& name;
};
```

CFG Production	**Rule**
Decl ::= *Type ID* **;**	*LHS*.trans = DeclNode where .type = *Type*.trans .name = *ID*.trans
ID ::= **id**	*LHS*.trans = IDNode where .content = **id**.value

```
class IDNode{
    char * content;
};
```

Recall OOP: is-a vs has-a

Abstract Syntax Trees – ASTs in Code

```
class Lunch  {
public:
  void eat(){ … }
};

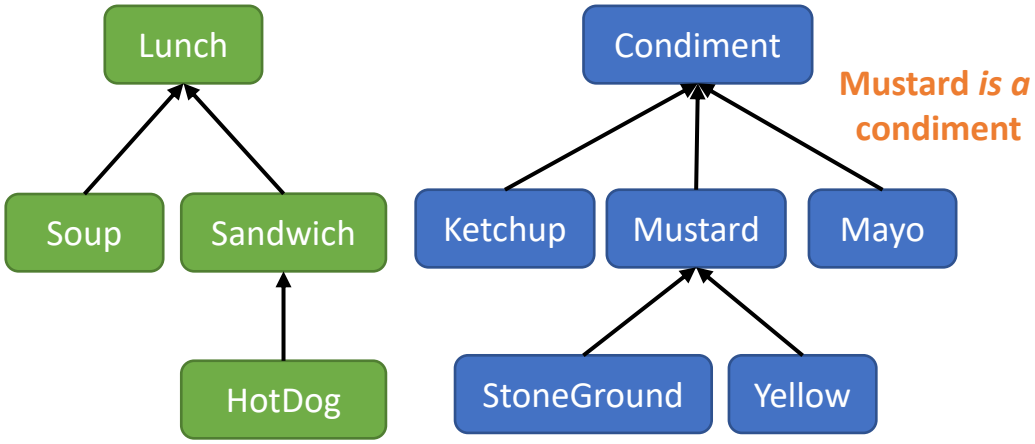
class HotDog : public Sandwich{
public:
  Ketchup * myK;
  Mustard * myM;
};
```

```
int main(){
  HotDog * h = new HotDog();
  Mustard * m = new Yellow();
  h->myM = m;
  h->eat();
  h->myM = k; (error)
}
```

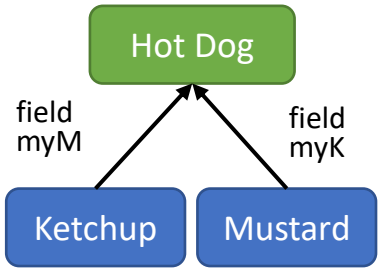
A hot dog *is a* sandwich

A hot dog *is a* lunch

Inheritance (*is-a* relation)



Components (*has-a* relation)



A hot dog *has a* mustard topping

ASTs In Code: Connecting Subtrees

Abstract Syntax Trees – ASTs in Code

Naïve

AST Implementation

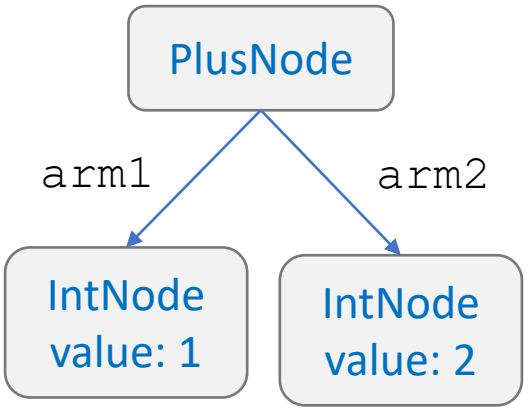
```
class PlusNode
{   IntNode& arm1;
    IntNode& arm2;
};

class IntNode
{   int value; };

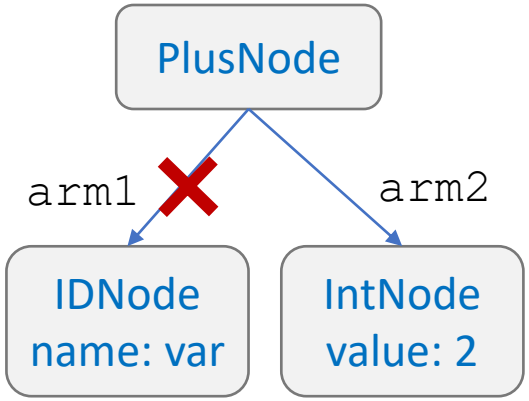
class IDNode
{   std::string content; };
```

Oops! Disallows Variables in expressions!

AST for 1+2



AST for var+2



ASTs: Connecting Subtrees

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AST Implementation

