



CS61A Lecture 33

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Announcements



- Hog revisions due tonight

- HW10 due Wednesday

- Last chance to fill out survey on Piazza
 - We need to schedule alternate final exam times for those who have a conflict, so if you do, let us know on the survey when you are available

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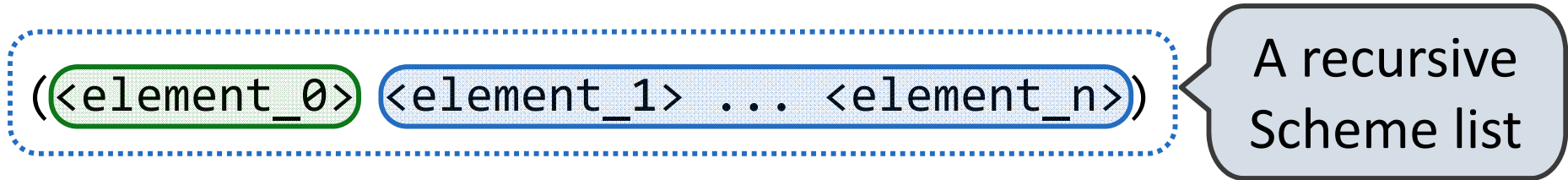
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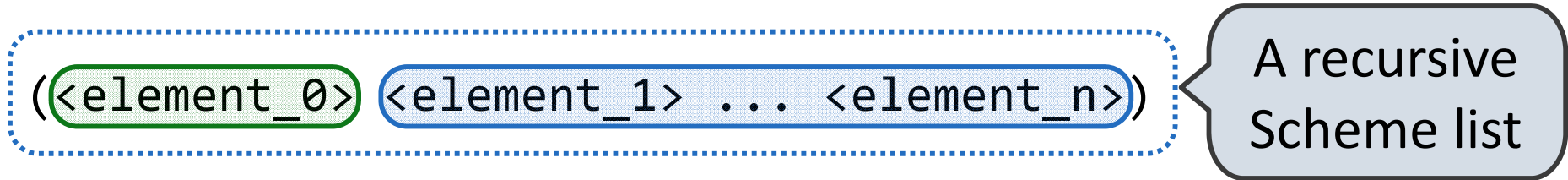


