

# Branches and Binary Operators

## BOA: Branches and Binary Operators

Next, lets add

- Branches ( if -expressions)
- Binary Operators ( + , - , etc.)

In the process of doing so, we will learn about

- **Intermediate Forms**
- **Normalization**

→ tags

→ ANF

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$$(2 + 3) + (4 - 5) + 6$$

## *Binary Operations*

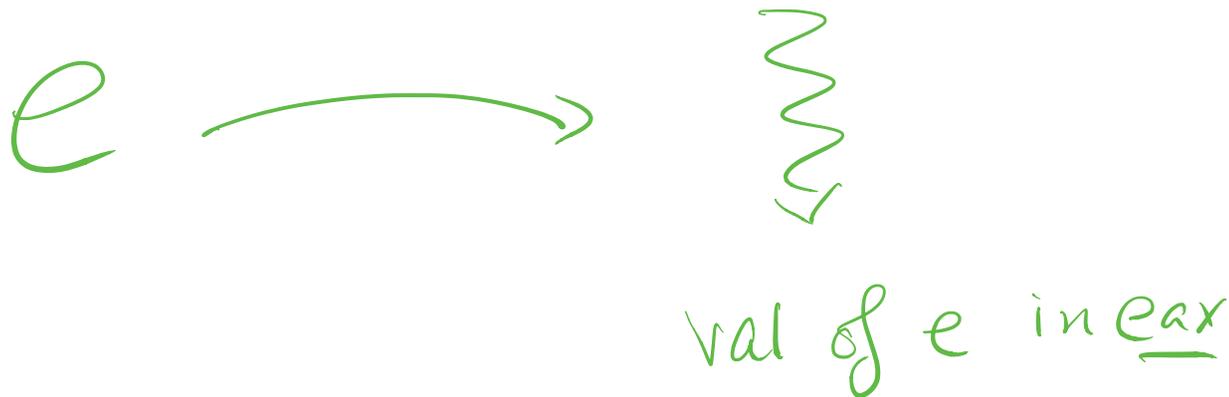
You know the drill.

1. Build intuition with **examples**,
2. Model problem with **types**,
3. Implement with **type-transforming-functions**,
4. Validate with **tests**.

## *Compiling Binary Operations*

Lets look at some expressions and figure out how they would get compiled.

- Recall: We want the result to be in `eax` after the instructions finish.



## QUIZ

What is the assembly corresponding to `33 - 10`?

?1 `eax`, ?2

?3 `eax`, ?4

`mov eax, 33`  
`sub eax, 10`

- A. ?1 = `sub`, ?2 = `33`, ?3 = `mov`, ?4 = `10`
- B. ?1 = `mov`, ?2 = `33`, ?3 = `sub`, ?4 = `10` ✓
- C. ?1 = `sub`, ?2 = `10`, ?3 = `mov`, ?4 = `33`

- D. ?1 = mov , ?2 = 10 , ?3 = sub , ?4 = 33

## Example: Bin1

Lets start with some easy ones. The source:



Example: Bin 1

Strategy: Given  $n1 + n2$

- Move  $n1$  into `eax`,

*add r, n*

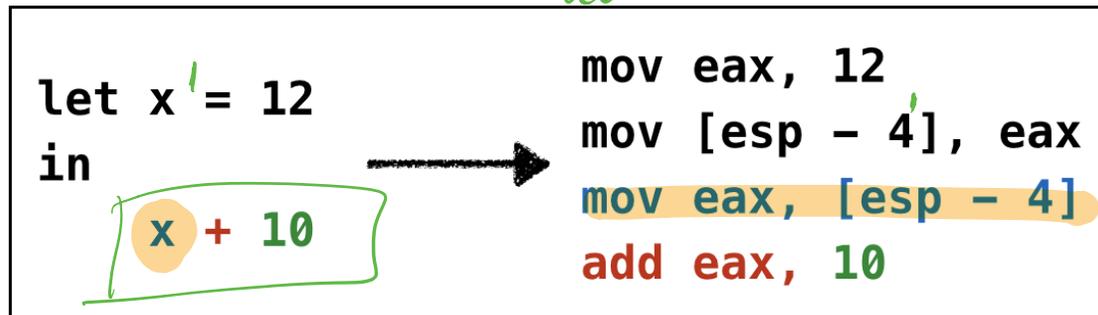
- Add n2 to eax .

