

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

Branches

Lets start first with branches (conditionals).

We will stick to our recipe of:

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

Examples

First, lets look at some examples of what we mean by branches.

- For now, lets treat 0 as "false" and non-zero as "true"

Example: If1

```
if 10:
    22
else:
    sub1(0)
```

- Since 10 is not 0 we evaluate the "then" case to get 22

Example: If2

```
if sub(1):
    22
else:
    sub1(0)
```

- Since sub(1) is 0 we evaluate the "else" case to get -1

QUIZ: If3

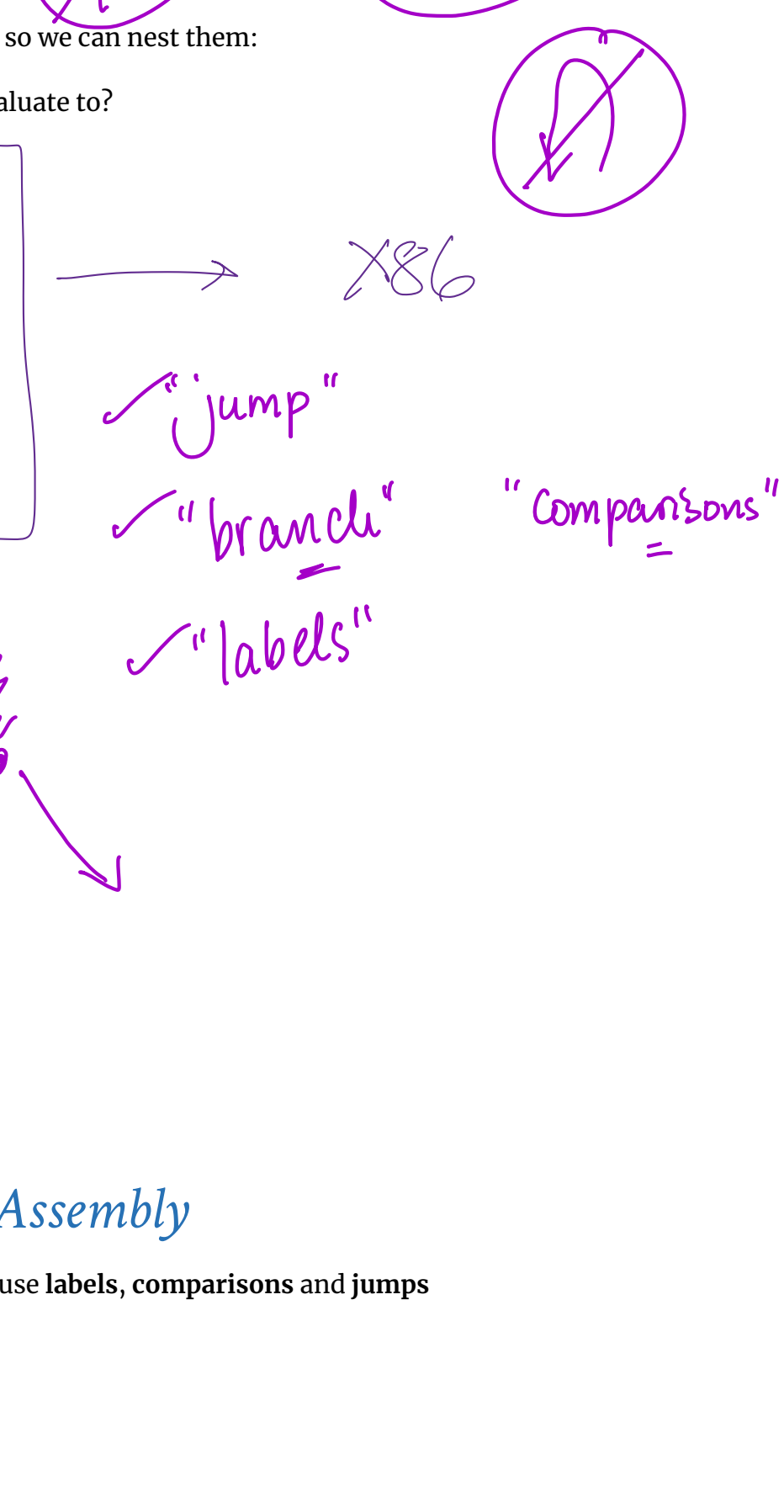
if-else is also an *expression* so we can nest them:

What should the following evaluate to?

```
let x = if sub(1):
    22
    else:
        sub1(0)

in
if x:
    add1(x)
else:
    999
```

- A. 999
- B. 0
- C. 1
- D. 1000
- E. -1



Control Flow in Assembly

To compile branches, we will use **labels**, **comparisons** and **jumps**

Labels

```
our_code_label:
    ...
```

Labels are "landmarks"

- from which execution (control-flow) can be started, or
- to which it can be diverted

Comparisons

```
cmp a1, a2
```

at most one can be mem

- Perform a (numeric) **comparison** between the values **a1** and **a2**, and
- Store the result in a special **processor flag**

Jumps

```
jmp LABEL # jump unconditionally (i.e. always)
je LABEL # jump if previous comparison result was EQUAL
jne LABEL # jump if previous comparison result was NOT-EQUAL
```

Use the result of the flag set by the most recent cmp

- To *continue execution* from the given LABEL

QUIZ

Which of the following is a valid x86 encoding of

```
if 10:
    22
else:
    33
```

A	B	C	D
<pre>mov rax, 10 cmp rax, 0 je if_false if_true: mov rax, 22 jmp if_exit if_false: mov rax, 33 if_exit:</pre>	<pre>mov rax, 10 cmp rax, 0 je if_false if_true: mov rax, 22 if_false: mov rax, 33 if_exit:</pre>	<pre>mov rax, 10 cmp rax, 0 je if_true if_true: mov rax, 22 jmp if_exit if_false: mov rax, 33 if_exit:</pre>	<pre>mov rax, 10 cmp rax, 0 je if_true if_true: mov rax, 22 if_false: mov rax, 33 if_exit:</pre>

QUIZ: Compiling if-else

Strategy

To compile an expression of the form

```
if eCond:
    eThen
else:
    eElse
```

```
<< eCond >>
cmp rax, 0
je IF_FALSE
<< eThen >>
jmp IF_EXIT
IF_FALSE:
<< eElse >>
if_exit:
```

We will:

1. Compile eCond
2. Compare the result (in rax) against 0
3. Jump if the result is zero to a special "IfFalse" label
 - At which we will evaluate eElse,
 - Ending with a special "IfExit" label.
4. (Otherwise) continue to evaluate eThen
 - And then jump (unconditionally) to the "IfExit" label.

