

# Virtual Machines

## Exercise Sheet 6

Deadline: June 28th, 2011, 14:00

### Exercise 1: Reverse Engineering

8 Points

Consider this piece of code and answer the questions below.

alloc 1	mkbasic	pushloc 4
pushloc 0	pushloc 5	pushglob 0
mkvec 1	pushglob 0	apply
mkfunval _0	apply	_7: jump _6
jump _1	_4: jump _3	_5: pushloc 0
_0: targ 2	_2: pushloc 0	_6:
pushloc 0	getbasic	_3: return 2
getbasic	pushloc 2	_1: rewrite 1
pushloc 2	getbasic	mark _8
getbasic	le	loadc 6
gr	jumpz _5	mkbasic
jumpz _2	mark _7	loadc 4
mark _4	pushloc 4	mkbasic
pushloc 3	getbasic	pushloc 5
getbasic	pushloc 4	apply
pushloc 5	getbasic	_8: slide 1
getbasic	sub	halt
sub	mkbasic	

1. Is this code CBN or CBV?
2. Determine the stack distance  $sd$  for every program point (initially  $sd = 0$ ).
3. What does this program compute ?

We assume that we have an infinite number of *local* registers as well a single *global return* register. The former registers will be denoted as  $R_i$  and the latter one as  $GR$ . Again, local registers are *invariant* under function applications or the evaluation of closures.

Since we are not dealing with *references* like in, for instance, the expression **let**  $x = \mathbf{ref}\ 0$ , everything can be safely kept in registers at all times.

The basic code generation scheme for any one of  $code_B$ ,  $code_V$  and  $code_C$  will be of the form

$$code_{(B|V|C)}\ e\ \rho\ sd\ i,$$

where  $e$  denotes the *expression* to be translated,  $\rho$  constitutes the current *address environment*,  $sd$  the *stack distance* and  $i$  the number of the local register that will hold the value of  $e$  after its evaluation.

During code generation, all local registers  $R_j$  with  $j \geq i$  may be modified without any further constraints.

1. Develop the following code translation schemata:

$$\begin{aligned} &code_B\ b\ \rho\ i \\ &code_B\ x\ \rho\ i \\ &code_B\ (\Box_1\ e)\ \rho\ i \\ &code_B\ (e_1\ \Box_2\ e_2)\ \rho\ i \\ &code_B\ (\mathbf{if}\ e_0\ \mathbf{then}\ e_1\ \mathbf{else}\ e_2)\ \rho\ i \\ &code_B\ e\ \rho\ i \end{aligned}$$

*Hint:* You may have to give new implementations of `getvar`, `getbasic` and `jumpz`. Call them `rgetvar`, `rgetbasic` and `rjumpz`, respectively.

2. Then develop the following code translation schemata:

$$\begin{aligned} &code_V\ b\ \rho\ i \\ &code_V\ x\ \rho\ i \\ &code_V\ (\Box_1\ e)\ \rho\ i \\ &code_V\ (e_1\ \Box_2\ e_2)\ \rho\ i \\ &code_V\ (\mathbf{if}\ e_0\ \mathbf{then}\ e_1\ \mathbf{else}\ e_2)\ \rho\ i \end{aligned}$$

*Hint:* You may have to give a new implementation of `mkbasic`, say `rmkbasic`.

3. Now that you have done the above, develop *CBN* translation schemata for both of

$$code_V\ (\mathbf{let}\ x_1 = e_1\ \mathbf{in}\ e_0)\ \rho\ i$$

and

$$code_V\ (\mathbf{let}\ \mathbf{rec}\ x_1 = e_1\ \mathbf{and}\ \dots\ \mathbf{and}\ x_n = e_n\ \mathbf{in}\ e_0)\ \rho\ i$$

Don't bother with  $code_C$  as this is a topic for future discussion.