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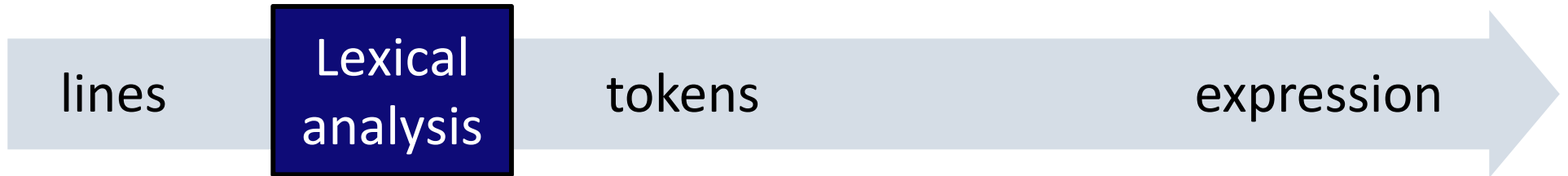
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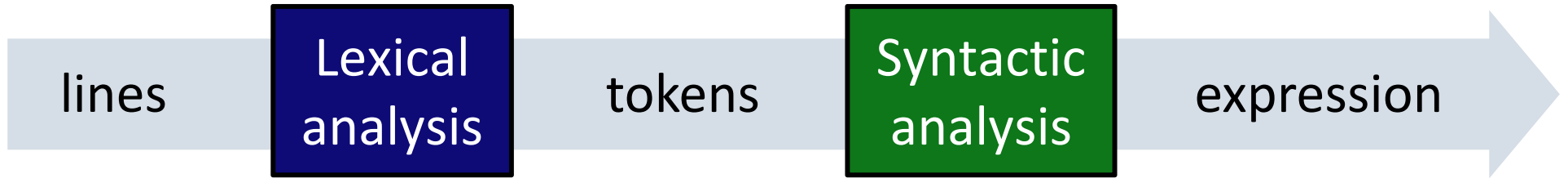
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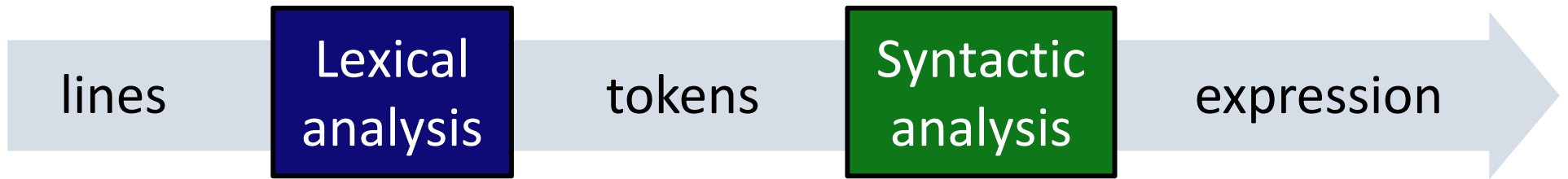
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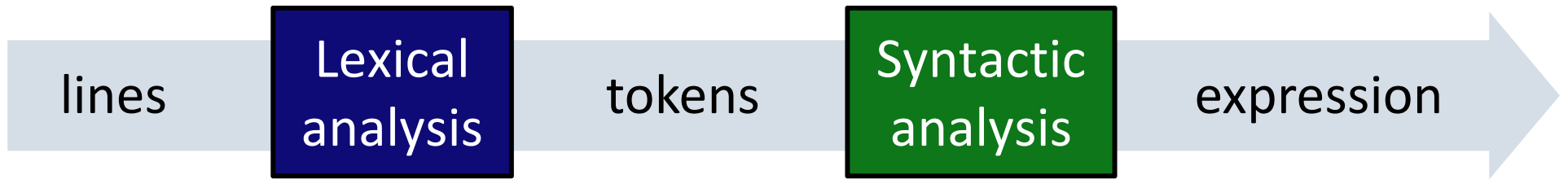
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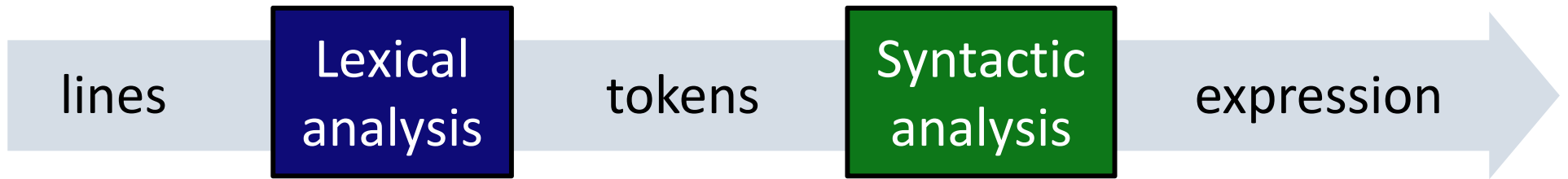


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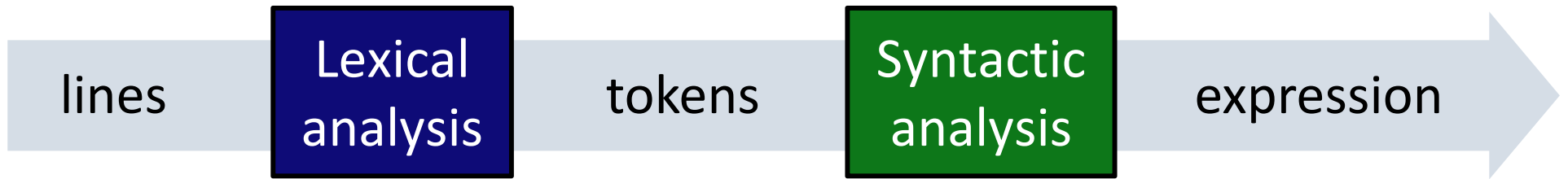


