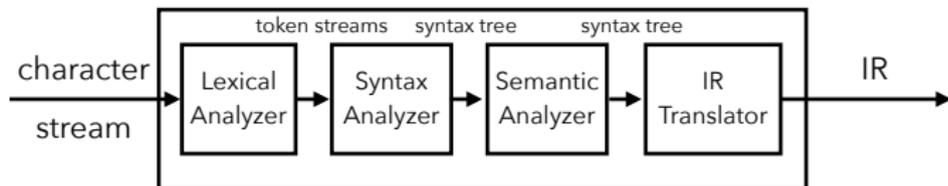


# COSE312: Compilers

## Lecture 10 — Translation (2)

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# Translation from AST to IR



Why do we use IR?

- The direct translation from AST to the executable is not easy.
- IR is more suitable for analysis and optimization.
- IR reduces the complexity of compiler design: e.g.,  $m$  source languages and  $n$  target languages.

## S: The Source Language

- {  
  int x;  
  x = 0;  
  print (x+1);  
}
- {  
  int x;  
  x = -1;  
  if (x) { print (-1); }  
  else { print (2); }  
}
- {  
  int x;  
  read (x);  
  if (x == 1 || x == 2) print (x); else print (x+1);  
}

## S: The Source Language

- ```
{ int sum;  int i;  
  i = 0; sum = 0;  
  while (i < 10) {  
    sum = sum + i;  
    i++;  
  }  
  print (sum);  
}
```
- ```
{  int[10] arr;  int i;  
  i = 0;  
  while (i < 10) {  
    arr[i] = i;  
    i++;  
  }  
  print (i);  
}
```

## T: The Intermediate Language

```
{  
  int x;  
  x = 0;  
  print (x+1);  
}
```

0 : x = 0

0 : t1 = 0

0 : x = t1

0 : t3 = x

0 : t4 = 1

0 : t2 = t3 + t4

0 : write t2

0 : HALT

## T: The Intermediate Language

```
{
  int x;
  x = -1;

  if (x) {
    print (-1);
  } else {
    print (2);
  }
}

0 : x = 0
0 : t2 = 1
0 : t1 = -t2
0 : x = t1
0 : t3 = x
0 : if t3 goto 2
0 : goto 3
2 : SKIP
0 : t5 = 1
0 : t4 = -t5
0 : write t4
0 : goto 4
3 : SKIP
0 : t6 = 2
0 : write t6
0 : goto 4
4 : SKIP
0 : HALT
```

## T: The Intermediate Language

```
{
  int x;
  read (x);

  if (x == 1 || x == 2)
    print (x);
  else print (x+1);
}
```

```
0 : x = 0
0 : read x
0 : t3 = x
0 : t4 = 1
0 : t2 = t3 == t4
0 : t6 = x
0 : t7 = 2
0 : t5 = t6 == t7
0 : t1 = t2 || t5
0 : if t1 goto 2
0 : goto 3
2 : SKIP
0 : t8 = x
0 : write t8
0 : goto 4
3 : SKIP
0 : t10 = x
0 : t11 = 1
0 : t9 = t10 + t11
0 : write t9
0 : goto 4
4 : SKIP
0 : HALT
```

# T: The Intermediate Language

```
{  
  int sum;  
  int i;  
  
  i = 0;  
  sum = 0;  
  while (i < 10) {  
    sum = sum + i;  
    i++;  
  }  
  
  print (sum);  
}
```

```
0 : sum = 0  
0 : i = 0  
0 : t1 = 0  
0 : i = t1  
0 : t2 = 0  
0 : sum = t2  
2 : SKIP  
0 : t4 = i  
0 : t5 = 10  
0 : t3 = t4 < t5  
0 : iffalse t3 goto 3  
0 : t7 = sum  
0 : t8 = i  
0 : t6 = t7 + t8  
0 : sum = t6  
0 : t10 = i  
0 : t11 = 1  
0 : t9 = t10 + t11  
0 : i = t9  
0 : goto 2  
3 : SKIP  
0 : t12 = sum  
0 : write t12  
0 : HALT
```

