## Compilation of Object-oriented Languages - Question 1

### 1 Compilation of Object-Oriented Languages

In this section, we focus on the compilation of programs written in a object-oriented language. Consider the following JAVA piece of code:

```
class Graphical {
 int x, y; /* center */
 int width, height;
 void move(int dx, int dy) { x += dx; y += dy; }
 void draw() { /* does nothing */ }
}
class Rectangle extends Graphical {
 Rectangle(int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2) {
   x = (x1 + x2) / 2;
   y = (y1 + y2) / 2;
   width = Math.abs(x1 - x2);
   height = Math.abs(y1 - y2);
 void draw() { ... /* draws a rectangle */ }
}
class Circle extends Graphical {
 int radius;
 Circle(int cx, int cy, int r) {
   x = cx;
   y = cy;
   radius = r;
   width = height = 2 * radius;
 void draw() { ... /* draws a circle */ }
 void move() { radius *= radius; width = height = radius; }
}
```

Question 1. Give the result of allocating the class descriptors for the Graphical, Rectangle, and Circle classes above.

You can present your answer either as a visual set of blocks, in which case you should present arrows connecting classes to its super-class, or as X86-64 assembly code in the .data segment.

 $Answer \square$ 

Choose **only one** between the following two possible representations:

```
.data
# Descriptor for Graphical (no superclass)
descr_Graphical:
                           # "null" superclass
   .quad 0
   .quad Graphical_move
                           # Graphical::move(int,int)
   .quad Graphical_draw # Graphical::draw()
# Descriptor for Rectangle extends Graphical
descr_Rectangle:
    .quad descr_Graphical
                           # pointer to Graphical's descriptor
   .quad Graphical_move # inherits move(int,int) with no override
   .quad Rectangle_draw
                           # overrides draw()
# Descriptor for Circle extends Graphical (but does not override move(int,int))
descr Circle:
    .quad descr_Graphical
                           # pointer to Graphical's descriptor
                           # still uses Graphical::move(int,int)
    .quad Graphical move
    .quad Circle_draw
                           # overrides draw()
    .quad Circle_move
                           # new zero-arg method Circle.move()
```

# Lesson 10 - Compilation of Functional Languages - Question 2/3

First-class functions

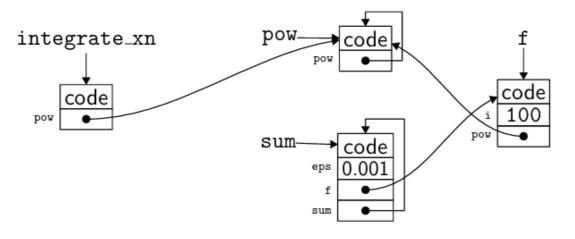
 First class functions, significa que funções são tratadas como valores, podendo ser passadas como argumentos, retornadas de outras funções, guardadas numa estrutura de dados, construir novas funções dinamicamente, etc.

- Logo, não podemos compilar funções da mesma maneira, porque perdemos o seu contexto.
- A solução é usar um **closure** (fecho), que é uma estrutura de dados heap-allocated (para sobreviver a function calls) que contém:
  - Um pointer para o código (o body da função)
  - o Os valores das variáveis livres que podem ser necessárias por este código, chamado de environment.
- The set fv(e) of the free variables of the expression e is computed as follows:

```
fv(c) = \emptyset
fv(x) = \{x\}
fv(fun x \rightarrow e) = fv(e) \setminus \{x\}
fv(e_1 e_2) = fv(e_1) \cup fv(e_2)
fv(let x = e_1 in e_2) = fv(e_1) \cup (fv(e_2) \setminus \{x\})
fv(let rec x = e_1 in e_2) = (fv(e_1) \cup fv(e_2)) \setminus \{x\}
fv(\text{if }e_1 \text{ then }e_2 \text{ else }e_3) = fv(e_1) \cup fv(e_2) \cup fv(e_3)
```

```
let rec pow i x = if i = 0 then 1. else x *. pow (i-1) x
let integrate_xn n =
  let f = pow n in
  let eps = 0.001 in
  let rec sum x = if x >= 1. then 0. else f x + . sum (x+.eps) in
  sum 0. *. eps
```

