

Intermediate code Generation

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Intermediate Languages:-

The task of compiler is to convert the source program into machine program. This activity can be done directly but it is not always possible to generate such a machine code directly in one pass.

Then typically compilers generate an easy to represent form of source language which is called intermediate language. The generation of an intermediate language leads to efficient code generation.

From the intermediate language, the target machine code can be generated effectively

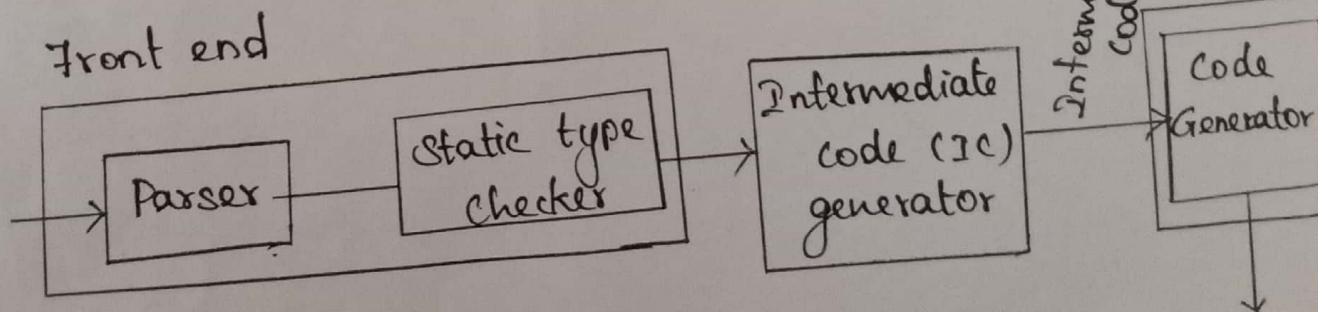
Benefits of Intermediate Code Generation:

There are certain benefits of generating machine independent intermediate code.

- * A compiler for different machines can be created by attaching different backend to the existing front ends of each machine.
- * A compiler for different source languages can be constructed with different front ends for corresponding source languages to existing end.
- * A machine independent code optimizer can be applied to intermediate code in order to optimize the code generation.

Intermediate code generator in compiler:-

The following is the block diagram for Intermediate code generator in compiler.



Properties of Intermediate Language:-

- * The intermediate language is an easy form of source language which can be generated efficiently by the compiler.
- * The generator of intermediate language should lead to efficient code generation.
- * It should act as effective mediator.
- * It should be flexible.

Intermediate Representation:-

There are mainly three type of IR representation.

1. Abstract Syntax tree.
2. Polish Notation.
3. Three address code.

Abstract Syntax tree:-

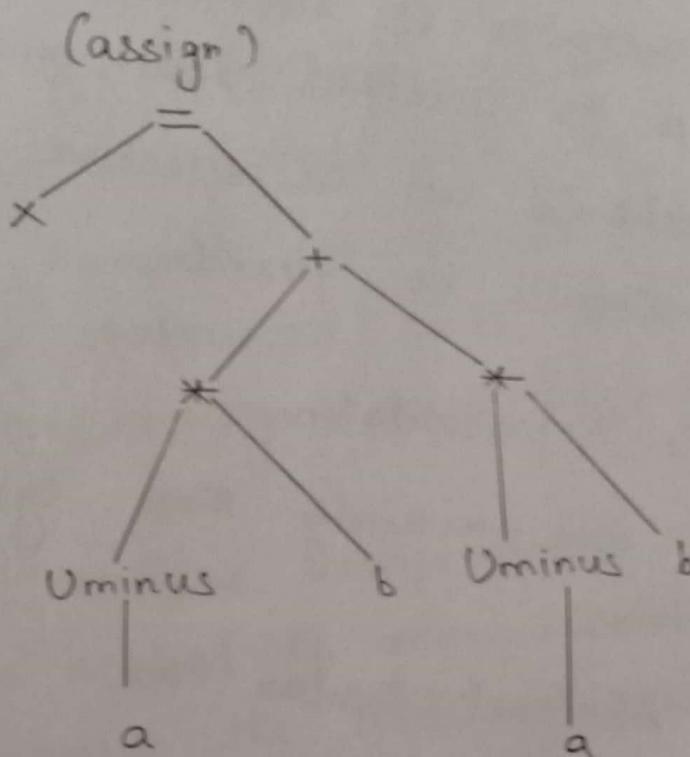
The natural hierarchical structure is represented by syntax trees. Directed Acyclic Graph or DAG is very much similar to syntax trees but they are in more compact form.

