Tiger frontend compiler for C--

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Chapter 1

Introduction

This document describes the source code for a Tiger language front end to the Quick C-- compiler¹. The Tiger language is described in "Modern Compiler Implementation in ML"[?]. To quote from Appendix A of this book:

The Tiger language is a small language with nested functions, record values with implicit pointers, arrays, integer and string variables, and a few simple structured control constructs.

In addition, we have added exceptions to the basic Tiger language. Full source code and documentation can be found at the C-- website, or in the Quick C-- CVS repository under frontends/tiger.

1.1 Guide to the Source Code

The sources are dived into several modules, each of which is described below. Figure ?? shows the dependencies between the major modules in the compiler.

Abstract Syntax The abstract syntax for Tiger programs is described in the Ast module. Symbols and tables of symbols are implemented in a companion module Symbol. As usual, Tiger source programs are converted into abstract syntax by the parser. The abstract syntax is then used by the rest of the compiler as the representation of programs.

symbol.nw Symbols and symbol tables. ast.nw Abstract Syntax Trees.

Analysis The analysis phase verifies that the abstract syntax tree represents a semanticly correct program. This process includes type checking and verifying

¹See URL http://www.cminusminus.org.

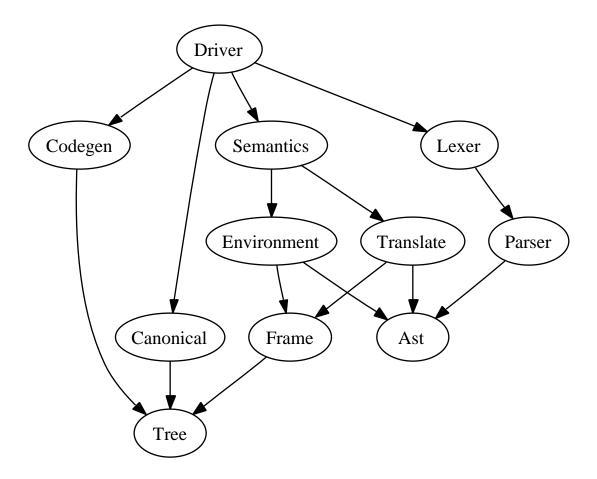


Figure 1.1: Module Dependencies

that expressions are used in a proper context (e.g. a break can only occur within a loop). The semantic analysis uses an environment to keep track of type definitions, variable bindings and other information. The environment is implemented in the Environment module, and the analysis is implemented in the Semantics module.

environment.nw Environments. semantics.nw Semantic analysis.

Translation The Translate module translates an abstract syntax tree into the intermediate representation used by the rest of the compiler. The intermediate representation is defined in the Tree module.

tree.nw The intermediate representation.

translate.nw Translates ASTs to intermediate representation.

Code Generation The code generator translates the intermediate representation into a C-- program. Each Tiger function is translated into a C-- function by the Tiger compiler. The stack frame for each function is managed by the Frame module. The Codegen module outputs C-- programs from the intermediate representation and information contained in the Frame module.

frame.nw Stack frames. codegen.nw Generates C-- code.

Tiger Runtime System Compiled tiger programs must be linked with the tiger runtime system to create a complete program. The runtime system contains the startup code, a simple copying garbage collector, and a library of standard functions.

gc.nw Garbage collector.

stdlib.nw Tiger standard library functions.

runtime.nw Startup code.

Other Modules The Tiger compiler also contains several support modules. These modules are listed below—the complete sources can be found in the appendices.

driver.nw The compiler driver. error.nw Error reporting.

option.nw Command line options. parser.nw Parser and scanner.

canonical.nw Linearizes expression trees.

Chapter 2

Abstract Syntax of Tiger

2.1 Symbols

The Symbol module provides the representation of symbols and an implementation of symbol tables.

2.1.1 Basic Symbols

Symbols are created from strings found in the source program. The interface to symbols is given below. A new symbol can be created from a string. The new_symbol function ensures that the newly created symbol is unique.

```
\langle symbol.mli \rangle \equiv type symbol
```

Symbols are implemented as stamped strings—a pair containing a string and an int. The integer is used to identify the symbol. All symbols are held in a hash-table implemented by the standard library Hashtbl module.

```
(symbol.ml)=
  type symbol = string * int

let nextsym = ref 0
let hashtable = Hashtbl.create 128

let name = fst
let uid = snd

let symbol name =
  try let s = Hashtbl.find hashtable name in (name,s)
  with Not_found ->
   incr nextsym; Hashtbl.add hashtable name !nextsym;
      (name, !nextsym)

let new_symbol s = symbol (Printf.sprintf "%s_%d" s !nextsym)
```

2.1.2 Symbol Tables

A symbol table is a mapping from symbols to values. In addition, symbol tables support "scoping" in that each table has a parent table. If a symbol is not found in the a table, then the parent table will be consulted—each child table hide the definitions of its parent.

A symbol table is created with a list of key-value pairs for the initial table. Symbols can be inserted and queried up with the enter and look functions, and a nested scope can be created with the new_scope function.

```
\langle symbol.mli \rangle +=
type 'a table

val enter : 'a table -> symbol -> 'a -> unit
val look : 'a table -> symbol -> 'a
val mem : 'a table -> symbol -> bool
val create : (string * 'a) list -> 'a table

val new_scope : 'a table -> 'a table
```

The iter and fold functions perform the usual iteration and folding over a symbol table and its parents. The first parameter to the supplied functions gives to nesting level in which the current symbol-value pair lives. The outermost level is 0.

```
\langle symbol.mli\rangle +\equiv \\  \mbox{val iter}: (int -> symbol -> 'a -> unit) -> 'a table -> unit \\  \mbox{val fold}: (int -> symbol -> 'a -> 'b -> 'b) -> 'a table -> 'b -
```

Symbol tables are implemented using the standard library Hashtbl module. Duplicate entries in the same table are disallowed.

```
(symbol.ml)+=
  type 'a table = {
    level : int;
    tbl : (symbol, 'a) Hashtbl.t;
    parent : 'a table option
  }

let enter env s v =
    if Hashtbl.mem env.tbl s
    then failwith "Compiler error: symbol table duplicate entry"
    else Hashtbl.add env.tbl s v
```

If a symbol is not found in a given symbol table, then its parent table is checked. If there is no parent table, then Not_found is raised.

```
\langle symbol.ml\rangle +=
let rec look env s =
try Hashtbl.find env.tbl s
with Not_found -> match env.parent with
None -> raise Not_found
| Some e -> look e s
```

The mem function can be used to determine if a symbol is defined in the current nesting level.

```
\langle symbol.ml \rangle + \equiv let mem env = Hashtbl.mem env.tbl
```

Symbol tables are created from a list of initial mappings. All symbol tables are created with an initial nesting level of zero. As new nested scopes are created the level increases by one for each level.

Both iter and fold are implemented by lifting the corresponding Hashtbl functions up to our representation of symbol tables.

```
(symbol.ml)+=
let rec iter f env =
   Hashtbl.iter (f env.level) env.tbl;
match env.parent with
   None -> ()
| Some e -> iter f e

let rec fold f env init =
   let result = Hashtbl.fold (f env.level) env.tbl init in
   match env.parent with
   None -> result
| Some e -> fold f e result
```

2.2 Abstract Syntax

The Ast module describes the types used to represent the abstract syntax of a Tiger program. The print_tree function will print a string representation of an abstract syntax tree for debugging purposes.

```
\langle ast.mli \rangle \equiv
\langle types \rangle
val print_tree : exp -> unit
\langle ast.ml \rangle \equiv
\langle types \rangle
\langle tree\ printer \rangle
```

2.2.1 Ast Types

Symbols are defined in the Symbol module (Section ??), and positions within the source file are integers representing a byte offset.

```
\langle types \rangle \equiv type pos = int and symbol = Symbol.symbol
```

The Tiger language allows declarations of functions, types, and variables. A function declaration may have a return type, but it is optional. Variable declaration also have an optional type.

```
\langle types \rangle +=
type dec =
FunctionDec of (symbol * field list * symbol option * exp * pos) list
| VarDec of symbol * symbol option * exp * pos
| TypeDec of (symbol * ty * pos) list
| ExceptionDec of symbol * pos
```

A type declaration may be either an alias (reference to a previously declared type), a record declaration, or an array declaration.

```
\langle types \rangle + \equiv
and ty =
NameTy of symbol * pos
| RecordTy of field list
| ArrayTy of symbol * pos
```

Record and function definitions both take parameters of the form name: type where both name and type are symbols. These name-type pairs are represented by the Ocaml type field.

```
\langle types \rangle + \equiv and field = (symbol * symbol * pos)
```

A variable expressions is either a simple variable name, a field variable for referencing members of a record type, or a subscript variable for accessing the elements of an array.

Expressions in Tiger are described by the exp type below. The ArrayExp and RecordExp types are used for anonymous arrays and records respectively. The first element of both the ArrayExp and RecordExp types is a reference to an already existing type.

```
\langle types \rangle + \equiv
 and exp =
     NilExp
    | VarExp
                of var
              of int
    | IntExp
    | StringExp of string * pos
    | RecordExp of symbol * (symbol * exp * pos) list * pos
    | ArrayExp of symbol * exp * exp * pos
    | AssignExp of var * exp * pos
                of exp * oper * exp * pos
    | OpExp
    | CallExp of symbol * exp list * pos
    | IfExp
                of exp * exp * exp option * pos
    | WhileExp of exp * exp * pos
    | ForExp
                of symbol * exp * exp * exp * pos
    | BreakExp of pos
    | SeqExp
                of exp list * pos
    | LetExp
                of dec list * exp * pos
                of exp * (symbol * exp * pos) list * pos
    | TryExp
    | RaiseExp of symbol * pos
    | SpawnExp of symbol * pos
```

```
Finally, the valid operators in the Tiger language are +,-,*,/,=,<>,<,=,>, and >=.
```

```
 \begin{array}{l} \langle types \rangle + \equiv \\ \text{and oper = PlusOp | MinusOp | TimesOp | DivideOp} \\ & | \  \, \text{EqOp | NeqOp | LtOp | LeOp | GtOp | GeOp} \\ \end{array}
```

2.2.2 Abstract Syntax Tree Printer

The Ast module provides a tree printing function for debugging purposes. The abstract syntax tree can be printed by specifying the appropriate command line arguments (see the Driver module in Section ??).

The code for the AST printer is shown below. The iprintf function is an indenting printf which will indent a number of spaces before calling printf, and the opname function returns a printable string representation for a given operator type.

```
\langle tree\ printer \rangle \equiv
 module S = Symbol
 let iprintf d fmt =
   let rec indent = function
        0 -> ()
      | i -> (print_string " "; indent(i-1))
   in (indent d; Printf.printf fmt)
 let opname = function
     PlusOp
              -> "PlusOp"
    | MinusOp -> "MinusOp"
    | TimesOp -> "TimesOp"
    | DivideOp -> "DivideOp"
    | EqOp
               -> "EqOp"
               -> "NeqOp"
    | NeqOp
    | LtOp
               -> "Lt0p"
               -> "LeOp"
    | LeOp
    | GtOp
               -> "GtOp"
               -> "GeOp"
    | GeOp
```

The tree printer itself consists of four functions for printing declarations, types, variables, and expressions. Each Tiger program is an expression, and an outer function starts the process by calling the expression printer with an initial indenting level of 0.

```
\langle tree\ printer \rangle + \equiv
  let print_tree expression =
    \langle declaration \ printer \rangle
     \langle type \ printer \rangle
     \langle variable\ printer \rangle
     \langle expression \ printer \rangle
  in exp 0 expression
\langle declaration \ printer \rangle \equiv
  let rec dec d =
    let print_opt_sym d = function
         None -> iprintf (d+1) ": NONE\n"
       | Some s \rightarrow iprintf (d+1) ": SOME(%s)\n" (S.name s)
    in
    function
      FunctionDec functions ->
         let prfield d (n,t,_) =
           iprintf d "%s:%s\n" (S.name n) (S.name t)
         in
         let prfun d (name, params, type', body, _) =
           iprintf d "%s:\n" (S.name name);
           List.iter (prfield (d+1)) params;
           print_opt_sym (d+1) type';
           exp (d+2) body
         iprintf d "FunctionDec:\n";
         List.iter (prfun (d+1)) functions
    | VarDec(name, type', init,_) ->
         iprintf d "VarDec: %s\n" (S.name name);
         print_opt_sym (d+1) type';
         exp (d+1) init
     | TypeDec types ->
         let prtdec d (name, type',_) =
           iprintf d "%s:\n" (S.name name); ty (d+1) type'
         in
         iprintf d "TypeDec:\n";
         List.iter (prtdec (d+1)) types
     | ExceptionDec(s,_) ->
         iprintf d "ExceptionDec:%s\n" (S.name s)
```

```
\langle type\ printer \rangle \equiv
 and ty d = function
                   -> iprintf d "NameTy : %s\n" (S.name s)
      NameTy(s,_)
    | ArrayTy(s,_) -> iprintf d "ArrayTy: %s\n" (S.name s)
    | RecordTy fields ->
        let f d (n,t,_) =
          iprintf d "%s:%s\n" (S.name n) (S.name t)
        iprintf d "RecordTy:\n";
        List.iter (f (d+1)) fields
\langle variable\ printer \rangle \equiv
 and var d = function
                           -> iprintf d "SimpleVar: %s\n" (S.name s)
      SimpleVar(s,_)
    | FieldVar(v,s,_)
                           -> iprintf d "FieldVar:\n";
                              var (d+1) v;
                              iprintf (d+1) "%s\n" (S.name s)
    | SubscriptVar(v,e,_) -> iprintf d "SubscriptVar:\n";
                              var (d+1) v;
                              exp (d+1) e
```

```
\langle expression \ printer \rangle \equiv
 and exp d = function
     VarExp v
                    -> var d v
   | NilExp
                    -> iprintf d "NilExp\n"
                   -> iprintf d "IntExp: %d\n" i
    | IntExp i
    | StringExp(s,_) -> iprintf d "StringExp:%s\n" (String.escaped s)
    | RecordExp(name, fields, _) ->
        let f d (n,e,_) =
          (iprintf d "%s:\n" (S.name n); exp (d+1) e)
        iprintf d "RecordExp: %s\n" (S.name name);
        List.iter (f (d+1)) fields
    | ArrayExp(v, size, init, p) ->
        iprintf d "ArrayExp: %s\n" (S.name v);
        exp (d+1) size;
        exp (d+1) init
    | AssignExp(v, e, _) ->
        iprintf d "AssignExp:\n";
        var (d+1) v;
        exp(d+1)e
    | OpExp(left, oper, right, _) ->
        iprintf d "OpExp:%s\n" (opname oper);
        exp (d+1) left;
        exp (d+1) right
    | CallExp(name, args, _) ->
        iprintf d "CallExp: %s\n" (S.name name);
        List.iter (exp (d+1)) args
    | IfExp(if', then', else', _) ->
        iprintf d "IfExp:\n";
        exp (d+1) if';
        exp (d+1) then';
        begin match else' with
          None -> ()
        | Some a \rightarrow exp(d+1) a
    | WhileExp(test, body, _) ->
        iprintf d "WhileExp:\n";
        exp (d+1) test;
        exp (d+1) body
    | ForExp(var, lo, hi, body, _) ->
        iprintf d "ForExp: %s\n" (S.name var);
        exp (d+1) lo;
        exp (d+1) hi;
        exp (d+1) body
    | BreakExp _ ->
        iprintf d "BreakExp\n"
```

```
| SeqExp(1, _) ->
    iprintf d "SeqExp:\n"; List.iter (exp (d+1)) 1
| LetExp(decs, body, _) ->
   iprintf d "LetExp:\n";
   List.iter (dec (d+1)) decs;
   iprintf d "IN:\n";
    exp (d+2) body
| TryExp(expr, handlers, _) ->
    iprintf d "TryExp:\n";
    exp (d+1) expr;
   List.iter
      (fun (n,h,_) \rightarrow iprintf (d+2) "%s:\n" (S.name n); exp (d+2) h)
     handlers
| RaiseExp(name,_) ->
    iprintf d "RaiseExp %s\n" (S.name name)
| SpawnExp(name,_) ->
    iprintf d "SpawnExp %s\n" (S.name name)
```

Chapter 3

Analysis

3.1 Environments

The Environment module provides the environment structure that is used during type checking (Section ??). For each Tiger function, there is an associated environment containing variable definitions, function definitions, and other information. An environment is made up of: a table of type definitions, a table of variable names and their defined types, the list of defined exceptions, the current procedure stack frame, the current break label, and the current exception handler label.

