

CS 241

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Sequential Programs: nothing fancy, no parallel, concurrency, multi-threading
 Start point: bare hardware
 for 241, simulated MIPS machine. Only interprets 0's and 1's.
 ... at end: get C-like programs to run on MIPS

Binary & Hexadecimal

bit: a single 0 or 1
 byte: 8 bits $2^8 = 256$ different patterns
 nibble: 4 bits
 word - 241 architecture: 32-bits
 common place in the real world: 64-bits

1010 what does this mean?

- 10 - unsigned binary
- -2 - "sign-magnitude" binary
- -6 - 2's complement
- newline - ASCII
- gray - grayscale (0000 black, 1111 white)
- \vdots

The meaning is in the eye of the beholder (which eye?)

Files

- header
- file extensions

Programming: type declarations - interpret the bits a certain way.
 can you change how bits are interpreted? - casting - be careful

Decimal (base 10) $12349 = 1 \times 10^4 + 2 \times 10^3 + 3 \times 10^2 + 4 \times 10^1 + 9 \times 10^0$ (digits 0...9)

Binary (base 2) (digits 0..1) $11001001 = 1 \times 2^7 + 1 \times 2^6 + 1 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^0 = 201_{10}$
 201 convert to binary:

$$\begin{array}{r} 201 - 128 = 73 \quad 1 \\ 73 - 64 = 9 \quad 1 \\ 9 - 32 = 0 \\ 9 - 16 = 0 \\ 9 - 8 = 1 \quad 1 \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

How do we represent negative numbers?

- use first bit: 1 negative, 0 positive \implies “sign-magnitude” binary
- addition and subtraction are difficult
- two zeros: positive and negative \implies wasteful

$$11001001 = -(64 + 8 + 1) = -73$$

1.1 2’s Complement

1. Interpret the n-bit number as an unsigned integer
2. If the first bit is zero, done
3. Else subtract 2^n

eg $n = 3, 2^n = 8$

000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111
0	1	2	3	$4 - 8 = -4$	$5 - 8 = -3$	-2	-1

So n bits represent -2^{n-1} to $2^{n-1} - 1$

- only 1 zero
- left bit gives sign
- addition is clean - just arithmetic mod 2^n

Alternative:

- positive numbers are simply binary magnitude
- negative
 1. start with magnitude of number
 2. flip bits: $1 \rightarrow 0, 0 \rightarrow 1$
 3. add 1

eg -73 to 8-bit binary

magnitude: 01001001 (73 in binary)

flip bits: 10110110

add 1: 10110111 (2’s complement representation of -73)

eg What does 11001001 represent in 2's complement?

- reverse process?

- subtract 1

- flip bits

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- do process again

Exercise: show these two are equivalent

soln 11001001 - negative

flip bits: 00110110

add 1: 0010111 (magnitude) \implies 55

result: -55

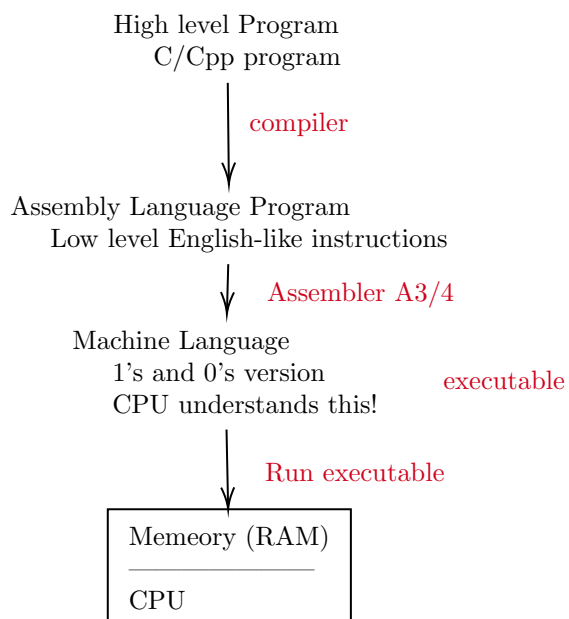
Given a byte 11001001, how do we tell if this is unsigned binary (201), sign-magnitude (-73), 2's complement (-55)? We don't.

A character ASCII (we will use), others

An Instruction certain 23-bit patterns represent MIPS machine code instructions

Garbage ...