## Example: Bin2

What if the first operand is a variable?

var  
const, + const<sub>2</sub>

↓  
stick in eax  
add using const<sub>2</sub>



Example: Bin 2

Simple, just copy the variable off the stack into `eax`

**Strategy:** Given  $x + n$

- Move  $x$  (from stack) into `eax`,
- Add  $n$  to `eax`.

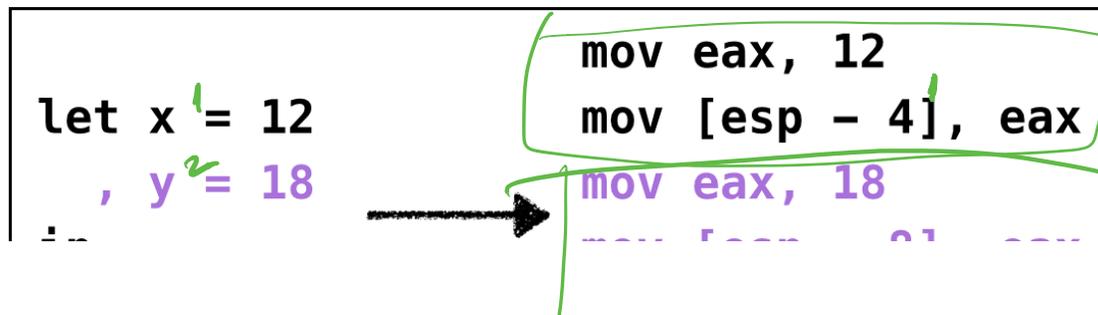
$x + y$   $\rightarrow$  `mov eax, [RBP-4*i]`  
`add eax, [RBP-4*j]`

$e_1 + n$

compile  $e_1$   
`add eax, n`

## Example: Bin3

Same thing works if the second operand is a variable.



**in**

$x + y$

```

mov [esp - 8], eax
mov eax, [esp - 4]
add eax, [esp - 8]

```

Example: Bin 3

Strategy: Given  $x + n$

- Move  $x$  (from stack) into  $eax$ ,
- Add  $n$  to  $eax$ .

## QUIZ

What is the assembly corresponding to  $(10 + 20) * 30$  ?

$\rightarrow$  `mov eax, 10`  
`add eax, 20`  
`mul eax, 30`

```
mov eax, 10
?1 eax, ?2
?3 eax, ?4
```

~~• A. ?1 = add, ?2 = 30, ?3 = mul, ?4 = 20~~

~~• B. ?1 = mul, ?2 = 30, ?3 = add, ?4 = 20~~

• C. ?1 = add, ?2 = 20, ?3 = mul, ?4 = 30

~~• D. ?1 = mul, ?2 = 20, ?3 = add, ?4 = 30~~

## *Second Operand is Constant*

In general, to compile  $e + n$  we can do

```
compile e
++          -- result of e is in eax
[add eax, n]
```

