Vector Pascal

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Introduction

Vector Pascal is a dialect of Pascal designed to make efficient use of the multi-media instructionsets of recent procesors. It supports data parallel operations and saturated arithmetic. This manual describes the Vector Pascal language.

A number of widely used contemporary processors have instructionset extensions for improved performance in multi-media applications. The aim is to allow operations to proceed on multiple pixels each clock cycle. Such instructionsets have been incorporated both in specialist DSP chips like the Texas C62xx[35] and in general purpose CPU chips like the Intel IA32[14] or the AMD K6 [2].

These instructionset extensions are typically based on the Single Instruction-stream Multiple Data-stream (SIMD) model in which a single instruction causes the same mathematical operation to be carried out on several operands, or pairs of operands at the same time. The level or parallelism supported ranges from 2 floating point operations at a time on the AMD K6 architecture to 16 byte operations at a time on the intel P4 architecture. Whilst processor architectures are moving towards greater levels of parallelism, the most widely used programming languages like C, Java and Delphi are structured around a model of computation in which operations take place on a single value at a time. This was appropriate when processors worked this way, but has become an impediment to programmers seeking to make use of the performance offered by multi-media instructionsets. The introduction of SIMD instruction sets[13][29] to Personal Computers potentially provides substantial performance increases, but the ability of most programmers to harness this performance is held back by two factors. The first is the limited availability of compilers that make effective use of these instructionsets in a machine independent manner. This remains the case despite the research efforts to develop compilers for multi-media instructionsets[8][26][24][32]. The second is the fact that most popular programming languages were designed on the word at a time model of the classic von Neumann computer.

Vector Pascal aims to provide an efficient and concise notation for programmers using Multi-Media enhanced CPUs. In doing so it borrows concepts for expressing data parallelism that have a long history, dating back to Iverson's work on APL in the early '60s[17].

Define a vector of type T as having type T[]. Then if we have a binary operator ω : $(T \otimes T) \to T$, in languages derived from APL we automatically have an operator ω : $(T[] \otimes T[]) \to T[]$. Thus if x,y are arrays of integers k = x + y is the array of integers where $k_i = x_i + y_i$.

The basic concept is simple, there are complications to do with the semantics of operations between arrays of different lengths and different dimensions, but Iverson provides a consistent treatment of these. The most recent languages to be built round this model are J, an interpretive language[19][5][20], and F[28] a modernised Fortran. In principle though any language with array types can be extended in a similar way. Iverson's approach to data parallelism is machine independent. It can be implemented using scalar instructions or using the SIMD model. The only difference is speed.

Vector Pascal incorporates Iverson's approach to data parallelism. Its aim is to provide a notation that allows the natural and elegant expression of data parallel algorithms within a base language that is already familiar to a considerable body of programmers and combine this with modern compilation techniques.

By an elegant algorithm I mean one which is expressed as concisely as possible. Elegance is a goal that one approaches asymptotically, approaching but never attaining[7]. APL and J allow the construction of very elegant programs, but at a cost. An inevitable consequence of elegance is the loss of redundancy. APL programs are as concise, or even more concise than conventional mathematical notation[18] and use a special character-set. This makes them hard for the uninitiated to understand. J attempts to remedy this by restricting itself to the ASCII character-set, but still looks dauntingly unfamiliar to programmers brought up on more conventional languages. Both APL and J are interpretive which makes them ill suited to many of the applications for which SIMD speed is required. The aim of Vector Pascal is to provide the conceptual gains of Iverson's notation within a framework familiar to imperative programmers.

Pascal[21]was chosen as a base language over the alternatives of C and Java. C was rejected because notations like x+y for x and y declared as int x[4], y[4], already have the meaning of adding the addresses of the arrays together. Java was rejected because of the difficulty of efficiently transmitting data parallel operations via its intermediate code to a just in time code generator.

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Chapter 1

Elements of the language

1.1 Alphabet

The Vector Pascal compiler accepts files in the UTF-8 encoding of Unicode as source. Since ASCII is a subset of this, ASCII files are valid input.

Vector Pascal programs are made up of letter, digits and special symbols. The letters digits and special symbols are draw either from a base character set or from an extended character set. The base character set is drawn from ASCII and restricts the letters to be from the Latin alphabet. The extended character set allows letters from other alphabets.

The special symbols used in the base alphabet are shown in table 1.1.

1.1.1 Extended alphabet

The extended alphabet is described in Using Unicode with Vector Pascal.

1.2 Reserved words

```
The reserved words are
```

```
ABS, ADDR, AND, ARRAY,
BEGIN, BYTE2PIXEL,
CASE, CAST, CDECL, CHR, CONST, COS,
DIV, DO, DOWNTO,
END, ELSE, EXIT, EXTERNAL,
```

Table 1.1: Special symbols

+	:	(
-	,)
*	=	[
/	\Leftrightarrow]
:=	<	{
•	=	}
,	<u> </u>	<
;	>	
+:	@	*)
-:	\$	(*
	**	

```
FALSE, FILE, FOR, FUNCTION,
GOTO,
IF, IMPLEMENTATION, IN, INTERFACE, IOTA,
LABEL, LIBRARY, LN,
MAX, MIN, MOD,
NAME, NDX, NOT,
OF, OR, ORD, OTHERWISE,
PACKED, PERM, PIXEL2BYTE, POW, PRED,
PROCEDURE, PROGRAM, PROTECTED,
RDU, RECORD, REPEAT, ROUND,
SET, SHL, SHR, SIN, SIZEOF, STRING, SQRT, SUCC,
TAN, THEN, TO, TRANS, TRUE, TYPE,
VAR,
WITH, WHILE, UNIT, UNTIL, USES
```

Reserved words may be written in either lower case or upper case letters, or any combination of the two.

1.3 Comments

The comment construct

```
{ < any sequence of characters not containing "}" > }
```

may be inserted between any two identifiers, special symbols, numbers or reserved words without altering the semantics or syntactic correctness of the program. The bracketing pair (* *) may substitute for $\{ \}$. Where a comment starts with $\{ \text{ it continues until the next } \}$. Where it starts with $(* \text{ it must be terminated by } *)^1$.

1.4 Identifiers

Identifiers are used to name values, storage locations, programs, program modules, types, procedures and functions. An identifier starts with a letter followed by zero or more letters, digits or the special symbol _. Case is not significant in identifiers. ISO Pascal allows the Latin letters A-Z to be used in identifiers. Vector Pascal extends this by allowing symbols from the Greek, Cyrillic, Katakana and Hiragana, or CJK character sets

1.5 Literals

1.5.1 Integer numbers

Integer numbers are formed of a sequence of decimal digits, thus 1, 23, 9976 etc, or as hexadecimal numbers, or as numbers of any base between 2 and 36. A hexadecimal number takes the form of a \$ followed by a sequence of hexadecimal digits thus \$01, \$3ff, \$5A. The letters in a hexadecimal number may be upper or lower case and drawn from the range a..f or A..F.

A based integer is written with the base first followed by a # character and then a sequence of letters or digits. Thus 2#1101 is a binary number 8#67 an octal number and 20#7i a base 20 number.

The default precision for integers is 32 bits².

¹Note this differs from ISO Pascal which allows a comment starting with { to terminate with *) and vice versa.
²The notation used for grammar definition is a tabularised BNF. Each boxed table defines a production, with the production name in the left column. Each line in the right column is an alternative for the production. The metasymbol + indicates one or more repetitions of what immediately preceds it. The Kleene star * is used for zero or more repetitions. Terminal symbols are in single quotes. Sequences in brackets [] are optional.

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Table 1.2	· The	hexadecimal	digits of	of Vector	Pascal
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Val	ue	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Notat	ion 1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	В	С	D	Е	F
Notat	ion 2	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	a	b	c	d	e	f

<digit sequence> | <digit> +

<decimal integer> | <digit sequence>

<hex integer> '\$'<hexdigit>+

<based integer> | <digit sequence>'#'<alphanumeric>+

1.5.2 Real numbers

Real numbers are supported in floating point notation, thus 14.7, 9.99e5, 38E3, 3.6e-4 are all valid denotations for real numbers. The default precision for real numbers is also 32 bit, though intermediate calculations may use higher precision. The choice of 32 bits as the default precision is influenced by the fact that 32 bit floating point vector operations are well supported in multi-media instructions.



<scale factor> | [<sign>] <unsigned integer>



<unsigned real=""></unsigned>	<decimal integer=""> '.' <digit sequence=""></digit></decimal>
	<pre><decimal integer="">' .' <digit sequence=""> <exp><scale factor=""></scale></exp></digit></decimal></pre>
	<decimal integer=""><exp> <scale factor=""></scale></exp></decimal>

Fixed point numbers

In Vector Pascal pixels are represented as signed fixed point fractions in the range -1.0 to 1.0. Within this range, fixed point literals have the same syntactic form as real numbers.

1.5.3 Character strings

Sequences of characters enclosed by quotes are called literal strings. Literal strings consisting of a single character are constants of the standard type char. If the string is to contain a quote character this quote character must be written twice.

'A' 'x' 'hello' 'John"s house'

are all valid literal strings. The allowable characters in literal strings are any of the Unicode characters above u0020. The character strings must be input to the compiler in UTF-8 format.

Chapter 2

Declarations

Vector Pascal is a language supporting nested declaration contexts. A declaration context is either a program context, and unit interface or implementation context, or a procedure or function context. A resolution context determines the meaning of an identifier. Within a resolution context, identifiers can be declared to stand for constants, types, variables, procedures or functions. When an identifier is used, the meaning taken on by the identifier is that given in the closest containing resolution context. Resolution contexts are any declaration context or a with statement context. The ordering of these contexts when resolving an identifier is:

- 1. The declaration context identified by any with statements which nest the current occurrence of the identifier. These with statement contexts are searched from the innermost to the outermost.
- 2. The declaration context of the currently nested procedure declarations. These procedure contexts are searched from the innermost to the outermost.
- 3. The declaration context of the current unit or program.
- 4. The interface declaration contexts of the units mentioned in the use list of the current unit or program. These contexts are searched from the rightmost unit mentioned in the use list to the leftmost identifier in the use list.
- 5. The interface declaration context of the System unit.
- 6. The pre-declared identifiers of the language.

2.1 Constants

A constant definition introduces an identifier as a synonym for a constant.

<pre><constant declaration=""></constant></pre>	<identifier>=<expression></expression></identifier>
	<identifier>':'<type>'='<typed constant=""></typed></type></identifier>

Constants can be simple constants or typed constants. A simple constant must be a constant expression whose value is known at compile time. This restricts it to expressions for which all component identifiers are other constants, and for which the permitted operators are given in table 2.1. This restricts simple constants to be of scalar or string types.

Typed constants provide the program with initialised variables which may hold array types.

<typed constant=""></typed>	<expression></expression>
	<array constant=""></array>

Table 2.1: The operators permitted in Vector Pascal constant expressions.

+ - * / div mod shr shl a	and or
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2.1.1 Array constants

Array constants are comma separated lists of constant expressions enclosed by brackets.

```
tr:array[1...3] of real =(1.0,1.0,2.0);
is a valid array constant declaration, as is:
t2:array[1..2,1..3] of real=((1.0,2.0,4.0),(1.0,3.0,9.0));
```

The array constant must structurally match the type given to the identifier. That is to say it must match with respect to number of dimensions, length of each dimension, and type of the array elements.

<array constant=""></array>	'(' <typed constant="">[,<typed constant="">]* ')'</typed></typed>
-----------------------------	--

Pre-declared constants 2.1.2

maxint The largest supported integer value. рi A real numbered approximation to π maxchar The highest character in the character set. maxstring The maximum number of characters allowed in a string. maxreal The highest representable real. minreal The smallest representable positive real number. The smallest real number which when added to 1.0 yields a value distinguishepsreal able from 1.0. maxdouble The highest representable double precision real number. mindouble The smallest representable positive double precision real number. complexzero A complex number with zero real and imaginary parts.

complexone A complex number with real part 1 and imaginary part 0.

Labels 2.2

Labels are written as digit sequences. Labels must be declared before they are used. They can be used to label the start of a statement and can be the destination of a goto statement. A goto statement must have as its destination a label declared within the current innermost declaration context. A statement can be prefixed by a label followed by a colon.

```
Example
label 99;
begin read(x); if x>9 goto 99; write(x*2);99: end;
```

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type	category
real	floating point
double	floating point
byte	integral
pixel	fixed point
shortint	integral
word	integral
integer	integral
cardinal	integral
boolean	scalar
char	scalar

Table 2.2: Categorisation of the standard types.

2.3 Types

A type declaration determines the set of values that expressions of this type may assume and associates with this set an identifier.

<type></type>	<simple type=""></simple>
	<structured type=""></structured>
	<pre><pointer type=""></pointer></pre>

ĺ	<type definition=""></type>	<identifier>'='<type></type></identifier>

2.3.1 Simple types

Simple types are either scalar, standard, subrange or dimensioned types.

<simple type=""></simple>	<scalar type=""></scalar>
	<integral type=""></integral>
	<subrange type=""></subrange>
	<dimensioned type=""></dimensioned>
	<floating point="" type=""></floating>

Scalar types

A scalar type defines an ordered set of identifier by listing these identifiers. The declaration takes the form of a comma separated list of identifiers enclosed by brackets. The identifiers in the list are declared simultaneously with the declared scalar type to be constants of this declared scalar type. Thus

are valid scalar type declarations.

Standard types

The following types are provided as standard in Vector Pascal:

integer The numbers are in the range -maxint to +maxint.

real	These are a subset of the reals constrained by the IEEE 32 bit floating point format.
double	These are a subset of the real numbers constrained by the IEEE 64 bit floating point format.
pixel	These are represented as fixed point binary fractions in the range -1.0 to 1.0.
boolean	These take on the values (false, true) which are ordered such that true>false.
char	These include the characters from chr(0) to charmax. All the allowed characters for string literals are in the type char, but the character-set may include other characters whose printable form is country specific.
pchar	Defined as ^char.
byte	These take on the positive integers between 0 and 255.
shortint	These take on the signed values between -128 and 127.
word	These take on the positive integers from 0 to 65535.
cardinal	These take on the positive integers form 0 to 4292967295, i.e., the most that can be represented in a 32 bit unsigned number.
longint	A 32 bit integer, retained for compatibility with Turbo Pascal.

Subrange types

int64

complex

A type may be declared as a subrange of another scalar or integer type by indicating the largest and smallest value in the subrange. These values must be constants known at compile time.

A complex number with the real and imaginary parts held to 32 bit precision.

<subrange type=""></subrange>	<constant> '' <constant></constant></constant>
-------------------------------	--

Examples: 1..10, 'a'..'f', monday..thursday.

A 64 bit integer.

Pixels

The *conceptual model* of pixels in Vector Pascal is that they are real numbers in the range -1.0..1.0. As a signed representation it lends itself to subtraction. As an unbiased representation, it makes the adjustment of contrast easier. For example, one can reduce contrast 50% simply by multiplying an image by 0.5^{-1} . Assignment to pixel variables in Vector Pascal is defined to be saturating - real numbers outside the range -1..1 are clipped to it. The multiplications involved in convolution operations fall naturally into place.

The *implementation model* of pixels used in Vector Pascal is of 8 bit signed integers treated as fixed point binary fractions. All the conversions necessary to preserve the monotonicity of addition, the range of multiplication etc, are delegated to the code generator which, where possible, will implement the semantics using efficient, saturated multi-media arithmetic instructions.

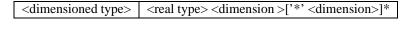
¹When pixels are represented as integers in the range 0..255, a 50% contrast reduction has to be expressed as $((p-128) \div 2) + 128$.