Example: If-Expressions to Asm

Lets see how our strategy works by example:

Example: if1

<pre>if 10: 22 else: sub1(0)</pre>	<pre>mov eax, 10 cmp eax, 0 je if_false if_true: mov eax, 22 jmp if_exit if_false: mov eax, 0 sub eax, 1 if_exit:</pre>
--	---

Example: if1

Example: if2

<pre>if sub(1): 22 else: sub1(0)</pre>	<pre>mov eax, 1 sub eax, 1 cmp eax, 0 je if_false if_true: mov eax, 22 jmp if_exit if_false: mov eax, 0 sub eax, 1 if_exit:</pre>
--	---

Example: if2

Example: if3

```

let x = if 10:
  22
else:
  0
in
  if x:
    55
  else:
    999

```

```

mov rax, 10
cmp rax, 0
je if_false
mov rax, 22
jmp if_exit
if_false:
mov rax, 0
mov [rsp - 8*1], rax
mov rax, [rsp - 8*1]
cmp rax, 0
je if_false
mov rax, 55
jmp if_exit
if_exit:
mov rax, 999

```

Example: if3

Oops, cannot reuse labels across if-expressions!

- Can't use same label in two places (invalid assembly)

```

let x = if 10:
  22
else:
  0
in
  if x:
    55
  else:
    999

```

```

mov rax, 10
cmp rax, 0
je if_false
mov rax, 22
jmp if_exit
if_false:
mov rax, 0
mov [rsp - 8*1], rax
mov rax, [rsp - 8*1]
cmp rax, 0
je if_false
mov rax, 55
jmp if_exit
if_exit:
mov rax, 999

```

Example: if3 wrong

Oops, need distinct labels for each branch!

- Require distinct tags for each if-else expression

```

let x = if 10:
  22
else:
  0
in
  if x:
    55
  else:
    999

```

```

mov rax, 10
cmp rax, 0
je if_1_false
mov rax, 22
jmp if_1_exit
if_1_false:
mov rax, 0
mov [rsp - 8*1], rax
mov rax, [rsp - 8*1]
cmp rax, 0
je if_2_false
mov rax, 55
jmp if_2_exit
if_1_exit:
mov rax, 999
if_2_exit:

```

Example: if3 tagged

Types: Source

Lets modify the Source Expression to add if-else expressions

```

data Expr a
= Number Int a
| Add1 (Expr a) a
| Sub1 (Expr a) a
| Let Id (Expr a) (Expr a) a
| Var Id a
| If (Expr a) (Expr a) (Expr a) a

```

Polymorphic tags of type a for each sub-expression

- We can have different types of tags
- e.g. Source-Position information for error messages

Lets define a name for Tag (just integers).

```

type Tag = Int

```

We will now use:

```

type BareE = Expr () -- AST after parsing
type TagE = Expr Tag -- AST with distinct tags

```

Types: Assembly

Now, lets extend the Assembly with labels, comparisons and jumps:

```

data Label
= BranchFalse Tag
| BranchExit Tag

data Instruction
= ...
| ICmp Arg Arg -- Compare two arguments
| ILabel Label -- Create a label
| IJmp Label -- Jump always
| IJe Label -- Jump if equal
| IJne Label -- Jump if not-equal

```

Transforms

We can't expect programmer to put in tags (yuck.)

- Lets squeeze in a tagging transform into our pipeline



Adding Tagging to the Compiler Pipeline

Transforms: Parse

Just as before, but now puts a dummy () into each position

```

λ> let parseStr s = fmap (const ()) (parse "" s)

λ> let e = parseStr "if 1: 22 else: 33"

λ> e
If (Number 1 ()) (Number 22 ()) (Number 33 ()) ()

λ> label e
If (Number 1 ((),0)) (Number 22 ((),1)) (Number 33 ((),2)) ((),3)

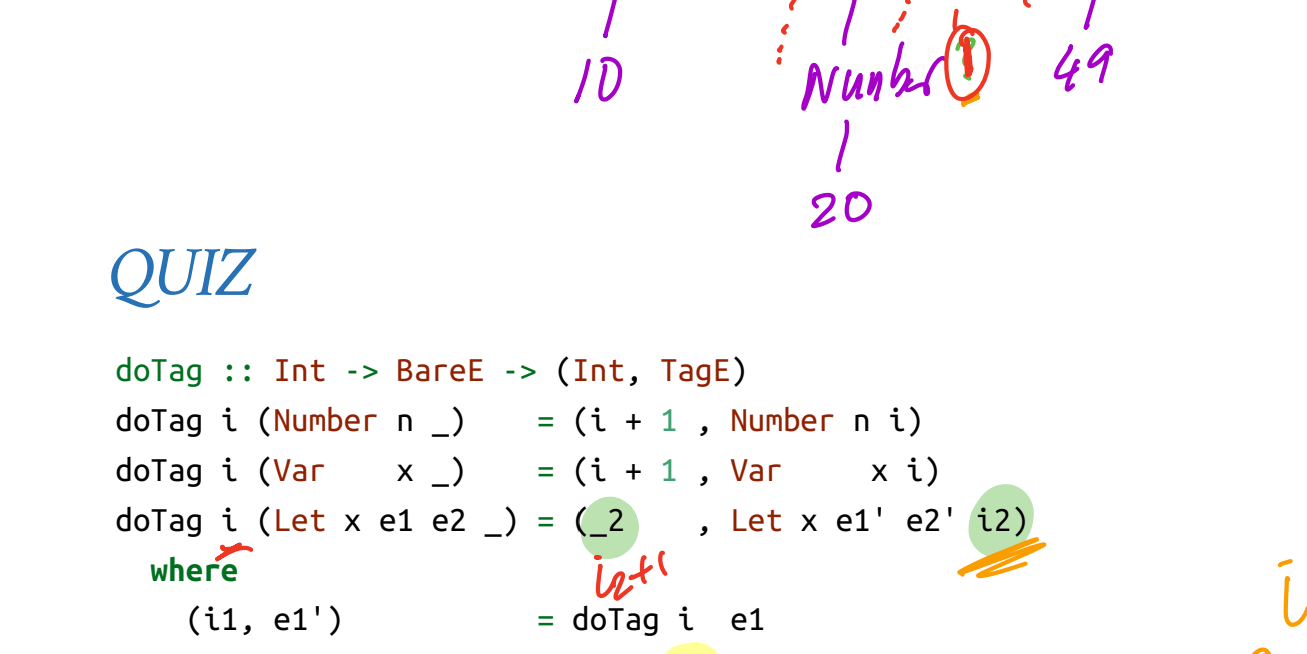
```

