Lab 4

Syntax-Directed Code Generation

Objective

During the previous lab, you have written your own interpreter of the MiniC language. In this lab the objective is to generate *valid* RISCV codes from MiniC programs:

- Generate 3-address code for the MiniC language.
- Generate executable "dummy" RISCV from programs in MiniC via two simple allocation algorithms.
- **Please follow instructions and COMMENT YOUR CODE!**

Student files are in the Git repository.

Make sure your Git repository is up-to-date, using git pull.

4.1 Preliminaries

This section must be read **carefully**.

Important remark From now on, we add the following restriction to the MiniC language: Values (variables, argument of println_int) are of type (signed) int or bool only (no float, no string, no char). Thus all values can be stored in regular registers or in one cell (64 bits) in memory. You can let your program crash (raise MiniCUnsupportedError(...)) if another type of variable is provided.

Note that real compilers would perform the code generation from a decorated AST (with type annotations attached to nodes). For simplicity, we will work on the non-decorated AST: our language is simple enough to generate code without decorations.

Structure of the compiler's code In the MiniC/Lib folder, we provide you with many utility functions. A detailed documentation of the library is given in the repository, and can be accessed at the root of the git repository by opening docs/index.html in a web browser such as Firefox.

As for other files in the MiniC directory:

- TP04/MiniCCodeGen3AVisitor.py is the code generation algorithm, implemented as a visitor.
- The file TP03/MiniCTypingVisitor.py is reused from lab3. If your typechecker is buggy, you can use the compiler's --disable-typecheck to run the code generation without typechecking, and give the value True to DISABLE_TYPECHECK in test_codegen.py.
- The main Python file, MiniCC.py as in lab3, now accepts new options related to code generation (check python3 MiniCC.py --help for a full list). Running

python3 MiniCC.py --mode codegen-linear <file>

launches the chain: production of 3-address code with temporaries, allocation, replacement, print.

- The script test_codegen.py will help you test your code. We will use it in Section [4.4](#page-4-0) through Makefile targets.
- The README-codegen.md file is to be completed progressively during the lab.

Re-test the command-line version of the RISCV simulator, for example with code from TP01:

```
cd ../TP01/riscv/
riscv64-unknown-elf-gcc libprint.s test_print.s -o test_print.riscv
spike -m100 pk test_print.riscv
cd ../../MiniC/
```
4.1.1 Conventions used in the assembly code

- All data items are stored on 64 bits (double-words, 8 bytes).
- Registers s1, s2, and s3 are reserved for temporary computations (e.g. to compute an address before or after an sd or a ld, or to store a value between a memory access and an arithmetic operation). Note that s0 is an alias for fp, hence s0 must not be used as a general purpose register either.
- Registers s4, ..., s11, t0, ..., t6 are general purpose registers, that can be used freely by the code generator. In your Python code, you can access the list of general-purpose registers with Operands.GP_REGS. si and ti registers will behave differently in presence of function calls, but are considered equivalent for now.
- To store properly in memory, it is mandatory to compute offsets from the "reserved" register fp. To be compatible with the RISCV ecosystem, we will use a stack **growing with decreasing addresses**. Thus data in the stack is accessed by adding a **negative offset** (multiple of 8) to fp. In other words, we use the memory locations $-8(fp)$, $-16(fp)$, ... The sp register points to the first data contained in the stack. It is always 16-byte (2 double-words) aligned.
- Registers a1 to a7 are not used at all for the moment.

4.1.2 Conventions used in the test suite

A few reminders and new features of the test suite:

- Test files should contain directives giving the expected behavior:
	- **–** // EXPECTED and the following lines to give the expected output;
	- **–** // EXITCODE n gives the expected return code of the compiler, i.e. // EXITCODE 1 when the code should be rejected by your typechecker (see previous lab for the specification of different exit codes);
	- **–** // SKIP TEST EXPECTED to specify that this test should not be run through test_expect (see below);
- Several tests are run on each .c files when launching make test-something (make test-naive, make test-lab4, etc.):
	- **–** test_expect, that compiles the file using riscv64-unknown-elf-gcc. It checks that EXPECTED directives are correct, but doesn't test your compiler.
	- **–** test_naive_alloc, test_alloc_mem, test_smart_alloc that compiles the file using your compiler, using the corresponding register allocation algorithm. The test suite leaves generated . s files next to the .c source file.
- make test FILTER=... can be used to restrict the set of files on which to run the test. Specify either a single file or an extended wildcard like TP04/tests/**/*while*.c.

