

Semantic Analysis with Attribute Grammars

Part 3

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Outline of the Lecture

- Introduction (covered in lecture 1)
- Attribute grammars
- Attributed translation grammars
- Semantic analysis with attributed translation grammars

Attribute Grammars

- Let $G = (N, T, P, S)$ be a CFG and let $V = N \cup T$.
- Every symbol X of V has associated with it a set of *attributes*
- Two types of attributes: *inherited* and *synthesized*
- Each attribute takes values from a specified domain
- A production $p \in P$ has a set of attribute computation rules for
 - synthesized attributes of the LHS non-terminal of p
 - inherited attributes of the RHS non-terminals of p
- Rules are strictly local to the production p (no side effects)

L-Attributed and S-Attributed Grammars

- An AG with only synthesized attributes is an S-attributed grammar
 - Attributes of SAGs can be evaluated in any bottom-up order over a parse tree (single pass)
 - Attribute evaluation can be combined with LR-parsing (YACC)
- In L-attributed grammars, attribute dependencies always go from *left to right*
- More precisely, each attribute must be
 - Synthesized, or
 - Inherited, but with the following limitations:
consider a production $p : A \rightarrow X_1 X_2 \dots X_n$. Let $X_i.a \in AI(X_i)$. $X_i.a$ may use only
 - elements of $AI(A)$
 - elements of $AI(X_k)$ or $AS(X_k)$, $k = 1, \dots, i - 1$
(i.e., attributes of X_1, \dots, X_{i-1})
- We concentrate on SAGs, and 1-pass LAGs, in which attribute evaluation can be combined with LR, LL or RD parsing

Attribute Evaluation Algorithm for LAGs

Input: A parse tree T with unevaluated attribute instances

Output: T with consistent attribute values

```
void dfvisit( $n$ : node)
```

```
{ for each child  $m$  of  $n$ , from left to right do
```

```
    { evaluate inherited attributes of  $m$ ;
```

```
      dfvisit( $m$ )
```

```
    };
```

```
  evaluate synthesized attributes of  $n$ 
```

```
}
```


Example of Non-LAG

- An AG for associating *type* information with names in variable declarations

- $AI(L) = AI(ID) = \{type \downarrow: \{integer, real\}\}$

$$AS(T) = \{type \uparrow: \{integer, real\}\}$$

$$AS(ID) = AS(identifier) = \{name \uparrow: string\}$$

1 $DList \rightarrow D \mid DList ; D$

2 $D \rightarrow L : T \{L.type \downarrow := T.type \uparrow\}$

3 $T \rightarrow int \{T.type \uparrow := integer\}$

4 $T \rightarrow float \{T.type \uparrow := real\}$

5 $L \rightarrow ID \{ID.type \downarrow := L.type \downarrow\}$

6 $L_1 \rightarrow L_2 , ID \{L_2.type \downarrow := L_1.type \downarrow ; ID.type \downarrow := L_1.type \downarrow\}$

