Notes on Formal Compiler Construction with the π Framework

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Compiler pipeline

source	lexer	tokens	parser	concrete	AST transformer	abstract	type checker	abstract	code generator	machine	optimizer	optimized
code				syntax		syntax		syntax		code		machine
				tree		tree		tree				code



Compiler pipeline and formal languages

	Regular C		ContextFree		ContextFree		ContextSensitive		Turing		Turing	
	Grammar		Grammar		Grammar		Grammar		Machine		Machine	
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Compiler pipeline with the π Framework

interpreter Chomsky's hierarchy output lexer parser transformer checker generator code generator π lib machine code source model checker(P code counter-examples where P is a property in a suitable logic.

Automata

- π lib defines a set of constructions common to many programming languages.
- π lib constructions have a formal automata-based semantics in π automata.
- One may execute (or validate) a program in a given language by running its associated π lib program.
- π Framework: http://github.com/ChristianoBraga/BPLC
- Notes on Formal Compiler Construction with the π Framework: https://github.com/ChristianoBraga/BPLC/blob/master/ notes/notes.pdf.



A calculator

We wish to compute simple arithmetic expressions such as 5*(3+2).



A calculator: Lexer

```
\langle digit \rangle ::= [0..9]

\langle digits \rangle ::= \langle digit \rangle^+

\langle boolean \rangle ::= 'true' | 'false'
```



A calculator: concrete syntax

```
\langle exp \rangle ::= \langle aexp \rangle \mid \langle bexp \rangle
\langle aexp \rangle ::= \langle aexp \rangle '+' \langle term \rangle | \langle aexp \rangle '-' \langle term \rangle | \langle term \rangle
\langle term \rangle ::= \langle term \rangle '*' \langle factor \rangle | \langle term \rangle '/' \langle factor \rangle | \langle factor \rangle
\langle factor \rangle ::= '(' \langle aexp \rangle ')' | \langle digits \rangle
\langle bexp \rangle ::= \langle boolean \rangle \mid ``-` \langle bexp \rangle \mid \langle bexp \rangle \langle boolop \rangle \langle bexp \rangle
                       | \langle aexp\rangle \langle iop\rangle \langle aexp\rangle
⟨iop⟩ ::= '=' | '<' | '>' | '<=' | '>='
```



A calculator: abstract syntax



A calculator: π denotations I

Let D in $\langle digits \rangle$, B in $\langle boolean \rangle$ and E_1, E_2 in $\langle exp \rangle$,

$$[D]_{\pi} = num(D) \tag{1}$$

$$[B]_{\pi} = boo(B) \tag{2}$$

$$[E_1 + E_2]_{\pi} = add([E_1]_{\pi}, [E_2]_{\pi})$$
(3)

$$[E_1 - E_2]_{\pi} = sub([E_1]_{\pi}, [E_2]_{\pi})$$
(4)

$$[E_1 * E_2]_{\pi} = mul([E_1]_{\pi}, [E_2]_{\pi})$$
 (5)

$$[E_1/E_2]_{\pi} = div([E_1]_{\pi}, [E_2]_{\pi})$$
(6)

$$||E_1 < E_2||_{\pi} = |t(||E_1||_{\pi}, ||E_2||_{\pi})$$
 (7)

$$[E_1 <= E_2]_{\pi} = le([E_1]_{\pi}, [E_2]_{\pi})$$
 (8)

$$[E_1 > E_2]_{\pi} = gt([E_1]_{\pi}, [E_2]_{\pi})$$
 (9)

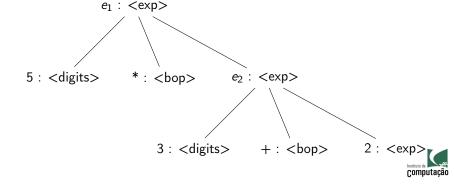
$$||E_1\rangle = E_2||_{\pi} = g(||E_1||_{\pi}, ||E_2||_{\pi})$$

$$||E_1\rangle = E_2||_{\pi} = ge(||E_1||_{\pi}, ||E_2||_{\pi})$$
(10)



A calculator: π denotations II

- π denotations are functions $[\![\cdot]\!]_{\pi}: AST \to \pi$ lib, where AST denotes the datatype for the abstract syntax tree and π lib denotes the datatype for π lib programs.
- Note that $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket_{\pi}$ has *trees* as parameters, instances of *AST*. The example expression 5*(3+2) becomes



