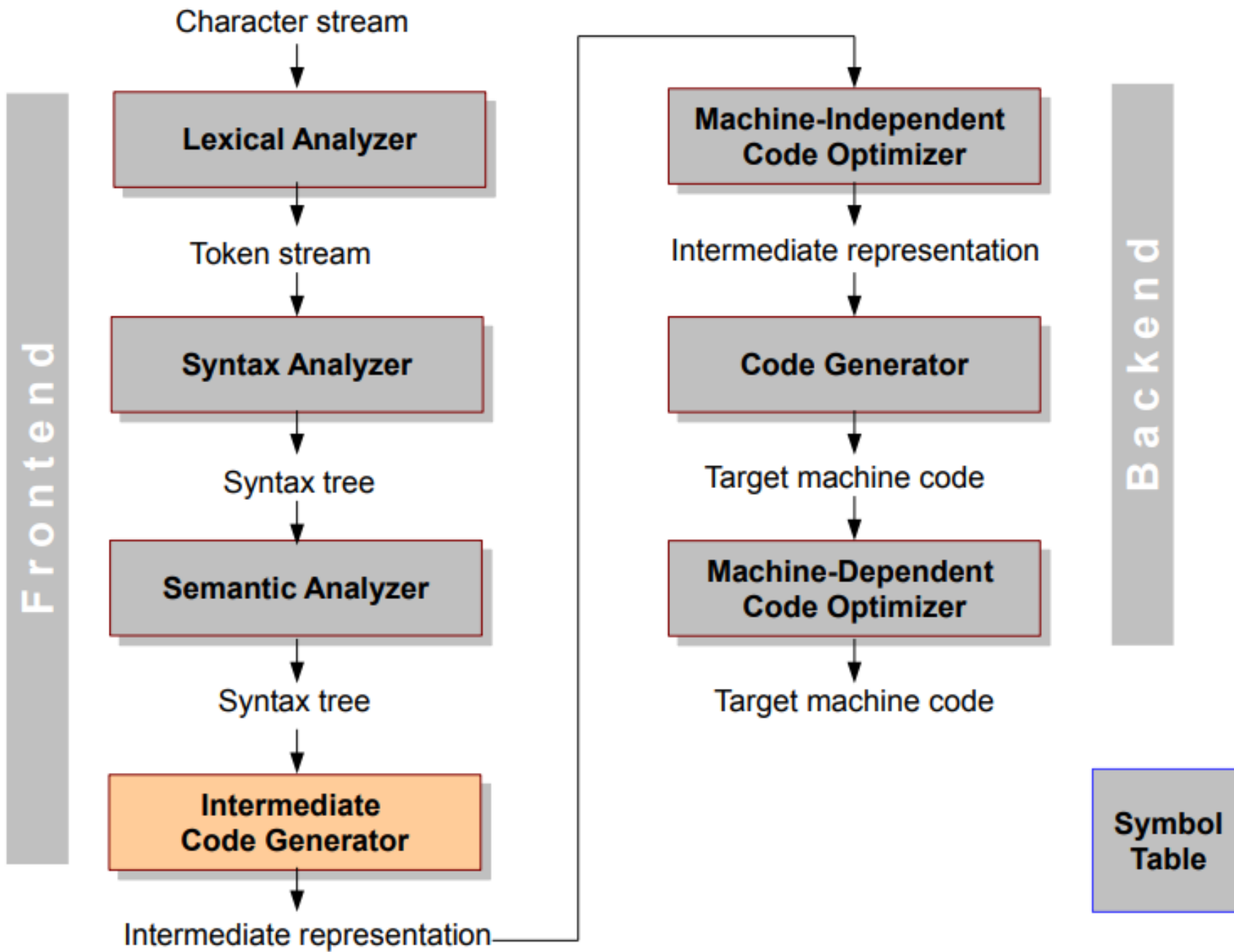


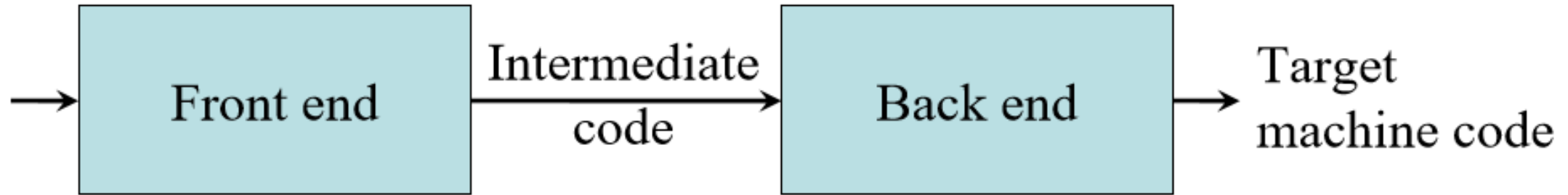
# Intermediate Code Generation

*Reading: chapter 8*

*How the syntax-directed methods can be used to translate into an intermediate form of programming language.*



