Formal Languages and Compilers Proff. Breveglieri, Morzenti Written exam¹: laboratory question 04/02/2020

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The laboratory question must be answered taking into account the implementation of the Acse compiler given with the exam text.

Modify the specification of the lexical analyser (flex input) and the syntactic analyser (bison input) and any other source file required to extend the Lance language with the **try-catch** statement. This construct is composed of two parts: a block of code placed after the **try** keyword, and a list of **catch** blocks. The execution of the construct begins with the try block, inside this block, a **throw** statement may appear, which throws an exception. The execution of a throw statement outside a try block is undefined behaviour.

When an exception is thrown, the execution of the try block is interrupted, and control is transfered to the catch blocks. Each catch block is characterized by a numeric identifier, the parameter of the throw statement determines which catch blocks have to be executed. The argument of the throw statement and the identifier of the catch blocks are arbitrary expressions. An arbitrary number of catch blocks is allowed (including any). If no catch block matches the thrown value, the control flow proceeds from the end of the try-catch statement. If multiple catch blocks have the same identifier, all of them are executed, in the order in which they appear in the source code. The try-catch statement does not allow nesting.

The following code exemplifies its use.

Pencil writing is allowed. Write your name on any additional sheet.

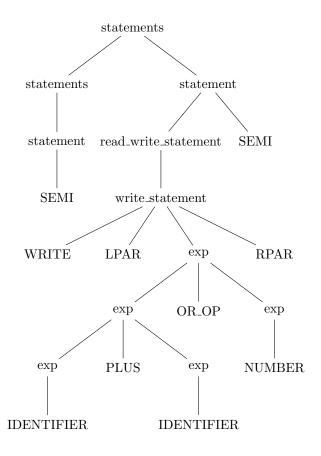
¹Time 60'. Textbooks and notes can be used.

- 1. Define the tokens (and the related declarations in Acse.lex and Acse.y). (2 points)
- 2. Define the syntactic rules or the modifications required to the existing ones. (4 points)
- 3. Define the semantic actions needed to implement the required functionality. (19 points) The solution is in the attached patch.

4. Given the following Lance code snippet:

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; write (x + y | 1);
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write down the syntactic tree generated during the parsing with the Bison grammar described in Acse.y starting from the statements nonterminal. (5 points)



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5. (Bonus) Describe how you would modify your implementation in order to make try-catch

statements nestable. $\,$