

# 栈式虚拟机和函数(Part2)

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## Theory study

## high-level language

## machine instruction

```
type rec expr =
  Cst(int)
| Add(expr, expr)
| Mul(expr, expr)
```

compile

```
type instr =
  Cst(int) | Add | Mul
```

↓ introduce local variables

```
type rec expr =
  ...
| Let(string, expr, expr)
| Var(string)
```

```
type rec expr =
  ...
| Let(expr, expr)
| Var(int)
```

compile

```
type instr =
  ...
| Var(int) | Pop | Swap
```

↓ introduce c-style functions

```
type rec expr =
  Cst(int)
| Prim(prim, list<expr>)
| Let(string, expr, expr)
| Var(string)
| LetFn(string, list<string>,
        expr, expr)
| App(string, expr)
```

today's class

compile

```
type instr = ...
| Label(l)
| Call(l, n) | Ret(n)
| Goto(l) | IfZero(l)
```

↓ first-class functions

```
type rec expr =
  Cst(int)
| Prim(prim, list<expr>)
| Let(string, expr, expr)
| Var(string)
| Fn(list<string>, expr)
| App(expr, expr)
```

simplify

```
type rec lambda =
  Var(string)
| Fn(string, lambda)
| App(lambda, lambda)
```

## Question

how do we compile the language with function call and if-then-else?

# Compile functions

- Tiny language 3

```
type rec expr =  
  | Cst (int)  
  | Add (expr, expr)  
  | Mul (expr, expr)  
  | Var (string)  
  | Let (string, expr, expr)  
  | Fn (list<string>, expr)  
  | App (expr, list<expr>)
```

- Leave first-class functions to later classes
- [Funarg problem](#): the difficulty of using stack-based memory allocation to implement first-class functions

# Simplify the language

- Tiny language 4 (essentially equivalent to tiny c)
  - No free variables: *lifetime* of variables are aligned with function invocation
  - No indirect calls: resolve the function label statically

```
type prim = Add | Mul | ...
type rec expr =
  | Cst (int)
  | Var (string)
  | Let (string, expr, expr)
  | Letfn (string, list<string>, expr, expr)
  | App (string, list<expr>)
  | Prim (prim, list<expr>)
  | If (expr, expr, expr)
```

# Example: Fibonacci function

Concrete syntax:

```
letfn fib(n) =  
  if n <= 1 then { 1 }  
  else { fib(n-1) + fib(n-2) }  
in fib(5)
```

Abstract syntax:

```
Letfn(  
  fib, [n],  
  If(Prim(<=, [Var(n), Cst(1)]),  
    Cst(1),  
    Prim(+, [App(fib, ...), App(fib, ...)]))  
  App(fib, [Cst(5)])  
)
```

# Overview

1. Preprocess: flatten the code by lifting the functions
2. Compilation: compile the functions: how to deal with arguments?
  - caller: push arguments to the stack
  - callee: find the arguments on the stack
3. Postprocess: add an entrance and an exit

```
let a = 2 in
letfn cube(x) =
  letfn square(x) = x * x in
  square(x) * x in
cube(a)
```

```
letfn cube(x) = square(x) * x in
letfn square(x) = x * x in
letfn main() = let a = 2 in cube(a) in
main()
```

# Overview: whole program

- After preprocess: the program becomes a list of functions  $[main, f_1, \dots, f_n]$
- For the whole program:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Prog} \llbracket prog \rrbracket &= \mathbf{Prog} \llbracket main, f_1, \dots, f_n \rrbracket \\ &= \mathbf{Call}(\mathbf{main}, 0) ; \mathbf{Exit} ; \mathbf{Fun} \llbracket main \rrbracket ; \mathbf{Fun} \llbracket f_1 \rrbracket ; \dots ; \mathbf{Fun} \llbracket f_n \rrbracket\end{aligned}$$

- Declare type synonyms

```
type fun = (string, list<string>, expr)
type prog = list<fun>
```



# Overview: functions

- For functions:

$$\mathbf{Fun} \llbracket (f, [p_1, \dots, p_n], e) \rrbracket = \text{Label}(f) ; \mathbf{Expr} \llbracket e \rrbracket_{p_n, \dots, p_1} ; \text{Ret}(n)$$

