



Chapter 9

Intermediate code generation

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Learning Targets of Chapter “Intermediate code generation”.

1. intermediate code
2. three-address code and P-code
3. translation to those forms
4. translation between those forms



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Basic: From P-code to 3A-Code and back: static simulation & macro expansion

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Control statements and logical expressions



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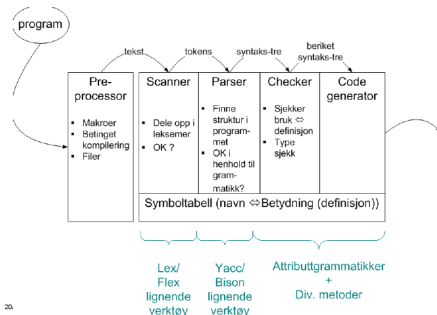
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Schematic anatomy of a compiler¹



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- code generator:
 - may in itself be “phased”
 - using additional intermediate representation(s) (IR) and *intermediate code*

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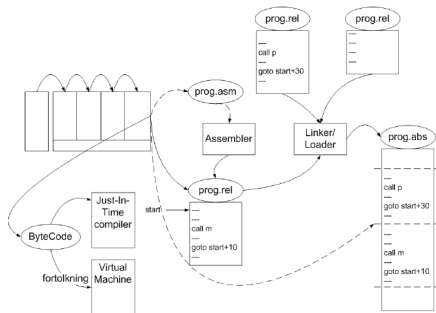
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¹This section is based on slides from Stein Krogdahl, 2015.

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Various forms of “executable” code

- different forms of code: relocatable vs. “absolute” code, relocatable code from libraries, assembler, etc
- often: specific file extensions
 - Unix/Linux etc.
 - asm: *.s
 - rel: *.a
 - rel from library: *.a
 - abs: files without file extension (but set as executable)
 - Windows:
 - abs: *.exe²
- *byte code* (specifically in Java)
 - a form of intermediate code, as well
 - executable on the JVM
 - in .NET/C#: *CIL*
 - also called byte-code, but compiled further



².exe-files include more, and “assembly” in .NET even more

Generating code: compilation to machine code

- 3 main forms or variations:
 1. machine code in textual **assembly format** (assembler can “compile” it to 2. and 3.)
 2. **relocatable** format (further processed by *loader*)
 3. **binary** machine code (directly executable)
 - seen as different representations, but otherwise equivalent
 - in practice: for *portability*
 - as another intermediate code: “platform independent” *abstract machine code* possible.
 - capture features shared roughly by many platforms
 - e.g. there are *stack frames*, static links, and push and pop, but *exact* layout of the frames is platform dependent
 - platform dependent details:
 - platform dependent code
 - filling in call-sequence / linking conventions
- done in a last step



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Byte code generation

- semi-compiled well-defined format
- platform-independent
- further away from any HW, quite more high-level
- for example: Java byte code (or CIL for .NET and C#)
 - can be interpreted, but often compiled further to machine code (“just-in-time compiler” JIT)
- executed (interpreted) on a “virtual machine” (JVM)
- often: *stack-oriented* execution code (in post-fix format)
- also *internal* intermediate code (in compiled languages) may have stack-oriented format (“P-code”)



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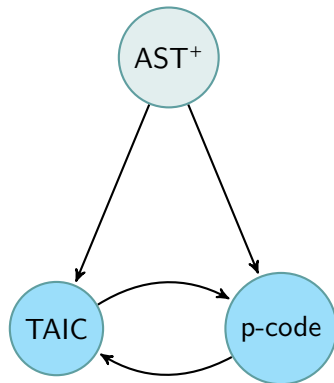
Use of intermediate code

- two kinds of IC covered
 1. **three-address code** (TAIC)
 - generic (platform-independent) abstract machine code
 - new names for all intermediate results
 - can be seen as unbounded pool of machine registers
 - advantages (portability, optimization ...)
 2. **P-code** (“Pascal-code”, a la Java “byte code”)
 - originally proposed for interpretation
 - now often translated before execution (cf. JIT-compilation)
 - intermediate results in a *stack* (with postfix operations)
- *many* variations and elaborations for both kinds
 - addresses *symbolically* or represented as *numbers* (or both)
 - granularity/“instruction set”/level of abstraction: high-level op’s available e.g., for array-access or: translation in more elementary op’s needed.
 - operands (still) typed or not
 - ...