The code being generated as intermediate should be such that the remaining processing

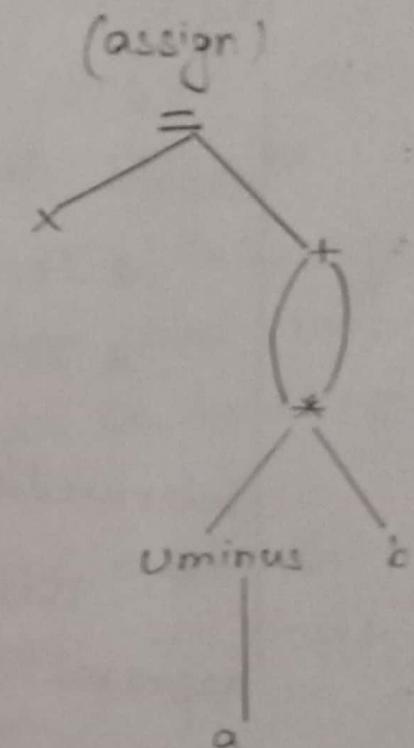
of the subsequent phases should be

eg: $x := -a * b + -a * b$

Syntax tree



DAG.



Polish Notation:

Basically, the linearization of syntax trees is polish notation. In this representation, the operator can be easily associated with the corresponding operands. This is the most natural way of representation in expression evaluation.

The polish notation is also called as prefix notation in which the operator occurs first and then operands are arranged.

eg: $a+b \Rightarrow +ab$.

Implementation of three address code

Three address code is an abstract form of intermediate code that can be implemented as a record with the address fields. There are three representation used for three address code such as quadruples, triples and indirect triples.

Quadruple representation:-

The Quadruple is a structure with at the most four fields such as op, arg₁, arg₂, result.

The op field is used to represent the internal code for operator, the arg₁ and arg₂ represent the two operands used and result field is used to store the result of an expression.

eg: $x = -a * b + -a * b$

The three address code is

t₁ := minus a

t₂ := t₁ * b

t₃ := -a

$$t_4 := t_3 * b$$

$$t_5 := t_2 + t_4$$

$$x := t_5$$

Indirect
listing

Quadruple				
	OP	Arg1	Arg2	Result
(0)	Uminus	a		t ₁
(1)	*	t ₁	b	t ₂
(2)	Uminus	a		t ₃
(3)	*	t ₃	b	t ₄
(4)	+	t ₂	t ₄	t ₅
(5)	:=	t ₅		x

Triples:

In the triple representation the use of temporary variables is avoided by referring the pointers in the symbol table.

$$\text{eg: } x := -a * b + -a * b$$

Number	OP	Arg1	Arg2
(0)	Uminus	a	
(1)	*	(0)	b
(2)	Uminus	a	
(3)	*	(2)	b
(4)	+	(1)	(3)
(5)	:=	x	(4)

Indirect Triples:-

In the indirect triple representation the listing of triples is been done and listing pointers are used instead of using statement

Number	Op	Arg1	Arg2		stmt
(0)	Uminus	a		(0)	(1)
(1)	*	(11)	b	(1)	(12)
(2)	Uminus	a		(2)	(13)
(3)	*	(13)	b	(3)	(14)
(4)	+	(12)	(14)	(4)	(15)
(5)	:=	x	(15)	(5)	(16)

Types of three address statement:-

* Assignment Statement

$\rightarrow x := y \text{ op } z$

$\rightarrow x := \text{op } y$

* Copy Statement

$\rightarrow x := y$

* Unconditional Jump

$\rightarrow \text{goto } L$

* Conditional Jump

$\rightarrow \text{if } x \text{ relop } y \text{ goto } L$

* Procedure calls

param x_1

param x_2

:

param x_n

call p,n

return y

* Array Statement

$x := y[i]$

* Address & pointer

$x := \&y$

$x := *y$

* $x := y$

Declarative Statement:

In the declaration declarative statement data items along with their data types are declared.