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Dimensioned types

These provide a means by which floating point types can be specialised to represent dimensioned numbers as is required in physics calculations. For example:

```
kms =(mass,distance,time);
meter=real of distance;
kilo=real of mass;
second=real of time;
newton=real of mass * distance * time POW -2;
meterpersecond = real of distance *time POW -1;
The grammar is given by:
```



<real type=""></real>	'real'
	'double'

<pre><dimension> <identifier>['POW'</identifier></dimension></pre>	[<sign>] <unsigned integer="">]</unsigned></sign>
--	--

The identifier must be a member of a scalar type, and that scalar type is then referred to as the basis space of the dimensioned type. The identifiers of the basis space are referred to as the dimensions of the dimensioned type. Associated with each dimension of a dimensioned type there is an integer number referred to as the power of that dimension. This is either introduced explicitly at type declaration time, or determined implicitly for the dimensional type of expressions.

A value of a dimensioned type is a dimensioned value. Let $\log_d t$ of a dimensioned type t be the power to which the dimension d of type t is raised. Thus for t =newton in the example above, and d =time, $\log_d t = -2$

If x and y are values of dimensioned types t_x and t_y respectively, then the following operators are only permissible if $t_x = t_y$

For + and -, the dimensional type of the result is the same as that of the arguments. The operations

are permitted if the types t_x and t_y share the same basis space, or if the basis space of one of the types is a subrange of the basis space of the other.

The operation POW is permitted between dimensioned types and integers.

Dimension deduction rules

1. If x = y * z for $x : t_1, y : t_2, z : t_3$ with basis space B then

$$\forall_{d \in B} \log_d t_1 = \log_d t_2 + \log_d t_3$$

2. If x = y/z for $x : t_1, y : t_2, z : t_3$ with basis space B then

$$\forall_{d \in B} \log_d t_1 = \log_d t_2 - \log_d t_3$$

3. If x = y POW z for $x : t_1, y : t_2, z : integer$ with basis space for t_2, B then

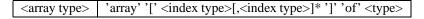
$$\forall_{d \in B} \log_d t_1 = \log_d t_2 \times z$$

2.3.2 Structured types

Static Array types

An array type is a structure consisting of a fixed number of elements all of which are the same type. The type of the elements is referred to as the element type. The elements of an array value are indicated by bracketed indexing expressions. The definition of an array type simultaneously defines the permitted type of indexing expression and the element type.

The index type of a static array must be a scalar or subrange type. This implies that the bounds of a static array are known at compile time.



<index type=""></index>	<subrange type=""></subrange>
	<scalar type=""></scalar>
	<integral type=""></integral>

Examples

```
array[colour] of boolean;
array[1..100] of integer;
array[1..2,4..6] of byte;
array[1..2] of array[4..6] of byte;
```

The notation [b,c] in an array declaration is shorthand for the notation [b] of array [c]. The number of dimensions of an array type is referred to as its rank. Scalar types have rank [c].

String types

A string type denotes the set of all sequences of characters up to some finite length and must have the syntactic form:

<string-type></string-type>	'string[' <integer constant="">']'</integer>
	'string'
	'string(' <ingeger constant="">')'</ingeger>

the integer constant indicates the maximum number of characters that may be held in the string type. The maximum number of characters that can be held in any string is indicated by the pre-declared constant maxstring. The type string is shorthand for string[maxstring].

Record types

A record type defines a set of similar data structures. Each member of this set, a record instance, is a Cartesian product of number of components or *fields* specified in the record type definition. Each field has an identifier and a type. The scope of these identifiers is the record itself.

A record type may have as a final component a *variant part*. The variant part, if a variant part exists, is a union of several variants, each of which may itself be a Cartesian product of a set of fields. If a variant part exists there may be a tag field whose value indicates which variant is assumed by the record instance.

All field identifiers even if they occur within different variant parts, must be unique within the record type.

	<record th="" type<=""><th>'record' <field list=""> 'end'</field></th><th></th></record>		'record' <field list=""> 'end'</field>	
	<field li<="" td=""><td>st></td><td><fixed part=""></fixed></td><td></td></field>	st>	<fixed part=""></fixed>	
		<1	fixed part>';' <variant part=""></variant>	
			<variant part=""></variant>	
<pre><fixed part=""> <record section=""> [';' <record pre="" section.]*<=""></record></record></fixed></pre>		n.]*		
record section> <identifier>[',' <identifier>]* ':' <ty< td=""><td><type></type></td></ty<></identifier></identifier>		<type></type>		
			<empty></empty>	

<pre><variant part=""> 'case' [<tag field=""> ':'] <type identifier=""></type></tag></variant></pre>	'of' <variant>[';' <variant>]*</variant></variant>
--	--

<variant></variant>	<pre><constant>[',' <constant>]*':' '(' <field list=""> ')'</field></constant></constant></pre>
	<empty></empty>

Set types

A set type defines the range of values which is the power-set of its base type. The base type must be an ordered type, that is a type on which the operations <, = and > are defined². Thus sets may be declared whose base types are characters, numbers, ordinals, or strings. Any user defined type on which the comparison operators have been defined can also be the base type of a set.

2.3.3 Dynamic types

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Variables declared within the program are accessed by their identifier. These variables exist throughout the existence of the scope within which they are declared, be this unit, program or procedure. These variables are assigned storage locations whose addresses, either absolute or relative to some register, can be determined at compile time. Such locations a referred to as static³. Storage locations may also be allocated dynamically. Given a type t, the type of a pointer to an instance of type t is ^t.

A pointer of type ^t can be initialised to point to a new store location of type t by use of the built in procedure new. Thus if p: ^t,

```
new(p);
```

causes p to point at a store location of type t.

Pointers to dynamic arrays

The types pointed to by pointer types can be any of the types mentioned so far, that is to say, any of the types allowed for static variables. In addition however, pointer types can

²ISO Pascal requires the base type to be a scalar type, a character type, integer type or a subrange thereof. When the base type is one of these, Vector Pascal implements the set using bitmaps. When the type is other than these, balanced binary trees are used. It is strongly recomended that use be made of Boehm garbage collector (see section 5.1.2) if non-bitmapped sets are used in a program.

³The Pascal concept of static variables should not be equated with the notion of static variables in some other languages such as C or Java. In Pascal a variable is considered static if its offset either relative to the stack base or relative to the start of the global segment can be determined at compile/link time. In C a variable is static only if its location relative to the start of the global segment is known at compile time.

be declared to point at dynamic arrays. A dynamic array is an array whose bounds are determined at run time.

Pascal 90[15] introduced the notion of schematic or parameterised types as a means of creating dynamic arrays. Thus where r is some integral or ordinal type one can write

```
type z(a,b:r)=array[a..b] of t;
If p:^z, then
new(p,n,m)
```

where n,m:r initialises p to point to an array of bounds n..m. The bounds of the array can then be accessed as $p^a.a$, $p^a.b$. In this case a, b are the formal parameters of the array type. Vector Pascal currently only allows parameterised types to be allocated on the heap via new. The extended form of the procedure new must be passed an actual parameter for each formal parameter in the array type.

Dynamic arrays

Vector Pascal also allows the use of Delphi style declarations for dynamic arrays. Thus one can declare:

```
type vector = array of real;
  matrix = array of array of real;
```

The size of such arrays has to be explicitly initialised at runtime by a call to the library procedure setlength. Thus one might have:

```
function readtotal:real;
var len:integer;
    v:vector;
begin
  readln(len);
  setlength(v,len);
  readln(v);
  readtotal := \+ v;
end;
```

The function readtotal reads the number of elements in a vector from the standard input. It then calls setlength to initialise the vector length. Next it reads in the vector and computes its total using the reduction operator \+.

In the example, the variable v denotes an array of reals not a pointer to an array of reals. However, since the array size is not known at compile time setlength will allocate space for the array on the heap not in the local stack frame. The use of setlength is thus restricted to programs which have been compiled with the garbage collection flag enabled (see section 5.1.2). The procedure setlength must be passed a parameter for each dimension of the dynamic array. The bounds of the array a formed by

```
\label{eq:setlength} \begin{split} & \text{setlength}(\texttt{a},\texttt{i},\texttt{j},\texttt{k}) \\ & \text{would then be 0..i-1, 0..j-1, 0..k-1.} \end{split}
```

Low and High

The build in functions low and high return the lower and upper bounds of an array respectively. They work with both static and dynamic arrays. Consider the following examples.

```
program arrays;
type z(a,b:integer)=array[a..b] of real;
    vec = array of real;
    line= array [1..80] of char;
    matrix = array of array of real;
```

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0 9 0 4 0 3 1 80 11 13

2.4 File types

A type may be declared to be a file of a type. This form of definition is kept only for backward compatibility. All file types are treated as being equivalent. A file type corresponds to a handle to an operating system file. A file variable must be associated with the operating system file by using the procedures assign, rewrite, append, and reset provided by the system unit. A pre-declared file type text exists.

Text files are assumed to be in Unicode UTF-8 format. Conversions are performed between the internal representation of characters and UTF-8 on input/output from/to a text file.

2.5 Variables

Variable declarations consist of a list of identifiers denoting the new variables, followed by their types.

```
<variable declaration> | <identifier>[',' <identifier>]* ':' <type><extmod>
```

Variables are abstractions over values. They can be either simple identifiers, components or ranges of components of arrays, fields of records or referenced dynamic variables.

<variable></variable>	<identifier></identifier>
	<indexed variable=""></indexed>
	<indexed range=""></indexed>
	<field designator=""></field>
	<referenced variable=""></referenced>

```
Examples
x,y:real;
i:integer;
point:^real;
dataset:array[1..n]of integer;
twoDdata:array[1..n,4..7] of real;
```

2.5.1 External Variables

A variable may be declared to be external by appending the external modifier.

```
<extmod> ';' 'external' 'name' <stringlit>
```

This indicates that the variable is declared in a non Vector Pascal external library. The name by which the variable is known in the external library is specified in a string literal.

```
Example
```

```
count:integer; external name '_count';
```

2.5.2 Entire Variables

An entire variable is denoted by its identifier. Examples x, y, point,

2.5.3 Indexed Variables

A component of an n dimensional array variable is denoted by the variable followed by n index expressions in brackets.

```
<indexed variable> | <variable>'['<expression>[','<expression>]*']'
```

The type of the indexing expression must conform to the index type of the array variable. The type of the indexed variable is the component type of the array.

Examples

```
twoDdata[2,6]
dataset[i]
Given the declaration
```

a=array[p] of q

then the elements of arrays of type a, will have type q and will be identified by indices of type p thus:

```
b[i]
where i:p, b:a.
Given the declaration
z = string[x]
```

for some integer $x \le maxstring$, then the characters within strings of type z will be identified by indices in the range 1..x, thus:

```
y[j]
where y:z, j:1..x.
```

Indexed Ranges

A range of components of an array variable are denoted by the variable followed by a range expression in brackets.

```
<indexed range> | <variable> '[' <range expression>[',' <range expression>]* ']'
```

```
<range expression> | <expression> '..' <expression>
```

The expressions within the range expression must conform to the index type of the array variable. The type of a range expression a[i..j] where a: array[p..q] of t is array[0..j-i] of t.

Examples:

```
dataset[i..i+2]:=blank;
twoDdata[2..3,5..6]:=twoDdata[4..5,11..12]*0.5;
```

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Subranges may be passed in as actual parameters to procedures whose corresponding formal parameters are declared as variables of a schematic type. Hence given the following declarations:

```
type image(miny,maxy,minx,maxx:integer)=array[miny..maxy,minx..maxx]
of byte;
  procedure invert(var im:image);begin im:=255-im; end;
  var screen:array[0..319,0..199] of byte;
  then the following statement would be valid:
  invert(screen[40..60,20..30]);
```

Indexing arrays with arrays

If an array variable occurs on the right hand side of an assignment statement, there is a further form of indexing possible. An array may be indexed by another array. If x:array[t0] of t1 and y:array[t1] of t2, then y[x] denotes the virtual array of type array[t0] of t2 such that y[x][i]=y[x[i]]. This construct is useful for performing permutations. To fully understand the following example refer to sections 3.1.3,3.2.1.

Example Given the declarations

```
const perms:array[0..3] of integer=(3,1,2,0);
var ma,m0:array[0..3] of integer;
then the statements
m0:= (iota 0)+1;
write('m0='):for j:=0 to 3 do write(m0[j]):writeln;
ma:=m0[perms];
write('perms='):for j:=0 to 3 do write(perms[j]):writeln;
writeln('ma:=m0[perms]'):for j:=0 to 3 do write(ma[j]):writeln;
would produce the output

m0= 1 2 3 4
perms= 3 1 2 0
ma:=m0[perms]
4 2 3 1
```

This basic method can also be applied to multi-dimensional array. Consider the following example of an image warp:

```
type pos = 0..255;
    image = array[pos,pos] of pixel;
    warper = array[pos,pos,0..1] of pos;
var im1 ,im2 :image;
    warp :warper;
begin
    ....
    getbackwardswarp(warp);
    im2 := im1 [ warp ];
    ....
```

The procedure getbackwardswarp determines for each pixel position x, y in an image the position in the source image from which it is to be obtained. After the assignment we have the postcondition

```
im2[x,y] = im1[warp[x,y,0], warp[x,y,1]] \forall x,y \in pos
```

2.5.4 Field Designators

A component of an instance of a record type, or the parameters of an instance of a schematic type are denoted by the record or schematic type instance followed by the field or parameter name.

2.5.5 Referenced Variables

If p:^t, then p^ denotes the dynamic variable of type t referenced by p.

<referenced variable=""></referenced>	<variable>'^'</variable>
---------------------------------------	--------------------------

2.6 Procedures and Functions

Procedure and function declarations allow algorithms to be identified by name and have arguments associated with them so that they may be invoked by procedure statements or function calls.

<pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre>procedure declaration></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>	<pre><pre><pre><pre>cprocedure heading>';'[<pre>ctail>]</pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>	
<pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>	'forward'	
	'external' ['name' <string>]</string>	
	<blook></blook>	
<pre><paramlist></paramlist></pre>	'(' <formal parameter="" sec="">[';'<formal parameter="" sec="">]*')'</formal></formal>	
<pre><pre><pre><pre>procedure heading></pre></pre></pre></pre>	'procedure' <identifier> [<paramlist>]</paramlist></identifier>	
	'function' <identifier>[<paramlist>]':'<type></type></paramlist></identifier>	
<formal parameter="" sec=""></formal>	['var'] <identifier>[','<identifier>]':'<type></type></identifier></identifier>	
	<pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>	
<pre><pre><pre><pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>	'procedure' [<paramlist>]</paramlist>	
	'function' [<paramlist>]':'<type></type></paramlist>	

The parameters declared in the procedure heading are local to the scope of the procedure. The parameters in the procedure heading are termed formal parameters. If the identifiers in a formal parameter section are preceded by the word var, then the formal parameters are termed variable parameters. The block⁴ of a procedure or function constitutes a scope local to its executable compound statement. Within a function declaration there must be at least one statement assigning a value to the function identifier. This assignment determines the result of a function, but assignment to this identifier does not cause an immediate return from the function.

Function return values can be scalars, pointers, records, strings, static arrays or sets. Arrays whose size is determined at run time may not be returned from a function.

Where a procedure is declared as forward it must be followed by a full definition of procedure lower in the current scope.

The external declaration form allows calls to be made to libraries written in other languages.

Examples The function sba is the mirror image of the abs function.

```
function sba(i:integer):integer;
begin if i>o then sba:=-i else sba:=i end;
type stack:array[0..100] of integer;
procedure push(var s:stack;i:integer);
```

⁴see section 4.

```
begin s[s[0]]:=i;s[0]:=s[0]+1; end;
procedure append(var f:fileptr);external;
procedure close (var f:fileptr); external name 'pasclose';
```

2.6.1 Procedural Parameters to Procedures

A procedure may have parameters that are themselves procedures as shown in the following example.

```
program CONF103(output);
var
   i : integer;
procedure alsoconforms(x : integer);
begin
  writeln(' PASS...6.6.3.1-4 (CONF103)')
procedure conforms(procedure alsoconforms(x : integer));
   var x : boolean;
begin
   x:=true;
   alsoconforms(1)
end;
begin
   i:=2;
   conforms(alsoconforms)
end.
```

2.6.2 Procedure types

Procedural types may be declared. This in turn allows procedure variables. These store the address of a procedure or function and can be assigned to using the address operator @.