Various translations in the lecture

- AST here: tree structure *after* semantic analysis, let's call it AST⁺ or just simply AST.
- translation AST \Rightarrow P-code: approx. as in Oblig 2
- we touch upon many general problems/techniques in "translations"
- one (important one) we ignore for now: *register allocation*





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Three-address code

- common (form of) IR

TA: Basic format

$$x = y \text{ op } z$$

- x, y, z : names, constants, temporaries . . .
- some operations need fewer arguments

- example of a (common) **linear IR**
- *linear* IR: ops include *control-flow* instructions (like jumps)
- alternative linear IRs (on a similar level of abstraction): 1-address code (stack-machine code), 2 address code
- well-suited for optimizations
- modern architectures often have 3-address code like instruction sets (RISC-architectures)

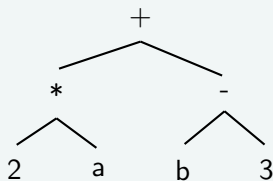


3AC example (expression)



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$2 * a + (b - 3)$



Three-address code

```
t1 = 2 * a
t2 = b - 3
t3 = t1 + t2
```

alternative sequence

```
t1 = b - 3
t2 = 2 * a
t3 = t2 + t1
```

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TAIC instruction set

- basic format: $x = y \text{ op } z$
- but also:
 - $x = \text{op } z$
 - $x = y$
- *operators*: $+, -, *, /, <, >$, and, or
- read x , write x
- label L (sometimes called a “pseudo-instruction”)
- conditional jumps: `if_false x goto L`
- $t_1, t_2, t_3 \dots$ (or $t1, t2, t3, \dots$): **temporaries** (or temporary variables)
 - assumed: *unbounded* reservoir of those
 - note: “non-destructive” assignments (single-assignment)



Illustration: translation to TAIC



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Source

```
read x; { input an integer }
if 0<x then
  fact := 1;
  repeat
    fact := fact * x;
    x := x - 1
  until x = 0;
  write fact { output:
    factorial of x }
end
```

Target: TAIC

```
read x
t1 = x > 0
if_false t1 goto L1
fact = 1
label L2
t2 = fact * x
fact = t2
t3 = x - 1
x = t3
t4 = x == 0
if_false t4 goto L2
write fact
label L1
halt
```

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Variations in the design of TA-code



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- provide operators for `int`, `long`, `float`?
- how to represent program *variables*
 - names/symbols
 - pointers to the declaration in the symbol table?
 - (abstract) machine address?
- how to store/represent TA *instructions*?
 - **quadruples**: 3 “addresses” + the op
 - *triple* possible (if target-address (left-hand side) is always a *new temporary*)

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Quadruple-representation for TAIC (in C)



```
typedef enum {rd,gt,if_f,asn,lab,mul,  
             sub,eq,wri,halt,. . .} OpKind;  
typedef enum {Empty,IntConst,String} AddrKind;  
typedef struct  
    { AddrKind kind;  
      union  
        { int val;  
          char * name;  
        } contents;  
    } Address;  
typedef struct  
    { OpKind op;  
      Address addr1,addr2,addr3;  
    } Quad;
```

operasjonskodene

*Hver adresse har
denne formen*

op:	- opkind (opcode)
addr1:	- kind, val/name
addr2:	- kind, val/name
addr3:	- kind, val/name

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- different common intermediate code / IR
- aka “one-address code”³ or stack-machine code
- originally developed for Pascal
- remember: post-fix printing of syntax trees (for expressions) and “reverse polish notation”

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³There's also two-address codes, but those have fallen more or less in disuse.

Example: expression evaluation $2*a+(b-3)$



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```
ldc 2 ; load constant 2
lod a ; load value of variable a
mpi ; integer multiplication
lod b ; load value of variable b
ldc 3 ; load constant 3
sbi ; integer subtraction
adi ; integer addition
```

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P-code for assignments: $x := y + 1$



- assignments:
 - variables left and right: *L-values* and *R-values*
 - cf. also the values \leftrightarrow references/addresses/pointers

```
lda x      ; load address of x
lod y      ; load value of y
ldc 1      ; load constant 1
adi        ; add
sto        ; store top to address
           ; below top & pop both
```

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P-code of the faculty function



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    x := x - 1;
  until x = 0;
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end
```

```
1  lda x      ; load address of x
   rdi       ; read an integer, store to
           ; address on top of stack (& pop it)
2  lod x      ; load the value of x
   ldc 0     ; load constant 0
   grt       ; pop and compare top two values
           ; push Boolean result
   fjp L1    ; pop Boolean value, jump to L1 if false
3  lda fact   ; load address of fact
   ldc 1     ; load constant 1
   sto       ; pop two values, storing first to
           ; address represented by second
4  lab L2     ; definition of label L2
   lda fact   ; load address of fact
5  lod fact   ; load value of fact
   lod x     ; load value of x
   mpi       ; multiply
   sto       ; store top to address of second & pop
6  lda x     ; load address of x
   lod x     ; load value of x
   ldc 1     ; load constant 1
   sbi       ; subtract
   sto       ; store (as before)
7  lod x     ; load value of x
   ldc 0     ; load constant 0
   equ       ; test for equality
   fjp L2    ; jump to L2 if false
8  lod fact   ; load value of fact
   wri       ; write top of stack & pop
   lab L1    ; definition of label L1
9  stp
```