During the execution of integrate\_xn 100, we have four closures:



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Uma boa maneira de compilar closures é em dois passos:

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Primeiro, substituir todas as fun x -> e por construções explicitas de closure, em clos f [y1, ..., yn], onde yi são as variáveis livres de fun x -> e e f é o nome de uma função global letfun f [y1, ..., yn] x = e', onde e' é derivado de e, by replacing constructions fun recursively (closure conversion)

- o Segundo, compilar o código obtido, que só contem declarações de letfun functions.
- Cada função tem um único argumento, passado no registo %rdi, O closure é passado no registo %rsi.
- O stack frame é o seguinte, onde v1,...,vm são as variáveis locais:

#### **Question 2 - Closure conversion**

**Goal** - Transform all function values into explicit closures (pairs of code pointers and their environment), to make all free variables visible at runtime, as required by low-level implementation.

#### Steps (direct from lectures & solved examples):

- 1. Identify all function values (lambdas, partial applications, recursive fns).
- 2. Compute free variables for each function (fv(e) formula).

$$fv(c) = \emptyset$$
 $fv(x) = \{x\}$ 
 $fv(fun \ x \to e) = fv(e) \setminus \{x\}$ 
 $fv(e_1 \ e_2) = fv(e_1) \cup fv(e_2)$ 
 $fv(let \ x = e_1 \ in \ e_2) = fv(e_1) \cup (fv(e_2) \setminus \{x\})$ 
 $fv(let \ rec \ x = e_1 \ in \ e_2) = (fv(e_1) \cup fv(e_2)) \setminus \{x\}$ 
 $fv(if \ e_1 \ then \ e_2 \ else \ e_3) = fv(e_1) \cup fv(e_2) \cup fv(e_3)$ 

- 3. For each function:
- Create a global function (letfun f [env] x = ...) where [env] are the free variables, and x is the explicit argument.
- Replace the function value by clos f [actual\_env\_values].
- 4. For recursion:
- The closure environment will often include the function itself.
- 5. Function application:
- All function applications become "apply the closure": code pointer is extracted from the closure, and called with the environment.

Question 2. Consider the following OCAML program:

```
let rec map f l =
  match l with
  | [] -> []
  | a :: l -> let r = f a in r :: map f l

let succs l =
  let s = (+) 1 in
  map s l
```

Here, the expression (+) 1 stands for the partial application of the (+) operator (addition) to the constant 1. This is equivalent to the expression  $fun \times -> 1 + x$ .

```
letfun fun2 [f,map] 1 =
    match 1 with
    | [] -> []
    | a :: 1 -> let r = f a in r :: map f l
letfun fun1 [map] f =
    clos fun2 [f, map]
let rec map =
    clos fun1 [map]

letfun fun4 [] x =
    (+) 1
letfun fun3 [] 1 =
    let s = clos fun4 [] in
    map s l
let succs =
    clos fun3 []
```

Question 1. Consider the following OCAML program:

```
let rev_map f =
  let rec rmap_f accu l =
    match l with
    | [] -> accu
    | a::l -> rmap_f (f a :: accu) l
  in
  rmap_f []
```

Give the result of applying closure conversion to the above program. Sub-figure [1a] presents the abstract syntax of an OCAML program before closure conversion, whereas sub-figure [1b] presents the abstract syntax after closure conversion.

```
letfun fun3 [accu, rmap_f, f] 1 =
  match 1 with
  | [] -> accu
  | a :: 1 -> rmap_f (f a :: accu) 1
letfun fun2 [rmap_f, f] accu =
  clos fun3 [accu, rmap_f, f]
letfun fun1 [] f =
  let rec rmap_f = clos fun2 [rmap_f, f] in
  rmap_f []
let rev_map =
  clos fun1 []
```

In this case, one needs to be careful about argument f being a free-variable of function rmap\_f, hence a free variable (put into the environment) of both closures fun2 and fun3. Finally, the body of rev\_map ending in the partial application rmap\_f [] is irrelevant for closure conversion.

