

ANTLR exercises

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Below is a fragment of the grammar for the language Standard ML.. We've done a lot with standard arithmetic expressions, so this is a bit of a departure — we're representing *types*.

```
grammar LittleML;

top : type EOF;

type : type ID
      | '(' type (',' type)+ ')' ID
      | type '*' type
      | <assoc=right> type '->' type
      | '{' record? '}'
      | '(' type ')'
      | TVAR
      | ID
      ;

record : ID ':' type (',' record)?;

ID : [A-Za-z] [A-Za-z0-9]*;
TVAR : '\\' [A-Za-z0-9]+;
WS : (' '|'\t'|\n')+ -> skip;
```

1. Which of the following expressions is valid according to this grammar? If it's valid, draw the parse tree.
 - a. int32
 - b. unsigned_int
 - c. 'a
 - d. 'a list
 - e. int list tree
 - f. int * float + char
 - g. int * char tree
 - h. {}
 - i. {x:int, y:float}

- j. ()
- k. (int, char) tree
- l. ('a, 'b) (int * float)
- m. 'a -> 'b
- n. 'a list * int -> int * int

2. Which of these methods are part of the generated `LittleMLBaseVisitor` class?

- a. `visitTVAR(TVARContext cxt)`
- b. `visitType(TypeContext cxt)`
- c. `visitRecord(RecordContext cxt)`
- d. `visitWS(WSContext cxt)`
- e. `visitOp(OpContext cxt)`

3. Now suppose we label the different alternatives of the type rule using the hash notation:

```

type      : type ID                #TypeApp
           | '(' type (',' type)+ ')' ID #TypeApp
           | type '*' type          #TypePair
           | <assoc=right> type '->' type #TypeArrow
           | '{' record? '}'        #TypeRecord
           | '(' type ')'           #TypeParen
           | TVAR                    #TypeVar
           | ID                      #TypeName
           ;

```

Now which of these methods are part of the generated `LittleMLBaseVisitor` class?

- a. `visitTypeRecord(TypeRecordContext cxt)`
- b. `visitType(TypeContext cxt)`
- c. `visitRecord(RecordContext cxt)`
- d. `visitTypeArrow(TypeArrowContext cxt)`

4. When the following type expressions are parsed, what is the order in which the (hash-tagged) visitor methods are called in a standard pre-order traversal? Hint: draw the tree first.

- a. `int list tree`
- b. `'a list * int -> int * int`
- c. `{x:int, y:float}`
- d. `{x:int * float, y: 'a list} * d`