Transforms: Tag

doTag 0 e =

The key work is done by doTag i e

1. Recursively walk over the BareE named e starting tagging at counter i
2. Return a pair (i', e') of updated counter i' and tagged expression e'



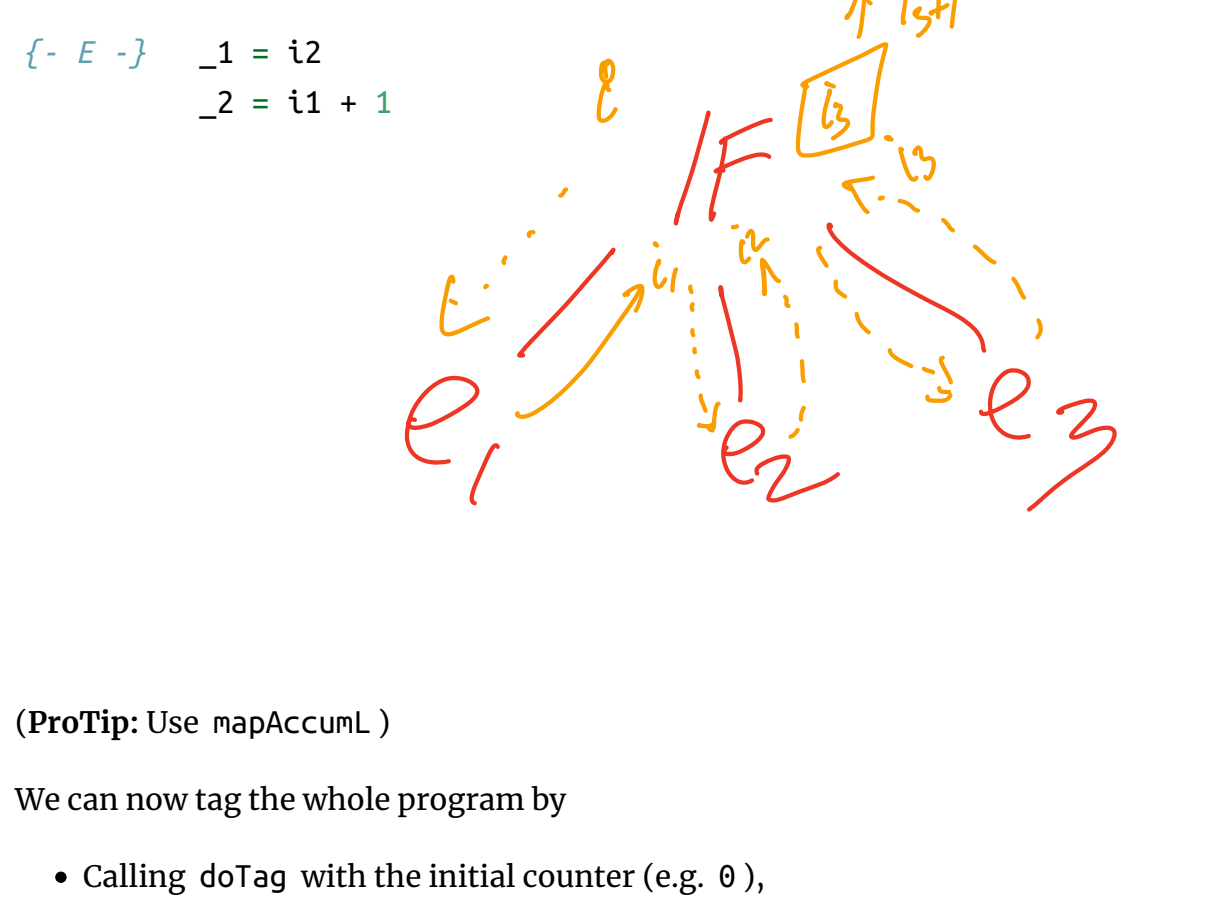
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```

doTag :: Int -> BareE -> (Int, TagE)
doTag i (Number n _) = (i + 1, Number n i)
doTag i (Var x _) = (i + 1, Var x i)
doTag i (Let x e1 e2 _) = (i2, Let x e1' e2' i2)
  where
    (i1, e1') = doTag i e1
    (i2, e2') = doTag i1 e2

```

What expressions shall we fill in for 1 and 2?



(ProTip: Use mapAccumL)

We can now tag the whole program by

- Calling doTag with the initial counter (e.g. 0),
- Throwing away the final counter.