## Question 3 - Compiling pattern-matching expressions (Matrix-based Algorithm)

Pattern Matching - Build matrix, check first column, variable = let, else case split by constr, recur.

```
match 1 with
| [] -> []
| a :: 1 -> let r = f a in r :: map f l
```

Apresentar a matriz da expressão (M):

```
M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ [] \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow []
a :: 1 \longrightarrow let r = f a in r :: map f 1
```

Algorithm Structure (from class/lectures): Given a matrix with patterns in the first column:

- If all entries are variable patterns (not the case here), use let to bind variable and continue to the next column.
- If there are constructor patterns:
  - Partition the rows by constructor for the first column.
  - For each constructor, create a sub-matrix of rows for that constructor, substituting any fields.
  - For each constructor, recursively apply the algorithm to the submatrix.

```
F(M) = case constr(1) in

[] -> F(M<sub>[]</sub>)

:: -> F(M<sub>::</sub>)
```

$$M_{[\ ]}$$
 =  $|\ 
ightarrow$  []  $|$ 

and

$$M_{::} = \begin{vmatrix} \#_1(1) & \#_2(1) \\ a & 1 & \rightarrow \text{ let } r = f \text{ a in } r :: \text{ map } f \text{ l} \end{vmatrix}$$

 $F(M_{\lceil \rceil})$  simplifies into [].

 $F(M_{::})$  simplifies into

let 
$$a = \#_1(1)$$
 in let  $l = \#_2(1)$  in let  $r = f$  a in  $r :: map f l$ .

case constr(1) in
[] -> []
:: -> let a = #1(1) in
 let 1 = #2(1) in let r = f a in r :: map f l

#### Continuação da aula

- Para compilar clos f [y1,..., yn] fazemos o seguinte:
  - Alocamos um bloco de tamanho n + 1 no heap com malloc
  - o Guardamos o endereço de f no primeiro campo do bloco
  - o guardamos os valores de y1,..., yn nos restantes campos do bloco
  - o retornamos o ponteiro para o bloco
- Nota: a dealocação do bloco é feita pelo garbage collector.
- Para compilar e1 e2, fazemos:
  - o Compilamos e1 para o registo %rsi (o seu valor é um p1 para o closure)
  - o Compilamos e2 para o registo %rdi
  - Chamamos a função com o adereço obtido pelo primeiro campo do closure com call \*%rsi isto é um jump para um endereço dinamico.
- Para compilar o acesso à variável x, distinguimos os 4 casos:

- o global variable o valor é guardado no endereço dado pelo label x
- o local variable o valor está em n(%rbp) / num registo
- variable contained in a closure o valor está em n(%rsi) / num registo, onde n é o número de variáveis livres antes de x
- o function argument o valor está em %rdi (o primeiro argumento da função)
- Para compilar a declaração letfun f [y1,..., yn] x = e, fazemos:
  - salvar e setar %rbp
  - o alocar espaço no stack para as variáveis locais
  - o avaliar e no registo %rax
  - o apagar o stack frame e restaurar %rbp
  - o executar ret para retornar o valor no registo %rax

## Tail call optimization

### Definition

We say that a function call  $f(e_1,...,e_n)$  that appears in the body of a function g is a tail call if this is the last thing that g computes before it returns.

- A **tail call** é uma chamada de função que é a última ação de uma função, ou seja, não há mais código a ser executado após a chamada.
- Nós podemos apagar o stack frame da função que faz a tail call antes de fazer a chamada, porque não precisamos mais dele.
- Melhor, podemos reutilizar para fazer a tail call, em particular o endereço de retorno. Ou seja,
   podemos fazer um jump em vez de um call.

## Pattern-matching

- O objetivo do compilador é transformar instruções de alto nível numa sequência de testes elementares (constructor tests and constants comparison) e aceder aos campos de dados necessários.
- Consideremos a construção match x with p1 -> e1 | ... | pn -> en, onde pi são padrões e ei são expressões.
- Um padrão é definido pela sintax abstrata:
- p::= x | C(p,...,p)
- Onde C é um construtor que pode ser:
  - Uma constante
  - Um construtor constante de um tipo algébrico, como [] ou por exemplo, Empty como type t =
     Empty | ...
  - Um construtor com argumentos como :: ou por exemplo Node as in type t = Node of t \* t | ...
  - Um construtor de um n-tuplo com n >=2
- Dizemos que um padrão p é linear se todas as variáveis são usadas no máximo uma vez em p.
- Também se pode incluir padrões em valores: v::=C(v,...,v)

• Dizemos que um valor dá match no padrão p se existir uma substituição  $\sigma$ , de variáveis em valores tal que  $v = \sigma(p)$ .