*Declaration in Procedure:

<u>eg: Production</u>	<u>Semantic action</u>
$S \rightarrow D$	{ offset := 0 }
$D \rightarrow id : T$	{ enter-tab(id.name, T.type, offset); offset := offset + T.width };
$T \rightarrow integer$	{ T.type := integer; T.width := 4 };
$T \rightarrow real$	{ T.type := real; T.width := 8 };
$T \rightarrow array [num] of T_i$	{ T.type := array (num-val, T.type) T.width := num-val * T _i .width };
$T \rightarrow *T_i$	{ T.type := pointer (T _i .type) T.width := 4 }.

The initialization of offset in the translation scheme is more evident if the first production appears as

$$P \rightarrow M D$$

$$M \rightarrow \epsilon \{ offset := 0 \}$$

Non terminal M, generating ϵ is called NP

*Declarations in Nested Procedures:

In nested procedures, name local to each procedure can be assigned relative addresses using the previous approach. When a nested procedure is seen processing of declarations in the enclosing procedure is temporarily suspended.

Eg: This approach will be illustrated by adding semantic rules to the following language.

$$P \rightarrow D$$

$$D \rightarrow D; D \mid id:T \mid proc\ id;\ D; S$$

A new symbol-table is created when a procedure declaration $D \rightarrow proc\ id\ D_1; S_2$ is seen and entries for the declarations in D are created in the new table. The new table points back to the symbol table of the enclosing procedure. The name represented by id itself is local to the enclosing procedure.

Eg: $T \rightarrow record\ LD\ end : \{ T.type := record (top$
 $\quad (tblptr)); T.width :=$
 $\quad top(offset); pop(tblptr);$
 $\quad pop(offset) \}$

$T \rightarrow Q : \{ t := mktable (nil); push(t,$
 $\quad tblptr); push(0, offset) \}$

Assignment statements:

The assignment statement mainly deals with the expressions. The expressions can be of type integer, real, array and record.

e.g.: $x := (a+b) * (c+d)$.

~~The~~ ~~these~~ address code is
output:

$$t_1 := a+b$$

$$t_2 := t_1 * c+d$$

$$t_3 := (a+b) * (c+d)$$

$$t_4 := t_2 * t_3 : x := t_3$$

Production rule

$$E \rightarrow id$$

$$E \rightarrow id$$

$$E \rightarrow E_1 + E_2$$

$$E \rightarrow id$$

$$E \rightarrow id$$

$$E \rightarrow E_1 + E_2$$

$$E \rightarrow E_1 * E$$

$$S \rightarrow id := E$$

Semantic action

$$E.place := a$$

$$E.place := b$$

$$E.place := t_1$$

$$E.place := c$$

$$E.place := d$$

$$E.place := t_2$$

$$E.place := t_3$$

OP

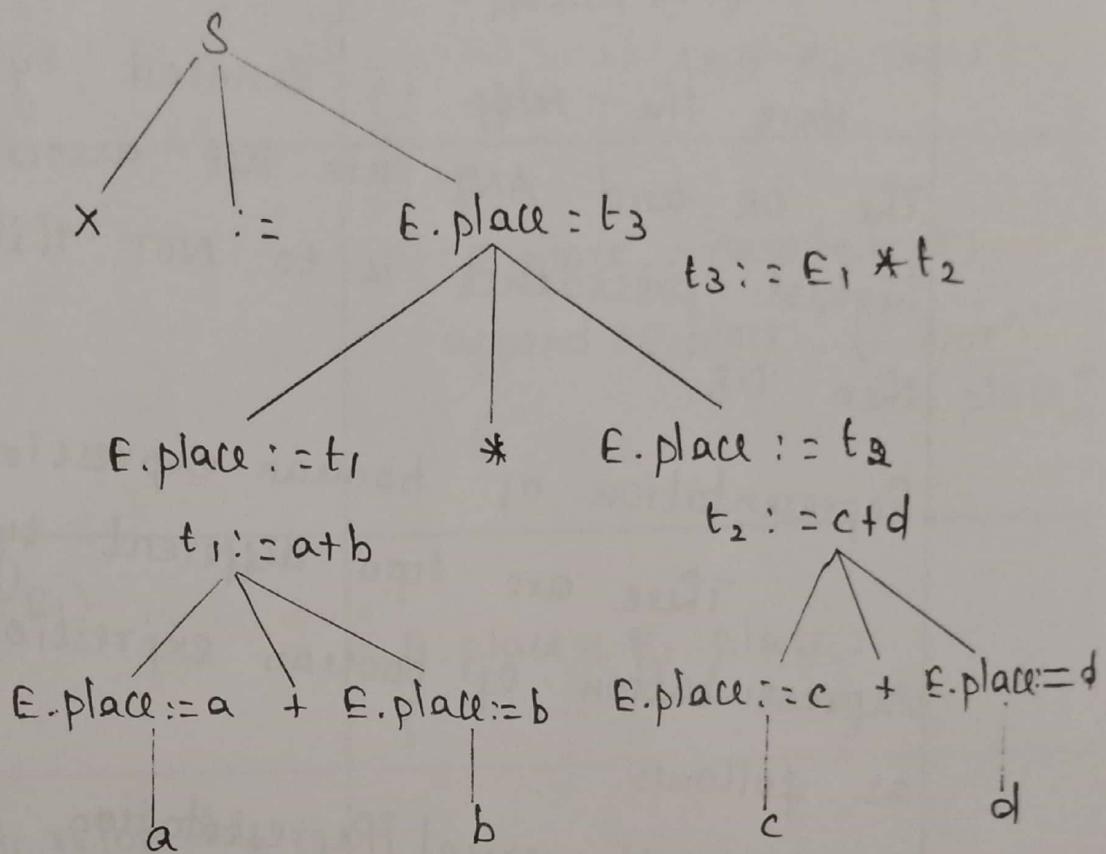
$$t_1 := a+b$$

$$t_2 := c+d$$

$$t_3 := (a+b) * (c+d)$$

$$x := t_3$$

The annotated parse tree can be drawn as follows



Boolean Expressions:-

Normally there are two types of boolean expressions used. They are as follows

1. For computing the logical values
2. In conditional expressions using if-then-else or while-do.

The following are the boolean expressions

$$E \rightarrow E \text{ OR } E$$

$$E \rightarrow E \text{ AND } E$$

$$E \rightarrow \text{NOT } E$$

$$E \rightarrow (E)$$

$E \rightarrow id \text{ relop } id$

$E \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$

$E \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$

Here the relop is denoted by $\leq, \geq, +, \dots$.
The OR and AND are left associate. The highest precedence is to NOT then AND and then OR.

Representation of boolean expression:-

There are two different types of representation of boolean expression. They are as follows

1. Numerical Representation

2. Control flow translation of boolean expression.

Numerical Representation:-

The translation scheme for boolean expressions having numerical representation is as follows.

Production Rule	Semantic Action.
$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ OR } E_2$	{ E.place := newtemp() append(E.place ' :=' E ₁ .place 'OR' E ₂ .place) } }

$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ AND } E_2$

{
E.place := newtemp()
append(E.place := 'E₁.place
'AND' E₂.place)
}

$E \rightarrow \text{NOT } E_1$

{
E.place := newtemp()
append(E.place := 'NOT'
E₁.place)
}

$E \rightarrow (E_1)$

{
E.place := E₁.place
}

$E \rightarrow id_1 \text{ relop } id_2$

{
E.place := newtemp()
append('if' id₁.place & relop.op
id₂.place 'goto' next-state+3)
append(E.place := '0');
append('goto' next-state+2);
append(E.place := '1');
}

$E \rightarrow \text{True}$

{
E.place := newtemp();
append(E.place := '1')
}

$E \rightarrow \text{False}$

{
E.place := newtemp()
append(E.place := '0')
2

The function append generates the address code and newtempel is for genControl of temporary variables.

For the semantic ~~act~~ action for the rule : $E \rightarrow id$, develop id_2 contains next-state which gives the index of next three address statement in the output sequence.

eg: $P > Q$ AND $R < S$ OR $U > V$

100: if $P > q$ goto 103

101: $t_1 := 0$

102: goto 104

103: $t_1 := 1$

104: if $R < S$ goto 107

105: $t_2 := 0$

106: goto 108

107: $t_2 := 1$

108: if $U > V$ goto 111

109: $t_3 := 0$

110: goto 112

111: $t_3 := 1$

112: $t_4 := t_1 \text{ AND } t_2$

113: $t_5 := t_4 \text{ OR } t_3$.

In this three address code we have used goto to jump on some specific statement. This method of evaluation is called "Short-Circuit".