4.2 First step: get familiar with the code and test suite

In this section you have to implement the course rules in order to produce RISCV code with temporaries. These rules are given in Figure [4.2](#page-8-0) on page [9](#page-8-0) and Figure [4.3](#page-9-0) on page [10.](#page-9-0)

Here is an example of the expected output of this part. From the following MiniC program:

```
#include "printlib.h"
int main() {
```

```
int a,n;
n = 1;a = 7;
```

```
while (n < a) {
 n = n+1;
}
println_int(n);
return 0;
```
}

the following code is supposed to be generated.

```
1##Automatically generated RISCV code, MIF08 & CAP
2 ##non executable 3-Address instructions version
3
4
5 ##prelude
6 # [...] Some automatically generated code that will be explained in a future lab
8 ##Generated Code
9 # [...] Some automatically generated code that will be explained in a future lab
10 li temp_0, 0
11 temp-1, 0
\frac{1}{2} # (stat (assignment n = (expr (atom 1))) ;
1 li temp_2, 1
14 mv temp_0, temp_2
15 \# (stat (assignment a = (expr (atom 7)));
16 li temp_3, 7
17 mv temp_1, temp_3
         18 # (stat (while_stat while ( (expr (expr (atom n)) < (expr (atom a))) ) (
     stat_block { (block (stat (assignment n = (expr (expr (atom n)) + (expr (atom 1))))
     ( ;)) })))
19 lbl_begin_while_1_main:
20 li temp_4, 0
21 bge temp_0, temp_1, lbl_end_relational_3_main
22 li temp<sub>-4</sub>, 1
23 lbl_end_relational_3_main:
24 beq temp_4, zero, lbl_end_while_2_main
\frac{25}{25} # (stat (assignment n = (expr (expr (atom n)) + (expr (atom 1)))) ;
26 li temp_5, 1
27 add temp_6, temp_0, temp_5
28 mv temp_0, temp_6
<sup>29</sup> j lbl_begin_while_1_main
30 lbl_end_while_2_main:
31 # (stat (print_stat println_int ( (expr (atom n)) ) ;))
32 mv a0, temp_0
         call println_int
34 # [...] Some automatically generated code that will be explained in a future lab
35
36 ##postlude
37 # [...] Some automatically generated code that will be explained in a future lab
```
4.2.1 3-address code generation on supported C file

In the skeleton, we provide you an incomplete MiniCCodeGen3AVisitor.py. To run it, type

```
make # to generate the lexer and parser
python3 MiniCC.py --mode codegen-linear TP04/tests/provided/step1/test00.c \
                  --reg-alloc=none
```
cat TP04/tests/provided/step1/test00.s

Observe the generated code, it is complete (the skeleton supports all features used in this input file). Since we used --reg-alloc=none, register allocation wasn't performed, so we still get temporaries in the output, which is not executable. We generated RISCV comments with MiniC statements to help debugging.

To get executable code, we provide you the naive (everything in registers) allocation:

```
python3 MiniCC.py --mode codegen-linear TP04/tests/provided/step1/test00.c \
                  --reg-alloc=naive --output TP04/tests/provided/step1/test00-naive.s
cat TP04/tests/provided/step1/test00-naive.s
riscv64-unknown-elf-gcc TP04/tests/provided/step1/test00-naive.s libprint.s \
                  -o TP04/tests/provided/step1/test00-naive.riscv
spike pk TP04/tests/provided/step1/test00-naive.riscv
```
This should ouptut 42 (plus the usual bbl loader line). You can automate this, plus the run of test_expect (see above) with:

make FILTER=TP04/tests/provided/step1/test00.c test-naive

4.2.2 3-address code generation on C file not supported by the skeleton

Now, run the same command on an input file not yet supported by the skeleton:

```
python3 MiniCC.py --mode codegen-linear TP04/tests/provided/step1/test00b.c \
                  --reg-alloc=none
```
You should get a NotImplementedError exception, with a backtrace pointing to the location in the generator where the feature (here, additive expressions) need to be implemented. To get an idea of what you'll need to implement, you may run:

git grep NotImplementedError

Here also, you can automate the test with:

make FILTER=TP04/tests/provided/step1/test00b.c test-naive

Off course, you can also run the whole test suite without FILTER:

make test-naive

A coverage report of the test suite is generated in htmlcov, it can help you identify untested parts of your code.