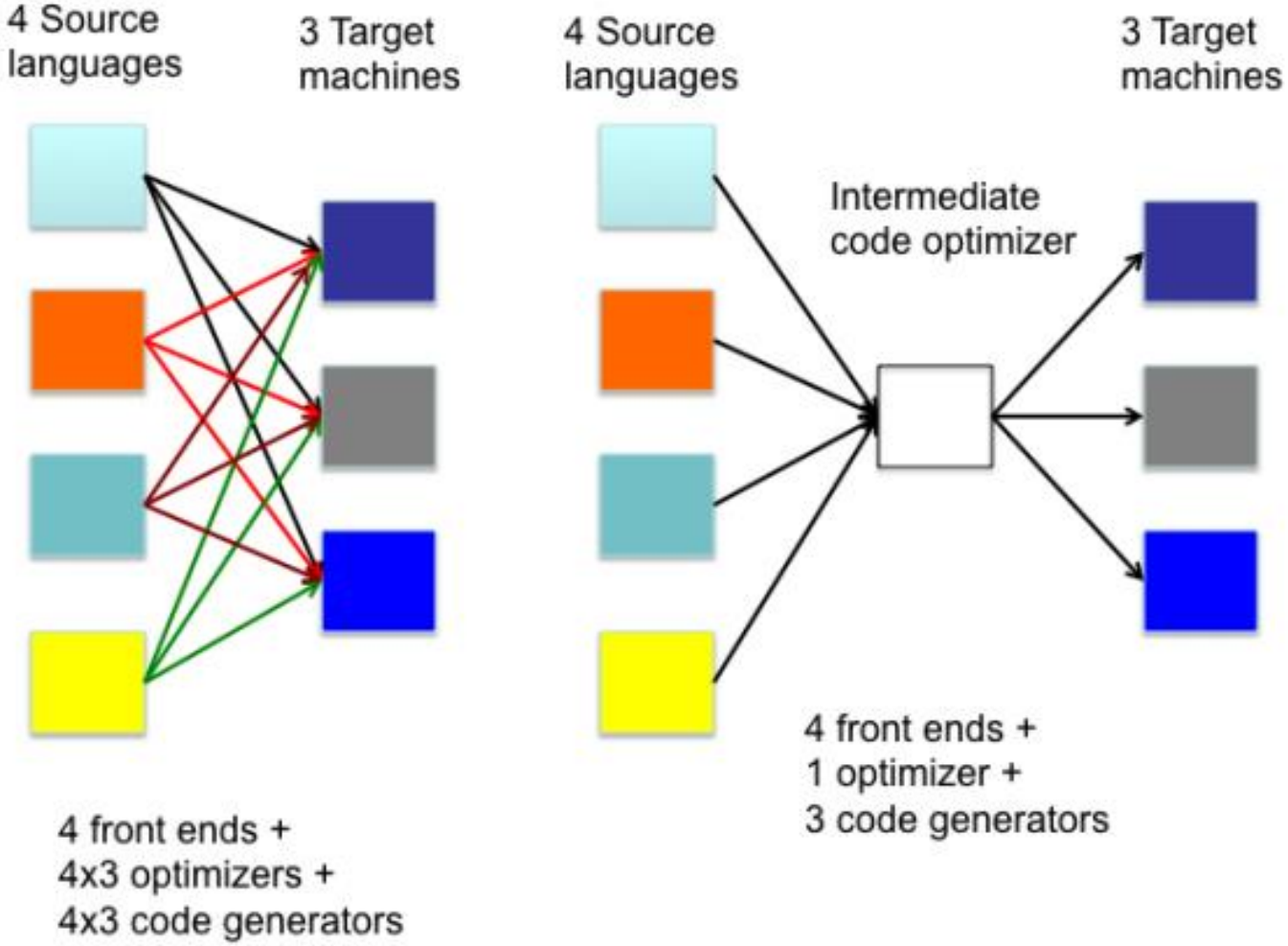
# Intermediate Code Generation



The front end translate the source program into an intermediate representation from which the backend generates target code

Intermediate codes are machine independent codes, but they are close to machine instructions.

