
Egg Eater Design Document

CSE 231: Programming Assignment 6

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The concrete syntax for this implementation of Egg Eater extends Diamondback with two new constructors for representing tuples of a fixed size and a primitive for accessing them at a given `index`.

```
<prog> := <defn>* <expr>
<defn> := (fun (<name> <name>*) <expr>)
<expr> :=
  | <number>
  | true
  | false
  | input
  | <identifier>
  | (let (<binding>+) <expr>)
  | (<op1> <expr>)
  | (<op2> <expr> <expr>)
  | (set! <name> <expr>)
  | (if <expr> <expr> <expr>)
  | (block <expr>+)
  | (loop <expr>)
  | (break <expr>)
  | (tuple <expr>*) (new!)
  | (index <expr> <expr>) (new!)
  | (<name> <expr>*)
```

```
<op1> := add1 | sub1 | isnum | isbool | print
```

```
<op2> := + | - | * | < | > | >= | <= | =
```

```
<binding> := (<identifier> <expr>)
```

Note that we allow tuples of size 0.

Tuples are allocated in the heap, and a n -tuple is stored using $n + 1$ contiguous 8-byte locations. The first word of the is used for storing the length of the tuple. So if a n -tuple is stored at address `a` in the heap, the region `[a, a + 8, ..., a + n * 8]` looks like `[size, p1, ..., pn]` where `pi` are the elements of a the tuple. `(tuple <expr>*)` evaluates to the address in the heap where the tuple is allocated, encoded with LSBs 01 to tag them as tuples. For `(index <expr> <expr>)`, the first expression must evaluate to a tuple,

and the second to a number. Tuples are 0-indexed.

Tests

1. simple_examples

```
(let ((t (tuple 1 10 100)))  
  (index t input))
```

This simple test accesses a tuple of three elements at the index given as `input`. For example, running `simple_examples.run 1` outputs 10.

2. error-tag

```
(index false 0)
```

This test errors at runtime due to `false` not being a `tuple` that can be indexed.

3. error-bounds

4. error3

```
(index (tuple 1 2 3) false)
```

This test errors at runtime due to `false` not being a valid index to query the tuple.

5. points

```
(fun (to_point x y)  
  (tuple x y))  
(fun (add_points p1 p2)  
  (let ((xnew (+ (index p1 0) (index p2 0)))  
        (ynew (+ (index p1 1) (index p2 1))))  
    (to_point xnew ynew)))  
(let ((a input)  
      (b (* input 2))  
      (p3 (add_points (to_point a b)  
                      (to_point (* a 10) (* b 10)))))  
  (block
```

```
(print (index p3 0))  
(print (index p3 1))  
0))
```

This function uses the `to_input` and `add_points` functions to implement adding element-wise addition of numeric pairs. For example, running `points.run 3` outputs

```
33  
66  
0
```

If we were to compare the heap memory management of Egg Eater to other programming languages, for example `C` and `Python`, we can say that our design is more like the latter. Memory for heap-allocated objects is handled automatically, without the need of special directives such as `malloc` and `free`. Additionally, similar to `Python` our language provides an immediate way to create objects that reference each other or even themselves.

References and collaborators

1. CSE231 lecture code. <https://github.com/ucsd-compilers-s23/lecture1/blob/egg-eater/src/main.rs>
2. ChatGPT