```

tag :: BareE -> TagE
tag e = e' where (_, e') = doTag 0 e

```

Transforms: Code Generation

Now that we have the tags we lets implement our compilation strategy

```

compile env (If eCond eTrue eFalse i)
= compile env eCond ++
  [ ICmp (Reg RAX) (Const 0) -- compare result to 0
  , IJe (BranchFalse i) -- if-zero then jump to 'False'-
  ]
  block
  ++ compile env eTrue ++ -- code for 'True'-block
  [ IJmp lExit ] -- jump to exit (skip 'False'-bl
  ock!)
  ++
  [ ILabel (BranchFalse i) -- start of 'False'-block
  , compile env eFalse ++ -- code for 'False'-block
  [ ILabel (BranchExit i) -- exit

```

Recap: Branches

- Tag each sub-expression,
- Use tag to generate control-flow labels implementing branch.

Lesson: Tagged program representation simplifies compilation...

- Next: another example of how intermediate representations help.

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.

$e_1 + e_2$

Compiling Binary Operations

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

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

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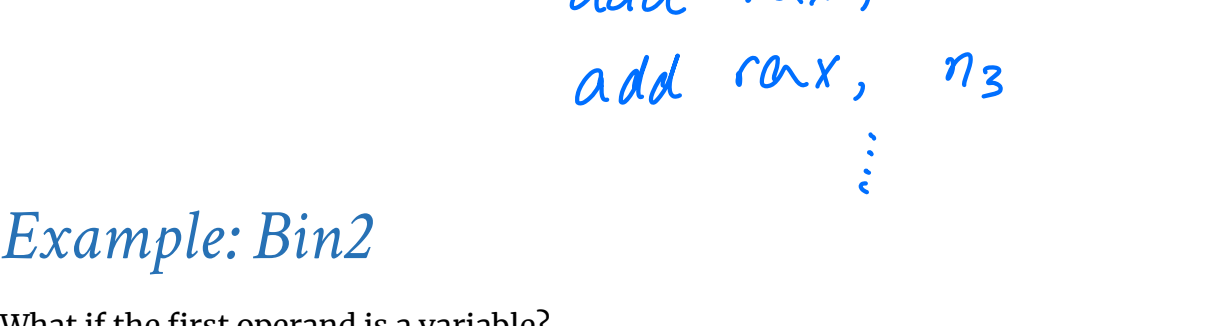
What is the assembly corresponding to $(33) - 10$?

```
?1 rax, ?2      mov rax, 33
?3 rax, ?4      sub rax, 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

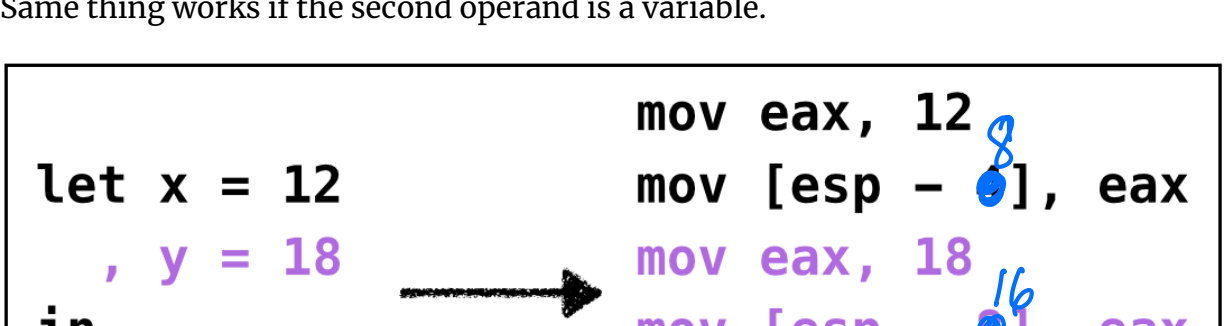
Strategy: Given $n_1 + n_2$

- Move n_1 into `rax`,
- Add n_2 to `rax`.

```
((n1 + n2) + n3) + n4 + n5
mov rax, n1
add rax, n2
add rax, n3
...
```

Example: Bin2

What if the first operand is a variable?



Example: Bin 2

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

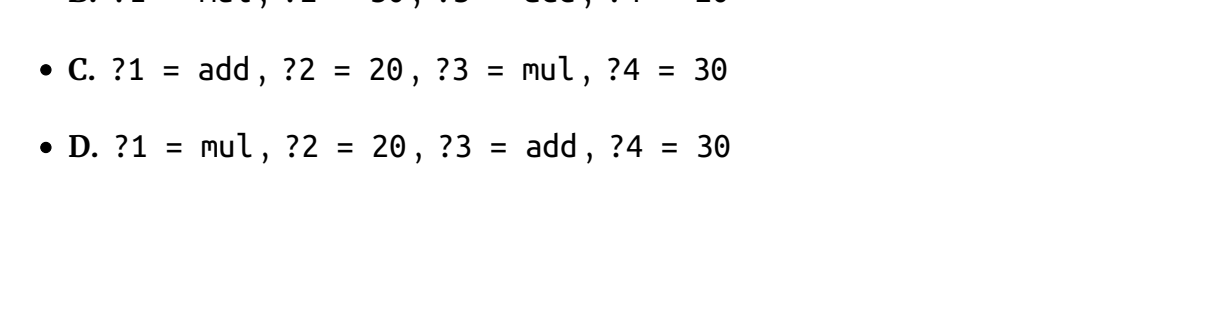
Strategy: Given $x + n$

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

```
((x1 + x2) + x3) + ...
mov rax, [rbp - 8 * 1]
add rax, [rbp - 8 * 2]
add rax, [rbp - 8 * 3]
...
```

Example: Bin3

Same thing works if the second operand is a variable.