## T: The Intermediate Language

```
{
  int[10] arr;
  int i;

  i = 0;
  while (i < 10) {
    arr[i] = i;
    i++;
  }
  print (i);
}
```

```
0 : arr = alloc (10)
0 : i = 0
0 : t1 = 0
0 : i = t1
2 : SKIP
0 : t3 = i
0 : t4 = 10
0 : t2 = t3 < t4
0 : iffalse t2 goto 3
0 : t5 = i
0 : t6 = i
0 : arr[t5] = t6
0 : t8 = i
0 : t9 = 1
0 : t7 = t8 + t9
0 : i = t7
0 : goto 2
3 : SKIP
0 : t10 = i
0 : write t10
0 : HALT
```

# Abstract Syntax of S

*program* → *block*  
*block* → *decls stmts*  
*decls* → *decls decl* |  $\epsilon$   
*decl* → *type x*  
*type* → *int* | *int[n]*  
*stmts* → *stmts stmt* |  $\epsilon$

*stmt* → *lv = e*  
| *if e stmt stmt*  
| *while e stmt*  
| *do stmt while e*  
| *read x*  
| *print e*  
| *block*

*lv* → *x* | *x[e]*

*e* → *n* integer  
| *lv* l-value  
| *e+e* | *e-e* | *e\*e* | *e/e* | *-e* arithmetic operation  
| *e==e* | *e<e* | *e<=e* | *e>e* | *e>=e* conditional operation  
| *!e* | *e||e* | *e&&e* boolean operation

## Semantics of S

A statement changes the memory state of the program: e.g.,

```
int i;  
int[10] arr;  
i = 1;  
arr[i] = 2;
```

The memory is a mapping from locations to values:

$$\begin{aligned}l \in \mathit{Loc} &= \mathit{Var} + \mathit{Addr} \times \mathit{Offset} \\v \in \mathit{Value} &= \mathbb{Z} + \mathit{Addr} \times \mathit{Size} \\ \mathit{Offset} &= \mathbb{N} \\ \mathit{Size} &= \mathbb{N} \\m \in \mathit{Mem} &= \mathit{Loc} \rightarrow \mathit{Value} \\a \in \mathit{Addr} &= \text{Address}\end{aligned}$$

# Semantics Rules

$$\boxed{M \vdash \text{decl} \Rightarrow M'}$$

$$\overline{M \vdash \text{int } x \Rightarrow M[x \mapsto 0]}$$

$$\frac{(a, 0), \dots, (a, n-1) \notin \text{Dom}(M)}{M \vdash \text{int}[n] x \Rightarrow M[x \mapsto (a, n), (a, 0) \mapsto 0, \dots, (a, n-1) \mapsto 0]} \quad n > 0$$

$$\boxed{M \vdash \text{stmt} \Rightarrow M'}$$

$$\frac{M \vdash lv \Rightarrow l \quad M \vdash e \Rightarrow v}{M \vdash lv = e \Rightarrow M[l \mapsto v]}$$

$$\frac{M \vdash e \Rightarrow n \quad M \vdash \text{stmt}_1 \Rightarrow M_1}{M \vdash \text{if } e \text{ stmt}_1 \text{ stmt}_2 \Rightarrow M_1} \quad n \neq 0 \quad \frac{M \vdash e \Rightarrow 0 \quad M \vdash \text{stmt}_2 \Rightarrow M_1}{M \vdash \text{if } e \text{ stmt}_1 \text{ stmt}_2 \Rightarrow M_1}$$

$$\frac{M \vdash e \Rightarrow 0}{M \vdash \text{while } e \text{ stmt} \Rightarrow M} \quad \frac{M \vdash e \Rightarrow n \quad M \vdash \text{stmt} \Rightarrow M_1 \quad M_1 \vdash \text{while } e \text{ stmt} \Rightarrow M_2}{M \vdash \text{while } e \text{ stmt} \Rightarrow M_2} \quad n \neq 0$$

$$\frac{M \vdash \text{stmt} \Rightarrow M_1 \quad M_1 \vdash e \Rightarrow 0}{M \vdash \text{do stmt while } e \Rightarrow M_1} \quad \frac{M \vdash \text{stmt} \Rightarrow M_1 \quad M_1 \vdash e \Rightarrow n \quad M_1 \vdash \text{do stmt while } e \Rightarrow M_2}{M \vdash \text{do stmt while } e \Rightarrow M_2} \quad n \neq 0$$

$$\overline{M \vdash \text{read } x \Rightarrow M[x \mapsto n]} \quad \frac{M \vdash e \Rightarrow n}{M \vdash \text{print } e \Rightarrow M}$$

