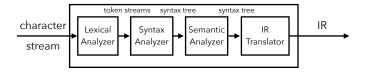
COSE312: Compilers

Lecture 10 — Translation (2)

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Translation from AST to IR



Why do we use IR?

- The direct translation from AST to the executable is not easy.
- IR is more suitable for analysis and optimization.
- IR reduces the complexity of compiler design: e.g., m source languages and n target languages.

S: The Source Language

```
• {
    int x;
    x = 0;
    print (x+1);
    int x;
    x = -1;
    if (x) { print (-1); }
    else { print (2); }
• {
    int x;
    read (x);
    if (x == 1 \mid | x == 2) print (x); else print (x+1);
```

S: The Source Language

```
• { int sum; int i;
    i = 0; sum = 0;
   while (i < 10) {
      sum = sum + i;
      i++;
   print (sum);
• { int[10] arr; int i;
    i = 0;
   while (i < 10) {
      arr[i] = i;
     i++;
   }
   print (i);
```

```
int x;
 x = 0;
 print (x+1);
0 : x = 0
0 : t1 = 0
0 : x = t1
0 : t3 = x
0 : t4 = 1
0 : t2 = t3 + t4
0 : write t2
O: HALT
```

```
0 : t2 = 1
                             0 : t1 = -t2
                             0 : x = t1
                             0 : t3 = x
int x;
                             0 : if t3 goto 2
                             0 : goto 3
x = -1;
                             2 : SKIP
if (x) {
                             0 : t5 = 1
  print (-1);
                             0: t4 = -t5
} else {
                             0: write t4
  print (2);
                             0 : goto 4
                             3 : SKIP
                             0 : t6 = 2
                             0 : write t6
                             0 : goto 4
                             4 : SKIP
                             O: HALT
```

0 : x = 0

```
0 : read x
                                  0 : t3 = x
                                  0: t4 = 1
                                  0 : t2 = t3 == t4
                                  0: t6 = x
                                  0 : t7 = 2
                                  0 : t5 = t6 == t7
int x;
                                  0: t1 = t2 | | t5
read (x);
                                  0 : if t1 goto 2
                                  0 : goto 3
                                  2 : SKIP
if (x == 1 | | x == 2)
                                  0 : t8 = x
   print (x);
                                  0 : write t8
                                  0 : goto 4
else print (x+1);
                                  3 : SKIP
                                  0 : t10 = x
                                  0: t11 = 1
                                  0: t9 = t10 + t11
                                  0 : write t9
                                  0 : goto 4
                                  4 : SKIP
                                  O: HALT
```

0 : x = 0

```
0 : i = 0
                                  0 : t1 = 0
                                  0 : i = t1
                                  0: t2 = 0
                                  0: sum = t2
int sum;
                                  2 : SKIP
int i;
                                  0 : t4 = i
                                  0: t5 = 10
i = 0;
                                  0 : t3 = t4 < t5
                                  0 : iffalse t3 goto 3
sum = 0;
                                  0: t7 = sum
while (i < 10) {
                                  0 : t8 = i
  sum = sum + i;
                                  0: t6 = t7 + t8
  i++;
                                  0 : sum = t6
                                  0 : t10 = i
                                  0: t11 = 1
                                  0 : t9 = t10 + t11
print (sum);
                                  0 : i = t9
                                  0 : goto 2
                                  3 : SKIP
                                  0 : t12 = sum
                                  0 : write t12
                                  O: HALT
```

0: sum = 0

```
int[10] arr;
int i;
i = 0;
while (i < 10) {
  arr[i] = i;
  i++:
print (i);
```

```
0 : arr = alloc (10)
0 : i = 0
0 : t.1 = 0
0 : i = t1
2 : SKIP
0 : t3 = i
0: t4 = 10
0: t2 = t3 < t4
0 : iffalse t2 goto 3
0 : t5 = i
0: t6 = i
0 : arr[t5] = t6
0 : t8 = i
0 : t9 = 1
0 : t7 = t8 + t9
0 : i = t7
0 : goto 2
3 : SKIP
0 : t10 = i
0 : write t10
O: HALT
```