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$exp_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{id} = exp_2$

$exp \rightarrow aexp$

$aexp \rightarrow aexp_2 + factor$

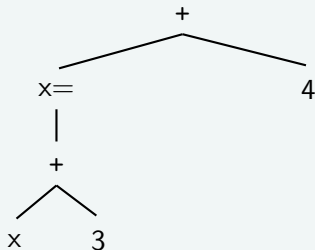
$aexp \rightarrow factor$

$factor \rightarrow (exp)$

$factor \rightarrow \mathbf{num}$

$factor \rightarrow \mathbf{id}$

$(x=x+3) + 4$



Generating p-code with a-grammars



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- goal: p-code as *attribute* of the grammar symbols/nodes of the syntax trees
- *syntax-directed translation*
- technical task: turn the syntax tree into a *linear* IR (here P-code)
 - ⇒
 - “linearization” of the syntactic tree structure
 - while translating the nodes of the tree (the syntactical sub-expressions) one-by-one
- not recommended at any rate (for modern/reasonably complex language): code generation *while* parsing⁴

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⁴one can use the a-grammar formalism also to describe the treatment of ASTs, not concrete syntax trees/parse trees.

A-grammar for statements/expressions

- focus here on expressions/assignments: leaving out certain complications
- in particular: control-flow complications
 - two-armed conditionals
 - loops, etc.
- also: code-generation “intra-procedural” only, rest is filled in as *call-sequences*
- A-grammar for intermediate code-gen:
 - rather simple and straightforward
 - only 1 *synthesized* attribute: pcode



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A-grammar

- “string” concatenation: ++ (construct separate instructions) and ^ (construct one instruction)⁵

productions/grammar rules	semantic rules
$exp_1 \rightarrow id = exp_2$	$exp_1.pcode = \text{"lda"}^{\wedge} id.strval + exp_2.pcode + \text{"stn"}$
$exp \rightarrow aexp$	$exp.pcode = aexp.pcode$
$aexp_1 \rightarrow aexp_2 + factor$	$aexp_1.pcode = aexp_2.pcode + factor.pcode + \text{"adi"}$
$aexp \rightarrow factor$	$aexp.pcode = factor.pcode$
$factor \rightarrow (exp)$	$factor.pcode = exp.pcode$
$factor \rightarrow num$	$factor.pcode = \text{"ldc"}^{\wedge} num.strval$
$factor \rightarrow id$	$factor.pcode = \text{"lod"}^{\wedge} num.strval$

⁵So, the result is not 100% linear. In general, one should not produce a flat string already.

$(x = x + 3) + 4$



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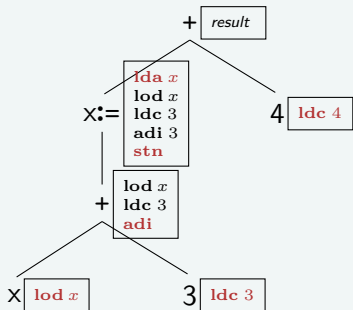
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Attributed tree



“result” attr.

```
lda x
lod x
ldc 3
adi
stn
ldc 4
adi ; +
```

- note: here $x=x+3$ has side effect *and* “return” value (as in C ...):
- `stn` (“store non-destructively”)
 - similar to `sto`, but *non-destructive*
 1. take top element, store it at address represented by 2nd top
 2. discard address, but not the top-value

Overview: p-code data structures



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```
type symbol = string
```

```
type expr =  
  | Var of symbol  
  | Num of int  
  | Plus of expr * expr  
  | Assign of symbol * expr
```

```
type instr =  
  (* p-code instructions *)  
  | LDC of int  
  | LOD of symbol  
  | LDA of symbol  
  | ADI  
  | STN  
  | STO
```

```
type tree = Oneline of instr  
  | Seq of tree * tree
```

```
type program = instr list
```

- symbols:
 - here: strings for *simplicity*
 - concretely, symbol table may be involved, or variable names already resolved in addresses etc.

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Two-stage translation

```
val to_tree: Astexprassign.expr -> Pcode.tree
```

```
val linearize: Pcode.tree -> Pcode.program
```

```
val to_program: Astexprassign.expr -> Pcode.program
```

```
let rec to_tree (e: expr) =  
  match e with  
  | Var s -> (Oonline (LOD s))  
  | Num n -> (Oonline (LDC n))  
  | Plus (e1, e2) ->  
    Seq (to_tree e1 ,  
        Seq(to_tree e2, Oonline ADI))  
  | Assign (x, e) ->  
    Seq (Oonline (LDA x),  
        Seq(to_tree e, Oonline STN))  
  
let rec linearize (t: tree) : program =  
  match t with  
  | Oonline i -> [i]  
  | Seq (t1, t2) -> (linearize t1) @ (linearize t2);; // list concat  
  
let to_program e = linearize (to_tree e);;
```



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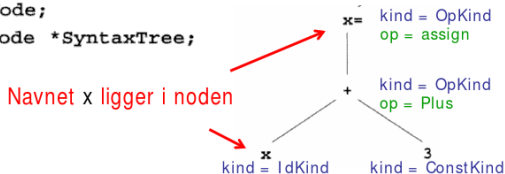
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Source language AST data in C