The environment type 'a t is polymorphic—any Ocaml type can be used to represent Tiger types. The type variable 'a is instantiated with the representation of Tiger types defined in Section ??.

A name can be bound to either a variable or a function in the environment. For variables, we keep information about the location in the current stack frame and the type. For functions, we keep the function name, an optional calling convention, the stack frame, the parameter types, and the return type.

```
\langle enventry \rangle 
type 'a enventry =
    VarEntry of (Frame.access * 'a)
    | FunEntry of (Symbol.symbol * string option * Frame.frame * 'a list * 'a)
```

3.1.1 Interface to the Environment

The environment is a mostly functional data structure. However, the symbol tables representing type definitions and variable types are mutated in place. Therefore, most operations return a new environment, but adding new type definitions and variable bindings do not.

The environment types are exposed in the interface.

```
\langle environment.mli \rangle \equiv \langle enventry \rangle \\ \langle envtype \rangle
```

An initial environment can be generated using the new_env function. The new environment will be populated with an initial set of type definitions and functions. All new environments are automatically given a new stack frame.

```
\langle environment.mli \rangle + \equiv
val new_env : (string * 'a) list ->
(string * string option * 'a list * 'a) list -> 'a t
```

There are three functions for manipulating the variable scope and the current stack frame. Creating a new stack frame automatically creates a new variable scope.

```
\left(environment.mli\right)+\equiv 
val new_scope : 'a t -> 'a t 
val frame : 'a t -> Frame.frame 
val new_frame : 'a t -> Symbol.symbol -> 'a t
```

The environment provides functions for looking up types, values and exception identifiers. Calling a lookup function for a symbol that does not exist indicates that the original source has an error (use of undefined symbol). Each lookup function takes an Ast.pos argument that is used to report errors.

```
\left(environment.mli\right)+\equiv 
val lookup_type : 'a t -> Symbol.symbol -> Ast.pos -> 'a 
val lookup_value : 'a t -> Symbol.symbol -> Ast.pos -> 'a enventry 
val lookup_exn : 'a t -> Symbol.symbol -> Ast.pos -> int
```

New types, values, and exceptions can be added to an environment using the enter functions. There are five functions for entering type definitions, exceptions, function definitions, formal parameters, and local variables. Both enter_param and enter_local take a boolean parameter that is true if the new local or parameter will hold a pointer value.

```
\left(environment.mli\right)+\eqright
\text{val enter_type : 'a t -> Symbol.symbol -> 'a -> unit
\text{val enter_exn : 'a t -> Symbol.symbol -> unit}
\text{val enter_fun : 'a t -> Symbol.symbol -> string option ->
\text{'a list -> 'a -> 'a t}
\text{val enter_param : 'a t -> Symbol.symbol -> 'a -> bool -> unit}
\text{val enter_local : 'a t -> Symbol.symbol -> 'a -> bool -> Frame.access}
\end{array}
```

The environment is used to track the current break label for exiting from loops. The break_label function will raise Not_Found if there is no current break label.

```
\langle environment.mli \rangle + \equiv
val break_label : 'a t -> Tree.label
val new_break_label : 'a t -> 'a t
```

Similar to the break label, the environment also tracks the current exception label. The exception label can be None indicating that there is no current exception handler.

```
\langle environment.mli \rangle + \equiv
val exn_label : 'a t -> Tree.label option
val new_exn_label : 'a t -> 'a t
```

3.1.2 Implementation of Environments

```
\langle environment.ml \rangle \equiv
module E = Error
module S = Symbol
module F = Frame
module T = Tree
\langle enventry \rangle
\langle envtype \rangle
```

To create a new environment, we construct a record that contains the initial types and functions, and a base frame.

```
\langle environment.ml \rangle + \equiv
 let new_env types funs =
    let mkfe (n,cc,a,r) = (n, FunEntry(S.symbol n,cc,F.base_frame,a,r))
    in { tenv
                       = Symbol.create types;
                       = Symbol.create (List.map mkfe funs);
         venv
                       = Symbol.create [];
         xenv
                       = F.new_frame (S.symbol "tiger_main") F.base_frame;
         frame
         break_label = None;
                      = None }
          exn_label
   To create a new variable scope, we update the symbol tables.
\langle environment.ml \rangle + \equiv
  let new_scope env = { env with
                          tenv = S.new_scope env.tenv;
```

venv = S.new_scope env.venv }

Creating a new frame requires updating the frame and removing the current exception label in addition to updating the symbol tables.

```
\left(environment.ml\right)+\equiv let frame env = env.frame let new_frame env sym = { env with tenv = S.new_scope env.tenv; venv = S.new_scope env.venv; frame = Frame.new_frame sym env.frame; exn_label = None }
```

The lookup functions use the symbol table (Section ??) implementation to lookup values in the various tables. If a symbol is not found, then we raise an undefined symbol error.

```
\left(environment.ml\right)+\equiv let lookup env sym pos =
    try S.look env sym
    with Not_found ->
        raise(E.Error(E.Undefined_symbol (S.name sym), pos))

let lookup_type env = lookup env.tenv
let lookup_value env = lookup env.venv
let lookup_exn env = lookup env.xenv
```

Entering new types, exceptions, and values into the environment is also implemented with the symbol table functions. In this case, we may raise a duplicate symbol error if a name is defined twice in a source file.

```
\left(environment.ml\right)+\equiv let enter tbl sym v =
   if S.mem tbl sym
   then raise(E.Error(E.Duplicate_symbol (S.name sym), 0))
   else S.enter tbl sym v

let enter_type env = enter env.tenv
```

For exceptions, we need to generate a unique identifier for each exception. For this, we just use the unique identifier associated with the symbol.

```
\langle environment.ml \rangle + \equiv
let enter_exn env sym = enter env.xenv sym (S.uid sym)
```

For function definitions, we generate a fresh label based on the function name, and a new environment for the function parameters and local variables. After entering the function definition in the environment, we return the new function environment to the caller.

```
\left(environment.ml\right)+\equiv let enter_fun env sym cc args result = let lbl = S.new_symbol (S.name sym) in let fenv = new_frame env lbl in let fe = FunEntry (lbl, cc, fenv.frame, args, result) in enter env.venv sym fe; fenv
```

When a formal function parameter is entered in to the environment, a new slot is allocated in the current frame to hold the parameter.

```
\left(environment.ml\right)+\equiv let enter_param env sym typ ptr = let acc = F.alloc_param env.frame sym ptr in enter env.venv sym (VarEntry(acc,typ))
```

When a new local variable is entered into the environment, we first allocate space in the current frame to hold a new temporary and then enter it into the value table.

```
\left(environment.ml\right)+\equiv let enter_local env sym typ ptr = let acc = F.alloc_local env.frame sym ptr in enter env.venv sym (VarEntry(acc, typ)); acc
```

To create a new break label, we generate a new label and store it in the environment. When the break label is requested, the break_label function will raise Not_Found if there is no current label.

```
\left(environment.ml\right)+\equiv |
let break_label env = 
   match env.break_label with
     None     -> raise Not_found
   | Some(lbl) -> lbl

let new_break_label env = 
   { env with break_label = Some(T.new_label "loop_end") }
```

The implementation for exception labels is similar. However, the exn_label function will not raise an exception if there is no current exception label. Instead, this function returns an option type.

```
\left(environment.ml\right)+\equiv let exn_label env = env.exn_label let new_exn_label env = 
\{ env with exn_label = Some(T.new_label "exn") }
```

3.2 Semantic Analysis

The Tiger compiler performs type-checking and translation to intermediate representation in a single pass. The Semantics module type checks each Tiger expressions and the passes each one to the Translate module (Section ??) where it is translated to the intermediate representation.

The interface to the Semantic module consist of a single function, translate. The translate function takes an initial environment and an abstract syntax tree as input, and produces a list of Tiger functions. Each Tiger function consists of a stack frame (Section ??), and an expression tree (Section ??)—the intermediate representation of the function body.

```
\langle semantics.mli \rangle \equiv \langle variable\ types \rangle
val translate : vartype Environment.t -> Ast.exp ->
(Frame.frame * Translate.exp) list
```

The Semantics module implementation consists of a definition of the type system used internally in the compiler, the translate function entry point, and a private translator function for each type of Ast node.

```
\langle semantics.ml \rangle \equiv
module E = Error
module A = Ast
module S = Symbol
module V = Environment
module T = Translate
\langle variable \ types \rangle
\langle type \ system \rangle
\langle translators \rangle
\langle entry \ point \rangle
```

3.2.1 Type System

The set of types used internally by the compiler is given below. The NAME type is an alias to another defined type. The ANY type can be used as a type variable when constructing polymorphic types. The ANY type is only used to define library functions.

```
⟨variable types⟩≡
  type vartype =
    UNIT
  | NIL
  | INT
  | STRING
  | ARRAY of vartype
  | RECORD of (Symbol.symbol * vartype) list
  | NAME of Symbol.symbol
  | ANY
```

The type_name function will return a string representation of a type. This function is used by to report type errors.

```
\langle type \ system \rangle \equiv
  let rec type_name = function
      RECORD 1 -> (List.fold_left (fun x y -> x ^ (type_name (snd y)))
                   "record {" 1) ^ "}"
                -> "nil"
    I NIL
                -> "int"
    INT
    | STRING
                -> "string"
    | ARRAY vt -> "array of " ^ (type_name vt)
    | NAME(s) -> "named type " ^ (S.name s)
    | UNIT
                -> "unit"
    ANY
                -> "any"
```

The internal type system allows type aliases by way of the NAME type. We often want to get the concrete base type for a type alias. The base_type function will lookup the definition of a NAME type and return the concrete base type. The return value is guaranteed to be a base type (not a NAME type).

To compute a base type, we keep looking up the definitions of NAME types until we reach a base type. If a NAME type references a type that is not defined, then there is something wrong with the compiler and we give up.

For code generation we will be interested in partitioning the internal types into two classes: those that are represented by a pointer to a data structure (e.g. arrays), and those that are represented by a single machine word (e.g. integers). The <code>is_ptr</code> function returns true of the supplied type is represented as a pointer and false otherwise.

The types INT and UNIT are represented as machine words, all others are pointers to data structures. The compiler should not call the <code>is_ptr</code> function with a NAME or and ANY type.

```
\langle type system\rangle +\equiv let is_ptr = function
INT | UNIT -> false
| NIL | RECORD _ | STRING | ARRAY _ -> true
| _ -> E.internal "non-base type for variable"
```

During type-checking, we commonly want to assert that an expression either has type int or type unit.

```
\langle type system\rangle +\equiv let check_type_t ty pos msg typ =
    if typ <> ty
    then E.type_err pos (msg ^ " must be of type " ^ type_name ty)
let check_type_int = check_type_t INT
let check_type_unit = check_type_t UNIT
```

Similarly, we often want to assert that two types are equivalent. In Tiger, nil is the type of an uninitialized record. Therefore, the nil and record types are equivalent for the purposes of type-checking.

The ANY type can only be used in a few restricted ways. The ANY type is completely internal to the compiler, and it only has as much power as we need to define the initial basis.

3.2.2 The translate Entry Point

The translate function returns a list of function bodies and their associated frames. The functions are held in a mutable reference to a list. When a new expression is added to the list, we first call the Translate module (Section ??) to convert the expression into a function body.

There are three private translation functions for handling declarations, variables, and expressions. All of these are enclosed in the function trans. The trans function can only be called with an expression or declaration.

```
\langle translators \rangle + \equiv
  type ast_node = DEC of Ast.dec | EXP of Ast.exp
  let rec trans (env : vartype V.t) (node : ast_node) =
    \langle declaration \ translator \rangle
     \langle variable\ translator \rangle
     \langle expression \ translator \rangle
  in match node with
    DEC d -> (trdec d, NIL)
  | EXP e -> trexp e
   The entry point for the Semantics module is the translate function shown
\langle entry point \rangle \equiv
  let translate env ast =
    begin
       let (mainex,mainty) = trans env (EXP ast) in
       if mainty <> INT && mainty <> UNIT then
         E.type_err 0 "tiger program must return INT or UNIT"
       add_function (V.frame env) (mainex,mainty);
       get_functions()
    end
```

3.2.3 Declarations

The trdec function translates declarations of functions, variables, and types.

```
\langle declaration \ translator \rangle \equiv
let rec trdec = function
\langle function \ declarations \rangle
\langle variable \ declarations \rangle
\langle type \ declarations \rangle
\langle exception \ declarations \rangle
```

Function Declarations Function declarations in tiger can be mutually recursive if the functions are declared together in the same block. To translate a list of function declarations, we first add each function signature to the current environment, and then translate the function bodies. The translated function bodies are then added to the function list.

The mk_func_env function enters a function signature into the variable environment, and creates a new nested environment for evaluating the function body.

After all of the function signatures have been added to the environment, the bodies of the functions can be evaluated. trans_func evaluates a function body in the given environment and adds the translated body to the function list.

```
\left(function declarations\right)+\equiv let trans_func fenv (_, _, _, body, _) =
    let b = trans fenv (EXP body) in
    add_function (V.frame fenv) b
    in
```

For each function, we must call mk_func_env to create a new environment, and then trans_func to translate the function body. As mentioned above, we need enter all of the function signatures into the new environment before processing the function bodies.

```
⟨function declarations⟩+≡
let envs = (List.map mk_func_env functions) in
List.iter2 trans_func envs functions;
T.nil
```

Variable Declarations To translate a variable declaration, first we evaluate the initializing expression in the current environment. Then, we check that the type of the initial expression is compatible with the declared type of the variable. If the types are compatible, we enter the variable definition into the environment, allocate a new local on the current frame, and initialize it.

