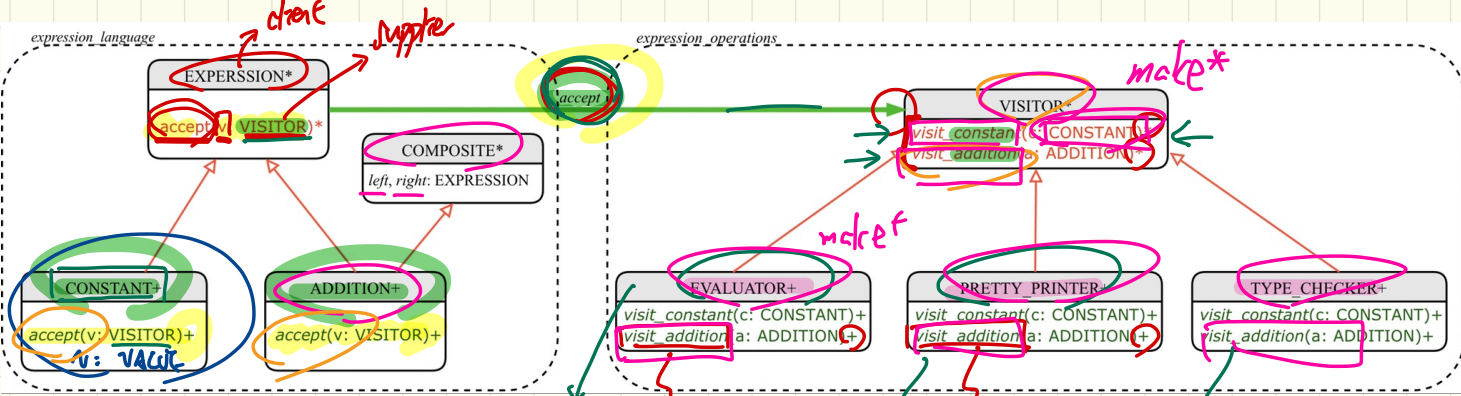


LECTURE 15  
THURSDAY OCTOBER 31

# Visitor Design Pattern: Architecture



## How to Use Visitors

new feature:  
 value: for evaluation  
 INT

print\_result:  
 STRING

type-check: Bool.

add. accept (v)

root of expression tree

operation to perform

```

1 test_expression_evaluation: BOOLEAN
2 local add, c1, c2: EXPRESSION ; v: VISITOR
3 do
4   create {CONSTANT} c1.make (1) ; create {CONSTANT} c2.make (2)
5   create {ADDITION} add.make (c1, c2)
6   create {EVALUATOR} v.make
7   add.accept (v)
8   check attached {EVALUATOR} v as eval then
9     Result := eval.value = 3
10  end
11  end
    
```

type of Exp. →

ST: VISITOR  
 DT: EVALUATOR v.value ✓

v.value ✗

add. accept (v)

↓

root of expression tree

operation to perform

class ADDITION

inherit EXPRESSION

accept (v: VISITOR)

do

v. visit\_constant (Current)

end

expecting: CONSTANT

ADDITION

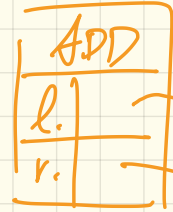
add . accept (v)

↳ v. visit\_add (add)

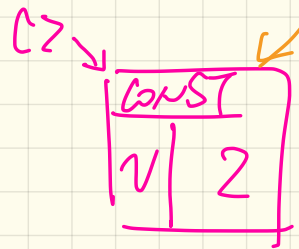
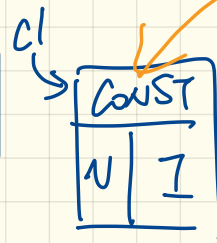
# Visitor Design Pattern: Implementation

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- add



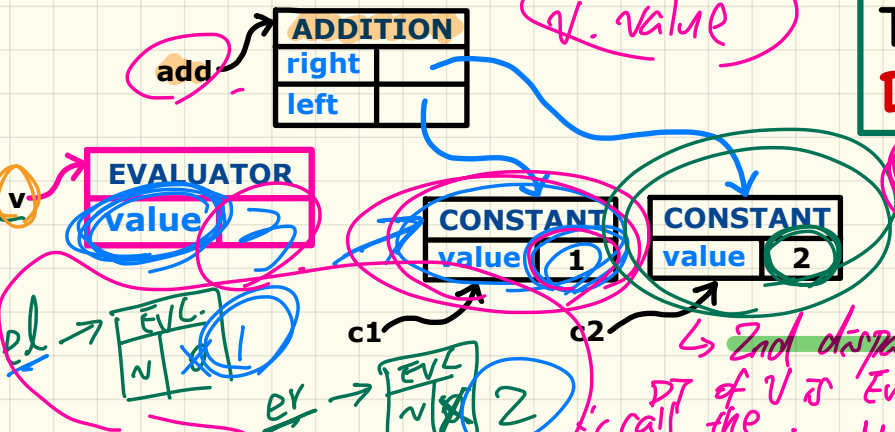
Visualizing Line 4 to Line 6



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# Executing Composite and Visitor Patterns at Runtime

## Tracing add.accept(v) Double Dispatch



*add.accept(v)*

1st dispatch: DT of add is ADDI.  
∴ call accept from ADDI.

