

Compiler Construction

Lecture 19: Code Generation II (Intermediate Code)

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- 1 Repetition: The Example Programming Language EPL
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Definition (Syntax of EPL)

The **syntax of EPL** is defined as follows:

$\mathbb{Z} :$ z (* z is an integer *)

$Ide :$ I (* I is an identifier *)

$AExp :$ $A ::= z \mid I \mid A_1 + A_2 \mid \dots$

$BExp :$ $B ::= A_1 < A_2 \mid \text{not } B \mid B_1 \text{ and } B_2 \mid B_1 \text{ or } B_2$

$Cmd :$ $C ::= I := A \mid C_1; C_2 \mid \text{if } B \text{ then } C_1 \text{ else } C_2 \mid$
 $\text{while } B \text{ do } C \mid I()$

$Dcl :$ $D ::= D_C D_V D_P$
 $D_C ::= \varepsilon \mid \text{const } I_1 := z_1, \dots, I_n := z_n;$
 $D_V ::= \varepsilon \mid \text{var } I_1, \dots, I_n;$
 $D_P ::= \varepsilon \mid \text{proc } I_1; K_1; \dots; I_n; K_n;$

$Blk :$ $K ::= D C$

$Pgm :$ $P ::= \text{in/out } I_1, \dots, I_n; K.$

Another Example: Factorial Function

Example 19.1 (Factorial function)

```
in/out x;  
var y;  
proc F;  
    if x > 1 then  
        y := y * x;  
        x := x - 1;  
        F()  
    y := 1;  
    F();  
    x := y.
```

(omitting the details)

- To “run” a program, execute the main block in the **state** which is given by the input values
- **Effect of statement** = modification of state
 - assignment $I := A$: update of I by value of A
 - composition $C_1; C_2$: sequential execution
 - branching **if** B **then** C_1 **else** C_2 : test of B , followed by jump to respective branch
 - iteration **while** B **do** C : execution of C as long as B is true
 - call $I()$: transfer control to body of I and return to subsequent statement afterwards
- Consequently, an EPL program $P = \text{in/out } I_1, \dots, I_n; K. \in Pgm$ has as **semantics** a function

$$\mathfrak{M}[[P]] : \mathbb{Z}^n \dashrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^n$$

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Definition 19.2 (Abstract machine for EPL)

The **abstract machine for EPL (AM)** is defined by the **state space**

$$S := PC \times DS \times PS$$

with

- the **program counter** $PC := \mathbb{N}$,
- the **data stack** $DS := \mathbb{Z}^*$ (top of stack to the right), and
- the **procedure stack** (or: **runtime stack**) $PS := \mathbb{Z}^*$ (top of stack to the left).

Thus a state $s = (l, d, p) \in S$ is given by

- a program label $l \in PC$,
- a data stack $d = d.r : \dots : d.1 \in DS$, and
- a procedure stack $p = p.1 : \dots : p.t \in PS$.

Definition 19.3 (AM instructions)

The set of **AM instructions** is divided into

arithmetic instructions: **ADD**, **MULT**, ...

Boolean instructions: **NOT**, **AND**, **OR**, **LT**, ...

jumping instructions: **JMP**(*ca*), **JFALSE**(*ca*) (*ca* $\in PC$)

procedure instructions: **CALL**(*ca*, *dif*, *loc*) (*ca* $\in PC$, *dif*, *loc* $\in \mathbb{N}$), **RET**

transfer instructions: **LOAD**(*dif*, *off*), **STORE**(*dif*, *off*) (*dif*, *off* $\in \mathbb{N}$),
LIT(*z*) (*z* $\in \mathbb{Z}$)

Definition 19.4 (Semantics of AM instructions (1st part))

The semantics of an AM instruction O

$$\llbracket O \rrbracket : S \dashrightarrow S$$

is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\llbracket \text{ADD} \rrbracket(l, d : z_1 : z_2, p) &:= (l + 1, d : z_1 + z_2, p) \\ \llbracket \text{NOT} \rrbracket(l, d : b, p) &:= (l + 1, d : \neg b, p) && \text{if } b \in \{0, 1\} \\ \llbracket \text{AND} \rrbracket(l, d : b_1 : b_2, p) &:= (l + 1, d : b_1 \wedge b_2, p) && \text{if } b_1, b_2 \in \{0, 1\} \\ \llbracket \text{OR} \rrbracket(l, d : b_1 : b_2, p) &:= (l + 1, d : b_1 \vee b_2, p) && \text{if } b_1, b_2 \in \{0, 1\} \\ \llbracket \text{LT} \rrbracket(l, d : z_1 : z_2, p) &:= \begin{cases} (l + 1, d : 1, p) & \text{if } z_1 < z_2 \\ (l + 1, d : 0, p) & \text{if } z_1 \geq z_2 \end{cases} \\ \llbracket \text{JMP}(ca) \rrbracket(l, d, p) &:= (ca, d, p) \\ \llbracket \text{JFALSE}(ca) \rrbracket(l, d : b, p) &:= \begin{cases} (ca, d, p) & \text{if } b = 0 \\ (l + 1, d, p) & \text{if } b = 1 \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

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Structure of Procedure Stack I

