1 Extended Stack Machine

In order to compile a language with structural control flow constructs into a program for the stack machine the latter has to be extended. First, we introduce a set of label names

$$\mathscr{L} = \{l_1, l_2, \dots\}$$

Then, we add three extra control flow instructions:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \mathscr{I} & += & \text{LABEL}\,\mathscr{L} \\ & & \text{JMP}\,\mathscr{L} \\ & & \text{CJMP}_x\,\mathscr{L}, \text{ where } x \in \{\text{nz}, \text{z}\} \end{array}$$

In order to give the semantics to these instructions, we need to extend the syntactic form of rules, used in the description of big-step operational smeantics. Instead of the rules in the form

$$\frac{c \xRightarrow[\mathscr{S}\mathscr{M}]{p} c'}{c' \xRightarrow[\mathscr{S}\mathscr{M}]{p'} c''}$$

we use the following form

$$\frac{\Gamma' \vdash c \xRightarrow[\mathscr{S}\mathscr{M}]{p} c'}{\Gamma \vdash c' \xRightarrow[\mathscr{S}\mathscr{M}]{p'} c''}$$

where Γ, Γ' — environments. The structure of environments can be different in different cases; for now environment is just a program. Informally, the semantics of control flow instructions can not be described in terms of just a current instruction and current configuration — we need to take the whole program into account. Thus, the enclosing program is used as an environment.

Additionally, for a program P and a label l we define a subprogram $P[l]$, such that P is uniquely represented as $p'[\text{LABEL}\,l]P[l]$. In other words $P[l]$ is a unique suffix of P, immediately following the label l (if there are multiple (or no) occurrences of label l in P, then $P[l]$ is undefined).

All existing rules have to be rewritten — we need to formally add a $P \vdash \dots$ part everywhere. For the new instructions the rules are given on Fig. 1.

Finally, the top-level semantics for the extended stack machine can be redefined as follows:

$$\frac{p \vdash \langle \varepsilon, \langle \Lambda, \langle i, \varepsilon \rangle \rangle \rangle \xRightarrow[\mathscr{S}\mathscr{M}]{p} \langle s, \langle \sigma, \omega \rangle \rangle}{[\![p]\!]_{\mathscr{S}\mathscr{M}}\, i = \textbf{out}\ \omega}$$

$$\frac{P \vdash c \xrightarrow[\mathscr{S}\mathscr{M}]{p} c'}{P \vdash c \xrightarrow[\mathscr{S}\mathscr{M}]{[\text{LABEL } l]p} c'} \quad [\text{Label}_{SM}]$$

$$\frac{P \vdash c \xrightarrow[\mathscr{S}\mathscr{M}]{P[l]} c'}{P \vdash c \xrightarrow[\mathscr{S}\mathscr{M}]{[\text{JMP } l]p} c'} \quad [\text{JMP}_{SM}]$$

$$\frac{z \neq 0, \quad P \vdash \langle s, \theta \rangle \xrightarrow[\mathscr{S}\mathscr{M}]{P[l]} c'}{P \vdash \langle zs, \theta \rangle \xrightarrow[\mathscr{S}\mathscr{M}]{[\text{CJMP}_{nz}\ l]p} c'} \quad [\text{CJMP}^{+}_{nz\,SM}]$$

$$\frac{z = 0, \quad P \vdash \langle s, \theta \rangle \xrightarrow[\mathscr{S}\mathscr{M}]{p} c'}{P \vdash \langle zs, \theta \rangle \xrightarrow[\mathscr{S}\mathscr{M}]{[\text{CJMP}_{nz}\ l]p} c'} \quad [\text{CJMP}^{-}_{nz\,SM}]$$

$$\frac{z = 0, \quad P \vdash \langle s, \theta \rangle \xrightarrow[\mathscr{S}\mathscr{M}]{P[l]} c'}{P \vdash \langle zs, \theta \rangle \xrightarrow[\mathscr{S}\mathscr{M}]{[\text{CJMP}_{z}\ l]p} c'} \quad [\text{CJMP}^{+}_{z\,SM}]$$

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Figure 1: Big-step operational semantics for extended stack machine

2 A Compiler for the Stack Machine

A compiler for the language with structural control flow into the stack machine can be given in the form of static semantics. Similarly to the big-step operational semantics, the compiler also operates on environment. For now, the environment allows us to generate fresh labels. Thus, a compiler specification for statements has the shape

$$[\![p]\!]^{comp}_{\mathscr{S}}\,\Gamma = \langle c, \Gamma' \rangle$$

where p is a source program, Γ, Γ' — some environments, c — generated program for the stack machine. As we can see, the environment changes during the code generation, hence auxilliary semantic primitive $[\![\bullet]\!]^{comp}_{\mathscr{S}}$. We need one primitive to operate on environments which allocates a number of fresh labels and returns a new environment:

labels Γ

The number of labels allocated is determined by context.

We give an example of compiler specification rule for the while-loop:

$$\frac{\langle l_e, l_s, \Gamma' \rangle = \textbf{labels}\ \Gamma, \quad [\![s]\!]^{comp}_{\mathscr{S}}\,\Gamma' = \langle c_s, \Gamma'' \rangle}{\begin{array}{lcl} [\![\text{while } e \text{ do } s \text{ od}]\!]^{comp}_{\mathscr{S}}\,\Gamma & = & \langle \quad \text{JMP } l_e \\ & & \quad \text{LABEL } l_s \\ & & \quad c_s \\ & & \quad \text{LABEL } l_e \\ & & \quad [\![e]\!]^{comp}_{\mathscr{E}} \\ & & \quad \text{CJMP}_{nz}\ l_s, \quad \Gamma'' \ \rangle \end{array}}$$

Note, the compiler for expressions is not changed and completely reused.

Finally, the top-level compiler for the whole program can be defined as follows:

$$\frac{[\![p]\!]^{comp}_{\mathscr{S}}\,\Gamma_0 = \langle c, \_ \rangle}{[\![p]\!]^{comp} = c}$$

where Γ_0 — empty environment.