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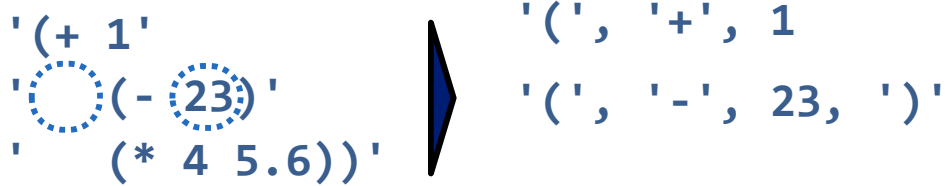
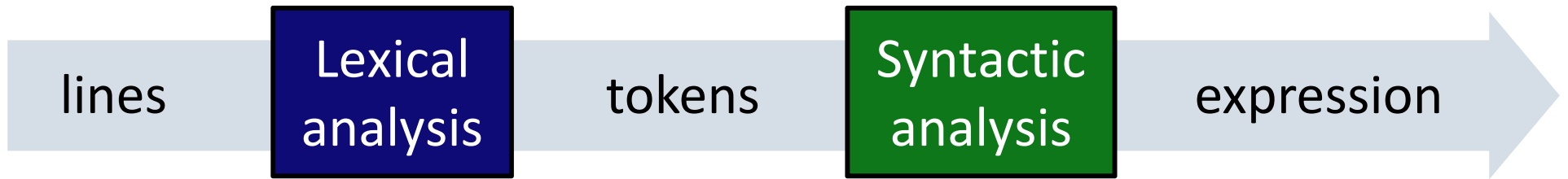
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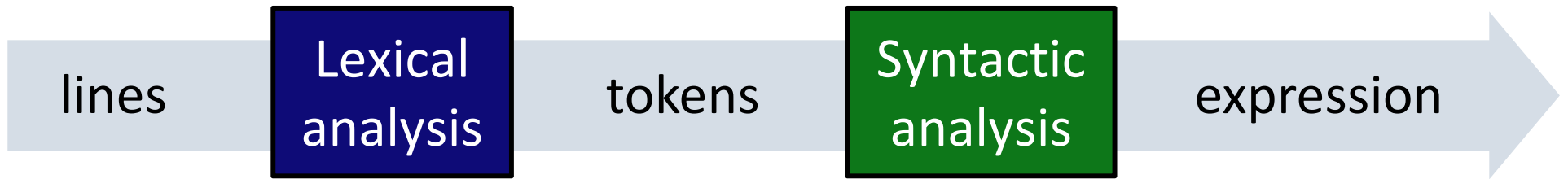
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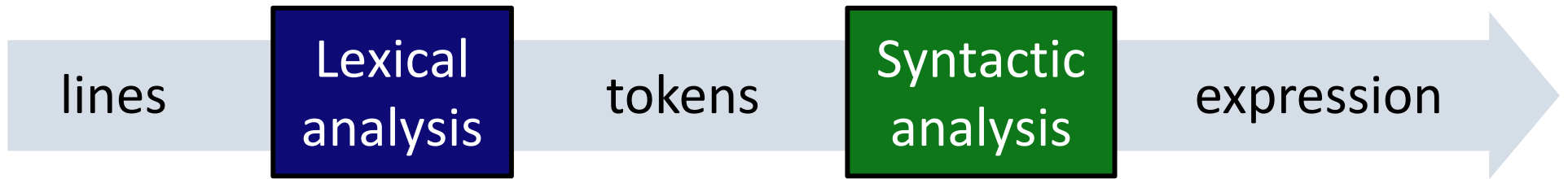
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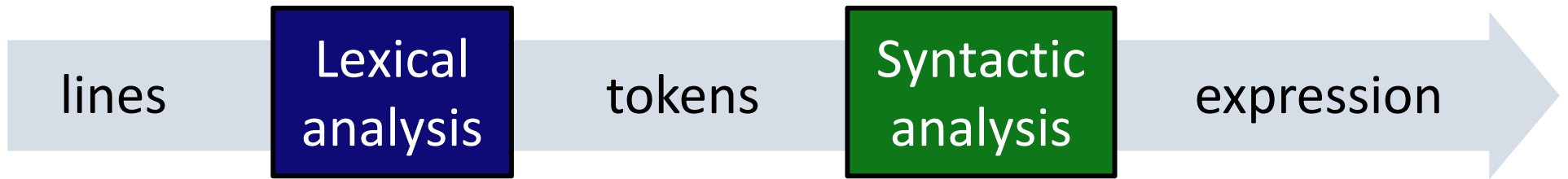
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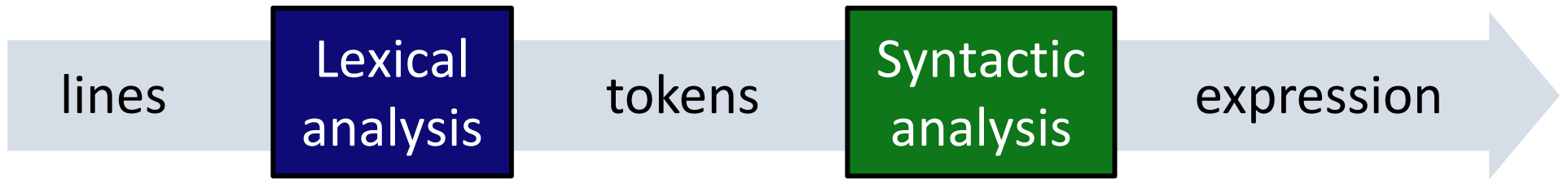