2nd dispatch: DT of v is EVA.  
∴ call the visit-add. in EVL.

```
deferred class VISITOR
  visit_constant(c: CONSTANT) deferred end
  visit_addition(a: ADDITION) deferred end
end
```

```
class CONSTANT inherit EXPRESSION
  ...
  accept(v: VISITOR)
  do
    v.visit_constant(Current)
  end
end
```

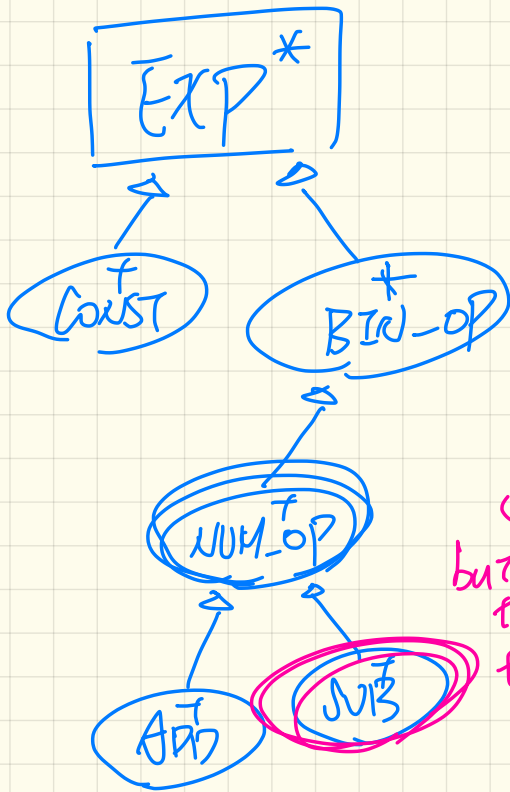
```
class EVALUATOR inherit VISITOR
  value: INTEGER
  visit_constant(c: CONSTANT) do value := c.value end
  visit_addition(a: ADDITION)
  local eval_left, eval_right: EVALUATOR
  do
    a.left.accept(eval_left)
    a.right.accept(eval_right)
    value := eval_left.value + eval_right.value
  end
end
```

```
class ADDITION
  inherit EXPRESSION COMPOSITE
  ...
  accept(v: VISITOR)
  do
    v.visit_addition(Current)
  end
end
```

*Exercise: Explain the DT here.*

*OT!*

*add*



eval: EVALUATOR (2-3)-(4-4)

e : EXP.

CREATE {SUB} e. make

build the tree

CREATE eval. make

e. accept (eval)

↳ Ist: DT of e: SUB  
 2nd: DT of eval is EVAL

which tells which version of VST-sub features to call.

v: VISITOR

{ }

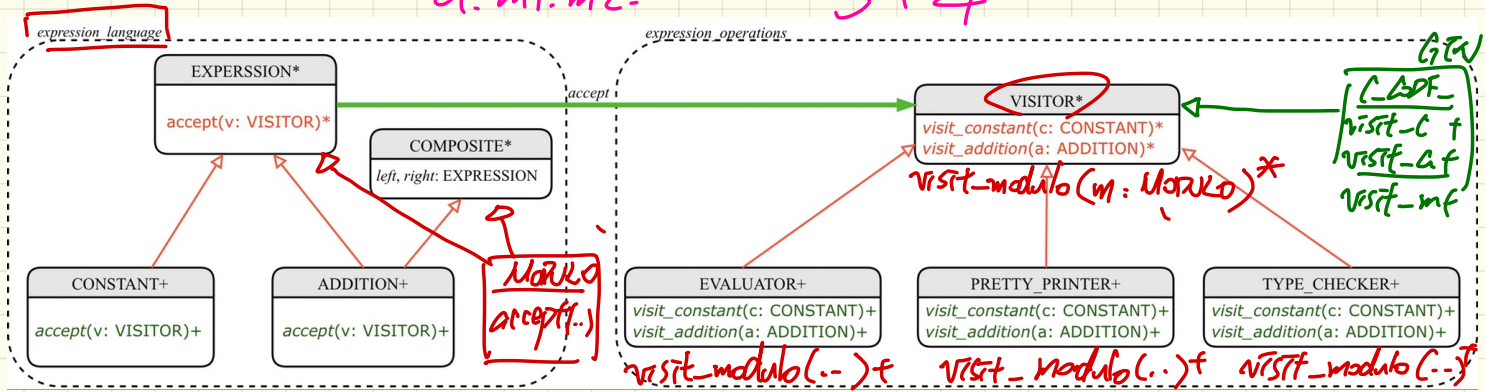
create v. make

↳ create { VISITOR } v. make ~~X~~  
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# Visitor Pattern: **Open-Closed** and **Single-Choice** Principles

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↓  
What if a new language construct is added?

↙ What if a new language operation is added?

↓ If the visitor pattern is adopted, what should be open?

↓ If the visitor pattern is adopted, what should be closed?