```
typedef enum {Plus,Assign} Optype;
typedef enum {OpKind,ConstKind,IdKind} NodeKind;
typedef struct streenode
{
    NodeKind kind;
    Optype op; /* used with OpKind */
    struct streenode *lchild,*rchild;
    int val; /* used with ConstKind */
    char * strval;
    /* used for identifiers and numbers */
} STreeNode;
typedef STreeNode *SyntaxTree;
```



- remember though: there are more dignified ways to design ASTs ...



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Code-generation via tree traversal (schematic)



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```
procedure genCode(T: treenode)
begin
  if T ≠ nil
  then
    ``generate code to prepare for code for left child'' // prefix
    genCode (left child of T); // prefix ops
    ``generate code to prepare for code for right child'' //infix
    genCode (right child of T); // infix ops
    ``generate code to implement action(s) for T'' //postfix
  end;
```

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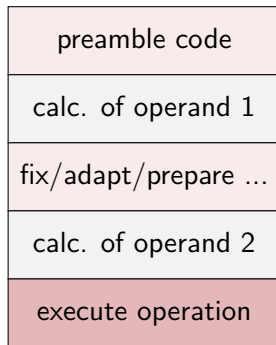
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Code generation from AST⁺

- main “challenge”:
linearization
- here: relatively simple
- no control-flow constructs
- linearization here (see a-grammar):
 - string of p-code
 - not necessarily the best choice (p-code might still need translation to “real” executable code)



Code generation

```
void genCode( SyntaxTree t)
{ char codestr[CODESIZE];
  /* CODESIZE = max length of 1 line o
  if (t != NULL)
  { switch (t->kind)
    { case OpKind:
      switch (t->op)
      { case Plus:
        genCode(t->lchild); ← rek.kall
        genCode(t->rchild); ← rek.kall
        emitCode("adi");
        break;
      }
    }
  }
}
```

all
all

```
case Assign:
  sprintf(codestr,"%s %s",
          "lda",t->strval);
  emitCode(codestr);
  genCode(t->lchild); ← rek.kall
  emitCode("stn");
  break;
default:
  emitCode("Error");
  break;
}
break;
case ConstKind:
  sprintf(codestr,"%s %s","ldc",t->strval);
  emitCode(codestr);
  break;
case IdKind:
  sprintf(codestr,"%s %s","lod",t->strval);
  emitCode(codestr);
  break;
default:
  emitCode("Error");
  break;
```



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3AC manual translation again



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Target: 3AC

Source

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read x; { input an integer }
if 0<x then
  fact := 1;
  repeat
    fact := fact * x;
    x := x -1
  until x = 0;
  write fact { output:
               factorial of x }
end
```

```
read x
t1 = x > 0
if_false t1 goto L1
fact = 1
label L2
t2 = fact * x
fact = t2
t3 = x - 1
x = t3
t4 = x == 0
if_false t4 goto L2
write fact
label L1
halt
```

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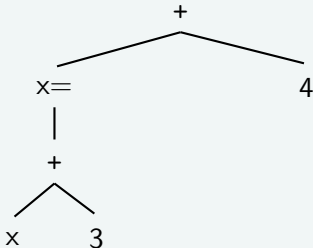
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Three-address code data structures (some)

```
type symbol = string

type expr =
  | Var of symbol
  | Num of int
  | Plus of expr * expr
  | Assign of symbol * expr
```

```
type mem =
  | Var of symbol
  | Temp of symbol
  | Addr of symbol (* &x *)

type operand = Const of int
              | Mem of mem

type cond = Bool of operand
           | Not of operand
           | Eq of operand * operand
           | Leq of operand * operand
           | Le of operand * operand

type rhs = Plus of operand * operand
          | Times of operand * operand
          | Id of operand

type instr =
  | Read of symbol
  | Write of symbol
  | Lab of symbol
  (* pseudo instruction *)
  | Assign of symbol * rhs
  (* a := b[i] *)
  | AssignRI of operand * operand * operand
  (* a[i] := b *)
  | AssignLI of operand * operand * operand
  | BranchComp of cond * label
  | Halt
  | Nop

