

Programming Languages and Compilers (CS 421)

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BNF Grammars

- Start with a set of characters, **a,b,c,...**
 - We call these *terminals*
- Add a set of different characters, **X,Y,Z,...**
 - We call these *nonterminals*
- One special nonterminal **S** called *start symbol*

BNF Grammars

- BNF rules (aka *productions*) have form

$$X ::= y$$

where X is any nonterminal and y is a string of terminals and nonterminals

- BNF *grammar* is a set of BNF rules such that every nonterminal appears on the left of some rule

Sample Grammar

- Terminals: 0 1 + ()
- Nonterminals: $\langle \text{Sum} \rangle$
- Start symbol = $\langle \text{Sum} \rangle$

- $\langle \text{Sum} \rangle ::= 0$
- $\langle \text{Sum} \rangle ::= 1$
- $\langle \text{Sum} \rangle ::= \langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle$
- $\langle \text{Sum} \rangle ::= (\langle \text{Sum} \rangle)$
- Can be abbreviated as
$$\langle \text{Sum} \rangle ::= 0 \mid 1$$
$$\mid \langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle \mid ()$$

BNF Derivations

- Given rules

$$\mathbf{X} ::= y\mathbf{Z}w \text{ and } \mathbf{Z} ::= v$$

we may replace \mathbf{Z} by v to say

$$\mathbf{X} \Rightarrow y\mathbf{Z}w \Rightarrow yvw$$

- Sequence of such replacements called *derivation*
- Derivation called *right-most* if always replace the right-most non-terminal

BNF Semantics

- The meaning of a BNF grammar is the set of all strings consisting only of terminals that can be derived from the Start symbol

BNF Derivations

$\langle \text{Sum} \rangle ::= 0 \mid 1 \mid \langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle \mid (\langle \text{Sum} \rangle)$

- Start with the start symbol:

$\langle \text{Sum} \rangle \Rightarrow$

BNF Derivations

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- Pick a non-terminal

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■ Pick a rule and substitute:

■ $\langle \text{Sum} \rangle ::= \langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle$

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$\Rightarrow (\langle \text{Sum} \rangle) + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle$

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$\langle \text{Sum} \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle$

$\Rightarrow (\langle \text{Sum} \rangle) + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle$

$\Rightarrow (\langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle) + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle$

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■ Pick a rule and substitute:

■ $\langle \text{Sum} \rangle ::= 0$

$\langle \text{Sum} \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle$

$\Rightarrow (\langle \text{Sum} \rangle) + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle$

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$\Rightarrow (\langle \text{Sum} \rangle + 1) 0$

$\Rightarrow (0 + 1) + 0$

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$\langle \text{Sum} \rangle ::= 0 \mid 1 \mid \langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle \mid (\langle \text{Sum} \rangle)$

- $(0 + 1) + 0$ is generated by grammar

$\langle \text{Sum} \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle$
 $\Rightarrow (\langle \text{Sum} \rangle) + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle$
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Regular Grammars

- Subclass of BNF
- Only rules of form
 $\langle \text{nonterminal} \rangle ::= \langle \text{terminal} \rangle \langle \text{nonterminal} \rangle$ or
 $\langle \text{nonterminal} \rangle ::= \langle \text{terminal} \rangle$ or
 $\langle \text{nonterminal} \rangle ::= \epsilon$
- Defines same class of languages as regular expressions
- Important for writing lexers (programs that convert strings of characters into strings of tokens)

Extended BNF Grammars

- Alternatives: allow rules of form $X ::= y \mid z$
 - Abbreviates $X ::= y, X ::= z$
- Options: $X ::= y [v] z$
 - Abbreviates $X ::= yvz, X ::= yz$
- Repetition: $X ::= y \{v\}^* z$
 - Can be eliminated by adding new nonterminal V and rules
 $X ::= yz, X ::= yVz,$
 $V ::= v, V ::= vV$

Parse Trees

- Graphical representation of derivation
- Each node labeled with either non-terminal or terminal
- If node is labeled with a terminal, then it is a leaf (no sub-trees)
- If node is labeled with a non-terminal, then it has one branch for each character in the right-hand side of rule used to substitute for it

Example

- Consider grammar:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \text{exp} \rangle & ::= \langle \text{factor} \rangle \\ & \quad | \langle \text{factor} \rangle + \langle \text{factor} \rangle \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} \langle \text{factor} \rangle & ::= \langle \text{bin} \rangle \\ & \quad | \langle \text{bin} \rangle * \langle \text{exp} \rangle \end{aligned}$$
$$\langle \text{bin} \rangle ::= 0 \quad | \quad 1$$

- Problem: Build parse tree for $1 * 1 + 0$ as an $\langle \text{exp} \rangle$

Example cont.

- $1 * 1 + 0$: $\langle \text{exp} \rangle$

$\langle \text{exp} \rangle$ is the start symbol for this parse tree

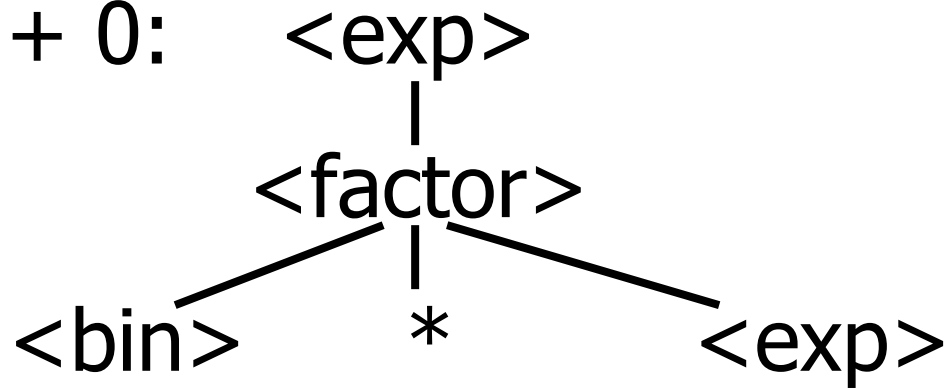
Example cont.

■ $1 * 1 + 0$: $\langle \text{exp} \rangle$
|
 $\langle \text{factor} \rangle$

Use rule: $\langle \text{exp} \rangle ::= \langle \text{factor} \rangle$

Example cont.

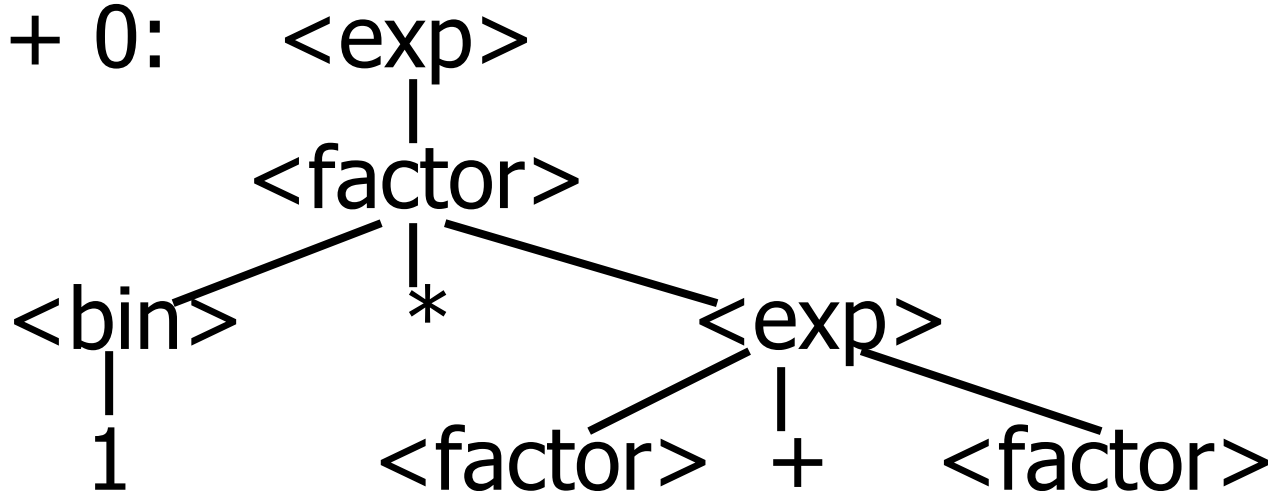
- 1 * 1 + 0:



Use rule: $\langle \text{factor} \rangle ::= \langle \text{bin} \rangle * \langle \text{exp} \rangle$

Example cont.

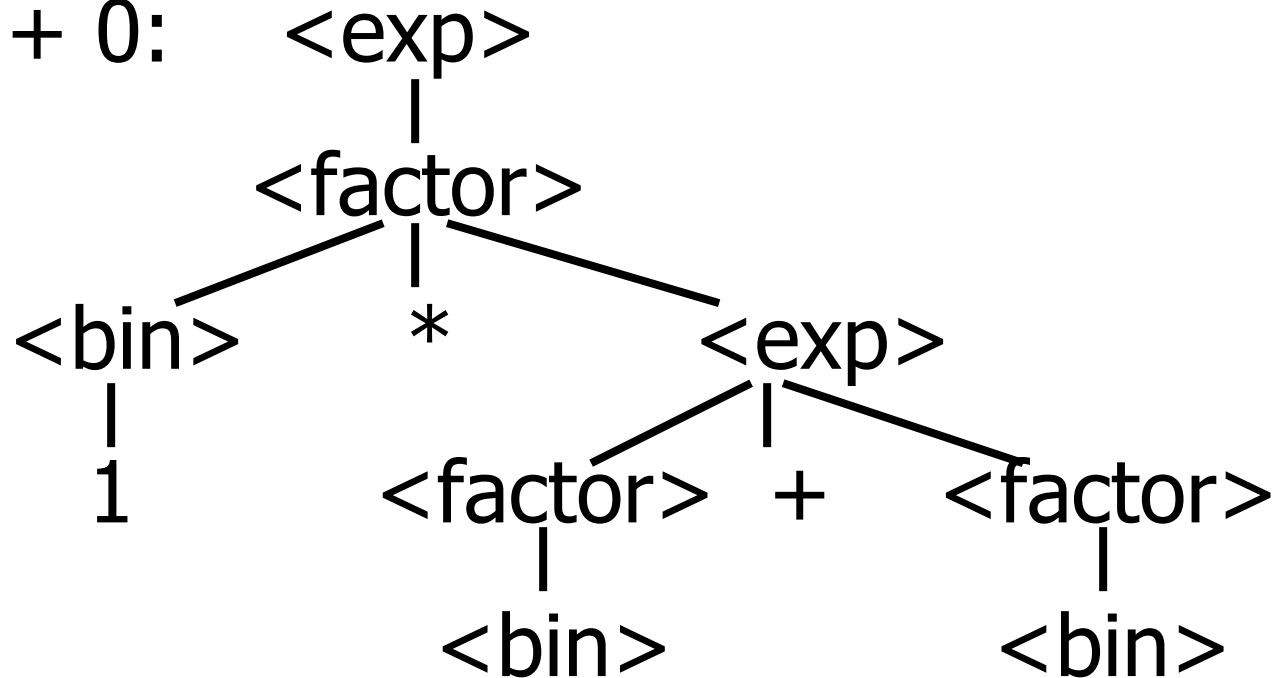
- $1 * 1 + 0$:



Use rules: $\langle \text{bin} \rangle ::= 1$ and
 $\langle \text{exp} \rangle ::= \langle \text{factor} \rangle + \langle \text{factor} \rangle$

Example cont.