Example

```
program procvar;
type t=procedure (x:integer);
var v:t;
    procedure f(a:integer);begin writeln(a);end;
begin
    v:= @f;
    v(3);
end.
```

Chapter 3

Algorithms

3.1 Expressions

An expression is a rule for computing a value by the application of operators and functions to other values. These operators can be *monadic* - taking a single argument, or *dyadic* - taking two arguments.

3.1.1 Mixed type expressions

The arithmetic operators are defined over the base types integer and real. If a dyadic operator that can take either real or integer arguments is applied to arguments one of which is an integer and the other a real, the integer argument is first implicitly converted to a real before the operator is applied. Similarly, if a dyadic operator is applied to two integral numbers of different precision, the number of lower precision is initially converted to the higher precisions, and the result is of the higher precision. Higher precision of types *t*, *u* is defined such that the type with the greater precision is the one which can represent the largest range of numbers. Hence reals are taken to be higher precision than longints even though the number of significant bits in a real may be less than in a longint.

When performing mixed type arithmetic between pixels and another numeric data type, the values of both types are converted to reals before the arithmetic is performed. If the result of such a mixed type expression is subsequently assigned to a pixel variable, all values greater than 1.0 are mapped to 1.0 and all values below -1.0 are mapped to -1.0.

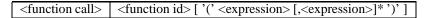
3.1.2 Primary expressions

<pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre>primary expression></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>	'(' <expression> ')'</expression>
	diteral string>
	'true'
	'false'
	<unsigned integer=""></unsigned>
	<unsigned real=""></unsigned>
	<variable></variable>
	<constant id=""></constant>
	<function call=""></function>
	<set construction=""></set>

The most primitive expressions are instances of the literals defined in the language: literal strings, boolean literals, literal reals and literal integers. 'Salerno', true, 12, \$ea8f, 1.2e9 are all primary expressions. The next level of abstraction is provided by symbolic

identifiers for values. X, left, a.max, p^n .next, z[1], image[4..200,100..150] are all primary expressions provided that the identifiers have been declared as variables or constants.

An expression surrounded by brackets () is also a primary expression. Thus if e is an expression so is (e).



<element></element>	<expression></expression>	
	<range expression=""></range>	

Let e be an expression of type t_1 and if f is an identifier of type function $(t_1):t_2$, then f(e) is a primary expression of type t_2 . A function which takes no parameters is invoked without following its identifier by brackets. It will be an error if any of the actual parameters supplied to a function are incompatible with the formal parameters declared for the function.

Finally a primary expression may be a set construction. A set construction is written as a sequence of zero or more elements enclosed in brackets [] and separated by commas. The elements themselves are either expressions evaluating to single values or range expressions denoting a sequence of consecutive values. The type of a set construction is deduced by the compiler from the context in which it occurs. A set construction occurring on the right hand side of an assignment inherits the type of the variable to which it is being assigned. The following are all valid set constructions:

- [], [1..9], [z..j,9], [a,b,c,]
- [] denotes the empty set.

3.1.3 Unary expressions

A unary expression is formed by applying a unary operator to another unary or primary expression. The unary operators supported are +, -, *, /, div, mod, and, or, not, round, sqrt, sin, cos, tan, abs, ln, ord, chr, byte2pixel, pixel2byte, succ, pred, iota, trans, addr and @.

Thus the following are valid unary expressions: -1, +b, not true, sqrt abs x, sin theta. In standard Pascal some of these operators are treated as functions,. Syntactically this means that their arguments must be enclosed in brackets, as in sin(theta). This usage remains syntactically correct in Vector Pascal.

The dyadic operators +, -, *, /, div, mod, and or are all extended to unary context by the insertion of an implicit value under the operation. Thus just as -a = 0-a so too /2 = 1/2. For sets the notation -s means the complement of the set s. The implicit value inserted are given below.

type	operators	implicit value
number	+,-	0
string	+	,,
set	+	empty set
number	*,/ ,div,mod	1
number	max	lowest representable number of the type
number	min	highest representable number of the type
boolean	and	true
boolean	or	false

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Table 3.1: Unary operators

lhs	rhs	meaning meaning	
<unaryop></unaryop>	'+'	+x = 0+x identity operator	
	,_,	-x = 0-x,	
		note: this is defined on integer, real and complex	
	'*', '×'	*x=1*x identity operator	
	,/,	/x=1.0/x	
		note: this is defined on integer, real and complex	
	'div', '÷'	div x = 1 div x	
	'mod'	$mod x = 1 \mod x$	
	'and'	and $x = \text{true}$ and x	
	'or'	or $x = $ false or x	
	'not', '¬'	complements booleans	
	'round'	rounds a real to the closest integer	
	'sqrt', '√'	returns square root as a real number.	
	'sin'	sine of its argument. Argument in radians. Result is real.	
	'cos'	cosine of its argument. Argument in radians. Result is real.	
	'tan'	tangent of its argument. Argument in radians. Result is real.	
	'abs'	if $x<0$ then abs $x = -x$ else abs $x = x$	
	'ln'	\log_e of its argument. Result is real.	
	'ord'	argument scalar type, returns ordinal	
		number of the argument.	
	'chr'	converts an integer into a character.	
	'succ'	argument scalar type,	
		returns the next scalar in the type.	
	'pred'	argument scalar type,	
		returns the previous scalar in the type.	
	'iota', 'ı'	iota i returns the ith current index	
	'trans'	transposes a matrix or vector	
	'pixel2byte'	convert pixel in range -1.01.0 to byte in range 0255	
	'byte2pixel'	convert a byte in range 0255 to a pixel in	
		the range -1.01.0	
	'@','addr'	Given a variable, this returns an	
		untyped pointer to the variable.	

A unary operator can be applied to an array argument and returns an array result. Similarly any user declared function over a scalar type can be applied to an array type and return an array. If f is a function or unary operator mapping from type r to type t then if x is an array of r, and a an array of t, then a := f(x) assigns an array of t such that a[i]=f(x[i])

<unary expression=""></unary>	<unaryop> <unary expression=""></unary></unaryop>	
	'sizeof' '(' <type> ')'</type>	
	<operator reduction=""></operator>	
	<pre><primary expression=""></primary></pre>	
	'if' <expression> 'then' <expression> 'else' <expression></expression></expression></expression>	

sizeof

The construct sizeof(t) where t is a type, returns the number of bytes occupied by an instance of the type.

iota

The operator iota i returns the ith current implicit index ¹.

Examples Thus given the definitions

```
var v1:array[1..3]of integer;
   v2:array[0..4] of integer;
   then the program fragment
   v1:=iota 0;
   v2:=iota 0 *2;
   for i:=1 to 3 do write( v1[i]); writeln;
   writeln('v2');
   for i:=0 to 4 do write( v2[i]); writeln;
   would produce the output
    v1
     1 2 3
     v2
     0 2 4 6 8
whilst given the definitions
```

```
m1:array[1..3,0..4] of integer; m2:array[0..4,1..3] of integer;
then the program fragment
m2:= iota 0 +2*iota 1;
writeln('m2:= iota 0 +2*iota 1 ');
for i:=0 to 4 do begin for j:=1 to 3 do write(m2[i,j]); writeln; end;
```

would produce the output

```
m2:= iota 0 +2*iota 1
2 4 6
3 5 7
4 6 8
5 7 9
6 8 10
```

The argument to iota must be an integer known at compile time within the range of implicit indices in the current context. The reserved word ndx is a synonym for iota.

perm A generalised permutation of the implicit indices is performed using the syntactic form:

```
perm[index-sel[,index-sel]* ]expression
```

The index-sels are integers known at compile time which specify a permutation on the implicit indices. Thus in e evaluated in context perm[i, j, k]e, then:

```
iota 0 = iota i, iota 1 = iota j, iota 2 = iota k
```

This is particularly useful in converting between different image formats. Hardware frame buffers typically represent images with the pixels in the red, green, blue, and alpha channels adjacent in memory. For image processing it is convenient to hold them in distinct planes. The perm operator provides a concise notation for translation between these formats:

¹See section 3.2.1.

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```
type rowindex=0..479;
    colindex=0..639;
var channel=red..alpha;
    screen:array[rowindex,colindex,channel] of pixel;
    img:array[channel,colindex,rowindex] of pixel;
...
screen:=perm[2,0,1]img;
```

trans and diag provide shorthand notions for expressions in terms of perm. Thus in an assignment context of rank 2, trans = perm[1,0] and diag = perm[0,0].

trans

The operator trans transposes a vector or matrix. It achieves this by cyclic rotation of the implicit indices. Thus if trans e is evaluated in a context with implicit indices

```
iota 0.. iota n then the expression e is evaluated in a context with implicit indices iota'0.. iota'n where iota'x = iota ( (x+1)mod n+1)
```

It should be noted that transposition is generalised to arrays of rank greater than 2.

Examples Given the definitions used above in section 3.1.3, the program fragment:

```
m1:= (trans v1)*v2;
writeln('(trans v1)*v2');
for i:=1 to 3 do begin for j:=0 to 4 do write(m1[i,j]); writeln; end;
m2 := trans m1;
writeln('transpose 1..3,0..4 matrix');
for i:=0 to 4 do begin for j:=1 to 3 do write(m2[i,j]); writeln; end;
will produce the output:
```

```
(trans v1)*v2
0 2 4 6 8
0 4 8 12 16
0 6 12 18 24
transpose 1..3,0..4 matrix
0 0 0
2 4 6
4 8 12
6 12 18
8 16 24
```

3.1.4 Operator Reduction

Any dyadic operator can be converted to a monadic reduction operator by the functional \. Thus if a is an array, \+a denotes the sum over the array. More generally $\ \Phi x$ for some dyadic operator Φ means $x_0\Phi(x_1\Phi..(x_n\Phi t))$ where t is the implicit value given the operator and the type. Thus we can write \+ for summation, * for nary product etc. The dot product of two vectors can thus be written as

```
instead of
x:=0;
for i:=0 to n do x:= x+ y[i]*z[i];
```

A reduction operation takes an argument of rank r and returns an argument of rank r-1 except in the case where its argument is of rank 0, in which case it acts as the identity operation. Reduction is always performed along the last array dimension of its argument.

The operations of summation and product can be be written eithter as the two functional forms $\setminus +$ and $\setminus *$ or as the prefix operators \sum (Unicode 2211) and \prod (Unicode 220f).

<pre><operator reduction=""></operator></pre>	'\' <dyadic op=""> <multiplicative expression=""></multiplicative></dyadic>
	'Σ' <mutliplicative expression=""></mutliplicative>
	'∏' < multiplicative expression>

<dyadic op=""></dyadic>	<expop></expop>
	<multop></multop>
	<addop></addop>

The reserved word rdu is available as a lexical alternative to \setminus , so \setminus + is equivalent to rdu+.

3.1.5 Complex conversion

Complex numbers can be produced from reals using the function cmplx. cmplx(re,im) is the complex number with real part re, and imaginaray part im.

The real and imaginary parts of a complex number can be obtained by the functions re and im. re(c) is the real part of the complex number c. im(c) is the imaginary part of the complex number c.

3.1.6 Conditional expressions

The conditional expression allows two different values to be returned depenent upon a boolean expression.

```
var a:array[0..63] of real;
...
a:=if a>0 then a else -a;
```

The if expression can be compiled in two ways:

1. Where the two arms of the if expression are parallelisable, the condition and both arms are evaluated and then merged under a boolean mask. Thus, the above assignment would be equivalent to:

```
a:= (a \text{ and } (a>0)) \text{ or } (\text{not } (a>0) \text{ and } -a);
were the above legal Pascal<sup>2</sup>.
```

2. If the code is not paralleliseable it is translated as equivalent to a standard if statement. Thus, the previous example would be equivalent to:

```
for i:=0 to 63 do if a[i]>0 then a[i]:=a[i] else a[i]:=-a[i]; Expressions are non parallelisable if they include function calls.
```

²This compilation strategy requires that true is equivalent to -1 and false to 0. This is typically the representation of booleans returned by vector comparison instructions on SIMD instruction sets. In Vector Pascal this representation is used generally and in consequence, true<false.

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Table 3.2: Null elements for boolean masking

Type Null Element
Numbers 0
Strings empty string
Booleans false

The dual compilation strategy allows the same linguistic construct to be used in recursive function definitions and parallel data selection.

Use of boolean mask vectors

In array programming many operations can be efficiently be expressed in terms of boolean mask vectors. Given the declarations:

```
const
       s:array[1..4] of string[8]=('dog','fish','bee','beans');
       i:array[1..4] of integer=(1,2,3,4);
       r:array[1..4] of real=(0.5,1.0,2.0,4.0);
       b:array[1..4] of boolean=(false,true,false,true);
var
       c:array[1..4] of complex;
and if c is intialised to cmplx(1,0.5), then the statements
write (b,i and b, r and b);
write(s:12, (s and b):12 );
write(c and b);
will output
                                 false
       false
                     true
                                               true
           0
                       2
                                                  4
           0
                        1
                                     0
                                                  4
                     fish
                                              beans
         dog
                                   bee
                     fish
                                              beans
         0j0
                   1j5e-1
                                             1j5e-1
                                   0 j 0
```

and operations using boolean arrays are particularly usefull in performing parallel selection operations on arrays. For numeric types, they commpile efficiently to SIMD code. Anding a value with boolean true leaves the value unchanged, anding with false returns a null element.

3.1.7 Factor

A factor is an expression that optionally performs exponentiation. Vector Pascal supports exponentiation either by integer exponents or by real exponents. A number x can be raised to an integral power y by using the construction x pow y. A number can be raised to an arbitrary real power by the ** operator. The result of ** is always real valued.

<expop></expop>	'pow'
-----------------	-------

<factor></factor>	<unary expression=""></unary>	[<expop> <unary expression="">]</unary></expop>
-------------------	-------------------------------	--

Operator Left		Right	Result	Effect of $a \circ p b$
*, ×	integer	integer	integer	multiply
	string	integer	string	replicate, 'ab'*2 = 'abab'
	real	real	real	multiply
	complex	complex	complex	multiply
/	integer	integer	real	division
	real	real	real	division
	complex	complex	complex	division
div, ÷	integer	integer	integer	division
mod	integer	integer	integer	remainder
and	boolean	boolean	boolean	logical and
shr	integer	integer	integer	shift a by b bits right
shl	integer	integer	integer	shift a by b bits left
in, \in	t	set of t	boolean	true if a is member of b

Table 3.3: Multiplicative operators

3.1.8 Multiplicative expressions

Multiplicative expressions consist of factors linked by the multiplicative operators *, \times , /, div, \div ,, mod, shr, shl and. The use of these operators is summarised in table 3.3.

<multop></multop>	,*,
	,×,
	,/,
	'div'
	, <u>.</u> ,
	'shr'
	'shl'
	'and'
	'mod'

<multiplicative expression=""></multiplicative>	<factor> [<multop> <factor>]*</factor></multop></factor>
	<factor>'in'<multiplicative expression=""></multiplicative></factor>

3.1.9 Additive expressions

An additive expression allows multiplicative expressions to be combined using the addition operators +, -, or, +:, max, min, -:, ><. The additive operations are summarised in table 3.4.

<addop></addop>	' +'
	,_,
	'or'
	'max'
	'min'
	'+:'
	·-:'

<add< th=""><th>itive expression></th><th><multiplicative< th=""><th>expression> [<addo< th=""><th>p> <multiplicative< th=""><th>expression>]*</th></multiplicative<></th></addo<></th></multiplicative<></th></add<>	itive expression>	<multiplicative< th=""><th>expression> [<addo< th=""><th>p> <multiplicative< th=""><th>expression>]*</th></multiplicative<></th></addo<></th></multiplicative<>	expression> [<addo< th=""><th>p> <multiplicative< th=""><th>expression>]*</th></multiplicative<></th></addo<>	p> <multiplicative< th=""><th>expression>]*</th></multiplicative<>	expression>]*
---	-------------------	--	---	--	----------------

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Table 3.4: Addition operations

	Left	Right	Result	Effect of a op b
+	integer	integer	integer	sum of a and b
	real	real	real	sum of a and b
	complex	complex	complex	sum of a and b
	set	set	set	union of a and b
	string	string	string	concatenate a with b 'ac'+'de'='acde'
-	integer	integer	integer	result of subtracting b from a
	real	real	real	result of subtracting b from a
	complex	complex	complex	result of subtracting b from a
	set	set	set	complement of b relative to a
+:	0255	0255	0255	saturated + clipped to 0255
	-128127	-128127	-128127	saturated + clipped to -128127
-:	0255	0255	0255	saturated - clipped to 0255
	-128127	-128127	-128127	saturated - clipped to -128127
min	integer	integer	integer	returns the lesser of the numbers
	real	real	real	returns the lesser of the numbers
max	integer	integer	integer	returns the greater of the numbers
	real	real	real	returns the greater of the numbers
or	boolean	boolean	boolean	logical or
><	set	set	set	symetric difference

Table 3.5: Relational operators

<	Less than
>	Greater than
<=	Less than or equal to
>=	Greater than or equal to
<>	Not equal to
=	Equal to

<expression> <additive expression> <relational operator> <expression>

3.1.10 **Expressions**

An expression can optionally involve the use of a relational operator to compare the results of two additive expressions. Relational operators always return boolean results and are listed in table 3.5.

Operator overloading

The dyadic operators can be extended to operate on new types by operator overloading. Figure 3.1 shows how arithmetic on the type complex required by Extended Pascal [15] is defined in Vector Pascal. Each operator is associated with a semantic function and if it is a non-relational operator, an identity element. The operator symbols must be drawn from the set of predefined Vector Pascal operators, and when expressions involving them are parsed, priorities are inherited from the predefined operators. The type signature of the operator is deduced from the type of the function³.

³Vector Pascal allows function results to be of any non-procedural type.