2.1 Overview



Ex

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow E + T | T \\ T &\rightarrow T * F | F \\ F &\rightarrow a | b | c | (E) \end{aligned}$$

- left associative
- precedence (ops)

Is this $LL(1)$? No

TOS^1 and next input symbol - is there a choice of rule?

Let's say E to a

$$\begin{aligned} E &\Rightarrow T \Rightarrow F \Rightarrow a \\ E &\Rightarrow E + T \Rightarrow T + T \Rightarrow F + T \Rightarrow a + T \end{aligned}$$

Why? Left recursion $E \rightarrow E + T \quad E \rightarrow T$.

Two derivations, same first symbol.

* Left recursion, always not $LL(1)$

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow T + E | T \\ T &\rightarrow F * T | F \\ F &\rightarrow a | b | c | (E) \end{aligned}$$

right recursive

TOS: E , input: $a\dots$, still not $LL(1)$

Need to factor

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow TE' \\ E' &\rightarrow \epsilon | + E \\ T &\rightarrow FT' \\ T' &\rightarrow \epsilon | * T \\ F &\rightarrow a | b | c \end{aligned}$$

This is $LL(1)$ but is at odds with left recursion. Left assoc.
See next parsing alg.

¹top of stack

Ambiguous

$$S \rightarrow a|b|c|SOS|(S)$$
$$O \rightarrow +|-|*|/$$

$$E \rightarrow E O T|T$$
$$T \rightarrow a|b|c|(E)$$
$$O \rightarrow +|-|*|/$$

unambiguous, left associative

$$E \rightarrow EAT|T$$
$$T \rightarrow TMF|F$$
$$F \rightarrow a|b|c|(E)$$

$$A \rightarrow +|-$$
$$M \rightarrow *|/$$

operator precedence

3.1 Bottom-Up Parsing

- go from w to S .

Stack store partially reduced information read so far.

$$w \Leftarrow \alpha_k \Leftarrow \alpha_{k-1} \Leftarrow \dots \Leftarrow S$$

Invariant: stack + entire unread input = α_i (or w or S)

Choices at each step:

1. Shift character from input onto stack
2. Reduce TOS in the RHS of a grammar rule: replace with LHS

Accept if stack contains only S' when input is ϵ . Equivalent: $\vdash S \dashv$ on empty input - accept when machine pushing \dashv

How do we know whether to shift or reduce?

Use next char of input to help. Problem is still hard.

Theorem (Donald Knuth, 1965)

The set $\{wa|\exists x, S \implies *wax\}$

w is stack, a is next input char is Regular Language.

\implies can be described by a DFA.

Use a DFA to make shift/Reduce Decisions

Results in LR parsing

- left-to-right through input
- Rightmost Derivation

Defn An item is a production with a dot, \bullet , somewhere on the RHS (indicate partially completed rules)

⋮

missed sth due to cineplex interview....

Notes

- label transitions with the symbol follows the dot advance the dot in the next state.
- If the dot precedes a non-terminal A , add all productions with A on the LHS to the state (dot in leftmost position)

4.1 Using Automaton

continued from slide 10

Backtracking in the DFA - must remember the path we followed - also push states onto the stack as well

LR(0) * if not in a reduce state, simply shift • follow transition for that symbol. If no transition \implies ERROR. Reduce: only 1 rule

If any item $A\alpha\bullet$ occurs in a state in which it is not alone, then there is a shift-reduce or reduce-reduce conflict and the grammar is not LR(0)

5.1 Build Symbol Table

- Traverse the parse tree to collect variable declarations
 - for each node corresponding to the rule: `dc1 -> TYPE ID`
 - extract ID's name and type (`int, int*`) and add it to the symbol table
 - if name already exists in table \implies error
 - **multiple declarations checked**
- Traverse parse tree
 - check for `factor -> ID` and `lvalue -> ID`
 - if ID's name is not in the symbol table, ERROR
 - **undeclared variables checked**

You must do these all in one pass

5.2 Implementing Symbol Table

- map
- global variable

```
map <string, string> symbolTable; // name -> type
```

BUT • doesn't account for scope, • ot procedures

Issues

```
int f() {  
    int x = 0;  
    int y = 0;  
    return x;  
}  
int wain(int a, int b) {
```

```

int x = 0; // okay
// return y; // not ok
return x; // ok
}

```

Permit duplicate declarations in different procedures
 Forbid duplicate declarations in same procedures
 Also

```

int f() {...} // overloading
int f() {...} // not okay in wlp4

```

⇒ need a separate symbol table for each procedure
 Have a “top-level” symbol table that stores all procedure names

```

map <string, map<string, string> > topSymbolTable;
//procedure name, symbol table

```

When traversing the parse tree

- Find node corresponding to rule:
 procedure -> INT ID LPAREN ...
 main -> INT WAIN ...