A calculator: π denotations III



A calculator: executing π lib with π automata

A π automaton is a 5-tuple $\mathscr{A}=(G,Q,\delta,q_0,F)$, where G is a context-free grammar, Q is the set of states, q_0 is the initial state, $F\subseteq Q$ is the set of final states and

$$\delta: L(G)^* \times L(G)^* \times Store \rightarrow Q$$
,

where L(G) is the language generated by G and Store represents the memory. (Elements in a set S^* are represented by terms $[s_1, s_2, ..., s_n]$.)

```
\delta([mul(num(5), add(num(3), num(2)], \emptyset, \emptyset) = \delta([num(5), add(num(3), num(2)), \#MUL], \emptyset, \emptyset) \delta([num(5), add(num(3), num(2)), \#MUL], \emptyset, \emptyset) = \delta([add(num(3), num(2)), \#MUL], [num(5)], \emptyset) \delta([add(num(3), num(2)), \#MUL], [num(5)], \emptyset) = \delta([num(3), num(2), \#SUM, \#MUL], [num(5)], \emptyset) \delta([num(3), num(2), \#SUM, \#MUL], [num(5)], \emptyset) = \delta([num(2), \#SUM, \#MUL], [num(3), num(5)], \emptyset) \delta([num(2), \#SUM, \#MUL], [num(3), num(5)], \emptyset) = \delta([\#SUM, \#MUL], [num(2), num(3), num(5)], \emptyset) \delta([\#SUM, \#MUL], [num(2), num(3), num(5)], \emptyset) = \delta([\#MUL], [num(5), num(5)], \emptyset) \delta([\#MUL], [num(5), num(5)], \emptyset) = \delta(\emptyset, [num(25)], \emptyset)
```



 $\delta(\emptyset, [num(25)], \emptyset) = num(25)$

π lib expressions in Python I

```
class Statement:
    def __init__(self, *args):
        self.opr =args

def __str__(self):
    ret =str(self.__class__.__name__)+"("
    for o in self.opr:
        ret +=str(o)
    ret +=")"
    return ret
class Exp(Statement): pass
class ArithExp(Exp): pass
```



π lib expressions in Python II

```
class Num(ArithExp):
    def __init__(self, f):
        assert(isinstance(f, int))
        ArithExp.__init__(self,f)

class Sum(ArithExp):
    def __init__(self, e1, e2):
        assert(isinstance(e1, Exp) and isinstance(e2, Exp))

ArithExp.__init__(self, e1, e2)

...
```



π lib expressions in Python III

```
class BoolExp(Exp): pass
class Eq(BoolExp):
    def __init__(self, e1, e2):
        assert(isinstance(e1, Exp) and isinstance(e2, Exp))
        BoolExp.__init__(self, e1, e2)
    ...
```



π lib expressions in Python IV

```
exp =Sum(Num(1), Mul(Num(2), Num(4)))
print(exp)

Sum(Num(1)Mul(Num(2)Num(4)))
```



π lib expressions in Python V

```
_{1} \exp 2 = Mul(2, 1)
3 AssertionError Traceback (most recent call last)
4 <ipython-input-7-00fd40a79a54> in <module>()
5 \longrightarrow 1 \exp 2 = Mul(2, 1)
7 <ipython-input-5-42a82e58862f> in __init__(self, e1, e2)
       28 class Mul(ArithExp):
8
       29 def __init__(self, e1, e2):
10 --->30 assert(isinstance(e1, Exp) and isinstance(e2, Exp))
       31 ArithExp.__init__(self, e1, e2)
11
       32 class BoolExp(Exp): pass
12
13
4 AssertionError:
```



π automaton for π lib expressions I

```
1 ## Expressions
2 class ValueStack(list): pass
3 class ControlStack(list): pass
4 class ExpKW:
5 SUM ="#SUM"
6 SUB ="#SUB"
7 MUL ="#MUL"
8 EQ ="#EQ"
9 NOT ="#NOT"
```



π automaton for π lib expressions II

```
1 class ExpPiAut(dict):
     def __init__(self):
         self["val"] =ValueStack()
3
         self["cnt"] =ControlStack()
     def __evalSum(self, e):
5
         e1 =e.opr[0]
6
         e2 =e.opr[1]
         self.pushCnt(ExpKW.SUM)
         self.pushCnt(e1)
         self.pushCnt(e2)
     def pushCnt(self, e):
         cnt =self.cnt()
         cnt.append(e)
```



π automaton for π lib expressions III

```
1 ea =ExpPiAut()
2 print(exp)
3 ea.pushCnt(exp)
4 while not ea.emptyCnt():
5     ea.eval()
6     print(ea)
```



π automaton for π lib expressions IV

```
1 Sum(Num(1)Mul(Num(2)Num(4)))
2 {'val': [], 'cnt': ['#SUM', <__main__.Num object at 0x111851470>, <
                                      __main__.Mul object at 0x1118516d8>]
3 {'val': [], 'cnt': ['#SUM', <__main__.Num object at 0x111851470>, '#MUL'
                                      , <__main__.Num object at
                                      0x111851630>, <__main__.Num object
                                      at 0x1118516a0>]}
4 {'val': [4], 'cnt': ['#SUM', <__main__.Num object at 0x111851470>, '#MUL
                                      ', <__main__.Num object at
                                      0x111851630>]}
5 {'val': [4, 2], 'cnt': ['#SUM', <__main__.Num object at 0x111851470>, '#
                                      MUL'1}
6 {'val': [8], 'cnt': ['#SUM', <__main__.Num object at 0x111851470>]}
7 {'val': [8, 1], 'cnt': ['#SUM']}
8 {'val': [9], 'cnt': []}
```

