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# Programming Languages Translation Final Project: Recursive-descent Compiler for Mini-language

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#### Introduction

This report presents the design and implementation of a recursive-descent compiler for translating assignment statements in a mini-language into assembly language for a stack machine. The compiler utilizes zero-address instructions and uses an evaluation stack for carrying out computations.

### **Compiler Architecture:**

The compiler consists of a lexical analyzer, parser, and code generator. The lexical analyzer receives a string of characters representing the assignment statement as input and produces a sequence of tokens. The parser then uses a recursive descent algorithm to analyze the tokens and generate code instructions. The code generator takes the generated code instructions and produces a string of assembly language instructions.

## **Code Snippets + Comments:**

We start by initializing the class "Compiler" and its variables. The following function is the constructor function that initializes the instance variables of the Compiler class. It sets self.tokens to an empty list, self.current\_token to None, self.index to 0, and self.output to an empty list.

```
import re

class Compiler:
    def __init__(self):
        self.tokens = []
        self.current_token = None
        self.index = 0
        self.output = []
```

• The following function takes an input string and tokenizes it into a list of tokens using a regular expression. It sets self.tokens to the list of tokens and self.current\_token to the first token in the list.

```
# takes an input string and splits it into a list of tokens using a
regular expression
def tokenize(self, input_string):
    self.tokens = re.findall(r'\w+|[^\s\w]', input_string)
    self.current_token = self.tokens[self.index]
```

This function takes an expected token as an argument and moves through the list of tokens one at a time. If the current token matches the expected token, it advances to the next token in the list. If there are no more tokens, it sets the current token to None. If the current token does not match the expected token, it raises an exception.

```
def consume(self, expected_token):
    if self.current_token == expected_token:
        self.index += 1
        if self.index < len(self.tokens):
            self.current_token = self.tokens[self.index]
        else:
            self.current_token = None
    else:
        raise Exception(f'Error: Expected {expected_token}, got
{self.current_token}')</pre>
```

• This function handles individual factors in an expression, which can be either numbers or variables. If the current token is a number, it adds a LIT instruction to the output list with the value of the number, consumes the token, and returns. If the current token is a variable name, it adds a LIT instruction with the name of the variable, consumes the token, and checks if the next token is a left square bracket ([) indicating an index into an array. If it is, it compiles the expression inside the

brackets using the expr() function and adds an ADD instruction to the output. Then it adds a LOAD instruction to the output and returns. If there is no left square bracket, it simply adds a LOAD instruction to the output and returns. If the current token is neither a number nor a variable name, it raises an exception.

```
def factor(self):
        if re.match(r'\d+', self.current token):
            value = int(self.current token)
            self.output.append(f'LIT {value}')
            self.consume(self.current token)
        elif re.match(r'\w+', self.current token):
            value = self.current token
            self.output.append(f'LIT {value}')
            self.consume(self.current token)
            if self.current token == '[':
                self.consume('[')
                self.expr()
                self.consume(']')
                self.output.append('ADD')
                self.output.append('LOAD')
            else:
                self.output.append('LOAD')
        else:
            raise Exception(f'Error: Invalid token
{self.current token}')
```

• This function handles multiplication and division in an expression. It calls factor() to parse the first factor in the term, and then repeatedly checks if the current token is a \* or / operator. If it is, it consumes the operator, calls factor() again to parse the next factor in the term, and adds a MUL or DIV instruction to the output.

```
#handles multiplication and division
def term(self):
    self.factor()
```

```
while self.current_token in ['*', '/']:
    op = self.current_token
    if op == '*':
        self.consume('*')
        self.factor()
        self.output.append('MUL')
    elif op == '/':
        self.consume('/')
        self.factor()
        self.output.append('DIV')
```

• This function handles addition and subtraction in an expression. It first checks if the current token is a unary - operator. If it is, it consumes the operator and checks if the next token is a number, in which case it negates the number and adds a LIT instruction with the negated value to the output. If the next token is not a number, it calls term() to parse the first term in the expression, and then adds a NEG instruction to the output. If the current token is not a unary - operator, it calls term() to parse the first term in the expression. It then repeatedly checks if the current token is a + or - operator, and if it is, it consumes the operator, calls term() again to parse the next term, and adds an ADD or SUB instruction to the output.

```
# handles addition and subtraction

def expr(self):
    if self.current_token == '-':
        op = '-'
        self.consume('-')
    if re.match(r'\d+', self.current_token):
        value = int(self.current_token)
        value *= -1
        value = str(value)
        value.replace('-', '')
        value = '-' + value
        value = int(value)
        value = str(value)
```

```
value.replace('--', '')
        self.output.append(f'LIT {value}')
        self.consume(self.current_token)
    else:
        self.term()
        self.output.append('NEG')
else:
    self.term()
while self.current_token in ['+', '-']:
    op = self.current token
    if op == '+':
        self.consume('+')
        self.term()
        self.output.append('ADD')
    elif op == '-':
        self.consume('-')
        self.term()
        self.output.append('SUB')
```