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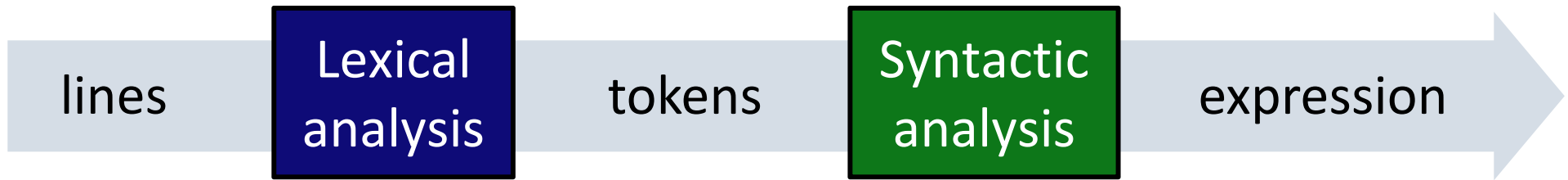


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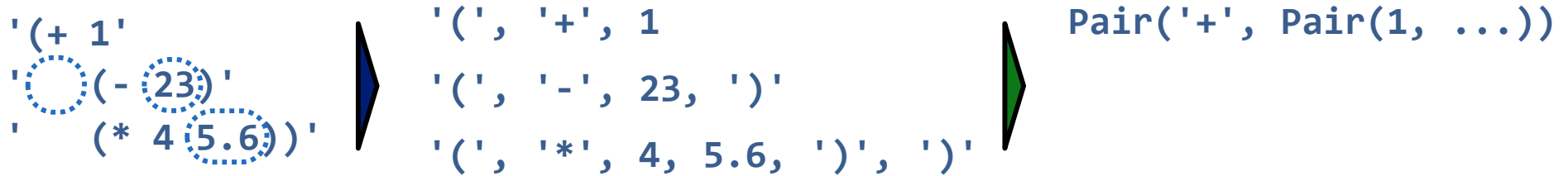
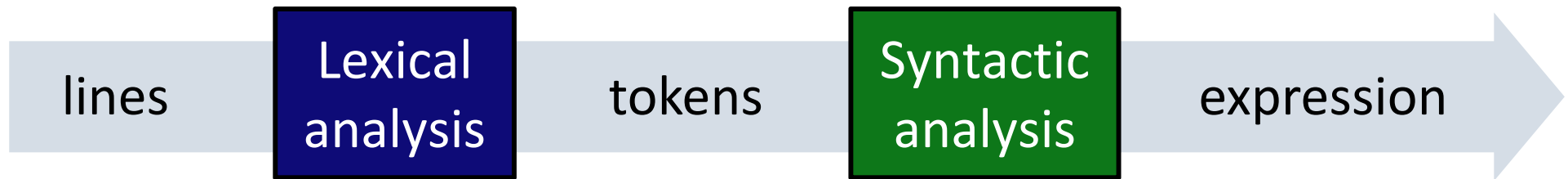


