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Course: Compiler Techniques

Homework #7

Type Checking and Intermediate Code Generation

To do *type checking* a compiler needs to assign a type expression to each component of the source program. The compiler must then determine that these type expressions conform to a collection of logical rules that is called the *type system* for the source language.

Type checking can take on two forms: synthesis and inference. Type synthesis builds up the type of an expression from the types of its sub-expressions. It requires names to be declared before they are used.

Ex. of synthesis rule:

if f has type $s \rightarrow t$ and x has type s , then expression $f(x)$ has type t

Type inference determines the type of a language construct from the way it is used.

Ex. of inference rule:

if $f(x)$ is an expression, then for some α and β , f has type $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ and x has type α

The type of an expression $E1 \text{ op } E2$ is determined by the operator **op** and the types of $E1$ and $E2$. A *coercion* is an implicit type conversion, such as from *integer* to *float*.

A declaration specifies the type of a name. The width of a type is the amount of storage needed for a name with that type. Using widths, the relative address of a name at run time can be computed as an offset from the start of a data area. The type and relative address of a name are put into the symbol table due to a declaration, so the translator can subsequently get them when the name appears in an expression.

An *intermediate representation* is typically some combination of a graphical notation and three-address code. As in syntax trees, a node in a graphical notation represents a construct; the children of a node represent its sub-constructs. Three address code takes its name from instructions of the form $x := y \text{ op } z$, with at most one operator per instruction. There are additional instructions for control flow.

Expressions with built-up operations can be unwound into a sequence of individual operations by attaching actions to each production of the form $E := E1 \text{ op } E2$. The action either creates a node for E with the nodes for $E1$ and $E2$ as children (if the intermediate form is a syntax tree), or it generates an instruction in an intermediate code language (for instance, three-address instructions) that applies **op** to the addresses for $E1$ and $E2$ and puts the result into a new temporary name, which becomes the address for E .

Exercise 1. Type checking

Below is a grammar used by a calculator of arithmetic expressions involving operator $*$ and integer or floating-point constant numbers. Floating-point numbers are distinguished by having a decimal point. The calculated values are assigned to corresponding-as-type variables. The variables are gathered with their attributes in a symbol table.

$L \rightarrow L ; S \mid S$

$S \rightarrow \text{id} = E$

$E \rightarrow E * F \mid F$

$F \rightarrow \text{num.num} \mid \text{num}$

a) Give an SDD to determine the type of each factor F and expression E and update variables in the symbol table with type attributes.

b) Extend your SDD of (a) to translate expressions into three-address instructions. Use the unary operator **intToFloat** to turn an integer into an equivalent float.

Exercise 2. Type checking

Determine the types and relative addresses for the identifiers in the following sequence of declarations:

`float x;`

`record (float x; float y;) p;`

`record (int tag; float x; float y;) q;`

Exercise 3. Code generation

Translate the arithmetic expressions:

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a + -(b + c)
a=b[i]+c[j]
a[i]=b*c - b*d
```

into:

- a) A syntax tree.
- b) Quadruples.
- c) Triples.

Exercise 4. Code generation

Give the intermediate code generated for the following statements in Java:

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if (x<100 || x>200 && x!=y ) x=0;
if (a==b && (c==d || e==f)) a=b*c*d + e*f;
repeat x=x+5 until x*x>y;
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For all examples, optimize the code by avoiding redundant gotos;