type tree = Onewline of instr
           | Seq of tree * tree
```


Three-address code by synthesized attributes

- similar to the representation for p-code
- again: purely synthesized
- semantics of executing expressions/assignments⁶
 - side-effect plus also
 - value
- *two* attributes (before: only 1)
 - tacode: instructions (as before, as string), potentially empty
 - name: “name” of variable or tempary, where result resides⁷
- evaluation of expressions: *left-to-right* (as before)

⁶That's one possibility of a semantics of assignments (C, Java).

⁷In the p-code, the result of evaluating expression (also assignments) ends up in the stack (at the top). Thus, one does not need to capture it in an attribute.



A-grammar

productions/grammar rules	semantic rules
$exp_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{id} = exp_2$	$exp_1.name = exp_2.name$ $exp_1.tacode = exp_2.tacode +$ $\quad \mathbf{id.strval} \wedge \mathbf{""} \wedge exp_2.name$
$exp \rightarrow aexp$	$exp.name = aexp.name$ $exp.tacode = aexp.tacode$
$aexp_1 \rightarrow aexp_2 + factor$	$aexp_1.name = newtemp()$ $aexp_1.tacode = aexp_2.tacode + factor.tacode +$ $\quad aexp_1.name \wedge \mathbf{""} \wedge aexp_2.name \wedge$ $\quad \mathbf{""} \wedge factor.name$
$aexp \rightarrow factor$	$aexp.name = factor.name$ $aexp.tacode = factor.tacode$
$factor \rightarrow (exp)$	$factor.name = exp.name$ $factor.tacode = exp.tacode$
$factor \rightarrow \mathbf{num}$	$factor.name = \mathbf{num.strval}$ $factor.tacode = \mathbf{""}$
$factor \rightarrow \mathbf{id}$	$factor.name = \mathbf{num.strval}$ $factor.tacode = \mathbf{""}$

Another sketch of TA-code generation



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```
switch kind {
  case OpKind:
    switch op {
      case Plus: {
        tempname = new temporary name;
        varname_1 = recursive call on left subtree;
        varname_2 = recursive call on right subtree;
        emit ("tempname = varname_1 + varname_2");
        return (tempname);}
      case Assign: {
        varname = id. for variable on lhs (in the node);
        varname 1 = recursive call in left subtree;
        emit ("varname = opname");
        return (varname);}
    }
  case ConstKind: { return (constant-string); } // emit nothing
  case IdKind: { return (identifier); } // emit nothing
}
```

- “return” of the two attributes
 - name of the variable (a *temporary*): officially returned
 - the code: via *emit*
- note: *postfix* emission only (in the shown cases)

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- possible: add `genCode` as *method* to the nodes of the AST
- e.g.: define an abstract method `String genCodeTA()` in the `Exp` class (or `Node`, in general all AST nodes where needed)

```
String genCodeTA() { String s1, s2; String t = NewTemp();  
    s1 = left.GenCodeTA();  
    s2 = right.GenCodeTA();  
    emit (t + "=" + s1 + op + s2);  
    return t  
}
```

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```
let rec to_tree (e: expr) : tree * temp =
  match e with
  | Var s -> (Online Nop, s)
  | Num i -> (Online Nop, string_of_int i)
  | Ast.Plus (e1, e2) ->
    (match (to_tree e1, to_tree e2) with
     ((c1, t1), (c2, t2)) ->
      let t = newtemp() in
      (Seq(Seq(c1, c2),
             Online (
               Assign (t,
                       Plus(Mem(Temp(t1)), Mem(Temp(t2)))))),
        t))
  | Ast.Assign (s', e') ->
    let (c, t2) = to_tree(e')
    in (Seq(c,
           Online (Assign(s',
                          Id(Mem(Temp(t2)))))),
       t2)
```

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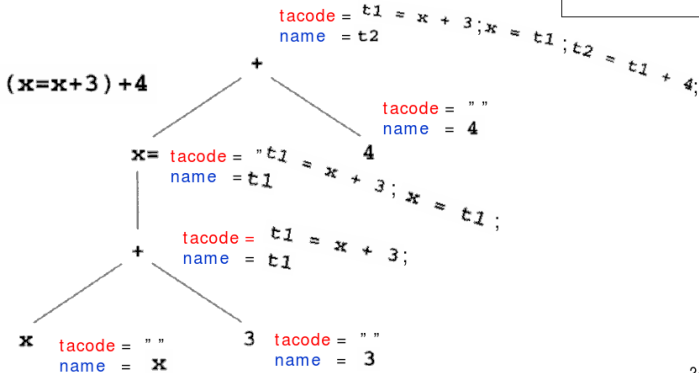
Attributed tree (x=x+3) + 4



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"name": navn på variabelen der svaret ligger