Type Declarations Similar to functions, types may have mutually recursive definitions. To translate a list of type declarations, first a new scope is created that will later be discarded when all of the types have been checked. Each type name is entered into the new environment as an alias to itself. Technically, this is an invalid type definition. However, as long as we do not try to get the base type, it is a good placeholder for the real type. After all of the types are checked in the new environment, we enter the real type definitions into the current environment and discard the new environment.

```
/type declarations/=
| A.TypeDec types ->
| let penv = V.new_scope env in
| let real_type (name, typ, _) = (name, match typ with
| A.NameTy(name, pos) -> V.lookup_type penv name pos
| A.RecordTy(fields) ->
| let chkfld(name,ty,p) = (name,(V.lookup_type penv ty p))
| in RECORD (List.map chkfld fields)
| A.ArrayTy(name, pos) -> ARRAY (V.lookup_type penv name pos))
| in
| List.iter (fun(n,_,_) -> V.enter_type penv n (NAME n)) types;
| let real_types = (List.map real_type types) in
| List.iter (fun (n,t) -> V.enter_type env n t) real_types;
| T.nil
```

Exception Declarations Exception declarations in Tiger are very simple—an exception is just an identifier. When an exception is declared, we store the identifier in the environment.

3.2.4 Variables

The variable translator checks and translates simple variables, field variables which refer to record elements, and subscript variables which refer to array elements.

```
\langle variable\ translator \rangle \equiv
and trvar = function
\langle simple\ vars \rangle
\langle field\ vars \rangle
\langle subscript\ vars \rangle
```

Simple Variables A simple variable can be used as an expression in Tiger as long as the variable is defined. To translate a simple variable, we look up its definition in the environment and use it to create a variable access.

```
⟨simple vars⟩≡
A.SimpleVar(sym, pos) ->
begin match V.lookup_value env sym pos with
V.VarEntry(acc, vt) ->
(T.simple_var (V.frame env) acc, base_type env vt)
| V.FunEntry _ ->
E.type_err pos "function used as value"
end
```

Field Variables Since field variables are references to record elements, first we must check that the base variable is of type RECORD. Then, the field offset is calculated by searching through the list of declared fields. The **Translate** module (Section ??) then converts the base variable and offset into a field access.

\left(field vars\)\\\\\ | A.FieldVar(var, sym, pos) ->
let (exp, fields) = match (trvar var) with
 (x, RECORD y) -> (x,y)
 | _ -> E.type_err pos "attempt to dereference non-record type"
 in
let offset = ref (-1) in
let (_,fld) =
 try List.find (fun (s,v) -> incr offset; s = sym) fields
 with Not_found -> E.undefined pos (S.name sym)
 in
let typ = base_type env fld in

Subscript Variables Subscript variables are computed in the same manner as field variables. However, instead of computing the offset, we use an expression which must be of type int.

(T.field_var exp !offset (is_ptr typ), typ)

```
\langle subscript vars\rangle =
| A.SubscriptVar(var, exp, pos) ->
let e,t = (trexp exp) in
    check_type_int pos "subscript variable" t;
begin match (trvar var) with
    (exp, ARRAY vt) ->
    let typ = (base_type env vt) in
    (T.subscript_var exp e (is_ptr typ) pos, typ)
| _ ->
    E.type_err pos "attempt to dereference a non-array type"
end
```

3.2.5 Expressions

Expressions are translated by the trexp function.

```
\langle expression\ translator\rangle \equiv \\ \text{and trexp} = \text{function} \\ \langle simple\ expressions\rangle \\ \langle records\rangle \\ \langle arrays\rangle \\ \langle assignment\rangle \\ \langle operator\ expressions\rangle \\ \langle function\ calls\rangle \\ \langle conditionals\rangle \\ \langle loops\rangle \\ \langle sequences\rangle \\ \langle let\ expressions\rangle \\ \langle exceptions\rangle \\ \langle threads\rangle \\ \end{cases}
```

Simple Expressions The simple expressions include variable access, nil, and string and integer literals. Variables are handled by the trvar function. Literals are translated and assigned the appropriate type.

```
⟨simple expressions⟩≡
   A.VarExp v -> trvar v
| A.NilExp -> (T.nil, NIL)
| A.IntExp i -> (T.int_literal i, INT)
| A.StringExp(s,_) -> (T.str_literal s, STRING)
```

Records When creating a new record instance, the new instance must match the declared type of the record. A record instance matches a record declaration if they both have the same number of fields, with the same names and types, in the same order. The chk_field function compares a field label and expression with a declared field label and type. To check a record instance, we call the chk_field function on each field expression paired with the corresponding field declaration.

```
\langle records \rangle \equiv
    | A.RecordExp(var, fields, pos) ->
        let chk_field (s1,e,p) (s2,vt) =
          if (s1 <> s2) then E.type_err p "field names do not match";
          let ex,ty = trexp e in
          check_type_eq p "field type (%s) does not match declaration (%s)"
                           (base_type env vt) ty;
          (ex, is_ptr ty)
        begin match V.lookup_type env var pos with
          RECORD dec_fields ->
            begin try
              let field_vals = (List.map2 chk_field fields dec_fields) in
              (T.new_record field_vals, RECORD dec_fields)
            with Invalid_argument s ->
              E.type_err pos "Record instance does not match declared type"
            end
        | _ ->
            E.type_err pos "Attempt to use non-record type as record"
        end
```

Arrays When creating a new array instance, the initializing expression must match the declared type of the array elements.

Assignment For assignment expressions, the type of the variable being assigned to on the left-hand side, must match the type of the expression on the right-hand side. In Tiger, assignments are only executed for side-effect; the type of an assignment expression is UNIT.

Operator Expressions Operators come in two flavors: arithmetic and comparison. The arithmetic operators can only be applied to expressions of type int. All of the comparison operators can be applied to integers, nil, and strings. In addition, the equality testing operators can also be applied to records and arrays.

The Translate module provides three functions for each of arithmetic, integer comparison, and string comparison. To translate an operator expression, we first check that the types of the left-hand and right-hand side expressions are compatible. Then, we select the correct translation function, and apply it to the two expressions.

```
\langle operator \ expressions \rangle \equiv
   | A.OpExp(left, oper, right, pos) ->
       let lexp,lty = trexp left
       and rexp,rty = trexp right in
       check_type_eq pos "Incompatible types %s,%s" lty rty;
       let trans_fn =
         match oper with
           A.PlusOp | A.MinusOp | A.TimesOp | A.DivideOp ->
             check_type_int pos "operator argument" lty;
                                                            T.arithmetic
         | A.EqOp | A.NeqOp
         begin match lty with
               INT | NIL
                                                         -> T.compare_int
             | STRING
                                                         -> T.compare_str
             | ARRAY _ when oper=A.EqOp or oper=A.NeqOp -> T.compare_int
             | RECORD _ when oper=A.EqOp or oper=A.NeqOp -> T.compare_int
             | _ ->
                 E.type_err pos "Incomparable types"
             end
       in (trans_fn oper lexp rexp, INT)
```

Function Calls When a function is called, the supplied arguments must have the correct types. To translate a function call, first the argument types are checked against the function declaration. If the types match, then the return type of the function is used as the result type for the call expression.

 $\langle function \ calls \rangle \equiv$ | A.CallExp(sym, arglist, pos) -> let chk_arg = check_type_eq pos "Argument type (%s) does not match declaration (%s)" in begin match V.lookup_value env sym pos with V.FunEntry(lbl, cc, frm, dec_args, return_type) -> let args,tys = List.split (List.map trexp arglist) in begin try List.iter2 chk_arg tys dec_args; let rtyp = base_type env return_type in (T.call (V.frame env) lbl cc frm args (V.exn_label env) (is_ptr rtyp), rtyp) with Invalid_argument x -> E.type_err pos "function arguments do not match declaration" end | _ -> E.type_err pos (S.name sym ^ " is not a function")

Conditionals Conditional expressions return a value if both the then clause and the else clause have the same type. Otherwise, the if statement does not return a value, and has type UNIT. The Translate module provides two translators for conditionals—one for if expressions that return a value and one for if statements that do not.

end

Loops Tiger defines two looping constructs: a while loop and a for loop. The while loop is composed of a test expression of type INT, and a body of type UNIT. Before the body is translated, a break label is added to the environment.

 $\langle loops \rangle \equiv$

```
| A.WhileExp(test, body, pos) ->
  let body_env = V.new_break_label env in
  let tex,tty = trexp test
  and bex,bty = trans body_env (EXP body) in
  check_type_int pos "while condition" tty;
  check_type_eq pos "body of while has type %s, must be %s" bty UNIT;
  (T.loop tex bex (V.break_label body_env), UNIT)
```

For loops are translated into equivalent let and while expressions. First, a looping variable is created and initialized to the low value. Then a test expression is created that compares the looping variable to the high value. Finally, the body of the for loop is modified to include an assignment to the looping variable, and is then used as the body of the new while loop.

```
\langle loops \rangle + \equiv
```

```
| A.ForExp(sym, lo, hi, body, pos) ->
   let _,loty = trexp lo
   and _,hity = trexp hi in
    check_type_int pos "for lower bound" loty;
    check_type_int pos "for upper bound" hity;
   let v
                     = A.SimpleVar(sym, pos) in
                     = A.VarExp v in
   let ve
   let v_less_eq_hi = A.OpExp(ve, A.LeOp, hi, pos)
    and v_plus_1
                     = A.OpExp(ve, A.PlusOp, (A.IntExp 1), pos) in
    trexp (A.LetExp(
           [(A.VarDec(sym,(Some(S.symbol "int")), lo, pos))],
           (A.WhileExp
              (v_less_eq_hi,
               (A.SeqExp([body;
                         (A.AssignExp(v, v_plus_1, pos))], pos)),
               pos)),
           pos))
```

Break expressions are handled by generating a jump to the nearest break label, which is stored in the current environment.

```
\langle loops\rangle +=
| A.BreakExp pos ->
begin
try (T.break (V.break_label env), UNIT)
with Not_found -> raise(E.Error(E.Illegal_break, pos))
end
```

Sequences A sequence expression evaluates a list of tiger expressions and returns the value of the last expression. The empty sequence is a valid expression, and returns a value of type UNIT.

Let Expressions The let expression consists of a sequence of declarations followed by a sequence of expressions. To process the let expression, first a new environment is created. Then each declaration is processed and added to the environment using the trdec function. Finally, the let body is processed inside the new environment, and a sequence is created consisting of the declarations followed by the body.

Exceptions A try block consists of an expression and one or more exception handlers. For simplicity, a try block is required to have type unit. Therefore, both the expression and all of the handlers must have type unit. To translate a try block, we create a new environment with a fresh exception label and translate the expression in the new environment. Then, we translate each of the exception handlers in our current environment. Finally, we pass the expression and the handlers to the Translate module.

```
\langle exceptions \rangle \equiv
    | A.TryExp(expr, handlers, pos) ->
        let new_env
                             = V.new_exn_label env in
        let tryex, tryty = trans new_env (EXP expr) in
        let handler (s,h,p) =
          let ex,ty = trexp h in
          check_type_unit p "handler" ty;
          (S.uid s, ex)
        check_type_unit pos "try" tryty;
        begin match V.exn_label new_env with
                    -> E.internal "no exception label for try block"
          None
        | Some 1b1 ->
            (T.try_block tryex lbl (List.map handler handlers), tryty)
  When an exception is raised, we lookup the exception id in the environment
```

and call the Translate module.

```
\langle exceptions \rangle + \equiv
    | A.RaiseExp(sym, pos) ->
         let exn_id = V.lookup_exn env sym pos in
         (T.raise_exn exn_id, UNIT)
```

The spawn keyword is given a function name. The function must take zero arguments; the return value is ignored.

```
\langle threads \rangle \equiv
```

```
| A.SpawnExp(sym, pos) ->
   begin match V.lookup_value env sym pos with
     V.FunEntry(lbl, cc, frm, dec_args, return_type) ->
       if dec_args <> []
       then E.type_err pos "spawn function must take zero arguments."
       else (T.spawn lbl,INT)
       E.type_err pos (S.name sym ^ " is not a function")
   end
```

Chapter 4

Translation

4.1 Intermediate Representation

The intermediate representation used by the Tiger compiler is a variant of the "Tree Language" described in [?]. The abstract syntax for the intermediate representation "trees" is show below.

Both code labels and temporary variables are represented by symbols.

```
\langle types \rangle \equiv type label = Symbol.symbol and temp = Symbol.symbol
```

Statements are represented by the stm type. Sequences of statements can be created using the SEQ constructor. In addition, any expression can be used as a statement by way of the EXP constructor. The TRY and TRYEND constructors mark the start and end of try blocks. Both of the try constructors take the label of the continuation for the exception handlers.

```
\langle types \rangle + \equiv
  type stm =
      SEQ
              of stm * stm
    | LABEL of label
    | CONT
              of label * label list
    | JUMP
              of exp
    | CJUMP of exp * label * label
              of exp * exp
    MOVE
    | EXP
              of exp
    | TRY
              of label
    | TRYEND of label
    | RET
              of exp
```

The abstract syntax of expressions is represented by the exp type. Many expressions carry a boolean flag that is true if the expression results in a pointer value. The CALL constructor also takes an optional string that indicates the calling convention of the function being called, and an optional label indicating a continuation that the function may cut to or unwind to.

```
(types)+=
and exp =
BINOP of binop * exp * exp
| RELOP of relop * exp * exp
| MEM of exp * bool
| TEMP of temp * bool
| ESEQ of stm * exp
| NAME of label
| CONST of int
| CALL of exp * exp list * string option * label option * bool
```

Finally, a handful of binary operators are supported. The binary operators are divided into relational and arithmetic types.

```
\langle types \rangle + \equiv and binop = PLUS | MINUS | MUL | DIV and relop = EQ | NE | LT | GT | LE | GE
```

4.1.1 Interface to the IR

In addition to defining the abstract syntax of the IR, the Tree module also defines a number of utility functions for manipulating the IR.

```
\langle tree.mli \rangle \equiv \\ \langle types \rangle \\ \langle utility\ functions \rangle
```

New code labels and temporary variables can be created using the new_label and new_temp functions. The new_label function generates a new unique code label, and the new_temp function generates a new temporary variable.

```
⟨utility functions⟩≡
val new_label : string -> label
val new_temp : unit -> temp
```

There are three functions related to binary operators. The relop_inverse function reverses the meaning of a relational operator. The other two functions return a string representing the C-- operator associated with an given tree language operator.

```
⟨utility functions⟩+≡
val relop_inverse : relop -> relop
val cmm_binop : binop -> string
val cmm_relop : relop -> string
```

In Tiger, each expression results in a value that is either a machine word, or a pointer to a data structure. The <code>is_ptr</code> function returns true if a given expression will return a pointer. A related function, <code>find_temps</code> returns a list of all the temporary variables in a statement. With each temporary in the list is a boolean flag that is true only if the temporary variable holds a pointer.

```
\langle utility functions\rangle +\equiv 
val is_ptr : exp -> bool
val find_temps : stm list -> (temp * bool) list
```

Finally, for debugging purposes, there are two functions for printing out string representations of expressions and statements.

```
⟨utility functions⟩+≡
val print_stm : stm -> unit
val print_exp : exp -> unit
```

4.1.2 Implementation of IR Utilities

```
\langle tree.ml \rangle \equiv module S = Symbol \langle types \rangle
```

New labels and temporaries are generated using the new_symbol function from the Symbol module.

```
\langle tree.ml \rangle + \equiv
let new_label s = S.new_symbol ("L" ^ s)
let new_temp () = S.new_symbol "temp"
```