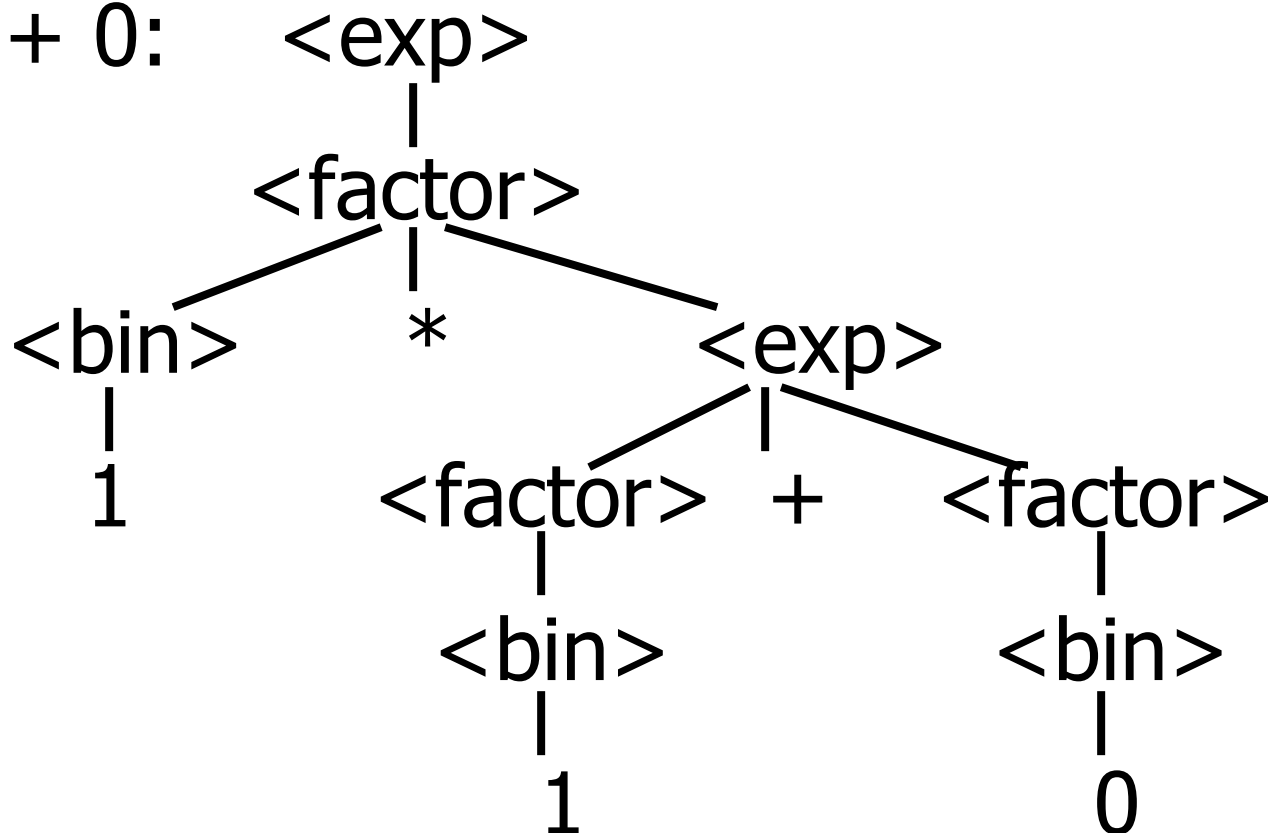
- 1 * 1 + 0:



Use rule: $\langle \text{factor} \rangle ::= \langle \text{bin} \rangle$

Example cont.

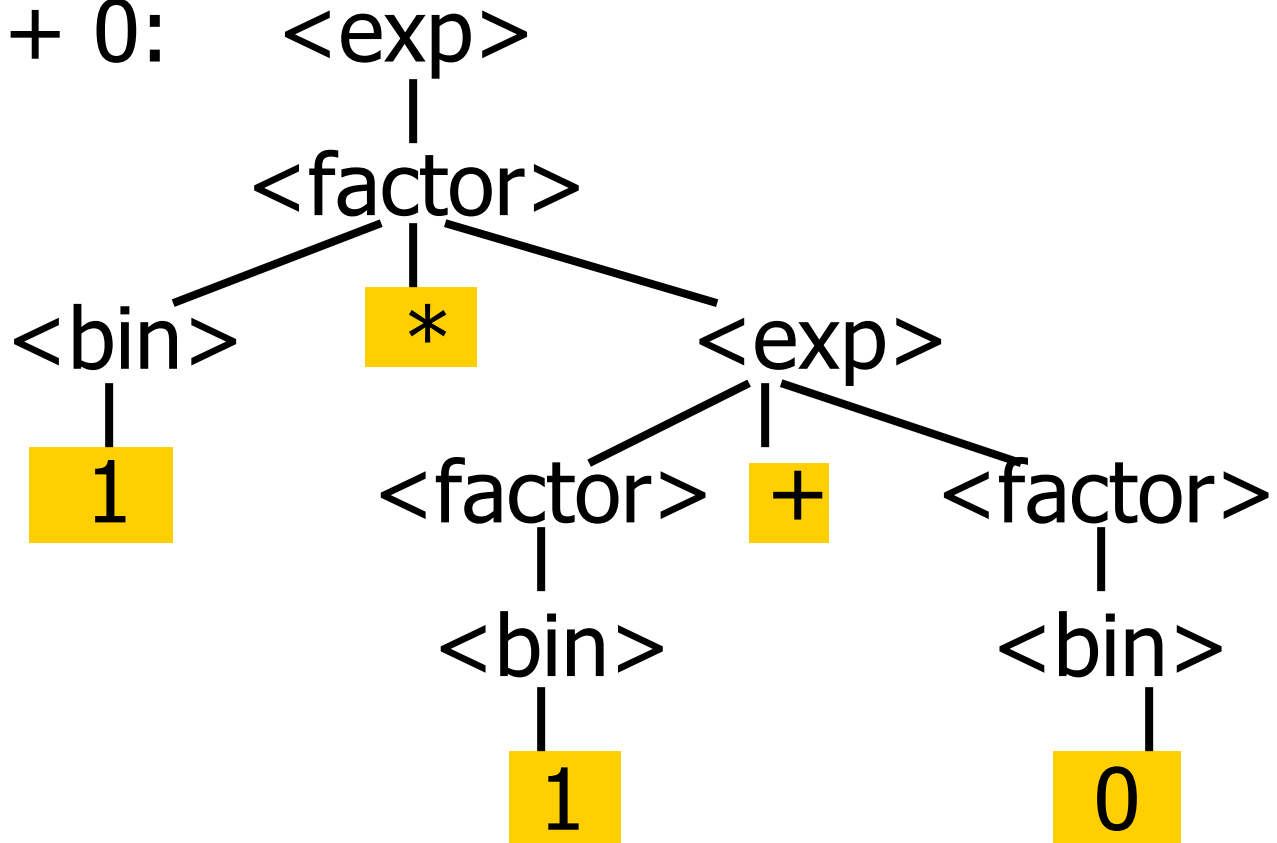
- 1 * 1 + 0:



Use rules: $\langle \text{bin} \rangle ::= 1 \mid 0$

Example cont.

- $1 * 1 + 0$:



Fringe of tree is string generated by grammar

Parse Tree Data Structures

- Parse trees may be represented by OCaml datatypes
- One datatype for each nonterminal
- One constructor for each rule
- Defined as mutually recursive collection of datatype declarations

Example

- Recall grammar:

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<exp>      ::= <factor> | <factor> + <factor>
<factor>   ::= <bin> | <bin> * <exp>
<bin>      ::= 0 | 1
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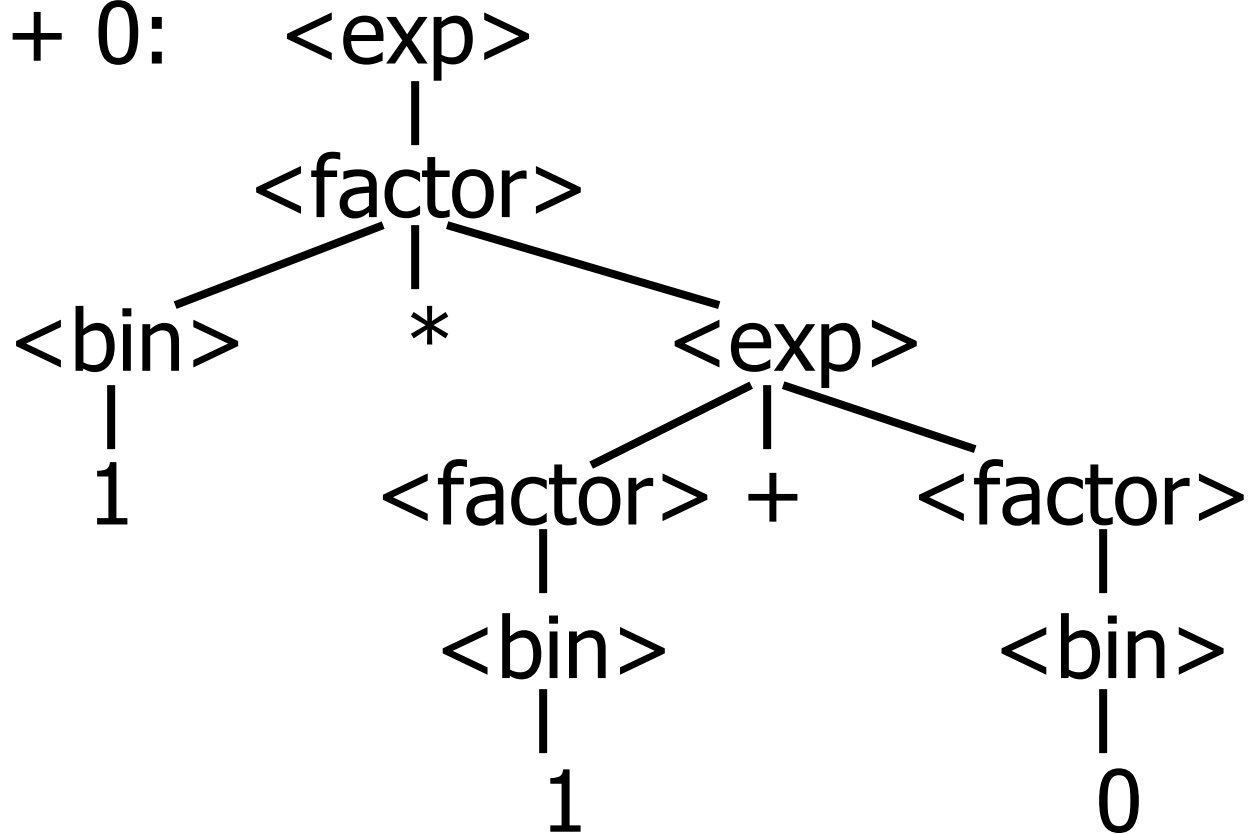
- Represent as Abstract Data Types:

- type exp = Factor2Exp of factor
| Plus of factor * factor
and factor = Bin2Factor of bin
| Mult of bin * exp
and bin = Zero | One

Example cont.