⇒ new procedure

- make sure its name not already in symbol table
- if not, create new entry

Implementation: may want a global variable to store “current procedure”

- update each time find procedure -> or main ->

For variables, store: declared type & name in Symbol Table

Do procedures have a type? Yes - signatures

- return type for WLP4 is only INT • parameter types

⇒ So signature is only param list types

Store this in the top-level symbol table

```

map<string /*proc name*/, pair<vector<string> /*signature*/, map<string, string> /*
symbol table*/ > > > topSymbolTable;

```

To compute the signature:

- paramlist -> decl
- paramlist -> decl COMMA paramlist
- (if param ->, then signature is empty)

All of this analysis, can be done in a single pass (traverse of tree)

Types Why do programming languages have types?

Recall: from only bits - don't know what they represent. Type tells us how to interpret the bits.

A good type system prevent us from re-interpreting the bits as sth else

```
// ex
int *p = NULL;
p = 7; // ERROR type mismatch
```

casting

WLP4, 2 types, int, int*

To check type correctness, need to

- determine the type associated with each variable/expression
- ensure that all operators are applied to operands of the correct type.

Ex `d = a + (b + c);`

name	type
a	int*
b	int
c	int
d	int*

How do we determine type? Declarations

- `dc1 -> TYPE ID`
- add a field in the symbol table
- ...

Catching type ERRORS

- determine the type of every expression by applying type rules given by language spec
- if no rule applicable, or if an expression type does not match its context \implies ERROR

```
string typeof(Tree &t) {
    for each c : t.children
        compute typeof(c)
    use t.rule to decide what type rule is relevant
    combine types of children
    determine the type of t
    if not possible: ERROR
}

string typeof(Tree &t) {
    if t.rule == "ID name"
        return symboltable.lookup(name);
    ...
}
```

Loperand	op	Roperand	Resulting type
int	+	int	int
int*	+	int	int*
int	+	int*	int*

More on [here](#)

Procedures

- body must be well-typed
- must return int

wain 1st decl can be int or int*, 2nd decl must be int, body must be well-typed, return type must be int

Lvalues

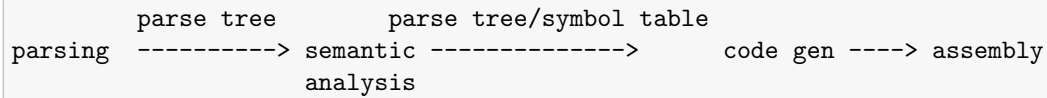
- LHS and RHS of an assignment statement $x = y$ are treated differently
- RHS denotes a value
- LHS denotes storage destination.
must name a memory location.

Expressions that denotes storage locations are lvalues. eg x, y . etc

- variable names
- dereferenced pointers
- any lvalue surrounded by ()

these formats are enforced by the WLP4 grammar (syntax)

6.1 Code Generation



How many (equivalent) Assembly programs are there for a given WLP4 program? infinite
 Properties of code generated

- correctness
- easy
- efficient - compiler runtime - program runtime (how fast it runs)
- for 241 optimization: fastest = fewest instructions

Ex Input:

```
int wain(int a, int b){return a;}
```

conventions

- parameters of wain are held in \$1 and \$2
 loaders are mipstwoints and mipsarray
- output will be passed in \$3

```
add $3, $1, $0
jr $31
```

Symbol table

Name	Type	Location
a	int	\$1
b	int	\$2

should add field to sym tab where each symbol is stored
 Where should local variables/parameters be stored?

- choice: registers (faster, not many registers, may run out) or Memory (RAM) (stack) general scheme is to store all of these on stack. including \$1 and \$2 from wain

for simplicity, store all local var/param on stack

- including params of wain
- symbol table store name, type, offsets

* you are not evaluating/executing the input code, you are only translating it into equivalent Assembly.

```
int wain(int a, int b) {return a;}
```

```
sw $1, -4($30)
sw $2, -8($30)
lis $4
.word 4
sub $30, $30, $4
sub $30, $30, $4
lw $3, 4($30) ; lookup in symbol table ; return a
add $30, $30, $4
add $30, $30, $4
jr $31
```

symbol table		
name	type	offset
a	int	4
b	int	0

7.1 Problem

```
int wain(int a, int b) { int c=0; return a;}
```

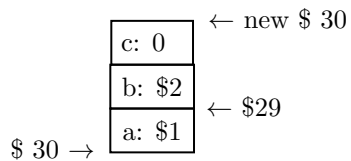
can't know offsets until all declarations are processed, because \$30 changes with each new declaration.