# Semantics Rules

$$M \vdash lv \Rightarrow l$$

$$\frac{}{M \vdash x \Rightarrow x} \quad \frac{M \vdash e \Rightarrow n_1}{M \vdash x[e] \Rightarrow (a, n_1)} \quad M(x) = (a, n_2), 0 \leq n_1 < n_2$$

$$M \vdash e \Rightarrow v$$

$$\frac{}{M \vdash n \Rightarrow n} \quad \frac{M \vdash lv \Rightarrow l}{M \vdash lv \Rightarrow M(l)} \quad \frac{M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow n_1 \quad M \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow n_2}{M \vdash e_1 + e_2 \Rightarrow n_1 + n_2}$$

$$\frac{M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow n_1 \quad M \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow n_2}{M \vdash e_1 / e_2 \Rightarrow n_1 / n_2} \quad n_2 \neq 0 \quad \frac{M \vdash e \Rightarrow n}{M \vdash -e \Rightarrow -n}$$

$$\frac{M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow n_1 \quad M \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow n_2}{M \vdash e_1 == e_2 \Rightarrow 1} \quad n_1 = n_2 \quad \frac{M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow n_1 \quad M \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow n_2}{M \vdash e_1 == e_2 \Rightarrow 0} \quad n_1 \neq n_2$$

$$\frac{M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow n_1 \quad M \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow n_2}{M \vdash e_1 > e_2 \Rightarrow 1} \quad n_1 > n_2 \quad \frac{M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow n_1 \quad M \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow n_2}{M \vdash e_1 > e_2 \Rightarrow 0} \quad n_1 \leq n_2$$

$$\frac{M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow n_1 \quad M \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow n_2}{M \vdash e_1 || e_2 \Rightarrow 1} \quad n_1 \neq 0 \vee n_2 \neq 0$$

$$\frac{M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow n_1 \quad M \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow n_2}{M \vdash e_1 \&\& e_2 \Rightarrow 1} \quad n_1 \neq 0 \wedge n_2 \neq 0$$

$$\frac{M \vdash e \Rightarrow 0}{M \vdash !e \Rightarrow 1} \quad \frac{M \vdash e \Rightarrow n}{M \vdash !e \Rightarrow 0} \quad n \neq 0$$

# Runtime Errors in S

Runtime errors = undefined semantics.

- Type errors, e.g.,
  - ▶ `int [-10] a;`
  - ▶ `int[10] a; int i; i[a] = 0;`
  - ▶ `int[10] a; if (a) { ... }`
  - ▶ `int i; int[10] a; print(a); print(a+i);`
- Divide-by-zero, e.g.,
  - ▶ `int i; i = 10;`  
`while (i > 0) {`  
    `i = i - 1;`  
`}`  
`print(5 / i);`
- Buffer-overflow, e.g.,
  - ▶ `int[10] a; int i;`  
`while (i < 10) {`  
    `i = i + 1;`  
`}`  
`a[i] = 0;`

These errors will be detected by a semantic analyzer.

# Syntax of T

*program* → *LabeledInstruction*\*

*LabeledInstruction* → *Label* × *Instruction*

*Instruction* → skip  
| *x* = alloc(*n*)  
| *x* = *y* *bop* *z*  
| *x* = *y* *bop* *n*  
| *x* = *uop* *y*  
| *x* = *y*  
| *x* = *n*  
| goto *L*  
| if *x* goto *L*  
| ifFalse *x* goto *L*  
| *x* = *y*[*i*]  
| *x*[*i*] = *y*  
| read *x*  
| write *x*  
| halt

*bop* → + | - | \* | / | > | >= | < | <= | == | && | ||

*uop* → - | !