• This function parses and compiles a variable assignment. It first checks that the current token is a valid variable name, and adds a LIT instruction with the name of the variable to the output. It then checks if the next token is a left square bracket ([), indicating an index into an array.

```
def assign(self):
    if re.match(r'\w+', self.current_token):
        value = self.current_token
        self.consume(self.current_token)
    if self.current_token == '[':
        self.consume('['))
        self.expr()
        self.consume(']')
        self.output.append('ADD')
    else:
```

```
self.output.append(f'LIT {value}')
self.consume('=')
self.expr()
self.output.append('STORE')
else:
    raise Exception(f'Error: Invalid token
{self.current_token}')
```

```
# takes an input string, tokenizes it, and repeatedly calls
assign() to compile each assignment in the input string.
# The resulting output is a list of instructions, which are
concatenated into a single string and printed.
def compile(self, input_string):
    self.tokenize(input_string)
    while self.current_token is not None:
        self.assign()
```

```
def main():
    compiler = Compiler()
    input_string = input()
    compiler.compile(input_string)
    output_string = " ".join(compiler.output)
    print(output_string)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
```

#### **Examples of input data and generated output:**

```
A = B + 3 * C
python testing.py
Please input an expression:
A=B+3*C
LIT A LIT B LOAD LIT 3 LIT C LOAD MUL ADD STORE
```

```
Please input an expression:
A=B*B+3/2
LIT A LIT B LOAD LIT B LOAD MUL LIT 3 LIT 2 DIV ADD STORE
```

#### Code:

```
import re
class Compiler:
    def __init__(self):
        self.tokens = []
        self.current token = None
        self.index = 0
        self.output = []
    # takes an input string and splits it into a list of tokens using
a regular expression
    def tokenize(self, input string):
        self.tokens = re.findall(r' w+ \lceil ^s w \rceil', input string)
        self.current token = self.tokens[self.index]
    # it moves through the list of tokens, one at a time. It takes an
expected token as an argument
    #if the current token matches, it advances to the next token in
the list.
    # If there are no more tokens, it sets the current token to None.
   # If the current token does not match the expected token, it
raises an exception.
    def consume(self, expected_token):
        if self.current token == expected token:
            self.index += 1
            if self.index < len(self.tokens):</pre>
                self.current token = self.tokens[self.index]
            else:
                self.current token = None
        else:
```

```
raise Exception(f'Error: Expected {expected_token}, got
{self.current token}')
    #handles individual factors (numbers or variables)
    def factor(self):
        if re.match(r'\d+', self.current token):
            value = int(self.current token)
            self.output.append(f'LIT {value}')
            self.consume(self.current token)
        elif re.match(r'\w+', self.current_token):
            value = self.current token
            self.output.append(f'LIT {value}')
            self.consume(self.current token)
            if self.current token == '[':
                self.consume('[')
                self.expr()
                self.consume(']')
                self.output.append('ADD')
                self.output.append('LOAD')
            else:
                self.output.append('LOAD')
        else:
            raise Exception(f'Error: Invalid token
{self.current token}')
    #handles multiplication and division
    def term(self):
        self.factor()
        while self.current_token in ['*', '/']:
            op = self.current token
            if op == '*':
                self.consume('*')
                self.factor()
                self.output.append('MUL')
            elif op == '/':
                self.consume('/')
                self.factor()
                self.output.append('DIV')
```

```
# handles addition and subtraction
def expr(self):
    if self.current token == '-':
        op = '-'
        self.consume('-')
        if re.match(r'\d+', self.current token):
            value = int(self.current token)
            value *= -1
            value = str(value)
            value.replace('-', '')
            value = '-' + value
            value = int(value)
            value = str(value)
            value.replace('--', '')
            self.output.append(f'LIT {value}')
            self.consume(self.current_token)
        else:
            self.term()
            self.output.append('NEG')
    else:
        self.term()
    while self.current_token in ['+', '-']:
        op = self.current_token
        if op == '+':
            self.consume('+')
            self.term()
            self.output.append('ADD')
        elif op == '-':
            self.consume('-')
            self.term()
            self.output.append('SUB')
# used to parse and compile variable assignments.
def assign(self):
    if re.match(r'\w+', self.current_token):
        value = self.current token
        self.consume(self.current token)
        if self.current token == '[':
```

```
self.consume('[')
                self.expr()
                self.consume(']')
                self.output.append('ADD')
            else:
                self.output.append(f'LIT {value}')
            self.consume('=')
            self.expr()
            self.output.append('STORE')
            raise Exception(f'Error: Invalid token
{self.current_token}')
    # takes an input string, tokenizes it, and repeatedly calls
assign() to compile each assignment in the input string.
    # The resulting output is a list of instructions, which are
concatenated into a single string and printed.
    def compile(self, input string):
        self.tokenize(input string)
        while self.current token is not None:
            self.assign()
def main():
    compiler = Compiler()
    input_string = input("Please input an expression:\n")
    compiler.compile(input_string)
    output_string = " ".join(compiler.output)
    print(output_string)
if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
```