Abstract Syntax of S

```
program
             \rightarrow block
    block
             \rightarrow decls stmts
    decls \rightarrow decls \ decl \mid \epsilon
     decl \rightarrow type \ x
     type \rightarrow int | int[n]
             \rightarrow stmts stmt | \epsilon
   stmts
    stmt
                 lv = e
                  if e stmt stmt
                  while e \ stmt
                   do stmt while e
                  \mathtt{read}\ x
                  print e
                   block
                  x \mid x[e]
                                                                          integer
                                                                          I-value
                  e+e | e-e | e*e | e/e | -e
                                                 airthmetic operation
                  e==e | e<e | e<=e | e>e | e>=e
                                                           conditional operation
                   |e|e||e|e \& e
                                                              boolean operation
```

Semantics of S

A statement changes the memory state of the program: e.g.,

```
int i;
int[10] arr;
i = 1;
arr[i] = 2;
```

The memory is a mapping from locations to values:

```
egin{array}{lll} l \in Loc &=& Var + Addr 	imes Of\!fset \ v \in Value &=& \mathbb{N} + Addr 	imes Size \ Of\!fset &=& \mathbb{N} \ Size &=& \mathbb{N} \ m \in Mem &=& Loc 
ightarrow Value \ a \in Addr &=& \mathsf{Address} \end{array}
```

Semantics Rules

$$M \vdash decl \Rightarrow M'$$

$$M \vdash \operatorname{int} x \Rightarrow M[x \mapsto 0]$$

$$\frac{(a,0),\dots,(a,n-1)\not\in Dom(M)}{M\vdash \operatorname{int}[n]\ x\Rightarrow M[x\mapsto (a,n),(a,0)\mapsto 0,\dots,(a,n-1)\mapsto 0]}\quad n>0$$

 $M \vdash stmt \Rightarrow M'$

$$\frac{M \vdash lv \Rightarrow l \qquad M \vdash e \Rightarrow v}{M \vdash lv = e \Rightarrow M[l \mapsto v]}$$

$$\frac{M \vdash e \Rightarrow n \quad M \vdash stmt_1 \Rightarrow M_1}{M \vdash \text{if } e \ stmt_1 \ stmt_2 \Rightarrow M_1} \ n \neq 0 \qquad \frac{M \vdash e \Rightarrow 0 \quad M \vdash stmt_2 \Rightarrow M_1}{M \vdash \text{if } e \ stmt_1 \ stmt_2 \Rightarrow M_1}$$

$$\frac{M \vdash e \Rightarrow 0}{M \vdash \text{while } e \; stmt \Rightarrow M} \qquad \frac{M \vdash e \Rightarrow n \quad M \vdash stmt \Rightarrow M_1}{M_1 \vdash \text{while } e \; stmt \Rightarrow M_2} \quad n \neq 0$$

$$\frac{M \vdash stmt \Rightarrow M_1 \qquad M_1 \vdash e \Rightarrow 0}{M \vdash do \ stmt \ \text{while} \ e \Rightarrow M_1} \qquad \frac{M \vdash stmt \Rightarrow M_1 \qquad M_1 \vdash e \Rightarrow n}{M \vdash do \ stmt \ \text{while} \ e \Rightarrow M_2} \qquad n \neq 0$$

$$\frac{M \vdash e \Rightarrow n}{M \vdash \operatorname{read} x \Rightarrow M[x \mapsto n]} \qquad \frac{M \vdash e \Rightarrow n}{M \vdash \operatorname{print} e \Rightarrow M}$$

Semantics Rules

$$M \vdash lv \Rightarrow l$$

$$\frac{M \vdash e \Rightarrow n_1}{M \vdash x \Rightarrow x} \quad \frac{M \vdash e \Rightarrow n_1}{M \vdash x \llbracket e \rrbracket \Rightarrow (a, n_1)} \ M(x) = (a, n_2), 0 \leq n_1 < n_2$$

$$M \vdash e \Rightarrow v$$

Runtime Errors in S

Runtime errors = undefined semantics.

```
    Type errors, e.g.,

    ▶ int [-10] a;
    int[10] a; int i; i[a] = 0;
    ▶ int[10] a; if (a) { ... }
    int i; int[10] a; print(a); print(a+i);

    Divide-by-zero, e.g.,

    ▶ int i; i = 10;
      while (i > 0) {
        i = i - 1:
      print(5 / i);

    Buffer-overrun, e.g.,

    int[10] a; int i;
      while (i < 10) {
        i = i + 1:
      a[i] = 0:
```

These errors will be detected by a semantic analyzer.