```
interface
  type
      Complex = record data : array [0..1] of real ;
     end ;
  var
      complexzero, complexone : complex;
  function real2cmplx ( realpart :real ):complex ;
  function cmplx ( realpart ,imag :real ):complex ;
  function complex_add ( A ,B :Complex ):complex ;
  function complex_conjugate ( A :Complex ):complex ;
  function complex_subtract ( A ,B :Complex ):complex ;
  function complex_multiply ( A ,B :Complex ):complex ;
  function complex_divide ( A ,B :Complex ):complex ;
      { Standard operators on complex numbers }
      { symbol function identity element }
     operator + = Complex_add , complexzero ;
     operator / = complex_divide , complexone ;
     operator * = complex_multiply , complexone ;
     operator - = complex_subtract , complexzero ;
     operator cast = real2cmplx ;
```

Note that only the function headers are given here as this code comes from the interface part of the system unit. The function bodies and the initialisation of the variables complexone and complexzero are handled in the implementation part of the unit.

Example 3.1: Defining operations on complex numbers

<operator-declaration></operator-declaration>	'operator' 'cast' '=' <identifier></identifier>
	'operator' <dyadicop> '=' <identifier>','<identifier></identifier></identifier></dyadicop>
	'operator' <relational operator=""> '=' <identifier></identifier></relational>

When parsing expressions, the compiler first tries to resolve operations in terms of the predefined operators of the language, taking into account the standard mechanisms allowing operators to work on arrays. Only if these fail does it search for an overloaded operator whose type signature matches the context.

In the example in figure 3.1, complex numbers are defined to be records containing an array of reals, rather than simply as an array of reals. Had they been so defined, the operators +, *, -, / on reals would have masked the corresponding operators on complex numbers.

The provision of an identity element for complex addition and subtraction ensures that unary minus, as in -x for x:complex, is well defined, and correspondingly that unary / denotes complex reciprocal. Overloaded operators can be used in array maps and array reductions.

Implicit casts

The Vector Pascal language already contains a number of implicit type conversions that are context determind. An example is the promotion of integers to reals in the context of arithmetic expressions. The set of implicit casts can be added to by declaring an operator to be a cast as is shown in the line:

```
operator cast = real2cmplx ;
```

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```
{:tests vector product of integer vectors
program conf551;
const
    a:array[0..3] of integer=(1,1,2,3);
    b:array[0..3] of integer=(1,2,3,4);
var i:integer;
begin
    i:=a.b;
    if i=21 then
        writeln('PASS integer vector product allowed')
    else
        writeln('FAIL integer vector product i=',i)
end.
```

Example 3.2: Example of the inner product operation

Example 3.3: Using vector product to format roman numerals

Given an implict cast from type $t_0 \rightarrow t_1$, the function associated with the implicit cast is then called on the result of any expression $e: t_0$ whose expression context requires it to be of type t_1 .

3.1.12 Vector inner product

The inner product of two vectors is defined as:

$$a.b = \sum_{i} a_i \times b_i$$

or in Vector Pascal notation: $a.b = \ + \ a*b$. Vector Pascal supports this inner product operation on any pair of vectors with the following properties:

- 1. The lengths of the vectors must be the same.
- 2. The types of the vectors must be such that they support the operators + and *.

Inner product can obviously be used on numeric vectors as shown in Example 3.2 but it can also be used with other types for which + and * are defined, as shown in Example 3.3.

The inner product operation is of higher priority than any other. Its arguments must be arrays.

3.1.13 Matrix to Vector Product

Matrix to vector product can be used to carry out generalised linear geometry transforms. We can do this in Vector Pascal if a two dimensional array is used to multiply a one dimensional array, using the dot product operator. If ${\tt M}$ is a two dimensional array and ${\tt v}$ a vector, ${\tt M}$. ${\tt v}$ produces the transformed vector.

The program matvmult shown in Example 3.4, shows the repeated application of a rotation and translation matrix to the unit x vector. When the matrix

is applied to a vector of the form [x, y, z, 1], it rotates it by 45° and moves it up by 0.2.

Data-flow Hazards

Note that in Example 3.4, one can not simply write v1:=M.v1, instead one has to write:

since the vector v1 might be changing whilst it was being read. Had the compiler been encountered this statement it would have generated the error messages:

```
compilation failed
17 : Error assignment invalid
17 : Error in primary expression started by m
17 : Error attempting to reduce rank of variable
17 : Error data hazard found. Destination v1 is used with an index permutation on right hand side of := which can cause it to be corrupted.
   You can get round this by assigning to a temporary array instead and then assigning the temporary to destination v1
```

A check for data-flow hazards is applied to all array assignment statements. If array expressions could all be evaluated in parallel, then there would be no hazards. The problem arises because only simple array expressions can be evaluated entirely in parallel. In other cases the array assignment has to be broken down by the compiler into a sequence of steps. This gives rise to the danger that an array location may be altered by an early step prior to it being used a source of data by a subsequent step.

In most cases there will be no problem even where the destination vector appears on the right hand side of an assignment. Thus:

```
M:=M+v;
```

for some matrix M and vector v, is ok, since here each element of M depends only on its own prior value. However for v1:=M.v1, we have the equations

$$v1_0 = \sum_{j=0}^{3} M_{0j} v1_j \tag{3.1}$$

$$v1_1 = \sum_{j=0}^{3} M_{1j} v1_j \tag{3.2}$$

In which ever order the code for these equations is evaluated, either $v1_0$ or $v1_1$ will be altered before it is used in the other equation.

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```
program matvmult;
     type vec=array[0..3] of real;
          mat=array[0..3] of vec;
     const
        rr2= 0.7071067 ;
                                       { 1/sqrt(2) }
        M:mat=(( rr2,-rr2,0.0,0.0) , { 45degree spiral matrix }
               (rr2,rr2,0.0,0.0),
               (0.0,0.0,1.0,0.2),
               (0.0,0.0,0.0,1.0));
       v:vec=(1.0,0.0,0.0,1.0);
     var v1,v2:vec; i:integer;
     begin
       write (M,v);
       v1:=v;
       (* perform 8 45degree rotations *)
       for i:=1 to 8 do begin
          v2 := M.v1;
          v1:=v2;
          write(v1);
       end;
     end.
produces as output
          0.70711
                     -0.70711
                                   0.00000
                                                0.00000
          0.70711
                      0.70711
                                   0.00000
                                                0.00000
          0.00000
                       0.00000
                                   1.00000
                                                0.20000
          0.00000
                       0.00000
                                   0.00000
                                                1.00000
          1.00000
                       0.00000
                                   0.00000
                                                1.00000
          0.70711
                       0.70711
                                   0.20000
                                                1.00000
          0.00000
                      1.00000
                                   0.40000
                                                1.00000
                      0.70711
         -0.70711
                                   0.60000
                                                1.00000
         -1.00000
                     -0.00000
                                   0.80000
                                                1.00000
         -0.70711
                     -0.70711
                                   1.00000
                                                1.00000
         -0.00000
                     -1.00000
                                   1.20000
                                                1.00000
          0.70711
                     -0.70711
                                   1.40000
                                                1.00000
          1.00000
                     -0.00000
                                   1.60000
                                                1.00000
```

Example 3.4: Using a spiral rotation matrix to operate on the unit x vector.

Produces output

10 13 11 14

Example 3.5: Matrix by matrix multiplication.

3.1.14 Matrix to Matrix multiplication

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The dot operator can be used between matrices to perform matrix multiplication as illustrated in Example 3.5. This applies the standard equation for matrix multiplication:

$$c_{ik} = \sum_{s=1}^{p} a_{is} b_{sk} \tag{3.3}$$

where A is of order $(m \times p)$ and B is of order $(p \times n)$ to give a resulting matrix C of order $(m \times n)$.

3.2 Statements

3.2.1 Assignment

An assignment replaces the current value of a variable by a new value specified by an expression. The assignment operator is :=. Standard Pascal allows assignment of whole

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arrays. Vector Pascal extends this to allow consistent use of mixed rank expressions on the right hand side of an assignment. Given

```
r0:real; r1:array[0..7] of real;
r2:array[0..7,0..7] of real
then we can write

1. r1:= r2[3]; { supported in standard Pascal }

2. r1:= /2; { assign 0.5 to each element of r1 }

3. r2:= r1*3; { assign 1.5 to every element of r2}

4. r1:= \+ r2; { r1 gets the totals along the rows of r2}

5. r1:= r1+r2[1]; { r1 gets the corresponding elements of row 1 of r2 added to it}
```

The assignment of arrays is a generalisation of what standard Pascal allows. Consider the first examples above, they are equivalent to:

```
    for i:=0 to 7 do r1[i]:=r2[3,i];
    for i:=0 to 7 do r1[i]:=/2;
    for i:=0 to 7 do
        for j:=0 to 7 do r2[i,j]:=r1[j]*3;
    for i:=0 to 7 do
        begin
        t:=0;
        for j:=7 downto 0 do t:=r2[i,j]+t;
        r1[i]:=t;
        end;
    for i:=0 to 7 do r1[i]:=r1[i]+r2[1,i];
```

In other words the compiler has to generate an implicit loop over the elements of the array being assigned to and over the elements of the array acting as the data-source. In the above i, j, t are assumed to be temporary variables not referred to anywhere else in the program. The loop variables are called implicit indices and may be accessed using iota.

The variable on the left hand side of an assignment defines an array context within which expressions on the right hand side are evaluated. Each array context has a rank given by the number of dimensions of the array on the left hand side. A scalar variable has rank 0. Variables occurring in expressions with an array context of rank r must have r or fewer dimensions. The n bounds of any n dimensional array variable, with $n \le r$ occurring within an expression evaluated in an array context of rank r must match with the rightmost n bounds of the array on the left hand side of the assignment statement.

Where a variable is of lower rank than its array context, the variable is replicated to fill the array context. This is shown in examples 2 and 3 above. Because the rank of any assignment is constrained by the variable on the left hand side, no temporary arrays, other than machine registers, need be allocated to store the intermediate array results of expressions.

3.2.2 Procedure statement

A procedure statement executes a named procedure. A procedure statement may, in the case where the named procedure has formal parameters, contain a list of actual parameters. These are substituted in place of the formal parameters contained in the declaration. Parameters may be value parameters or variable parameters.

Semantically the effect of a value parameter is that a copy is taken of the actual parameter and this copy substituted into the body of the procedure. Value parameters may be structured values such as records and arrays. For scalar values, expressions may be passed as actual parameters. Array expressions are not currently allowed as actual parameters.

A variable parameter is passed by reference, and any alteration of the formal parameter induces a corresponding change in the actual parameter. Actual variable parameters must be variables.

<pre><parameter></parameter></pre>	<variable></variable>	for formal parameters declared as var
	<expression></expression>	for other formal parameters

<pre><pre><pre><pre>continue</pre></pre></pre></pre>	<identifier></identifier>
	<identifier> '(' <parameter> [','<parameter>]* ')'</parameter></parameter></identifier>

Examples

```
    printlist;
    compare(avec,bvec,result);
```

3.2.3 Goto statement

A goto statement transfers control to a labelled statement. The destination label must be declared in a label declaration. It is illegal to jump into or out of a procedure.

```
Example goto 99;
```

3.2.4 Exit Statement

An exit statement transfers control to the calling point of the current procedure or function. If the exit statement is within a function then the exit statement can have a parameter: an expression whose value is returned from the function.

Examples

```
    exit;
    exit(5);
```

3.2.5 Compound statement

A list of statements separated by semicolons may be grouped into a compound statement by bracketing them with begin and end .

```
Example begin a:=x*3; b:=sqrt a end;
```

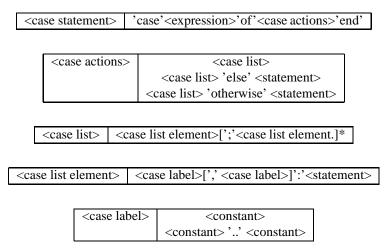
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3.2.6 If statement

The basic control flow construct is the if statement. If the boolean expression between if and then is true then the statement following then is followed. If it is false and an else part is present, the statement following else is executed.

3.2.7 Case statement

The case statement specifies an expression which is evaluated and which must be of integral or ordinal type. Dependent upon the value of the expression control transfers to the statement labelled by the matching constant.



3.2.8 With statement

Within the component statement of the with statement the fields of the record variable can be referred to without prefixing them by the name of the record variable. The effect is to import the component statement into the scope defined by the record variable declaration so that the field-names appear as simple variable names.

```
Example var s:record x,y:real end;
begin
with s do begin x:=0;y:=1 end;
end
```

3.2.9 For statement

A for statement executes its component statement repeatedly under the control of an iteration variable. The iteration variable must be of an integral or ordinal type. The variable is either set to count up through a range or down through a range.

```
for i:= e1 to e2 do s is equivalent to
```

```
i:=e1; temp:=e2;while i<=temp do s;
whilst
for i:= e1 downto e2 do s
is equivalent to
i:=e1; temp:=e2;while i>= temp do s;
```

3.2.10 While statement

A while statement executes its component statement whilst its boolean expression is true. The statement

```
while e do s
is equivalent to
10: if not e then goto 99; s; goto 10; 99:
```

3.2.11 Repeat statement

A repeat statement executes its component statement at least once, and then continues to execute the component statement until its component expression becomes true.