The functions for binary operators are simple mappings.

```
\langle tree.ml \rangle + \equiv
 let relop_inverse = function
     EQ -> NE
    | NE -> EQ
    | LT -> GE
    | GT -> LE
    | LE -> GT
    | GE -> LT
 let cmm_binop = function
     PLUS -> "add"
    | MINUS -> "sub"
   | MUL
          -> "mul"
          -> "quot"
    | DIV
 let cmm_relop = function
     EQ -> "eq"
    | NE -> "ne"
    | LT -> "lt"
    | GT -> "gt"
   | LE -> "le"
   | GE -> "ge"
```

The <code>is_ptr</code> function is implemented by returning the appropriate field from each of the expression types. Expression types that do not have a pointer field are known to *not* be pointers.

```
\langle tree.ml \rangle + \equiv
 let rec is_ptr = function
     BINOP _ -> false
   | RELOP _
                     -> false
   | MEM(_,p)
                    -> p
   | TEMP(_,p)
                      -> p
   | ESEQ(_,e)
                      -> is_ptr e
   NAME _
                      -> false
   | CONST _
                      -> false
   | CALL(_,_,_,p) -> p
```

In order to implement the find_temps function, we build a set of temporary variables and then convert the set into a list. We use the standard library set implementation to build a unique set of temporaries.

```
\langle tree.ml\rangle +\equiv 
module TempSet = Set.Make(
    struct
    type t = Symbol.symbol * bool
    let compare = Pervasives.compare
    end)
```

Using the TempSet module, the implementation of find_temps is relatively easy.

```
\langle tree.ml \rangle + \equiv
 let find_temps stmts =
   let fold1 = List.fold_left in
   let rec stm set = function
       SEQ(a,b)
                  -> stm (stm set a) b
     | LABEL _
                  -> set
     | CONT _
                  -> set
     | JUMP e
                  -> exp set e
     | CJUMP(e,_,_) -> exp set e
     | MOVE(a,b) -> exp (exp set a) b
     | EXP e
                  -> exp set e
     TRY _
                  -> set
                -> set
-> exp set e
     | TRYEND _
     | RET e
   and exp set = function
      BINOP(_,a,b) -> exp (exp set a) b
     | ESEQ(s,e)
                     -> exp (stm set s) e
                     -> set
     NAME _
     | CONST _
                      -> set
     | CALL(e,el,_,_,) -> foldl exp set (e :: el)
   in
   TempSet.elements (foldl stm TempSet.empty stmts)
```

Now, we give the implementation of the two printing functions for statements and expressions. We will define the function for printing statements first.

```
\langle tree.ml \rangle + \equiv
 let print_stm =
   let rec iprintf = function
       0 -> Printf.printf
      | i -> (print_string " "; iprintf (i-1))
   let rec prstm d = function
      | LABEL 1
                    -> iprintf d "LABEL: %s\n " (S.name 1)
                     -> iprintf d "CONT:%s\n " (S.name 1)
      | CONT(1,1s)
      | TRY 1
                     -> iprintf d "TRY:%s\n"
                                                 (S.name 1)
      | TRYEND 1
                    -> iprintf d "TRYEND: %s\n" (S.name 1)
     | SEQ(a,b)
                     -> iprintf d "SEQ:\n"; prstm(d+1) a; prstm(d+1) b
                    -> iprintf d "MOVE:\n";
     | MOVE(a,b)
                                                prexp(d+1) a; prexp(d+1) b
     | JUMP e
                     -> iprintf d "JUMP:\n";
                                               prexp(d+1) e
     | EXP e
                     -> iprintf d "EXP:\n";
                                                prexp(d+1) e
      l RET e
                     -> iprintf d "RET:\n";
                                                prexp(d+1) e
      | CJUMP(a,t,f) -> iprintf d "CJUMP:\n"; prexp(d+1) a;
                        iprintf (d+1) "true label: s\n" (S.name t);
                        iprintf (d+1) "false label: %s\n" (S.name f)
   and prexp d = function
       BINOP(p,a,b)
                         -> iprintf d "BINOP:%s\n" (cmm_binop p);
                            prexp (d+1) a; prexp (d+1) b
     | RELOP(p,a,b)
                         -> iprintf d "RELOP:%s\n" (cmm_relop p);
                            prexp (d+1) a; prexp (d+1) b
      | MEM(e,_)
                         -> iprintf d "MEM:\n"; prexp (d+1) e
      | TEMP(t,_)
                         -> iprintf d "TEMP %s\n" (S.name t)
      | ESEQ(s,e)
                         -> iprintf d "ESEQ:\n";
                            prstm (d+1) s; prexp (d+1) e
      | NAME lab
                         -> iprintf d "NAME %s\n" (S.name lab)
      | CONST i
                         -> iprintf d "CONST %d\n" i
      | CALL(e,el,_,_,) -> iprintf d "CALL:\n";
                            prexp (d+1) e; List.iter (prexp (d+2)) el
   in prstm 0
```

The expression printer just calls the statement printer after converting the expression into a statement.

```
\langle tree.ml \rangle + \equiv let print_exp e = print_stm (EXP e)
```

4.2 Translation to Intermediate Representation

The Translate module transforms an abstract syntax tree (Section ??) into the compiler's intermediate representation—a "tree language" expression (Section ??). The Translate module is called by the Semantics module (Section ??) to transform expressions and statements after they have been type-checked. A translation function is defined for each of the different types of abstract syntax fragments that need to be translated.

```
\langle translate.mli \rangle \equiv
 type exp
            = Tree.exp
 type label = Tree.label
 val nil
 val int_literal
                  : int -> exp
 val str_literal : string -> exp
 val simple_var
                   : Frame.frame -> Frame.access -> exp
 val field_var
                   : exp -> int -> bool -> exp
 val subscript_var : exp -> exp -> bool -> int -> exp
 val assign
                  : exp -> exp -> exp
 val call
                   : Frame.frame -> label -> string option ->
                     Frame.frame -> exp list -> label option -> bool -> exp
 val arithmetic : Ast.oper -> exp -> exp
 val compare_int : Ast.oper -> exp -> exp
                   : Ast.oper -> exp -> exp -> exp
 val compare_str
                   : exp -> exp -> exp -> bool -> exp
 val ifexp
 val loop
                   : exp -> exp -> label -> exp
                   : label -> exp
 val break
 val new_record
                    : (exp * bool) list -> exp
                   : exp -> exp -> bool -> exp
 val new_array
                    : exp list -> exp
 val sequence
 val func
                   : Frame.frame -> exp -> bool -> exp
                  : exp -> label -> (int *exp) list -> exp
 val try_block
 val raise_exn
                   : int -> exp
 val spawn
                   : label -> exp
```

4.2.1 Translation Implementation

```
\langle translate.ml \rangle \equiv
  module E = Error
  module A = Ast
  module S = Symbol
  module T = Tree
  module F = Frame
  type exp = T.exp
  type label = T.label
                      = Sys.word_size / 8
  let ws
   \langle utilities \rangle
   \langle literals \rangle
   \langle function \ calls \rangle
   \langle variables \rangle
   \langle operator\ expressions \rangle
   \langle conditionals \rangle
   \langle loops \rangle
   \langle records \ and \ arrays \rangle
   \langle sequences \rangle
   \langle functions \rangle
   \langle exceptions \rangle
   \langle threads \rangle
```

Utilities A few small utility functions are defined to make the **Translate** module more readable. The **seq** function converts a list of statements into a tree of SEQ nodes.

```
\langle utilities \rangle =
let rec seq = function
[] -> E.internal "nil passed to seq"
| x :: [] -> x
| x :: rest -> T.SEQ(x, seq rest)
```

The eseq function produces an expression from and expression and a list of statements. The list of statement is executed first, then the expression is evaluated.

```
\langle utilities \rangle + \equiv let eseq exp stmts = T.ESEQ (seq stmts, exp)
```

During translation we often need to allocate new temporary variables. The temp function produces a fresh temporary variable.

```
\langle utilities \rangle + \equiv
let temp ptr = T.TEMP (T.new_temp(), ptr)
```

The Tiger compiler uses static links to manage nested functions. Each generated function has a frame pointer that points to the top of the function's stack frame. The first word in each stack frame is the frame pointer of the calling function. Thus, we can fetch our caller's frame pointer by dereferencing the first location in our own frame pointer. The getfp function generates an expression that fetches the frame pointer of one frame relative to another.

```
\langle utilities\rangle +\equiv let getfp frm parent_frm =
  let diff = F.level frm - F.level parent_frm in
  let rec deref = function
      0 -> F.fp frm
      | x -> T.MEM (deref (x-1), true)
  in assert (diff >= 0); deref diff
```

Finally, we define a few functions for constructing tree expressions and statements. For the binary operators, we simplify expressions when possible.

Literals In Tiger, there are three types of literal value: nil, integers, and strings. For strings literals, we must output the string as read-only data and refer to it by a label. Most of the implementation of string literals is handled by the Frame module (Section ??). This module gets a label from the Frame module and generates a reference to the label using a NAME expression.

```
\langle literals \rangle = T.CONST 0
let int_literal i = T.CONST i
let str_literal s = T.NAME (F.alloc_string s)
```

Function Calls Each Tiger function will eventually be translated into a C-function. In addition, there are functions defined in the standard library and in the runtime system. We call these two types of functions "internal" and "external", respectively. All internal functions take as a first parameter the frame pointer of the enclosing function. To generate a call to an internal function, we must compute the correct frame pointer to pass as the first argument. If we are calling a nested function, then we pass the current frame pointer. Otherwise, we compute the frame pointer of the enclosing function using getfp.

```
⟨function calls⟩≡
let call myfrm lbl cc frm args k ptr =
let args =
   if F.level frm == 0 then args
   else let pfp =
      if (F.level frm) > (F.level myfrm) then F.fp frm
      else T.MEM(getfp myfrm frm, true)
   in pfp :: args
in
```

If we are calling a foreign function (a function not written in C--), then we need to save and restore the global register variables. In Tiger, we only have one global register variable—the allocation pointer.

For internal use, we define a few abbreviations for calling both C and C-functions from the standard library.

```
\leftilderightarrow calls\rightarrow +=
let ext_call cc name args =
    call F.base_frame (S.symbol name) cc
        F.base_frame args None false

let ext_c_call = ext_call (Some "C")
let ext_gc_call = ext_call None (* (Some "gc") *)
let ext_cmm_call = ext_call None
```

Variables There are three types of variable access expressions: simple variables, record fields, and array indices. Simple variables can live on the stack, or in C-- local variables. We generate a memory access for stack variables, and for local variables we just output their name.

```
\langle variables \rangle \equiv
  let simple_var frm = function
      F.Temp lbl
                                          -> T.NAME 1bl
     | F.Stack(var_frm, offset, ptr) ->
         T.MEM(getfp frm var_frm <+> T.CONST(offset * ws), ptr)
   Record fields always live in a memory location. For record field variables,
we generate a memory access at an offset from the beginning of the record.
\langle variables \rangle + \equiv
  let field_var ex i ptr = T.MEM(ex <+> T.CONST(i * ws), ptr)
   Array subscripts also always live in a memory location. However, before
accessing an array element, we first do an array bounds check. There is a small
optimization when the array index expression is a constant, in that we can
compute the offset into memory at compile time.
\langle variables \rangle + \equiv
  let subscript_var e1 e2 ptr pos =
    let check = ext_c_call "bounds_check"
                              [e1;e2;T.CONST(fst (Error.line_number pos))]
    and offset = (e2 <+> T.CONST 1) <*> T.CONST ws
    eseq (T.MEM(e1 <+> offset, ptr)) [T.EXP check]
```

let assign v e = eseq nil [e => v]

 $\langle variables \rangle + \equiv$

Finally, any variable expression can be updated with a MOVE node.

Operator Expressions There are three types of operator expressions: arithmetic, integer comparison, and string comparison. Arithmetic operations are translated into BINOP nodes, and integer comparisons are translated into RELOP nodes.

```
\langle operator \ expressions \rangle \equiv
 let arithmetic op ex1 ex2 =
   let oper = match op with
                -> T.PLUS
      A.PlusOp
    | A.MinusOp -> T.MINUS
    | A.TimesOp -> T.MUL
    | A.DivideOp -> T.DIV
                 -> E.internal "relop used as binop"
   | _
   in T.BINOP(oper, ex1, ex2)
 let compare_int op ex1 ex2 =
   let oper = match op with
     A.EqOp -> T.EQ
    | A.NeqOp -> T.NE
    | A.LtOp -> T.LT
    | A.LeOp -> T.LE
   | A.GtOp -> T.GT
    | A.GeOp -> T.GE
              -> E.internal "binop used as relop"
   in T.RELOP(oper, ex1, ex2)
```

String comparisons are translated into integer comparisons by first calling the standard library function compare_str, which returns -1, 0, or 1. The result of this function is then compared to zero using an integer comparison.

```
⟨operator expressions⟩+≡
let compare_str op ex1 ex2 =
let result = ext_c_call "compare_str" [ex1;ex2] in
compare_int op result (T.CONST 0)
```

Conditionals To translate an if expression, we create a new temporary variable which becomes the result. The true and false expressions are converted into move statements that store values into the temporary.

Loops For each loop statement, the Semantics module will call the loop function with translated test and body expressions, and a break label. The break label is produced by the Semantics module and stored in the environment.

A break statement is translated as a jump to the current break label. The current break label is fetched from the environment and provided by the Semantics module.

```
\langle loops \rangle + \equiv let break lbl = eseq nil [goto lbl]
```

Records and Arrays When new records and arrays are created, memory must be allocated on the heap for their storage. Memory is allocated by calling the alloc function defined below. This function generates code that checks for heap exhaustion, calls the garbage collector, and updates the allocation pointer.

To initialize a new record, we must copy the results of the initializing expressions into the the record fields. The private function initialize creates a list of assignments to the record fields. The result of calling initialize is placed in sequence after an allocation statement, and a new temporary variable is returned that contains a pointer to the new record.

To initialize a new array, we must copy the result of the initializing expression into each array element. First, we allocate memory for the array and store the array size into the first element of the array. Then, we construct a small loop that initializes each element of the array.

```
(records and arrays)+=
let new_array sizeEx initEx ptr =
let ary = temp true
and i = temp false
and lbeg = T.new_label "init_start"
and lend = T.new_label "init_end" in
eseq ary
[ alloc (sizeEx <+> T.CONST 1) => ary;
    sizeEx => T.MEM(ary, false);
    T.CONST 1 => i;
    T.LABEL lbeg;
    initEx => T.MEM (ary <+> (i <*> T.CONST ws), ptr);
    i <+> T.CONST 1 => i;
    T.CJUMP(T.RELOP(T.LE, i, sizeEx <+> T.CONST 1), lbeg, lend);
    T.LABEL lend ]
```

Sequences To translate a sequence of n expressions, we convert the first n-1 expressions into statements and execute them. Then, we evaluate the last expression and the result is used as the result of the whole sequence.

```
⟨sequences⟩≡
let rec sequence = function
[] -> nil
| e :: [] -> e
| e :: es -> T.ESEQ((T.EXP e), (sequence es))
```

Functions Once a code fragment has been produced, the Semantics module will call func to transform it into a function. To produce a function, we allocate a temporary to store the result of evaluating the body. Then, we add a return node that returns the temporary.

```
⟨functions⟩≡
let func frm ex ptr =
let tmp = temp ptr in
eseq nil [ex => tmp; T.RET tmp]
```

Exceptions When a try block is encountered, first the expression within the block and all of the handlers will be translated. Then, the expression inside the try block and the expressions corresponding to each handler will be passed to the try_block function. When translating a try block, we place all of the handlers under a new continuation that takes a single parameter—the exception identifier. The private cont function constructs a continuation with the label 1 that accepts one parameter in the temporary t.