## *Example: Bin4*

But what if we have *nested* expressions

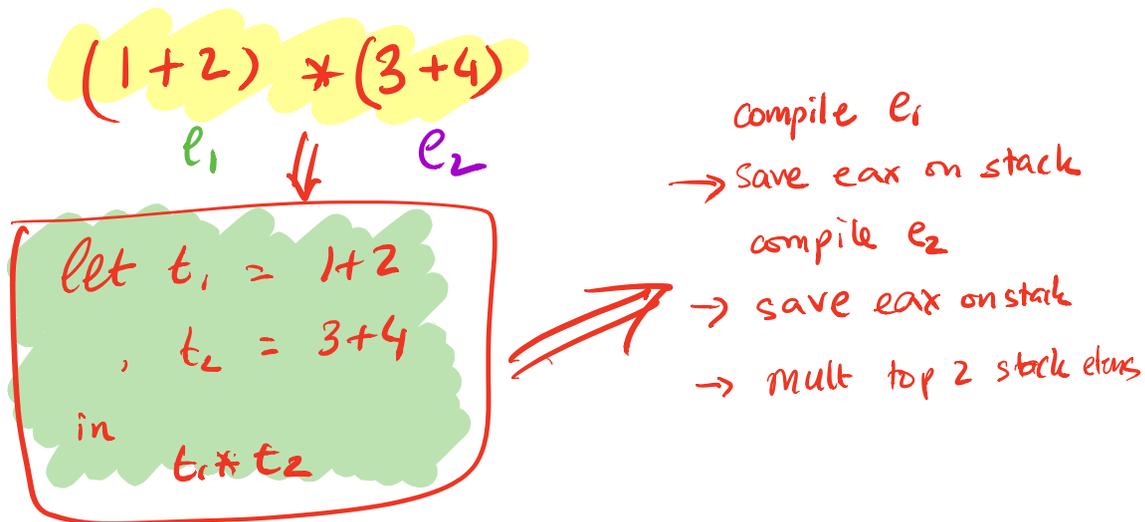
$(1 + 2) * (3 + 4)$

- Can compile  $1 + 2$  with result in `eax` ...
- .. but then need to *reuse* `eax` for  $3 + 4$

Need to **save**  $1 + 2$  somewhere!

*Idea: How about use another register for  $3 + 4$ ?*

But then what about  $(1 + 2) * (3 + 4) * (5 + 6) ? *$  In general, may need to save more sub-expressions than we have registers.



## Idea: Immediate Expressions

Why were  $1 + 2$  and  $x + y$  so easy to compile but  $(1 + 2) * (3 + 4)$  not?

As  $1$  and  $x$  are **immediate expressions**: their values don't require any computation!

- Either a **constant**, or,
- **variable** whose value is on the stack.

## *Idea: Administrative Normal Form (ANF)*

An expression is in **Administrative Normal Form (ANF)**

*if all primitive operations have immediate arguments.*

**Primitive Operations:** Those whose values we *need* for computation to proceed.

- $v1 + v2$
- $v1 - v2$
- $v1 * v2$

## QUIZ

Is the following expression in ANF?

$$(1 + 2) * (4 - 3)$$

- A. Yes, its ANF.
- B. Nope, its not, because of +
- C. Nope, its not, because of \*
- D. Nope, its not, because of -
- E. Huh, WTF is ANF?

## Conversion to ANF

So, the below is *not* in ANF as `*` has *non-immediate* arguments

$(1 + 2) * (3 + 4)$

However, note the following variant is in ANF

```
let t1 = 1 + 2
    , t2 = 3 + 4
in
  t1 * t2
```

How can we compile the above code?

; *TODO in class*

```
mov eax, 1
add eax, 2
? mov [RBP-4], eax
mov eax, 3
add eax, 4
? mov [RBP-8], eax
mul eax, ? RBP-4
mul eax, RBP-8
```

*Expr*

## Binary Operations: Strategy

We can convert *any* expression to ANF

- By adding “temporary” variables for sub-expressions



Compiler Pipeline with ANF

- **Step 1:** Compiling ANF into Assembly
- **Step 2:** Converting Expressions into ANF



## Types: Source

Lets add binary primitive operators

```
data Prim2
  = Plus | Minus | Times
```

and use them to extend the source language:

```
data Expr a
  = ...
  | Prim2 Prim2 (Expr a) (Expr a) a
```

So, for example, `2 + 3` would be parsed as:

*Prim2 Plus (Const 2) (Const 3)*

Prim2 Plus (Number 2 ()) (Number 3 ()) ()

## Types: Assembly

Need to add X86 instructions for primitive arithmetic:

**data** Instruction

= ...

| IAdd Arg Arg

| ISub Arg Arg

| IMul Arg Arg

*already here*

## Types: ANF

We *can* define a separate type for ANF (try it!)

... but ...

*super tedious* as it requires duplicating a bunch of code.

Instead, lets write a *function* that describes **immediate expressions**

```
isImm :: Expr a -> Bool
isImm (Number _ _) = True
isImm (Var _ _) = True
isImm _ = False
```

We can now think of **immediate** expressions as:

$$\{ e : \text{Expr} \mid \text{isImm } e == \text{True} \}$$

The subset of *Expr* such that *isImm* returns *True*

## QUIZ

Similarly, lets write a function that describes ANF expressions

`isAnf :: Expr a -> Bool`

`isAnf (Number _ _) = True` ✓

`isAnf (Var _ _) = True` ✓

`isAnf (Prim2 _ e1 e2 _) = 1`

`isAnf (If e1 e2 e3 _) = 2` →

`isAnf (Let x e1 e2 _) = 2` →

$\text{isAnf } e_1 \ \& \ \text{isAnf } e_2 \ \& \ \text{isAnf } e_3$   
 $\text{isAnf } e_1 \ \& \ \text{isAnf } e_2$

$(1+2) * (3+4)$

let  $t_1 = (1+2)^{e_1}$

$t_2 = (3+4)^{e_2}$

in

$t * t_2$

What should we fill in for \_1?

