

# CS 311: Theory and Implementation of Programming Languages (Fall 2009) Assignment 1

## (Chapter 3)

**Problem 6.a:** Using the grammar in Example 3.2, show a parse tree and a leftmost derivation for this statement:

$$\text{a) } A = A * (B + (C * A))$$

**Problem 13:** Write a grammar for the language consisting of strings that have  $n$  copies of the letter  $a$  followed by the same number of copies of the letter  $b$ , where  $n > 0$ . For example the strings  $ab$ ,  $aaaabbbb$ , and  $aaaaaaaaabbbbbbb$  are in the language but  $a$ ,  $abbb$ ,  $ba$  and  $aaabbb$  are not.

**Problem 19.a,b:** Compute the weakest precondition for each of the following assignment statements and postconditions:

$$\text{a) } a = 2 * (b - 1) - 1 \{a > 0\}$$

$$\text{b) } b = (c + 10) / 3 \{b > 6\}$$

**Problem 20.a:** Compute the weakest precondition for each of the following sequences of assignment statements and their postconditions:

$$\text{a) } a = 2 * b + 1;$$

$$b = a - 3$$

$$\{a > 0\}$$

**Problem 23:** Write an attribute grammar whose BNF basis is that of Example 3.6 in Section 3.4.5, but whose language rules are as follows: Data types cannot be mixed in expressions, but assignment statements need not have the same types on both sides of the assignment operator.

**Problem 25:** Prove the following program is correct:

$$\{n > 0\}$$

count = n;

sum = 0;

**while** count  $\neq$  0 **do**

    sum = sum + count;

    count = count - 1;

**end**

$$\{\text{sum} = 1 + 2 + \dots + n\}$$

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