Processing control structures

If statements

if <bool_expr_1> then
 <stmt_list_1>
elseif <bool_expr_2> then
 <stmt_list_2>
...
else
 <stmt_list_3>

endif



Generating code for ifs

```
if <bool_expr_1> then
   <stmt_list_1>
elseif <bool_expr_2> then
   <stmt_list_2>
else
   <stmt_list_3>
endif
```

<code for bool_expr_1> j<!op> ELSE_1 <code for stmt_list_1> jmp OUT ELSE_1: <code for bool_expr_2> j<!op> ELSE <code for stmt_list_2> jmp OUT ELSE: <code for stmt_list_3> **OUT:**

Notes on code generation

- The <op> in j<!op> is dependent on the type of comparison you are doing in <bool_expr>
- When you generate JUMP instructions, you should also generate the appropriate LABELs
 - But you may not put the LABEL into the code immediately
 - e.g., the OUT label (when should you create this? When should you put this in code?)
 - Instead, generate the labels when you first process the if statement (i.e., before you process the children) so that it's available when necessary
- Remember: labels have to be unique!

Directly generating binary code

- Recall difference between assembly code and machine code
 - Assembly code must be processed by assembler, machine code directly executable
 - One job of assembler: decide actual addresses to jump to instead of labels
- So what happens if we generate binary directly?
 - Need to insert JMP instructions before knowing where the label will be
- Solution: *backpatching*
 - Store offset of JMP instruction in semantic record
 - When label is created, access JMP instruction and "patch up" jump target

Processing Loops

While loops

while <bool_expr> do
 <stmt_list>
end



Generating code for do-while loops

do <stmt_list> while <bool_expr>; LOOP: <stmt_list> <bool expr> j<op> LOOP OUT:

- Note that we j<op> instead of j<! op>
 - Jump when the expression is *true*
- Re-evaluate expression each time
- Question: what would code for "while" loop look like?

For loops

for (<init_stmt>;<bool_expr>;<incr_stmt>)
 <stmt_list>
end



Generating code: for loops



- Execute init_stmt first
- Jump out of loop if bool_expr is false
- Execute incr_stmt after block, jump back to top of loop
- Question: Why do we have the INCR label?

continue and break statements



- Continue statements: skip past rest of block, perform incr_stmt and restart loop
- Break statements: jump out of loop (do not execute incr_stmt)
- Caveats:
 - Code for stmt_list is generated earlier-where do we jump?
 - Keep track of "loop depth" as you descend through AST

Switch statements



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Switch statements

```
switch (<expr>)
  case <const_list>: <stmt_list>
  case <const_list>: <stmt_list>
    ...
  default: <stmt_list>
  end
```

- Generated code should evaluate <expr> and make sure that some case matches the result
- Question: how to decide where to jump?

Deciding where to jump

- Problem: do not know *which label* to jump to until switch expression is evaluated
- Use a jump table: an array indexed by case values, contains address to jump to
 - If table is not full (i.e., some possible values are skipped), can point to a default clause
 - If default clause does not exist, this can point to error code
 - Problems
 - If table is sparse, wastes a lot of space
 - If many choices, table will be very large

Jump table example

Consider the code: ((xxxx) is address of code)

Case x is (0010) When 0: stmts (0017) When 1: stmts (0192) When 2: stmts (0198) When 3 stmts; (1000) When 5 stmts; (1050) Else stmts;

> Table only has one Unnecessary row (for choice 4)

Jump table has 6 entries:

0	JUMP 0010
Ι	JUMP 0017
2	JUMP 0192
3	JUMP 0198
4	JUMP 1050
5	JUMP 1000

Jump table example

Consider the code: ((xxxx) Is address of code)

Case x is (0010) When 0: stmts0 (0017) When 1: stmts1 (0192) When 2: stmts2 (0198) When 3 stmts3 (1000) When 987 stmts4 (1050) When others stmts5

Table only has 983 unnecessary rows. Doesn't appear to be the right thing to do! **NOTE: table size is proportional to range of choice clauses, not number of clauses!** Jump table has 6 entries:



Do a binary search

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Perform a binary search on the table. If the entry is found, then jump to that offset. If the entry isn't found, jump to others clause. $O(\log n)$ time, n is the size of the table, for each jump.

Linear search example

Consider the code: (xxxx) Is offset of local Code start from the Jump instruction

Case x is (0010) When 0: stmts (0017) When 1: stmts (0192) When 2: stmts (1050) When others stmts; If there are a small number of choices, then do an in-line linear search. A straightforward way to do this is generate code analogous to an IF THEN ELSE.

If (x == 0) then stmts I; Elseif (x = 1) then stmts2; Elseif (x = 2) then stmts3; Else stmts4;

O(n) time, n is the size of the table, for each jump.

Dealing with jump tables

```
switch (<expr>)
  case <const_list>: <stmt_list>
  case <const_list>: <stmt_list>
    ...
  default: <stmt_list>
end
```

```
 <expr> <code for jump table> LABEL0: 
   <stmt_list> LABEL1: 
   <stmt_list> ... 
DEFAULT: 
   <stmt_list> OUT:
```

- Generate labels, code, then build jump table
 - Put jump table after generated code
- Why do we need the OUT label?
 - In case of break statements

Case statements

- As in LITTLE
- What makes them different from switch statements?
 - Arbitrary expressions in each CASE
- How should you generate code for this?