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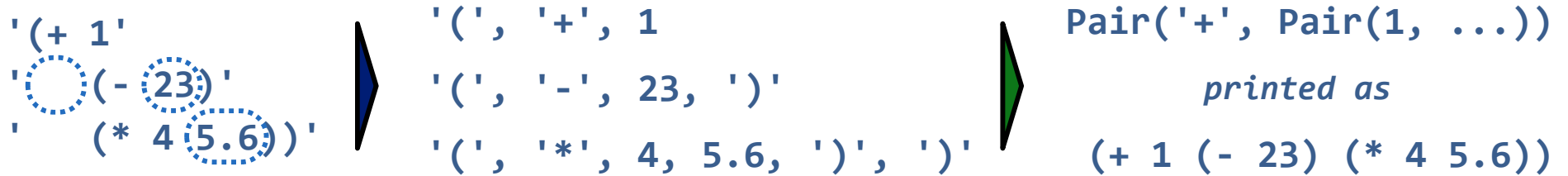
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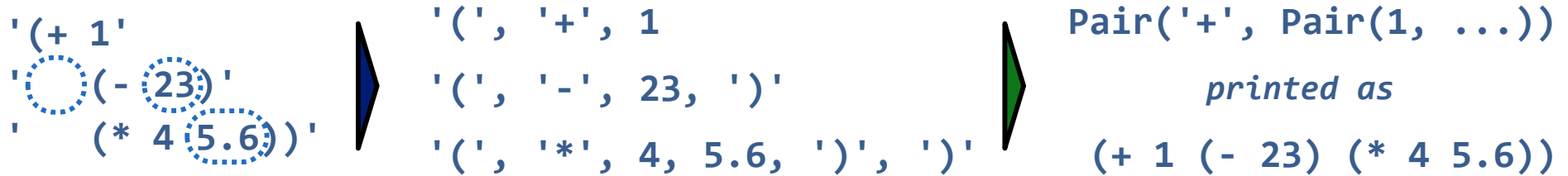
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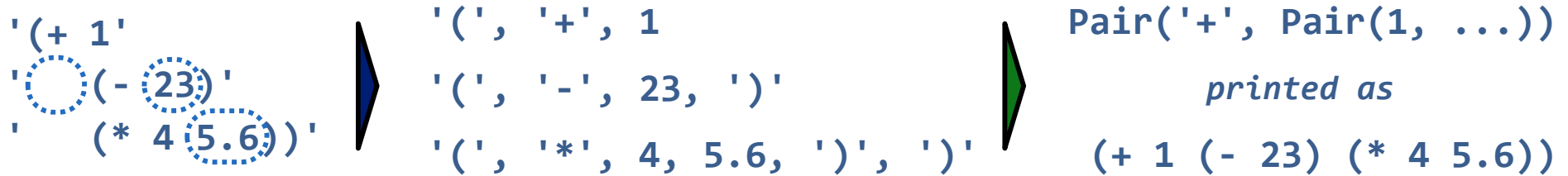
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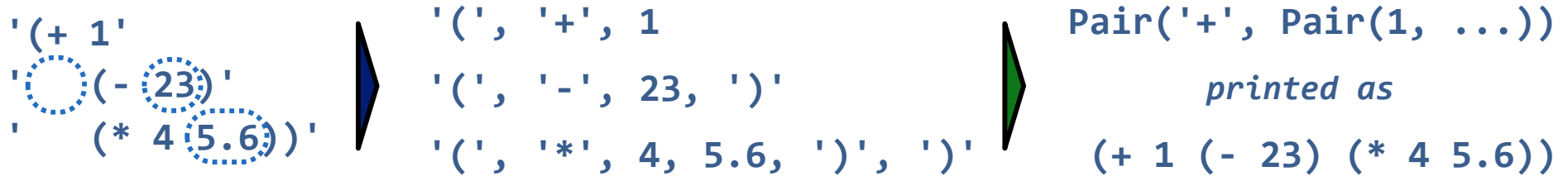