# Semantics

$$\begin{aligned}l \in \mathit{Loc} &= \mathit{Var} + \mathit{Addr} \times \mathit{Offset} \\v \in \mathit{Value} &= \mathbb{Z} + \mathit{Addr} \times \mathit{Size} \\ \mathit{Offset} &= \mathbb{N} \\ \mathit{Size} &= \mathbb{N} \\m \in \mathit{Mem} &= \mathit{Loc} \rightarrow \mathit{Value} \\a \in \mathit{Addr} &= \text{Address}\end{aligned}$$

$$\overline{M \vdash \text{skip}} \Rightarrow \overline{M}$$

$$(l, 0), \dots, (l, n - 1) \notin \text{Dom}(M)$$

$$\overline{M \vdash x = \text{alloc}(n)} \Rightarrow \overline{M[x \mapsto (l, n), (l, 0) \mapsto 0, (l, 1) \mapsto 1, \dots, (l, n - 1) \mapsto 0]}$$

$$\overline{M \vdash x = y \text{ bop } z} \Rightarrow \overline{M[x \mapsto M(y) \text{ bop } M(z)]}$$

$$\overline{M \vdash x = y \text{ bop } n} \Rightarrow \overline{M[x \mapsto M(y) \text{ bop } n]}$$

$$\overline{M \vdash x = \text{uop } y} \Rightarrow \overline{M[x \mapsto \text{uop } M(y)]}$$

$$\overline{M \vdash x = y} \Rightarrow \overline{M[x \mapsto M(y)]} \quad \overline{M \vdash x = n} \Rightarrow \overline{M[x \mapsto n]}$$

$$\overline{M \vdash \text{goto } L} \Rightarrow \overline{M} \quad \overline{M \vdash \text{if } x \text{ goto } L} \Rightarrow \overline{M} \quad \overline{M \vdash \text{ifFalse } x \text{ goto } L} \Rightarrow \overline{M}$$

$$\frac{M(y) = (l, s) \quad M(i) = n \quad 0 \leq n \wedge n < s}{M \vdash x = y[i] \Rightarrow M[x \mapsto M((l, n))]}$$

$$\frac{M(x) = (l, s) \quad M(i) = n \quad 0 \leq n \wedge n < s}{M \vdash x[i] = y \Rightarrow M[(l, n) \mapsto M(y)]}$$

$$\overline{M \vdash \text{read } x} \Rightarrow \overline{M[x \mapsto n]} \quad \frac{M(x) = n}{\overline{M \vdash \text{write } x} \Rightarrow \overline{M}}$$

# Execution of a T Program

- 1 Set *instr* to the first instruction of the program.
- 2  $M = \lambda x.0$
- 3 Repeat:
  - 1 If *instr* is HALT, terminate the execution.
  - 2 Update  $M$  by  $M'$  such that  $M \vdash instr \Rightarrow M'$
  - 3 Update *instr* by the next instruction.
    - ★ When the current instruction is goto L, if x goto L, or ifFalse x goto L (with non-zero x), the next instruction is L.
    - ★ Otherwise, the next instruction is what immediately follows.

# Translation of Expressions

Examples:

- $2 \Rightarrow t = 2$ , where  $t$  holds the value of the expression (label is omitted)
- $x \Rightarrow t = x$
- $x[1] \Rightarrow t1 = 1, t2 = x[t1]$
- $2+3 \Rightarrow t1 = 2, t2 = 3, t3 = t1 + t2$
- $-5 \Rightarrow t1 = 5, t2 = -t1$
- $(x+1)+y[2] \Rightarrow t1=x, t2=1, t3=t1+t2, t4=2, t5=y[t4], t6=t3+t5$

# Translation of Expressions

$\mathbf{trans}_e : e \rightarrow \mathit{Var} \times \mathit{LabeledInstruction}^*$

$\mathbf{trans}_e(n) = (t, [t = n])$  ... new t

$\mathbf{trans}_e(x) = (t, [t = x])$  ... new t

$\mathbf{trans}_e(x[e]) = \text{let } (t_1, code) = \mathbf{trans}_e(e)$   
in  $(t_2, code@[t_2 = x[t_1]])$  ... new t<sub>2</sub>

$\mathbf{trans}_e(e_1 + e_2) = \text{let } (t_1, code_1) = \mathbf{trans}_e(e_1)$   
let  $(t_2, code_2) = \mathbf{trans}_e(e_2)$   
in  $(t_3, code_1@code_2@[t_3 = t_1 + t_2])$  ... new t<sub>3</sub>