It is strongly advised to adopt a "test driven" methodology, i.e. run the test suite, see what fails, fix it, and iterate. When implementing a feature for which the skeleton has no test, write a test first.

The rest of the lab boils down to "make sure all tests pass and the test suite covers 100% of the generator and allocators".

4.3 3 address code generation

EXERCISE $#1 \triangleright$ **Basic cases for 3 address code generation**

Implement the 3-address code generation corresponding to test cases in TP04/tests/provided/step1/, i.e. make the following command succeeds:

```
make FILTER="TP04/tests/provided/step1/*" test-naive
```
EXERCISE #2 ► A few corner-cases

Some points may require extra care, in the implementation or in the tests:

- Don't forget the automatic initialization (in MiniC, unlike real C). Unlike the interpreter, initialization cannot be done by initializing a Python dictionary. Make sure the initialization code is properly generated.
- Don't forget the explicit errors for division by zero. We provide you a piece of assembly code raising the error (see print_code() given in the library of the skeleton), you need to generate the instruction to jump to this label (we get it with self._current_function.fdata.get_label_div_by_zero()) when the right operand of a division or modulo is 0.
- float and string are unsupported. The compiler raises MiniCUnsupportedError when encountering any of them. Tests are provided for this.

Note that testing the division by 0 requires a bit of attention. We need to check that the executable exits with code 1 at runtime, that the output is correct, but we can't check that GCC gives the same behavior because GCC doesn't give a clean error message. A test case may therefore be:

```
#include "printlib.h"
```

```
int main(){
        println_int(1 / 0);
        return 0;
}
// SKIP TEST EXPECTED
// EXECCODE 1
// EXPECTED
// Division by 0
```
Test and implement all these features.

EXERCISE #3 ► End of 3-address code generation for MiniC

Implement the 3-address code generation rules:

- for boolean expressions and numerical comparison: compute 1 (true) or 0 (false) in the destination register; be careful the not boolean instruction is not as easy as you could wish;
- while loops;
- if then else.

At this point all the tests should be ok for all files in directory TP04/tests/provided/step2/. However these tests are not sufficient, you should add some other ones (in the directory TP04/tests/students/). Run the test suite with make test-naive MODE=codegen-linear to use all the test files.

About if **and** while For tests (and boolean expressions), make sure you generate "conditional jumps" with:

self._current_function.add_instruction(RiscV.conditional_jump(label, op1, cond, op2))

where op1 (resp op2) is the left operand (resp right operand or the numerical constant 0, nothing else), i.e. a register or a value of the boolean condition cond (Condition('beq') for equality, for instance) ^{[1](#page-4-1)}, and label is a label to jump to if the condition evaluates to true.

Multiplicative expressions

EXERCISE #4 ► 3-address code generation for multiplicative expressions

If not already done, extend your work to multiplicative expressions. Conventions for division and multiplication should be the same as in C: division is truncated toward zero, and modulo is such that $(a/b) * b + a\% b = a$.

> $4/3 = 1$ $4\%3 = 1$ $(-4)/3 = -1$ $(-4)\%3 = -1$ $4/(-3) = -1$ $4\%(-3) = 1$ $(-4)/(-3) = 1$ $(-4)\%(-3) = -1$

¹We suggest to use git grep and find this class definition and this method somewhere in the library we provide.

4.4 More on the naive allocator

We provide you with an allocation method which allocates temporaries in registers as long as possible, and fails if there is no more available registers. The process takes as input the former 3-address code and transforms each instruction according to the allocation function. When there are not enough registers available, the allocator raises an AllocationError exception. The test suite is programmed to skip tests raising this exception (i.e. the test is neither considered as a success nor as a failure).