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Control Flow translation of Boolean Expressions :

* Syntax-directed definition for boolean expression

Productions	Semantic Actions
$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ or } E_2$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_1.\text{true} := E.\text{true}; \\ E_1.\text{false} := \text{newlabel}; \\ E_2.\text{true} := E.\text{true}; \\ E_2.\text{false} := E.\text{false}; \\ E.\text{code} := E_1.\text{code} \parallel \\ \text{gen}(E_1.\text{false} \cdot ') \parallel E_2.\text{code} \\ \end{array} \right.$
$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ and } E_2$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_1.\text{true} := \text{newlabel}; \\ E_1.\text{false} := E.\text{false}; \\ E_2.\text{true} := E.\text{true}; \\ E_2.\text{false} := E.\text{false}; \\ E.\text{code} := E_1.\text{code} \parallel \text{gen} \\ (E_1.\text{true} \cdot ') \parallel E_2.\text{code} \end{array} \right.$
$E \rightarrow \text{not } E_1$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_1.\text{true} := E.\text{false} \\ E_1.\text{false} := E.\text{true} \\ E.\text{code} := E_1.\text{code} \end{array} \right.$
$E \rightarrow (E_1)$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_1.\text{true} := E.\text{true} \\ E_1.\text{false} := E.\text{false} \\ E.\text{code} := E_1.\text{code} \end{array} \right.$

$E \rightarrow id_1 \text{ relop } id_2$

{ E.code := gen ('if' id₁,
relop.op id₂.place 'goto'
gen ('goto' E.false)
}

$E \rightarrow \text{true}$

{
E.code := gen ('goto' E.true)
}

$E \rightarrow \text{False}$

{
E.code := gen ('goto' E.false)
}

In this, the attribute E.code gives the sequence of three-address statements evaluating E.

In this method, E is translated into a sequence of three-address statements evaluates E is a sequence of conditional and unconditional jumps to one of the two locations . i.e

→ E.true → control flows if E is true
→ E.false → control flows if E is false

The function newlabel returns a new symbolic label each time it is called.

Flow control statements:-

The control statements are if-then-else and while-do. The grammar for such statements is as shown below

$s \rightarrow$ if E then s_1

if E then S₁ else S₂

I while E do S.

while generating three address code :-

* To generate new symbolic label the function new-label() is used.

* With the expression E.true and E.false are the labels associated.

S.code and E.code is for generating three address code.

If - then

$s \rightarrow \text{if } E \text{ then } s' \Rightarrow E.\text{true} := \text{new-label}()$

E. false := S.next

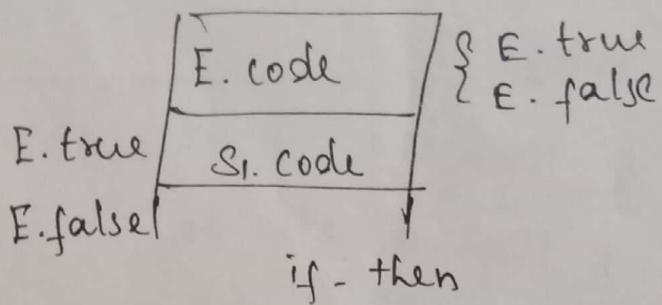
$s_1.\text{next} := s.\text{next}$

$S.\text{code} := E.\text{code} \parallel \text{gen_code}(E.\text{true})$
 $\qquad\qquad\qquad \parallel S_1.\text{code}$

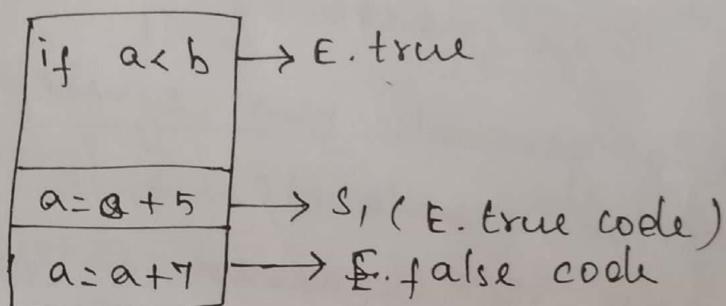
In the above translation scheme // is used to convert concatenate the strings. The function gen-code is used to evaluate the non quoted

arguments passed to it and to concatenate $\rightarrow E$
complete string.