Two new conventions

- \$4 always contains 4
- \$29 points to the bottom of the stack frame.
- If offsets are calculated w.r.t \$29, then they will be constant.

```
lis $4
.word 4
sub $29, $30, $4
sw $1, -4($30) ; push a
sub $30, $30, $4
sw $2, -4($30) // push b
sub $30, $30, $4
sw $0, -4($30) // space for c=0 on stack
sub $30, $30, $4
lw $3, 0 ($29)
add $30, $30, $4
add $30, $30, $4
add $30, $30, $4
jr $31
```

name	offset (from \$29)
a	0
b	-4
c	-8



7.2 More complicated

```
int wain(int a, int b) {return a + b;}
```

In general, for each grammar rule $A \rightarrow \alpha$. build code for A, code(A) from code(α)

Convention

- use \$3 for “output” of all expressions

```
ex a+b:
$3 ← eval(a)
$3 ← eval(b)
$3 ← $3 + $3
```

Need a place to store pending computations.

- use a register?

```
code(a)
add $5, $3, $0
code(b)
add $3, $5, $3
```

need 1 extra reg for temp values

What about $a+(b+c)$

```
code(a) // $3 <- a
add $5, $3, $0 // $5 <- $3
code(b) // $3 <- b
add $6, $3, $0 // $6 <- $3
code(c) // $3 <- c
add $3, $6, $3 // $3 <- b + c
add $3, $5, $3 // $3 <- a + (b + c)
```

need 2 extra reg for temp values

ex $a + (b + (c + d))$ How many extra regs? 3

May run out of registers \implies use the stack instead. • general solution!

```
code(a)
push($3)
code(b)
push($3)
code(c)
push($3)
code(d)
pop($5)
add $3, $5, $3 // $3 <- c+d
pop($5)
add $3, $5, $3 // $3 <- b+ (c+d)
pop($5)
add $3, $5, $3 // $3 <- a + (b+ (c+d))
```

only need 1 extra

In general: $expr_1 \rightarrow expr_2 + term$

```
code(expr_1) =
  code(expr_2)
  + push($3)
  + code(term)
  + pop($5)
  + "add $3, $5, $3"
```

singleton rules usually easy
 $S \rightarrow \text{BOF procedures EOF}$
 $\text{code}(S) = \text{code}(\text{procedures})$
 $\text{expr} \rightarrow \text{term}$
 $\text{code}(\text{expr}) = \text{code}(\text{term})$

7.3 Print

`println(expr);` Prints value of `expr` and a newline

Implementation: A2 p6, 7a

Runtime environment: set of procedures supplied by compiler (or OS) to assist programs in their execution: e.g. `msvcrt.dll` `libc.so`

Make `print` part of Runtime Env - you need to link it in

```
wlp4gen < source.wlp4i > source.asm
cs241.linkasm < source.asm > source.merl
linker source.merl print.merl > source.mips
mips {twoints, array} source.mips
```

Notes

- `$1` is input to `print`
 - if `$1` holds sth else - save `$1` and restore later
 - calling `print`: clobbers `$31` - save and restore `$31`

`code(println(expr));`

```
code(println(expr)); = code (expr)
    add $1, $3, $0
    sw $31, -4 ($30)
    sub $30, $30, $4
    lis $5
    .word print
    jalr $5
    add $30, $30, $4
    lw $31, -4 ($30)
    lw $1, 0 ($29) // if desired
```

Assignment statement (stmt)

- statement → expr1 BECOMES expr2 SEMI
For now, only int ⇒ only ID

```
code(stmt) = code(expr2) // $3 <- expr2
    sw $3, ___ ($29) // lookup offset in symbol table
```

- if and while - need boolean testing
- suggested convention
 - store 1 in \$11
 - also store print in \$10

Code so far

```
.import print // prologue
lis $4
.word 4
lis $11
.word 1
lis $10
```

```

.word print
sub $29, $30, $4

// (allocate space on stack for all vars)

// YOUR CODE
add $30, $29, $4 ; Epilogue
jr $31