# Overview: expressions

For expression:

$$\mathbf{Expr}[\mathbf{Cst}(i)]_s = \mathbf{Cst}(i)$$

$$\mathbf{Expr}[\mathbf{Var}(x)]_s = \mathbf{Var}(\text{get\_index}(x, s))$$

$$\mathbf{Expr}[\mathbf{Let}(x, e_1, e_2)]_s = \mathbf{Expr}[e_1]_s ; \mathbf{Expr}[e_2]_{x::s} ; \mathbf{Swap} ; \mathbf{Pop}$$

$$\mathbf{Expr}[\mathbf{Prim}(p, [e_1, \dots, e_n])]_s = \dots$$

$$\mathbf{Expr}[\mathbf{App}(f, [a_1, \dots, a_n])]_s = \mathbf{Exprs}[a_1, \dots, a_n]_s ; \mathbf{Call}(f, n)$$

$$\mathbf{Expr}[\mathbf{If}(cond, e_1, e_2)]_s = \dots$$

and expressions

$$\mathbf{Exprs}[a_1, \dots, a_n]_s = \mathbf{Expr}[a_1]_s ; \mathbf{Expr}[a_2]_{*::s} ; \dots$$

Note: \* is a placeholder for the temporary variable in the compile env

# Overview: expressions

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what happens to `Letfn` ?

```
type rec expr =  
  | Cst (int)  
  | Var (string)  
  | Let (string, expr, expr)  
  | Letfn (string, list<string>,  
          expr, expr)  
  | App (string, list<expr>)  
  | Prim (prim, list<expr>)  
  | If (expr, expr, expr)
```

```
module Flat = {  
  type rec expr =  
    | Cst (int)  
    | Var (string)  
    | Let (string, expr, expr)  
    | App (string, list<expr>)  
    | Prim (prim, list<expr>)  
    | If (expr, expr, expr)  
}
```

# Implementation overview

```
type fun  = (string, list<string>, Flat.expr)
type prog = list<fun>
// preprocessing function to collect function definitions
let preprocess = (expr: expr) : list<fun> => { ... }
// compile the whole program
let compile = (prog: prog) : list<instr> { ... }
// compile functions
let compile_fun = ((name, args, body): fun) : list<instr> => { ... }
// compile expression under a compile-time environment
let compile_expr = (env: env, expr: Flat.expr) : list<instr> => { ... }
let compile_exprs = (env: env, exprs: list<Flat.expr>) : list<instr> => { ... }
```

**Prog**  $\llbracket - \rrbracket$  corresponds to `compile: prog => list<instr>`

**Fun**  $\llbracket - \rrbracket$  corresponds to `compile_fun: fun => list<instr>`

**Expr**  $\llbracket - \rrbracket_s$  corresponds to `compile_expr: (env, Flat.expr) => list<instr>`

**Exprs**  $\llbracket - \rrbracket_s$  to `compile_exprs: (env, list<Flat.expr>) => list<instr>`

# 1. Flatten the code

```
// Auxiliary functions
let rec collect_funs = (expr: expr): list<fun> => { ... }
let rec remove_funs = (expr: expr): Flat.expr => { ... }
// Preprocessing
let preprocess = (expr: expr): list<fun> => {
  let main = ("main", list{}, remove_funs(expr)) // what if we have cmd line args?
  let rest = collect_funs(expr)
  list{ main, ...rest }
}
```

For example,

```
[(main, [], let a = 2 in cube(a)),
 (square, [x], x * x),
 (cube, [x], square(x) * x)]
```

## 2. Callee: Find arguments

- According to the *convention*, the arguments are pushed to the stack by the caller
- Recall the other kinds of variables we have met so far: local and temp

