Chapter 3: Macro and Macro Processors

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Introduction

- Macro: is a unit of specification for program generation through expansion.
- Many languages provide built-in facilities for writing macros. E.g. Ada, C and C++

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Macro Definition

- Macro definition is enclosed between a macro header and macro end statement.
- Macro definition consist of
 - A Macro Prototype Statement : declares the name of macro and the names and kind of its parameter.
 - One or more Model Statements: is a statement from which assembly language statement may be generated during macro expansion.
 - Macro Preprocessor Statements: is used to perform auxiliary function during macro expansion.

Macro Definition

- The macro prototype statement has syntax:
 <macro name> [<formal parameter specification>[,..]]
- Formal parameter specification has form
 &<parameter name>[<parameter kind>]

Macro Call

 A macro is called by writing the macro name in the mnemonic field of an assembly statement.

The macro call has syntax:

<macro name> [<actual parameter specification>[,..]]

Macro Definition and Call

Example of Macro Definition

MACRO

INCR &MEM VAL, &INCR VAL, ®

MOVER ®, &MEM VAL

ADD ®, &INCR_VAL

MOVEM ®, &MEM VAL

MEND

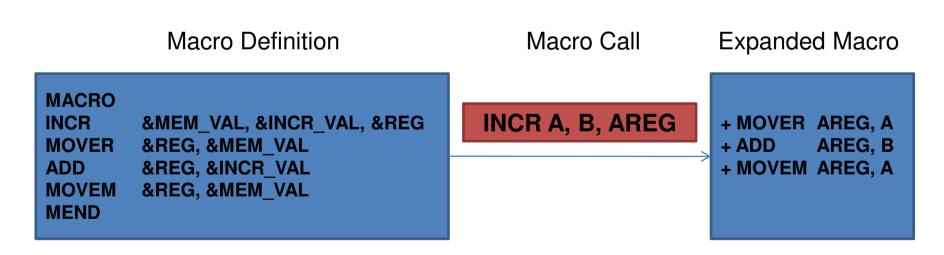
Example of Macro Call

INCR A, B, AREG

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- Macro calls leads to macro expansion.
- During macro expansion, the macro call is replaced by a sequence of assembly statements.



- Two key notions concerning macro expansion are:
 - Expansion Time Control Flow: determines the order in which model statements are visited during macro expansion.
 - Lexical substitution: Is used to generate an assembly statement from a model statement.

- Flow of control during expansion:
 - The default flow of control during macro expansion is sequential.
 - A preprocessor statement can alter the flow of control during the expansion such that
 - Some model statement are never visited Conditional Expansion
 - Some model statements are repeatedly visited Expansion Time Loop

 The flow of control during macro expansion is implemented using a Macro Expansion Counter (MEC).

Algorithm (Outline of macro expansion)

- MEC := Statement number of first statement following the prototype statement
- 2. While statement pointed by MEC is not a MEND statement
 - (a) If a model statement then
 - (i) Expand the statement
 - (ii) MEC := MEC + 1
 - (b) Else (i.e. a preprocessor statement)
 - (i) MEC := new value specified in the statement
- 3. Exit from macro expansion

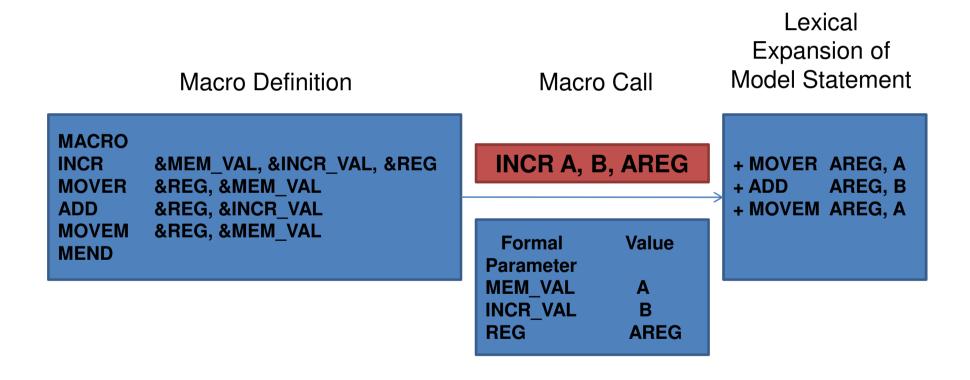
- Lexical Substitution
 - A model statement consist of three types of strings
 - Type 1: An ordinary string which stands for itself
 - Type 2: The name of a formal parameter which is preceded by the character '&'.
 - Type 3: The name of a preprocessor variable which is also preceded by the character '&'.
 - During lexical expansion, strings of type 1 are retained without substitution.
 - Strings of type 2 and 3 are replaced by values of formal parameter or preprocessor variables.