# Why Intermediate Code ?

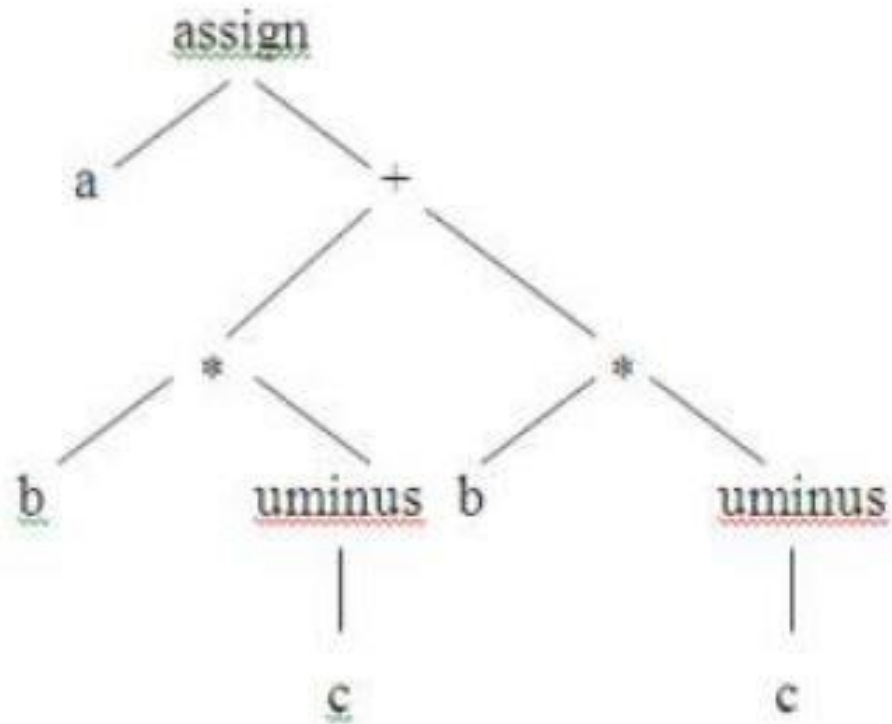


# Intermediate Representations

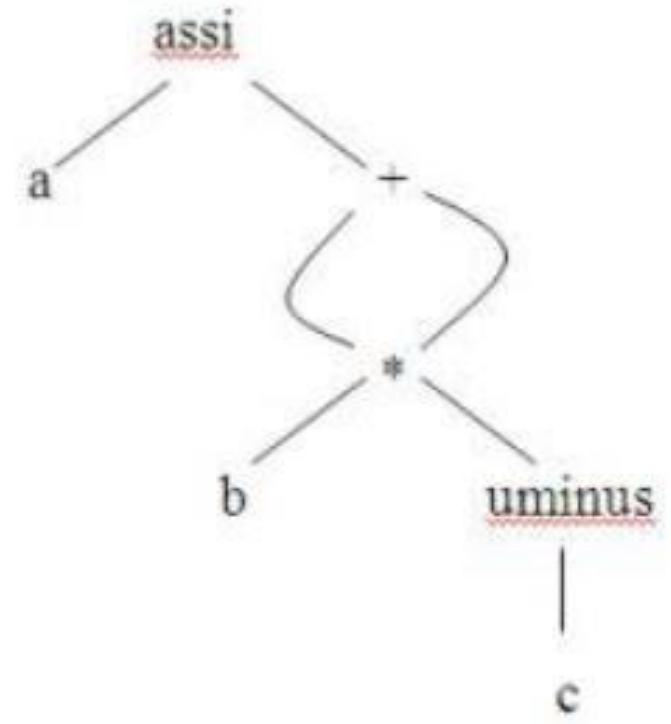
There are three kinds of intermediate representations:

1. *Graphical representations* (e.g. Syntax tree or Dag)
2. *Postfix notation*: operations on values stored on operand stack (similar to JVM bytecode)
3. *Three-address code*: (e.g. triples and quads )Sequence of statement of the form
$$x = y \text{ op } z$$

*Note: we discuss only three-address code representation*



(a) Syntax tree



(b) Dag

**Fig. Graphical representation of  $a := b * - c + b * - c$**

# Three-Address Code (Quadruples)

A quadruple is:  $x = y \text{ op } z$

where  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  are names, constants or compiler-generated temporaries and  $\text{op}$  is any operator. (only one operator on the right side of the statement)