For example, suppose we have a function after preprocessing

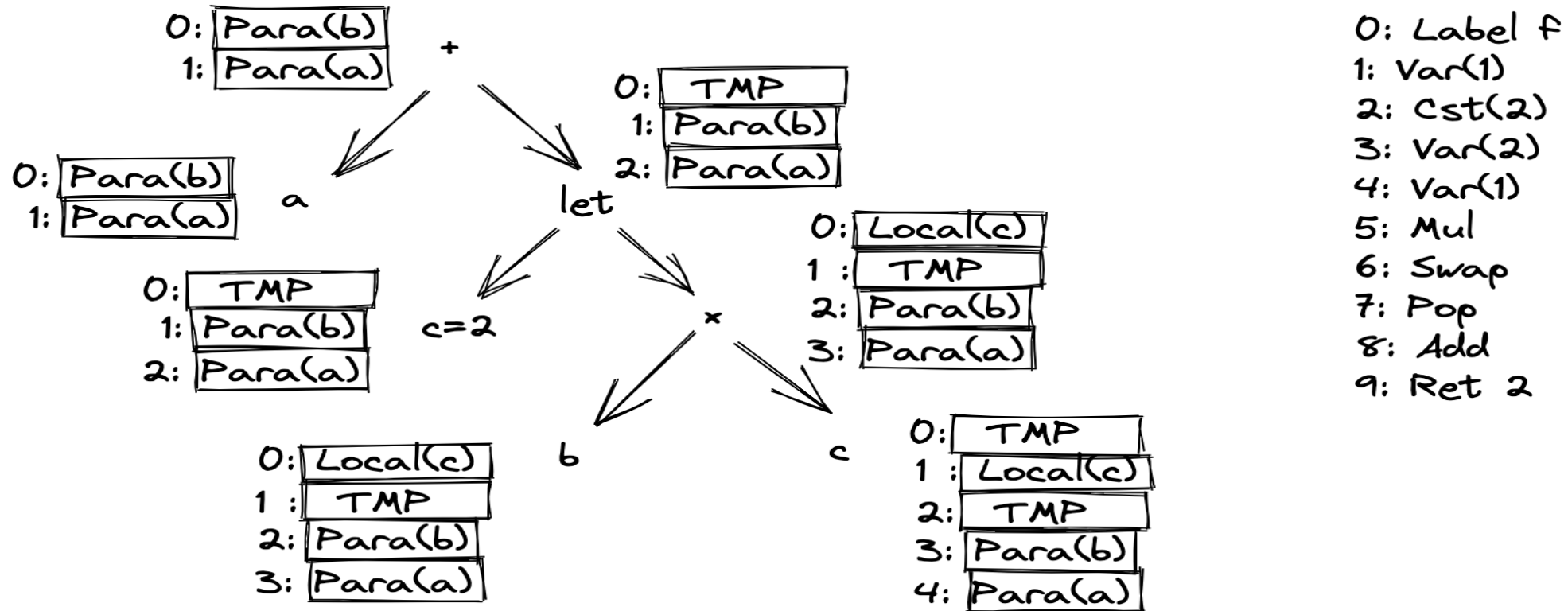
```
(f, [a, b], a + let c = 2 in b * c)
```

We need to resolve the variable references:

```
(f, [a, b], Var(?) + let c = 2 in Var(?) * Var(?))
```

## 2. Callee: Find arguments

$(f, [a, b], a + \text{let } c = 2 \text{ in } b * c)$



- Observe that there's no difference between `Para` and `Local`

## 2. Callee: Label and Return

```
type var = Local(string) | Temp // Params and locals are treated uniformly
let compile_fun = ((name, args, body): fun): list<instr> => {
  let n = List.length(args)
  let env = List.rev(List.map((a) => Local(a), args))
  list{
    Label(name),
    ...compile_expr(env, body),
    Ret(n),
  }
}
```

For example,

```
[
  [Label(main); compile_expr([], let a = 2 in cube(a)); Ret(0)];
  [Label(square); compile_expr([x], x * x); Ret(1)];
  [Label(cube); compile_expr([x], square(x) * x); Ret(1)]
]
```