```
t1 = x + 3
x = t1
t2 = t1 + 4
```



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- note: room for optimization

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Basic: From P-code to 3A-Code and back: static simulation & macro expansion

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“Static simulation”

- *illustrated* by transforming P-code \Rightarrow 3AC
- restricted setting: straight-line code
- cf. also *basic blocks* (or elementary blocks)
 - code without branching or other control-flow complications (jumps/conditional jumps. . .)
 - often considered as basic building block for static/semantic analyses,
 - e.g. basic blocks as nodes in *control-flow graphs*, the “non-semicolon” control flow constructs result in the edges
- terminology: static simulation seems not widely established
- cf. *abstract interpretation*, *symbolic execution*, etc.



P-code \Rightarrow 3AC via “static simulation”



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- difference:
 - p-code operates on the *stack*
 - leaves the needed “temporary memory” implicit
- given the (straight-line) p-code:
 - traverse the code = list of instructions from beginning to end
 - seen as “simulation”
 - conceptually at least, but also
 - concretely: the translation can make *use* of an actual stack

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From P-code \Rightarrow 3AC: illustration



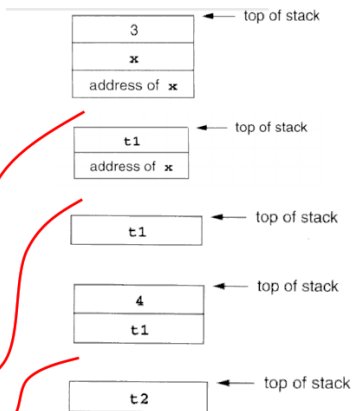
$(x = x + 3) + 4$

P-kode:

```
lda x
lod x
ldc 3
adi
stn
ldc 4
adi
```

Ønskemål:

```
t1 = x + 3
x = t1
t2 = t1 + 4
```



Som vi ser: Vi får den kode-sekvensen vi ønsket oss!

P-code \leftarrow 3AC: macro expansion

- also here: simplification, illustrating the general technique, only
- main simplification:
 - register allocation
 - but: better done in just another optimization “phase”

Macro for general 3AC instruction: $a = b + c$

```
lda a
lod b;    or  ``ldc b'' if b is a const
lod c:    or  ``ldc c'' if c is a const
adi
sto
```



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Example: P-code \leftarrow 3AC $((x=x+3) +4)$



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source 3A-code

```
t1 = x + 3
x = t2
t2 = t1 + 4
```

Direct P-code

```
lda x
lod x
ldc 3
adi
stn
ldc 4
adi ; +
```

P-code via 3A-code by macro exp.

```
;--- t1 = x + 3
lda t1
lod x
ldc 3
adi
sto
;--- x = t1
lda x
lod t1
sto
;--- t2 = t1 + 4
lda t2
lod t1
ldc 4
adi
sto
```

cf. indirect 13 instructions vs. direct: 7 instructions

Indirect code gen: source code \Rightarrow 3AC \Rightarrow p-code

- as seen: *detour* via 3AC leads to sub-optimal results (code size, also efficiency)
- basic deficiency: too many *temporaries*, memory traffic etc.
- several possibilities
 - avoid it altogether, of course (but remember JIT in Java)
 - chance for *code optimization* phase
 - here: more clever “macro expansion” (but sketch only)

the more clever macro expansion: some form of *static simulation* again

- don't macro-expand the linear 3AC
 - brainlessly into another *linear* structure (P-code), but
 - “statically simulate” it into a more *fancy* structure (a *tree*)



“Static simulation” into tree form (sketch)

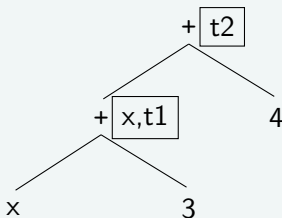
- more fancy form of “static simulation” of 3AIC
- *result*: tree labelled with
 - operator, together with
 - variables/temporaries containing the results



Source