S. code \Rightarrow generate the three address \hookrightarrow



e.g.: if $a < b$ then $a = a + 5$ else $a = a + 7$



The three address code for if-then is

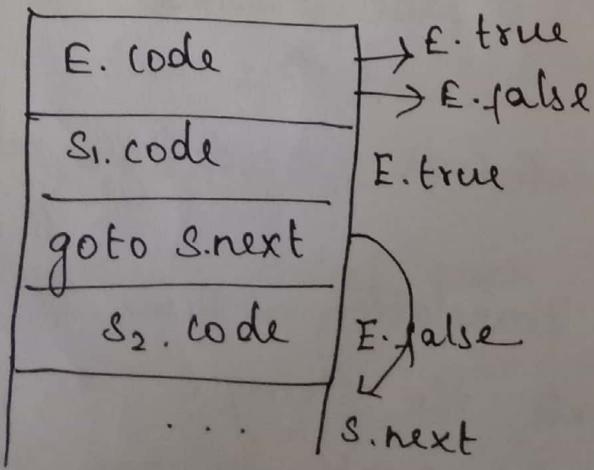
100: if $a < b$ goto L1

101: goto 103

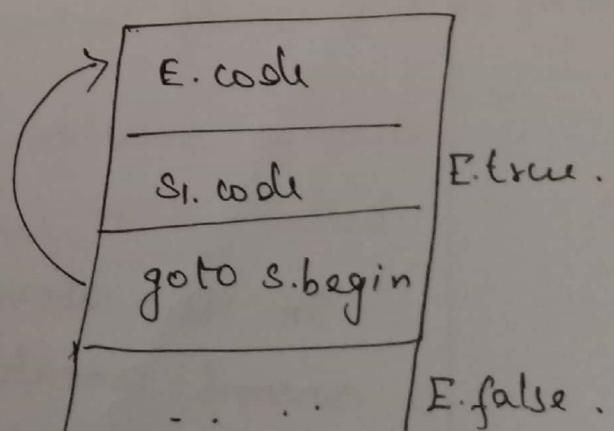
102: L1: $a = a + 5$

103: a := $a + 7$

If - then



while - do



$S \rightarrow \text{if } E \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \Rightarrow E.\text{true} := \text{new-label}()$
 $E.\text{false} := \text{new-label}()$
 $S_1.\text{next} := S.\text{next}$
 $S_2.\text{next} := S.\text{next}$
 $S.\text{code} := E.\text{code} \parallel \text{gen-code}(E.\text{true}':') \parallel S_1.\text{code} \parallel$
~~gen-code('goto'; S.next) /~~
~~gen-code(E.false':') \parallel S_2.code~~

$S \rightarrow \text{while } E \text{ do } S_1 \Rightarrow S.\text{begin} := \text{new-label}()$
 $E.\text{true} := \text{newlabel}()$
 $E.\text{false} := S.\text{next}$
 $S.\text{code} := \text{gen-code}(S.\text{begin}':') \parallel$
 $E.\text{code} \parallel \text{gen-code}(E.\text{true}) \parallel S_1.\text{code}$
 $\parallel \text{gen-code}(\text{goto}', S.\text{begin})$

Backpatching:

Backpatching is the activity of filling up unspecified information of labels using appropriate semantic actions in during the code generation process.

In general, the implementation of syntax directed definition using two passes is the most convenient method. If we decide to generate the three address code for given syntax directed definition using single pass

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only, then the main problem that occurs is the decision of addresses of the labels. The jump (goto) statements refer these label statements and in one pass it becomes difficult to know the locations of these label statements. If we use two passes instead of one pass then in one pass we can leave these addresses unspecified and in the second pass ~~this is over pass~~ we can have ~~these address~~ this incomplete information can be filled up. To overcome the problem of processing the incomplete information in one pass the backpatching technique is used.

Functions used:-

To generate code using backpatching, In the semantic actions the following functions are used.

1. `Mklist(i)` :- Creates the new list. The index i is passed as an argument to this function.
2. `Mergelist(p1, p2)` :- This function concatenates two lists pointed by p_1 and p_2 .
3. `backpatch(p, i)` :- Inserts i as target label for the statement pointed by p .

Production Rule

Semantic Action.