- The rule for determining the value of formal parameter depend on kind of parameter.
 - 1. Positional Parameter
 - 2. Keyword Parameter
 - 3. Default Specification of Parameter
 - 4. Macros with Mixed Parameter
 - 5. Other uses of Parameter

Positional Parameter

- A positional formal parameter is written as <u>&<parameter name></u>.
- The <actual parameter specification> in a macro call is simply an <ordinary string>.
- The value of a positional formal parameter XYZ is determined by the rule of positional association as :
 - Find the ordinal position of XYZ in the list of formal parameters in macro prototype statement.
 - Find the actual parameter specification occupying the same ordinal position in the list of actual parameters in macro call statement.

Positional Parameter Example



Keyword Parameter

- For keyword parameter, formal parameter is written as &<parameter name>=.
- The <actual parameter specification> in a macro call is written as <formal parameter name> = <ordinary string>.
- The value of a positional formal parameter XYZ is determined by the rule of positional association as :
 - Find the actual parameter specification which has the form XYZ = < ordinary string>.
 - Let < ordinary string > in the specification be the string ABC. Then the value of formal parameter XYZ is ABC.

Keyword Parameter Example

Macro Definition

Macro Call

MACRO INCR &MEM VAL=, &INCR VAL=, ®= **MOVER** ®, &MEM VAL ADD ®, &INCR VAL ®, &MEM VAL MOVEM **MEND**

INCR MEM VAL=A, INCR VAL=B, REG=AREG

INCR INCR VAL=B, REG=AREG, MEM VAL=A

Lexical Expansion of Model Statement

- + MOVER AREG, A + ADD
- AREG, B

+ MOVEM AREG, A

Formal Value Parameter MEM VAL Α **INCR VAL** REG **AREG**

- Default Specification of Parameter
 - A default is a standard specification in the absence of an explicit specification by the programmer.
 - The syntax of formal parameter specification is &<parameter name>[<parameter kind>[<default value>]]

Default Specification of Parameter Example

Macro Call Macro Definition INCR MEM VAL=A, INCR VAL=B **MACRO INCR** &MEM VAL=, &INCR VAL=, ®=AREG INCR INCR VAL=B, MEM VAL=A **MOVER** ®, &MEM VAL ADD ®, &INCR VAL ®, &MEM VAL MOVEM **Formal Value MEND Parameter MEM VAL** Α **INCR VAL** REG **AREG** Lexical Expansion of Model Statement + MOVER AREG, A + ADD AREG, B + MOVEM AREG, A 7/21/2015 Mrs. Sunita M Dol, CSE Dept 23

Default Specification of Parameter Example

Macro Call

Macro Definition

MACRO INCR INCR INCR VAL=B, MEM VAL=A, REG=BREG &MEM VAL=, &INCR VAL=, ®=AREG MOVER ®, &MEM VAL ADD ®, &INCR VAL ®, &MEM VAL MOVEM **Formal Value MEND Parameter MEM VAL** Α **INCR VAL** REG **BREG** Lexical Expansion of Model Statement + MOVER BREG, A + ADD BREG, B + MOVEM BREG, A 7/21/2015 Mrs. Sunita M Dol, CSE Dept 24

- Macros with mixed parameter list
 - A macro may be defined to use both positional and keyword parameter.
 - In such a case, all positional parameter must precede all keywords parameter.

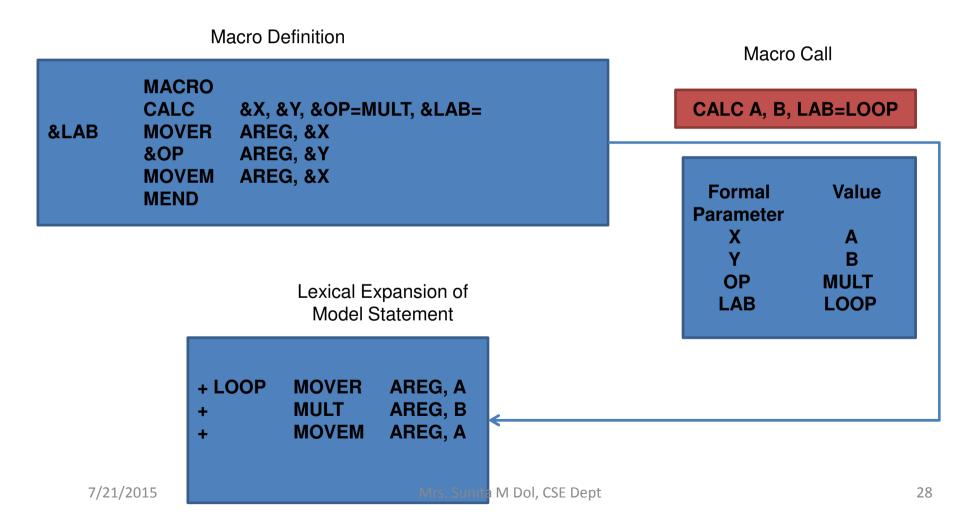
Macro Call

Macros with mixed parameter list Example

Macro Definition **MACRO INCR INCR A, B, REG=BREG** &MEM VAL, &INCR VAL, ®=AREG MOVER ®, &MEM VAL ADD ®, &INCR VAL MOVEM ®, &MEM VAL **Formal Value MEND Parameter MEM VAL** Α **INCR VAL** REG **BREG** Lexical Expansion of Model Statement + MOVER BREG, A + ADD BREG, B + MOVEM BREG, A 7/21/2015 Mrs. Sunita M Dol, CSE Dept 26

- Other uses of parameters
 - Formal parameter can also appear in the label and opcode fields of model statement.

