

Exercise 5.8.

The following register-machine code is ambiguous, because the label **here** is defined more than once:

```
start
  (goto (label here))
here
  (assign a (const 3))
  (goto (label there))
here
  (assign a (const 4))
  (goto (label there))
there
```

With the simulator as written, what will the contents of register **a** be when control reaches **there**? Modify the **extract-labels** procedure so that the assembler will signal an error if the same label name is used to indicate two different locations.

Answer.

The contents of register **a** will be **3** when control reaches **there**. Observe that **extract-labels** accumulates to construct the instruction list and label table from the controller text in a bottom-up way. As the simulator processes this register-machine code, it places the first entry with label **here** preceding to the second one with the same label in the table. So the control of this machine will branch to the first entry with label **here** when encountered the **(goto (label here))** instruction, and directly branch to **there** after assigning the constant **3** to register **a**. The instruction sequence with the second **here** label is bypassed in this process.

We can augment **extract-labels** to check for duplication before adding an entry to the **labels** table, so that the assembler signal an error if the same label name is used to indicate two different locations.

```
(define (extract-labels text receive)
  (if (null? text)
      (receive '() '())
      (extract-labels (cdr text)
        (lambda (insts labels)
          (let ((next-inst (car text)))
            (if (symbol? next-inst)
                (let ((val (assoc next-inst labels)))
                  (if (not (null? val))
                      (error "Multiply defined label" next-inst)
                      (receive insts
                               (cons (make-label-entry next-inst insts)
                                     labels))))
                (receive (cons (make-instruction next-inst)
                               insts)
                          labels)))))))
```

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