Each handler must test the continuation parameter, and then either handle the exception or pass control down to the next handler. The handler function constructs this sequence of statements for a single handler.

```
\leftleftarrow \leftleft\rightleftarrow \leftleftleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\right\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\rightleft\right\rightleft\right\rightleft\right\rightleft\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\right\rig
```

The complete try block consists of the expression within the try block followed by a new continuation and the handlers for the block. The scope of the try block is marked by TRY and TRYEND. At the beginning and end of the try block we must set and reset the current exception handler. However, if we are generating code for the unwinding implementation, then we can omit these calls to set_handler.

```
\langle exceptions \rangle + \equiv
   let old
                        = temp false in
                        = ext_cmm_call "set_handler" [T.NAME exn_lbl] => old
   let set_handler
   and reset_handler = T.EXP (ext_cmm_call "set_handler" [old])
   and not_unwind stm = if Option.use_unwind() then T.EXP nil else stm
   in
   eseq tmp [ T.TRY exn_lbl;
               not_unwind set_handler;
               exp => tmp;
               not_unwind reset_handler;
               T.TRYEND exn_lbl;
               goto try_endl;
               cont exn_lbl tmp;
               not_unwind reset_handler;
               seq (List.flatten (List.map handler hs));
               T.LABEL try_endl ]
```

When raising an exception, we will either call the raise function or the unwind function depending on how the compiler was called.

```
\left(exceptions\right)+\equiv let raise_exn uid = 
let fn = if Option.use_unwind() then "unwind" else "raise" in 
ext_cmm_call fn [T.CONST uid]
```

Threads All of the thread magic is in the runtime system. Here, we just make a call to the runtime system function "tigspawn" passing it the label of a function. $\langle threads \rangle \equiv$

```
let spawn lbl = ext_cmm_call "spawn" [T.NAME lbl]
```

Chapter 5

Code Generation

5.1 Stack Frames

The Frame module manages the stack frames of generated functions. Since we are generating C-- code, we do not have access to the real stack frame, but we still need to track function parameters, local variables, and temporaries. This module provides the compiler with a mechanism for allocating new variables and temporaries within a function, and is responsible for generating the corresponding C--

A stack frame is represented by an abstract type frame. Each parameter, local, or temporary allocated results in a variable access specification. The variable access specification is represented by the

code. In addition, it is also convenient to track string literals

type access.

using this module.

```
\langle frame.mli \rangle \equiv
type frame
type access =
Temp of Tree.label
| Stack of frame * int * bool
```

This module provides functions for reading elements of a stack frame. There are functions for reading the frame pointer, the name of the function associated with the frame, and the nesting level.

 $\langle frame.mli \rangle + \equiv$

val fp : frame -> Tree.exp val name : frame -> Tree.label

val level : frame -> int

There are two functions for creating new stack frames. The base_frame function will create a stack frame for a top-level function, and new_frame will create a stack frame for a nested function. In Tiger, all functions are nested inside of the tiger_main function, so the compiler only uses new_frame for generated functions; base_frame is used for external library functions.

 $\langle frame.mli \rangle + \equiv$

val base_frame : frame

val new_frame : Tree.label -> frame -> frame

There are four functions for allocating new parameters, local variables, temporary variables, and string literals.

 $\langle frame.mli \rangle + \equiv$

val alloc_param : frame -> Tree.label -> bool -> access val alloc_local : frame -> Tree.label -> bool -> access val alloc_temp : frame -> Tree.label -> bool -> access val alloc_string : string -> Tree.label

During code generation, this module will output a C-- header and footer for each function that initializes the stack frame. In addition, this module will also output the string literals as initialized data.

 $\langle frame.mli \rangle + \equiv$

val output_header : frame -> unit val output_footer : frame -> unit val output_strings : unit -> unit % ------

5.1.1 Stack Frame Implementation

A stack frame is a record containing a name, and nesting level, the size of the stack, and a list of variables. There are three types of variables: function parameters, stack allocated variables, and temporaries. For each variable we store the name and a boolean that is true if the variable holds a pointer.

The accessor functions for frames just read the appropriate elements from the record. In the case of the frame pointer, we return the name of the variable that holds the frame pointer. The name of the frame pointer variable is always fp.

```
\left(frame.ml\right)+\equiv let fp frm = T.NAME (S.symbol "fp")
let name frm = frm.name
let level frm = frm.level
```

The base frame is a record with defaults for each field. Every function takes at least one parameter---its parent's frame pointer pfp. To create a new nested frame, we need to get the nesting level of the parent frame. Otherwise, a nested frame starts out with the same defaults as the base frame.

Allocated parameters and local variables both end up on the stack. In theory, a local variable could be allocated as a temporary variable as long as it is not referenced by a nested function. However, this optimization would require an escape analysis that this compiler does not currently do.

To allocate parameters and locals, we update the appropriate list, increment the stack size and return a stack access specification. Function parameters must be kept in order they are allocated.

```
\langle frame.ml \rangle + \equiv
 let stack_alloc frm ptr =
    let v = Stack(frm, frm.size, ptr) in
    frm.size <- frm.size + 1; v</pre>
 let alloc_param frm name ptr =
    frm.params <- frm.params @ [(name,ptr)];</pre>
    stack_alloc frm ptr
 let alloc_local frm name ptr =
    frm.vars <- (name,ptr) :: frm.vars;</pre>
    stack_alloc frm ptr
 Allocating temporaries is similar, but we return an access
 specification for a temporary variable. A temporary variable is just a
 C-- local variable, and we only need to remember the name of the
 variable.
\langle frame.ml \rangle + \equiv
 let alloc_temp frm name ptr =
    frm.temps <- (name,ptr) :: frm.temps;</pre>
```

Temp name

When a new string literal is allocated, we first check to see if the same literal has already been allocated, and if so, we return a reference to the previously allocated string. Otherwise, we add the new string to the set, and return a new label. The implementation uses the standard library Hashtbl module to store the set of allocated strings.

```
\langle frame.ml\rangle +=
let strings = H.create 20
let alloc_string s =
   try H.find strings s
   with Not_found ->
   let lbl = T.new_label "gbl" in
   (H.add strings s lbl; lbl)
```

The output functions are a bit tedious to write and even more tedious to read. However, we can at least attempt to control the ensuing insanity with a few nice abbreviations and utility functions.

For each function header, we output the function name and parameters. The function body is enclosed in a span that references the pointer data for the garbage collector. The body of each function begins by initializing the stack data locations that correspond to the formal parameters, and declaring of all temporaries.

```
\left(frame.ml\right)+\equiv let output_header frm =
let param (p,_) = spf "bits32 %s" (S.name p)
and init n (p,_) = pf " bits32[fp+%d] = %s;\n" (4*n) (S.name p)
and temp (t,_) = pf " bits32 %s;\n" (S.name t)
and name = (S.name frm.name) in
pf "%s(%s) {\n" name (join_map param frm.params);
pf " span 1 %s_gc_data {\n" name;
pf " stackdata { align 4; fp : bits32[%d]; }\n" frm.size;
iter_ndx init frm.params;
List.iter temp frm.temps
```

Each function is followed by the pointer information for the stack data and the C-- variables. The stack data information is output first as an array of bits32. A second array follows with the pointer information for the C-- variables.

```
\left output_footer frm =
let var_data vl =
let int_of_var (_,p) = if p then 1 else 0 in
let data = List.length vl :: List.map int_of_var vl in
join_map string_of_int data
in
pf "}\n";
pf "section \"data\" {\n";
pf " %s_gc_data:\n" (S.name frm.name);
pf " bits32[] { %s };\n" (var_data (frm.params @ List.rev frm.vars));
pf " bits32[] { %s };\n" (var_data (frm.params @ frm.temps));
pf "}\n\n"
```

```
For the string literals, we output a data section containing a label and initialized data for each string.
```

```
\leftarme.ml\rightarrow +\infty
(* output *)
let output_strings() =
  let print_string str lbl =
    let len = String.length str
    and str = String.escaped str in
    pf " %s: bits32 { %d }; bits8[] \"%s\\000\";\n"
        (S.name lbl) len str
    in
    pf "section \"data\" { align 4;\n";
    H.iter print_string strings;
    pf "}\n\n"
```

5.2 Code Generation

```
This module has two interface functions: one for generating the C-- file header, and one for generating the bodies of C-- functions. The compiler diver will call the first function to generate the file header and pass in a list of imports. The imports correspond to the external functions that may be called by Tiger programs. \langle codegen.mli \rangle \equiv \\ \text{val output_file_header : string list } \rightarrow \text{unit} \\ \text{val emit} \qquad : \text{Tree.stm list } \rightarrow \text{unit}
```

```
⟨codegen.ml⟩≡
module E = Error
module S = Symbol
module T = Tree
let pf = Printf.printf
let spf = Printf.sprintf
let join_map f l = String.concat "," (List.map f l)
```

In the file header we declare our C-- program to be little endian, import all of the external functions, and export the tiger_main function. In addition, we must declare the alloc_ptr global to be consistent with the other C-- sources in the standard library and garbage collector. We also import the space_end pointer from the garbage collector to support inlined allocations.

```
\langle codegen.ml\rangle +=
let output_file_header imports =
let pr_import x = pf "import bits32 \"tig_%s\" as %s;\n" x x in
pf "target byteorder little;\n";
List.iter pr_import imports;
pf "export tiger_main;\n\n";
pf "bits32 alloc_ptr;\n";
pf "import space_end;\n\n"
```

The heart of the code generator is the emit function that converts a list of Tree statements (Section~??) into C--.

The emit function uses three private functions for converting statements, and expressions either in a value context or a boolean context.

```
\langle codegen.ml\rangle +=
let emit exl =
  \langle statements \rangle
  \langle value expressions \rangle
  \langle boolean expressions \rangle
  in
  let code = List.map stm exl in
  List.iter (fun x -> pf " %s\n" x) code
```

Generating C-- code from our intermediate representation is relatively easy. However, when generating code for Tree statements, there is one small subtlety; we always wrap try blocks inside of a span with a key value of 2, and a data pointer of 1. This "pointer" marks the activation as having an exception handler that can be unwound to. The span data for exceptions is not examined, but we need something to put into the span, and it cannot be zero, because then we could not distinguish it from an error result from GetDescriptor in the runtime system.

$\langle statements \rangle \equiv$

```
let rec stm = function
   T.LABEL 1
                        -> spf "%s:" (S.name 1)
                        -> spf "continuation %s(%s):"
  | T.CONT(1,1s)
                          (S.name 1) (join_map S.name ls)
                        -> spf "goto %s;" (valexp e)
  l T.JUMP e
  | T.CJUMP(ex, 11, 12) -> spf "if(%s) {goto %s;} else {goto %s;}"
                            (boolexp ex) (S.name 11) (S.name 12)
                        -> spf "%s = %s;" (valexp e2) (valexp e1)
  | T.MOVE(e1, e2)
  | T.EXP(T.CALL \_ as e) -> spf "%s;" (valexp e)
                        -> spf "/* eliminated: %s */" (valexp e)
  | T.EXP e
                        -> spf "span 2 1 { /* %s */" (S.name 1)
  | T.TRY 1
  | T.TRYEND 1
                        -> spf "} /* end %s */" (S.name 1)
  | T.RET e
                        -> spf "return(%s);" (valexp e)
  | T.SEQ _
                        -> E.internal "SEQ node found in code gen"
```

```
Generating C-- code for Tree expressions is also quite simple.
 The CALL nodes require a little bit of work to get all of the
 annotations correct, but there are not any surprises.
\langle value\ expressions \rangle \equiv
   and valexp = function
       T.BINOP(bop, e1, e2) -> spf "%%%s(%s, %s)"
                                 (T.cmm_binop bop) (valexp e1) (valexp e2)
                              -> spf "%%sx32(%%bit(%s))" (boolexp e)
      | T.RELOP _ as e
                              -> spf "bits32[%s]" (valexp e)
      | T.MEM(e,ptr)
      | T.TEMP(t,ptr)
                              -> spf "%s" (S.name t)
      | T.NAME 1
                              -> (S.name 1)
      | T.CONST i
                             -> string_of_int i
      | T.CALL(1,el,cc,k,ptr) ->
          let cc = match cc with
                     None -> ""
                   | Some s -> spf "foreign \"%s\" " s
          and k = match k with
                     None -> ""
                    | Some 1 -> spf "also %s to %s"
                       (if Option.use_unwind() then "unwinds" else "cuts")
                       (S.name 1)
          in
          spf "%s %s(%s) also aborts %s"
              cc (valexp 1) (join_map valexp el) k
      | T.ESEQ _ ->
          E.internal "ESEQ node found in code gen"
\langle boolean \ expresssions \rangle \equiv
   and boolexp = function
      | T.RELOP(rop, e1, e2) -> spf "%%%s(%s, %s)"
                                 (T.cmm_relop rop) (valexp e1) (valexp e2)
                              -> spf "%%ne(%s, 0)" (valexp e)
      | e
```

Chapter 6

 $\langle alloc.c-\rangle \equiv$

target byteorder little; import bits32 space_end;

Tiger Runtime System

% -*- mode: Noweb; noweb-code-mode: c-mode -*-% ===> this file was generated automat.

```
import bits32 tig_gc;
export tig_alloc;
export tig_call_gc;
```

The call_gc function is a small C-- proxy for the garbage collector which is written in C. The call_gc function is called with the gc callling convention. Be sure to recompile this code whenever the gc convention changes. Otherwise compiled code and this code will make different assumptions about the convention which will result in hard-to-find bugs.