```

Boolean tests $test \rightarrow expr_1 < expr_2$

```

code(test) = code(expr_1) // $3 <- expr_1
             add $5, $3, $0 // $5 <- $3
             code(expr_2) // $3 <- expr_2
             slt $3, $5, $3

```

$test \rightarrow expr_1 > expr_2$ implement $expr_2 < expr_1$
 $test \rightarrow expr_1 \neq expr_2$

```

code (test) = code(expr1)
             add $5, $3, $0
             code(expr2)
             slt $6, $3, $5 // at most one of these
             slt $7, $5, $3 // comparisons is true, not both
             add $3, $6, $7

```

$test \rightarrow expr_1 == expr_2$ treat as NOT ($expr_1 \neq expr_2$)
add sub \$3, \$31, \$3 to above $\$3 \leftarrow 1 - \3

8.1 If statements

$stmt \rightarrow IF test stms_1 ELSE stms_2$

```

code (stmt) = code(test)
             + beq $3, $0, else
             + code (stms1)
             + beq $0, $0, endif
+ else: + code (stms2)
+ endif:

```

Issue

- need to generate unique label names
- keep counter X for it stms
- use labels: else X, endif X, true X
- increment X for each new if stmt

Alternative

```
code (stmt) = code(test)
  + bne $3, $0, true
  + code (stms2)
  + beq $0, $0, endif
+ true: + code (stms1)
+ endif:
```

8.2 While

$stmt \rightarrow WHILE (test) \{stms\}$

use counter Y to generate fresh labels

```
code(stmt) = loopY:
  code(test)
  beq, $3, $0, doneY
  code(stms)
  beq $0, $0, loopY
doneY:
```

Need to support

- NULL
- dereference
- address of
- comparisons
- pointer arith
- alloc/dealloc
- assignments through pointers

5 to go

```
int *p = NULL;
if(p) // false
if(*p) // crash
```

NULL

- could use 0
- go to 0x0 and get value does not crash
- should use a number that is not divisible by 4, say 1

factor → *NULL* code(*factor*) = add \$3, \$11, \$0

deref *factor* → **expr* - valid address

```
code(factor) = code(expr)
               lw $3, 0($3)
```

Comparisons same as int comparisons

- no negative pointers \implies use sltu instead of slt
- How do we know type of expr?
 - rerun `typeof` in A8 to check if `int*` or `int`
 - Better: save type in a field for each node of tree

Pointer arithmetic $expr_1 \rightarrow expr_2 + term$
meaning is dependent on types involved

Type

- | | <code>expr2 +</code> | <code>term</code> | |
|----|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. | <code>int</code> | <code>int</code> | \implies as before |
| 2. | <code>int*</code> | <code>int</code> | $\implies expr2 + (4 * term)$ |
| 3. | <code>int</code> | <code>int*</code> | $\implies (4*expr2)+term$ |

for 2

```
code (expr1) = code(expr2)
    push($3)
    code(term)
    mult $3, $4
    mflo $3
    pop($5)
    add $3, $5, $3
```

- | | <code>expr2 -</code> | <code>term</code> | |
|----|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. | <code>int</code> | <code>int</code> | \implies as before |
| 2. | <code>int*</code> | <code>int</code> | $\implies expr2 - (4 * term)$ |
| 3. | <code>int</code> | <code>int*</code> | not valid |
| 4. | <code>int*</code> | <code>int*</code> | $\implies (expr2-term)/4$ |

9.1 Assignment through pointer deref

LHS = address at which we store the value
RHS = the value

$stmt \rightarrow \underbrace{ID}_{lvalue} BECOMES expr2 SEMI$
 $stmt \rightarrow \underbrace{STAR expr1}_{lvalue} BECOMES expr2 SEMI$

- calc value of `expr1`
- use as address to store value of `expr2`

```
code(stmt) = code(expr2)
    push($3)
    code(expr1) // without *
```



```
pop($5)
sw $5, 0 ($3)
```

Address-of: 2 cases: ID, STAR expr
factor → AMP

&a if expr = ID

```
code(factor) =
lis $3
.word __ // look up in the symbol table
add $3, $29, $3
```

&*a if expr = STAR expr2

```
code(factor) = code (expr2)
```

Delete - part of runtime environment
we provide allocation module : alloc.merl

- link same as print
- link last

Add to prologue

```
.import init
.import new
.import delete
```

Function init sets up the initial data structure

- Must be called exactly once at the beginning of your Assignment file
 - call init in the prologue
 - takes parameter in \$2
 - if calling with `mips.array` : \$2 = length of array
else \$2 = 0

