Translation Rules

```
S → if B then M S1
{ backpatch(B.truelist, M.quad)
    S.nextlist = mergelist(B.falselist, S1.nextlist)
}
```

```
S → if B then M1 S1 N else M2 S2
{ backpatch(B.truelist, M1.quad)
 backpatch(B.falselist, M2.quad)
 S.nextlist = mergelist(S1.nextlist,
 mergelist(N.nextlist, S2.nextlist))
}
```

```
S → while M1 B do M2 S1
    { backpatch(S1.nextlist, M1.quad)
        backpatch(B.truelist, M2.quad)
        S.nextlist = B.falselist
        emit( 'goto' M1.quad)
    }
```







Translation Rules (Contd.)

```
S → begin L end
{ S.nextlist = L.nextlist }
```

```
S \rightarrow A { S.nextlist = nil }
```

```
L → L1 M S

{ backpatch(L1.nextlist, M.quad)

L.nextlist = S.nextlist

}
```

```
L → S
{ L.nextlist = S.nextlist }
```

```
M \rightarrow \epsilon { M.quad = nextquad() }
```

```
N → ε

{ N.nextlist = nextquad()

emit('goto' ...)

}
```







Example

```
begin
while a > b do
begin
x = y + z
a = a - b
end
x = y - z
end
```

Final Code:

1: if a > b goto 3

2: goto 8

3: t1 = y + z

4: x = t1

5: t2 = a - b

6: a = t2

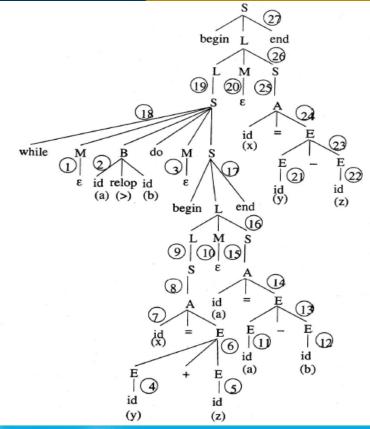
7: goto 1

8: x = t3















Red. no.	Action
1	M.quad = 1
2	$B.truelist = \{1\}, B.falselist = \{2\}$
	Code generated:
	1: if $a > b$ goto
	2: goto
3	M.quad = 3
4	E.place = y
5	E.place = z
6	$E.place = t_1$
	Code generated:
	$3: t_1 = y + z$
7	Code generated:
	4: $x = t_1$
8	$S.nextlist = \{\}$
9	$L.nextlist = \{\}$
10	M.quad = 5
11	E.place = a
12	E.place = b
13	$E.place = t_2$
	Code generated:
	$5: t_2 = a - b$

14	Code generated:
	6: $a = t_2$
15	
16	
	$L.nextlist = \{\}$
17	
18	
	$backpatch(\{1\},3) \Rightarrow Code modified as:$
	1: if $a > b$ goto 3
	$S.nextlist = \{2\}$
	Code generated:
	7: goto
19	$L.nextlist = \{2\}$
20	M.quad = 8
21	E.place = y
22	E.place = z
23	$E.place = t_3$
	Code generated:
	8: $t_3 = y - z$
24	Code generated:
	9: $x = t_3$
25	$S.nextlist = \{\}$
26	Backpatch ($\{2\}$,8) \Rightarrow Code modified as:
	2: goto 8
	$L.nextlist = \{\}$
27	$S.nextlist = \{\}$







Case Statements

```
switch(E) {
    case c1: ...
    ...
    case cn: ...
    default: ...
}
```

Implementation alternatives:

- Linear search for matching option
- Binary search for matching case
- A jump table
- Linear or binary search may be cheaper if number of cases small, for larger number of cases, jump table may be cheaper
- If case values are not clustered closely together, jump table may be too costly for space







Jump Table Implementation

Let the maximum and the minimum case values be c_{max} and c_{min} respectively

Code to evaluate E into t if $t < c_{min}$ goto $Default_Case$ if $t > c_{max}$ goto $Default_Case$ goto JumpTable[t] $Default_Case$: ...

JumpTable[i] is the address of the code to execute, if E evaluates to i







Function Calls

- Can be divided into two subsequences
 - Calling sequence: set of actions executed at the time of calling a function
 - Return sequence: set of actions at the time of returning from the function call
- For both, some actions performed by Caller of the function and the other by the callee







Calling Sequence

Caller

- Evaluate actual parameters
- Place actuals where the callee wants them
- Corresponding three-address instruction:
 param t
- Save machine state (current stack and/or frame pointers, return address)
- Corresponding three-address instruction:
 call p, n (n=number of actuals)

Callee

- Save registers, if necessary
- Update stack and frame pointers to accommodate m bytes of local storage
- Corresponding three-address instruction:
 enter m







Return Sequence

Callee

- Place return value, if any, where the caller wants it
- Adjust stack/frame pointers
- Jump to return address
- Corresponding three-address instruction:

return x or return

Caller

- Save the value returned by the callee
- Corresponding three-address instruction:

retrieve x







Example Function Call

X = f(0, y+1) - 1 X = f(0, y+1) - 1 x = t3 t1 = y + 1 param t1 param 0 call f, 2 retrieve t2 t3 = t2 - 1 x = t3







Storage Allocation for Functions

- Creates problem as the first instruction in a function is:
 enter n /* n = space for locals, temporaries */
- Value of n not known until the whole function has been processed.
- There can be two possible solutions
 - Generating final code in a list
 - Using pair of goto statements







Generating Final Code in List

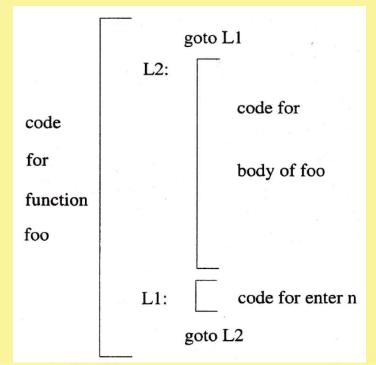
- Generate final code in a list
- Backpatch the appropriate instructions after processing the function body
- Approach is similar to single-phase code generation for Boolean expressions and control flow statements
- Advantage: Possibility of machine dependent optimizations
- May be slow and may require more memory during code generation







Using Pair of goto Statements









Conclusion

- Intermediate code generation, though not mandatory, helps in retargeting the compiler towards different architectures
- Selecting a good intermediate language itself is a formidable task
- Three-address code is one such representation
- Syntax-directed schemes can be utilized to generate three-address code from the parse tree of the input program
- Translation of almost all major programming language constructs have been carried out















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