Other uses of Parameter Example



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Nested Macro Calls

- A model statement in a macro may constitute a call on another macro. Such calls are known as nested macro calls.
- Macro containing the nested call is referred to as the outer macro and the called macro as the inner macro.
- Expansion of nested macro calls follows the lastin-first-out (LIFO) rule.

Nested Macro Calls

Example:

```
MACRO
INCR &MEM_VAL, &INCR_VAL, &REG
MOVER &REG, &MEM_VAL
ADD &REG, &INCR_VAL
MOVEM &REG, &MEM_VAL
MEND
```

Inner Macro

```
MACRO
COMPUTE &FIRST, &SECOND
MOVEM BREG, TMP
INCR_D &FIRST, &SECOND, REG=BREG
MOVER BREG, TMP
MEND
```

Outer Macro

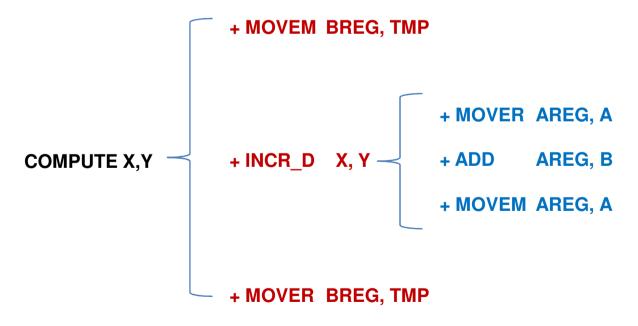
Nested Macro Calls

MACRO
INCR &MEM_VAL, &INCR_VAL, ®
MOVER ®, &MEM_VAL
ADD ®, &INCR_VAL
MOVEM ®, &MEM_VAL
MEND

MACRO COMPUTE MOVEM INCR_D MOVER MEND

&FIRST, &SECOND BREG, TMP &FIRST, &SECOND, REG=BREG BREG, TMP

Inner Macro Outer Macro



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Advanced Macro Facilities

- These facilities support semantic expansion.
- These facilities can be grouped into
 - a) Facilities for alteration of flow of control during expansion
 - b) Expansion time variables
 - c) Attributes of parameters

Advanced Macro Facilities

- a) Facilities for alteration of flow of control during expansion
 - Two features are provided to facilitate alteration of flow of control during expansion
 - a.1 Expansion time sequencing symbol
 - a.2 Expansion time statements AIF, AGO and ANOP

Advanced Macro Facilities

a.1 Expansion time sequencing symbol

- A sequencing symbol (SS) has the syntax
 .<ordinary string>
- SS is defined by putting it in the label field of a statement in macro body.
- It is used as an operand in AIF or AGO to designate the destination of an expansion time control transfer.

a.2 Expansion time statements AIF, AGO and ANOP

- An AIF statement has the syntax
 AIF (<expression>) <sequencing symbol>
- An AGO statement has the syntax AGO <sequencing symbol>
- An ANOP statement is written as <sequencing symbol> ANOP

Example

MACRO

EVAL &X, &Y, &Z

AIF (&Y EQ &X) .ONLY

MOVER AREG, &X

SUB AREG, &Y

ADD AREG, &Z

AGO .OVER

ONLY MOVER AREG, &Z

.OVER MEND

- b) Expansion time variables (EV's)
 - EV's are variables which can only be used during the expansion of macro calls.
 - A local EV is created for use only during a particular macro call.
 - A global EV exists across all macro calls situated in a program and can be used in macro.
 - LCL <EV specification>[<EV specification>..]
 GBL <EV specification>[<EV specification>..]
 - <EV specification> has syntax &<EV name> where <EV name> is an ordinary string.

- b) Expansion time variables (EV's)
 - Value of EV's can be manipulated through the preprocessor statement SET which is written as
 <EV specification> SET <SET-expression>

• b) Expansion time variables (EV's)-Example

	MACRO CONTANTS	
	LCL	&A
&A	SET	1
	DB	&A
&A	SET	&A+1
	DB	&A
	MEND	

- c) Attributes of parameters
 - An attribute is written using the syntax <attribute name>'<formal parameter specification>
 - The type, length and size attributes have the names
 T, L and S

c) Attributes of parameters Example

```
MACRO
DCL_CONST &A
AIF (L'&A EQ 1) .NEXT
----
.NEXT ----
MEND
```

Conditional Expansion

- It helps in generating assembly code specifically suited to the parameters in a macro call.
- The AIF and AGO statements are used for this purpose.