When the garbage collector is called, the allocation pointer will be overwritten. However, the garbage collector returns a new allocation pointer, so we do not need to save alloc_ptr before calling into the C code.

```
\langle alloc.c-\rangle +=
bits32 alloc_ptr;
tig_call_gc() {
   alloc_ptr = foreign "C" tig_gc(k) also cuts to k;
   return;
continuation k():
   return;
}
```

This is an example allocator---it is not called by compiled code. The Tiger compiler in-lines allocations which are roughly equivalent to a call to this function, but they are more efficient. When doing an allocation, we add an extra word at the beginning for the garbage collector data, and then round up to the nearest machine word.

```
bits32 p;
p = 0;
size = (size + 7) & OxFFFFFFC;
if (alloc_ptr + size > bits32[space_end]) {
    tig_call_gc();
}
bits32[alloc_ptr] = size;
p = alloc_ptr + 4;
alloc_ptr = alloc_ptr + size;
return(p);
}
```

Y -----

6.1.2 Garbage Collector Implementation

 $\langle alloc.c-\rangle + \equiv$

tig_alloc(bits32 size) {

```
% ------
The garbage collector exports two functions for initializing the collector, and performing garbage collection. Both functions return the value of the allocation pointer. \langle gc.h\rangle \equiv \\ \text{void* gc_init(int heap_size);} \\ \text{void* tig_gc(Cmm_Cont*);}
```

```
The Tiger garbage collector is a very simple copying collector. Most
 of the code is generic in that it is not specific to either Tiger or
 C--.
\langle gc.c \rangle \equiv
 #include <stdio.h>
 #include <stdlib.h>
 #include <assert.h>
 #include <string.h>
 #include <qc--runtime.h>
 /* global private state of GC */
 static unsigned heap_size = 0;
 static unsigned* heap
                          = NULL;
 static unsigned* from_space = NULL;
 static unsigned* to_space = NULL;
 static unsigned* alloc_ptr = NULL;
 /* This one is visible externally */
 unsigned* space_end = NULL;
 #define FORWARDED 0x80000000
 #define SIZE_MASK 0x7FFFFFF
 #define gc_bits(x)
                             (*(unsigned*)(((unsigned)x) - sizeof(unsigned)))
 #define forwarded(x)
                             (gc_bits(x) & FORWARDED)
 #define forward_address(x) (*(unsigned*)(x))
 #define size(x)
                             (gc_bits(x) & SIZE_MASK)
 void set_forward_address(void* p, void* fp) {
   gc_bits(p) |= FORWARDED;
   *(unsigned*)p = (unsigned)fp;
 }
 /* flip also works for initialization */
 void flip() {
   if (from_space == heap) {
     to_space = heap;
     from_space = (unsigned*)((unsigned)heap + heap_size);
   } else {
     from_space = heap;
     to_space = (unsigned*)((unsigned)heap + heap_size);
   space_end = (unsigned*)((unsigned)from_space + heap_size);
```

```
void* gc_init(int size) {
 heap_size = size;
 heap = malloc(heap_size * 2);
  if (heap == NULL) {
    perror("could not create heap");
    exit(1);
 bzero(heap, heap_size * 2);
  flip();
  alloc_ptr = from_space;
 return alloc_ptr;
}
void* internal_alloc(int size) {
 void *p = alloc_ptr + 1;
 assert(size > 0);
  size = (size + 7) & OxFFFFFFFC;
 assert(size % 4 == 0);
  (*(unsigned*)alloc_ptr) = size & SIZE_MASK;
 alloc_ptr = (unsigned*)((unsigned)alloc_ptr + size);
 return p;
}
int is_pointer(unsigned p) {
  if (p < (unsigned)from_space ||</pre>
      p > (unsigned)from_space + heap_size) {
    return 0;
 }
 return 1;
unsigned* gc_forward(unsigned *p, int ptr) {
 void* addr;
  if (ptr == 0 || !is_pointer((unsigned)p)) return p;
  if (forwarded(p)) return (void*)forward_address(p);
 addr = internal_alloc(size(p) - 4);
 memcpy(addr, p, size(p) - 4);
 set_forward_address(p, addr);
  return addr;
}
void gc_copy(void) {
 unsigned* scan;
  for (scan = to_space; scan < alloc_ptr; scan++)</pre>
```

```
*scan = (unsigned)gc_forward((unsigned*)*scan, -1);
}
```

6.1.3 Garbage Collector Main Loop

```
% ------
 The Tiger compiler outputs GC data for each procedure in the form of
 user spans. The span data indicates the type of each variable in the
 procedure; pointer or not-pointer. There is a list of types for stack
 parameters, followed by a list for temporaries. The first parameter of
 a function is always the parent frame pointer, and we can safely
 ignore it. We also know that the GC is only called from call_gc,
 and we can safely ignore the first activation record.
\langle gc.c \rangle + \equiv
 void* tig_gc(Cmm_Cont* k) {
   Cmm_Activation a;
   alloc_ptr = to_space;
   space_end = (unsigned*)((unsigned)to_space + heap_size);
   a = Cmm_YoungestActivation(k); // ignore call_gc activation
   while (Cmm_ChangeActivation(&a))
     int i;
     unsigned var_count = Cmm_LocalVarCount(&a);
     unsigned* gc_data = Cmm_GetDescriptor(&a, 1);
     assert(!gc_data || gc_data[gc_data[0]+1] == var_count);
     /* If we have gc_data and stack vars, then we are in a proper
        tiger function. The first stack var will be the pfp and we can
        safely skip it. The assertion checks that the first stack var is a
        pointer -- it should be the parent frame pointer.
     if (gc_data && gc_data[0] > 0) {
       unsigned* tig_fp = Cmm_FindStackLabel(&a, 0);
       unsigned stack_var_count = gc_data[0];
       assert(tig_fp);
       assert(gc_data[1] == 1);
       for (i = 1; i < stack_var_count; ++i)</pre>
         tig_fp[i] = (unsigned)gc_forward((void*)tig_fp[i], gc_data[i+1]);
     }
```

```
/* The first local will be the pfp in a tiger procedure, but the
       forward function will ignore it. For stdlib functions we may
      need to collect the first argument.
    */
   for (i = 0; i < var_count; ++i) {</pre>
      int ptr_flg;
      unsigned** rootp = (unsigned **) Cmm_FindLocalVar(&a, i);
      if (rootp != NULL) {
        if (gc_data) ptr_flg = gc_data[gc_data[0] + 2 + i];
                    ptr_flg = -1;
        *rootp = gc_forward(*rootp, ptr_flg);
   }
  gc_copy();
 bzero(from_space, heap_size);
  flip();
  return alloc_ptr;
}
```

6.2 Tiger Standard Library

```
\langle stdlib.h \rangle \equiv
 #include <stdio.h>
 #include <stdlib.h>
 /* Internal representation of strings */
 typedef struct _string {
   unsigned length;
   unsigned char chars[1];
 } string;
 /* standard library funcitons */
 void tig_print(string *s);
 void
         tig_printi(int n);
       tig_flush(void);
 void
 string* tig_getchar(void);
        tig_ord(string *s);
 string* tig_chr(unsigned i);
 unsigned tig_size(string* s);
 unsigned tig_sizea(void* array);
 string* tig_substring(string*, unsigned first, unsigned n);
 string* tig_concat(string *a, string *b);
       tig_not(int i);
 int
         tig_exit(int status);
 void
```

% -----

6.2.1 Standard Library Implementation

% -----

The standard library is implemented in C and C--. Whenever we cross over to C we must save and restore the allocation pointer because it is held in a C-- global variable which may be a register. Any library function that needs to allocate memory is written in C-- so that we can call the tig_alloc function without crossing over to C and back. In addition, during allocation we may need to call the garbage collector, and we want to ensure that local variables will be found by the runtime system when walking the stack. Therefore, we do not want any C frames on the stack if we can avoid it.

⟨stdlib.c⟩≡
#include <qc--runtime.h>
#include "stdlib.h"
#include "gc.h"
#include <string.h>
#include <assert.h>
⟨C functions⟩

```
\langle stdlibcmm.c-\rangle \equiv
  target byteorder little memsize 8 wordsize 32 pointersize 32;
  import bits32 tig_alloc;
  import bits32 unwinder;
  import bits32 printf;
  import bits32 exit;
  import bits32 getchar;
  import bits32 bcopy;
  export tig_substring;
  export tig_concat;
  export tig_chr;
  export tig_getchar;
  export tig_set_handler;
  export tig_raise;
  export tig_unwind;
  export tig_spawn;
  bits32 alloc_ptr;
  section "data" { \langle \mathit{C-data} \rangle }
  \langle C-functions \rangle
```

Library Functions

To start off, we will define the easy one line ${\tt C}$ functions.

```
\langle C functions \rangle \equiv
```

```
unsigned tig_sizea(void* array) { return *((int*)array); }
unsigned tig_size(string *s) { return s->length;
                                                       }
        tig_not(int i)
                              { return !i;
                                                       }
int
                                                       }
void
        tig_exit(int status) { exit(status);
void
        tig_flush()
                              { fflush(stdout);
                                                       }
                              { printf("%d", n);
void
        tig_printi(int n)
                                                       }
        tig_print(string *s) { printf("%s", s->chars);}
void
```

From within the standard library, strings are the only thing that we need to allocate memory for. This small function calls the allocator and initializes the memory according to the string structure definition.

```
\langle \mathit{C-functions} \rangle \equiv
  new_string(bits32 size) {
    bits32 str_ptr;
    str_ptr = tig_alloc(size + 4 + 1);
    bits32[str_ptr] = size;
    bits8[str_ptr + 4 + size] = 0 :: bits8;
    return(str_ptr);
  }
  The chr and getchar functions both allocate a string of length
  1. In Tiger, EOF is equivalent to the empty string.
\langle C-functions \rangle + \equiv
  tig_chr(bits32 ch) {
    bits32 str_ptr;
    str_ptr = new_string(1);
    bits8[str_ptr+4] = %lobits8(ch);
    return(str_ptr);
  }
\langle \mathit{C-functions} \rangle + \equiv
  tig_getchar() {
    bits32 ch;
    bits32 p;
    p = alloc_ptr;
    ch = foreign "C" getchar();
    alloc_ptr = p;
    p = tig_chr(ch);
    if (ch == 0xFFFFFFFF) {
      bits32[p] = 0;
    }
    return(p);
  }
```

```
The bounds check function is called before all array accesses to
 provide dynamic array bounds checking.
\langle C functions \rangle + \equiv
 void tig_bounds_check(void *array, int index, int line) {
    int size = tig_sizea(array);
    if (index < 0 || index >= size) {
      fprintf(stderr, "Runtime Error line(%d): Attempt to access "
               "array index %d for array of size %d\n",
              line, index, size);
      exit(1);
   }
 }
 The ord function can only be called on strings of length one. In
 this case, the character is converted to an integer and returned.
\langle C functions \rangle + \equiv
 int tig_ord(string *s) {
```

fprintf(stderr, "Tiger program took ord of string of length %d\n",

if (s->length != 1) {

return s->chars[0];

exit(1);

}

s->length);

```
String comparison should return -1, 0, or 1 if the first string is
  less than, equal to, or greater that the second string.
\langle C functions \rangle + \equiv
  int tig_compare_str(string *s, string *t) {
    int i;
    assert(t);
    assert(s);
    if (s == t) return 0;
    if (s->length == t->length)
      return strncmp((const char*)s->chars,
                      (const char*)t->chars, s->length);
    i = strncmp((const char*)s->chars,
                 (const char*)t->chars,
                 (s->length < t->length ? s->length : t->length));
    if (i != 0) return i;
    if (s->length < t->length) return -1;
    return 1;
  }
  The implementation of substring must allocate memory to hold the new
  string. In addition, this function will have a live heap pointer (the
  input string) during the allocation, and we want to be able to locate
  this pointer in the case of a garbage collection. Therefore, we
  implement this function in C--.
\langle \mathit{C-data} \rangle \equiv
```

substr_msg: bits8[] "substring: index (%d,%d) out of range of (0,%d)\n\000";

```
\langle \mathit{C-functions} \rangle + \equiv
 tig_substring("address" bits32 str_ptr, bits32 first, bits32 length) {
   bits32 new_str_ptr;
   bits32 ap;
   if (first < 0)
                                            { goto Lerror; }
   if (first + length > bits32[str_ptr]) { goto Lerror; }
   new_str_ptr = new_string(length);
   ap = alloc_ptr;
   foreign "C" bcopy(str_ptr+first+4, new_str_ptr+4, length);
   alloc_ptr = ap;
   return(new_str_ptr);
 Lerror:
   foreign "C" printf(substr_msg, first, length, bits32[str_ptr]);
   foreign "C" exit(1) never returns;
   return(0);
 }
 String concatenation has a similar constraint as substring, and it is
 also implemented in C--.
\langle C-functions \rangle + \equiv
 tig_concat("address" bits32 str_a, "address" bits32 str_b) {
   bits32 new_str;
   bits32 ap;
   if (bits32[str_a] == 0) { return(str_b); }
   if (bits32[str_b] == 0) { return(str_a); }
   new_str = new_string(bits32[str_a] + bits32[str_b]);
   ap = alloc_ptr;
   foreign "C" bcopy(str_a+4, new_str+4,
                                                           bits32[str_a]);
   foreign "C" bcopy(str_b+4, new_str+4+bits32[str_a], bits32[str_b]);
   alloc_ptr = ap;
   return(new_str);
 }
```

Exceptions

```
There are two implementations of exceptions in the Tiger compiler. The
  first implementation maintains the current closest exception handler
  dynamically using the tig_set_handler function. Raising an
  exception can then be done with a C-- cut to statement.
\langle C-data \rangle + \equiv
   curr_exn : bits32;
\langle \mathit{C-functions} \rangle + \equiv
  tig_set_handler(bits32 exn) {
    bits32 old_exn;
    old_exn = bits32[curr_exn];
    bits32[curr_exn] = exn;
    return(old_exn);
  }
  tig_raise(bits32 exn_id) {
    cut to bits32[curr_exn](exn_id);
    return;
  }
  The second implementation unwinds the stack using the C-- runtime
  interface.
\langle \mathit{C-functions} \rangle + \equiv
  tig_unwind(bits32 exn_id) {
    foreign "C" unwinder(k, exn_id) also aborts also cuts to k;
    return;
  continuation k():
    return;
  }
```

```
\langle \mathit{C functions} \rangle + \equiv
  void unwinder(Cmm_Cont* k, unsigned exn_id) {
    Cmm_Activation a = Cmm_YoungestActivation(k);
    do {
       if ((unsigned)Cmm_GetDescriptor(&a, 2) == 1) {
         Cmm_Cont* exn = Cmm_MakeUnwindCont(&a, 0, exn_id);
         Cmm_CutTo(exn);
         return;
       }
    } while(Cmm_ChangeActivation(&a));
    assert(0);
  }
\langle \mathit{C-data} \rangle + \equiv
   spawn_msg : bits8[] "spawning to %X\n\000";
\langle \mathit{C-functions} \rangle + \equiv
  tig_spawn(bits32 lbl) {
    foreign "C" printf(spawn_msg, lbl);
    return(0);
  }
```

6.3 Runtime Startup Code

The initial size of the heap is taken from the environment variable TIGER_HEAPSIZE if present; otherwise a default is used.

```
\langle runtime.c-\rangle \equiv
  target byteorder little;
  import tig_set_handler;
  import gc_init;
  import tiger_main;
  import printf;
  import getenv;
  import atoi;
  export main;
  const HEAP_SIZE = 8192;
  bits32 alloc_ptr;
  section "data" {
   exn_msg : bits8[] "unhandled exception %d\n\000";
tiger_heapsize : bits8[] "TIGER_HEAPSIZE\0";
heapsize_msg : bits8[] "heapsize %d\n\0";
  }
  foreign "C"
  main(bits32 argc, "address" bits32 argv)
  {
    bits32 rv;
    bits32 heapsize;
    bits32 env;
```

```
env = foreign "C" getenv("address" tiger_heapsize);
if (env != 0) {
   heapsize = foreign "C" atoi("address" env);
} else {
   heapsize = HEAP_SIZE;
}
// foreign "C" printf("address" heapsize_msg, heapsize);
alloc_ptr = foreign "C" gc_init(heapsize);

tig_set_handler(k);
rv = tiger_main(0) also cuts to k;
foreign "C" return (rv);

continuation k(rv):
   foreign "C" printf(exn_msg, rv);
   foreign "C" return(-1);
}
```