7 $ID \rightarrow identifier \{ID.name \uparrow := identifier.name \uparrow\}$

Example: $a,b,c: int; x,y: float$

$a,b,$ and c are tagged with type *integer*

$x,y,$ and z are tagged with type *real*

Example of LAG - 2

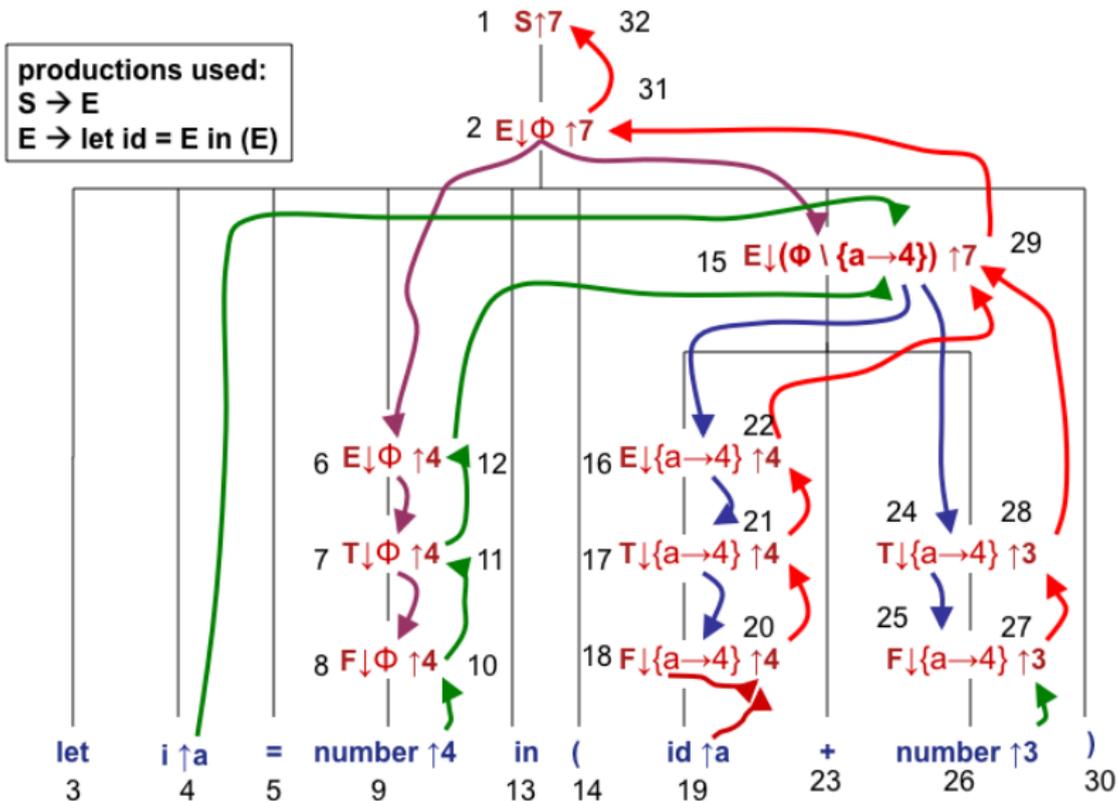
- 1 $S \longrightarrow E \{E.symbtab \downarrow := \phi; S.val \uparrow := E.val \uparrow\}$
- 2 $E_1 \longrightarrow E_2 + T \{E_2.symbtab \downarrow := E_1.symbtab \downarrow; E_1.val \uparrow := E_2.val \uparrow + T.val \uparrow; T.symbtab \downarrow := E_1.symbtab \downarrow\}$
- 3 $E \longrightarrow T \{T.symbtab \downarrow := E.symbtab \downarrow; E.val \uparrow := T.val \uparrow\}$
- 4 $E_1 \longrightarrow \text{let } id = E_2 \text{ in } (E_3)$
 $\{E_1.val \uparrow := E_3.val \uparrow; E_2.symbtab \downarrow := E_1.symbtab \downarrow;$
 $E_3.symbtab \downarrow := E_1.symbtab \downarrow \setminus \{id.name \uparrow \rightarrow E_2.val \uparrow\}\}$

Note: changing the above production to:

$E_1 \rightarrow \text{return } (E_3) \text{ with } id = E_2$ (with the same computation rules) changes this AG into non-LAG

- 5 $T_1 \longrightarrow T_2 * F \{T_1.val \uparrow := T_2.val \uparrow * F.val \uparrow;$
 $T_2.symbtab \downarrow := T_1.symbtab \downarrow; F.symbtab \downarrow := T_1.symbtab \downarrow\}$
- 6 $T \longrightarrow F \{T.val \uparrow := F.val \uparrow; F.symbtab \downarrow := T.symbtab \downarrow\}$
- 7 $F \longrightarrow (E) \{F.val \uparrow := E.val \uparrow; E.symbtab \downarrow := F.symbtab \downarrow\}$
- 8 $F \longrightarrow \text{number} \{F.val \uparrow := \text{number.val} \uparrow\}$
- 9 $F \longrightarrow id \{F.val \uparrow := F.symbtab \downarrow [id.name \uparrow]\}$

Example of LAG - 2, Evaluation Order



Attributed Translation Grammar

- Apart from attribute computation rules, some program segment that performs either output or some other side effect-free computation is added to the AG
- Examples are: symbol table operations, writing generated code to a file, etc.
- As a result of these *action code segments*, evaluation orders may be constrained
- Such constraints are added to the attribute dependence graph as *implicit edges*
- These actions can be added to both SAGs and LAGs (making them, SATG and LATG resp.)
- Our discussion of semantic analysis will use LATG(1-pass) and SATG

Example 1: SATG for Desk Calculator

%%

```
lines: lines expr '\n' {printf("%g\n", $2);}  
      | lines '\n'  
      | /* empty */  
      ;
```

```
expr : expr '+' expr {$$ = $1 + $3;}
```

```
/*Same as: expr(1).val = expr(2).val+expr(3).val */
```

```
| expr '-' expr {$$ = $1 - $3;}
```

```
| expr '*' expr {$$ = $1 * $3;}
```

```
| expr '/' expr {$$ = $1 / $3;}
```

```
| '(' expr ')' {$$ = $2;}
```

```
| NUMBER /* type double */
```

```
;
```