Open, read, understand the NaiveAllocator implementation in Lib/Allocator.py and how it is used to perform the actual RISCV code generation.

4.5 RISCV **code with "all-in-mem" allocation of temporaries**

Tests Up to now, you used make test-naive MODE=codegen-linear to test your code, and at this point all tests should pass, or be skipped (do not forget to make a test where the naive allocation uses too many registers!). From now on, you should use the more complete make test-mem MODE=codegen-linear command, that tests everything with the provided naive allocator, and the all-in-memory allocator you have to write. If you use MiniCC.py directly, the corresponding option is --reg-alloc=all-in-mem.

Check that make test-mem MODE=codegen-linear does fail. You can also run make test-lab4 to run the tests for all allocators in this lab.

Implementation As the number of registers for allocation is bounded by the number of available general purpose registers, i.e. 1en(Operands.GP_REGS), the naive allocator cannot deal with more temporaries than general-purpose registers: we have to find a way to store the results elsewhere. In this particular lab, we will use the following solution:

- The generated code will use memory locations in the stack.
- All values that are propagated from one rule to another (sub-expressions, . . .) must be stored in the stack, whose address will be stored in *F P*.
- *s*1,*s*2,*s*3 will be used to compute the value to store or as a destination register for the value(s) to read. Technically, only 2 of these registers are mandatory, but you should be cautious if you try a 2-registersonly solution.
- In order to know if a given (temporary) operand should be read and/or written, use the is_read_only method of the Instruction class.

Figure [4.1](#page-5-0) depicts the stack implementation for the RISCV machine, that follows the RISC-V calling convention (stack growing downwards, stack-pointer always 16-bytes aligned).

Figure 4.1: Memory model for RISCV

Following the convention that fp always stores the "begining of stack address", pushing the content of register *s*3 in the stack will be done following the steps:

- compute a new offset (call to the fresh_offset method).
- generate the following instruction:

```
sd s3, -offset*8(fp)
# sd = store double = 64-bits store# -offset*8(fp) = memory location at address fp-offset*8
```
Getting back the value is similar.

To understand the principle, complete manually the expected output for the following two statements. The temporary temp_3 is located at $-32(fp)$ and temp_4 is located at $-40(fp)$:

int x, y; $x=4$; $y=12+x$

Listing 4.1: 'all in mem alloc for test_while2b.c'

```
1 ##Generated code without prelude and postlude
\overline{z} # (stat (assignment x = (expr (atom 4))) ;)
\frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{2} temp 2.4
4 li s2, 4
         sd s2, -24(fp)\frac{1}{6} # end li temp_2, 4
         # mv temp_1, temp_2
1d \, s1, -24(fp)mv s2, s1
10 sd s2, -16(fp)\text{11} # end mv temp_1, temp_2
<sup>12</sup> # (stat (assignment y = (expr (expr (atom 12)) + (expr (atom x)))) ;)
13 # li temp_3, 12
14 # TODO 2 lines
15
16
# end li temp_3, 12
18 # add temp_4, temp_3, temp_1
# TODO 4 lines
20
21
2223
\frac{24}{24} # end add temp_4, temp_3, temp_1
\frac{25}{25} # mv temp_0, temp_4
26 # NOT TODO
```
EXERCISE $#5 \triangleright$ **Implement**

Now you are on your own to implement this code generation. The relevant file is TP04/AllInMemAllocator.py. Here are the main steps (less than 50 locs of PYTHON):

- 1. We have implemented for you an AllInMemAllocator.prepare() method. It only maps each temporary to a new offset in memory (in a PYTHON dict), allowing the use of the method get_alloced_loc() on a temporary used in the code.
- 2. Complete the method AllInMemAllocator.replace(old_instr) taking as input a "3-address with temporaries" RISCV code and outputs a list of instructions as a replacement. For instance, each time we access a source operand, we have to load it from memory before, thus the replace should contain something like

```
# regxxx is the register used to hold the value between the load and
# the operation itself (one of s1, s2, s3).
```

```
# loc is the place in memory where the temporary is allocated (of
# the form Offset(..., fp), obtained with get_alloced_loc().
before.append(RiscV.ld(regxxx, loc))
```
Be careful to not add useless ld or sd instructions!

