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CONSTRUCTION

23 – Three Address Code

Question 1:

– The gist:

```
list -> list oneItem
list.trans = list.trans U oneItem.trans
...
oneItem -> decl
oneItem.trans = { }
oneItem.trans = stmt.trans
...
stmt -> ID ASSIGN exp SEMI stmt.trans = {ID.value} U exp.trans
```

• Question 2:

The gist: Annotate each parse tree node with its SDT value according to the given SDT goal

• Question 1:

The gist: add

type -> ID

typedef -> STRUCT ID ID SEMICOLON

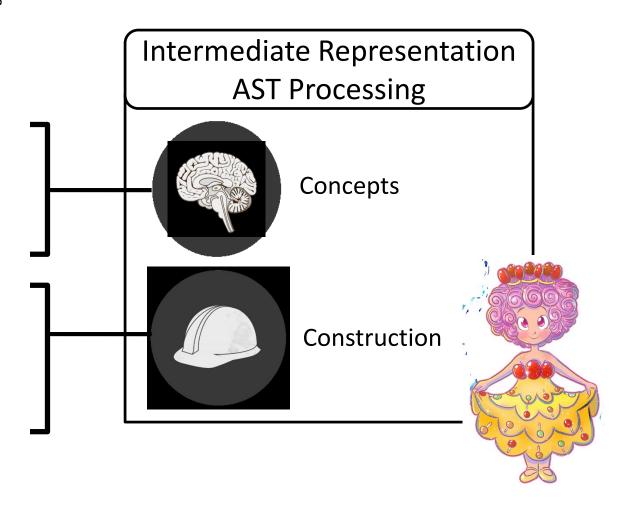
Question 2:

- A) Store name, type name, type value
- B) Maybe the symbol table has a new kind for typedef, and stores a pointer to the "source type" of the typedef.
 On typedef use, recursively walk the typedef chain until you hit a base case
- C) Store name, type, as you usually would, but if it's not primitive you have to walk the tree to find the defn
- D) look up the entry in the symbol table, potentially walk the typedef chain

Question 2: Draw symbol table

Last Lecture

- What IRs are
- Why IRs are used
- Some IR forms
- AST Rewriting
 - Function inlining
 - Constant folding



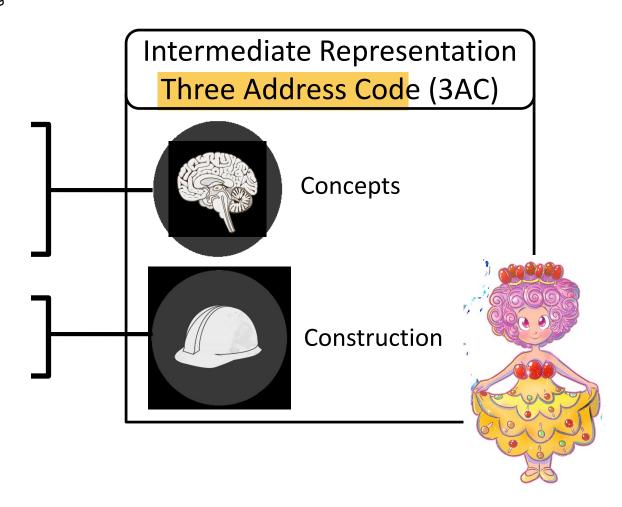
This Lecture

3AC: Definition

3AC: Intuition

3AC: Examples

From AST to 3AC



What 3AC is

An Instruction Set Architecture (ISA) designed for simplicity

- Family of pseudocode notations
- Linear representation of a program

3AC Key Features

- Simple model of memory
- Highly constrained set of instructions
- The most "complex" instruction has three operands and one operator (hence the name)



3AC: Operands

Data:

- For Lil' C, we only explicitly need variables
 - We'll assume constants and an infinite store of explicitly typed variables (we only need int for Lil' C
)

examples

(We'll come back to the other operand categories later)

3AC: Assignment Operations

- Assignment forms
 - Binary:

$$X := Y (op) Z + - * / % etc$$

– Unary:

$$X := op Y$$
 (simulate with binary)

– Assignment (Nullary):

$$x := Y + 0$$

$$X := Y$$

(could simulate with binary)

3AC Data Examples

Translate the following into 3AC:
 EXAMPLE 1 (assume int decls)

$$a = b + c$$

 $d = a - 7$

EXAMPLE 2 (assume int decls)

$$a = -b + 1$$

EXAMPLE 3 (assume bool decls)

$$a = true;$$
 $a:=1$

3AC Data Exercises

Use your intuition to translate to 3AC:

EXAMPLE 1 (assume

$$x = x * x$$

EXAMPLE 2

$$x = a + b * c$$

EXAMPLE 3

$$z = (a < (b + 1))$$

Summary

3AC encodes most data operations as chains of assignments

3AC: Control Flow

Linear representation so...