% ------

6.3.1 Interpreter Startup

```
% ------
\langle client.c \rangle \equiv
 #include <assert.h>
 #include <qc--interp.h>
 #include "stdlib.h"
 #include "gc.h"
 #define BUFF_SIZE
                      256
 #define VALSTACK_SIZE 256
 #define ARGSPACE_SIZE 256
 #define HEAP_SIZE
                   4096
 typedef struct {
   Cmm_Cont cont;
   void *stack_space;
   unsigned stack_space_size;
   void
          *limit_cookie;
 } Cmm_TCB;
 extern int
              verbosity;
 static unsigned stack_size = 65536;
 static void* globals_backup = NULL;
 Cmm_TCB *TCB_new(void) {
   Cmm_Dataptr data;
              *tcb = (Cmm_TCB *) malloc(sizeof(*tcb));
   assert(tcb != NULL);
   tcb->stack_space
                       = (Cmm_Dataptr) malloc(stack_size * sizeof(*data));
   mem_assert(tcb->stack_space);
   tcb->stack_space_size = stack_size;
   tcb->limit_cookie
                      = NULL;
   return tcb;
```

```
}
void TCB_free(Cmm_TCB *tcb) {
  free(tcb->stack_space);
  /* FIX make sure that 'cont' is freed? */
  free(tcb);
//extern void gc_set_thread(Cmm_Cont* t);
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
  verbosity = 0;
  if (Cmm_open(VALSTACK_SIZE, ARGSPACE_SIZE) != 0) {
    exit(1);
  }
  /* standard library functions */
  register_c_func("tig_print",
                                    (void*)tig_print,
                                                           "pointer:void");
  register_c_func("tig_printi",
                                    (void*)tig_printi,
                                                           "int:void");
  register_c_func("tig_flush",
                                                           "void:void");
                                    (void*)tig_flush,
  register_c_func("tig_getchar",
                                    (void*)tig_getchar,
                                                           "void:pointer");
                                                           "pointer:int");
  register_c_func("tig_ord",
                                    (void*)tig_ord,
  register_c_func("tig_chr" ,
                                    (void*)tig_chr,
                                                           "unsigned:pointer");
  register_c_func("tig_size" ,
                                    (void*)tig_size,
                                                           "pointer:unsigned");
  register_c_func("tig_sizea" ,
                                                           "pointer:unsigned");
                                    (void*)tig_sizea,
  register_c_func("tig_substring", (void*)tig_substring,
                                                           "pointer, unsigned, unsigned:
  register_c_func("tig_concat",
                                                           "pointer, pointer: pointer");
                                    (void*)tig_concat,
  register_c_func("tig_not",
                                    (void*)tig_not,
                                                           "int:int");
  register_c_func("tig_exit",
                                                           "int:void");
                                    (void*)tig_exit,
  /* GC functions */
  register_c_func("tig_gc",
                                (void*)tig_gc,
                                                  "void:void");
  register_c_func("tig_alloc", (void*)tig_alloc, "unsigned:pointer");
  register_c_func("tig_compare_str", (void*)tig_compare_str,
                                   "pointer, pointer:int");
  register_c_func("tig_bounds_check", (void*)tig_bounds_check,
                                   "pointer,int,int:void");
  if (!load_assembly_unit(argv[1],SRC_FILE))
    Cmm_Codeptr loc = cmm_find_export("tiger_main");
    if (loc == NULL) {
      fprintf(stderr, "error: cannot find procedure \"tiger_main\"\n");
```

```
} else {
      Cmm_TCB
                  *tcb = TCB_new();
      globals_backup = malloc(Cmm_GlobalSize());
      assert(globals_backup);
      tcb->cont = Cmm_CreateThread(loc,
                                   (void*)&globals_backup,
                                   tcb->stack_space,
                                   tcb->stack_space_size,
                                   &(tcb->limit_cookie));
      //gc_set_thread(&(tcb->cont));
      gc_init(atoi(getenv("TIGER_HEAPSIZE")) || HEAP_SIZE);
      tcb->cont = Cmm_RunThread(&(tcb->cont));
      gc_finish();
     free(globals_backup);
      TCB_free(tcb);
   }
  }
  Cmm_close();
  return 0;
}
```

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```

Appendix A

Driver and Utilities

A.1 Compiler Driver

```
% ------
The compiler driver has two jobs: to define the standard basis, and to call the compiler modules in the correct order. \langle driver.ml \rangle \equiv \\ \text{module S = Symbol} \\ \text{module F = Frame} \\ \text{module V = Environment} \\ \text{module M = Semantics} \\ \langle standard\ basis \rangle \\ \langle compiler\ driver \rangle
```

Standard Basis

The standard basis consist of a set of initial type definitions, a set of initial functions, and a set of imports. There are only two initial type definitions in the standard basis: integers and strings.

```
⟨standard basis⟩≡
let base_tenv =
  (* name type *)
  [ "int", M.INT
  ; "string", M.STRING
]
```

The set of initial functions includes all of the functions in the Tiger standard library. For each function, we give the function name, the calling convention, and the argument and return types.

 $\langle standard\ basis \rangle + \equiv$

```
let base_venv =
(* name
                          args
                                                   return *)
               Some "C", [M.STRING],
[ "print",
                                                  M.UNIT
               Some "C", [M.INT],
; "printi",
                                                  M.UNIT
; "flush",
               Some "C", [],
                                                  M.UNIT
; "getchar",
               None,
                                                  M.STRING
                          [],
; "ord",
               Some "C", [M.STRING],
                                                  M.INT
; "chr",
               None,
                          [M.INT],
                                                  M.STRING
               Some "C", [M.STRING],
; "size",
                                                  M.INT
; "sizea",
               Some "C", [M.ARRAY M.ANY],
                                                  M.INT
; "substring", None,
                          [M.STRING; M.INT; M.INT], M.STRING
                          [M.STRING; M.STRING],
; "concat",
               None,
                                                  M.STRING
               Some "C", [M.INT],
; "not",
                                                  M.INT
; "exit",
               Some "C", [M.INT],
                                                  M.UNIT
]
```

The set of imports includes all of the functions that may be called from compiled code. This includes the standard library functions as well as other internal functions such as the garbage collector and functions related to exceptions.

Compiler Driver

The compiler driver is relatively simple. First, the command line options are parsed. Then, the input program is parsed, type checked, and converted to the intermediate representation. Finally, we iterate over the functions and output each one by calling emit_function.

```
\langle compiler \ driver \rangle \equiv
 let emit_function (frm,ex) =
   if Option.print_ext() then Tree.print_exp ex;
   let ltree = Canonical.linearize (Tree.EXP ex) in
   if Option.print_lext() then List.iter Tree.print_stm ltree;
   List.iter (fun (x,p) -> ignore(Frame.alloc_temp frm x p))
              (Tree.find_temps ltree);
   Frame.output_header frm;
   Codegen.emit ltree;
   Frame.output_footer frm
 let compile ch =
   let base_env = V.new_env base_tenv base_venv in
   let lexbuf = Lexing.from_channel ch in
   let ast = Parser.program Lexer.token lexbuf in
   let exl = Semantics.translate base_env ast in
   if Option.print_ast() then Ast.print_tree ast;
   Codegen.output_file_header imports;
   Frame.output_strings();
   List.iter emit_function exl
 let _ =
   try
     Option.parse_cmdline();
     compile (Option.channel())
   with Error.Error ex ->
     Error.handle_exception ex
```

A.2 Error Handling

```
% ------
 The Error module handles error reporting for the tiger compiler.
 Other modules can raise exceptions defined in this module to signal
 unrecoverable errors. The set of errors that can be raised is listed
 below.
\langle types \rangle \equiv
 type error =
     Internal_error of string
   | Illegal_character of char
   | Illegal_escape of string
   | Unterminated_comment
   | Unterminated_string
   | Syntax_error
   | Type_error of string
   | Undefined_symbol of string
   | Duplicate_symbol of string
   | Illegal_break
 type ex = error * int
 exception Error of ex
 When an exception is raised, the compiler driver will use this module
 to report the error. The handle_exception function will print a
 source line number and an error message, and then exit.
\langle error.mli \rangle \equiv
 \langle types \rangle
 val handle_exception : ex -> unit
```

A few functions are defined for reporting warnings and raising common errors.

```
val warning : int -> string -> unit
val type_err : int -> string -> 'a
val undefined : int -> string -> 'a
val internal : string -> 'a

The Error module maintains a mapping of source line numbers in
order to provide more informative error messages. The scanner
(Section~??) populates this mapping during the parsing
phase.

\( \langle error.mli \rangle +\equiv \)
val add_source_mapping : int -> int -> unit
val line_number : int -> int * int
```

A.2.1 Error Implementation

 $\langle error.ml \rangle \equiv \langle types \rangle$

% ------

The source map is a list of pairs of integers. The first integer is a source position, and the second is the line number that ends at that position. In effect, the scanner records the position and line number of each newline character.

```
\left(\left(\text{error.ml}\right) +=
type sm = \{ mutable sm: (int * int) list \}
let source_map = \{ sm = [(0,0)] \}
let add_source_mapping pos line =
    source_map.sm <- source_map.sm @ [(pos,line)]</pre>
```

To compute the line number of a source position, we do a linear search through the pairs of integers.

```
\leftarrow \leftarrow reference \leftarrow ref
```

Errors are printed with a prefix that indicates the type of error. If the source line number can be computed, then it is also printed along with the error message.

```
\left(error.ml\right)+\equiv let err_msg prefix pos msg =
let (line,col) = line_number pos in
if line > 0 then
    Printf.fprintf stderr
        "%s:%d,%d: %s\n" (Option.filename()) line col msg
else
    Printf.fprintf stderr "%s: %s\n" prefix msg

let warning = err_msg "Warning"
```

```
The exception handler is used by the compiler driver
 (Section~??) to print error messages and exit in the
 case of errors.
\langle error.ml \rangle + \equiv
 let handle_exception (ex,pos) =
   let msg = match ex with
     Internal_error s -> "Compiler bug: " ^ s
   | Illegal_character ch -> Printf.sprintf "illegal character '%c'" ch
   | Illegal_escape str -> Printf.sprintf "illegal escape %s" str
   | Unterminated_comment -> "unterminated comment"
   | Unterminated_string -> "unterminated string"
                      -> "syntax error"
   | Syntax_error
                      -> str
   | Type_error str
   | Undefined_symbol str -> "undefined symbol: " ^ str
   | Duplicate_symbol str -> "duplcate definition of: " ^ str
   err_msg "Error" pos msg;
   exit 1
 Finally, here is the definition of the error raising functions.
\langle error.ml \rangle + \equiv
 let type_err pos msg = raise(Error(Type_error msg, pos))
 let undefined pos msg = raise(Error(Undefined_symbol msg, pos))
 let internal
                   msg = raise(Error(Internal_error msg, 0))
```

% -*- mode: Noweb; noweb-code-mode: caml-mode -*-% ===> this file was generated automatically to
% \$Id: option.nw,v 1.1.1.1 2007-01-29 16:31:59 govereau Exp \$

A.3 Command Line Options

% ------

A.3.1 Options

% ------

The Option module provides command line parsing and access to option settings. On startup, the parse_cmdline function parses the command line and stores the state of all user settable options. Other modules may access the value of options through the accessor functions.

$\langle option.mli \rangle \equiv$

val parse_cmdline : unit -> unit
val print_ast : unit -> bool
val print_ext : unit -> bool
val print_lext : unit -> bool
val use_unwind : unit -> bool
val filename : unit -> string
val channel : unit -> in_channel

% -----

A.3.2 Option Implementation

```
% ------
 Each parameter is kept in a private variable, and the accessor
 functions simply return the values of these variables.
\langle option.ml \rangle \equiv
 let ast
           = ref false
 let ext
           = ref false
 let lext = ref false
 let unwind = ref false
 let file = ref ""
 let inch = ref stdin
 let print_ast() = !ast
 let print_ext() = !ext
 let print_lext() = !lext
 let use_unwind() = !unwind
 let filename() = !file
 let channel()
                 = !inch
 When an input file is specified by the user, the set_input
 function is called.
\langle option.ml \rangle + \equiv
 let set_input s =
   try file := s; inch := open_in s
   with Sys_error err ->
     raise (Arg.Bad ("could not open file " ^ err))
```

The command line is processed using the Arg module from the Ocaml standard library. First we define a set of option specs, and then call the Arg module. After processing, we check the options for consistency.

```
\langle option.ml \rangle + \equiv
 let rec usage() = Arg.usage options "Usage:";exit 0;
 and options = [
                                  "\t\tprint Abstract Syntax Tree";
   "-ast",
                 Arg.Set ast,
   "-ext",
               Arg.Set ext,
                                 "\t\tprint Expression Trees";
               Arg.Set lext,
   "-lext",
                                 "\tprint Linearized Expression Trees";
   "-unwind", Arg.Set unwind, "\tuse unwind continuations for exceptions";
   "-help",
                 Arg.Unit usage, "\tprint this message";
 ]
 let parse_cmdline() = Arg.parse options set_input "Usage:"
```

Appendix B

Scanner and Parser

```
\langle lexer.mll \rangle \equiv
 {
 module E = Error
 module P = Parser
  (* The table of keywords *)
 let keyword_table = Hashtbl.create 22;;
 List.iter (fun (key, data) -> Hashtbl.add keyword_table key data)
    Γ
     "and",
                 P.AND;
                P.ARRAY;
    "array",
     "break",
                P.BREAK;
     "do",
                P.DO;
     "else",
                P.ELSE;
     "end",
                P.END;
     "exception", P.EXCEPTION;
     "for",
                 P.FOR;
     "function", P.FUNCTION;
     "handle", P.HANDLE;
     "if",
                P.IF;
     "in",
                P.IN;
     "let",
                P.LET;
     "nil",
                P.NIL;
     "of",
                P.OF;
     "or",
                 P.OR;
    "raise",
              P.RAISE;
     "spawn",
                P.SPAWN;
                P.THEN;
     "then",
     "to",
                 P.T0;
     "try",
                 P.TRY;
     "type",
                P.TYPE;
     "var",
                 P.VAR;
     "while",
                P.WHILE;
  ];;
  (* To buffer string literals *)
 let escape c =
   match c with
   | 'n' -> '\n'
   | 'r' -> '\r'
   | 'b' -> '\b'
   | 't' -> '\t'
   | _ -> c
```

```
let line_num = ref 0
let string_start_pos = ref 0
let buffer = Buffer.create 30
let comment_pos = Stack.create()
let nl = ['\010' '\013']
let blank = [' ', '\009', '\012']
let letter = ['A'-'Z' 'a'-'z']
let number = ['0'-'9']
let identchar = ['A'-'Z' 'a'-'z' '_' '0'-'9']
rule token = parse
   nl
        { incr line_num;
          E.add_source_mapping (Lexing.lexeme_end lexbuf) !line_num;
          token lexbuf }
  | blank + { token lexbuf }
  | letter identchar *
      { let s = Lexing.lexeme lexbuf in
        try
          Hashtbl.find keyword_table s
        with Not_found ->
          P.ID s }
  | number +
     { P.INT (int_of_string(Lexing.lexeme lexbuf)) }
  | "\""
      { string_start_pos := Lexing.lexeme_start lexbuf;
       P.STRING (string lexbuf) }
  | "/*" { comment lexbuf; token lexbuf }
  | "&" { P.AND }
  | ":=" { P.ASSIGN }
  | ":" { P.COLON }
  | "," { P.COMMA }
  | "/" { P.DIVIDE }
  | "." { P.DOT }
  | "=" { P.EQ }
  | ">=" { P.GE }
  | ">" { P.GT }
  | "[" { P.LBRACK }
  | "<=" { P.LE }
  | "(" { P.LPAREN }
  | "<" { P.LT }
  | "-" { P.MINUS }
  | "<>" { P.NEQ }
```

```
| "|" { P.OR }
  | "+" { P.PLUS }
 | "}" { P.RBRACE }
 | "]" { P.RBRACK }
 | ")" { P.RPAREN }
 | ";" { P.SEMICOLON }
  | "*" { P.TIMES }
  | eof { P.EOF }
 1_
     { raise (E.Error(E.Illegal_character (Lexing.lexeme_char lexbuf 0),
                      Lexing.lexeme_start lexbuf)) }
and comment = parse
    "/*" { Stack.push (Lexing.lexeme_start lexbuf) comment_pos;
          comment lexbuf; }
  | "*/" { try (ignore(Stack.pop comment_pos); comment lexbuf)
          with Stack.Empty -> () }
  | nl
        { incr line_num;
          E.add_source_mapping (Lexing.lexeme_end lexbuf) !line_num;
          comment lexbuf }
  | eof { let st = Stack.top comment_pos in
          raise (E.Error(E.Unterminated_comment, st)) }
        { comment lexbuf }
and string = parse
     { let s = Buffer.contents buffer in
        (Buffer.clear buffer; s) }
  | '\\' ['\\' '\'' '"' 'n' 't' 'b' 'r']
      { Buffer.add_char buffer (escape (Lexing.lexeme_char lexbuf 1));
       string lexbuf }
  | [^ '"' '\\'] +
      { Buffer.add_string buffer (Lexing.lexeme lexbuf);
        string lexbuf }
  | eof
      { raise (E.Error(E.Unterminated_string, !string_start_pos)) }
```