Postfix notation (much better notation because it looks like a machine code instruction)

$\text{op } y, z, x$       apply operator  $\text{op}$  to  $y$  and  $z$ , and store the result in  $x$ .

We use the term “three-address code” because each statement usually contains three addresses (two for operands, one for the result).

Thus the source language like  $x + y * z$  might be translated into a sequence

$$t1 = y * z$$

$$t2 = x + t1$$

where  $t1$  and  $t2$  are the compiler generated temporary name.

### 3-address code

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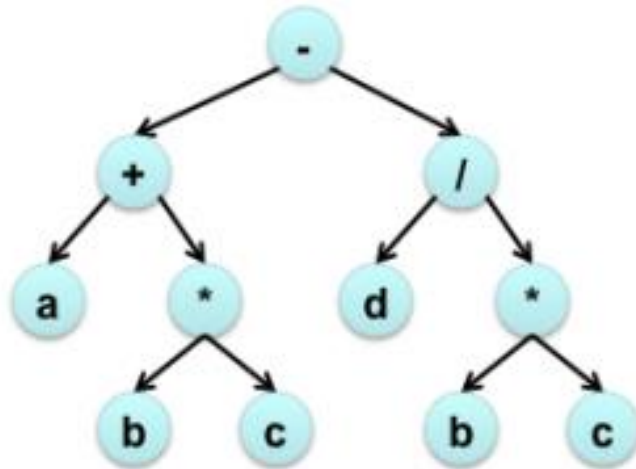
1 t1 = b*c
2 t2 = a+t1
3 t3 = b*c
4 t4 = d/t3
5 t5 = t2-t4
    