9.2 new and delete

new

- \$1 = number of words requested
- return ptr to memory in \$3
- returns 0 if alloc not possible

```
code(new int[expr]) =
  code(expr)
  add $1, $3, $0
  call(new)
  bne $3, $0, 1 // if result is 0, set to NULL (1)
  add $3, $11, $0
```

delete \$1 = ptr to be dealloc

```
code(delete[] expr) =
  code(expr)
  beq $3, $11, skipDelete // if NULL do nothing
  add $1, $3, $0
  call(delete)
skipDelete:
```

small note: the reason why NULL = 0x1, [here](#)

10

Compiling Procedures

10.1 Big picture

```
int f() {...}  
int g() {...}  
int wain( , ) { ... }
```

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```
// prologue for main (wain)  
// main function (wain)  
// epilogue for main  
  
f: ... // prologue-specific prologue/epilogue  
jr $31  
  
g: ...  
jr $31
```

Main Prologue/epilogue

- save \$1, \$2 on stack
- import print, int, new, delete
- set \$4, \$11, etc
- set \$29
- call init // \$2 <- 0 ?
- reset stack to bottom
- jr \$31

Procedure-specific prologues

- don't need imports, set constants, etc
- set \$29
- save registers that the proc will overwrite

- restore regs, reset stack to end
- jr \$31

10.2 Saving and restore regs

- Procedures should save and restore all regs that it modifies
- How do we know which registers to save?
 - if not sure, save & restore all of them! except \$3
 - Our code gen uses: \$1 - 7, \$10, \$11, \$29-31
 - if your code gen uses others, - okay, but need to keep track of regs used
 - don't forget to save reg \$29

10.2.1 Two approaches to saving registers

caller-save vs callee-save

Suppose f calls g

- caller-save: f saves all the registers containing critical data, then calls g
- callee-save: g saves all registers that it modifies

Our approach has been:

- caller-save for \$31
- callee-save for everything else

Different approaches also work

Q who saves \$29? caller or callee?

Suppose callee, g, saves \$29

```
g: sub $29, $30, $4
   saves g's regs
```

2 tasks in g's prologue: point \$29 to g's frame; save regs

Which one do we do first

1. save regs and then set \$29
 - \$29 for will be based on \$30 and # regs saved
2. set \$29 first, then save regs
 - \$30 hasn't changed yet
 - easy to set \$29 to \$30 - 4, then save regs
 - easy to implement

Q How do you save \$29?

need to save old \$29 (f) before we overwrite/update to new \$29 (g)?

so

```
g:
  push($29)
  add $29, $30, $0
  push other regs
```

OR let caller, f, save \$29 before procedure call

```
f:
  push($29)
  push($31)
  call(g)
  pop($31)
  pop($29)
```

next issue: labels - what if my WLP4 prog is:

```
int init() {...}
int print() {...}
```

- procedure names match the names in the runtime environment
- duplicate labels
- won't compile

More generally, what if a function has the same name as one of labels we generate?

Fix make sure it never happens

- use a naming scheme that prevents duplication
- for functions f, g, h, etc. use the labels Ff, Fg, Fh, etc.
i.e. reserve labels starting with F as denoting user defined functions
Then make sure your compiler does not generate other labels starting with F

10.3 Parameters

registers (may run out.) or stack? stack.

Registers fast, don't have lw, sw, limited #

stack lots of space, this is what we will do
factor -> ID(expr_1, ..., expr_n)
f calls g

```
code(factor) =
  push($29) // save bottom of stack frame for f
  push($31)
  code(expr_1)
  push($3)
  ...
  ...
  ...
  code(expr_n) // allocates space on stack
  push($3) // for params with initial values args
  lis $3 // call g
  .word Ffunction_name // call g
  jalr $5
  pop all args
  pop($31)
  pop($29)
```

procedure -> INT ID (params) {dcls stms RETURN expr;}

```
code(procedure) =
  sub $29, $30, $4 // set bottom of stack frame
  push regs
  code(dcls)
  code(stms)
  code(expr)
  pop regs
  add $30 $29, $4
  jr $31
```

Listing 10.1: first idea captionpos

Problem

- g's params below \$29
- g's local variables above \$29
- * save regs between params and local vars

Fix

- saved regs between
- swap order: do dcls first, then save regs

fix offset

- offset below \$29: +ve
- offset above \$29: -ve

add $4 \times \#$ args to all offset in symbol table. See Fig. 10.1

Figure 10.1: f calls g

Alternative

Suppose we had:

each call to g saves and restores the registers it will modify - callee-save