It is straightforward that every value matches p = x; on the other hand

## Proposition

A value v matches  $p = C(p_1, ..., p_n)$  if and only if v is of the form  $v = C(v_1, ..., v_n)$  with  $v_i$  matching  $p_i$  for every i = 1, ..., n.

## Definition

In the matching

match 
$$x$$
 with  $p_1 o e_1 \mid \ldots \mid p_n o e_n$ 

if v is the value of x, we say that v matches the case  $p_i$  if v matches  $p_i$  and if v does not match any  $p_j$  for j < i.

The result of matching is thus  $\sigma(e_i)$ , where  $\sigma$  is the substitution such that  $\sigma(p_i) = v$ .

If v does not filter any  $p_i$ , the matching leads to a runtime error (exception Match\_failure in OCAML).

Let us consider a first algorithm for compiling pattern-matching.

We assume we have

- constr(e), that returns the constructor of a value e,
- $\#_i(e)$ , that returns the *i*-th component

In other words, if  $e = C(v_1, ..., v_n)$  then constr(e) = C and  $\#_i(e) = v_i$ .

Let us consider the example

```
match x with 1 :: y :: z -> y + length z
```

Its compilation produces the following (pseudo-)code:

```
if constr(x) = :: then
    if constr(#1(x)) = 1 then
        if constr(#2(x)) = :: then
        let y = #1(#2(x)) in
        let z = #2(#2(x)) in
        y + length(z)
        else error
        else error
        else error
```

To match several lines, we replace error by continuing to the next line

$$code(\mathtt{match}\ x\ \mathtt{with}\ p_1 \to e_1\ |\ \dots\ |\ p_n \to e_n) = F(p_1, x, e_1, F(p_2, x, e_2, \dots F(p_n, x, e_n, error)\dots))$$

where compilation function f is now defined as

```
F(x,e,succeeds,fails) = \\ let \ x = e \ in \ succeeds \\ F(C,e,succeeds,fails) = \\ if \ constr(e) = C \ then \ succeeds \ else \ fails \\ F(C(p_1,\ldots,p_n),e,succeeds,fails) = \\ if \ constr(e) = C \ then \\ F(p_1,\#_1(e),F(p_2,\#_2(e),\ldots F(p_n,\#_n(e),succeeds,fails)\ldots,fails) \\ else \ fails
```

The compilation of

```
match x with [] -> 1 | 1 :: y -> 2 | z :: y -> z
```

produces the following code

```
if constr(x) = [] then
    1
else
    if constr(x) = :: then
        if constr(#1(x)) = 1 then
            let y = #2(x) in 2
        else
            if constr(x) = :: then
                 let z = #1(x) in let y = #2(x) in z
        else error
else
    if constr(x) = :: then
        let z = #1(x) in let y = #2(x) in z
        else error
```

• Matrix solution to use on the test:

We propose a different algorithm, that tackles the problem of multiple-lines pattern-matching as a whole.

We represent the problem as a matrix

whose meaning is

$$egin{aligned} ext{match} & (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m) ext{ with} \ & | & (p_{1,1}, p_{1,2}, \dots, p_{1,m}) 
ightarrow ext{action}_1 \ & | & \dots \ & | & (p_{n,1}, p_{n,2}, \dots, p_{n,m}) 
ightarrow ext{action}_n \end{aligned}$$

The F algorithm traverses the matrix recursively

• 
$$n=0$$

$$F \begin{vmatrix} e_1 & \dots & e_m \\ & & \end{vmatrix} = error$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \bullet & m=0 \\ \hline F & \rightarrow & action_1 \\ & \vdots \\ & \rightarrow & action_n \end{array} = action_1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