```
repeat s until e
is equivalent to
10: s;if e then goto 99; goto 10;99:
```

3.3 Input Output

<io statement=""></io>	'writeln'[<outparamlist>]</outparamlist>
	'write' <outparamlist></outparamlist>
	'readln' [<inparamlist>]</inparamlist>
	'read' <inparamlist></inparamlist>

<outparamlist></outparamlist>	'(' <outparam>[','<outparam>]*')'</outparam></outparam>

```
<outparam> | <expression>[':'<expression>] [':'<expression>]
```

```
<inparamlist> '('<variable>[','<variable>]*')'
```

Input and output are supported from and to the console and also from and to files.

3.3.1 Input

The basic form of input is the read statement. This takes a list of parameters the first of which may optionally be a file variable. If this file variable is present it is the input file. In the absence of a leading file variable the input file is the standard input stream. The parameters take the form of variables into which appropriate translations of textual representations of values in the file are read. The statement

```
read(a,b,c)
```

where a,b,c are non file parameters is exactly equivalent to the sequence of statements read(a); read(b); read(c)

The readln statement has the same effect as the read statement but finishes by reading a new line from the input file. The representation of the new line is operating system dependent. The statement

```
readln(a,b,c)
```

where a,b,c are non file parameters is thus exactly equivalent to the sequence of statements

```
read(a);read(b);read(c);readln;
```

Allowed typed for read statements are: integers, reals, strings and enumerated types.

3.3.2 Output

The basic form of output is the write statement. This takes a list of parameters the first of which may optionally be a file variable. If this file variable is present it is the output file. In the absence of a leading file variable the output file is the console. The parameters take the form of expressions whose values whose textual representations are written to the output file. The statement

```
write(a,b,c)
```

where a,b,c are non file parameters is exactly equivalent to the sequence of statements write(a); write(b); write(c)

The writeln statement has the same effect as the write statement but finishes by writing a new line to the output file. The representation of the new line is operating system dependent. The statement

```
writeln(a,b,c)
```

where a,b,c are non file parameters is thus exactly equivalent to the sequence of statements

```
write(a);write(b);write(c);writeln;
```

Allowed types for write statements are integers, reals, strings and enumerated types.

Parameter formating

A non file parameter can be followed by up to two integer expressions prefixed by colons which specify the field widths to be used in the output. The write parameters can thus have the following forms:

```
e e:m e:m:n
```

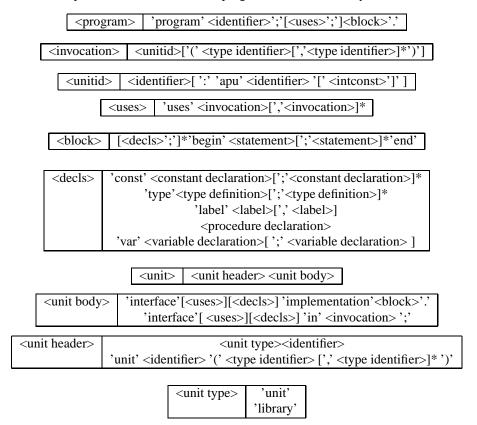
- 1. If *e* is an integral type its decimal expansion will be written preceded by sufficient blanks to ensure that the total textual field width produced is not less than *m*.
- 2. If *e* is a real its decimal expansion will be written preceded by sufficient blanks to ensure that the total textual field width produced is not less than *m*. If *n* is present the total number of digits after the decimal point will be *n*. If *n* is omitted then the number will be written out in exponent and mantissa form with 6 digits after the decimal point
- 3. If *e* is boolean the strings 'true' or 'false' will be written into a field of width not less than m.
- 4. If *e* If the value of e is a string-type value with a length of *n*, the default value of *m* shall be n. The representation shall consist of

```
if m > n,  (m-n) \text{ spaces,} \\ \text{if } n > 0, \\ \text{the first through } n\text{-th characters of the value of e in that order.} \\ \text{if } 1 <= m <= n, \\ \text{the first through } m\text{-th characters in that order.} \\ \text{if } m = 0, \\ \text{no characters.} \\ \end{cases}
```

Chapter 4

Programs, Units and Libraries

Vector Pascal supports the popular system of separate compilation units found in Turbo Pascal. A compilation unit can be either a program, a unit or a library.



An executable compilation unit must be declared as a program. The program can use several other compilation units all of which must be either units or libraries. The units or libraries that it directly uses are specified by a list of identifiers in an optional use list at the start of the program. A unit or library has two declaration portions and an executable block.

4.1 The export of identifiers from units

The first declaration portion is the interface part and is preceded by the reserved word interface.

```
unit genericsort(t);
interface
type
    dataarray ( n ,m :integer )=array [n ..m] of t;
procedure sort ( var a :dataarray ); (see Figure 4.2 )
implementation
procedure sort ( var a :dataarray ); (see Figure 4.2 )
begin
end .
```

Example 4.1: A polymorphic sorting unit.

The definitions in the interface section of unit files constitute a sequence of enclosing scopes, such that successive units in the with list ever more closely contain the program itself. Thus when resolving an identifier, if the identifier can not be resolved within the program scope, the declaration of the identifier within the interface section of the rightmost unit in the uses list is taken as the defining occurrence. It follows that rightmost occurrence of an identifier definition within the interface parts of units on the uses list overrides all occurrences in interface parts of units to its left in the uses list.

The implementation part of a unit consists of declarations, preceded by the reserved word implementation that are private to the unit with the exception that a function or procedure declared in an interface context can omit the procedure body, provided that the function or procedure is redeclared in the implementation part of the unit. In that case the function or procedure heading given in the interface part is taken to refer to the function or procedure of the same name whose body is declared in the implementation part. The function or procedure headings sharing the same name in the interface and implementation parts must correspond with respect to parameter types, parameter order and, in the case of functions, with respect to return types.

A unit may itself contain a use list, which is treated in the same way as the use lists of a program. That is to say, the use list of a unit makes accessible identifiers declared within the interface parts of the units named within the use list to the unit itself.

4.1.1 The export of Operators from units

A unit can declare a type and export operators for that type.

4.2 Unit parameterisation and generic functions

Standard Pascal provides es some limited support for polymorphism in its read and write functions. Vector Pascal allows the writing of polymorphic functions and procedures through the use of parameteric units.

A unit header can include an optional parameter list. The parameters identifiers which are interepreted as type names. These can be used to declare polymorphic procedures and functions, parameterised by these type names. This is shown in figure 4.1.

```
procedure sort ( var a:dataarray); var
Let i, j \in integer;
Let temp \in t;
begin
for i \leftarrow a.n to a.m-1 do
for j \leftarrow a.n to a.m-1 do
if a_j > a_{j+1} then begin begin
temp \leftarrow a_j;
a_j \leftarrow a_{j+1};
a_{j+1} \leftarrow temp;
end;
end;
```

Example 4.2: procedure sort

4.3 The invocation of programs and units

Programs and units contain an executable block. The rules for the execution of these are as follows:

- 1. When a program is invoked by the operating system, the units or libraries in its use list are invoked first followed by the executable block of the program itself.
- 2. When a unit or library is invoked, the units or libraries in its use list are invoked first followed by the executable block of the unit or library itself.
- 3. The order of invocation of the units or libraries in a use list is left to right with the exception provided by rule 4.
- 4. No unit or library may be invoked more than once.

Note that rule 4 implies that a unit x to the right of a unit y within a use list, may be invoked before the unit y, if the unit y or some other unit to y's left names x in its use list.

Note that the executable part of a library will only be invoked if the library in the context of a Vector Pascal program. If the library is linked to a main program in some other language, then the library and any units that it uses will not be invoked. Care should thus be taken to ensure that Vector Pascal libraries to be called from main programs written in other languages do not depend upon initialisation code contained within the executable blocks of units.

4.4 The compilation of programs and units.

When the compiler processes the use list of a unit or a program then, from left to right, for each identifier in the use list it attempts to find an already compiled unit whose filename prefix is equal to the identifier. If such a file exists, it then looks for a source file whose filename prefix is equal to the identifier, and whose suffix is .pas. If such a file exists and is older than the already compiled file, the already compiled unit, the compiler loads the definitions contained in the pre-compiled unit. If such a file exists and is newer than the pre-compiled unit, then the compiler attempts to re-compile the unit source file. If this recompilation proceeds without the detection of any errors the compiler loads the definitions of the newly compiled unit. The definitions in a unit are saved to a file with the suffix .mpu, and prefix given by the unit name. The compiler also generates an assembler file for each unit compiled.

4.5 Instantiation of parametric units

Instantiation of a parametric unit refers to the process by which the unbound type variables introduced in the parameter list of the unit are bound to actual types. In Vector Pascal all instantiation of parametric units and all type polymorphism are resolved at compile time. Two mechanisms are provided by which a parametric unit may be instantiated.

4.5.1 Direct instantiation

If a generic unit is invoked in the use list of a program or unit, then the unit name must be followed by a list of type identifiers. Thus given the generic sort unit in figure 4.1, one could instantiate it to sort arrays of reals by writing

```
uses genericsort(real);
```

at the head of a program. Following this header, the procedure *sort* would be declared as operating on arrays of reals.

4.5.2 Indirect instantiation

A named unit file can indirectly instantiate a generic unit where its unit body uses the syntax

```
'interface' <uses><decls> 'in' <invocation> ';'
For example

unit intsort;
interface
in genericsort (integer);
```

would create a named unit to sort integers. The naming of the parametric units allows more than one instance of a given parametric unit to be used in a program. The generic sort unit could be used to provide both integer and real sorting procedures. The different variants of the procedures would be distinquished by using fully qualified names - e.g., *intsort.sort*.

4.6 The System Unit

All programs and units include by default the unit system.pas as an implicit member of their with list. This contains declarations of private run time routines needed by Vector Pascal and also the following user accessible routines.

```
function abs Return absolute value of a real or integer.
procedure append(var f:file); This opens a file in append mode.
function arctan(x:Real):Real;
procedure assign(var f:file;var fname:string); Associates a file name with a file. It does not open the file.
procedure blockread(var f:file;var buf;count:integer; var resultcount:integer);
    Trys to read count bytes from the file into the buffer. Resultcount contains the number actually read.
```

```
LatexCommand \index{blockwrite}procedure blockwrite(var f:file;var buf;count:integer;
           var resultcount:integer); Write count bytes from the buffer. Result-
           count gives the number actually read.
procedure close(var f:file); Closes a file.
function eof(var f:file):boolean; True if we are at the end of file f.
procedure erase(var f:file); Delete file f.
function eoln(var f:file):boolean; True if at the end of a line.
function \exp(d:real):real; Return e^x
function filesize(var f: fileptr):integer; Return number of bytes in a file.
function filepos(var f:fileptr):integer; Return current position in a file.
procedure freemem(var p:pointer; num:integer); Free num bytes of heap store.
           Called by dispose.
bold
           procedure getmem(var p:pointer; num:integer); Allocate num bytes of heap.
           Called by new.
procedure gettime(var hour, min, sec, hundredth: integer); Return time of day.
           Return the integer part of r as a real.
function ioresult:integer; Returns a code indicating if the previous file operation
           completed ok. Zero if no error occurred.
function length(var s:string):integer; Returns the length of s.
procedure pascalexit(code:integer); Terminate the program with code.
           Time in 1/100 seconds since program started.
function random:integer; Returns a random integer.
procedure randomize; Assign a new time dependent seed to the random number gener-
           ator.
procedure reset(var f:file); Open a file for reading.
procedure rewrite(var f :file); Open a file for writing.
function trunc(r:real):integer; Truncates a real to an integer.
4.6.1
      System unit constants
BLANK
                  ='';
maxint = 2147483647;
pi = 3.1415926535897932385;
MAXSTRING { longest allowed string}
MAXREAL =3.4E38;
```

```
BLANK =' ';
maxint = 2147483647;
pi = 3.1415926535897932385;
MAXSTRING { longest allowed string}
MAXREAL =3.4E38;
MINREAL =1.18E-38;

EPSREAL { smallest increment of reals around 0 }
MAXDOUBLE =1.79E308;
MINDOUBLE =2.23E-308;
MAXCHAR =chr(65535);
```

```
MINCHAR =chr(0);

NILSTR ='';

minint64 =-9223372036854775807;

maxint64 =9223372036854775807;
```

4.7 Libraries, static and dynamic

4.7.1 Linking to external libraries

It is possible to specify to which external libraries - that is to say libraries written in another language, a program should be linked by placing in the main program linkage directives. For example

```
{$linklib ncurses} would cause the program to be linked to the ncurses library.
```

4.7.2 The export of procedures from libraries.

If a compilation unit is prefixed by the reserved word library rather than the words program or unit, then the procedure and function declarations in its interface part are made accessible to routines written in other languages.

4.7.3 Creating libraries

Depending on the linking that you do these Vector Pascal libraries can either be staticly linked into a C program, or can form a Dynamic Link Library (DLL) which can be linked at runtime to the C code. What follows are two examples of how to do this.

Static Libraries

Static libraries can be used in either Linux or Windows systems. Building and using a library involves several stages and should be controlled by the use of make files.

Here is an example library:

```
library examplelib;
interface

procedure exampleproc;
implementation

procedure exampleproc;
begin
  writeln(' procedure in library called');
end;
end.

and here is an example C program that calls the library:
#include<stdio.h>
main(argc, argv)
{
  extern void examplelib_exampleproc();
  printf("start of C program \n");
```

In order to use the library from C we must do the following:

- 1. Compile the library to assembler language.
- 2. Use the gnu tools to assemble this to an object file.
- 3. Create an object file version of the pascal runtime library.
- 4. Link both of these with the C program that is going to use the library.

The steps could be performed by the following makefile:

```
CFLAGS=-a
all: uselib
     uselib
examplelib.s: examplelib.pas
     vpc examplelib -S -Aexamplelib.s -cpugnuPentium
     complile the library to assembly language
examplelib.o: examplelib.s
     gcc $(CFLAGS)
                   -c examplelib.s
rtl.o: rtl.c
     qcc $(CFLAGS) -DBUILD DLL
                                -c rtl.c
# compile it in a form suitable for use in a library
rtl.c: ../../mmpc/rtl.c
     cp ../../mmpc/rtl.c rtl.c
# get a copy of the pascal run time library
# from wherever we have installed the vector pascal system
uselib: uselib.c examplelib.o rtl.o
     gcc $(CFLAGS) uselib.c rtl.o examplelib.o -o uselib
# link the C program with the examplelib
```

DLLs

DLLs or Dynamic Link Libraries are a type of Windows file that can be linked to at runtime. Building them is more complex than a static library as one needs to write a .def file which defines which functions are to be exported from the DLL, and one must also build a stub library to which the main program can be linked. One can use the gnu dlltool to build the stub library.

We illustrate the process with a similar example. First the C program:

```
#include<stdio.h>
main(argc, argv)
{
printf("start\n");
```

```
dllinit();
exampledll_exampleproc();
Next the example DLL in Pascal:
library exampled11;
interface
 procedure exampleproc;
implementation
 procedure exampleproc;
 begin
  writeln(' procedure in dll called');
 end;
end.
We now provide a file exampled ll. def file which tells the gnu dlltool which functions we
want to export:
EXPORTS
exampledll exampleproc
dllinit
Finally the make file:
CFLAGS=-mno-cygwin
# specify that cygwin gcc is to rely on the windows built in C libraries
all: usedll.exe exampledll.dll
    usedll
exampledll.s: exampledll.pas
    vpc exampledll -S -Aexampledll.s -U -cpugnuPentium
exampledll.o: exampledll.s
    gcc $(CFLAGS) -DBUILD_DLL -c exampledll.s
rtl.o: rtl.c
   gcc $(CFLAGS) -DBUILD_DLL -c rtl.c
# compile it in a form suitable for use in a dll
rtl.c: ../../mmpc/rtl.c
   cp ../../mmpc/rtl.c rtl.c
# get a copy of the pascal run time library
exports.o: exampledll.a
exampledll.a: exampledll.def makefile
    dlltool -v -e exports.o -l exampledll.a -d exampledll.def -D exampledll.dll exampledll.o rtl.o
# Note that you must use the -D option to tell dlltool the name of the dll you will build
     this also reads in the .def file it produces exampledll.a with which
     you statically link your c program ( it contains stubs to the real dynamic fns )
exampledll.dll: exports.o rtl.o exampledll.o
     gcc $(CFLAGS) -shared exports.o rtl.o exampledll.o -o exampledll.dll
\ensuremath{\sharp} build the dll using the export spec produced by dlltool
usedll.o: usedll.c
   gcc $(CFLAGS) -c usedll.c
# compile the c program to an object file
usedll.exe: usedll.o exampledll.a
    gcc $(CFLAGS) usedll.c exampledll.a -o usedll
# link the c program with the exampledll stub library
```

4.7.4 Cross Language Parameter Passing

When calling Pascal from C observe the following rules:

- Atomic values of type integer and real can be passed as value parameters. Pascal type real corresponds to C type float.
- Composite values such as records arrays or strings should be passed as pascal var parameters, and in C call the address of the composite item must be passed.
- Strings in Vector Pascal are stored in 16 bit unicode preceded by a 16 bit length word. C strings are stored as arrays ASCII of bytes. If a Pascal procedure requires a string parameter, then the C code calling it must pack the string into an array of short.

Thus a Pascal procedure exported from library mylib and declared as follows

```
type intarray=array[0..99] of integer;
procedure foo(var s:string; r:real; var f:intarray);
would have the C prototype
extern void mylib_foo(short *, float, int *);
```

Chapter 5

Implementation issues

The compiler is implemented in java to ease portability between operating systems.

5.1 Invoking the compiler

The compiler is invoked with the command

```
vpc filename
```

where filename is the name of a Pascal program or unit. For example

```
vpc test
```

will compile the program test.pas and generate an executable file test, (test.exe under windows).

The command vpc is a shell script which invokes the java runtime system to execute a . jar file containing the compiler classes. Instead of running vpc the java interpreter can be directly invoked as follows

```
java -jar mmpc.jar filename
```

The vpc script sets various compiler options appropriate to the operating system being used.

5.1.1 Environment variable

The environment variable mmpcdir must be set to the directory which contains the mmpc.jar file, the runtime library rtl.o and the system.pas file.

5.1.2 Compiler options

The following flags can be supplied to the compiler:

- -L Causes a latex listing to be produced of all files compiled. The level of detail can be controlled using the codes -L1 to -L3, otherwise the maximum detail level is used.
- -OPT*n* Sets the optimisation level attempted. -OPT0 is no optimisation, -OPT3 is the maximum level attempted. The default is -OPT1.
- -cores*n* generate code for *n* cores executing in parallel. This option in supported on the Opteron cpu flag. Note that late model Intel processors operating in 64 bit mode can also accept code compiled with the Opteron instructionset.

CGFLAG	description	
IA32	generates code for the Intel 486 instruction-set	
	uses the NASM assembler	
Pentium	generates code for the Intel P6 with MMX instruction-set	
	uses the NASM assembler	
gnuPentium	generates code for the Intel P6 with MMX instruction-set	
	using the as assembler in the gcc package	
Кб	generates code for the AMD K6 instruction-set, use for Athlon	
	uses the NASM assembler	
P3	generates code for the Intel PIII processor family	
	uses the NASM assembler	
P4	generates code for the Intel PIV family and Athlon XP	
	uses the NASM assembler	
gnuP4	generates code for the Intel PIV family and Athlon XP	
	uses the gas assembler	
Opteron	generates code for the AMD64 family	
	uses the gas assembler	

Table 5.1: Code generators supported

- -Afilename Defines the assembler file to be created. In the absence of this option the assembler file is p.asm.
- -Ddirname Defines the directory in which to find rtl.o and system.pas.
- -BOEHM Causes the program to be linked with the Boehm conservative garbage collector.
- -V Causes the code generator to produce a verbose diagnostic listing to foo.lst when compiling foo.pas.
- -oexefile Causes the linker to output to exefile instead of the default output of p. exe.
- -U Defines whether references to external procedures in the assembler file should be preceded by an under-bar '_'. This is required for the coff object format but not for elf.
- -S Suppresses assembly and linking of the program. An assembler file is still generated.
- -fformat Specifies the object format to be generated by the assembler. The object formats currently used are elf when compiling under Unix or when compiling under windows using the cygwin version of the gcc linker, or coff when using the djgpp version of the gcc linker. for other formats consult the NASM documentation.
- -cpuCGFLAG Specifies the code generator to be used. Currently the code generators shown in table 5.1 are supported.

5.1.3 Dependencies

The Vector Pascal compiler depends upon a number of other utilities which are usually pre-installed on Linux systems, and are freely available for Windows systems.

NASM The net-wide assembler. This is used to convert the output of the code generator to linkable modules. It is freely available on the web for Windows. For the Pentium processor it is possible to use the as assembler instead.

gcc The GNU C Compiler, used to compile the run time library and to link modules produced by the assembler to the run time library.

java The java virtual machine must be available to interpret the compiler. There are number of java interpreters and just in time compilers are freely available for Windows.

5.2 Procedure and function mechanism

5.2.1 Requirements

- 1. Must be able to call C routines as well as Pascal ones.
- 2. Must establish a name correspondence with C routines that we call externally.
- 3. Must pass parameters appropriately
- 4. Must get results back from C routines

Name correspondance

name correspondence with the C routine

Issues here

- 1. Case of the names
- 2. allowed characters
- 3. how are these passed in assembler

Characters and significance

Case is significant both in C, but this is not the case of all languages.

Pascal for instance makes case insignificant, and requires that externals where the case is significant be given a name in quotes for example:

```
procedure close (var f:fileptr);
external name 'pasclose';
```

This allows the external routine to have a different name to the internal representation of it. The allowed characters in a name in Hi are limited to the letters, that means we can not call and C routine with an _ or a digit in its name unless we were to extend the syntax for externals along the above lines.

Assembler representation

In the assembler file, the compiler must list all the externals as follows (note this is the Nasm syntax, it will be different for other assemblers):

```
extern vconcat
extern iota
extern putChar
extern getNum
extern getChar
extern putNum
```

Then we can call them just as if they were declared within this file.

call vconcat

Underscores

Most 32-bit C compilers share the convention used by 16-bit compilers, that the names of all global symbols (functions or data) they define are formed by prefixing an underscore to the name as it appears in the C program.

However, not all of them do: the 'ELF' specification states that C symbols do **not** have a leading underscore on their assembly-language names.

Thus if you are producing code for Linux, which uses ELF, do not use underscores.

In Vector Pascal the -U flag on the command line selects whether leading underscores are to be generated.

5.2.2 The C calling convention

Before explaining the Vector Pascal function calling technique we present, the simpler technique used in C and that could be used in Pascal if there were no nesting of procedures. The convention used in diagrams in this section is that low addresses are show at the top of the page and high addresses at the bottom.

To call a C function, whether from C or from Pascal the following must be done.

- 1. The caller pushes the function's parameters on the stack, one after another, in reverse order (right to left, so that the first argument specified to the function is pushed last).
- 2. The caller then executes a near 'CALL' instruction to pass control to the callee.
- 3. The callee receives control, and typically (although this is not actually necessary, in functions which do not need to access their parameters) starts by saving the value of 'ESP' in 'EBP' so as to be able to use 'EBP' as a base pointer to find its parameters on the stack. However, the caller was probably doing this too, so part of the calling convention states that 'EBP' must be preserved by any C function. Hence the callee, if it is going to set up 'EBP' as a frame pointer, must push the previous value first.
- 4. The callee may then access its parameters relative to 'EBP'. The doubleword at '[EBP]' holds the previous value of 'EBP' as it was pushed; the next doubleword, at '[EBP+4]', holds the return address, pushed implicitly by 'CALL'. The parameters start after that, at '[EBP+8]'. The leftmost parameter of the function, since it was pushed last, is accessible at this offset from 'EBP'; the others follow, at successively greater offsets. Thus, in a function such as 'printf' which takes a variable number of parameters, the pushing of the parameters in reverse order means that the function knows where to find its first parameter, which tells it the number and type of the remaining ones.
- 5. The callee may also wish to decrease 'ESP' further, so as to allocate space on the stack for local variables, which will then be accessible at negative offsets from 'EBP'.
- The callee, if it wishes to return a value to the caller, should leave the value in 'AL',
 'AX' or 'EAX' depending on the size of the value. Floating-point results are typically
 returned in 'ST0'.
- 7. Once the callee has finished processing, it restores 'ESP' from 'EBP' if it had allocated local stack space, then pops the previous value of 'EBP', and returns via 'RET'

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8. When the caller regains control from the callee, the function parameters are still on the stack, so it typically adds an immediate constant to 'ESP' to remove them (instead of executing a number of slow 'POP' instructions). Thus, if a function is accidentally called with the wrong number of parameters due to a prototype mismatch, the stack will still be returned to a sensible state since the caller, which _knows_ how many parameters it pushed, does the removing.

consider the Pascal code:

```
var zot:record x,y:integer; z:double; end;
function foo(x,y:integer; z:double):integer;begin foo:=x+y end;
procedure bar;
var x, y:integer;
         z:double;
begin
         x:=foo(1,2,3.0);
end
```

The memory allocation, if nested functions did not exist in Pascal, could be implemented as shown in figure 5.1.

Note that the addresses of parameters and variables can be specified relative either to a special register called the frame pointer or to the stack pointer. If your code does not dynamically push things onto the stack or if your compiler keeps track of the stack position, then the SP register may be prefered. In Vector Pascal however, as is conventional with most other Pascal compilers we use the Frame Pointer register to access parameters and variables.

Key points:

- 1. If you address via the frame pointer (EBP on a Pentium) then the parameters have +ve addresses and the locals have -ve addresses.
- 2. If you address using the stack pointer they all have +ve addresses.
- 3. If you use the SP (ESP on a Pentium) the compiler has to take into account temporaries that are pushed on the stack.

5.2.3 Var Params

We have been assuming value parameters.

If we have var parameters (parameters which, when assigned to, change the value of the actual parameter) then the address of the parameter rather than the value of the parameter has to be passed on the stack. The compiler then places and extra level of indirection onto the addressing of the parameter.

5.2.4 Nested Functions

The existence of nesting of functions and procedures generates complexities that force us to use a more elaborate calling method than C. Consider the following Pascal example where we allow function nesting.

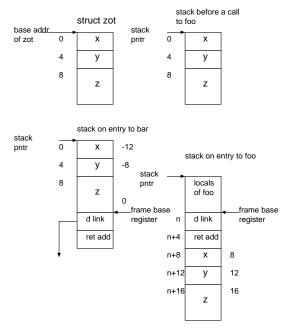


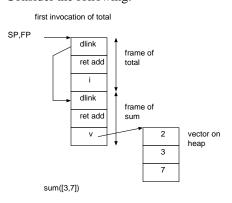
Figure 5.1: Stacks and records

Total recurses on i, but each invocation accesses the same copy of v.

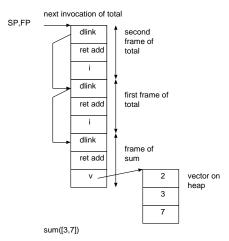
Can we use the d-link to access v?

No

Consider the following:



At this point we can access v at mem[dlink+8], but what happens on the next recursion?



if we use mem[dlink+8] we get the previous version of i, v is now at mem[mem[dlink]+8] We need an alternative approach. There are 3 practical alternatives:

- Displays
- Static Links
- Lambda Lifting

We have chosen to use displays since Intel hardware provides support for these. They do place slight restrictions on function parameters ¹, but it was felt that the simplicity of display implementation, and the ability to use the same calling mechanism as C outweighed this.

Displays

These can use the Intel Enter instruction defined as:

```
enter storage,level
  push ebp
  temp:=esp
  if level>0
  then
      repeat (level-1) times
      ebp:=ebp-4
      push dword[ebp]
      end repeat
      push temp
  fi
  ebp:=temp
  esp:=esp - storage
```

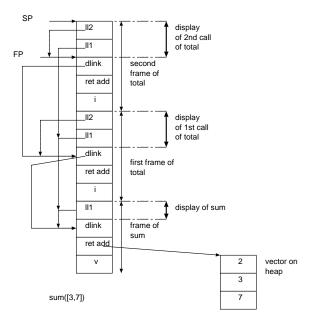
For machines other than the Intel family, you, as a compiler modifier, have to generate sequences of simpler instructions to emulate the Intel Enter instruction.

Up to now we have assumed procedures use

```
enter xxx,0
```

Consider the effect of using enter 0,1 for sum and enter 0,2 for total:

 $^{^{1}}$ A functions f may not be an actual parameter to procedure or function g, if the scope of g outer to that of f



All variables are now addressed as a pair (lexlevel,offset), where an outer level function is lexical level 1, the first nested function is lexical level 2 etc.

A parameter can now be addressed as

```
mem[ display[lexlevel]+offset]
```

The display is an array in memory at the start of the current frame. Using this notation, parameter i is always addressed as

```
\label{eq:mem_display} \begin{split} &\text{mem[display[2]+8]= mem[ mem[fp-8]+8]} \\ &\text{and } v \text{ is always at} \end{split}
```

mem[display[1]+8]

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Optimisations FP always points to the current lexical level so at lexical level 2 we have

```
mem[display[2]+8]
= mem[ mem[fp-8]+8]
= mem[fp+8]
```

Likewise we can chose to cache other display values in registers so avoiding repeated dereferencing of the display on stack.

Other registers sometimes have to be saved because of the definition of the ABI of the processor. If this is the case then they are saved after space has been reserved for local variables as shown in Figure [?].

5.2.5 Detail of calling method used on the Pentium

Procedure parameters are passed using a modified C calling convention to facilitate calls to external C procedures. Parameters are pushed on to the stack from right to left. Value parameters are pushed entire onto the stack, var parameters are pushed as addresses.

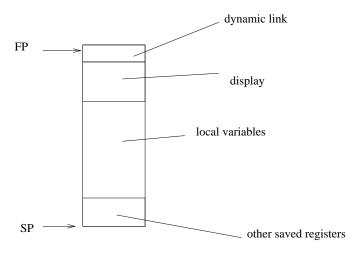


Figure 5.2: Full stack frame layout

Example

```
program callconv;
type tl= record a,b:integer end;
var
    x,y:tl;
procedure foo(var a:tl; b:tl; c:integer);
begin
end;
function bar:tl;
begin bar:=y;end;

begin
    x:=bar;
    foo(x,y,3);
end.
```

This would generate the following code for the procedure foo.