Syntax of T

```
\rightarrow LabeledInstruction*
            program
LabeledInstruction \rightarrow Label \times Instruction
        Instruction
                         \rightarrow skip
                               x = \operatorname{alloc}(n)
                               x = y bop z
                               x = y \ bop \ n
                               x = uop y
                               x = y
                               goto oldsymbol{L}
                               if x goto L
                               ifFalse x goto L
                               x = y[i]
                               x[i] = y
                               \mathtt{read}\ x
                               write x
                               halt
                  bop \rightarrow + |-|*|/|>|>=|<|<=|==| && | ||
                 uop \rightarrow -|!
```

Semantics

```
egin{array}{lll} l \in Loc &=& Var + Addr 	imes Of\!fset \ v \in Value &=& \mathbb{N} + Addr 	imes Size \ Of\!fset &=& \mathbb{N} \ Size &=& \mathbb{N} \ m \in Mem &=& Loc 	o Value \ a \in Addr &=& \mathsf{Address} \end{array}
```

$$\overline{M \vdash \mathtt{skip} \Rightarrow M}$$

$$(l,0),\ldots,(l,s-1)\not\in Dom(M)$$

$$M \vdash x = \texttt{alloc}(n) \Rightarrow M[x \mapsto (l,s), (l,0) \mapsto 0, (l,1) \mapsto 1, \dots, (l,s-1) \mapsto 0]$$

$$M \vdash x = y \ bop \ z \Rightarrow M[x \mapsto M(y) \ bop \ M(z)]$$

$$\overline{M \vdash x = y \ bop \ n \Rightarrow M[x \mapsto M(y) \ bop \ n]}$$

$$M \vdash x = uop \ y \Rightarrow M[x \mapsto uop \ M(y)]$$

$$M \vdash x = y \Rightarrow M[x \mapsto M(y)] \qquad M \vdash x = n \Rightarrow M[x \mapsto n]$$

$$\overline{M \vdash \text{goto } L \Rightarrow M}$$
 $\overline{M \vdash \text{if } x \text{ goto } L \Rightarrow M}$ $\overline{M \vdash \text{ifFalse } x \text{ goto } L \Rightarrow M}$

$$\frac{M(y) = (l, s) \qquad M(i) = n \qquad 0 \le n \land n < s}{M \vdash x = y[i] \Rightarrow M[x \mapsto M((l, n))]}$$

$$\frac{M(x) = (l, s)}{M \vdash x[i] = u \Rightarrow M[(l, n) \mapsto M(u)]} \xrightarrow{0 \le n \land n < s}$$

$$[w] = g \rightarrow [w](v, w) \cdot f[w](g)$$

$$M \vdash \operatorname{read} x \Rightarrow M[x \mapsto n]$$
 $M(x) = n$ $M \vdash \operatorname{write} x \Rightarrow M$

Execution of a T Program

- Set *instr* to the first instruction of the program.
- $0 M = \lambda x.0$
- Repeat:
 - $oldsymbol{0}$ If instr is HALT, terminate the execution.
 - 2 Update M by M' such that $M \vdash instr \Rightarrow M'$
 - $oldsymbol{3}$ Update instr by the next instruction.
 - ★ When the current instruction is goto L, if x goto L, or ifFalse x goto L, the next instruction is L.
 - ★ Otherwise, the next instruction is what immediately follows.

Translation of Expressions

Examples:

- 2 ⇒ t = 2, where t holds the value of the expression (label is omitted)
- \bullet x \Rightarrow t = x
- $x[1] \Rightarrow t1 = 1, t2 = x[t1]$
- $2+3 \Rightarrow t1 = 2$, t2 = 3, t3 = t1 + t2
- $-5 \Rightarrow t1 = 5, t2 = -t1$
- $(x+1)+y[2] \Rightarrow t1=x$, t2=1, t3=t1+t2, t4=2, t5=y[t4], t6=t3+t5