If every column on the left hand side is made up of variables

$$M = \begin{vmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & \dots & e_m \\ x_{1,1} & p_{1,2} & \dots & p_{1,m} & \to & action_1 \\ \vdots & & & & & \\ x_{n,1} & p_{n,2} & \dots & p_{n,m} & \to & action_n \end{vmatrix}$$

we eliminate such column and introduce let bindings

$$F(M) = F egin{array}{ccccc} e_2 & \dots & e_m \\ p_{1,2} & \dots & p_{1,m} & 
ightarrow & \operatorname{let} x_{1,1} = e_1 \ \operatorname{in} \ \operatorname{action}_1 \\ \vdots & & & & \\ p_{n,2} & \dots & p_{n,m} & 
ightarrow & \operatorname{let} x_{n,1} = e_1 \ \operatorname{in} \ \operatorname{action}_n \end{array}$$

Let us consider

```
match x with [] -> 1 | 1 :: y -> 2 | z :: y -> z
```

This gives the matrix

$$M = \begin{vmatrix} x \\ \vdots \\ 1 : : y & \to & 2 \\ z : : y & \to & z \end{vmatrix}$$

We get

## Compilation Schemes, using and creating - Question 4/5

## Question 4

```
x := 42;
if (x) {
  y := x + 10
}
else {
  w := x + 2
}
```

Following the compilation schema from Appendix C, give the X86-64 code generated for this program. If you need to call an auxiliary X86-64 function of your own, please also provide its implementation. If you need to call an external function, no need to do stack alignment.

```
movq $42, %rdi
movq %rdi, -8(%rbp)
movq -8(%rbp), %rdi
testq %rdi, %rdi
jz L_else
movq -8(%rbp), %rdi
pushq %rdi
movq $10, %rdi
movq %rdi, %rsi
popq %rdi
```

```
addq %rsi, %rdi
movq %rdi, -16(%rbp)
jmp L_end

L_else:
movq -8(%rbp), %rdi
pushq %rdi
movq $2, %rdi
movq %rdi, %rsi
popq %rdi
addq %rsi, %rdi
movq %rdi, -24(%rbp)

L_end:
```

### Question 5

Question 5. We now consider the while loop.

Give a compilation schema for the while (e)  $\{s\}$  statement, as a new case of the  $C(\cdot)$  function.

More possible examples:

```
A. For Loop - for (x := e1; cond; x := e2) \{ s \}
```

Equivalent to:

```
x := e1;
while (cond) {
    s;
    x := e2;
}
```

Schema:

```
C(for (x := e1; cond; x := e2) { s }) =
   C(x := e1)
L_start:
   C(cond)
   testq %rdi, %rdi
   jz L_end
   C(s)
   C(x := e2)
```

```
jmp L_start
L_end:
```

#### B. For-Each Over a List

```
for x in 1 do s
```

#### Equivalent to:

0(%rsi): head of cons cell, 8(%rsi): pointer to next node.

ofs\_x(%rbp): stack offset for x.

#### C. Tuple Pattern-Matching

```
let (x, y) = p in s
```

#### Equivalent to:

For triples: also extract 16(%rdi) for z.

Adapt for more elements as needed.

#### D. Function Definition and Call

Let's assume a simple convention:

Closures are pointers to code and an environment (you might just store code pointers for simple cases).

Parameters passed in %rdi, return in %rax (or %rdi).

```
fun f(x) { s }
```

#### Equivalent to:

```
f:
   pushq %rbp
   movq %rsp, %rbp
   ... ; allocate locals as needed
   ; x is passed in %rdi, store to ofs_x(%rbp)
   movq %rdi, ofs_x(%rbp)
   C(s)
   popq %rbp
   ret
```

Function call:

```
y := f(e)
```

#### Equivalent to:

#### E. Pattern-Matching Over Lists

#### Suppose:

```
match l with
| [] -> s1
| x :: xs -> s2
```

#### Schema:

```
C(1) ; result in %rdi
cmpq $0, %rdi ; test for []
```

## Production of Efficient Code - Question 6/7

#### Question 6

Question 6. Give a possible program written in the While language that corresponds to the RTL statement in Figure 1. The abstract syntax of the While language is given in Figure 3 of Appendix B.