Conditional Expansion Example

MACRO

EVAL &X, &Y, &Z

AIF (&Y EQ &X) .ONLY

MOVER AREG, &X

SUB AREG, &Y

ADD AREG, &Z

AGO .OVER

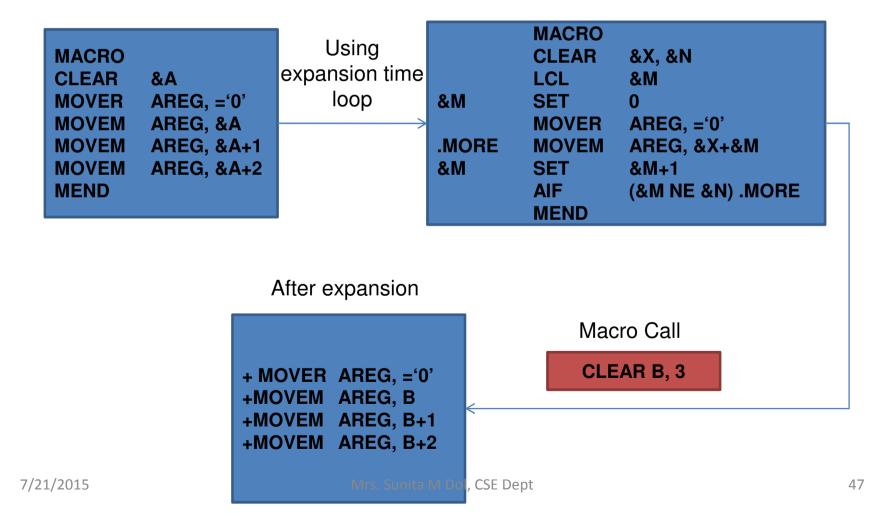
ONLY MOVER AREG, &Z

.OVER MEND

Expansion time loops

- It is necessary to generate many similar statements during the expansion of a macro.
- Expansion time loops can be written using expansion time variables and expansion time control transfer statements AIF and AGO.

Expansion time loops Example



- Other facilities for Expansion Time Loops
 - Many assembler provide other facilities for conditional expansion such as
 - The RPET statement
 - The IRP statement

- The RPET statement
 - The RPET statement has the syntax RPET < expression>
 - The statement between REPT and ENDM statement would be processed for expression <expression> number of times.

The RPET statement Example

	MACRO	
	CONST10	
	LCL	&M
&M	SET	1
	REPT 10	
	DC	'&M'
&M	SETA	&M+1
	ENDM	
	MEND	

- The IRP statement
 - The IRP statement has the syntax

IRP < formal parameter>, < argument-list>

- The formal parameter mentioned in the statement takes successive values from the argument list.
- For each value, the statement between the IRP and ENDM statements are expanded once.

The IRP statement Example

MACRO

CONSTS &M, &N, &Z

IRP &Z, &M, 7, &N

DC '&Z'

ENDM

MEND

Semantic Expansion

- Semantic expansion is the generation of instruction tailored to the requirements of a specific usage.
- It can be achieved by the combination of advanced macro facilities like AIF, AGO statements and expansion time variables.

Semantic Expansion Example

	MACRO	
	CREATE_CONST	&X, &Y
	AIF	(T'&X EQ B) .BYTE
&Y	DW	25
	AGO	.OVER
.BYTE	ANOP	
&Y	DB	25
.OVER	MEND	

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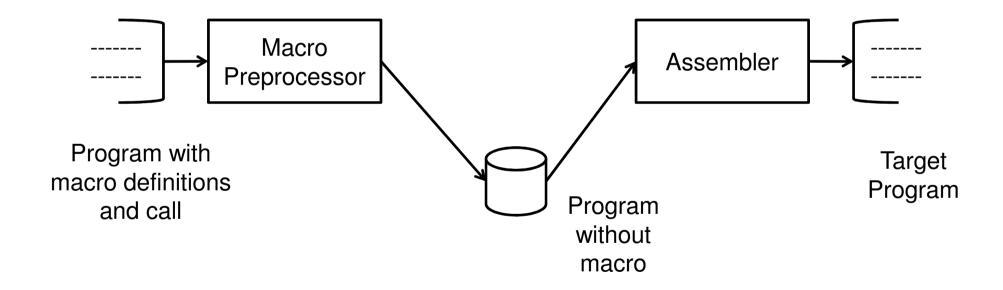


Figure: A Schematic of a macro preprocessor

- Design Overview
- 1. Identify macro calls in the program
- 2. Determine the values of formal parameter.
- Maintain the values of expansion time variables declared in a macro.
- 4. Organize expansion time control flow.
- 5. Determine the values of sequencing symbol.
- 6. Perform expansion of a model statement.