The files you generate have to be tested with the RISCV simulator with the same script as before. **Of course, with "all-in-mem" allocation, tests that were "skipped" due to the lack of registers with the naive allocation should not be skipped for** test_alloc_mem**.**

More tests Now that your compiler can deal with a large number of temporaries, make sure all features are heavily tested (the test suite we provide is in no way sufficient).

4.6 Extensions

You may need to write tests that are accepted by your compiler but not by GCC. If you do so, add a // SKIP TEST EXPECTED directive in your tests, to disable the test_expect that would otherwise check your file using GCC.

EXERCISE #6 ► **C- or Fortran-like for loops code generation**

If you implemented one of the extensions in Lab 3, you can add it to code generation.

Note that the semantics of fortran-like loops when the loop counter is assigned within the loop makes the code generation harder than C-like loops, where the loop counter is a variable like any other.

4.7 Delivery

This lab will be graded, but we will only ask you to upload it along with its second part (Lab4b), which takes place next week. We highly recommend you to finish this part at least up to the all-in-mem allocator before, in particular all tests from make test-lab4 MODE=codegen-linear (including your own) should pass.

$\mathbf c$	
	$dest < - fresh_tmp()$
	code.add("li dest, c")
	return dest
X	
	# get the temporary associated to x.
	$tmp < - symbol_table[x]$
	return tmp
$e_1 + e_2$	
	$t1 < -$ GenCodeExpr(e_1)
	$t2 < -$ GenCodeExpr(e_2)
	dest <- fresh_tmp()
	code.add("add dest, t1, t2")
	return dest
$e_1\hbox{-} e_2$	
	$t1 < -$ GenCodeExpr(e_1)
	$t2 < -$ GenCodeExpr(e_2)
	$dest < -$ fresh_tmp()
	code.add("sub dest, t1, t2")
	return dest
true	
	dest <-fresh_tmp()
	code.add("li dest, 1") return dest
$e_1 < e_2$	
	$dest < -$ fresh_tmp()
	$t1 < -$ GenCodeExpr(e1)
	t2 <- GenCodeExpr(e2)
	endrel <- fresh_label()
	code.add("li dest, 0")
	# if t1>=t2 jump to endrel
	code.add("bge endrel, t1, t2")
	code.add("li dest, 1")
	code.addLabel(endrel)
	return dest

Figure 4.2: 3@ Code generation for numerical or Boolean expressions

Figure 4.3: 3@ Code generation for Statements

Appendix A

RISCV **Assembly Documentation (ISA), rv64g**

About

- RISCV is an open instruction set initially developed by Berkeley University, used among others by Western Digital, Alibaba and Nvidia.
- We are using the rv64g instruction set: **R**isc-**V**, 64 bits, **G**eneral purpose (base instruction set, and extensions for floating point, atomic and multiplications), without compressed instructions. In practice, we will use only 32 bits instructions (and very few of floating point instructions).
- Document: Laure Gonnord and Matthieu Moy, for CAP and MIF08.

This is a simplified version of the machine, which is (hopefully) conform to the chosen simulator.

A.1 Installing the simulator and getting started

To get the RISCV assembler and simulator, follow instructions of the first lab (git pull on the course lab repository).

A.2 The RISCV **architecture**

Here is an example of RISCV assembly code snippet (a proper main function would be needed to execute it, cf. course and lab):

```
addi a0, zero, 17 # initialisation of a register to 17
2 loop:
  addi a0, a0, -1 # subtraction of an immediate
  j loop # equivalent to jump xx
```
The rest of the documentation is adapted from [https://github.com/riscv/riscv-asm-manual/blob/](https://github.com/riscv/riscv-asm-manual/blob/master/riscv-asm.md) [master/riscv-asm.md](https://github.com/riscv/riscv-asm-manual/blob/master/riscv-asm.md) and [https://github.com/jameslzhu/riscv-card/blob/master/riscv-card.](https://github.com/jameslzhu/riscv-card/blob/master/riscv-card.pdf) [pdf](https://github.com/jameslzhu/riscv-card/blob/master/riscv-card.pdf)

A.3 (Incomplete) RISC-V Assembly Programmer's Manual

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A.3.2 Registers

Registers are the most important part of any processor. RISC-V defines various types, depending on which extensions are included: The general registers (with the program counter), control registers, floating point registers (F extension), and vector registers (V extension). We won't use control nor F or V registers.

