## Formal Languages and Compilers Proff. Breveglieri, Crespi Reghizzi, Morzenti Written exam<sup>1</sup>: laboratory question - ACSE 05/03/2008

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The laboratory question must be answered taking into account the implementation of the Acse compiler given with the exam text.

Modify the specification of the lexical analyzer (flex input) and the syntactic analyzer (bison input) and any other source file required to extend the Lance language with the ability to handle a new construct *switch* resembling the one in the following sample.

The switch construct is built out of an arbitrary number of case blocks and may include an optional default block. The switch construct has the following semantics: the value of the variable between round brackets is checked for a match against the values indicated in the case statements. On a successful match, the corresponding code block is executed. The break statement brings the execution to the first instruction after the switch construct. In case a code block does not contain any break statement, the next case block (in declaration order) is executed.

Pencil writing is allowed. Write your name on any additional sheet.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Time 45'. Textbooks and notes can be used.

If there are no more case blocks left, the code must exit the switch construct. If there is no match between the switch variable and the case values, the execution flow jumps to the default block (if present) or exits from the switch construct. At least a case block has to be declared. Switch blocks may be nested.

For instance: if we assign the value 0 to the variable a in the example, only the first code block (the one corresponding to case 0) will be ran. In case a evaluates as 1, the blocks related to both case 1 and case 2 will be executed. In case the value of a differs from 0,1,2 the execution jumps to the default block.

Your modifications have to allow the Acse compiler to both correctly analyze the syntactical correctness of the aforementioned constructs and to generate a correct translation in the Mace assembly language.

The first step, before answering any question, is to devise a translation of the new construct into the assembly language. The solution chosen is presented in the following schema:

```
switch (VAR) {
                                  ADDI Ry VAR_REG #0
                                  BT begin_test
  case CONST1:
                               begin_case1:
    break;
                                  BT switch_end
  case CONST2:
                               begin_case2:
    /* Block with no break */
  case CONST3:
                               begin_case3:
                                  BT switch_end
    break;
  default:
                               default_label:
    . . .
}
                                  BT switch_end
                               begin_test:
                                  SUBI Rz Ry CONST1
                                  BEQ begin_case1
                                  SUBI Rz Ry CONST2
                                  BEQ begin_case2
                                  SUBI Rz Ry CONST3
                                  BEQ begin_case3
                                  BT default_label
                               switch_end:
```

where Rz and Ry are two temporary registers. In order to produce such a translation, we have to accumulate information about the various cases in some structures and finally produce the code between the labels begin\_test and switch\_end. **switch** constructs can be nested, therefore those structures should be contained in a global stack.

1. Define the tokens and the Acse.lex and Acse.y declarations needed to achieve the required functionality. (3 points)

## In Acse.lex:

%token DEFAULT

```
"switch" { return SWITCH; }
"break" { return BREAK; }
"case" { return CASE; }
"default" { return DEFAULT; }
In Acse.y:
%token SWITCH
%token BREAK
%token CASE
```

2. Define the syntactic rules needed to achieve the required functionality. (8 points)

The switch construct is generated by the new non-terminal *switch\_statement*, which is expanded by a few new rules:

```
switch_statement: SWITCH LPAR IDENTIFIER RPAR
    LBRACE switch_block RBRACE :
    switch_block : case_statements
           case_statements default_statement ;
    case_statements : case_statements case_statement
           case_statement
    case_statement : CASE NUMBER COLON statements ;
    default_statement : DEFAULT COLON statements ;
switch_statement is added as a new possibility for the non-terminal
```

control\_statement; moreover, the break statement must be added as a possible statement:

```
control_statement : . . .
       break_statement SEMI
       switch_statement
break_statement : BREAK ;
```

Please notice that the break statement is an ordinary statement, which could be appear anywhere, even inside an if construct for example. A semantic check will be provided to avoid that a break appears outside any switch.

3. Define the semantic actions needed to achieve the required functionality, without considering the break and default statements. (10 points)

We have to define a few structures in axe\_struct.h:

```
typedef struct
    t_axe_label *begin_case_label;
    int number;
} t_case_statement;
typedef struct
    int cmp_register;
    t_list *cases;
                     /* List of t_case_statement elements;
                      * each element contains the constant
                      * number and the label for a case */
    t_axe_label *switch_end; /* Label of the end of the
                               * switch construct */
    t_axe_label *begin_test; /* Label of the tests */
} t_switch_statement;
and in Acse.y:
%{
    t_list *switchStack = NULL; /* Elements are of type
                                  * t_switch_statement */
%}
%union {
    t_switch_statement *switch_stmt;
%token <switch_stmt> SWITCH
```

The stack for the **switch** structures uses the functions contained in **collections.h**.

The semantic actions that produce the above translation:

```
switch statement : SWITCH LPAR IDENTIFIER RPAR LBRACE
   {
        $1 = (t_switch_statement *)malloc(
             sizeof(t_switch_statement));
        $1->cmp_register = getNewRegister(program);
        gen_addi_instruction(program, $1->cmp_register,
             get_symbol_location(program,$3,0), 0);
        $1->begin_test = reserveLabel(program);
        $1->switch_end = reserveLabel(program);
        switchStack = addFirst(switchStack, $1); // PUSH
        gen_bt_instruction(program, $1->begin_test, 0);
   }
   switch_block RBRACE
        t_list *p;
        int cmpReg; // This is the Rz register above
        fixLabel(program, $1->begin_test);
        cmpReg = getNewRegister(program);
        p = $1->cases;
        while (p!=NULL) {
            gen_subi_instruction(program, cmpReg,
                 $1->cmp_register,
                 ((t_case_statement *)p->data)->number);
            gen_beq_instruction(program,
                 ((t_case_statement *)p->data)
                 ->begin_case_label, 0);
            p = p->next;
        }
        fixLabel(program, $1->switch_end);
        switchStack = removeFirst(switchStack); // POP
   }
switch_block : case_statements
        gen_bt_instruction(program,
             ((t_switch_statement *)LDATA(
               getFirst(switchStack)))->switch_end, 0);
   }
```

```
case_statement: CASE NUMBER COLON
{
    t_case_statement *c = (t_case_statement *)
        malloc(sizeof(t_case_statement));
    c->number = $2;
    c->begin_case_label = assignNewLabel(program);
    ((t_switch_statement *)LDATA(
        getFirst(switchStack)))->cases =
        addLast(((t_switch_statement *)LDATA(
            getFirst(switchStack)))->cases, c);
}
statements
.
```

4. Define the semantic actions needed to handle the optional default block. (6 points)

```
The structure in axe_struct.h must be extended with a new field:
typedef struct
{
    t_axe_label *default_label; /* Label of the default
                                   * block (can be NULL) */
} t_switch_statement;
The actions for the rules related to the default block:
switch_block : ...
  | case_statements default_statement
        gen_bt_instruction(program,
              ((t_switch_statement *)LDATA(
                getFirst(switchStack)))->switch_end, 0);
    }
default_statement: DEFAULT COLON
        ((t_switch_statement *)LDATA(
               getFirst(switchStack)))->default_label =
            assignNewLabel(program);
    }
    statements
and the generation of the jump to the default block (if any), just
before the switch_end label:
switch_statement : SWITCH LPAR IDENTIFIER RPAR LBRACE
    switch_block RBRACE
        if ($1->default_label != NULL)
            gen_bt_instruction(program,
                  $1->default_label, 0);
        // fixLabel(program,$1->switch_end);
        . . .
    }
```

5. Define the semantic actions needed to handle the break construct. (6 points)