PPL 1/27

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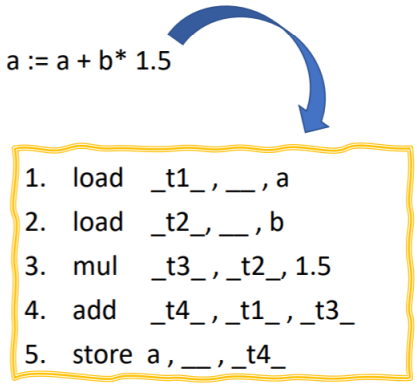
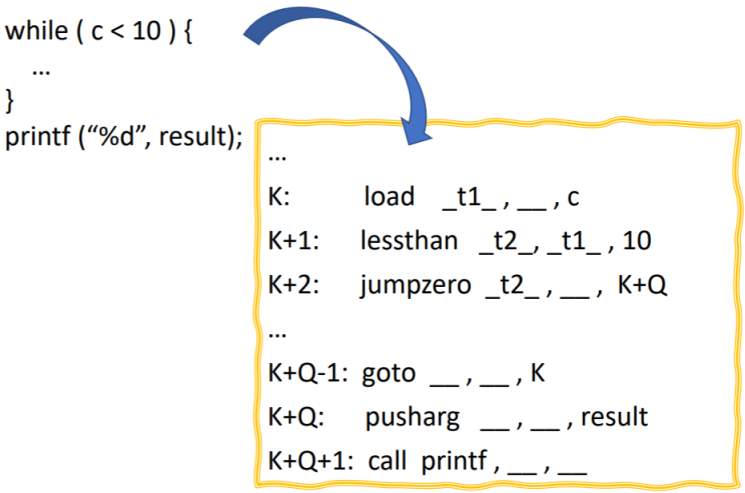
Intermediate Code Generation

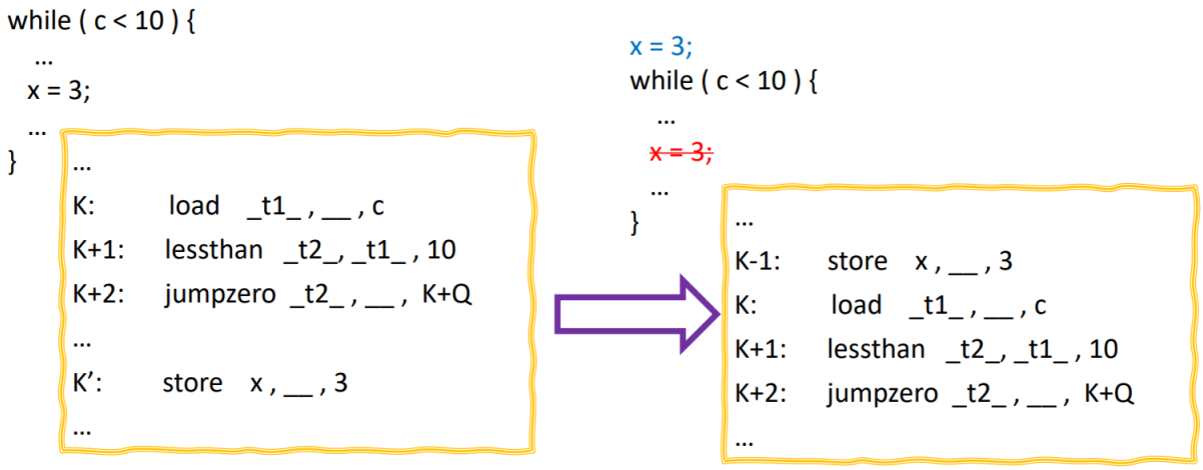
- Sorry I was **so** zoned out
- The goal is to construct an intermediate representation of the program
  - Kinda looks like the assembly we did in computer organization
- Representation is machine/target independent
- Compiler can have multiple intermediate representations (IRs)
- You want to optimize a bit of the code at the end of the day
- It's interleaved with scanning, parsing, and semantic analysis
- Uses a symbol table and creates temporary variables
- High-level program constructs decomposed into simpler operations, like `for` = `JUMP` with operations