Example: Bin 3

Strategy: Given $x + n$

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

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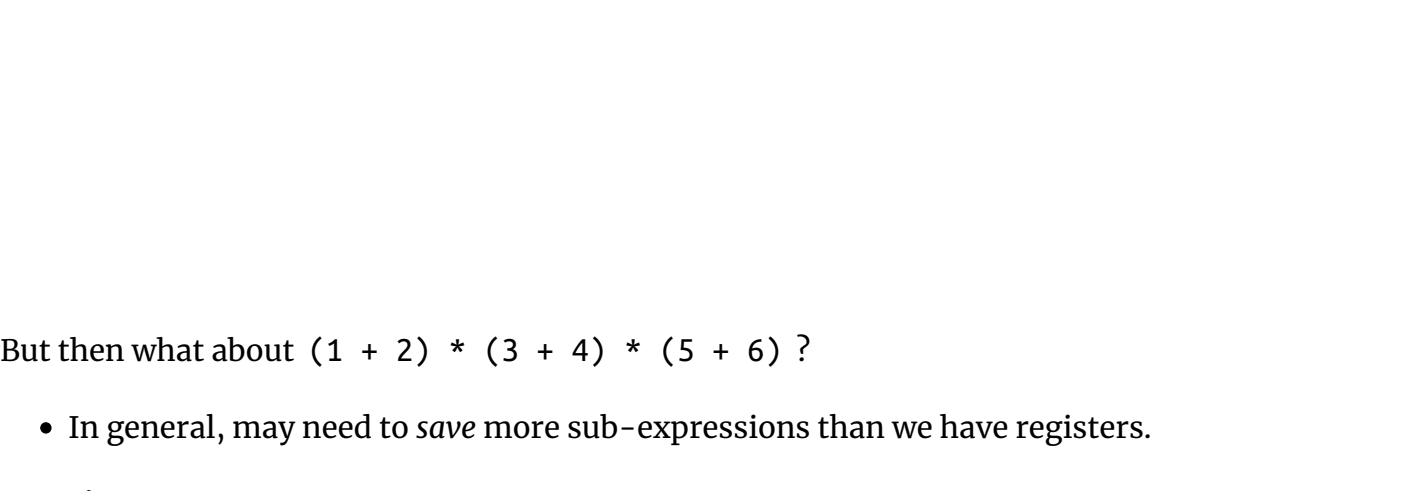
What is the assembly corresponding to $(10 + 20) * 30$?

```
mov rax, 10      mov rax, 10
?1 rax, ?2      add rax, 20
?3 rax, ?4      mul rax, 3
```

- 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

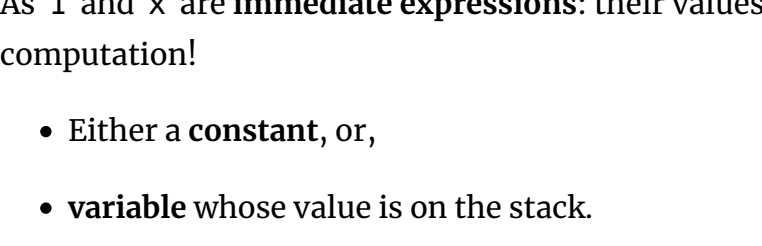
Second Operand is Constant

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



Example: Bin4

But what if we have nested expressions



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.

Question:

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

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)**

ANF means all **primitive operations** have **immediate arguments**.

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

- $v_1 + v_2$
- $v_1 - v_2$
- $v_1 * v_2$

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ANF means all **primitive operations** have **immediate arguments**.

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) * (4 - 3)
```

However, note the following variant is in ANF

How can we compile the above code?

; TODO in class

```
v1 * v2
mov rax, [rbp-8]
mul rax, [rbp-16]
```

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

$isANF :: Expr \rightarrow Bool$
 $isImm :: Expr \rightarrow Bool$

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 (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
```

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:

```
type ImmExpr = {e:Expr | isImm e == True}
```

The subset of Expr such that isImm returns True

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Similarly, lets write a function that describes ANF expressions

ANF means all primitive operations have immediate arguments.

```
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 _) = _3
```

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 :: Expr a -> Bool
isAnf (Number _ _) = True
isAnf (Var _ _) = True
isAnf (Prim1 _ e1 _) = isAnf e1
isAnf (Prim2 _ e1 e2 _) = isImm e1 && isImm e2
isAnf (If e1 e2 e3 _) = isAnf e1 && 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 (but B also works)
{- C -} True
{- D -} False
```

We can now think of ANF expressions as:

```
type AnfExpr = {e:Expr | isAnf e == True}
```

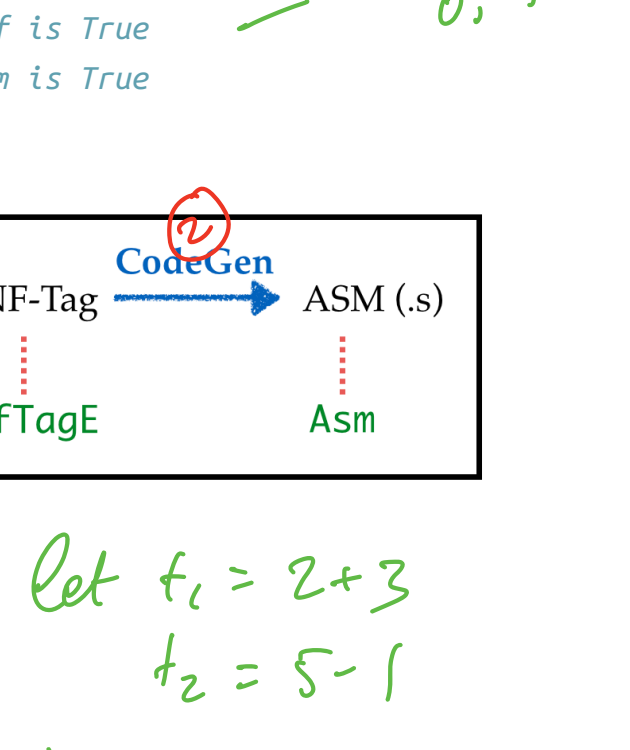
The subset of Expr such that isAnf returns True

Use the above function to test our ANF conversion.

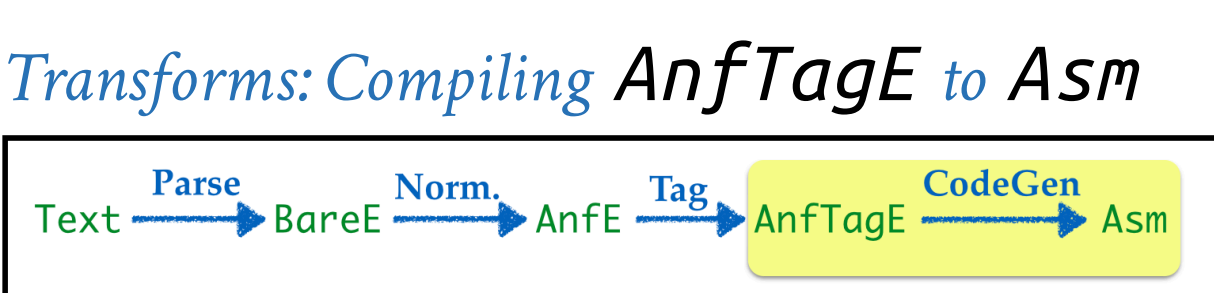
Types & Strategy

Writing the type aliases:

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



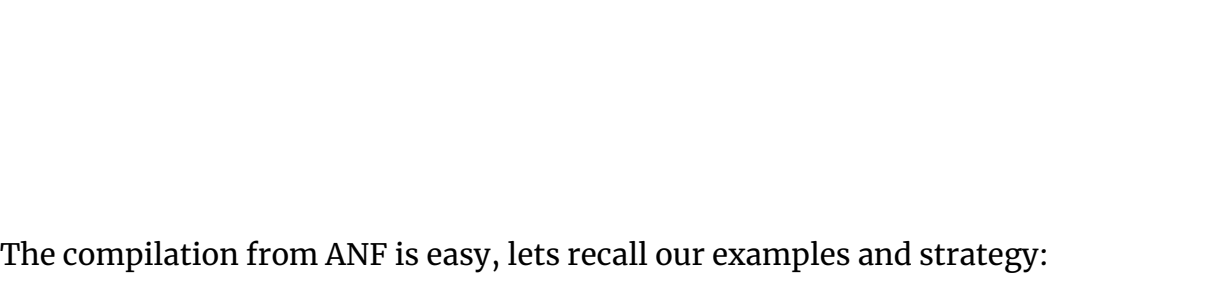
we get the overall pipeline:



Compiler Pipeline with ANF: Types

$(2+3) * (5-1) \implies$ let $t_1 = 2+3$
 $t_2 = 5-1$
 in $t_1 * t_2$

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 rax ,
- Add $v2$ to rax .