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- 1 * 1 + 0:



Example cont.

- Can be represented as

Factor2Exp

(Mult(One,

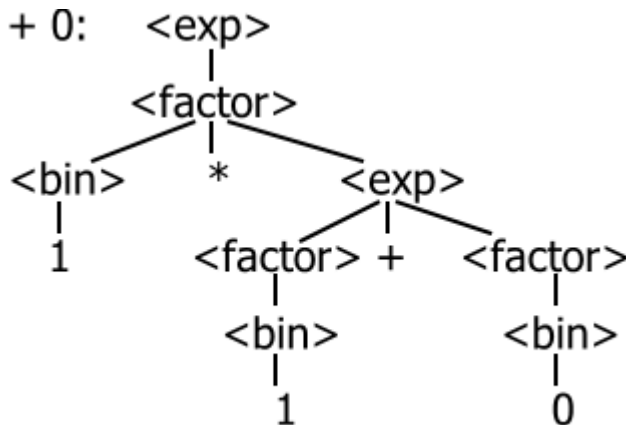
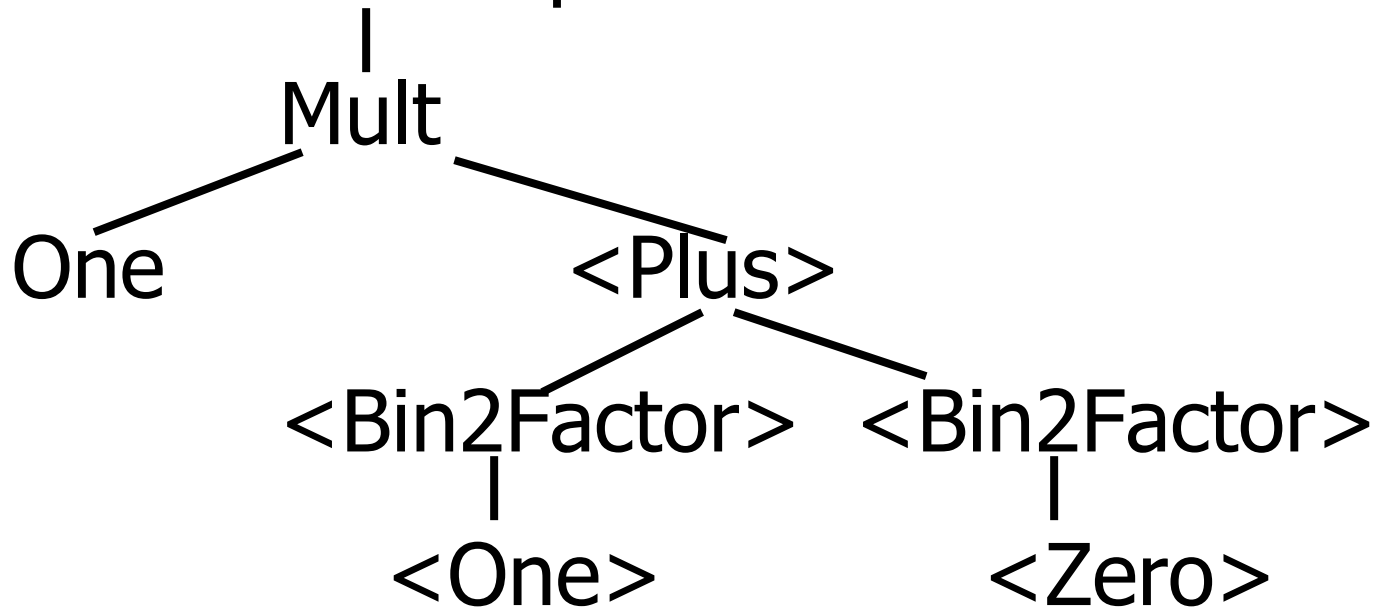
Plus(Bin2Factor One,

Bin2Factor Zero)))

Example cont.

- type exp = Factor2Exp of factor
 | Plus of factor * factor
and factor = Bin2Factor of bin
 | Mult of bin * exp
and bin = Zero | One

- 1 * 1 + 0: Factor2Exp

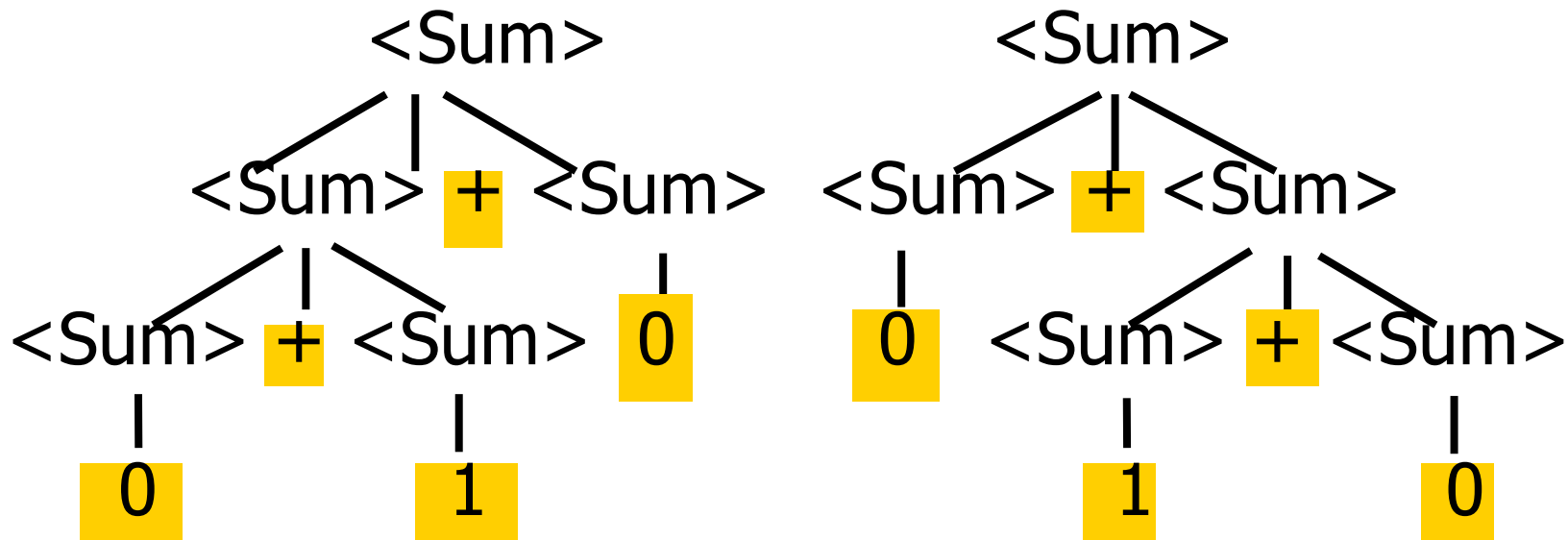


Ambiguous Grammars and Languages

- A BNF grammar is *ambiguous* if its language contains strings for which there is more than one parse tree
- If all BNFs for a language are ambiguous then the language is *inherently ambiguous*

Example: Ambiguous Grammar

■ $0 + 1 + 0$



Example

- What is the result for:

$$3 + 4 * 5 + 6$$

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- Possible answers:

- $41 = ((3 + 4) * 5) + 6$
- $47 = 3 + (4 * (5 + 6))$
- $29 = (3 + (4 * 5)) + 6 = 3 + ((4 * 5) + 6)$
- $77 = (3 + 4) * (5 + 6)$

Example

- What is the value of:

$$7 - 5 - 2$$

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$$7 - 5 - 2$$

- Possible answers:
 - In Pascal, C++, SML assoc. left
 $7 - 5 - 2 = (7 - 5) - 2 = 0$
 - In APL, associate to right
 $7 - 5 - 2 = 7 - (5 - 2) = 4$

Two Major Sources of Ambiguity

- Lack of determination of operator ***precedence***
- Lack of determination of operator ***associativity***
- Not the only sources of ambiguity

Disambiguating a Grammar

- Given ambiguous grammar G , with start symbol S , find a grammar G' with same start symbol, such that
language of $G =$ language of G'
- Not always possible
- No algorithm in general

Disambiguating a Grammar

- Idea: Each non-terminal represents all strings having some property
- Identify these properties (often in terms of things that can't happen)
- Use these properties to inductively guarantee every string in language has a unique parse

Steps to Grammar Disambiguation

- Identify the rules and a smallest use that display ambiguity
- Decide which parse to keep; why should others be thrown out?
- What syntactic restrictions on subexpressions are needed to throw out the bad (while keeping the good)?
- Add a new non-terminal and rules to describe this set of restricted subexpressions (called stratifying, or refactoring)
- Replace old rules to use new non-terminals
- Rinse and repeat

Example

- Ambiguous grammar:

$$\langle \text{exp} \rangle ::= 0 \mid 1 \mid \langle \text{exp} \rangle + \langle \text{exp} \rangle \\ \mid \langle \text{exp} \rangle * \langle \text{exp} \rangle$$

- String with more than one parse:

$$0 + 1 + 0$$
$$1 * 1 + 1$$

- Source of ambiguity: associativity and precedence

How to Enforce Associativity

- Have at most one recursive call per production
- When two or more recursive calls would be natural leave right-most one for right associativity, left-most one for left associativity

Example

- $\langle \text{Sum} \rangle ::= 0 \mid 1 \mid \langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle$
 $\mid (\langle \text{Sum} \rangle)$
- Becomes
 - $\langle \text{Sum} \rangle ::= \langle \text{Num} \rangle \mid \langle \text{Num} \rangle + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle$
 - $\langle \text{Num} \rangle ::= 0 \mid 1 \mid (\langle \text{Sum} \rangle)$

Operator Precedence

- Operators of highest precedence evaluated first (bind more tightly).

For instance multiplication (*) has higher precedence than addition (+)

- Needs to be reflected in grammar

Precedence in Grammar

- Higher precedence translates to longer derivation chain

- Example:

$\langle \text{exp} \rangle ::= 0 \mid 1 \mid \langle \text{exp} \rangle + \langle \text{exp} \rangle \mid \langle \text{exp} \rangle * \langle \text{exp} \rangle$

- Becomes

$\langle \text{exp} \rangle ::= \langle \text{mult_exp} \rangle \mid \langle \text{exp} \rangle + \langle \text{mult_exp} \rangle$
 $\langle \text{mult_exp} \rangle ::= \langle \text{id} \rangle \mid \langle \text{mult_exp} \rangle * \langle \text{id} \rangle$
 $\langle \text{id} \rangle ::= 0 \mid 1$

Disambiguating a Grammar

- $\langle \text{exp} \rangle ::= 0|1| b\langle \text{exp} \rangle \mid \langle \text{exp} \rangle a$
 $\mid \langle \text{exp} \rangle m \langle \text{exp} \rangle$
- Want ***a*** to have higher precedence than ***b***, which in turn has higher precedence than ***m***, and such that ***m*** associates to the left.