~~{- A -} isAnf e1~~

~~{- B -} isAnf e2~~

{- C -} isAnf e1 && isAnf e2

{- D -} isImm e1 && isImm e2

~~{- E -} isImm e2~~

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```

```
isAnf (Var _ _) = True
```

```
isAnf (Prim1 _ e1 _) = isAnf e1
```

```
isAnf (Prim2 _ e1 e2 _) = isImm e1 && isImm e2
```

```
isAnf (If e1 e2 e3 _) = _2 && isANF e2 && isANF e3
```

```
isAnf (Let x e1 e2 _) = isANF e1 && isANF e2
```

What should we fill in for \_2?

```
{- A -} isAnf e1  
{- B -} isImm e1  
{- C -} True  
{- D -} False
```

We can now think of **ANF** expressions as:

*The subset of Expr such that isAnf returns True*

Use the above function to test our ANF conversion.

## *Types & Strategy*

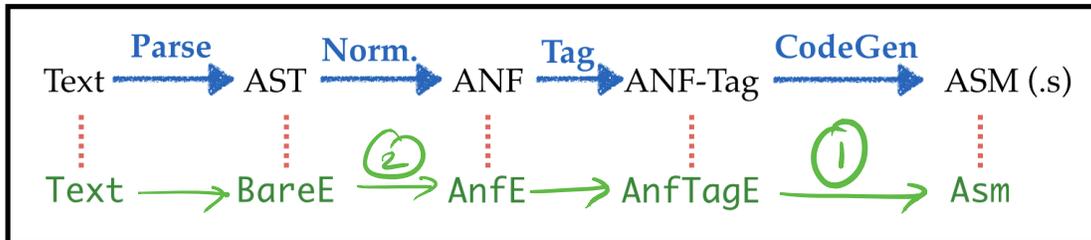
Writing the type aliases:

```

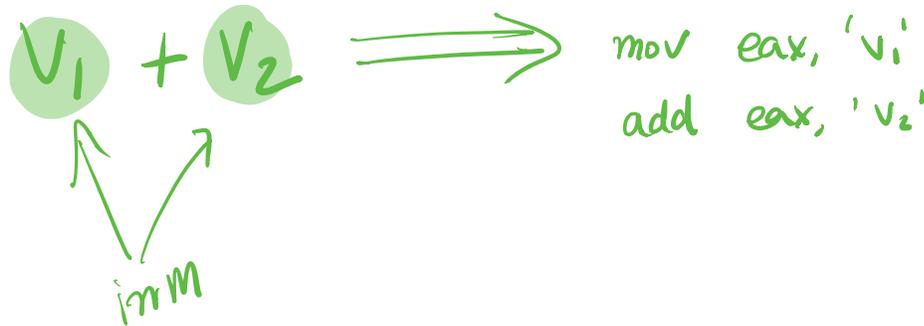
type BareE    = Expr ()
type AnfE     = Expr () -- such that isAnf is True
type AnfTagE  = Expr Tag -- such that isAnf is True
type ImmTagE  = Expr Tag -- such that isImm is True

```

we get the overall pipeline:



Compiler Pipeline with ANF: Types



# Transforms: Compiling *AnfTagE* to *Asm*



Compiler Pipeline: ANF to ASM

The compilation from ANF is easy, lets recall our examples and strategy:

Strategy: Given  $v1 + v2$  (where  $v1$  and  $v2$  are **immediate expressions**)

- Move  $v1$  into `eax`,
- Add  $v2$  to `eax`.

```
compile :: Env -> TagE -> Asm
```

```
compile env (Prim2 o v1 v2)
```

```
= [ IMov      (Reg EAX) (immArg env v1)
    , (prim2 o) (Reg EAX) (immArg env v2)
  ]
```

where we have a helper to find the `Asm` variant of a `Prim2` operation

```
prim2 :: Prim2 -> Arg -> Arg -> Instruction
prim2 Plus  = IAdd
prim2 Minus = ISub
prim2 Times = IMul
```

and another to convert an *immediate expression* to an x86 argument:

```
immArg :: Env -> ImmTag -> Arg
immArg _ (Number n _) = Const n
immArg env (Var x _) = RegOffset ESP i
  where
    i          = fromMaybe err (lookup x env)
    err        = error (printf "Error: Variable '%s' is unbound" x)
```

## QUIZ

Which of the below are in ANF?