```
; procedure generated by code generator class ilcg.tree.PentiumCG;0
label114b8f429f3a:;0
; foo;0
; entering a procedure at lexical level 1;0
 enter spaceforfool1-4*1,1; create display and variable space
                     save registers as demanded by Linux ABI
push ebx;
push esi;
push edi;
                             Code for Foo would go here if
;-----
                             it were not a null procedure
spaceforfool1 equ 4;
                             declare space needed this is done here
                             because the code generation may cause
                             new temporary vars to be needed so
                             we dont know the space required to here
foollexit:;2
pop edi;
                     restore saved registers
```

pop esi;0

```
pop ebx;0
leave;
                               restore old stack frame
 ret 0;
                               pop return address into PC
and the calling code is
 push DWORD
                  3;
                                        right most parameter 3
 lea esp,[ esp+
                      -81;
                                        create space for y on stack
 movq MM4, [
               PmainBase+
                               -16];
                                        fetch y
 movq [esp],MM4;
                                        store on the stack
 push DWORD
              PmainBase+
                              -8;
                                        push the address of x
 EMMS ;
                                        clear mmx status flags
  call label114b8f429f3a;
                                        call the procedure
 add esp, 16;
                                        restore the stack
```

Function results

Function results are returned in registers for scalars following the C calling convention for the operating system on which the compiler is implemented. Records, strings and sets are returned by the caller passing an implicit parameter containing the address of a temporary buffer in the calling environment into which the result can be assigned. Given the following program

The call of bar in the previous example would generate

```
push DWORD
                                         pass the address of a result buffer
             PmainBase+
                             -24;
call label114b8f429f712;
                                         call the function
add esp, 4;
                                         restore the stack
                             -24];
                                         get the result buffer in MM4
movq MM4, [
              PmainBase+
          PmainBase+
                         -8],MM4;
                                         store in x
movq [
```

5.3 Array representation

The maximum number of array dimensions supported in the compiler is 5.

A static array is represented simply by the number of bytes required to store the array being allocated in the global segment or on the stack.

A dynamic array is always represented on the heap. Since its rank is known to the compiler what needs to be stored at run time are the bounds and the means to access it. For simplicity we make the format of dynamic and conformant arrays the same. Thus for schema

```
s(a,b,c,d:integer) = array[a..b,c..d] of integer whose run time bounds are evaluated to be 2..4,3..7 we would have the following structure:
```

address	field	value
X	base of data	address of first integer in the array
x+4	a	2
x+8	b	4
x+12	step	20
x+16	С	3
x+20	d	7

The base address for a schematic array on the heap, will point at the first byte after the array header show. For a conformant array, it will point at the first data byte of the array or

array range being passed as a parameter. The step field specifies the length of an element of the second dimension in bytes. It is included to allow for the case where we have a conformant array formal parameter

```
x:array[a..b:integer,c..d:integer] of integer
to which we pass as actual parameter the range
p[2..4,3..7]
as actual parameter, where p:array[1..10,1..10] of integer
In this case the base address would point at @p[2,3] and the step would be 40 - the
length of 10 integers.
```

5.3.1 Range checking

When arrays are indexed, the compiler plants run time checks to see if the indices are within bounds. In many cases the optimiser is able to remove these checks, but in those cases where it is unable to do so, some performance degradation can occur. Range checks can be disabled or enabled by the compiler directives.

```
{$r-} { disable range checks } {$r+} { enable range checks }
```

Performance can be further enhanced by the practice of declaring arrays to have lower bounds of zero. The optimiser is generally able to generate more efficient code for zero based arrays.

Chapter 6

Compiler porting tools

Vector Pascal is an open-source project. It aims to create a productive an efficient program development environment for SIMD programming. In order to validate the concepts it has been developed initially for the Intel family of processors running Linux and Microsoft Windows. However it has been intended from the outset that the technology should be portable to other families of CPUs. This chapter addresses some of the issues involved in porting the compiler to new systems.

6.1 Dependencies

The Vector Pascal compiler tool-set can be divided along two axes as shown in figure 6.1.

- 1. Tools can be divided into (a) those provided as part of the release, versus (b) tools provided as part of the operating environment.
 - (a) These are mainly written in Java, the exceptions being a small run-time library in C, a Pascal System unit, and several machine descriptions.
 - (b) These are all available as standard under Linux, and Windows versions are freely downloadable from the web.
- 2. Tools can further divided into (a) those required for program preparation and documentation, (b) code translation tools, and (c) code generator preparation tools.
 - (a) The program preparation tools are the VIPER IDE described in Chapter ??, along with the standard LATEX document prepartion system, DVI viewers, and the TTH tool to prepare web enabled versions of Vector Pascal program descriptions.
 - (b) The program translation tools are:
 - The ilcg.pascal Java package which contains the Pascal compiler itself and classes to support Pascal type declarations. This carries out the first stage of code translation, from Pascal to an ILCG tree[10].
 - ii. A set of machine generated code generators for CPUs such as the Pentium, the K6 etc. These carry out the second phase of code translation - into an assembler file.
 - iii. The ilcg.tree Java package which supports the internal representation of ILCG trees (see section 6.3).
 - iv. The Java system which is need to run all of the above.
 - v. An assembler, which is necessary to carry out the third phase of code translation, from an assembler file to a relocatable object file.

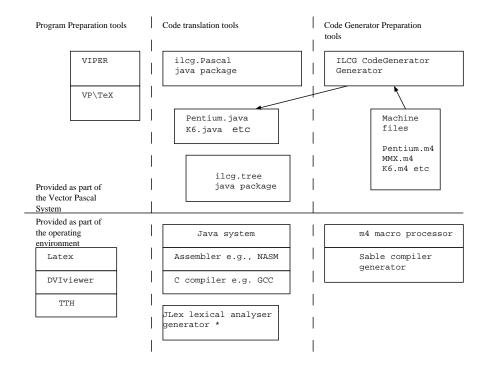


Figure 6.1: Vector Pascal toolset

- vi. A C compiler and linkage system is needed to compile the C run-time library and to link the relocatable object files into final executables.
- vii. In addition if one wants to alter the reserved words of Vector Pascal or make other lexical changes one needs the JLex lexical analyser generator.

6.2 Compiler Structure

The structure of the Vector Pascal translation system is shown in figure 6.2. The main program class of the compiler <code>ilcg.Pascal.PascalCompiler.java</code> translates the source code of the program into an internal structure called an ILCG tree [10]. A machine generated code generator then translates this into assembler code. An example would be the class ilcg.tree.IA32. An assembler and linker specified in descendent class of the code generator then translate the assembler code into an executable file.

Consider first the path followed from a source file, the phases that it goes through are

- i. The source file (1) is parsed by a java class PascalCompiler.class (2) a hand written, recursive descent parser[?], and results in a Java data structure (3), an ILCG tree, which is basically a semantic tree for the program.
- ii. The resulting tree is transformed (4) from sequential to parallel form and machine independent optimisations are performed. Since ILCG trees are java objects, they can contain methods to self-optimise. Each class contains for instance a method eval which attempts to evaluate a tree at compile time. Another method simplify applies generic machine independent transpormations to the code. Thus the simplify method of the class For can perform loop unrolling, removal of redundant loops etc. Other methods allow tree walkers to apply context specific transformations.

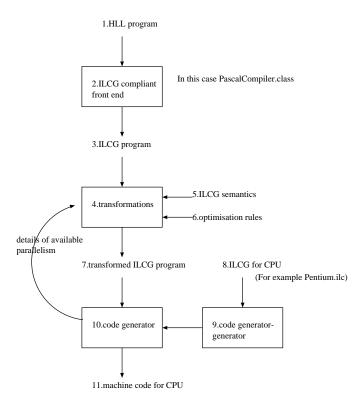


Figure 6.2: The translation of Vector Pascal to assembler.

```
{ var i;
  for i=1 to 9 step 1 do {
   v1[^i]:= +(^(v2[^i]),^(v3[^i]));
  };
}
```

Figure 6.3: Sequential form of array assignment

- iii. The resulting ilcg tree (7) is walked over by a class that encapsulates the semantics of the target machine's instructionset (10); for example Pentium.class. During code generation the tree is futher transformed, as machine specific register optimisations are performed. The output of this process is an assembler file (11).
- iv. This is then fed through an appropriate assembler and linker, assumed to be externally provided to generate an executable program.

6.2.1 Vectorisation

The parser initially generates serial code for all constructs. It then interogates the current code generator class to determine the degree of parallelism possible for the types of operations performed in a loop, and if these are greater than one, it vectorises the code.

Given the declaration

var v1,v2,v3:array[1..9] of integer;

then the statement

v1:=v2+v3;

would first be translated to the ILCG sequence shown in figure 6.3 In the example

Figure 6.4: Parallelised loop

above variable names such as v1 and i have been used for clarity. In reality i would be an addressing expression like:

```
(ref int32)mem(+(^((ref int32)ebp), -1860)),
```

which encodes both the type and the address of the variable. The code generator is queried as to the parallelism available on the type int32 and, since it is a Pentium with MMX, returns 2. The loop is then split into two, a portion that can be executed in parallel and a residual sequential component, resulting in the ILCG shown in figure 6.4. In the parallel part of the code, the array subscriptions have been replaced by explictly cast memory addresses. This coerces the locations from their original types to the type required by the vectorisation. Applying the simplify method of the For class the following generic transformations are performed:

- 1. The second loop is replaced by a single statement.
- 2. The parallel loop is unrolled twofold.
- 3. The For class is replaced by a sequence of statements with explicit gotos.

The result is shown in figure 6.5. When the eval method is invoked, constant folding causes the loop test condition to be evaluated to

```
if >(^i,8) thengoto leb4af11b47f.
```

6.2.2 Porting strategy

To port the compiler to a new machine, say a G5, it is necessary to

- 1. Write a new machine description G5.ilc in ILCG source code.
- Compile this to a code generator in java with the ilcg compiler generator using a command of the form

```
(a) java ilcg.ILCG cpus/G5.ilc ilcg/tree/G5.java G5
```

3. Write an interface class ilcg/tree/G5CG which is a subclass of G5 and which invokes the assembler and linker. The linker and assembler used will depend on the machine but one can assume that at least a gcc assembler and linker will be available. The class G5CG must take responsibility to handle the translation of procedure calls from the abstract form provided in ILCG to the concrete form required by the G5 processor.

```
{ var i:
 i:= 1;
 leb4af11b47e:
 if >(2,0) thenif >(^i,8) thengoto leb4af11b47f
               else null
                        fi
        else if <(^i, 8) thengoto leb4af11b47f
        else null
        fi
 fi;
 (ref int32 \ vector (2))mem(+(@v1,*(-(^i,1),4))):=
       +(^((ref int32 vector (2))mem(+(@v2,*(-(^i,1),4)))),
        ^((ref int32 vector ( 2 ))mem(+(@v3,*(-(^i,1),4))));
 i:=+(^i,2);
 (ref int32 vector (2))mem(+(@v1,*(-(^i,1),4))):=
      +(^((ref int32 vector (2))mem(+(@v2,*(-(^i,1),4)))),
        ^((ref int32 vector ( 2 ))mem(+(@v3,*(-(^i,1),4))));
 i:=+(^i,2);
 goto leb4af11b47e;
 leb4af11b47f:
 i:=
        9;
 v1[^i] := +(^(v2[^i]),^(v3[^i]));
```

Figure 6.5: After applying simplify to the tree

```
mov DWORD ecx,
leb4b08729615:
cmp DWORD ecx,
jg near leb4b08729616
lea edi,[ ecx-(
                     1)]; substituting in edi with 3 occurences
movq MM1, [ ebp+edi* 4+
                             -16201
paddd MM1, [ ebp+edi* 4+
                              -1640]
movq [ ebp+edi* 4+
                         -1600],MM1
lea ecx,[ ecx+
                    21
lea edi,[ ecx-(
                     1)]; substituting in edi with 3 occurences
movq MM1, [ ebp+edi* 4+
                             -16201
paddd MM1, [ ebp+edi* 4+
                              -1640]
movq [ ebp+edi* 4+
                         -1600],MM1
lea ecx,[ ecx+
                    2]
jmp leb4b08729615
leb4b08729616:
```

Figure 6.6: The result of matching the parallelised loop against the Pentium instruction set

```
public int getParallelism(String elementType)
{
    if(elementType.equals(Node.int32)) return 2;
    if(elementType.equals(Node.int16)) return 4;
    if(elementType.equals(Node.int8)) return 8;
    if(elementType.equals(Node.uint32)) return 2;
    if(elementType.equals(Node.uint16)) return 4;
    if(elementType.equals(Node.uint8)) return 8;
    if(elementType.equals(Node.ieee32))return 4;
    if(elementType.equals(Node.ieee64))return 1;
    return 1;
}
```

Figure 6.7: The method getParallelism for a P4 processor.

4. The class G5CG should also export the method getparallelism which specifies to the vectoriser the degree of parallelism available for given data types. An example for a P4 is given in figure 6.7. Note that although a P4 is potentially capable of performing 16 way parallelism on 8 bit operands the measured speed when doing this on is less than that measured for 8 way parallelism. This is due to the restriction placed on un-aligned loads of 16 byte quantities in the P4 architecture. For image processing operations aligned accesses are the exception. Thus when specifying the degree of parallelism for a processor one should not simply give the maximal degree supported by the architecture. The maximal level of parallelism is not necessarily the fastest.

Sample machine descriptions are given on the Vector Pascal web site to help those wishing to port the compiler. These are given in the ILCG machine description language, an outline of which follows.

6.3 ILCG

The purpose of ILCG (Intermediate Language for Code Generation) is to mediate between CPU instruction sets and high level language programs. It poth provides a representation to which compilers can translate a variety of source level programming languages and also a notation for defining the semantics of CPU instructions.

Its purpose is to act as an input to two types of programs:

- 1. ILCG structures produced by a HLL compiler are input to an automatically constructed code generator, working on the syntax matching principles described in [12]. This then generates equivalent sequences of assembler statements.
- 2. Machine descriptions written as ILCG source files are input to code-generator-generators which produce java programs which perform function (1) above.

So far one HLL compiler producing ILCG structures as output exists: the Vector Pascal compiler. There also exists one code-generator-generator which produces code generators that use a top-down pattern matching technique analogous to Prolog unification. ILCG is intended to be flexible enough to describe a wide variety of machine architectures. In particular it can specify both SISD and SIMD instructions and either stack-based or register-based machines. However, it does assume certain things about the machine: that certain basic types are supported and that the machine is addressed at the byte level.

In ILCG all type conversions, dereferences etc have to be made absolutely explicit. In what follows we will designate terminals of the language in bold thus **octet** and nonterminal in sloping font thus *word8*.

6.4 Supported types

6.4.1 Data formats

The data in a memory can be distinguished initially in terms of the number of bits in the individually addressable chunks. The addressable chunks are assumed to be the powers of two from 3 to 7, so we thus have as allowed formats: word8, word16, word32, word64, word128. These are treated as non terminals in the grammar of ILCG.

When data is being explicitly operated on without regard to its type, we have terminals which stand for these formats: **octet**, **halfword**, **word**, **doubleword**, **quadword**.

6.4.2 Typed formats

Each of these underlying formats can contain information of different types, either signed or unsigned integers, floats etc. ILCG allows the following integer types as terminals: int8, uint8, int16, uint16, int32, uint32, int64, uint64 to stand for signed and unsigned integers of the appropriate lengths.

The integers are logically grouped into *signed* and *unsigned*. As non-terminal types they are represented as *byte*, *short*, *integer*, *long* and *ubyte*, *ushort*, *uinteger*, *ulong*.

Floating point numbers are either assumed to be 32 bit or 64 bit with 32 bit numbers given the nonterminal symbols *float,double*. If we wish to specify a particular representation of floats of doubles we can use the terminals **ieee32**, **ieee64**.

6.4.3 Ref types

ILCG uses a simplified version of the Algol-68 reference typing model. A value can be a reference to another type. Thus an integer when used as an address of a 64 bit floating point number would be a **ref ieee64**. Ref types include registers. An integer register would be a **ref int32** when holding an integer, a **ref ref int32** when holding the address of an integer etc.

6.5 Supported operations

6.5.1 Type casts

The syntax for the type casts is C style so we have for example (ieee32) int32 to represent a desire to treat a 32 bit integer as a 32 bit real. These type casts act only as constraints on the pattern matcher during code generation. They do not indicate that the underlying hardware will perform any data transformation. They are inserted into machine descritions to constrain the types of the arguments that will be matched for an instruction. They are also used by compilers to decorate ILCG trees in order both to enforce, and to allow limited breaking of, the type rules.

6.5.2 Arithmetic

The allowed dyadic arithmetic operations are addition, saturated addition, multiplication, saturated multiplication, subtraction, saturated subtraction, division and remainder with operator symboles +, +:, *, *:, -, -:, div , mod..

The concrete syntax is prefix with bracketing. Thus the infix operation $3 + 5 \div 7$ would be represented as +(3 div (5 7)).

6.5.3 Memory

Memory is explicitly represented. All accesses to memory are represented by array operations on a predefined array **mem**. Thus location 100 in memory is represented as **mem(100)**. The type of such an expression is *address*. It can be cast to a reference type of a given format. Thus we could have (**ref int32**)**mem(100)**

6.5.4 Assignment

We have a set of storage operators corresponding to the word lengths supported. These have the form of infix operators. The size of the store being performed depends on the size of the right hand side. A valid storage statement might be (ref octet)mem(299) :=(int8) 99

The first argument is always a reference and the second argument a value of the appropriate format.

If the left hand side is a format the right hand side must be a value of the appropriate size. If the left hand side is an explicit type rather than a format, the right hand side must have the same type.

6.5.5 Dereferencing

Dereferencing is done explicitly when a value other than a literal is required. There is a dereference operator, which converts a reference into the value that it references. A valid load expression might be: (octet) ((ref octet)mem(99))

The argument to the load operator must be a reference.

6.6 Machine description

Ilcg can be used to describe the semantics of machine instructions. A machine description typically consists of a set of register declarations followed by a set of instruction formats and a set of operations. This approach works well only with machines that have an orthogonal instruction set, ie, those that allow addressing modes and operators to be combined in an independent manner.

6.6.1 Registers

When entering machine descriptions in ilcg registers can be declared along with their type hence register word EBX assembles['ebx'];

reserved register word ESP assembles['esp']; would declare EBX to be of type ref word.

Aliasing

A register can be declared to be a sub-field of another register, hence we could write alias register octet AL = EAX(0:7) assembles['al'];