Disambiguating a Grammar

- $\langle \text{exp} \rangle ::= 0 | 1 | b \langle \text{exp} \rangle | \langle \text{exp} \rangle a$
| $\langle \text{exp} \rangle m \langle \text{exp} \rangle$
- Want ***a*** to have higher precedence than ***b***, which in turn has higher precedence than ***m***, and such that ***m*** associates to the left.
- $\langle \text{exp} \rangle ::= \langle \text{exp} \rangle m \langle \text{not}_m \rangle | \langle \text{not}_m \rangle$
- $\langle \text{not}_m \rangle ::= b \langle \text{not}_m \rangle | \langle \text{not}_{b_m} \rangle$
- $\langle \text{not}_{b_m} \rangle ::= \langle \text{not}_{b_m} \rangle a | 0 | 1$

Disambiguating a Grammar – Take 2

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| $\langle \text{exp} \rangle m \langle \text{exp} \rangle$
- Want ***b*** to have higher precedence than ***m***, which in turn has higher precedence than ***a***, and such that ***m*** associates to the right.

Disambiguating a Grammar – Take 2

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- Want ***b*** has higher precedence than ***m***, which in turn has higher precedence than ***a***, and such that ***m*** associates to the right.
- $\langle \text{exp} \rangle ::=$
 $\langle \text{no_a_m} \rangle | \langle \text{no_m} \rangle m \langle \text{no_a} \rangle | \langle \text{exp} \rangle a$
- $\langle \text{no_a} \rangle ::= \langle \text{no_a_m} \rangle | \langle \text{no_a_m} \rangle m \langle \text{no_a} \rangle$
- $\langle \text{no_m} \rangle ::= \langle \text{no_a_m} \rangle | \langle \text{exp} \rangle a$
- $\langle \text{no_a_m} \rangle ::= b \langle \text{no_a_m} \rangle | 0 | 1$

Disambiguating a Grammar – Take 3

- $\langle \text{exp} \rangle ::= 0 | 1 | b \langle \text{exp} \rangle | \langle \text{exp} \rangle a$
| $\langle \text{exp} \rangle m \langle \text{exp} \rangle$
- Want ***a*** has higher precedence than ***m***, which in turn has higher precedence than ***b***, and such that ***m*** associates to the right.
- For you...

How do we disambiguate in this case?

- Our old friend:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \text{exp} \rangle & ::= \langle \text{factor} \rangle \\ & \quad | \langle \text{factor} \rangle + \langle \text{factor} \rangle \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} \langle \text{factor} \rangle & ::= \langle \text{bin} \rangle \\ & \quad | \langle \text{bin} \rangle * \langle \text{exp} \rangle \end{aligned}$$
$$\langle \text{bin} \rangle ::= 0 \mid 1$$

- How do we make multiplication have higher precedence than addition?

Moving On With Richer Expressions

- How do we extend the grammar to support nested additions, e.g., $1 * (0 + 1)$

$\langle \text{exp} \rangle ::= \langle \text{factor} \rangle$
 $\quad \quad \quad | \langle \text{factor} \rangle + \langle \text{exp} \rangle$

$\langle \text{factor} \rangle ::= \langle \text{bin} \rangle$
 $\quad \quad \quad | \langle \text{bin} \rangle * \langle \text{factor} \rangle$

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 $\quad \quad \quad | \langle \text{bin} \rangle * \langle \text{factor} \rangle$

$\langle \text{bin} \rangle ::= 0 \mid 1 \mid (\langle \text{exp} \rangle)$

Moving On With Richer Expressions

- How do we extend the grammar to support other operations, subtraction and division?

$\langle \text{exp} \rangle ::= \langle \text{factor} \rangle$
 $\quad \quad \quad | \langle \text{factor} \rangle + \langle \text{exp} \rangle | \langle \text{factor} \rangle - \langle \text{exp} \rangle$

$\langle \text{factor} \rangle ::= \langle \text{bin} \rangle$
 $\quad \quad \quad | \langle \text{bin} \rangle * \langle \text{exp} \rangle | \langle \text{bin} \rangle / \langle \text{factor} \rangle$

$\langle \text{bin} \rangle ::= 0 | 1 | (\langle \text{exp} \rangle)$

Disambiguating Grammars – Dangling Else

- $\text{stmt} ::= \dots$
 - | **if** (expr) stmt
 - | **if** (expr) stmt **else** stmt
- How can we parse
if (e1) if (e2) s1 else s2 ?

Disambiguating Grammars – Dangling Else

- Try: let us try to differentiate if we have **if** inside the **then** branch or not....
- $\text{stmt} = \text{open_stmt} \mid \text{closed_stmt}$
- $\text{open_stmt} ::= \mathbf{if} (\text{expr}) \text{stmt}$
 - | $\mathbf{if} (\text{expr}) \text{closed_stmt} \mathbf{else} \text{open_stmt}$
- $\text{closed_stmt} ::= \text{non_if_statement}$
 - | $\mathbf{if} (\text{expr}) \text{closed_stmt} \mathbf{else} \text{closed_stmt}$
- How can we parse **if (e1) if (e2) s1 else s2** now ?

Disambiguating Grammars – Overlapping

- $seq = \epsilon \mid may_word \mid word\ seq$
- $may_word = \epsilon \mid \text{"word"}$
- How do you parse "word"? And ϵ ?
- How do you fix it?

How do you know you have ambiguity?

- The Ocaml parser generator (ocamlyacc) will report ambiguity in the grammar as “conflicts”:
- ***Shift/reduce:*** Usually caused by lack of associativity or precedence information in grammar
- ***Reduce/reduce:*** can't decide between two different rules to reduce by; Not always clear what the problem is, but often right-hand side of one production is the suffix of another
- We will explain what these conflicts mean next time!

Parser Code

- Ocaml yacc is a parser generator for Ocaml
 - Similar generators exist for other languages
 - Search under: Yacc, Bison, Menhir...
 - Another family: Antlr
- Input: high level specification (<grammar>.mly file)
- Output: tokens (<grammar>.mli) and generated parser (<grammar>.ml)
 - <grammar>.ml defines a parsing function per entry point
 - Parsing function takes a lexing function (lexer buffer to token) and a lexer buffer as arguments
 - Returns semantic attribute of corresponding entry point

Ocamlyacc Input

- *<grammar>*.mly File format:

%o{

<header>

%o}

<declarations>

%o%

<rules>

%o%

<trailer>

Ocamlyacc <*header*>

- Contains arbitrary Ocaml code
- Typically used to give types and functions needed for the semantic actions of rules and to give specialized error recovery
- May be omitted
- <*trailer*> similar. Possibly used to call parser

Ocamlyacc Input

- *<grammar>.mly* File format:

%{

<header>

%}

<declarations>

%%

<rules>

%%

<trailer>

Ocamlyacc *<declarations>*

- **%token** *symbol ... symbol*
Declare given symbols as tokens
- **%token** *<type> symbol ... symbol*
- Declare given symbols as token constructors, taking an argument of type *<type>*
- **%start** *symbol ... symbol*
Declare given symbols as entry points; functions of same names in *<grammar>.ml*

Ocamlyacc < *declarations* >

- **%type** < *type* > *symbol* ... *symbol*

Specify type of attributes for given symbols.
Mandatory for start symbols

- **%left** *symbol* ... *symbol*
- **%right** *symbol* ... *symbol*
- **%nonassoc** *symbol* ... *symbol*

Associate precedence and associativity to given symbols. Same line, same precedence; earlier line, lower precedence (broadest scope)

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Ocamlyacc *<rules>*

- *nonterminal* :
 symbol ... symbol { semantic_action }
 | ...
 | *symbol ... symbol { semantic_action }*
 ;
■ Semantic actions are arbitrary Ocaml expressions
■ Must be of same type as declared (or inferred) for *nonterminal*
■ Access semantic attributes (values) of symbols by position: \$1 for first symbol, \$2 to second ...

Example - Grammar

A slight variation of what we've seen earlier:

$\text{Expr} ::= \text{Term} \mid \text{Term} + \text{Expr} \mid \text{Term} - \text{Expr}$

$\text{Term} ::= \text{Factor} \mid \text{Factor} * \text{Term} \mid \text{Factor} / \text{Term}$

$\text{Factor} ::= \text{Id} \mid (\text{Expr})$

Example - Base types

```
Expr ::= Term | Term + Expr | Term - Expr
Term  ::= Factor | Factor * Term | Factor / Term
Factor ::= Id | ( Expr )
```

```
(* File: expr.ml *)
type expr =
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and factor =
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```

Example - Lexer

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```

```
{ open Exprparse }
```

```
let numeric = ['0' - '9']
```

```
let letter = ['a' - 'z' 'A' - 'Z']
```

```
rule token = parse
```

```
| "+" {Plus_token}
```

```
| "-" {Minus_token}
```

```
| "*" {Times_token}
```

```
| "/" {Divide_token}
```

```
| "(" {Left_parenthesis}
```

```
| ")" {Right_parenthesis}
```

```
| letter (letter|numeric|"_")* as id {Id_token id}
```

```
| [' ' '\t' '\n'] {token lexbuf}
```

```
| eof {EOL}
```

Example - Parser (exprparse.mly)

```
%{  
    open Expr  
%}  
%token <string> Id_token  
%token Left_parenthesis Right_parenthesis  
%token Times_token Divide_token  
%token Plus_token Minus_token  
%token EOL  
  
%start main  
%type <expr> main  
%%
```

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expr:

```
term
  { Term_as_Expr $1 }
| term Plus_token expr
  { Plus_Expr ($1, $3) }
| term Minus_token expr
  { Minus_Expr ($1, $3) }
```

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```

term:

factor

{ Factor_as_Term \$1 }

| factor Times_token term

{ Mult_Term (\$1, \$3) }

| factor Divide_token term

{ Div_Term (\$1, \$3) }

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```

factor:

```
  Id_token
    { Id_as_Factor $1 }
| Left_parenthesis expr Right_parenthesis
  { Parenthesized_Expr_as_Factor $2 }
```

main:

```
| expr EOL
  { $1 }
```

Recall, we previously defined:

```
%start main
%type <expr> main
```

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- Call:

- `$ ocaml yacc options exprparse.mly`

- Get:

- Tokens: `exprparse.mli` (can be used in lexer)

- Parser: `exprparse.ml`
(included in the rest of code)

Example - Using Parser

```
# #use "expr.ml";;  
...  
# #use "exprparse.ml";;  
...  
# #use "exprlex.ml";;  
...  
# let test s =  
    let lexbuf = Lexing.from_string (s ^ "\n") in  
    main token lexbuf;;
```

Example - Using Parser