X {- 1 -} (2 + 3) + 4    2 + (3+4)

(A) in ANF

{- 2 -} let x = 12 in  
x + 1 ✓

(B) NOT in ANF

{- 3 -} let x = 12  
  , y = x + 6  
in  
  x + y ✓

X {- 4 -} let x = 12  
  , y = 18  
  , t = x + y + 1  
in  
  if t: 7 else: 9

- A. 1, 2, 3, 4

- B. 1, 2, 3
- C. 2, 3, 4
- D. 1, 2
- E. 2, 3

## *Transforms: Compiling Bare to Anf*

Next lets focus on **A-Normalization** i.e. transforming expressions into ANF

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Compiler Pipeline: Bare to ANF

$EXPR \longrightarrow ANF$

$e_1 + e_2$



defs 1

defs 2

$(1+2)$

$(3-4)$

let  $t_1 = 1+2$

$t_2 = 3-4$

let

defs 1

defs 2

A-Normalization

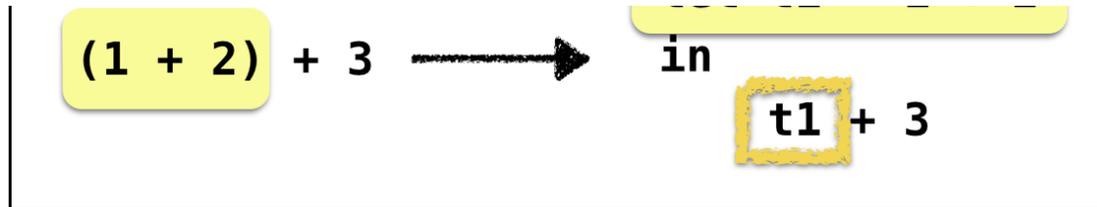
in

We can fill in the base cases easily

$t_1 + t_2$

$t_1 + t_2$





Example: ANF 1

### Key Idea: Helper Function

```
imm :: BareE -> ([Id, AnfE], ImmE)
```

`imm e` returns  $[(t_1, a_1), \dots, (t_n, a_n)], v$  where

- $t_i, a_i$  are new temporary variables bound to ANF expressions
- $v$  is an **immediate value** (either a constant or variable)

Such that  $e$  is *equivalent to*

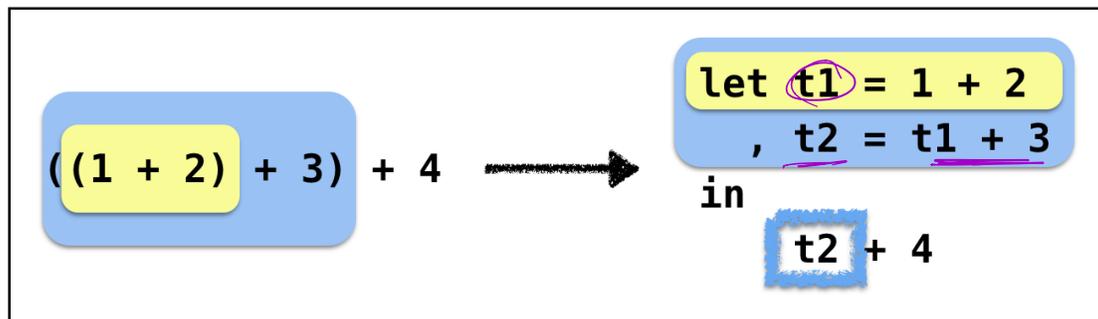
```
let t1 = a1
    , ...
    , tn = an
in
  v
```

Lets look at some more examples.