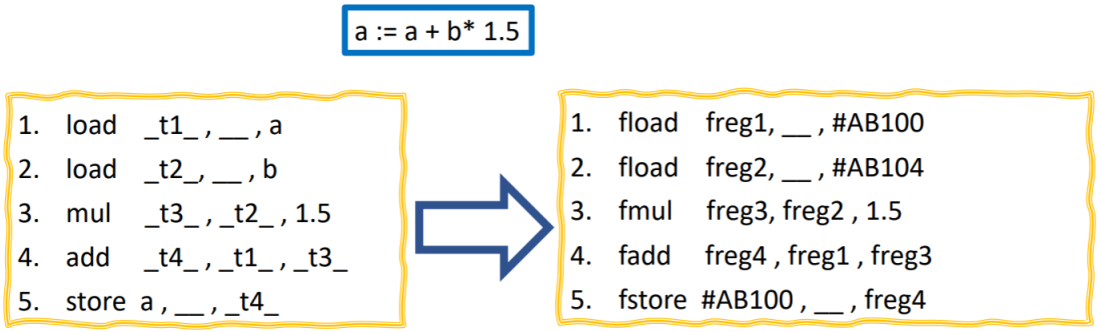
Machine Independent Optimizations

- Performing transformations that are independent of the target machine
  - removal of redundant stores and such
  - arithmetic simplification
- Overall the goal is to:
  - Avoid redundant work
  - Use cheaper operations
  - Eliminate unused code



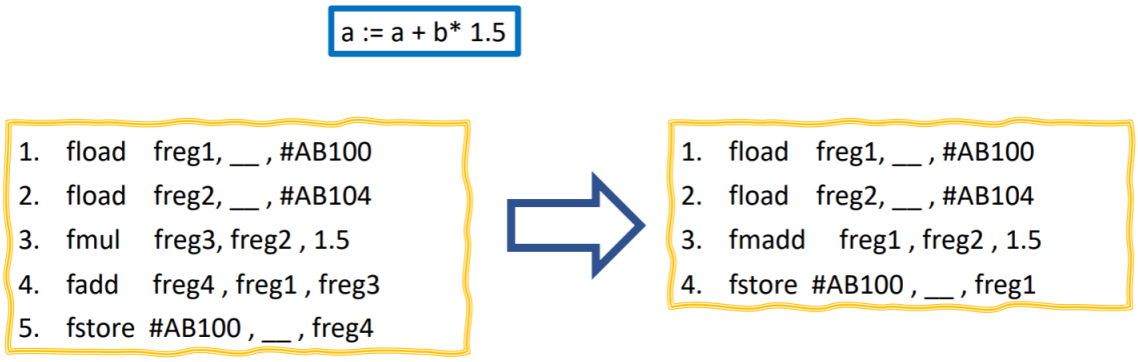
Machine Code Generation

- Machine specific
- Takes intermediate code generation into specific machine code



Machine Specific Optimization

- Removes redundancy from the machine code generation
- Goal is to generate more efficient code



Lexical Analysis

- This deals with "low level" syntactic structure
  - For the first quiz, I always remembered it as dealing with anything that wasn't machine/hardware specific
- Strings with the same structure are put into the same class
- Implemented as a scanner that is invoked by a parser
- Can be written by hand or by using a scanner generator with regular expressions
- Lexical Analysis' Job: to assemble an arbitrary stream of characters into strings (called lexemes) recognizable by the language
  - This is called source tokenization
- It removes comments
- Stores the actual values of:
  - identifiers
  - numbers
  - literal strings
- Recording location information is used for possible error reporting

Regular Expressions

- I had greek guy so I mostly understand this stuff yay
- A regular expression is:
  - A character
  - The empty string, ϵ
  - The concatenation of two regular expressions
  - Two regular expressions separated by **or**
  - A regular expression followed by the Kleene star *
- The whole point of regular expressions is to be able to identify strings