```
t1 = x + 3  
x = t2  
t2 = t1 + 4
```

Tree



note: instruction $x = t1$ from 3AC:
does *not* lead to more nodes in the tree

P-code generation from the generated tree



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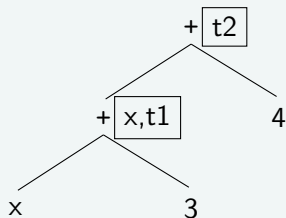
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Direct code = indirect code

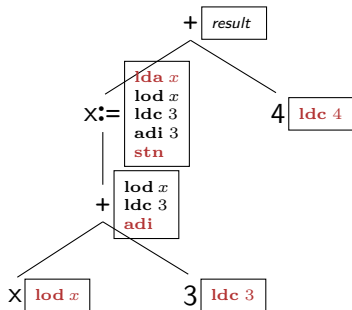
```
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lod x
ldc 3
adi
stn
ldc 4
adi ; +
```

- with the thusly (re-)constructed tree
- ⇒ p-code generation
- as before done for the AST
 - remember: code as synthesized attributes
 - the “trick”: reconstruct essential syntactic tree structure (via “static simulation”) from the 3AI-code
 - Cf. the macro expanded code: additional “memory traffic” (e.g. temp. t_1)

Compare: AST (with direct p-code attributes)



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- so far: a number of simplifications
 - data types:
 - integer constants only
 - no complex types (arrays, records, references, etc.)
 - control flow
 - only expressions and
 - sequential composition
- ⇒ straight-line code

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Address modes and address calculations



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- so far,
 - just standard “variables” (l-variables and r-variables) and temporaries, as in $x = x + 1$
 - variables referred to by their *names* (symbols)
- but in the end: variables are represented by *addresses*
- more complex *address calculations* needed

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addressing modes in 3AIC:

- $\&x$: *address* of x (not for temporaries!)
- $*t$: *indirectly* via t

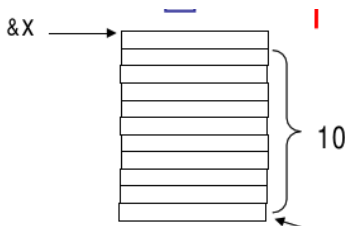
addressing modes in P-code

- `ind i`: *indirect load*
- `ixa a`: *indexed address*

Address calculations in 3AIC: $x[10] = 2$

- notationally represented as in C
- “pointer arithmetic” and address calculation with the available numerical ops

```
t1 = &x + 10  
*t1 = 2
```



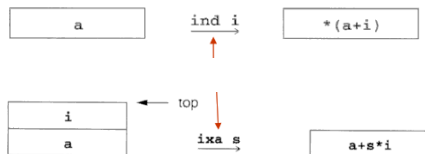
- 3-address-code data structure (e.g., quadrupel):
extended (adding address mode)



Address calculations in P-code: $x[10] = 2$

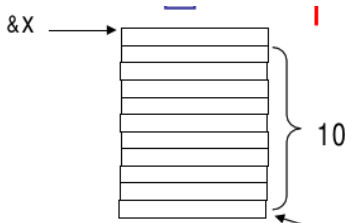


- tailor-made commands for address calculation



- `ixa i`: integer *scale* factor (here factor 1)

```
lda x
ldc 10
ixa 1
ldc 2
sto
```



Array references and address calculations



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```
int a[SIZE]; int i, j;  
a[i+1] = a[j*2] + 3;
```

- difference between left-hand use and right-hand use
- arrays: stored sequentially, starting at *base address*
- offset, calculated with a *scale factor* (dep. on size/type of elements)
- for example: for `a[i+1]` (with C-style array implementation)⁸

$$a + (i+1) * \text{sizeof}(\text{int})$$

- `a` here *directly* stands for the base address

⁸In C, arrays start at a 0-offset as the first array index is 0. Details may differ in other languages.

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Array accesses in 3AI code

- *one* possible way: assume 2 additional 3AIC instructions
- remember: 3AIC can be seen as *intermediate code*, not as instruction set of a particular HW!
- 2 new instructions⁹

```
t2 = a[t1] ; fetch value of array element
```

```
a[t2] = t1 ; assign to the address of an array element
```

```
a[i+1] = a[j*2] + 3;
```

```
t1    = j * 2
t2    = a[t1]
t3    = t2 + 3
t4    = i + 1
a[t4] = t3
```

⁹Still in 3AIC format. Apart from the “readable” notation, it’s just two op-codes, say =[] and []=.



Or “expanded”: array accesses in 3AI code (2)



Expanding $t2=a[t1]$

```
t3 = t1 * elem_size(a)
t4 = &a + t3
t2 = *t4
```

Expanding $a[t2]=t1$

```
t3 = t2 * elem_size(a)
t4 = &a + t3
*t4 = t1
```

- “expanded” result for $a[i+1] = a[j*2] + 3$

```
t1 = j * 2
t2 = t1 * elem_size(a)
t3 = &a + t2
t4 = *t3
t5 = t4 + 3
t6 = i + 1
t7 = t6 * elem_size(a)
t8 = &a + t7
*t8 = t5
```

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Expanding $t2 = a[t1]$

```
lda t2
lda a
lod t1
ixa elem_size(a)
ind 0
sto
```

Expanding $a[t2] = t1$

```
lda a
lod t2
ixa elem_size(a)
lod t1
sto
```

- “expanded” result for $a[i+1] = a[j*2] + 3$

```
lda a
lod i
ldc 1
adi
ixa elem_size(a)
lda a
lod j
ldc 2
mpi
ixa elem_size(a)
ind 0
ldc 3
adi
sto
```

Extending grammar & data structures



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- extending the previous grammar