```
class ASTNode{ … };
```

```
class PlusNode : public ASTNode
{   IntNode& left;
    IntNode& right;
};
```

ASTNode

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```

```
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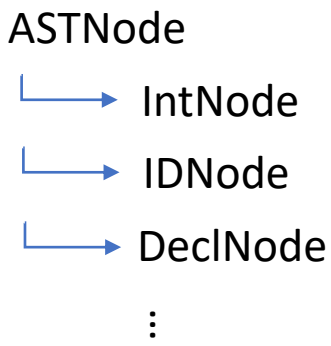
{   std::string content; };
```

```
class DeclNode : public ASTNode
{ … }
```

Class hierarchy for AST Nodes



ASTs: Connecting Subtrees

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Less Naïve

~~Naïve~~

AST Implementation

```
class ASTNode{ };
```

Wrongly allows all node types! Too generic!

```
int foo; + 7
```

```
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{   ASTNode& left;
    ASTNode& right;
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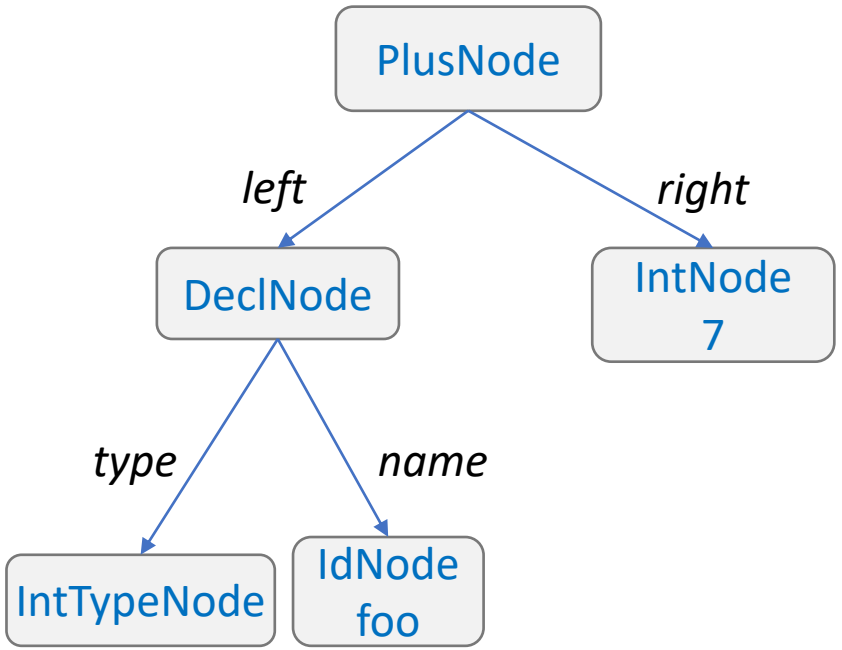

ASTs: Connecting Subtrees

Abstract Syntax Trees – ASTs in Code

Ok

~~Less Naïve~~

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AST Implementation

```
class ASTNode{ };

class ExprNode : public ASTNode {};

class PlusNode : public ~~ASTNode~~
{   ~~ASTNode~~& left;
    ~~ASTNode~~& right;
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ExprNode

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Solution:
Proper line of succession

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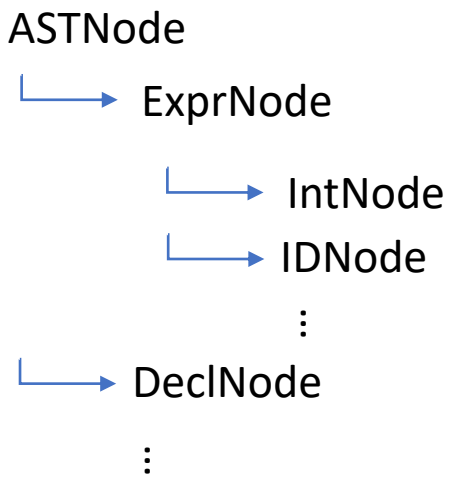

Crafting the AST Hierarchy

Abstract Syntax Trees – ASTs in Code

Which classes should inherit which other classes?

- No one “right way” to do it

Summary
Abstract Syntax Trees

The Abstract Syntax Tree

- A lightweight abstraction of the program syntax
- A data structure in the compiler's host language
  - Lexical Tokens: Flex Regular Expression Rules
  - Parse Tree: Bison Context-Free Grammar Rules
  - AST: Back to C++ objects and classes