```
# test "a + b";;
```

```
- : expr =
```

```
Plus_Expr
```

```
(Factor_as_Term (Id_as_Factor "a"),
```

```
Term_as_Expr
```

```
(Factor_as_Term (Id_as_Factor "b"))
```

```
)
```

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LR Parsing

General plan:

- Read tokens left to right (L)
- Create a rightmost derivation (R)

How is this possible?

- Start at the bottom (left) and work your way up
- Last step has only one non-terminal to be replaced so is right-most
- Working backwards, replace mixed strings by non-terminals
- Always proceed so that there are no non-terminals to the right of the string to be replaced

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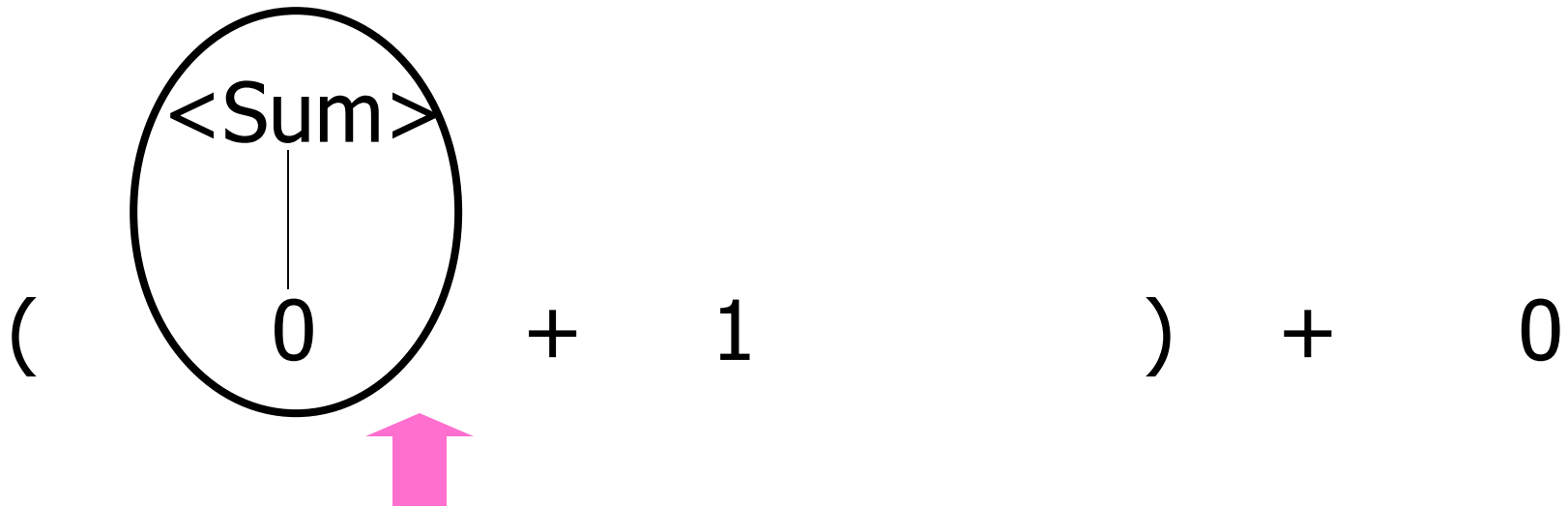


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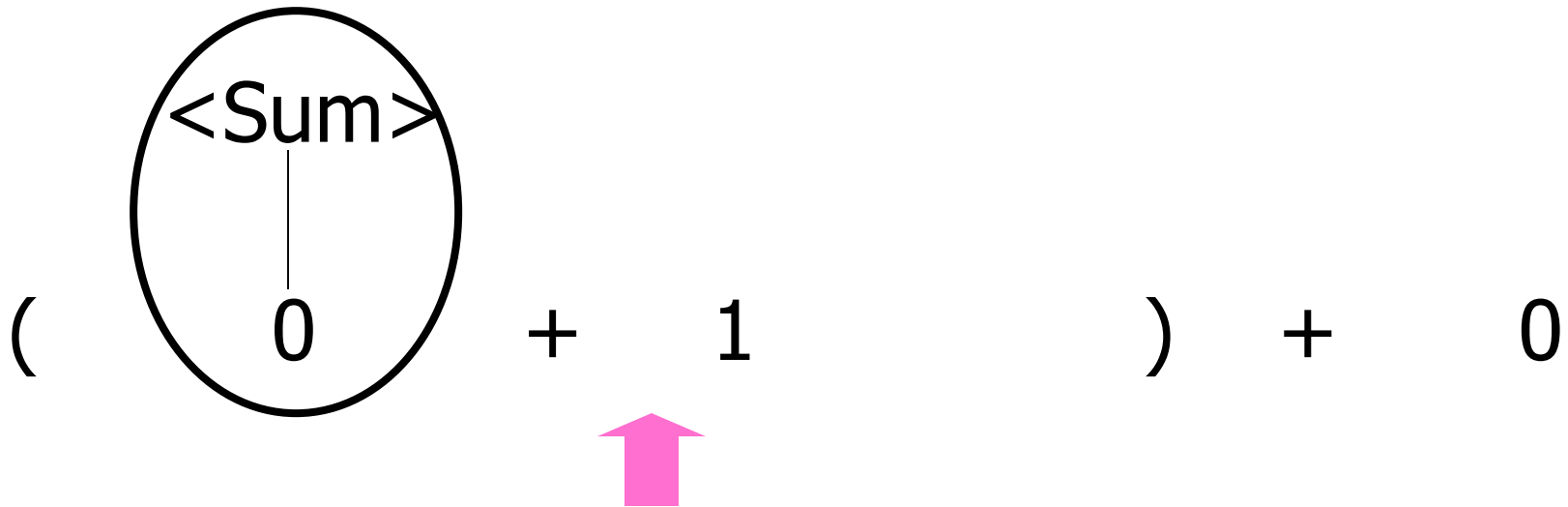
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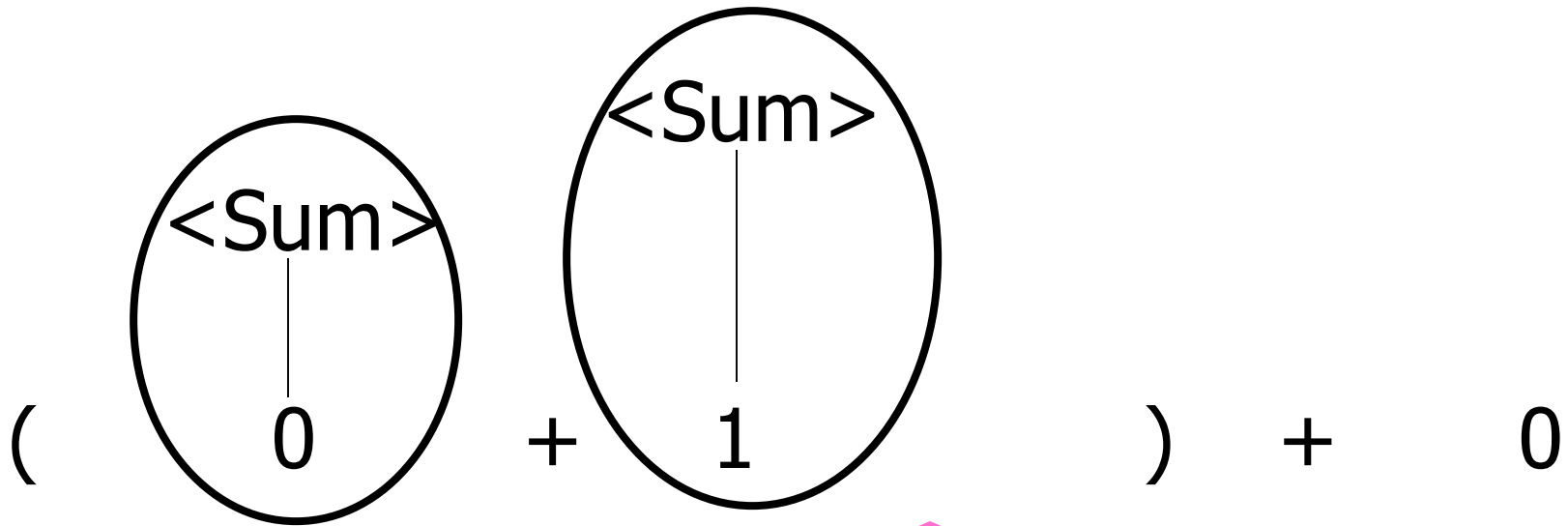
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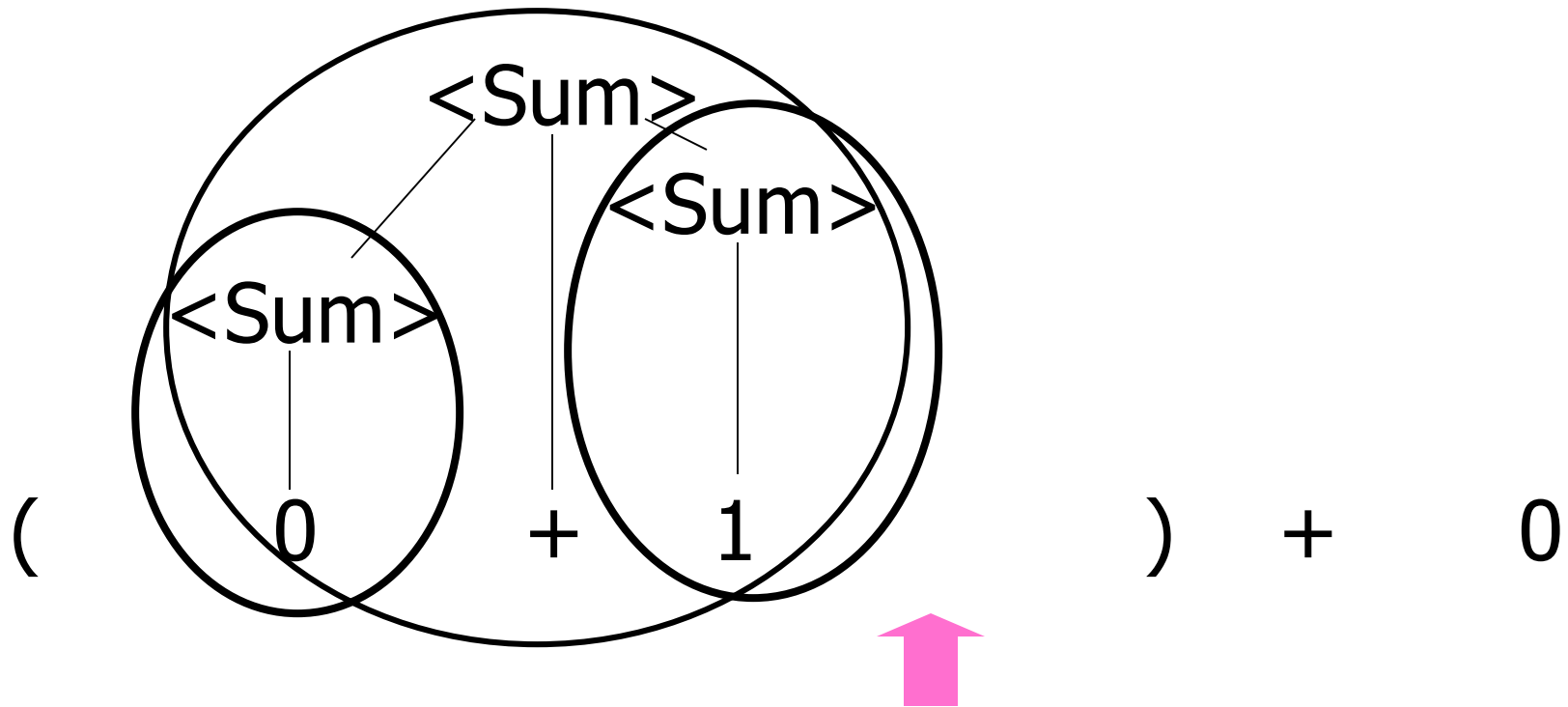
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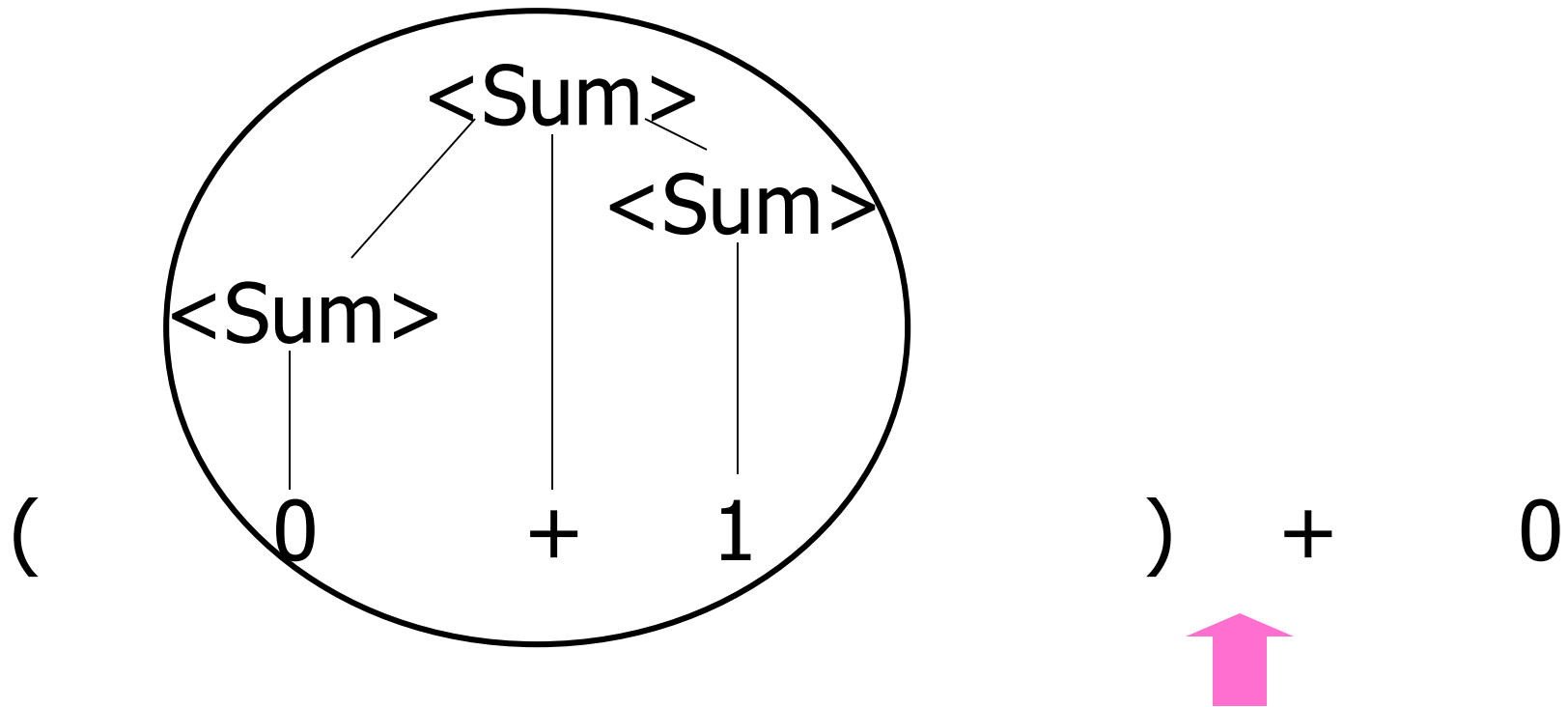
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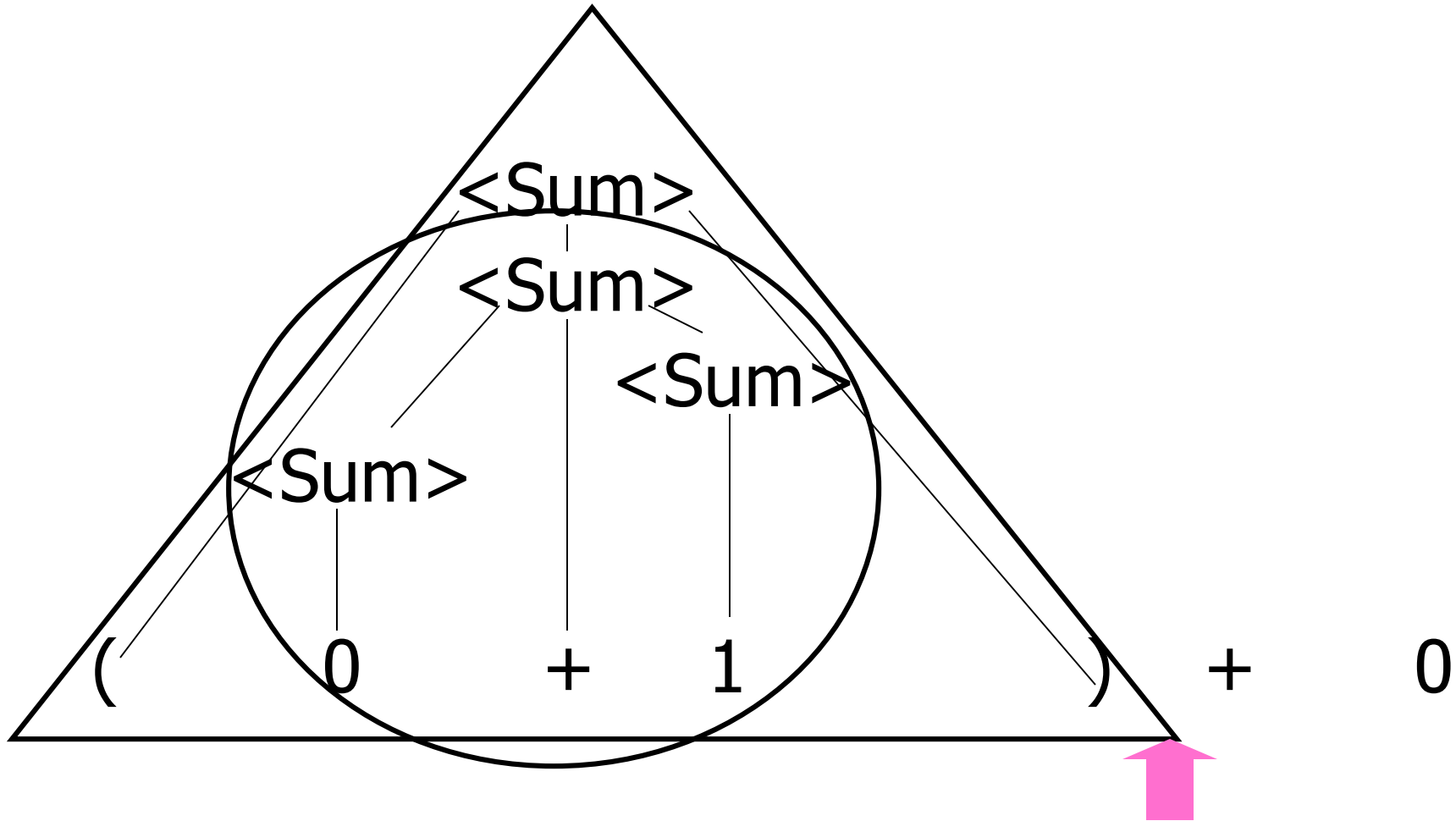
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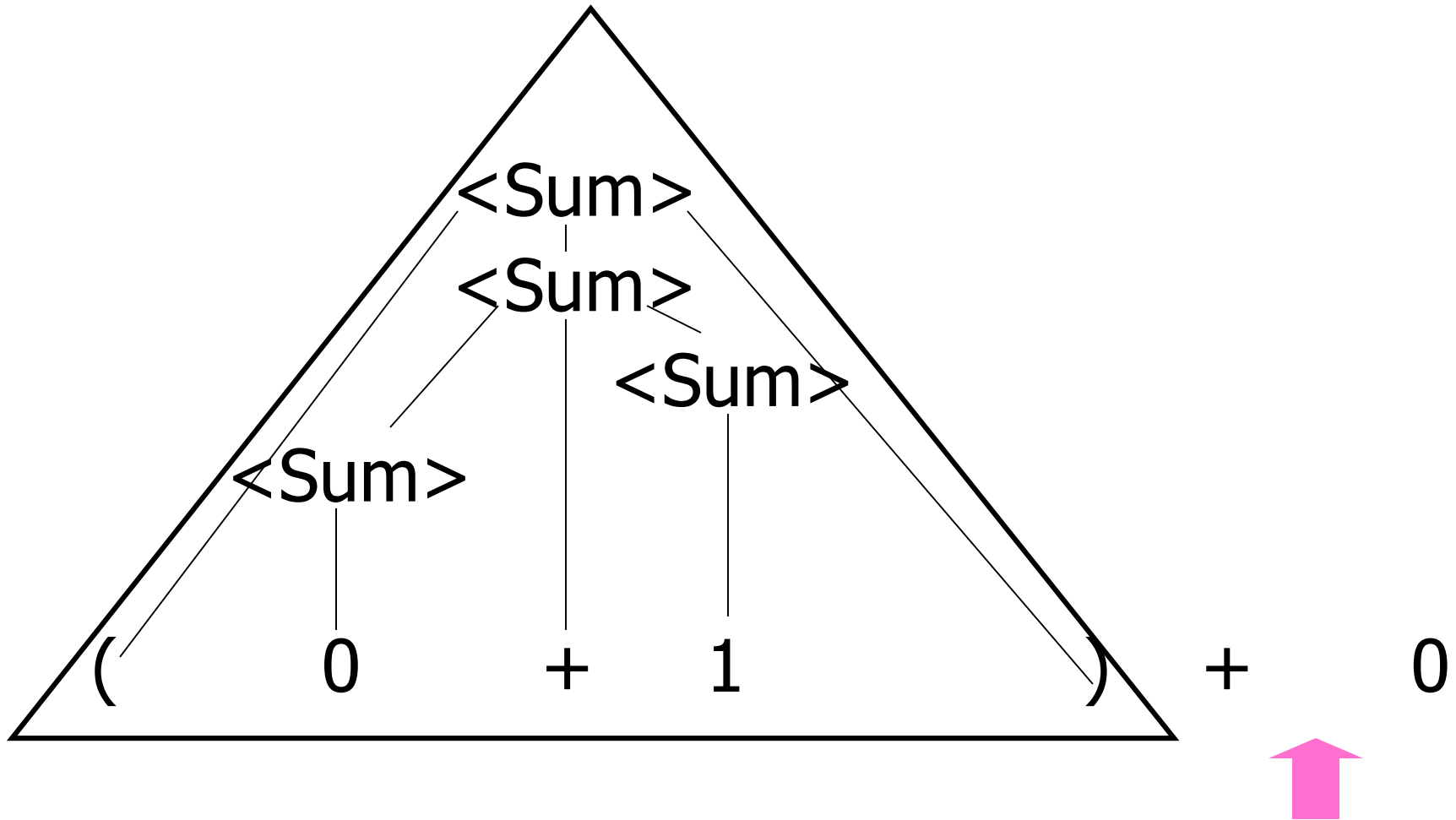
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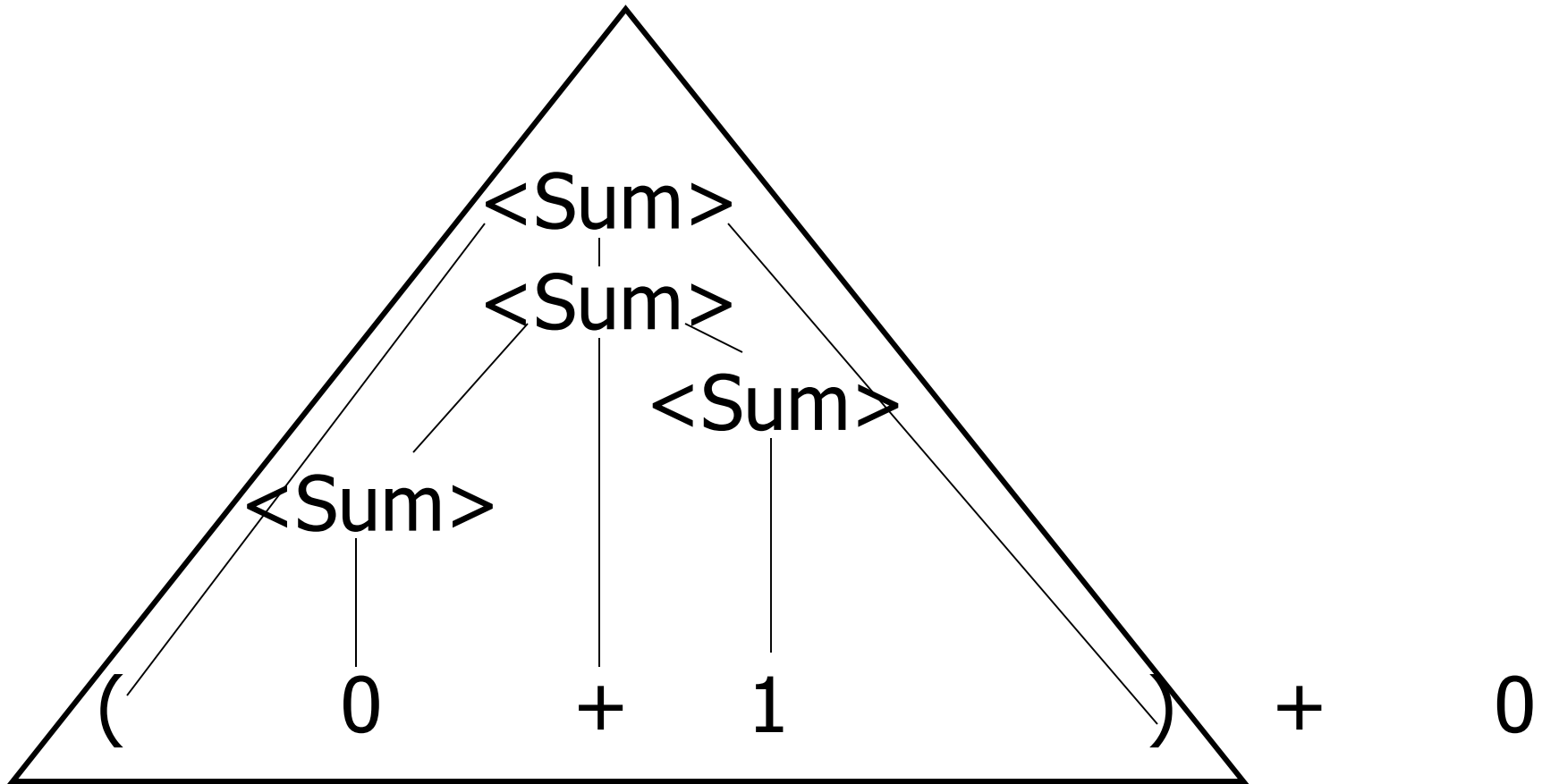
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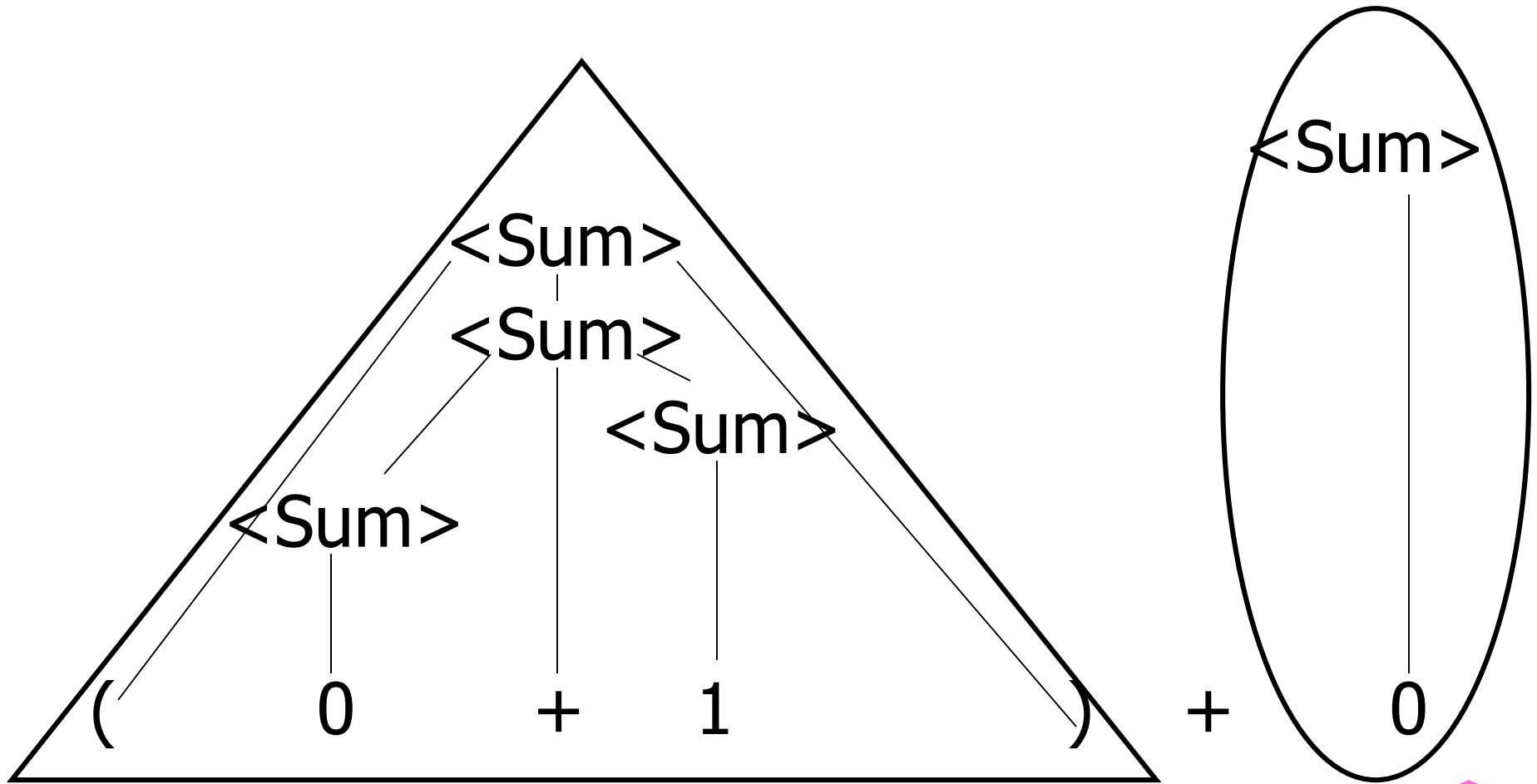
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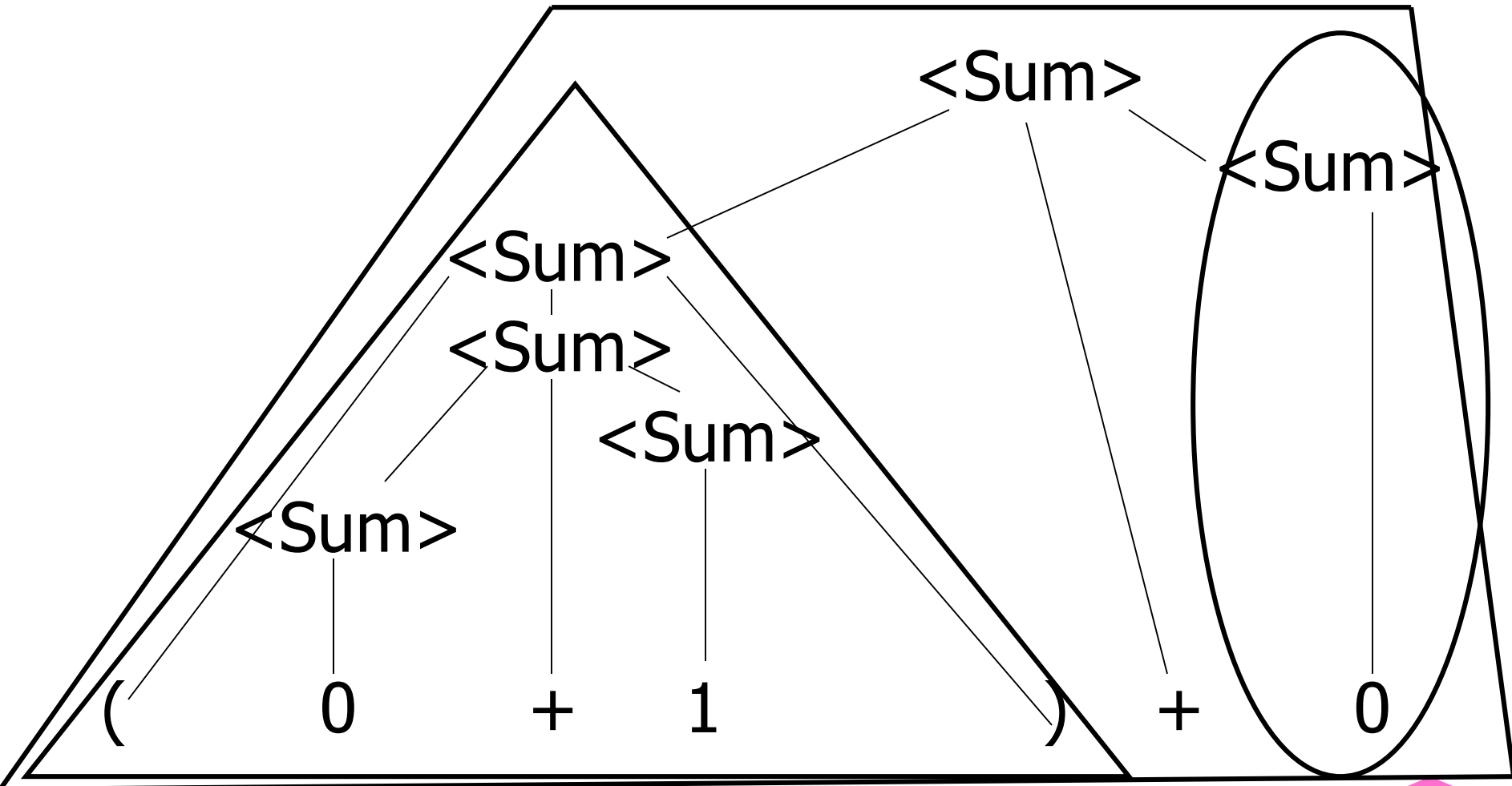
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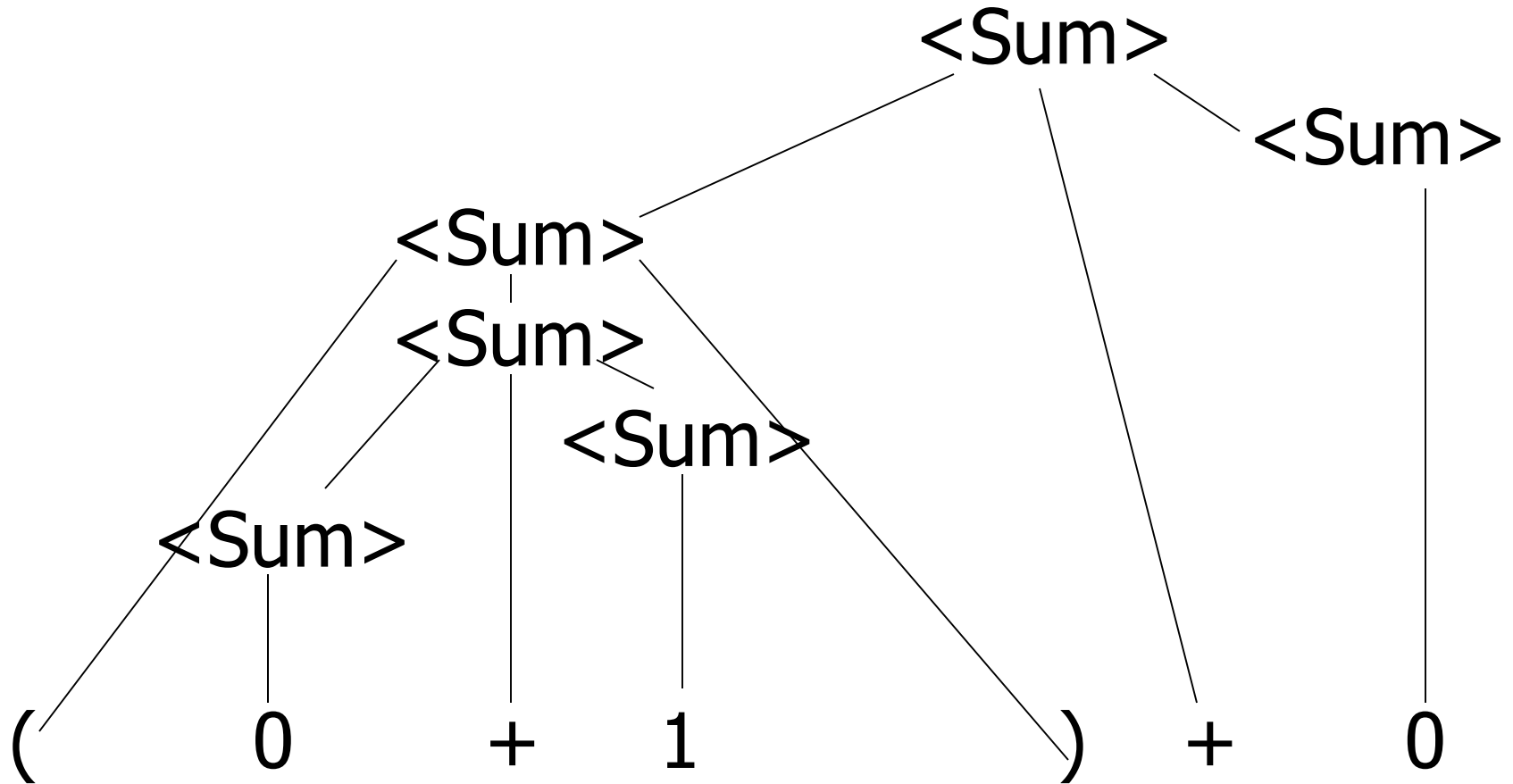
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LR Parsing Tables

- Build a pair of tables, Action and Goto, from the grammar
 - This is the hardest part, we omit here
 - Rows labeled by states
 - For Action, columns labeled by terminals and “end-of-tokens” marker
 - (more generally strings of terminals of fixed length)