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### Quadruples

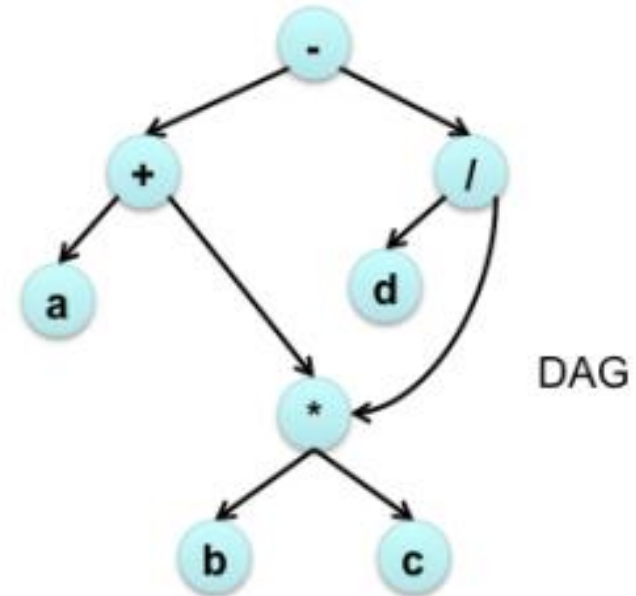
| op | arg <sub>1</sub> | arg <sub>2</sub> | result |
|----|------------------|------------------|--------|
| *  | b                | c                | t1     |
| +  | a                | t1               | t2     |
| *  | b                | c                | t3     |
| /  | d                | t3               | t4     |
| -  | t2               | t4               | t5     |

### Triples

|   | op | arg <sub>1</sub> | arg <sub>2</sub> |
|---|----|------------------|------------------|
| 0 | *  | b                | c                |
| 1 | +  | a                | (0)              |
| 2 | *  | b                | c                |
| 3 | /  | d                | (2)              |
| 4 | -  | (1)              | (3)              |



Syntax tree





# Three-Address Statements

- Assignment statements:  $x = y \text{ op } z$ ,  $\text{op}$  is binary
- Assignment statements:  $x = \text{op } y$ ,  $\text{op}$  is unary
- Indexed assignments:  $x = y[i]$ ,  $x[i] = y$
- Pointer assignments:  $x = \&y$ ,  $x = *y$ ,  $*x = y$
- Copy statements:  $x = y$
- Unconditional jumps: **goto** *label*
- Conditional jumps: **if**  $x \text{ relop } y$  **goto** *label*
- Function calls: **param**  $x \dots$  **call**  $p, n$  **return**  $y$

# Syntax-Directed Translation into Three-Address Code

| Productions                      | Synthesized attributes: |                                       |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| $S \rightarrow \mathbf{id} = E$  | $S.code$                | three-address code for evaluating $S$ |
| $\mathbf{while} E \mathbf{do} S$ | $S.begin$               | label to start of $S$ or nil          |
| $E \rightarrow E + E$            | $S.after$               | label to end of $S$ or nil            |
| $E * E$                          | $E.code$                | three-address code for evaluating $E$ |
| $- E$                            | $E.place$               | a name that holds the value of $E$    |
| $( E )$                          |                         |                                       |
| $\mathbf{id}$                    |                         |                                       |
| $\mathbf{num}$                   |                         |                                       |