$\mathbf{trans}_e(-e) = \text{let } (t_1, code_1) = \mathbf{trans}_e(e)$   
in  $(t_2, code_1@[t_2 = -t_1])$  ... new t<sub>2</sub>

# Translation of Statements

Examples:

- $x=1+2 \Rightarrow t_1 = 1; t_2 = 2; x = t_1 + t_2$
- $x[1]=2 \Rightarrow t_1 = 1; t_2 = 2; x[t_1] = t_2$
- $\text{if } (1) \ x=1; \text{ else } x=2; \Rightarrow$
- $\text{while } (x<10) \ x++; \Rightarrow$

# Translation of Statements

$\mathbf{trans}_s : stmt \rightarrow LabeledInstruction^*$

$\mathbf{trans}_s(x = e) = \text{let } (t_1, code_1) = \mathbf{trans}_e(e)$   
 $code_1 @ [x = t_1]$

$\mathbf{trans}_s(x[e_1] = e_2) = \text{let } (t_1, code_1) = \mathbf{trans}_e(e_1)$   
 $\text{let } (t_2, code_2) = \mathbf{trans}_e(e_2)$   
 $\text{in } code_1 @ code_2 @ [x[t_1] = t_2]$

$\mathbf{trans}_s(\text{read } x) = [\text{read } x]$

$\mathbf{trans}_s(\text{print } e) = \text{let } (t_1, code_1) = \mathbf{trans}_e(e)$   
 $\text{in } code_1 @ [\text{write } t_1]$

# Translation of Statements

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{trans}_s(\text{if } e \text{ stmt}_1 \text{ stmt}_2) = & \\ \text{let } (t_1, \text{code}_1) = \mathbf{trans}_e(e) & \\ \text{let } \text{code}_t = \mathbf{trans}_s(\text{stmt}_1) & \\ \text{let } \text{code}_f = \mathbf{trans}_s(\text{stmt}_2) & \\ \text{in } \text{code}_1 @ & \quad \dots \text{ new } l_t, l_f, l_x \\ \quad [\text{if } t_1 \text{ goto } l_t] @ & \\ \quad [\text{goto } l_f] @ & \\ \quad [(l_t, \text{skip})] @ & \\ \quad \quad \text{code}_t @ & \\ \quad \quad [\text{goto } l_x] @ & \\ \quad [(l_f, \text{skip})] @ & \\ \quad \quad \text{code}_f @ & \\ \quad \quad [\text{goto } l_x] @ & \\ \quad [(l_x, \text{skip})] & \end{aligned}$$

# Translation of Statements

$\mathbf{trans}_s(\text{while } e \text{ stmt}) =$

let  $(t_1, code_1) = \mathbf{trans}_e(e)$

let  $code_b = \mathbf{trans}_s(stmt)$

in  $[(l_e, \text{skip})]@$

$code_1@$

$[\text{ifFalse } t_1 \ l_x]@$

$code_b@$

$[\text{goto } l_e]@$

$[(l_x, \text{skip})]$

$\dots \text{new } l_e, l_x$

$\mathbf{trans}_s(\text{do } stmt \text{ while } e) =$

$\mathbf{trans}_s(stmt)@ \mathbf{trans}_s(\text{while } e \text{ stmt})$

## Others

Declarations:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{trans}_d(\text{int } x) &= [x = 0] \\ \mathbf{trans}_d(\text{int}[n] x) &= [x = \text{alloc}(n)]\end{aligned}$$

Blocks:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{trans}_b(d_1, \dots, d_n \ s_1, \dots, s_m) = \\ \mathbf{trans}_d(d_1) @ \dots @ \mathbf{trans}_d(d_n) @ \mathbf{trans}_s(s_1) @ \dots @ \mathbf{trans}_s(s_m)\end{aligned}$$

## Summary

- Translation from source language ( $\mathcal{S}$ ) to target language ( $\mathcal{T}$ ).
- Every automatic translation from language  $\mathcal{S}$  to  $\mathcal{T}$  is done *recursively* on the structure of the source language  $\mathcal{S}$ , while preserving some *invariant* during the translation.