1. Identify macro calls in the program

- Macro Name Table (MNT) is designed to hold the names of all macro definition in a program.
- A macro name is entered in this table when a macro definition is processed.
- While processing a statement in the source program, the preprocessor compares the string found in its mnemonic field with the macro names in MNT.

2. Determine the values of formal parameter.

- Actual Parameter Table (APT) is designed to hold the values of formal parameters during expansion of macro call.
- Each entry in the table is a pair (<formal parameter name>, <value>)
- Parameter Default Table (PDT) is designed to hold the default values of keyword parameters during expansion of macro call.
- Each entry in the PDT is a pair(<formal parameter name>, <default value>)
- If a macro call statement does not specify a value for some parameter then its default value would be copied from PDT to APT.

- 3. Maintain the values of expansion time variables declared in a macro.
 - Expansion Time Variable's Table(EVT)
 - Each entry in the table is a pair (<EV name>, <value>)
 - The value field of a pair is accessed when a preprocessor statement or model statement under expansion refers to an EV

4. Organize expansion time control flow.

- Macro definition Table(MDT) is used to store the body of macro.
- The flow of control during macro expansion determines when a model statement is to be visited for expansion.

- 5.Determine the values of sequencing symbol.
 - A sequencing Symbol Table(SST)
 - Each entry in the table is a pair
 (<sequencing symbol name>, <MDT entry #>)

6. Perform expansion of a model statement

- This is the trivial task given below:
 - MEC points to the MDT entry containing the model statement.
 - Values of formal parameter and EV's are available in APT and EVT respectively.
 - The model statement defining a sequencing symbol can be identified from SST.

Data Structures

 Macro expansion can be made more efficient by storing an intermediate code for a statement rather than it's source form in MDT table.

e.g. MOVER AREG, ABC

Let the pair (ABC, ALPHA) occupy entry#5 in APT. The search in APT can be avoided if the model statement appears as

MOVER AREG, (P, 5)

in MDT where (P, 5) stands for the words 'parameter#5'

- The information (<formal parameter name>,<value>) in APT has been split into two tables:
 - PNTAB formal parameters name
 - APTAB formal parameter values
- Similarly EVT into ENNTAB and EVTAB
- SST into SSNTAN and SSTAB
- PDT is replaced a Keyword Parameter Default Table (KPDTAB)

- Macro Name Table (MNT)
- Parameter Name Table (PNTAB)
- EV Name Table (EVNTAB)
- SS Name Table (SSNTAB)
- Keyword Parameter Default Table (KPDTAB)
- Macro Definition Table (MDT)
- Actual Parameter Table (APTAB)
- EV Table (EVTAB)
- SS Table (SSTAB)

- Macro Name Table (MNT) fields
 - Macro Name
 - Number of positional parameter (#PP)
 - Number of keyword parameter (#KP)
 - Number of expansion time variables (#EV)
 - MDT Pointer (MDTP)
 - KPDTAB Pointer (KPDTP)
 - SSTAB Pointer (SSTP)

- Parameter Name Table (PNTAB) Fields
 - Parameter Name
- EV Name Table (EVNTAB) Fields
 - EV Name
- SS Name Table (SSNTAB)
 - SS name

- Keyword Parameter Default Table (KPDTAB) Fields
 - Parameter Name
 - Default value
- Macro Definition Table (MDT) Fields
 - Label
 - Opcode
 - Operand

- Actual Parameter Table (APTAB) Fields
 - Value
- EV Table (EVTAB) Fields
 - Value
- SS Table (SSTAB) Fields
 - MDT entry#

Example

MACRO

CLEARMEM &X, &N, ®=AREG

LCL &M

&M SET 0

MOVER ®, ='0'

.MORE MOVEM ®, &X + &M

&M SET &M+1

AIF (&M NE N) .MORE

MEND

Macro call: CLEARMEM AREA, 10

PNTAB

PNTAB_ptr	Parameter Name
1	X
2	N
3	REG

EVNTAB

EV Name	
M	

SSNTAB

SSNTAB_ptr	SS Name
1	MORE

Design of a Macro Preprocessor

MNT

NAME	#PP	#KP	#EV	MDTP	KPDTP	SSTP
CLEARMEM	2	1	1	25	10	5

KPDTAB

KPDTAB_ptr

10

Parameter Name	Default value	
REG	AREG	

SSTAB

SSTAB_ptr

5

MDT	Entry #

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Design of a Macro Preprocessor

MDT

MDT_ptr	LABEL	OPCODE	OPERAND
	•		-
25		LCL	(E, 1)
26	(E, 1)	SET	0
27		MOVER	(P, 3), = 0
28		MOVEM	(P, 3), (P, 1)+(E, 1)
29	(E, 1)	SET	(E, 1)+1
30		AIF	((E, 1) NE (P, 2)) (S, 1)
31		MEND	
	•	•	-