```
compile :: Env -> TagE -> Asm
compile env (Prim2 o v1 v2)
  = [ IMov (Reg RAX) (immArg env v1)
    , (prim2 o) (Reg RAX) (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 RBP i
  where
    i = fromMaybe err (lookup x env)
    err = error (printf "Error: '%s' is unbound" x)
```

QUIZ

Which of the below are in ANF?

```
{- 1 -} 2 + 3 + 4
```

```
{- 2 -} let x = 12 in
      x + 1
```

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

```
{- 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



Compiler Pipeline: Bare to ANF

A-Normalization

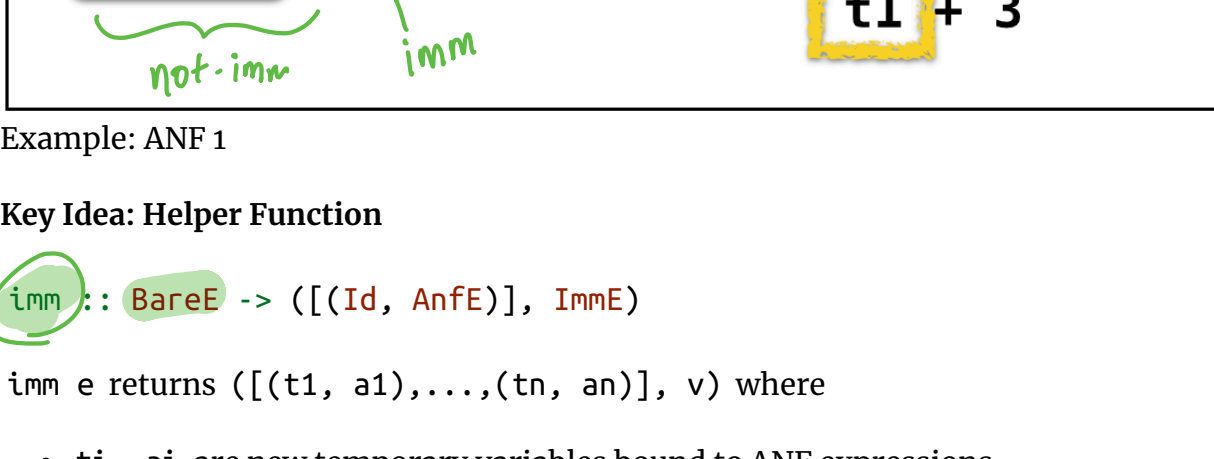
We can fill in the base cases easily

```
anf (Number n) = Number n
anf (Var x) = Var x
```

Interesting cases are the binary operations

Example: Anf-1 $e \rightarrow (Id, ANF), Id$

Left operand is not immediate



Example: ANF1

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`

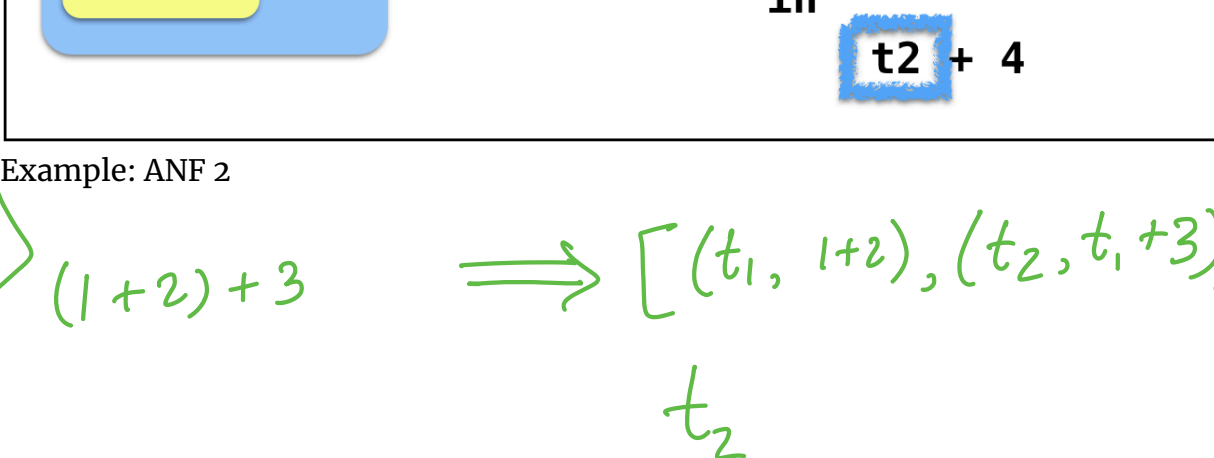
$e_1 + e_2 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{let } x = mk\ e_1 \\ \quad y = mk\ e_2 \\ \text{in } x + y \end{matrix}$

Lets look at some more examples.