```
f() {  
    ... // save f's reg  
    g();  
    g(); // save regs once per "call site"  
    g();  
    g();  
    ... // restore here  
}
```

Listing 10.2: caller-save

Does this save on number lines generated in code gen?

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Optimization

- very large problem-complicated
- in general; minimize runtime
- in cs241: # lines code

⇒ computationally unsolvable: but we can use heuristics

Ex code 1+2

```
lis $3
.word 1
sw $3, -4($30)
sub $30, $30, $4
lis $3
.word 2
lw $5, 0($30)
add $30, $30, $4
add $3, $5, $3
```

Listing 11.1: 9 words

```
lis $3
.word 3
```

- have the compiler:
recognize 1,2 are constants ⇒ is also constant
- instead of gen code to compute at runtime compiler can do the evaluation at compile time

called constant folding

11.1 constant propagation

```
int x = 2;
return x + x;
```



```

lis $3          // ---
.word 2        // int x = 2;   Do I need this?
sw $3, -4($20) //             if this is the only place x is used, NO
sub $30, $30, $4 // ----
lw $3, __($29) // here could recognize that x = 2
push($3)       // 2 + 2 = 4
lw $3, __($29) // lis $3
pop($3)        // .word 4
add $3, $5, $3

```

Listing 11.2: 11 words

11.2 common subexpression slimination

even if x 's value is unknown, could recognize \$3 already contains x

```

lw $3, __($29)
add $3, $3, $3

```

$(a + b) * (a + b)$

- use a reg to hold $a + b$.
- mult by itself instead of generating the code to evaluate $a + b$ twice

11.3 Dead code elimination

if you are certain that some branch of a program will never be reached, don't generate that code

11.4 Register Allocation

- cheaper to use regs instead of stack - save sw, lw

ex \$14 - \$28 unused by our code gen

- most used var
- problem: $\&$, address-of, if saved in a reg, what is $\&$? - needs a RAM address

Problem Cont. $\&$ (address of) if a var is stored in a reg, it doesn't have a RAM address, so what does $\&$ return? If you need the address, you need the address should store in RAM

11.5 Strength Reduction

add usually runs faster than mult (in real world)
for cs241: mult by 2:

```

lis $5        //
.word 2       //
mult $3, $5   // => add $3, $3, $3
mflo $3      //

```

Real world: bit shift

11.6 Procedure-specific optimization

11.6.1 Inlining

```

int f(int x) {
    return x + x;
}

int wain(int a, int b) {
    return f(a);
}

```

↓

```

int wain(int a, int b) {
    return a + a;
}

```

- replace the function call with its body, right in caller
- saves overhead of calling the function

Do we need to generate code for function f? Ff: ...
 Don't if it is inlined in all calls to f.

Downside if f is called many times, body of f is copied to many places

- inlining saves on overhead of calling functions
- if inlined in all places function is called \implies do not need to generate code for f.

Compare with cost of copying the body in place of function calls.

11.6.2 Tail Recursion

```

int f(int n) {
    ...
    return f(n-1);
}

```

```

wain          f(n)   f(n-1)   .....   f(1)
              ^     |     ^     |     ^   | |
calls f(n)    |____jalr_| |_____|   |__| |
              ^
              |_____jr instead_____|