Design of a Macro Preprocessor

APTAB

APTAB_ptr	Value
1	AREA
2	10
3	AREG

EVTAB

EVTAB_ptr	Value	
1	0	

Processing of Macro Definition

Algorithm – Processing of a Macro Definition

```
    SSNTAB_ptr := 1;
    PNTAB_ptr := 1;
    KPDTAB_ptr := 1;
    SSTAB_ptr := 1;
    MDT_ptr := 1;
```

- 2. Process the macro prototype statement and form the MNT entry
 - (a) name := macro name;
 - (b) for each positional parameter
 - (i) Enter parameter name in PNTAB[PNTAB_ptr].
 - (ii) PNTAB_ptr := PNTAB_ptr +1;
 - (iii) #PP := #PP + 1;

- (c) KPDTP := KPDTAB_ptr
- (d) For each keyword parameter
 - (i) Enter parameter name and default value in KPDTAB[KPDTAB_ptr].
 - (ii) Enter parameter name in PNTAB[PNTAB_ptr].
 - (iii) KPDTAB_ptr := KPDTAB_ptr + 1;
 - (iv) PNTAB_ptr := PNTAB_ptr + 1;
 - (v) #KP := #KP + 1;
- (e) MDTP := MDT_ptr;
- (f) #EV := 0;
- (g) SSTP := SSTAB_ptr;

3. While not a MEND statement

- (a) If an LCL statement then
 - (i) Enter expansion time variable name in EVNTAB.
 - (ii) #EV := #EV + 1;
- (b) If a model statement then
 - (i) If a label field contains a sequencing symbol then
 If symbol is present in SSNTAB then
 q := entry number in SSNTAB

else

```
Enter symbol in SSNTAB[SSNTAB_ptr].
q := SSNTAB_ptr;
SSNTAB ptr := SSNTAB ptr +1;
```

 $SSTAB[SSTP + q - 1] := MDT_ptr$

- (ii) For a parameter, generate the specification (P, #n).
- (iii) For an expansion variable, generate the specification (E, #m).
- (iv) Record the IC in MDT[MDT_ptr];
- (v) $MDT_ptr := MDT_ptr + 1$;

- (c) If a preprocessor statement then
 - (i) If a SET statement

 Search each expansion time variable name used in the statement in EVNTAB and generate the specification(E,#m)
 - (ii) If an AIF or AGO statement