$e \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} t_1 = e_1 \\ \vdots \\ t_n = e_n \\ \checkmark \end{matrix}$

Example: Anf-2

Left operand is not internally immediate

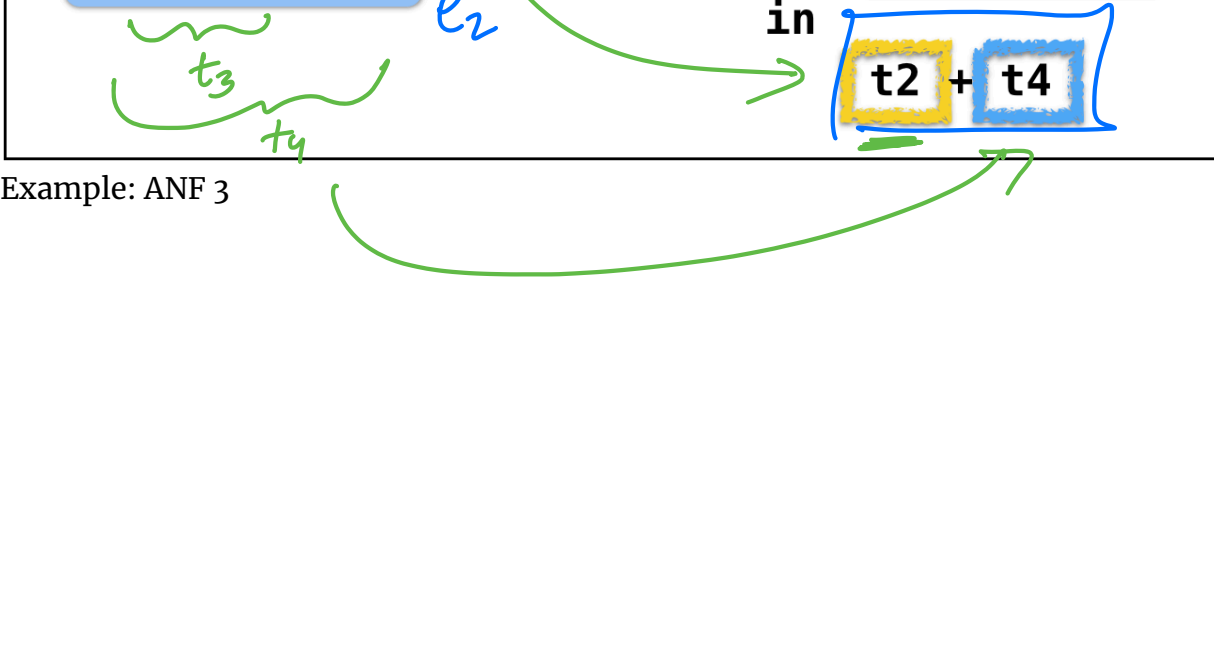


Example: ANF 2

`imm ((1 + 2) + 3) => [(t1, 1+2), (t2, t1+3)]`
`t2`

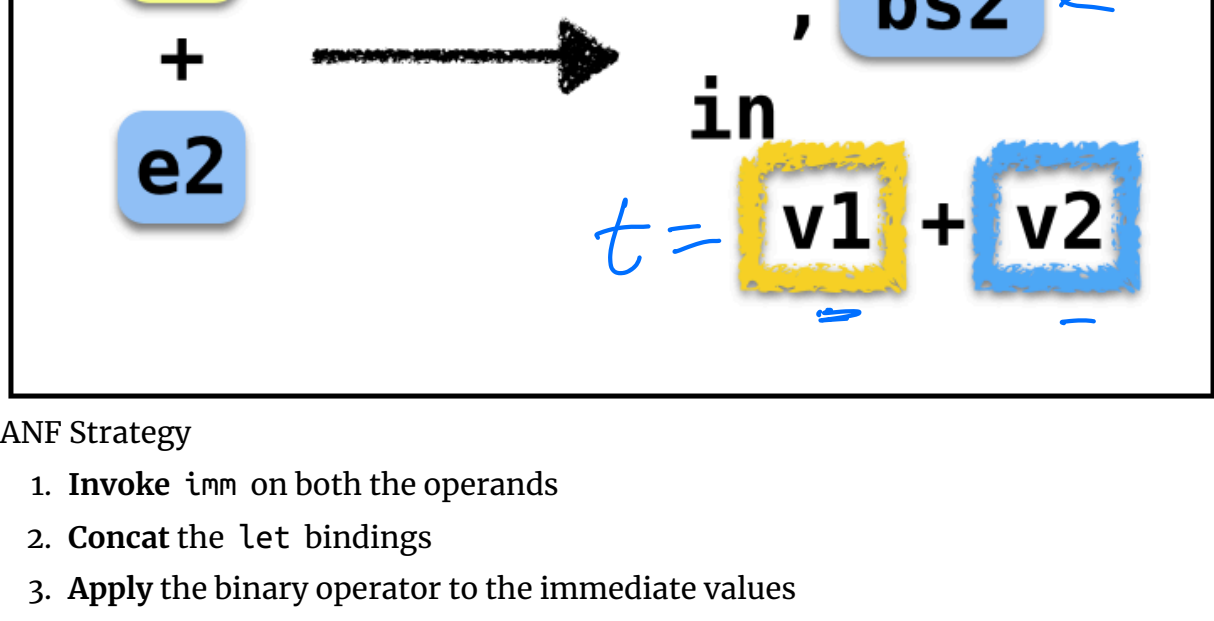
Example: Anf-3

Both operands are not immediate



Example: ANF 3

ANF: General Strategy $bs_1, + bs_2 \# [t, (v_1 + v_2)], t$



ANF Strategy

- Invoke `imm` on both the operands
- Concat the Let bindings
- Apply the binary operator to the immediate values