 - For Goto, columns labeled by non-terminals

Action and Goto Tables

- Given a state and the next input, Action table says either
 - **shift** and go to state n , or
 - **reduce** by production k (explained in a bit)
 - **accept** or **error**
- Given a state and a non-terminal, Goto table says
 - go to state m

LR(i) Parsing Algorithm

- Based on push-down automata
- Uses states and transitions (as recorded in Action and Goto tables)
- Uses a stack containing states, terminals and non-terminals

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- 3. Look at next i tokens from token stream ($toks$) (don't remove yet)
4. If top symbol on stack is **state**(n), look up action in Action table at $(n, toks)$

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5. If action = **shift** m ,

- a) Remove the top token from token stream and push it onto the stack
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- d) Go to step 3

LR(i) Parsing Algorithm

7. If action = **accept**

- Stop parsing, return success

8. If action = **error**,

- Stop parsing, return failure

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$= (\langle \text{Sum} \rangle \bullet) + 0$ shift
 $\Rightarrow (\langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle \bullet) + 0$ reduce
 $\Rightarrow (\langle \text{Sum} \rangle + 1 \bullet) + 0$ reduce
 $= (\langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \bullet 1) + 0$ shift
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	\Rightarrow	$(\langle \text{Sum} \rangle)$	● + 0 reduce
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	\Rightarrow	$(\langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle$	●) + 0 reduce
	\Rightarrow	$(\langle \text{Sum} \rangle + 1$	●) + 0 reduce
	$=$	$(\langle \text{Sum} \rangle +$	● 1) + 0 shift
	$=$	$(\langle \text{Sum} \rangle$	● + 1) + 0 shift
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	$\Rightarrow \langle \text{Sum} \rangle + 0 \bullet$	reduce