If a sequencing symbol used in the statement is present in SSNTAB then

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q:= entry number in SSNTAB
```

else

Enter symbol in SSNTAB[SSNTAB_ptr].

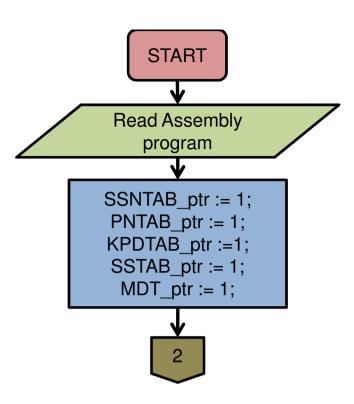
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q := SSNTAB ptr
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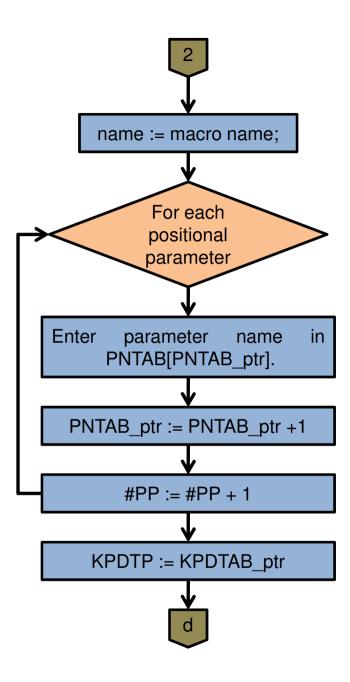
SSNTAB_ptr := SSNTAB_ptr + 1;

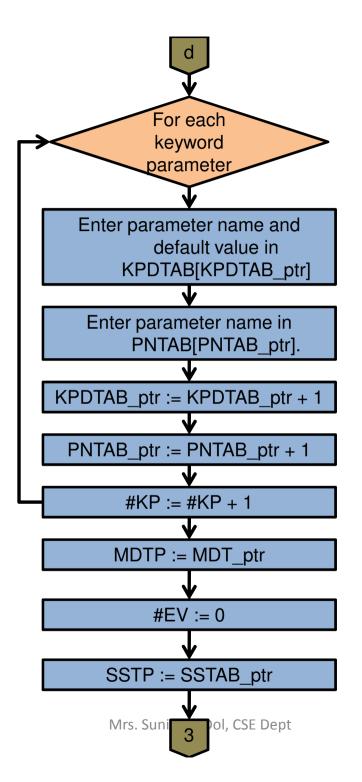
Replace the symbol by (S, SSTP + q - 1)

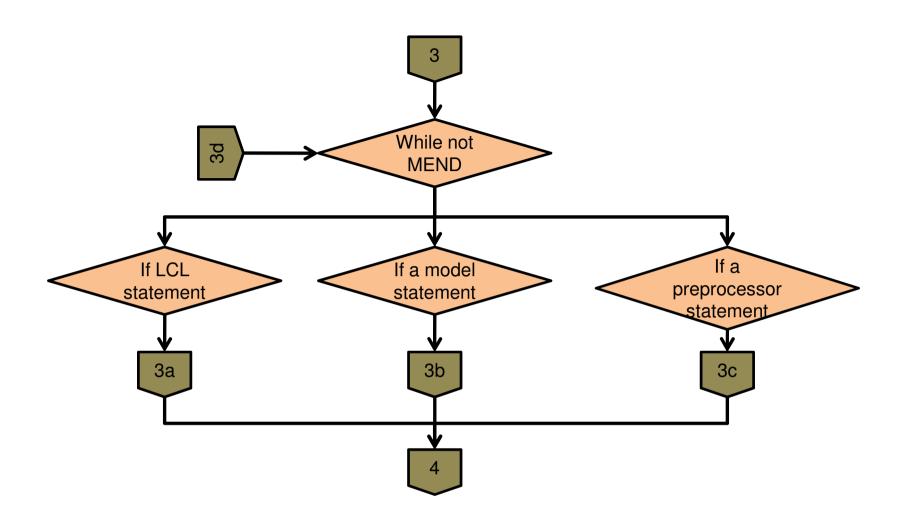
- (iii) Record the IC in MDT[MDT_ptr]
- (iv) MDT_ptr := MDT_ptr + 1;

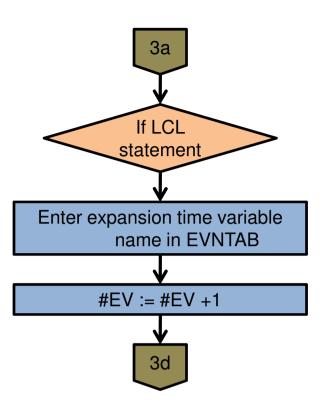
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4. (MEND statement)
    If SSNTAB_ptr = 1 (SSNTAB is empty) then
        SSTP := 0;
    else
        SSTAB_ptr := SSTAB_ptr + SSNTAB_ptr - 1;
    If #KP = 0 then KPDTP = 0;
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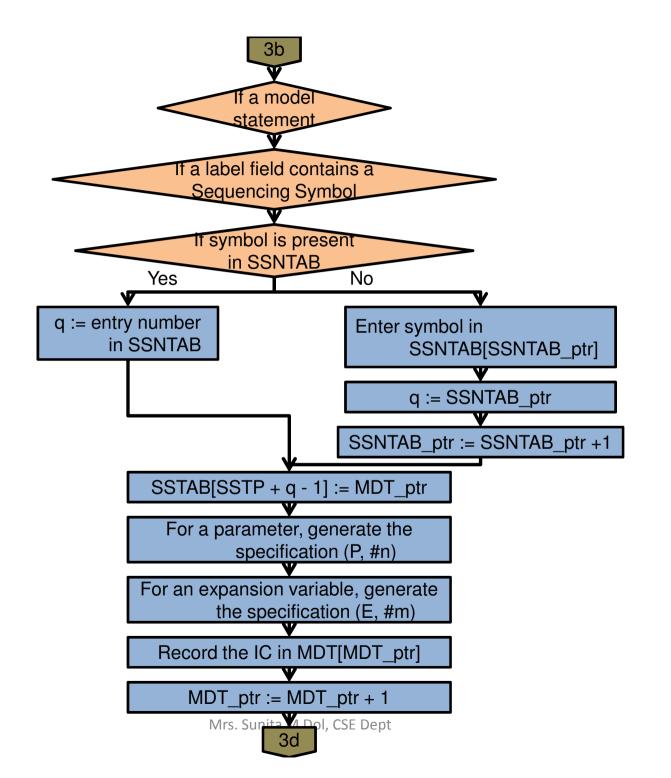


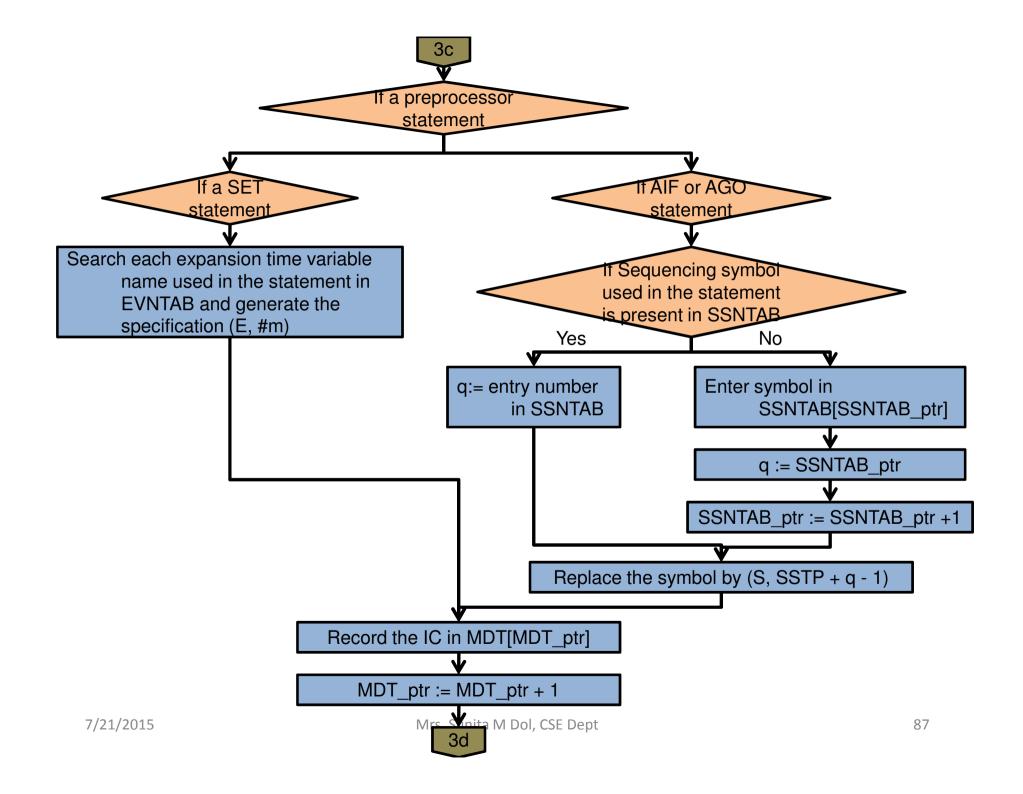


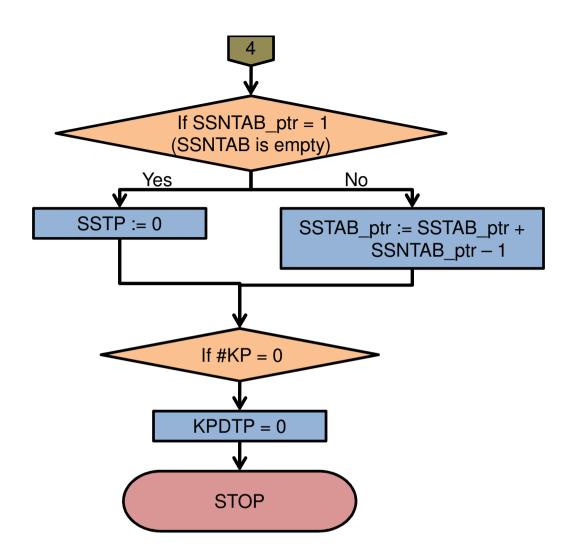












- We use the following data structure for macro expansion
 - APTAB Actual Parameter Table
 (The no of entries in APTAB #e_{APTAB =} #PP + #KP)
 - EVTAB EV Table
 (#e_{EVTAB} = the value in #EV field of MNT)
 - MEC Macro Expansion Counter
 - APTAB_ptr APTAB pointer
 - EVTAB_ptr EVTAB pointer

Algorithm – Macro Expansion