$e_1 + e_2 \rightarrow ?$

*Example: Anf-2*

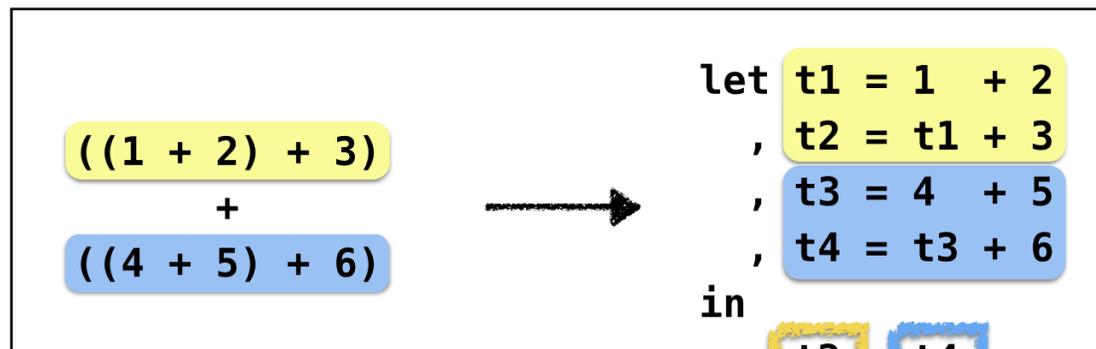
Left operand is not internally immediate



Example: ANF 2

## Example: Anf-3

Both operands are not immediate





t2 + t4

Example: ANF 3

*ANF: General Strategy*



e1



let bs1



bs2



### ANF Strategy

1. **Invoke** `imm` on both the operands
2. **Concat** the `let` bindings
3. **Apply** the binary operator to the immediate values

## *ANF Implementation: Binary Operations*

Lets implement the above strategy

```
anf (Prim2 o e1 e2) = lets (b1s ++ b2s)
                        (Prim2 o (Var v1) (Var v2))
```

**where**

```
(b1s, v1) = imm e1
```

```
(b2s, v2) = imm e2
```

```
lets :: [(Id, AnfE)] -> AnfE -> AnfE
```

```
lets [] e' = e
```

```
lets ((x,e):bs) e' = Let x e (lets bs e')
```

Intuitively, lets *stitches* together a bunch of definitions:

```
lets [(x1, e1), (x2, e2), (x3, e3)] e
```

```
====> Let x1 e1 (Let x2 e2 (Let x3 e3 e))
```

## *ANF Implementation: Let-bindings*

For `Let` just make sure we recursively `anf` the sub-expressions.

$$\text{anf } (\text{Let } x \ e1 \ e2) \quad = \text{Let } x \ e1' \ e2'$$

**where**

$$e1' \quad = \text{anf } e1$$
$$e2' \quad = \text{anf } e2$$

## *ANF Implementation: Branches*

Same principle applies to If

- use `anf` to recursively transform the branches.

`anf (If e1 e2 e3) = If e1' e2' e3'`

**where**

`e1' = anf e1`

`e2' = anf e2`

`e3' = anf e3`

## ANF: Making Arguments Immediate via *imm*

The workhorse is the function

```
imm :: BareE -> ([Id, AnfE], ImmE)
```

which creates temporary variables to crunch an arbitrary *Bare* into an *immediate* value.

No need to create an variables if the expression is *already* immediate:

```
imm (Number n l) = ( [], Number n l )
```

```
imm (Id      x l) = ( [], Id      x l )
```

The tricky case is when the expression has a primitive operation:

```
imm (Prim2 o e1 e2) = ( b1s ++ b2s ++ [(t, Prim2 o v1 v2)]
                      , Id t )
```

```
  t                = makeFreshVar ()
```

```
  (b1s, v1)        = imm e1
```

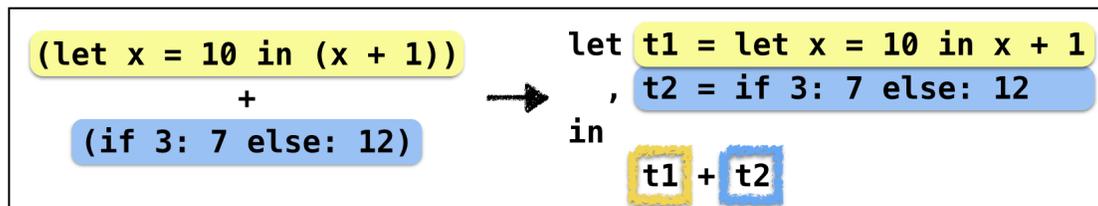
```
  (b2s, v2)        = imm e2
```

Oh, what shall we do when:

```
imm (If e1 e2 e3) = ???
```

```
imm (Let x e1 e2) = ???
```

Lets look at an example for inspiration.