	$= \langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \bullet 0$	shift
	$= \langle \text{Sum} \rangle \bullet + 0$	shift
	$\Rightarrow (\langle \text{Sum} \rangle) \bullet + 0$	reduce
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$\langle \text{Sum} \rangle \bullet$	\Rightarrow	$\langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle \bullet$	reduce
	\Rightarrow	$\langle \text{Sum} \rangle + 0 \bullet$	reduce
	$=$	$\langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \bullet 0$	shift
	$=$	$\langle \text{Sum} \rangle \bullet + 0$	shift
	\Rightarrow	$(\langle \text{Sum} \rangle) \bullet + 0$	reduce
	$=$	$(\langle \text{Sum} \rangle \bullet) + 0$	shift
	\Rightarrow	$(\langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle \bullet) + 0$	reduce
	\Rightarrow	$(\langle \text{Sum} \rangle + 1 \bullet) + 0$	reduce
	$=$	$(\langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \bullet 1) + 0$	shift
	$=$	$(\langle \text{Sum} \rangle \bullet + 1) + 0$	shift
	\Rightarrow	$(0 \bullet + 1) + 0$	reduce
	$=$	$(\bullet 0 + 1) + 0$	shift
	$=$	$\bullet (0 + 1) + 0$	shift

LR(i) Parsing Algorithm

7. If action = **accept**

- Stop parsing, return success

8. If action = **error**,

- Stop parsing, return failure

LR(i) Parsing Algorithm

- Based on push-down automata
- Uses states and transitions (as recorded in Action and Goto tables)
- Uses a stack containing states, terminals and non-terminals

LR(i) Parsing Algorithm

0. Insure token stream ends in special “end-of-tokens” symbol
1. Start in state 1 with an empty stack
2. Push **state**(1) onto stack
- 3. Look at next i tokens from token stream ($toks$) (don't remove yet)
4. If top symbol on stack is **state**(n), look up action in Action table at $(n, toks)$

LR(i) Parsing Algorithm

5. If action = **shift** m ,

- a) Remove the top token from token stream and push it onto the stack
- b) Push **state**(m) onto stack
- c) Go to step 3

LR(i) Parsing Algorithm

6. If action = **reduce** k where production k is