```
alias register octet BL = EBX(0:7) assembles['bl'];
```

to indicate that **BL** occupies the bottom 8 bits of register **EBX**. In this notation bit zero is taken to be the least significant bit of a value. There are assumed to be two pregiven registers **FP**, **GP** that are used by compilers to point to areas of memory. These can be aliased to a particular real register. **register word EBP assembles['ebp']**;

```
alias register word FP = EBP(0:31) assembles ['ebp'];
```

Additional registers may be reserved, indicating that the code generator must not use them to hold temporary values:

reserved register word ESP assembles['esp'];

6.6.2 Register sets

A set of registers that are used in the same way by the instructionset can be defined. **pattern** reg means [EBP|EBX|ESI|EDI|ECX|EAX|EDX|ESP];

pattern breg means[AL|AH|BL|BH|CL|CH|DL|DH];

All registers in an register set should be of the same length.

6.6.3 Register Arrays

Some machine designs have regular arrays of registers. Rather than have these exhaustively enumerated it is convenient to have a means of providing an array of registers. This can be declared as:

```
register vector(8)doubleword MM assembles['MM'i];
```

This declares the symbol MMX to stand for the entire MMX register set. It implicitly defines how the register names are to be printed in the assembly language by defining an indexing variable i that is used in the assembly language definition.

We also need a syntax for explicitly identifying individual registers in the set. This is done by using the dyadic subscript operator: **subscript(MM,2)**

which would be of type ref doubleword.

6.6.4 Register Stacks

Whilst some machines have registers organised as an array, another class of machines, those oriented around postfix instructionsets, have register stacks.

The ilcg syntax allows register stacks to be declared:

```
register stack (8)ieee64 FP assembles[''];
```

Two access operations are supported on stacks:

PUSH is a void dyadic operator taking a stack of type ref t as first argument and a value of type t as the second argument. Thus we might have: **PUSH(FP,** \uparrow **mem(20))**

POP is a monadic operator returning t on stacks of type t. So we might have mem(20) := POP(FP) In addition there are two predicates on stacks that can be used in pattern pre-conditions.

FULL is a monadic boolean operator on stacks.

EMPTY is a monadic boolean operator on stacks.

6.6.5 Instruction formats

An instruction format is an abstraction over a class of concrete instructions. It abstracts over particular operations and types thereof whilst specifying how arguments can be combined. **instruction pattern**

```
RR( operator op, anyreg r1, anyreg r2, int t) means[r1:=(t) op( \uparrow((ref t) r1),\uparrow((ref t) r2))] assembles[op ' r1', r2];
```

In the above example, we specify a register to register instruction format that uses the first register as a source and a destination whilst the second register is only a destination. The result is returned in register r1.

We might however wish to have a more powerful abstraction, which was capable of taking more abstract apecifications for its arguments. For example, many machines allow arguments to instructions to be addressing modes that can be either registers or memory references. For us to be able to specify this in an instruction format we need to be able to provide grammer non-terminals as arguments to the instruction formats.

For example we might want to be able to say

```
instruction pattern
RRM(operator op, reg r1, maddrmode rm, int t)
means [r1:=(t) op( \uparrow((ref t)r1),\uparrow((ref t) rm))]
assembles[op''r1','rm];
```

This implies that addrmode and reg must be non terminals. Since the non terminals required by different machines will vary, there must be a means of declaring such nonterminals in ilcg.

```
An example would be: pattern regindirf(reg r)
means[\uparrow(r)] assembles[r];
pattern baseplusoffsetf(reg r, signed s)
means[+(\uparrow(r),const s)] assembles[r'+'s];
pattern addrform means[baseplusoffsetf| regindirf];
pattern maddrmode(addrform f)
means[mem(f)] assembles['['f']'];
```

This gives us a way of including non terminals as parameters to patterns.

6.7 Grammar of ILCG

The following grammar is given in Sable [34] compatible form. The Sable parser generator is used to generate a parser for ILCG from this grammar. The ILCG parser then translates a CPU specification into a tree structure which is then walked by an ILCG-treewalk-generator to produce an ILCG-tree-walk Java class specific to that CPU.

If the ILCG grammar is extended, for example to allow new arithmetic operators, then the ILCG-tree-walk-generator must itself be modified to generate translation rules for the new operators.

6.8 **ILCG** grammar

This is a definition of the grammer of ILCG using the Sable grammar specification lanaguage. It is input to Sable to generate a parser for machine descriptions in ilcg

```
Package ilcg;
```

6.8.1 Helpers

Helpers are regular expressions macros used in the definition of terminal symbols of the grammar.

```
Helpers
  letter = [['A'..'Z']+['a'..'z']];
  digit = ['0'...'9'];
  alphanum = [letter+['0'..'9']];
  cr = 13;
  lf = 10;
  tab = 9;
```

6.8.2 Tokens

The tokens section defines the terminal symbols of the grammar.

```
* /
Tokens
  floating constant = fractional constant exponent_part? floating suffix?
        digit_sequence exponent_part floating_suffix?;
terminals specifying data formats
* /
 void ='void';
 octet = 'octet'; int8 = 'int8'; uint8 = 'uint8';
 halfword = 'halfword'; int16 = 'int16'; uint16 = 'uint16';
 word = 'word'; int32 = 'int32';
 uint32 = 'uint32' ; ieee32 = 'ieee32';
 doubleword = 'doubleword'; int64 = 'int64' ;
uint64 = 'uint64'; ieee64 = 'ieee64';
 quadword = 'quadword';
terminals describing reserved words
 function= 'function';
 flag = 'flag';
 location = 'loc';
 procedure='instruction';
 returns ='returns';
 label = 'label';
 goto='goto';
 fail ='interrupt';
 for ='for';
 to='to';
 step='step';
 do ='do';
 ref='ref';
 const='const';
 reg= 'register';
 operation = 'operation';
 alias = 'alias';
 instruction = 'instruction';
 address = 'address';
```

```
vector ='vector';
 stack = 'stack';
 sideeffect='sideeffect';
 if ='if';
reserved='reserved';
precondition ='precondition';
instructionset='instructionset';
terminals for describing new patterns
pattern = 'pattern';
means = 'means';
assembles = 'assembles';
terminals specifying operators
*/
colon = ':';
semicolon= ';';
comma = ',';
dot = '.';
bra ='(';
ket =')';
 plus = '+';
 satplus = '+:';
 satminus = '-:';
 satmult ='*:';
/* map='->';*/
map='map';
 equals = '=';
 le = '<=';
ge='>=';
ne='<>';
 shl='<<';
 shr='>>';
 lt='<';
 gt='>';
 minus = '-';
 times = '*';
 exponentiate = '**';
 divide = 'div';
 replicate = 'rep';
 and = 'AND';
 or = 'OR';
xor = 'XOR';
not = 'NOT';
 sin='SIN';
 cos='COS';
 abs='ABS';
 tan='TAN';
 ln='LN';
min='MIN';
max='MAX';
 sqrt='SQRT';
```

```
sqr='SQR';
 trunc='TRUNCATE';
 round='ROUND';
 float='FLOAT';
 remainder = 'MOD';
 extend= 'EXTEND';
 store = ':=';
 deref = '^';
 push ='PUSH';
 pop ='POP';
 call='APPLY';
 full='FULL';
 empty='EMPTY';
 subscript='SUBSCRIPT';
 intlit = digit+;
 vbar = '|';
 sket=']';
 sbra='[';
 end='end';
 typetoken='type';
mem='mem';
string = quote schar+ quote;
   identifiers come after reserved words in the grammar
 identifier = letter alphanum*;
blank = (' '|cr|lf|tab)+;
 comment = '/*' not_star* '*'+ (not_star_slash not_star* '*'+)* '/';
Ignored Tokens
blank,comment;
       Non terminal symbols
6.8.3
* /
Productions
program = statementlist instructionlist;
instructionlist =instructionset sbra alternatives sket;
non terminals specifying data formats
 format = {octet} octet|
  {halfword} halfword
          {word} word |
  {doubleword} doubleword |
          {quadword} quadword;
/*
non terminals corresponding to type descriptions
* /
```

```
reference = ref type ;
 array = vector bra number ket;
 aggregate ={stack} stack bra number ket |
 {vector}array |
 {non};
 predeclaredtype= {format} format|{tformat}tformat;
 typeprim = {typeid} typeid|
\{ \verb|predeclaredtype|\} \verb|predeclaredtype|;
 type = {predeclaredtype}predeclaredtype|
{typeid} typeid
{array}typeprim array|
  {cartesian}sbra type cartesian* sket|
{reftype}reference|
{map}bra [arg]:type map [result]:type ket;
 cartesian = comma type;
 tformat = {signed} signed|
{unsigned}unsigned|
{ieee32}ieee32|
{ieee63}ieee64;
 signed = int32 |
{int8} int8 |
{int16} int16 |
{int64} int64;
 unsigned = uint32 |
{uint8} uint8 |
{uint16} uint16 |
{uint64} uint64;
non terminals corresponding to typed values
 value = /*{refval}refval |
  {rhs}rhs|
  {loc}loc|
  {void}void|
  {cartval}cartval|
{dyadic} dyadic bra [left]:value comma [right]:value ket|
{monadic}monadic bra value ket;
value corresponding to a cartesian product type e.g. record initialisers
 cartval =sbra value carttail* sket;
carttail = comma value;
conditions used in defining control structures
condition ={dyadic} dyadic bra [left]:condition comma [right]:condition ket|
{monadic}monadic bra condition ket |
{id}identifier|
{number}number;
 rhs= {number}number|
  {cast}bra type ket value|
```

```
{const}const identifier |
{castpop}bra type ket pop [b2]:bra value [k2]:ket|
   {deref}deref bra refval ket;
 refval = loc|
  {refcast} bra type ket loc;
 loc = {id}identifier|
  {memory}mem bra value ket ;
/*predeclaredregister = {fp}fp|{gp}gp;*/
 number = {reallit} optionalsign reallit|
           {integer} optionalsign intlit;
 optionalsign = |{plus}plus|{minus}minus;
 reallit= floating_constant;
operators
dyadic = {plus} plus|
{minus} minus |
{identifier} identifier|
{exp}exponentiate
  {times} times |
  {divide} divide|
{replicate} replicate|
  {lt}lt|
  {gt}gt|
  {call}call|
{le}le|
{ge}ge|
{eq}equals|
{ne}ne|
{min}min|{max}max|
{push}push|
{subscript}subscript|
{satplus}satplus|
{satmult}satmult|
{satminus}satminus|
{shl}shl|
{shr}shr|
              {remainder} remainder|
               {or}or|
               {and}and|
               {xor}xor;
monadic = {not}not|
{full}full|
{empty}empty|
/*{pop}pop|*/
\{\sin\}\sin
{trunc}trunc|
{round}round|
{float}float|
{extend}extend|
{cos}cos|
{tan}tan|
{abs}abs|
{sqrt}sqrt |
```

```
{sqr}sqr |
{ln}ln;
register declaration
registerdecl = reservation req aggregate type identifier assembles sbra string sket ;
reservation = {reserved}reserved|{unreserved};
aliasdecl = alias reg aggregate type
             [child]:identifier equals [parent]:identifier bra [lowbit]:intlit colon [highbit]:intlit ket
             assembles sbra string sket;
opdecl = operation identifier means operator assembles sbra string sket;
operator = {plus}plus|
{minus}minus|
{times}times|
{lt}lt|
{gt}gt|
{min}min|
{max}max|
{satplus}satplus|
{satmult}satmult|
{satminus}satminus|
{shl}shl|
{shr}shr
  {le}le|
{ge}ge|
{eq}equals|
{ne}ne|
{divide} divide|
            {remainder}remainder|
{or}or
{and}and|
{xor}xor;
pattern declarations
assign = refval store value ;
meaning =
{value}value|
{assign}assign|
{goto}goto value|
{fail}fail value
{if}if bra value ket meaning|
{for} for refval store [start]:value to [stop]:value step [increment]:value do meaning|
   {loc}location value;
patterndecl = pattern identifier paramlist means sbra meaning sket assemblesto sideeffects precond
               {alternatives} pattern identifier means sbra alternatives sket;
paramlist = bra param paramtail* ket|{nullparam}bra ket;
param = typeid identifier|{typeparam} typetoken identifier|{label}label identifier;
typeid = identifier;
paramtail = comma param;
alternatives = type alts*;
alts = vbar type;
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precond = precondition sbra condition sket|
{unconditional};
asideeffect = sideeffect returnval;
sideeffects = asideeffect*;
assemblesto = assembles sbra assemblypattern sket;
assemblypattern = assemblertoken*;
\verb"assemblertoken" = \{\verb"string"\} \verb"string" \mid
{identifier} identifier;
returnval = returns identifier;
statements
* /
statement =
{aliasdecl} aliasdecl|
             {registerdecl} registerdecl |
{addressmode} address patterndecl|
{instructionformat}procedure patterndecl|
{opdecl}opdecl|
{flag} flag identifier equals intlit
{typerename}typetoken predeclaredtype
                                           equals identifier
{patterndecl} patterndecl;
statementlist = statement semicolon statements*;
statements = statement semicolon;
//
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Name	syntax	num args	comment
plus	,+,	110111 0125	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
satplus	· '+:'		
satminus	,-:,		
satmult	· '*:'		
equals	,_; ,=,		
le	_ '<='		
	'>='		
ge ne	,<>,		
shl	, <u>«</u> ,		
shr	,»,		
lt	," ,<,		
gt	'>'		
minus	,_,		
_	- '*'		
times	· '**'		
exponentiate divide	'div'		
replicate	'rep'		
and	'AND'		
or	'OR'		
xor	'XOR'		
not	'NOT'		
sin	'SIN'		
cos	'COS'		
abs	'ABS'		
tan	'TAN'		
ln	'LN'		
min	'MIN'		
max	'MAX'		
sqrt	'SQRT'		
trunc	'TRUNCATE'		
round	'ROUND'		
float	'FLOAT'		
remainder	'MOD'		
extend	'EXTEND'		
store	':='		
deref	, ;		
push	'PUSH'		
pop	'POP'		

Table 6.1: The prefix operations of ILCG

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