% ------

B.2 Parser

```
% ------
\langle parser.mly \rangle \equiv
 %{
 module E = Error
 module A = Ast
 module S = Symbol
 let getpos = Parsing.symbol_start
 let parse_error s =
   let pos = getpos() in
   raise (E.Error(E.Syntax_error, pos))
 (* record creation functions *)
 let mkField n t
                    = (n, t, getpos())
 let mkSimpleVar v
                          = A.SimpleVar(v, getpos())
                          = A.FieldVar(v, t, getpos())
 let mkFieldVar v t
 let mkSubscriptVar v e = A.SubscriptVar(v, e, getpos())
 let mkNilExp
                          = A.NilExp
                          = A.VarExp(v)
 let mkVarExp v
 let mkIntExp i
                           = A.IntExp(i)
 let mkStringExp s
                          = A.StringExp(s, getpos())
 let mkCallExp f a
                          = A.CallExp(f, a, getpos())
 let mkOpExp l r op
                           = A.OpExp(1, op, r, getpos())
 let mkRecFld n e
                          = (n, e, getpos())
 let mkRecExp n f
                          = A.RecordExp(n, f, getpos())
 let mkSeqExp el
                          = A.SeqExp(el, getpos())
 let mkAssignExp v e = A.AssignExp(v, e, getpos())
let mkIfExp tst t e = A.IfExp(tst, t, e, getpos())
let mkWhileExp tst b = A.WhileExp(tst, b, getpos())
 let mkForExp v lo hi body = A.ForExp(v, lo, hi, body, getpos())
                           = A.BreakExp(getpos())
 let mkBreakExp
 let mkLetExp decs body = A.LetExp(decs, body, getpos())
 let mkArrayExp v s init = A.ArrayExp(v, s, init, getpos())
 let mkHandler name exp
                          = (name, exp, getpos())
 let mkTryExp exp handlers = A.TryExp(exp, handlers, getpos())
```

```
let mkRaise id
                        = A.RaiseExp(id, getpos())
let mkSpawn id
                        = A.SpawnExp(id, getpos())
%}
/* Tokens */
%token AND ARRAY ASSIGN BREAK COLON COMMA DIVIDE DO DOT
%token ELSE END EOF EQ EXCEPTION FOR FUNCTION GE GT HANDLE IF IN
%token LBRACE LBRACK LE LET LPAREN LT MINUS NEQ NIL
%token OF OR PLUS RAISE RBRACE RBRACK RPAREN SEMICOLON SPAWN
%token TIMES THEN TO TRY TYPE VAR WHILE
%token <int> INT
%token <string> ID STRING
/* Precedences and associativities.
   The precedences must be listed from low to high. */
%nonassoc ASSIGN
%left AND OR
%nonassoc EQ NEQ GT LT GE LE
%left PLUS MINUS
%left TIMES DIVIDE
%nonassoc UMINUS
/* start symbols */
%start program
%type <Ast.exp> program
%type <Ast.exp> expr
%type <Ast.var> lvalue
%type <Ast.dec list> decs
/* %expect 63 */
%%
```

```
program:
  expr EOF { $1 }
expr:
                             { mkVarExp $1 }
   lvalue
 | sequence
                            { mkSeqExp $1 }
                            { $1 }
 | literal
 | function_call
                            { $1 }
                            { $1 }
 | arithmetic
                            { $1 }
 | comparison
 | boolean
                            { $1 }
 | construction
                            { $1 }
 | lvalue ASSIGN expr
                         { mkAssignExp $1 $3 }
                            { $1 }
 | if_statement
                            { $1 }
 | loop_statement
 | LET decs IN expr_list END { mkLetExp $2 (mkSeqExp $4) }
 | TRY expr handlers
                            { mkTryExp $2 (List.rev $3) }
 | RAISE id
                            { mkRaise $2 }
 | SPAWN id
                             { mkSpawn $2 }
/* Symbols are created in this rule only */
id: ID { S.symbol $1 };
/* Variables (L-values)
   This rule is overly explicit to avoid conflicts with
   the construction rule below */
lvalue:
| id
                             { mkSimpleVar $1 }
 | id DOT id
                             { mkFieldVar (mkSimpleVar $1) $3 }
                             { mkSubscriptVar (mkSimpleVar $1) $3 }
| id LBRACK expr RBRACK
| lvalue DOT id
                             { mkFieldVar $1 $3 }
 | lvalue LBRACK expr RBRACK { mkSubscriptVar $1 $3 }
/* Sequence expression */
sequence:
  LPAREN RPAREN
                          { [] }
 | LPAREN expr_list RPAREN { $2 }
expr_list:
                            { $1 :: [] }
   expr
 | expr SEMICOLON expr_list { $1 :: $3 }
```

```
/* Literals */
literal:
        { mkNilExp }
  NIL
 | INT
       { mkIntExp $1 }
 | STRING { mkStringExp $1 }
/* function call */
function_call:
   id LPAREN fun_args RPAREN { mkCallExp $1 $3 }
fun_args:
   /* empty */
                      { [] }
                      { $1 :: [] }
 | expr
| expr COMMA fun_args { $1 :: $3 }
/* Simple Arithmetic */
arithmetic:
  MINUS expr %prec UMINUS { mkOpExp (mkIntExp 0) $2 A.MinusOp }
                          { mkOpExp $1 $3 A.PlusOp
 | expr PLUS expr
                          { mkOpExp $1 $3 A.MinusOp }
 | expr MINUS expr
 | expr TIMES expr
                         { mkOpExp $1 $3 A.TimesOp }
| expr DIVIDE expr
                         { mkOpExp $1 $3 A.DivideOp }
/* Comparison */
comparison:
   expr EQ expr { mkOpExp $1 $3 A.EqOp }
 | expr NEQ expr { mkOpExp $1 $3 A.NeqOp }
 | expr GT expr { mkOpExp $1 $3 A.GtOp }
 | expr LT expr { mkOpExp $1 $3 A.LtOp }
| expr GE expr { mkOpExp $1 $3 A.GeOp }
 | expr LE expr { mkOpExp $1 $3 A.LeOp }
/* Boolean operators */
boolean:
   expr AND expr { mkIfExp $1 $3 (Some(mkIntExp 0)) }
 | expr OR expr { mkIfExp $1 (mkIntExp 1) (Some $3) }
/* Record and array construction */
construction:
   id LBRACE ctor_list RBRACE
                               { mkRecExp $1 $3 }
 | id LBRACK expr RBRACK OF expr { mkArrayExp $1 $3 $6 }
```

```
ctor_list:
  id EQ expr
                            { (mkRecFld $1 $3) :: [] }
| id EQ expr COMMA ctor_list { (mkRecFld $1 $3) :: $5 }
/* If statements */
if_statement:
  IF expr THEN expr { mkIfExp $2 $4 None }
| IF expr THEN expr ELSE expr { mkIfExp $2 $4 (Some $6) }
/* Loop statements */
loop_statement:
                                     { mkWhileExp $2 $4 }
  WHILE expr DO expr
| FOR id ASSIGN expr TO expr DO expr { mkForExp $2 $4 $6 $8 }
| BREAK
                                     { mkBreakExp }
/* exception handlers */
handler:
  HANDLE id expr END
                        { mkHandler $2 $3 }
handlers:
                { $1 :: [] }
  handler
 | handler handlers { $1 :: $2 }
/* Declarations */
/* recursive declarations in tiger.
  My interpretation of the tiger language spec is that
  mutally recursive types and functions are valid if they
  are declared together in a sequence. That is:
  type a = {b:int c:d} type d = a
  is valid where as
  type a = \{b: int c:d\} var x := 1 type d = a
  is not.
*/
decs:
  dec { $1 :: [] }
| dec decs { $1 :: $2 }
dec:
  var_dec { $1 }
| type_decs { mkTypeDec $1 }
```

```
| fun_decs { mkFunctionDec $1 }
| exn_dec { $1 }
var_dec:
  VAR id ASSIGN expr { mkVarDec $2 None $4 }
 | VAR id COLON id ASSIGN expr { mkVarDec $2 (Some $4) $6 }
type_decs:
 type_dec { $1 :: [] }
| type_dec type_decs { $1 :: $2 }
type_dec:
  TYPE id EQ ty { mkTyDec $2 $4 }
ty:
                          { mkNameTy $1 }
  id
 | LBRACE ty_fields RBRACE { mkRecordTy $2 }
| ARRAY OF id
                          { mkArrayTy $3 }
ty_fields:
                             { [] }
  /* empty */
 | id COLON id
                             { (mkField $1 $3) :: [] }
| id COLON id COMMA ty_fields { (mkField $1 $3) :: $5 }
fun_decs:
                 { $1 :: [] }
  fun_dec
 | fun_dec fun_decs { $1 :: $2 }
fun_dec:
  FUNCTION id LPAREN ty_fields RPAREN EQ expr
    { mkFunDec $2 $4 None $7 }
 | FUNCTION id LPAREN ty_fields RPAREN COLON id EQ expr
    { mkFunDec $2 $4 (Some $7) $9 }
exn_dec:
  EXCEPTION id { mkException $2 }
```

Appendix C

Linearize Algorithm

C.1 Canonical Trees

% -----This module reduces a Tree to canonical form. Currently there are only two requirements for a tree in canonical form:

The tree contains no SEQ or ESEQ nodes.

The parent of every CALL node is either an EXP or a $MOVE(...,TEMP_{-})$.

The algorithm implemented here is almost identical to the algorithm found in Chapter 8 of [?].

 $\langle canonical.mli \rangle \equiv$ val linearize : Tree.stm -> Tree.stm list

```
\langle canonical.ml \rangle \equiv
 module T = Tree
 module S = Symbol
 let nop = T.EXP(T.CONST 0)
 let (\%) x y =
    match (x,y) with
      (T.EXP(T.CONST _), _) \rightarrow y
    | (_, T.EXP(T.CONST _)) -> x
    | \_ \rightarrow T.SEQ(x,y)
 let commute = function
      (T.EXP(T.CONST _), _) -> true
    | (_, T.NAME _) -> true
    | (_, T.CONST _) -> true
    | _ -> false
 let linearize stm0 =
    let rec reorder = function
        T.CALL(_,_,_,ptr) as call :: rest ->
          let t = T.TEMP(T.new_temp(), ptr)
          in reorder(T.ESEQ(T.MOVE(call, t), t) :: rest)
      | a :: rest ->
          let (stms,e) = do_exp a
          and (stms',el) = reorder rest in
          if commute(stms',e)
          then (stms % stms',e::el)
          else let t = T.TEMP(T.new_temp(), T.is_ptr e) in
          (stms % T.MOVE(e, t) % stms', t :: el)
      | [] -> (nop,[])
    and reorder_exp(el,build) =
      let (stms,el') = reorder el
      in (stms, build el')
    and reorder_stm(el,build) =
      let (stms,el') = reorder el
      in stms % (build el')
    and do_stm = function
        T.SEQ(a,b) \rightarrow
          do_stm a % do_stm b
```

```
| T.JUMP e ->
      let f l = T.JUMP (List.hd l)
      in reorder_stm([e], f)
  | T.CJUMP(e,t,f) ->
      let f l = T.CJUMP(List.hd l, t, f)
      in reorder_stm([e], f)
  | T.MOVE(T.CALL(e,el,ext,k,ptr),T.TEMP(t,_)) ->
      let f l = T.MOVE(T.CALL(List.hd l, List.tl l, ext, k, ptr), T.TEMP(t,ptr))
      in reorder_stm(e :: el, f)
  | T.MOVE(b,T.TEMP(t,ptr)) ->
      let f l = T.MOVE(List.hd l, T.TEMP(t,ptr))
      in reorder_stm([b], f)
  | T.MOVE(b,T.NAME n) ->
      let f l = T.MOVE(List.hd l, T.NAME n)
      in reorder_stm([b], f)
  | T.MOVE(T.ESEQ(s,e), b) ->
      do_stm(T.SEQ(s,T.MOVE(e,b)))
  | T.MOVE(b,T.MEM(e,ptr)) ->
      let f l = T.MOVE(List.hd l, T.MEM(List.nth l 1, ptr))
      in reorder_stm([b ; e], f)
  | T.MOVE(b,T.ESEQ(s,e)) ->
      do_stm(T.SEQ(s,T.MOVE(b,e)))
  | T.EXP(T.CALL(e,el,ext,k,ptr)) ->
      let f l = T.EXP(T.CALL(List.hd l, List.tl l, ext, k, ptr))
      in reorder_stm(e :: el, f)
  | T.EXP e ->
      let f l = T.EXP (List.hd l)
      in reorder_stm([e], f)
  | s ->
      let f l = s
      in reorder_stm([], f)
and do_exp = function
    T.BINOP(p,a,b) ->
      let f l = T.BINOP(p, List.hd l, List.nth l 1)
      in reorder_exp([a; b], f)
  | T.RELOP(p,a,b) ->
      let f l = T.RELOP(p, List.hd l, List.nth l 1)
      in reorder_exp([a ; b], f)
  | T.MEM(a,ptr) ->
      let f l = T.MEM (List.hd l,ptr)
      in reorder_exp([a], f)
  \mid T.ESEQ(s,e) \rightarrow
      let stms = do_stm s
      and (stms',e) = do_exp e
      in (stms%stms',e)
```

```
| T.CALL(e,el,ext,k,ptr) ->
    let f l = T.CALL(List.hd l, List.tl l, ext, k, ptr)
    in reorder_exp(e :: el, f)
| e ->
    let f l = e
    in reorder_exp([], f)

(* linear gets rid of the top-level SEQ's, producing a list *)
and linear = function
    (T.SEQ(a,b),l) -> linear(a,linear(b,l))
| (s,l) -> s :: l

in (* body of linearize *)
    linear(do_stm stm0, [])
```