Translation of Expressions

$trans_e : e \rightarrow Var \times LabeledInstruction^*$

```
\begin{array}{llll} & \operatorname{trans}_e(n) & = & (t,[t=n]) & & \cdots \text{ new } \text{ t} \\ & \operatorname{trans}_e(x) & = & (t,[t=x]) & & \cdots \text{ new } \text{ t} \\ & \operatorname{trans}_e(x[e]) & = & \operatorname{let} \ (t_1,code) = \operatorname{trans}_e(e) & & & & \\ & & & \operatorname{in} \ (t_2,code@[t_2=x[t_1]]) & & \cdots \text{ new } \ t_2 \\ & \operatorname{trans}_e(e_1+e_2) & = & \operatorname{let} \ (t_1,code_1) = \operatorname{trans}_e(e_1) & & & \\ & & \operatorname{let} \ (t_2,code_2) = \operatorname{trans}_e(e_2) & & & \\ & & \operatorname{in} \ (t_3,code_1@code_2@[t_3=t_1+t_2]) & \cdots \text{ new } t_3 \\ & \operatorname{trans}_e(-e) & = & \operatorname{let} \ (t_1,code_1) = \operatorname{trans}_e(e) & & & \\ & & \operatorname{in} \ (t_2,code_1@[t_2=-t_1]) & & \cdots \text{ new } t_2 \end{array}
```

Examples:

- $x=1+2 \Rightarrow t_1 = 1; t_2 = 2; x = t_1 + t_2$
- $\bullet \ \mathtt{x[1]=2} \Rightarrow t_1 = 1; t_2 = 2; x[t_1] = t_2$
- if (1) x=1; else x=2; \Rightarrow
- while (x<10) x++; \Rightarrow

```
\begin{aligned} \operatorname{trans}_s : stmt &\to LabeledInstruction^* \\ \operatorname{trans}_s(x=e) &= \operatorname{let}\ (t_1, code_1) = \operatorname{trans}_e(e) \\ &\quad code_1@[x=t_1] \\ \operatorname{trans}_s(x[e_1]=e_2) &= \operatorname{let}\ (t_1, code_1) = \operatorname{trans}_e(e_1) \\ &\quad \operatorname{let}\ (t_2, code_2) = \operatorname{trans}_e(e_2) \\ &\quad \operatorname{in}\ code_1@code_2@[x[t_1]=t_2] \\ \operatorname{trans}_s(\operatorname{read}\ x) &= \operatorname{[read}\ x] \\ \operatorname{trans}_s(\operatorname{print}\ e) &= \operatorname{let}\ (t_1, code_1) = \operatorname{trans}_e(e) \\ &\quad \operatorname{in}\ code_1@[\operatorname{write}\ t_1] \end{aligned}
```

```
trans_s(if \ e \ stmt_1 \ stmt_2) =
  let (t_1, code_1) = trans_e(e)
  let code_t = trans_s(stmt_1)
  let code_f = trans_s(stmt_2)
  in code_1@
                                    \cdots new l_t, l_f, l_x
     [if t_1 goto l_t]@
     [goto l_f]@
     [(l_t, skip)]@
       code_{+}@
       [goto l_x]@
     [(l_f, skip)]@
       code_f@
       [goto l_x]@
     [(l_x, skip)]
```

```
trans_s(while \ e \ stmt) =
  let (t_1, code_1) = trans_e(e)
  let code_b = trans_s(stmt)
  in [(l_e, skip)]@
                                              \cdots new l_e, l_x
       code_1@
       [ifFalse t_1 \; l_x]@
       code_{h}@
       [goto l_e]@
     [(l_x, skip)]
trans_s(do stmt while e) =
  trans_s(stmt)@trans_s(while \ e \ stmt)
```

Others

Declarations:

$$\operatorname{trans}_d(\operatorname{int} x) = [x = 0]$$

 $\operatorname{trans}_d(\operatorname{int}[n] x) = [x = \operatorname{alloc}(n)]$

Blocks:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{trans}_b(d_1,\dots,d_n\ s_1,\dots,s_m) &= \\ &\mathsf{trans}_d(d_1) @ \cdots @ \mathsf{trans}_d(d_n) @ \mathsf{trans}_s(s_1) @ \cdots @ \mathsf{trans}_s(s_m) \end{aligned}$$

Summary

- ullet Translation from source language (S) to target language (T).
- Every automatic translation from language S to T is done recursively
 on the structure of the source language S, while preserving some
 invariant during the translation.