$E ::= u$

- a) Remove $2 * \text{length}(u)$ symbols from stack (u and all the interleaved states)
- b) If new top symbol on stack is **state**(m), look up new state p in $\text{Goto}(m, E)$
- c) Push E onto the stack, then push **state**(p) onto the stack
- d) Go to step 3

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Adding Synthesized Attributes

- Add to each **reduce** a rule for calculating the new synthesized attribute from the component attributes
- Add to each non-terminal pushed onto the stack, the attribute calculated for it
- When performing a **reduce**,
 - gather the recorded attributes from each non-terminal popped from stack
 - Compute new attribute for non-terminal pushed onto stack

Shift-Reduce Conflicts

- **Problem:** can't decide whether the action for a state and input character should be **shift** or **reduce**
- Caused by ambiguity in grammar
- Usually caused by lack of associativity or precedence information in grammar

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 $\mid \langle \text{Sum} \rangle + \langle \text{Sum} \rangle$

● 0 + 1 + 0 shift
-> 0 ● + 1 + 0 reduce
-> $\langle \text{Sum} \rangle$ ● + 1 + 0 shift
-> $\langle \text{Sum} \rangle$ + ● 1 + 0 shift
-> $\langle \text{Sum} \rangle$ + 1 ● + 0 reduce
-> $\langle \text{Sum} \rangle$ + $\langle \text{Sum} \rangle$ ● + 0

Example - cont

- **Problem:** shift or reduce?
- You can shift-shift-reduce-reduce or reduce-shift-shift-reduce
- Shift first - right associative
- Reduce first- left associative

Reduce - Reduce Conflicts

- **Problem:** can't decide between two different rules to reduce by
- Again caused by ambiguity in grammar
- **Symptom:** RHS of one production suffix of another
- Requires examining grammar and rewriting it
- Harder to solve than shift-reduce errors

Example

- $S ::= A \mid aB$ $A ::= abc$ $B ::= bc$

● abc shift

a ● bc shift

ab ● c shift

abc ●

- Problem: reduce by $B ::= bc$ then by $S ::= aB$ or by $A ::= abc$ then $S ::= A$?