- No nested:
 - Data expressions (a = b + c * d)
 - Control
 - (ifs / fors / whiles)
- We'll represent such structures using labels/jumps

3AC: Jumps

Labels:

Label1: a:=5 b:= a+3 goto Label1

Label: Instr

Unconditional:

GoTo Label

Conditional

IfZ Val GoTo label

IF zero go to label

3AC Jumps: Example

```
bool x = true;
int y = 1;
if (x) {
  y = 2;
}
```

```
How to jump

x:= 1; 1

y:=1; 2

ifz x Goto Label 1 3

y:=2; 4

Label1: line 5 5
```

3AC Jumps: Exercise

Summary

3AC encodes intraprocedural control operations as jumps

Calls are a bit more complicated

- How do we deal with locals & arguments?
- What about with recursion
 - Could extend the memory model to include a stack
 - Could encode the function semantics as instructions

Caller instructions

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set_arg x, k
call p
retrieve x
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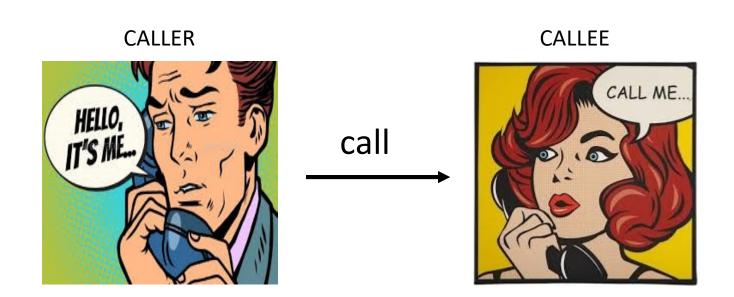
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Some quick terminology

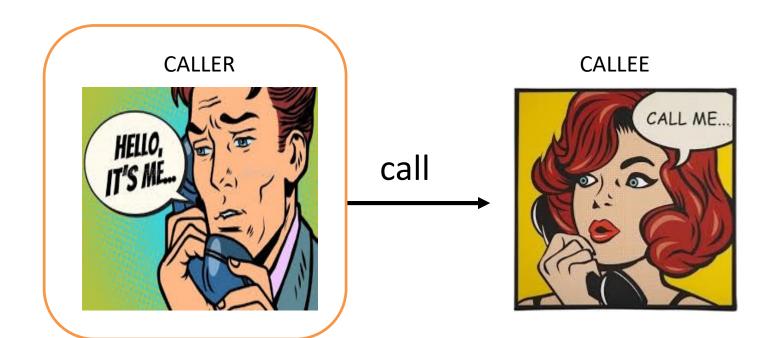
- Caller
 - The source function
- Callee
 - The destination function



Caller Instructions

set_arg k, x
call p
retrieve x

(move x to parameter slot k)
(transfer control to p)
(Put return value in X)



3AC: Caller code example

```
int a = bad_max(b, 7);
    set_arg 1 b
    set_arg 27
    call bad_max
    retrieve a
```

```
int bad_max(int a1, int a2)
  return a2 + 1
```

Int a = bad max(b, 7)

Enter bad_max a1 = get_arg 1 a2 = get_arg 2 leave bad_max return a2+1

Callee Instructions

enter p

x = get arg k

leave p

return x

(enter function scope)

(retrieve argument k)

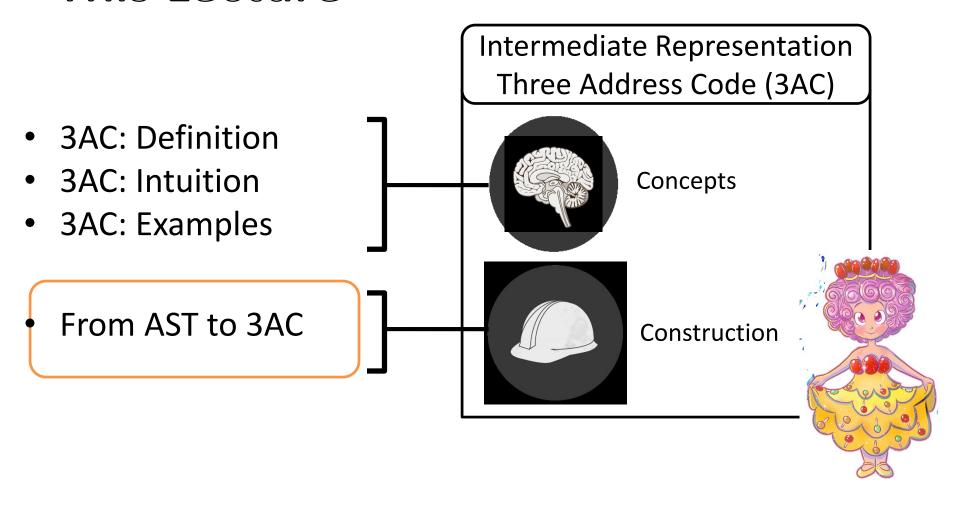
(Leave function scope)

(Set return value)

Summary

Call/Return semantics largely encoded in 3AC instructions

This Lecture



From AST to 3AC

- Simply another postorder traversal of the tree
 - Have to be a little bit careful about order
 - Always do the RHS of assignment before the LHS, for example

Next Lecture

- Look at Control-Flow Graphs (The other CFGs)
 - A hybrid IR
 - Combines some structural overlay on a linear representation