Example: ANF 4

That is, simply

- anf the relevant expressions,
- bind them to a fresh variable.

`imm e@(If _ _ _) = immExp e`

`imm e@(Let _ _ _) = immExp e`

`immExp :: Expr -> ([Id, AnfE]), ImmE)`

`immExp e = ([t, e']), t`

**where**

`e' = anf e`

`t = makeFreshVar ()`

## *One last thing: Whats up with makeFreshVar ?*

Wait a minute, what is this magic **FRESH** ?

How can we create **distinct** names out of thin air?

(Sorry, no “global variables” in Haskell...)

We will use a counter, but will **pass its value around**

*Just like doTag*

```
anf :: Int -> BareE -> (Int, AnfE)
```

```
anf i (Number n l)    = (i, Number n l)
```

```
anf i (Id    x l)     = (i, Id    x l)
```

```
anf i (Let x e b l)   = (i'', Let x e' b' l)
```

**where**

```
(i', e')              = anf i e
```

```
(i'', b')             = anf i' b
```

```
anf i (Prim2 o e1 e2 l) = (i'', lets (b1s ++ b2s) (Prim2 o e1' e2' l))
```

**where**

```
(i' , b1s, e1')       = imm i  e1
```

```
(i'' , b2s, e2')      = imm i' e2
```

```
anf i (If c e1 e2 l)  = (i''', lets bs  (If c' e1' e2' l))
```

**where**

```
(i'  , bs, c')        = imm i   c
```

```
(i'' ,   e1')         = anf i'  e1
```

```
(i''' ,   e2')        = anf i'' e2
```

and

```
imm :: Int -> AnfE -> (Int, [(Id, AnfE)], ImmE)
```

```
imm i (Number n l)      = (i , [], Number n l)
```

```
imm i (Var x l)        = (i , [], Var x l)
```

```
imm i (Prim2 o e1 e2 l) = (i'', bs, Var v l)
```

**where**

```
(i' , b1s, v1)      = imm i e1
```

```
(i'' , b2s, v2)     = imm i' e2
```

```
(i''', v)           = fresh i''
```

```
bs                  = b1s ++ b2s ++ [(v, Prim2 o v1 v2 l)]
```

```
imm i e@(If _ _ _ l)  = immExp i e
```

```
imm i e@(Let _ _ _ l) = immExp i e
```

```
immExp :: Int -> BareE -> (Int, [(Id, AnfE)], ImmE)
```

```
immExp i e l = (i'', bs, Var v ())
```

**where**

```
(i' , e') = anf i e
```

```
(i'' , v) = fresh i'
```

```
bs       = [(v, e')]
```

where now, the `fresh` function returns a *new counter* and a variable

```
fresh :: Int -> (Int, Id)
fresh n = (n+1, "t" ++ show n)
```

**Note** this is super clunky. There *is* a really slick way to write the above code without the clutter of the `!` but that's too much of a digression, but feel free to look it up yourself (<https://cseweb.ucsd.edu/classes/wi12/cse230-a/lectures/monads.html>)

## *Recap and Summary*

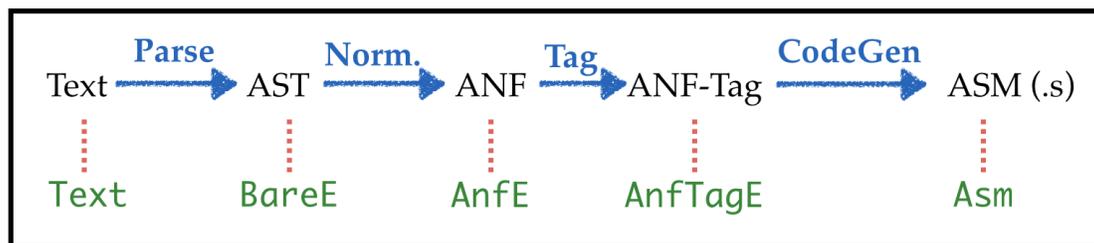
Just created Boa with

- Branches ( if -expressions)
- Binary Operators ( + , - , etc.)

In the process of doing so, we will learned about

- **Intermediate Forms**
- **Normalization**

Specifically,



Compiler Pipeline with ANF

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