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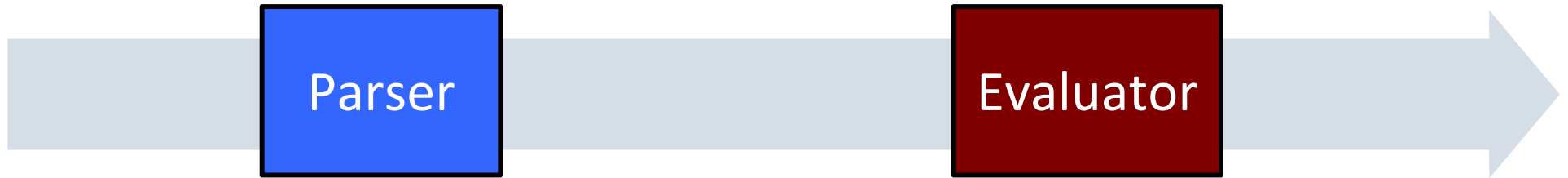
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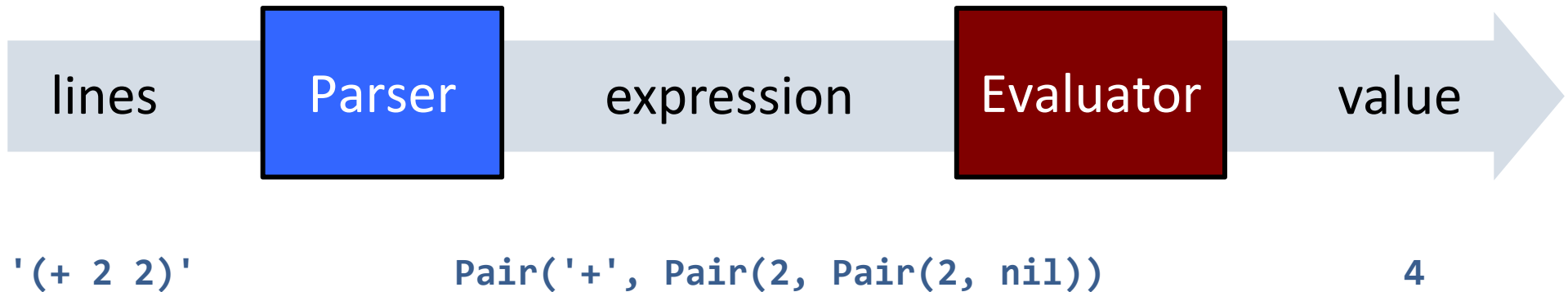
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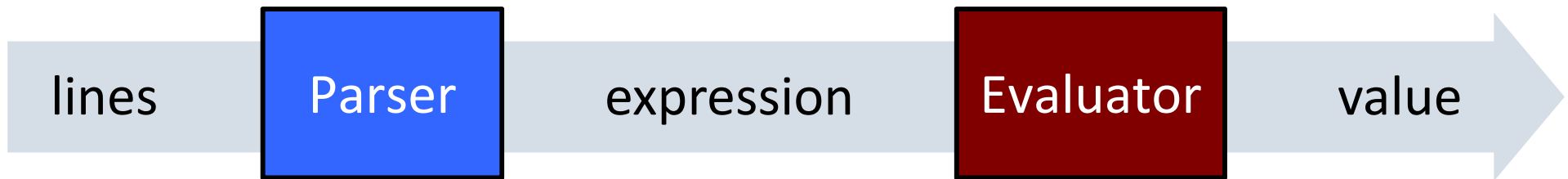
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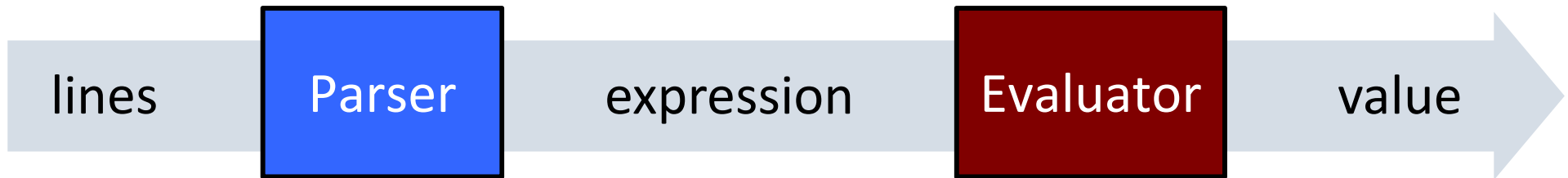