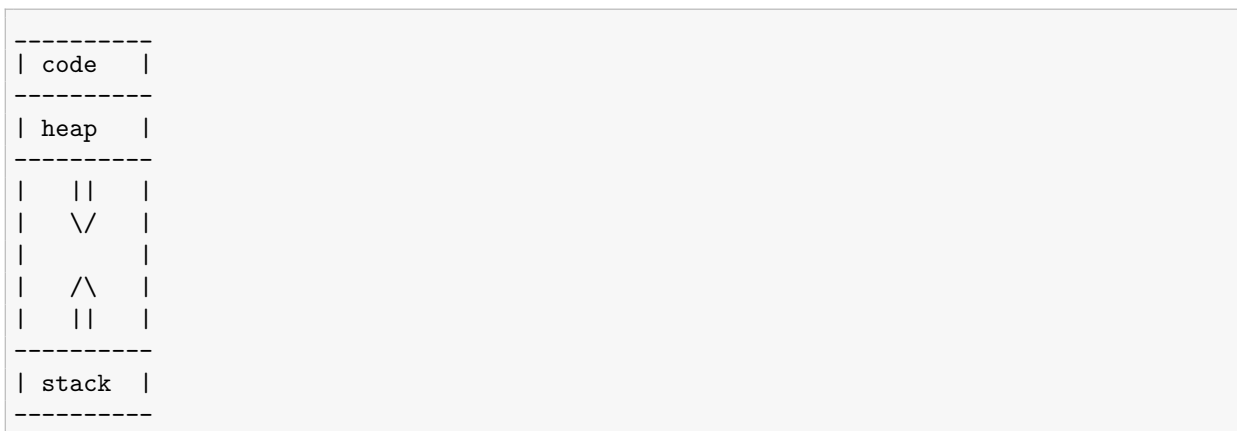
```

- can reuse the stack frame
- recursive calls have same number of params, local vars
- for successive calls use jr instead of jalr
- don't need to save \$31

12

Memory Management & Heap

- If you want data to out live its scope (“persists”) copy it to another scope, i.e. to a stack-allocated variable in an outer scope
- OR don’t use the stack-use heap



Ex

```
C * f() {  
    C *d = new C; // ob on heap  
    return d;  
}
```

- stack contains a pointer to heap memory
- heap objects live on after the stack frame, they have been allocated in, is popped
- To release heap data, must call free/delete

12.0.1 new/delete (malloc/free)

- variety of implementations
- List of free blocks • maintain a linked list of pointers to free areas of the heap
- Initially - entire heap is free, so linked list has 1 entry.

Suppose heap is 1k

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Request 16 bytes

- actually allocate 20 bytes: 16 bytes + 1 int (4 bytes)
- return a pointer to 2nd word

12.1 Implicit Memory Management: Garbage Collection

Java, Racket - reclaim memory when it is no longer accessible

Data structures to manage new/delete

- linked list of free blocks
- there are other ds's

```
//eg1
int f() {
    MyClass ob = new MyClass();
    ...
} // ob is out of scope, no more references to heap object, it can be reclaimed

// eg2
int f() {
    if (x == y) {
        MyClass ob1 = new MyClass();
        ob2 = ob1;
    } // ob1 is out of scope, but ob2 store addr to block on heap
    ...
} // ob2 is out of scope, no more references to heap object, it can be reclaimed
```

12.1.1 GC techniques

1. Mark and Sweep

- scan entire stack, look at pointers
- for each pointer found, mark the heap block it pointing to
- if heap block contains pointers, follow them as well, mark, etc.

Then scan heap, reclaim any blocks not marked and clear all marks.

2. References Counting

- for each heap block, keep track of the number of pointers that point to it
- Must watch every ptr, and update ref count
each time a pointer is reassigned: decrement old, increment new
- If count reaches 0, reclaim it

Problem circular references: both have ref count 1 but are collectively inaccessible

3. Copying Garbage Collector

- Heap is divided into two halves “from” and “to”
- allocate only from “from”
- When “from” fills up, all reachable data is copied from “from” to “to” and roles are reversed
- Built in compaction - guaranteed that after each swap, all reachable data will occupy contiguous memory, so no fragmentation
- Downside: heap is only half sized

memory management is not free

13.1 Loaders

- load (copy it into RAM) your program into RAM to start executing it
- may load program P into a memory address α where α may not be 0x0

⇒ labels may be resolved to the wrong memory addresses
loader will need to fix it.

miss some

start of july 30
a pic

The output of most Assemblers is not pure machine code

- it's object code, [MERL for cs241](#)
- object file contains binary code + auxiliary info. needed by the loader (and later linker)
relocation entries

mips.twoints/array

- optimal 2nd argument = address at which load mips file. Typically the relocation is done by the loader.

Still possible to write programs that only work if loaded to 0x0

```
top:
    lis $5
    .word top
    beq $0, $5, ...

// -----
lis $5
.word 12
jr $5
jr $31
```

If you want to relocatable code, always use labels to specify jump targets

```
lis $5
.word jump
jr $5
jump: jr $31
```

13.2 Linker

- convenient to store code in multiple files
- code should be relocatable \implies MERL format

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- a linker needs to intelligently merge MERL files
- you should not expect programmers to use unique labels in different files

Merl - external symbol reference (ESR)

- format code 0x11
- location (address) in the code/MERL file
- name of symbol