To represent three address statements

$gen(E.place \text{ '=' } E_1.place \text{ '+' } E_2.place)$

Code generation

$t3 = t1 + t2$

**Syntax-directed Translation to produce three-address code for assignments**

# Syntax-Directed Translation into Three-Address Code

| Productions   | Semantic rules  |
|---|---|
| $S \rightarrow \mathbf{id} = E$                       | $S.code = E.code \parallel gen(\mathbf{id.place} = E.place); S.begin = S.after = nil$                           |
| $S \rightarrow \mathbf{while} E$<br>$\mathbf{do} S_1$ | (see next slide)  |
| $E \rightarrow E_1 + E_2$                             | $E.place = newtemp();$<br>$E.code = E_1.code \parallel E_2.code \parallel gen(E.place = E_1.place + E_2.place)$ |
| $E \rightarrow E_1 * E_2$                             | $E.place = newtemp();$<br>$E.code = E_1.code \parallel E_2.code \parallel gen(E.place = E_1.place * E_2.place)$ |
| $E \rightarrow - E_1$                                 | $E.place = newtemp();$<br>$E.code = E_1.code \parallel gen(E.place = 'uminus' E_1.place)$                       |
| $E \rightarrow ( E_1 )$                               | $E.place = E_1.place$<br>$E.code = E_1.code$  |
| $E \rightarrow \mathbf{id}$                           | $E.place = \mathbf{id.name}$<br>$E.code = ''$   |
| $E \rightarrow \mathbf{num}$                          | $E.place = newtemp();$<br>$E.code = gen(E.place = \mathbf{num.value})$  |

Returns a new temporary name



Write a grammar with semantic rules that converts C like while statement into 3 address code.

## Syntax-Directed Translation into Three-Address Code

Production

$S \rightarrow \mathbf{while} E \mathbf{do} S_1$

Semantic rule

Returns a new label

$S.begin = newlabel()$

$S.after = newlabel()$

$S.code = gen(S.begin ':') ||$

$E.code ||$

$gen('if E.place = 0 goto S.after) ||$

$S_1.code ||$

$gen('goto S.begin) ||$

$gen(S.after ':')$

$S.begin:$

$E.code$

$\mathbf{if} E.place = 0 \mathbf{goto} S.after$

$S.code$

$\mathbf{goto} S.begin$

$S.after:$

...

# Practice 3-ADDRESS CODE

**$r = 7 + 2 * 3$**

**$t1 = 2$**

**$t2 = 3$**

**$t1 = t1 * t2$**

**$t3 = 7$**

**$t1 = t1 + t3$**

**$r = t1$**

**$a = -b * c$**

**$t1 = -b$**

**$t2 = t1 * c$**

**$a = t2$**

**$a := b * -c + b * -c$**

**$t1 := -c$**

**$t2 := b * t1$**

**$t5 := t2 + t2$**

**$a := t5$**  3/16/2021

**a or b and not c**

**$t1 = \text{not } c$**

**$t2 = b \text{ and } t1$**

**$t3 = a \text{ or } t2$**

**if  $a > b$  then  $x = y + z$ .**

**if  $a > b$  then goto L1**

**goto L2**

**L1:  $t1 = y + z$**

**$x = t1$**

**L2: ....**

**if  $a > b$  then  $x = y + z$**

**else  $x = y - z$**

**if  $a > b$  then goto L1**

**goto L2**

**L1:  $t1 = y + z$**

**$x = t1$**

**goto L3**

**L2:  $t1 = y - z$**

**$x = t1$**

**L3: ...**

**while  $a > b$**

**do  $x = y + z$ .**

**L1: if  $a > b$  then goto L2**

**goto L3**

**L2:  $t1 = y + z$**

**$x = t1$**

**goto L1**

**L3: .....**

**$i = 2 * n + k$**

**while  $i$  do**

**$i = i - k$**

**$t1 = 2$**

**$t2 = t1 * n$**

**$t3 = t2 + k$**

**L1: if  $i = 1$  then goto L2**

**goto L3**

**L2:  $t4 = i - k$**

**$i = t4$**

**goto L1**

**L3: ...**

**while  $a < b$  do**

**if  $c < d$  then**

**$x = y + z$**

**else**

**$x = y - z$**

**L1: if  $a < b$  then GOTO L2**

**GOTO LNEXT**

**L2: if  $c < d$  then GOTO L3**

**GOTO L4**

**L3:  $t1 = y + z$**

**$x = t1$**

**GOTO L1**

**L4:  $t1 = y - z$**

**$x = t1$**

**GOTO L1**

**LNEXT:**

- **Homework**
- **Write the importance of 3AC in intermediate representation.**
- **Write a grammar with semantic rules that converts C like while statement into 3 address code.**