%%

Example 2: SATG for Modified Desk Calculator

```
%%  
lines: lines expr '\n' {printf("%g\n", $2);}  
      | lines '\n'  
      | /* empty */  
      ;  
expr  : NAME '=' expr {sp = symlook($1);  
                      sp->value = $3; $$ = $3;}  
      | NAME {sp = symlook($1); $$ = sp->value;}  
      | expr '+' expr {$$ = $1 + $3;}  
      | expr '-' expr {$$ = $1 - $3;}  
      | expr '*' expr {$$ = $1 * $3;}  
      | expr '/' expr {$$ = $1 / $3;}  
      | '(' expr ')' {$$ = $2;}  
      | NUMBER /* type double */  
      ;  
%%
```

Example 3: LAG, LATG, and SATG

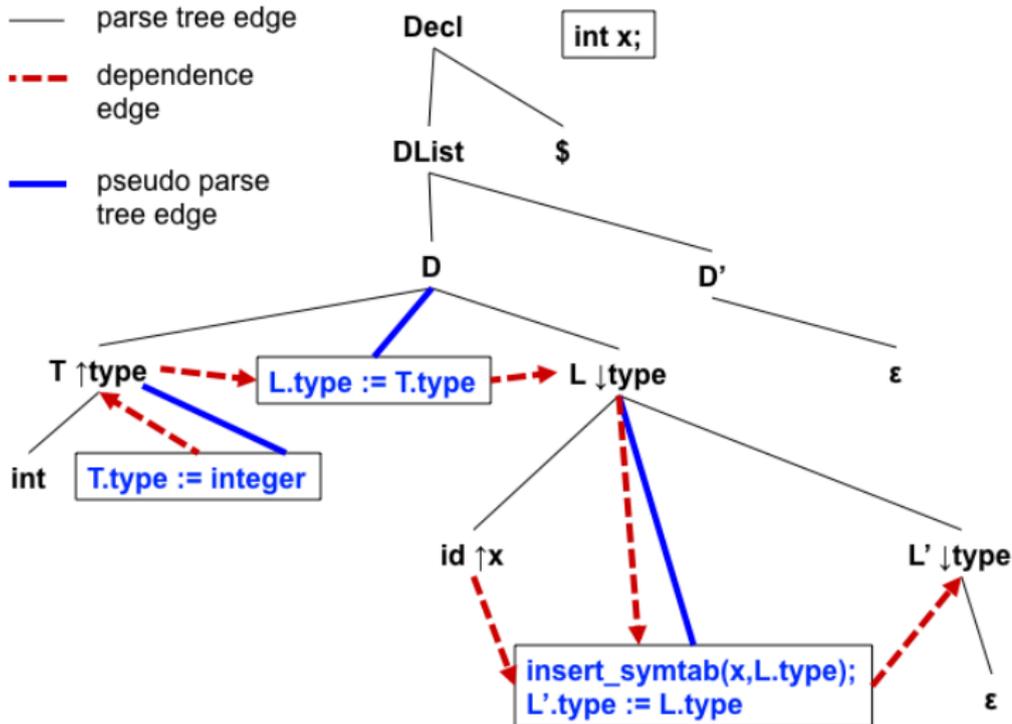
LAG (notice the changed grammar)

1. $Decl \rightarrow DList\$$
2. $DList \rightarrow D D'$
3. $D' \rightarrow \epsilon \mid ; DList$
4. $D \rightarrow T L \{L.type \downarrow := T.type \uparrow\}$
5. $T \rightarrow int \{T.type \uparrow := integer\}$
6. $T \rightarrow float \{T.type \uparrow := real\}$
7. $L \rightarrow ID L' \{ID.type \downarrow := L.type \downarrow; L'.type \downarrow := L.type \downarrow; \}$
8. $L' \rightarrow \epsilon \mid , L \{L.type \downarrow := L'.type \downarrow; \}$
9. $ID \rightarrow identifier \{ID.name \uparrow := identifier.name \uparrow\}$

LATG (notice the changed grammar)

1. $Decl \rightarrow DList\$$
2. $DList \rightarrow D D'$
3. $D' \rightarrow \epsilon \mid ; DList$
4. $D \rightarrow T \{L.type \downarrow := T.type \uparrow\} L$
5. $T \rightarrow int \{T.type \uparrow := integer\}$
6. $T \rightarrow float \{T.type \uparrow := real\}$
7. $L \rightarrow id \{insert_symtab(id.name \uparrow, L.type \downarrow);$
 $L'.type \downarrow := L.type \downarrow; \} L'$
8. $L' \rightarrow \epsilon \mid , \{L.type \downarrow := L'.type \downarrow; \} L$