Hint: it might be useful to start by drawing the execution flow graph that corresponds to the RTL statement in Figure 1.

```
n := 0;
while (i != 0) {
  n := n + i;
  i := i - 1;
}
r := n
```

How to:

A. Identify Variables and Their Roles #1, #2, ..., #7: pseudo-registers.

Look for initialization, update, and loop conditions.

**B. Look for Patterns** Initialization: mov 0 #3 means #3 starts at 0 (n := 0)

Loop condition: The ubranch/inz at L3 uses #4 to decide which label to go to. #4 is set from #1 (mov #1 #4)

Loop body:

```
mov #1 #5: copy #1 to #5 (preparing for addition) binop add #5 #3: #3 := #5 + #3 (i.e., n := n + i) mov #1 #6, mov 1 #7, binop sub #7 #6, mov #6 #1: sequence for i := i - 1 Loop jump: goto L2 (loop back)
```

C. Structure as High-Level Code Initialization before the loop.

After loop: mov #3 #2 (result assignment: r := n)

Loop condition as the branch.

Loop body: accumulation and decrement.

After loop: assign result.

4. General Method: How to Do This in an Exam Identify variable initializations (mov const #n): These are high-level assignments.

Find the loop (or conditional) structure:

Repeated jumps, conditional branches, and updates indicate loops.

ubranch or cmp + jz/jnz mean while/if.

Within the loop, find the body:

Look for binop (arithmetic), mov (assignments).

Map to +=, -= etc.

Find what happens after the loop.

Assign meaningful variable names for clarity.

Write the code as if you were the one who wrote it originally, not the compiler!

RTL Pattern	WHILE/C equivalent	How to spot it	
mov 0 #n	n := 0;	constant init  conditional branch/jump  addition  subtraction  assignment  loop back	
ubranch jnz #v	while (v != 0) { }		
binop add #a #b	b := b + a;		
binop sub #a #b	b := b - a;		
mov #a #b	b := a;		
goto (back to start)	(end of while)		
mov #n #result	result := n;	result assignment	

Possible variants:

#### A. Arithmetic For Loop

WHILE/C Code

```
sum := 0;
for (i := 1; i <= N; i := i + 1) {
    sum := sum + i;
}</pre>
```

Corresponding RTL

```
L1: mov 0 #1
                    ; sum := 0
L2: mov 1 #2
                    ; i := 1
L3: mov #2 #3
  cmp #3, #N
   jg L_end
L4: mov #2 #4
   add #1 #4
                    ; #4 = sum + i
   mov #4 #1
                    ; sum := #4
L5: add 1 #2
                    ; i := i + 1
   jmp L3
L_end:
```

#### **B. For-Each Loop Over a List**

WHILE/C Code

```
s := 0;
while (l != []) {
    s := s + head(l);
    l := tail(l);
}
```

Possible RTL

```
L1: mov 0 #1
                   ; s := 0
L2: mov 1 #2
                   ; #2 = 1
L3: cmp #2, []
                    ; check if list is empty
   je L_end
                 ; #3 = head(1)
L4: head #2 #3
   add #1 #3
                   ; #3 = s + head(1)
                    ; s := #3
   mov #3 #1
   tail #2 #2
                   ; l := tail(l)
   jmp L3
L_end:
```

Note: head/tail are pseudo-instructions for accessing list fields.

#### C. Pattern-Matching on Tuples

WHILE/C Code

```
(x, y) := t;
z := x + y;
```

Possible RTL

```
L1: mov t #1 ; #1 = t

L2: fst #1 #2 ; #2 = x = first element

L3: snd #1 #3 ; #3 = y = second element

L4: add #2 #3 ; #3 = x + y

L5: mov #3 #4 ; z := #3
```

• Note: fst/snd = pseudo-instructions for extracting tuple elements.

#### **D. Function Call (No Closures)**

WHILE/C Code

```
y := f(x);
```

Possible RTL

```
L1: mov x #1 ; #1 = x (argument)
L2: call f, #1, #2 ; call f with #1, result in #2
L3: mov #2 #y ; y := #2
```

• Note: Here, call f, #1, #2 is a pseudo-instruction.