- 1. Perform initialization for the expansion of macro.
 - (a) MEC := MDTP field of the MNT entry;
 - (b) Create EVTAB with #EV entries and set EVTAB_ptr.
 - (c) Create APTAB with #PP + #KP entries and set APTAB_ptr.
 - (d) Copy keyword parameter defaults from the entries KPDTAB[KPDTP]... KPDTAB[KPDTP + #KP 1] into APTAB[#PP + 1]... APTAB[#PP+#KP]
 - (e) Process positional parameter in the actual parameter list and copy them into APTAB[1]...APTAB[#PP]

(f) For keyword parameters in the actual parameter list Search the keyword name in parameter name field of KPDTAB[KPDTP]... KPDTAB[KPDTP + #KP - 1]. Let KPDTP[q] contain a matching entry. Enter value of the keyword parameter in the call in APTAB[#PP + q - KPDTP + 1]

- While statement pointed by MEC is not MEND statement
 (a) If a model statement then
 - (i) Replace the operands of the form (P, #n) and (E, #m) by values in APTAB[n] and EVTAB[m] respectively.
 - (ii) Output the generated statement.
 - (iii) MEC := MEC + 1;
 - (b) If a SET statement with the specification (E, #m) in the label field then
 - (i) Evaluate the expression in the operand field and set an appropriate value in EVTAB[m].
 - (ii) MEC := MEC + 1;

- (c)If an AGO statement with (S, #s) in operand field then
 - (i) MEC := SSTAB[SSTP + s 1];
- (d) If an AIF statement with (S, #s) in operand field then If condition in the AIF statement is true then

```
MEC := SSTAB[SSTP + s - 1];
```