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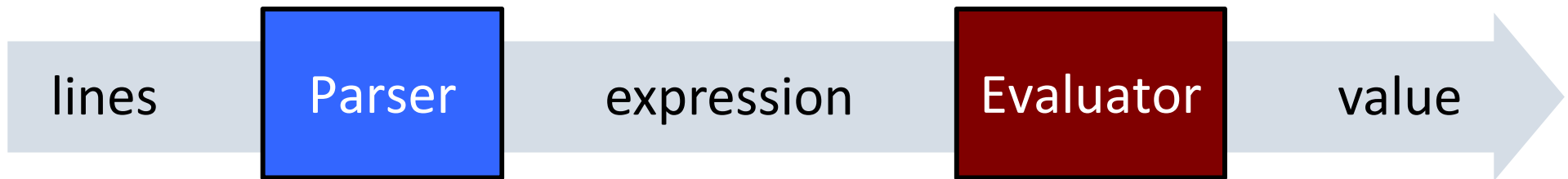
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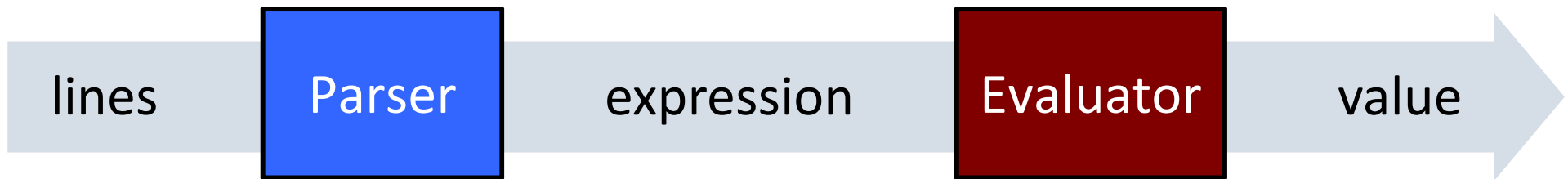
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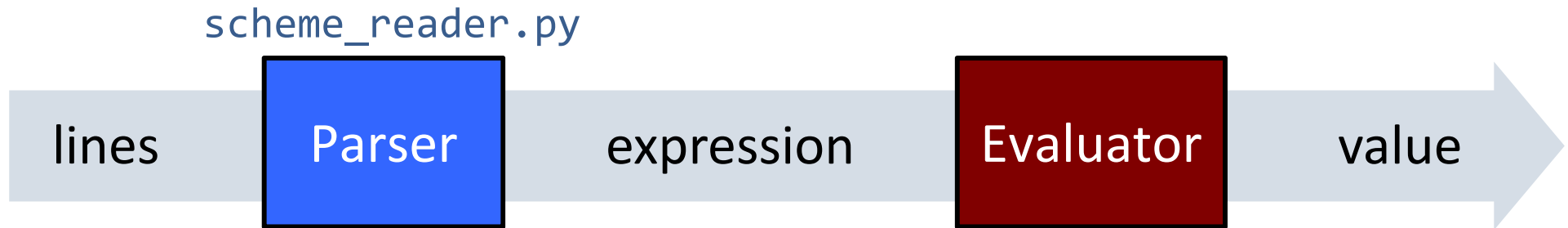
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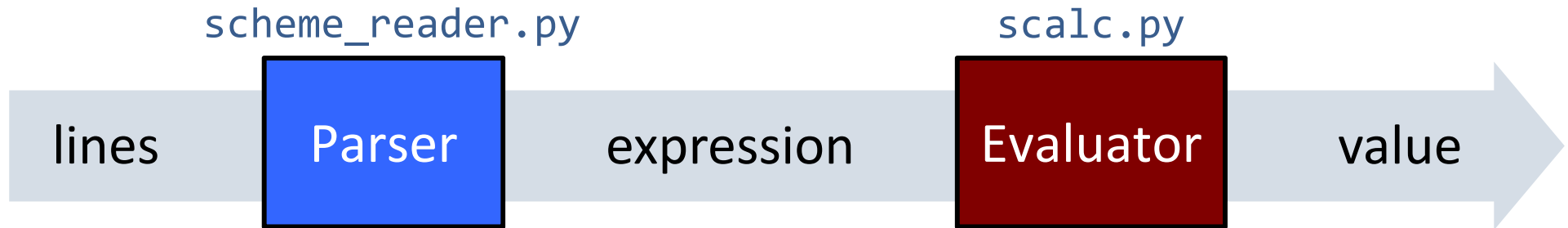
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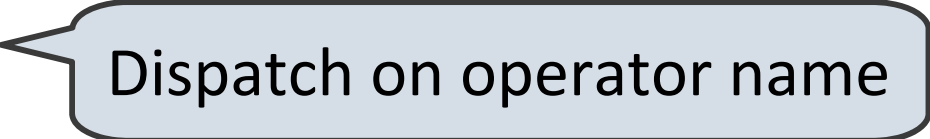
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(<http://inst.eecs.berkeley.edu/~cs61a/sp13/projects/scalc/scalc.py.html>)

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