The semantics of procedure and transfer instructions requires a particular structure of the procedure stack $p \in PS$: it must be composed of **frames** (or: **activation records**) of the form

$$sl : dl : ra : v_1 : \dots : v_k$$

where

static link sl : points to frame of surrounding declaration environment
 \implies used to access non-local variables

dynamic link dl : points to previous frame (i.e., of calling procedure)
 \implies used to remove topmost frame after termination of procedure call

return address ra : program label after termination of procedure call
 \implies used to continue program execution after termination of procedure call

local variables v_i : values of locally declared variables

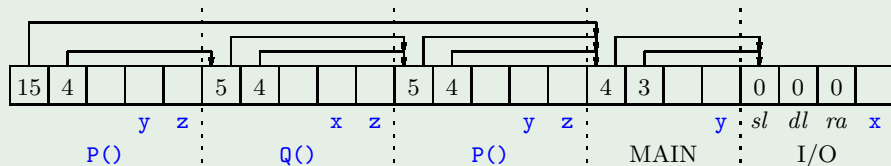
- Frames are **created** whenever a procedure call is performed
- Two **special frames**:
 - I/O frame: for keeping values of **in/out** variables
($sl = dl = ra = 0$)
 - MAIN frame: for keeping values of top-level block
($sl = dl = \text{I/O frame}$)

Structure of Procedure Stack III

Example 19.5 (cf. Example 18.8)

```
in/out x;  
const c = 10;  
var y;  
proc P;  
  var y, z;  
  proc Q;  
    var x, z;  
    [... P() ...]  
  [... Q() ...]  
proc R;  
  [... P() ...]  
  [... P() ...].
```

Procedure stack after second call of **P**:



Structure of Procedure Stack IV

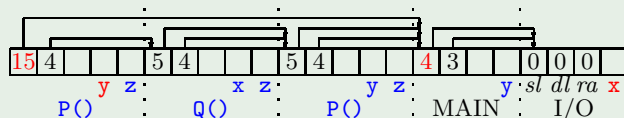
Observation:

- The usage of a variable in a procedure body refers to its **innermost declaration**.
- If the level difference between the usage and the declaration is *dif*, then a **chain of *dif* static links** has to be followed to access the corresponding frame.

Example 19.6 (cf. Example 19.5)

```
in/out x;  
const c = 10;  
var y;  
proc P;  
  var y, z;  
  proc Q;  
    var x, z;  
    [... P() ...]  
  [... x ... y ... Q() ...]  
proc R;  
  [... P() ...]  
  [... P() ...].
```

Procedure stack after second call of P:



P uses x $\Rightarrow dif = 2$ P uses y $\Rightarrow dif = 0$

The base Function

Upon procedure call, the static link information is computed by the following auxiliary function which, given a procedure stack and a level difference, determines the begin of the corresponding frame.

Definition 19.7 (base function)

The function

$$\text{base} : PS \times \mathbb{N} \dashrightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\text{base}(p, 0) &:= 1 \\ \text{base}(p, dif + 1) &:= \text{base}(p, dif) + p.\text{base}(p, dif)\end{aligned}$$

Example 19.8 (cf. Example 19.6)

In the second call of **P** (from **Q**): $dif = 2$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{base}(p, 0) &= 1 \\ \implies \text{base}(p, 1) &= 1 + p.1 = 6 \\ \implies \text{base}(p, 2) &= 6 + p.6 = 11 \\ \implies sl &= \text{base}(p, 2) + \underbrace{2}_{y,z} + \underbrace{2}_{ra,dl} = 15\end{aligned}$$

Semantics of Procedure Instructions

- **CALL**(*ca*, *dif*, *loc*) with
 - **code address** $ca \in PC$
 - **level difference** $dif \in \mathbb{N}$
 - **number of local variables** $loc \in \mathbb{N}$

creates the new frame and **jumps** to the given address
(= starting address of procedure)

- **RET removes** the topmost frame and returns to the calling site

Definition 19.9 (Semantics of procedure instructions)

The **semantics of a procedure instruction** O , $\llbracket O \rrbracket : S \dashrightarrow S$, is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \text{CALL}(ca, dif, loc) \rrbracket(l, d, p) \\ &:= (ca, d, \underbrace{(\text{base}(p, dif) + loc + 2)}_{sl} : \underbrace{(loc + 2)}_{dl} : \underbrace{(l + 1)}_{ra} : \underbrace{0 : \dots : 0}_{loc \text{ times}} : p) \\ \llbracket \text{RET} \rrbracket(l, d, p.1 : \dots : p.t) \\ &:= (\underbrace{p.3}_{ra}, d, p.(\underbrace{p.2}_{dl} + 2) : \dots : p.t) \quad \text{if } t \geq p.2 + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Semantics of Transfer Instructions

- $\text{LOAD}(dif, off)$ and $\text{STORE}(dif, off)$ with
 - level difference $dif \in \mathbb{N}$
 - variable offset $off \in \mathbb{N}$

respectively load and store variable values between data and procedure stack, following a chain of dif static links

- $\text{LIT}(z)$ loads the literal constant $z \in \mathbb{Z}$

Definition 19.10 (Semantics of transfer instructions)

The semantics of a transfer instruction O , $\llbracket O \rrbracket : S \dashrightarrow S$, is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\llbracket \text{LOAD}(dif, off) \rrbracket(l, d, p) &:= (l + 1, d : p.(\text{base}(p, dif) + off + 2), p) \\ \llbracket \text{STORE}(dif, off) \rrbracket(l, d : z, p) &:= (l + 1, d, p[\text{base}(p, dif) + off + 2 \mapsto z]) \\ \llbracket \text{LIT}(z) \rrbracket(l, d, p) &:= (l + 1, d : z, p)\end{aligned}$$

Definition 19.11 (Semantics of AM programs)

An **AM program** is a sequence of $k \geq 1$ labeled AM instructions:

$$P = 1 : O_1; \dots; k : O_k$$

The set of all AM programs is denoted by AM .

The **semantics of AM programs** is determined by

$$\llbracket . \rrbracket : AM \times S \dashrightarrow S$$

with

$$\llbracket P \rrbracket(l, d, p) := \begin{cases} \llbracket P \rrbracket(\llbracket O_l \rrbracket(l, d, p)) & \text{if } l \in [k] \\ (l, d, p) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$