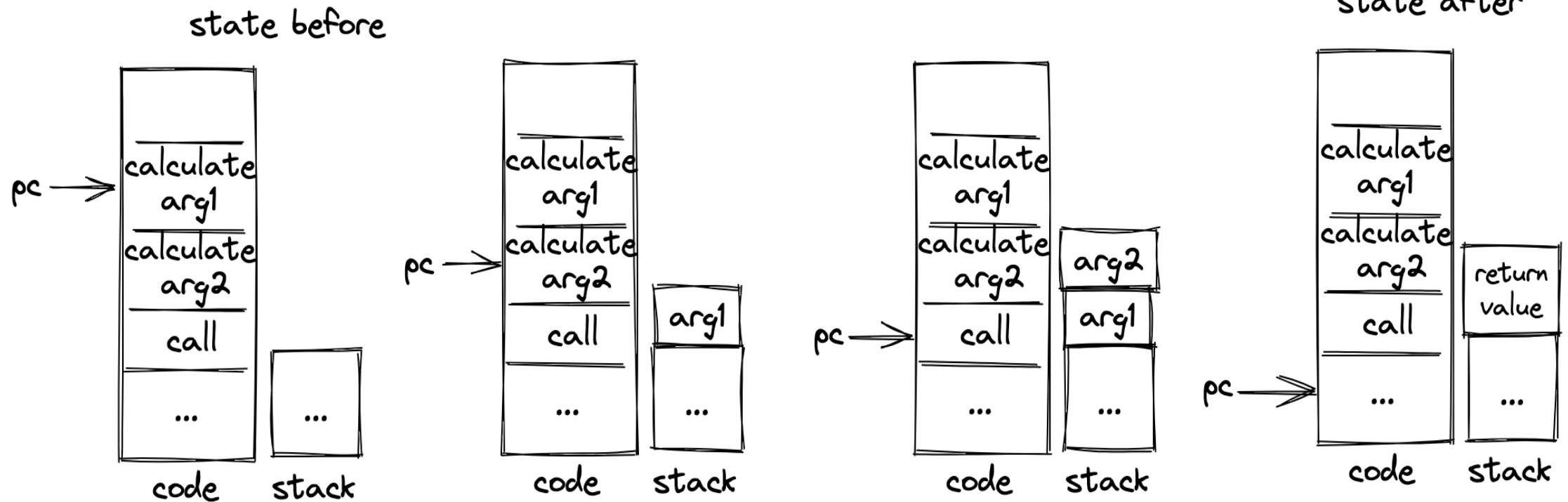
## 2. Caller: Push arguments and make the call

```
let rec compile_expr = (env: env, expr: expr): list<instr> => {  
  switch expr {  
  | ...  
  | App(fn, args) => {  
    let n = List.length(args)  
    let args_code = compile_exprs(env, args)  
    list{...args_code, Call(fn, n)}  
  }  
}  
and compile_exprs = (env: env, exprs: list<expr>): list<instr> => { ... }
```

Recall the formalization:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Expr}[\mathbf{App}(f, [a_1, \dots, a_n])]_s &= \mathbf{Exprs}[a_1, \dots, a_n]_s ; \mathbf{Call}(f, n) \\ \mathbf{Exprs}[a_1, \dots, a_n]_s &= \mathbf{Expr}[a_1]_s ; \mathbf{Expr}[a_2]_{*::s} ; \dots\end{aligned}$$

## 2. Caller: Push arguments and make the call



### 3. Entrance and exit

```
let compile = (expr: expr) => {  
  let funs = preprocess(expr)  
  let funs_code = List.concat(List.map(compile_fun, funs))  
  
  list{  
    Call("main", 0),  
    Exit,  
    ...funs_code  
  }  
}
```

### 3. Entrance and exit

```
let a = 2 in
letfn cube(x) =
  letfn square(x) = x * x in
  square(x) * x in
cube(a)
```

```
0: Call main 0
1: Exit

2: Label main
3: Cst(2)
4: Var(0)
5: Call cube 1
6: Swap
7: Pop
8: Ret 0

9: Label cube
10: Var(0)
11: Call square 1
12: Var(1)
13: Mul
14: Ret 1

15: Label square
16: Var(0)
17: Var(1)
18: Mul
19: Ret 1
```

# Summary

- For the whole program:

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- For expression:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Expr} \llbracket \mathbf{App}(f, [a_1, \dots, a_n]) \rrbracket_s &= \mathbf{Exprs} \llbracket a_1, \dots, a_n \rrbracket_s ; \mathbf{Call}(f, n) \\ &\dots\end{aligned}$$

- and expressions

$$\mathbf{Exprs} \llbracket a_1, \dots, a_n \rrbracket_s = \mathbf{Expr} \llbracket a_1 \rrbracket_s ; \mathbf{Expr} \llbracket a_2 \rrbracket_{*::s} ; \dots$$

# Summary

- Calling convention: interface between caller/callee
- Stack balance property
- Stack frames to store *metadata*, parameters, local, and temp
- Type enforced invariants

# From tiny language 4

- Pascal-like functions: allow free variables but closures may not escape

For example<sup>[1]</sup>,

```
function () {  
    var a = 42;  
    var f = function () { return a + 1; }  
    foo(f); // `foo` is a function declared somewhere else.  
}
```

- full-blown first-class function

```
function () {  
    var a = 42;  
    var f = function () { return a + 1; }  
    return f;  
}
```

# Homework

- Complete the compiler
- Implement an interpreter that supports recursive functions

```
letfn fib(n) =  
  if n <= 1 then { 1 }  
  else { fib(n-1) + fib(n-2) }  
in fib(5)
```