General registers

The RV32I base integer ISA includes 32 registers, named $x0$ to $x31$. The program counter PC is separate from these registers, in contrast to other processors such as the ARM-32. The first register, $x0$, has a special function: Reading it always returns 0 and writes to it are ignored.

In practice, the programmer doesn't use this notation for the registers. Though x1 to x31 are all equally general-use registers as far as the processor is concerned, by convention certain registers are used for special tasks. In assembler, they are given standardized names as part of the RISC-V **application binary interface** (ABI). This is what you will usually see in code listings. If you really want to see the numeric register names, the -M argument to objdump will provide them.

Registers of the RV32I. Based on RISC-V documentation and Patterson and Waterman "The RISC-V Reader" (2017)

As a general rule, the **saved registers** s0 to s11 are preserved across function calls, while the **argument registers** a0 to a7 and the **temporary registers** t0 to t6 are not. The use of the various specialized registers such as sp by convention will be discussed later in more detail.

A.3.3 Instructions

Arithmetic

add, addi, sub, classically.

addi a0, zero, 42

initialises a θ to $0 + 42 = 42$.

Labels

Text labels are used as branch, unconditional jump targets and symbol offsets. Text labels are added to the symbol table of the compiled module.

loop:

j loop

Jumps and branches target is encoded with a relative offset in bytes. It is relative to the beginning of the current instruction. For example, the self-loop above corresponds to an offset of 0 bytes.

Branching

Test and jump, within the same instruction:

beq a0, a1, end

tests whether the values stored in a0 and a1 are equal, and jumps to 'end' if so.

Absolute addressing

The following example shows how to load an absolute address:

```
.section .text
.globl _start
_start:
         lui a0, \frac{\text{Chi}(\text{msg})}{\text{chi}(\text{msg})} # load \text{msg}(\text{hi})addi a0, a0, %lo(msq) # load msq(lo)
         jal ra, puts
2: j 2b
.section .rodata
msg:
          .string "Hello World\n"
   which generates the following assembler output and relocations as seen by objdump:
```

```
000000000000000000 <_ start>:
  0: 000005b7 lui a1,0x0
         0: R_RISCV_HI20 msg
  4: 00858593 addi a1,a1,8 # 8 <.L21>
         4: R_RISCV_LO12_I msg
```
Relative addressing

The following example shows how to load a PC-relative address:

```
.section .text
.globl _start
_start:
1: auipc a0, %pcrel_hi(msg) # load msg(hi)
       addi a0, a0, %pcrel_lo(1b) # load msg(lo)
       jal ra, puts
2: j 2b
.section .rodata
msg:
        .string "Hello World\n"
```
which generates the following assembler output and relocations as seen by objdump:

```
0000000000000000000 <_ start>:
  0: 00000597 auipc a1.0x0
          0: R_RISCV_PCREL_HI20 msg
  4: 00858593 addi a1,a1,8 # 8 <.L21>
          4: R_RISCV_PCREL_LO12_I .L11
```
Load Immediate

The following example shows the li pseudo instruction which is used to load immediate values:

li a0, 0x76543210

which generates the following assembler output as seen by objdump (generated code will be different depending on the constant):

Load Address

The following example shows the la pseudo instruction which is used to load symbol addresses:

```
.section .text
.globl _start
_start:
        la a0, msg
.section .rodata
msg:
        .string "Hello World\n"
```
A.3.4 Assembler directives for CAP and MIF08

Both the RISC-V-specific and GNU .-prefixed options. The following table lists assembler directives:

A.3.5 Assembler Relocation Functions

The following table lists assembler relocation expansions:

A.3.6 Instruction encoding

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Core Instruction Formats

"imm[x:y]" means "bits x to y from binary representation of imm". "imm[y|x]" means "bits y, then x of imm". Negative immediate values are stored using two's complement (e.g. -1 is 1111. . . 1).

RV32I Base Integer Instructions - CAP subset

Pseudo Instructions

RV32M Multiply Extension (basic instructions)