$S \rightarrow \text{if } B \text{ then } M_1 S_1$	$\begin{cases} \text{backpatch}(B.\text{Flist}, M_1.\text{state}); \\ S_1.\text{next} := \text{merge}(B.\text{Flist}, S_1.\text{next}) \\ \end{cases}$
$S \rightarrow \text{if } B \text{ then } M_1 S_1 N$ $\quad \text{else } M_2 S_2$	$\begin{cases} \text{Backpatch}(B.\text{Flist}, M_1.\text{state}); \\ \text{backpatch}(B.\text{Flist}, M_2.\text{state}); \\ S_1.\text{next} := \text{merge}(S_1.\text{next}, \text{merge}(N.\text{next}, S_2.\text{next})) \\ \end{cases}$
$S \rightarrow \text{while } M_1 B \text{ then do}$ $\quad M_2 S$	$\begin{cases} \text{backpatch}(S_1.\text{next}, M_1.\text{state}); \\ \text{backpatch}(B.\text{Flist}, M_2.\text{state}); \\ S_1.\text{next} = B.\text{Flist}; \\ \text{append('goto' } M_1.\text{state}) \\ \end{cases}$
$S \rightarrow \text{begin } L \text{ end}$	$\begin{cases} S_1.\text{next} := L.\text{next} \\ \end{cases}$
$S \rightarrow A$	$\begin{cases} S_1.\text{next} := \text{null} \\ \end{cases}$
$L \rightarrow L_1 ; M S$	$\begin{cases} \text{Backpatch}(L_1.\text{next}, M.\text{state}); \\ L.\text{next} := S_1.\text{next}; \\ \end{cases}$
$L \rightarrow S$	$\begin{cases} L.\text{next} := S_1.\text{next}; \\ \end{cases}$
$M \rightarrow \epsilon$	$\begin{cases} M.\text{state} := \text{nextstate} \\ \end{cases}$
$N \rightarrow \epsilon$	$\begin{cases} N_1.\text{next} := \text{nullist}(\text{nextstate}), \\ \text{append('goto')} \\ \end{cases}$

* The synthesized attributes $Tlist$ and E are used to generate the jumping code boolean expressions. For the true statement E will be generated and for the false statement E . $Elist$ is generated.

* The attribute 'state' will be associated with the M and that is used to record the number (address) of the statement. It is denoted as $M.state$. The nextstate will point to the next statement.

Backpatching using flow of control statement:-

The flow of control statements can be handled using backpatching techniques for the following grammar

$S \rightarrow \text{if } B \text{ then } M_1 S_1$

$S \rightarrow \text{if } B \text{ then } M_1 S_1 \text{ else } M_2 S_2$

$S \rightarrow \text{while } M_1 B \text{ then do } M_2 S$

$S \rightarrow \text{begin } L \text{ end}$

$S \rightarrow A$

$L \rightarrow L_1 ; M_3$

$L \rightarrow S$

$M \rightarrow \epsilon$

$N \rightarrow \epsilon$

$B \rightarrow \text{boolean Exp}$
 $L \rightarrow \text{stmt list}$
 $A \rightarrow \text{Assignment Stmt}$

Implementation of backpatching:-

- * Backpatching using Boolean Expressions
- * Backpatching using flow of control statement

Backpatching using boolean expressions:-

Consider the grammar for boolean expression

$$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ OR } M E_2$$

$$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ AND } M E_2$$

$$E \rightarrow \text{NOT } E_1$$

$$E \rightarrow (E_1)$$

$$E \rightarrow \text{id}_1 \text{ relop id}_2$$

$$E \rightarrow \text{True}$$

$$E \rightarrow \text{False}$$

$$M \rightarrow \&$$

Here a new non terminal M is inserted as a marker nonterminal. The purpose of M is to marks the exact point where the semantic action is picked up.

Production Rule	Semantic Action
$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ OR } M E_2$	<pre> { backpatch (E1.Flist, M.state); E.Tlist := merge (E1.Tlist, E2.Tlist); E.Flist := E2.Flist } </pre>

$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ AND } M E_2$

{
backpatch (E_1 .Tlist, M, 8);

E .Tlist := E_2 .Tlist;

E .Flist := merge (E_1 .Flist, E_2);

}

$E \rightarrow \text{NOT } E_1$

{
 E .Tlist := E_1 .Flist;

E .Flist := E_1 .Tlist;

}

$E \rightarrow (E_1)$

{
 E .Tlist := E_1 .Tlist;
 E .Flist := E_1 .Flist;

}

$E \rightarrow id_1 \text{ relop } id_2$

{
 E .Tlist := mklist (nextstate);
 E .Flist := mklist (nextstate + 1);
append ('if' id₁.place relop • op
id₂.place 'goto -')
append ('goto -')
}

$E \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$

{
 E .Tlist := mklist (nextstate);
append ('goto -');
}

$E \rightarrow \text{False}$

{
 E .Flist := mklist (nextstate);
append ('goto -');
}

$M \rightarrow \xi$

{
m.state := nextstate;