#### E. Pattern-Matching on a List

WHILE/C Code

```
if (l == []) {
   z := 0;
} else {
   z := head(l);
}
```

Possible RTL

```
L1: mov 1 #1
    cmp #1, []
    je L2
L3: head #1 #2
    mov #2 #z
    jmp L_end
L2: mov 0 #z
L_end:
```

#### F. For Loop with Tuple Accumulator

WHILE/C Code

```
(a, b) := (0, 0);
for (i := 1; i <= N; i := i + 1) {
    a := a + i;
    b := b + 2 * i;
}</pre>
```

#### Possible RTL

```
L1: mov ∅ #1
                    ; a := 0
                    ; b := 0
  mov 0 #2
L2: mov 1 #3
                    ; i := 1
L3: cmp #3, #N
   jg L_end
                    ; #1 = a + i
L4: add #1 #3
   mov #1 #1
                    ; a := #1
                    ; #4 = 2 * i
   mul 2 #3
   add #2 #4
                    ; #2 = b + (2*i)
                    ; b := #2
   mov #2 #2
   add 1 #3
                    ; i := i + 1
   jmp L3
L_end:
```

## Interference Graphs - Question 7 Aula 11/12

- 1. The interference graph is an undirected graph where:
- Each node is a pseudo-register (e.g., #1, #2, ...).
- An edge between nodes means those two pseudo-registers are live at the same time (their values are needed simultaneously), so they cannot be stored in the same physical register.
- There are also "preference" (dashed) edges, usually for mov operations, where it's desirable (but not necessary) to put both in the same register to eliminate unnecessary moves.
- 2. How to Build It (Step by Step)

**A. Perform Liveness Analysis** For every instruction, compute which pseudo-registers are live "out" **(needed after the instruction)**.

See lecture for the equations:

```
in(1) = use(1) \cup (out(1) \setminus def(1))
out(1) = U [in(s) for each successor s]
```

Live variables can be deduced from definitions and uses of variables by the various instructions.

## Definition

For an instruction at label I in the control-flow graph, we write

- def(I) for the set of variables defined by this instruction,
- use(I) for the set of variables used by this instruction.

Example: for the instruction add  $r_1$   $r_2$  we have

$$def(I) = \{r_2\}$$
 and  $use(I) = \{r_1, r_2\}$ 

**def(I)** = registers written (assigned) in the instruction at label I

**use(I)** = registers read (used) in the instruction

But then we have to distinguish between variables live at entry and variables live at exit of a given instruction.

## Definition

For an instruction at label I in the control-flow graph, we write

- in(I) for the set of live variables on the set of incoming edges to I,
- out(I) for the set of live variables on the set of outcoming edges from I.

For each instruction that defines a register v, draw an edge from v to every other register w live in out(I) (except for moves, see below).

**B. Special Case: mov Instructions** For mov w v, do not create an interference edge between w and v, but instead draw a dashed "preference" edge, meaning it's preferable (but not necessary) to allocate them to the same register.

#### Example

```
\rightarrow L2
L1:
      mov 0 #3
                       → L3
L2:
      mov #1 #4
L3:
     ubranch jnz #4 → L4, L11
L4:
      mov #1 #5
                       → L5
      binop add #5 #3 → L6
L5:
L6:
      mov #1 #6
                       → L7
L7:
      mov 1 #7
                        → L8
```

```
L8: binop sub #7 #6 → L9
L9: mov #6 #1 → L10
L10: goto → L2
L11: mov #3 #2 → L12
L12: (end)
```

#### 2. Def/Use Table

Label	Instruction	Def	Use	Succ
L1	mov 0 #3	#3	_	L2
L2	L2 mov #1 #4		#1	L3
L3	ubranch jnz #4	_	#4	L4, L11
L4	mov #1 #5	#5	#1	L5
L5	binop add #5 #3	#3	#5, #3	L6
L6	mov #1 #6	#6	#1	L7
L7 mov 1 #7		#7	_	L8
L8	L8 binop sub #7 #6		#7, #6	L9
L9	mov #6 #1	#1	#6	L10
L10	goto	_	—	L2
L11	mov #3 #2	#2	#3	L12
L12	(end)	_		_

3. Compute Liveness: in and out for Each Label

We'll fill this in backwards from L12 to L1.

