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1 Overview

We will walk the AST generated in A3 to create code in A5.

1.1 Visitor Pattern

When building the AST (A3), we chose to implement an ast_visit method for each type of node within the class for that node. For A5, we will instead choose to use a visitor pattern. This provides cleaner code that can be easily swapped and adjusted. We will have a CodeGenVisitor class that defines how code is generated for each type of AST node. We will also create a LHSVisitor class to generate code for the left-hand side of assignment statements (:=).

2 Storage

2.1 Variables

Variables are either free or bound in any particular scope. We say a variable is bound if it is declared in that scope, otherwise it is free.

Bound vs Free

```
{
    var x:Integer // x bound
    {
       var y:Integer // y bound
       x:= 1 /* x free */
    }
}
```

Because our AST checks that every free variable has been declared, all free variables are declared *somewhere*. We will augment our symbol table from A3 to now include offsets.

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