Example - 3: LATG Dependence Example



SATG

1. $Decl \rightarrow DList\$$
2. $DList \rightarrow D \mid DList ; D$
3. $D \rightarrow T L \{patchtype(T.type \uparrow, L.namelist \uparrow); \}$
4. $T \rightarrow int \{T.type \uparrow := integer\}$
5. $T \rightarrow float \{T.type \uparrow := real\}$
6. $L \rightarrow id \{sp = insert_symtab(id.name \uparrow);$
 $L.namelist \uparrow = makelist(sp); \}$
7. $L_1 \rightarrow L_2 , id \{sp = insert_symtab(id.name \uparrow);$
 $L_1.namelist \uparrow = append(L_2.namelist \uparrow, sp); \}$

Integrating LATG into RD Parser - 1

```
/* Decl --> DList $*/  
void Decl(){Dlist();  
            if mytoken.token == EOF return  
            else error(); }  
/* DList --> D D' */  
void DList(){D(); D'(); }  
/* D --> T {L.type := T.type} L */  
void D(){vartype type = T(); L(type); }  
/* T --> int {T.type := integer}  
        | float {T.type := real} */  
vartype T(){if mytoken.token == INT  
            {get_token(); return(integer);}  
            else if mytoken.token == FLOAT  
                {get_token(); return(real); }  
            else error();  
}
```

Integrating LATG into RD Parser - 2

```
/* L --> id {insert_syntab(id.name, L.type);
           L'.type := L.type} L' */
void L(vartype type){if mytoken.token == ID
                    {insert_syntab(mytoken.value, type);
                     get_token(); L'(type); } else error();
}
/* L' --> empty | , {L.type := L'.type} L */
void L'(vartype type){if mytoken.token == COMMA
                    {get_token(); L(type);} else ;
}
/* D' --> empty | ; DList */
void D'(){if mytoken.token == SEMICOLON
          {get_token(); DList(); } else ; }
```

Example 4: SATG with Scoped Names

1. $S \rightarrow E \{ S.val := E.val \}$
 2. $E \rightarrow E + T \{ E(1).val := E(2).val + T.val \}$
 3. $E \rightarrow T \{ E.val := T.val \}$
- /* The 3 productions below are broken parts
of the prod.: $E \rightarrow \text{let id} = E \text{ in } (E)$ */
4. $E \rightarrow L B \{ E.val := B.val; \}$
 5. $L \rightarrow \text{let id} = E \{ //scope initialized to 0;
scope++; insert (id.name, scope, E.val) \}$
 6. $B \rightarrow \text{in } (E) \{ B.val := E.val;
delete_entries (scope); scope--; \}$
 7. $T \rightarrow T * F \{ T(1).val := T(2).val * F.val \}$
 8. $T \rightarrow F \{ T.val := F.val \}$
 9. $F \rightarrow (E) \{ F.val := E.val \}$
 10. $F \rightarrow \text{number} \{ F.val := \text{number.val} \}$
 11. $F \rightarrow \text{id} \{ F.val := \text{getval} (\text{id.name}, \text{scope}) \}$

- 1 $Decl \rightarrow DList\$$
- 2 $DList \rightarrow D \mid D ; DList$
- 3 $D \rightarrow T L$
- 4 $T \rightarrow int \mid float$
- 5 $L \rightarrow ID_ARR \mid ID_ARR , L$
- 6 $ID_ARR \rightarrow id \mid id [DIMLIST] \mid id BR_DIMLIST$
- 7 $DIMLIST \rightarrow num \mid num , DIMLIST$
- 8 $BR_DIMLIST \rightarrow [num] \mid [num] BR_DIMLIST$

Note: array declarations have two possibilities

```
int a[10,20,30]; float b[25][35];
```

- The grammar is not LL(1) and hence an LL(1) parser cannot be built from it.
- We assume that the parse tree is available and that attribute evaluation is performed over the parse tree
- Modifications to the CFG to make it LL(1) and the corresponding changes to the AG are left as exercises
- The attributes and their rules of computation for productions 1-4 are as before and we ignore them
- We provide the AG only for the productions 5-7; AG for rule 8 is similar to that of rule 7
- Handling constant declarations is similar to that of handling variable declarations

Identifier Type Information in the Symbol Table

Identifier type information record

name	type	etype	dimlist_ptr
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1. *type*: (simple, array)
2. *type* = simple for non-array names
3. The fields *etype* and *dimlist_ptr* are relevant only for arrays. In that case, *type* = array
4. *etype*: (integer, real, error type), is the type of a simple id or the type of the array element
5. *dimlist_ptr* points to a list of ranges of the dimensions of an array. C-type array declarations are assumed
Ex. `float my_array[5][12][15]`
dimlist_ptr points to the list (5,12,15), and the total number elements in the array is $5 \times 12 \times 15 = 900$, which can be obtained by *traversing* this list and multiplying the elements.