`Add1 e` $[(t = add1(e'))]$
 $e_1 + e_2$

ANF Implementation: Binary Operations

Lets implement the above strategy

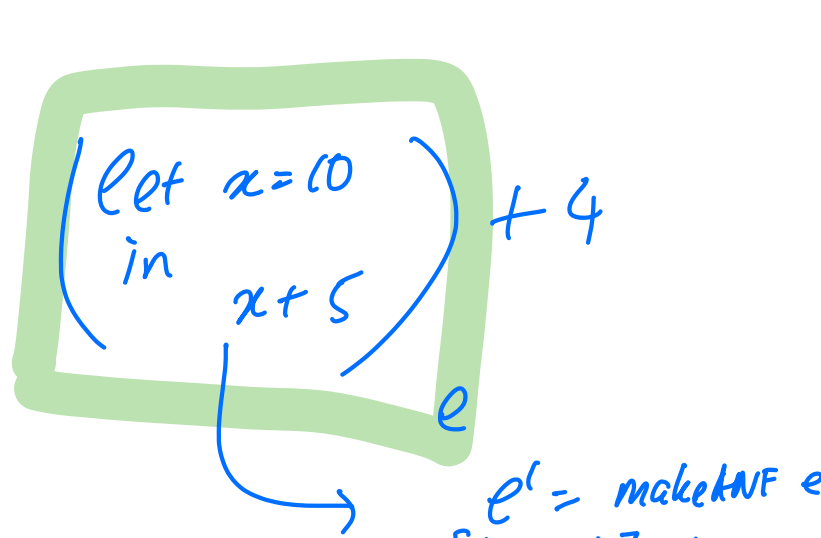
`anf (Prim2 o e1 e2) = lets (b1s ++ b2s) (Prim2 o (Var v1) (Var v2))`

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))`

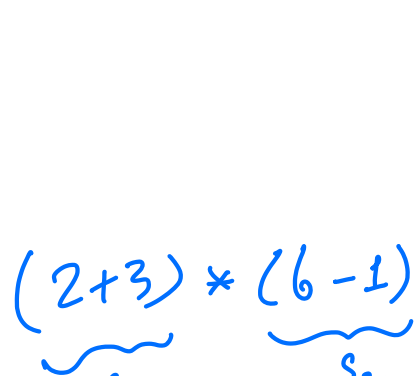


ANF Implementation: Let-bindings

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

`anf (Let x e1 e2) = Let x e1' e2'`

where
`e1' = anf e1`
`e2' = 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 a 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:

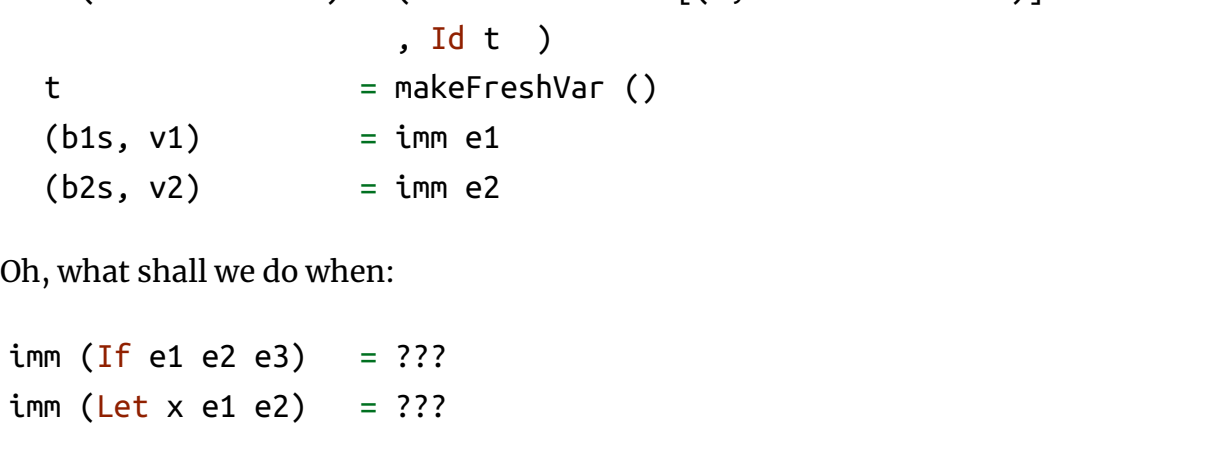
`imm (Prim2 o e1 e2) = (b1s ++ b2s ++ [(t, Prim2 o v1 v2)], Id t)`

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 l)`

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 `i` but that's too much of a digression, [but feel free to look it up yourself](#)

Recap and Summary

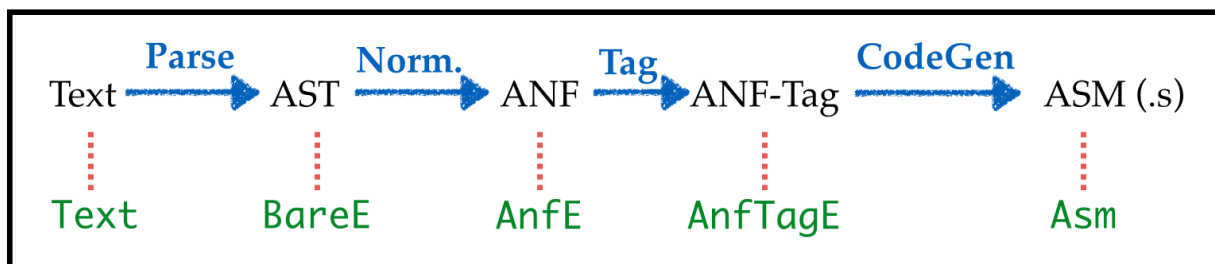
Just created Boa with

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

In the process of doing so, we will learn about

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

Specifically,



Compiler Pipeline with ANF

