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~> a semantic analysis annotates the syntax tree with *attributes*

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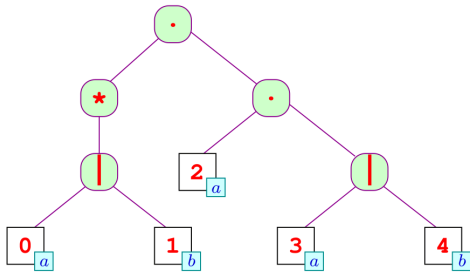
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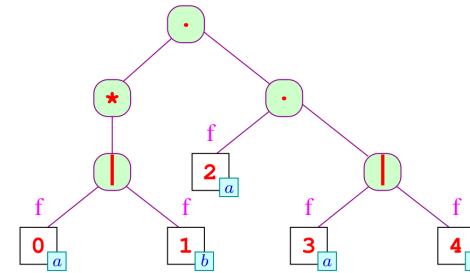
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- in order to be able to evaluate the attribute equations, all attributes mentioned in that equation have to be evaluated already
 - \sim the nodes of the syntax tree need to be visited in a certain *sequence*

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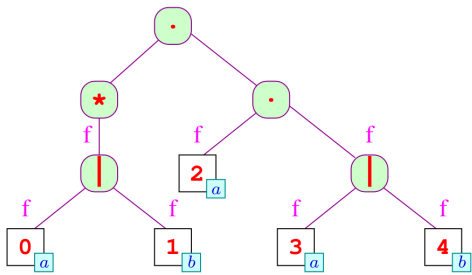
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