Initialize: out(L12) =  $\emptyset$ , in(L12) =  $\emptyset$ 

Label	def	use	out	in
L12	_	—	Ø	Ø
L11	#2	#3	Ø	{#3}
L10	_	_	{#1, #4}	{#1, #4}
L9	#1	#6	{#1, #4}	{#6, #4}
L8	#6	#7, #6	{#1, #4}	{#7, #6, #4}
L7	#7	_	{#7, #6, #4}	{#6, #4}
L6	#6	#1	{#7, #6, #4}	{#1, #7, #4}
L5	#3	#5, #3	{#1, #7, #4}	{#5, #3, #1, #7, #4}

Label	def	use	out	in
L4	#5	#1	{#5, #3, #1, #7, #4}	{#1, #3, #7, #4}
L3	_	#4	$\{\#1,  \#3,  \#7,  \#4\} \cup \{\#3\} = \{\#1,  \#3,  \#4,  \#7\}$	{#4, #1, #3, #7}
L2	#4	#1	{#4, #1, #3, #7}	{#1, #3, #7}
L1	#3	_	{#1, #3, #7}	{#3, #1, #7}

Explanation for a couple tricky points:

L10: Successor is L2;  $in(L2) = \{\#1, \#3, \#7\}$ ; so  $out(L10) = \{\#1, \#4\}$  (from path via goto loop).

L3: Successors are L4 (in(L4) =  $\{\#1, \#3, \#7, \#4\}$ ) and L11 (in(L11) =  $\{\#3\}$ ). So out(L3) = union =  $\{\#1, \#3, \#4, \#7\}$ .

You might find small differences depending on how you resolve union points, but this is the main structure.

4. Build the Interference Graph

L1: mov  $0 \# 3 \rightarrow L2 \text{ def} = \# 3, \text{ out} = \{\# 1, \# 3, \# 7\}$ 

mov: add dashed #3--0 (0 is not a pseudo-register, so no effect)

Interference: #3 -- #1, #3 -- #7 (do not do #3--#3).

L2: mov #1 #4  $\rightarrow$  L3 def = #4, out = {#1, #3, #7}

mov: dashed #1--#4

Interference: #4 -- #3, #4 -- #7 (not #4--#1 because mov)

L3: ubranch jnz #4  $\rightarrow$  L4, L11 def = none

(no new edges)

L4: mov #1 #5  $\rightarrow$  L5 def = #5, out = {#1, #3, #7, #4}

mov: dashed #1--#5

Interference: #5 -- #3, #5 -- #7, #5 -- #4

L5: binop add #5 #3  $\rightarrow$  L6 def = #3, out = {#1, #7, #4}

binop: interference #3 -- #1, #3 -- #7, #3 -- #4

L6: mov #1 #6  $\rightarrow$  L7 def = #6, out = {#7, #6, #4}

mov: dashed #1--#6

Interference: #6 -- #7, #6 -- #4

L7: mov 1 #7  $\rightarrow$  L8 def = #7, out = {#7, #6, #4}

mov: dashed #1--#7 (not present, since src is constant)

Interference: #7 -- #6, #7 -- #4

L8: binop sub #7 #6  $\rightarrow$  L9 def = #6, out = {#1, #4}

binop: #6 -- #1, #6 -- #4

L9: mov #6 #1  $\rightarrow$  L10 def = #1, out = {#1, #4}

mov: dashed #6--#1

Interference: #1 -- #4

L10: goto  $\rightarrow$  L2 no def, skip.

L11: mov #3 #2  $\rightarrow$  L12 def = #2, out =  $\emptyset$ 

mov: dashed #3--#2

(no out to add interference)

## Optimizable instructions

Operation	Operation Optimized Instruction / Trick	
x + 1	incq	
x - 1	decq	
x + 0	(skip)	
x - 0	(skip)	
x * 0	xorq reg, reg	
x * 1	(skip)	
x * 2^n	shlq \$n, reg	
x * -1	negq reg	
x / 1	(skip)	
x / 2^n	sarq \$n, reg	
x := x + y	addq src, dst	
x := x - y	subq src, dst	