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{exp} &\rightarrow \textit{subs} = \textit{exp}_2 \mid \textit{aexp} \\ \textit{aexp} &\rightarrow \textit{aexp} + \textit{factor} \mid \textit{factor} \\ \textit{factor} &\rightarrow (\textit{exp}) \mid \textit{num} \mid \textit{subs} \\ \textit{subs} &\rightarrow \textit{id} \mid \textit{id}[\textit{exp}] \end{aligned}$$

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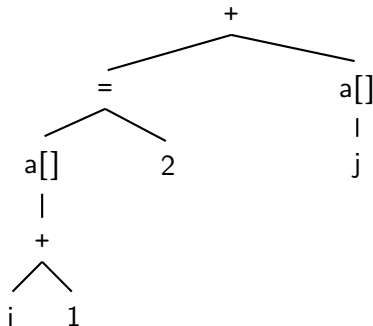
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Syntax tree for $(a[i+1]=2)+a[j]$



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Code generation for P-code

```
void genCode (SyntaxTree, int isAddr) {
    char codestr[CODESIZE];
    /* CODESIZE = max length of 1 line of P-code */
    if (t != NULL) {
        switch (t->kind) {
            case OpKind:
                { switch (t->op) {
                    case Plus:
                        if (isAddress) emitCode("Error"); // new check
                        else { // unchanged
                            genCode(t->lchild, FALSE);
                            genCode(t->rchild, FALSE);
                            emitCode("adi"); // addition
                        }
                    break;
                    case Assign:
                        genCode(t->lchild, TRUE); // ``l-value''
                        genCode(t->rchild, FALSE); // ``r-value''
                        emitCode("stn");
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Code generation for P-code (“subs”)



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- new code, of course

```
case Subs:
    sprintf(codestring, "%s %s", "lda", t->strval);
    emitCode(codestring);
    genCode(t->lchild, FALSE);
    sprintf(codestring, "%s %s %s",
            "ixa elem_size(", t->strval, ")");
    emitCode(codestring);
    if (!isAddr) emitCode("ind 0"); // indirect load
    break;
default:
    emitCode("Error");
    break;
```

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```
case ConstKind:
    if (isAddr) emitCode("Error");
    else {
        sprintf(codestr, "%s %s", "lds", t->strval);
        emitCode(codestr);
    }
    break;
case IdKind:
    if (isAddr)
        sprintf(codestr, "%s %s", "lda", t->strval);
    else
        sprintf(codestr, "%s %s", "lod", t->strval);
    emitCode(codestr);
    break;
default:
    emitCode("Error");
    break;
}
}
```

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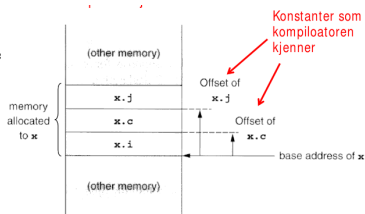
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Access to records

```
typedef struct rec {  
    int i;  
    char c;  
    int j;  
} Rec;  
...  
Rec x;
```



- fields with (statically known) offsets from base address
 - note:
 - goal: intermediate code generation *platform independent*
 - another way of seeing it: it's still IR, not *final* machine code yet.
 - thus: introduce function `field_offset(x, j)`
 - calculates the offset.
 - can be looked up (by the code-generator) in the *symbol table*
- ⇒ call replaced by actual off-set



Records/structs in 3AIC



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- note: typically, records are implicitly references (as for objects)
- in (our version of a) 3AIC: we can just use $\&x$ and $*x$

simple record access $x.j$

```
t1 = &x +  
field_offset(x, j)
```

left and right: $x.j = x.i$

```
t1 = &x + field_offset(x, j)  
t2 = &x + field_offset(x, i)  
*t1 = *t2
```

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Field selection and pointer indirection in 3AIC



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```
typedef struct treeNode {  
    int val;  
    struct treeNode * lchild,  
                    * rchild;  
} treeNode  
...  
Treenode *p;
```

```
p -> lchild = p;  
p           = p->rchild;
```

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```
t1 = p + field_access(*p, lchild)  
*t1 = p  
t2 = p + field_access(*p, rchild)  
p   = *t2
```

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Structs and pointers in P-code

- basically same basic “trick”
- make use of `field_offset(x, j)`

```
p -> lchild = p;  
p           = p->rchild;
```

```
lod p  
ldc field_offset(*p, lchild)  
ixa 1  
lod p  
sto  
lda p  
lod p  
ind field_offset(*p, rchild)  
sto
```





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Control statements

- so far: basically *straight-line code*
- general (intra-procedural) control more complex thanks to *control-statements*
 - conditionals, switch/case
 - loops (while, repeat, for ...)
 - breaks, gotos, exceptions ...

important “technical” device: labels

- symbolic representation of addresses in static memory
 - specifically named (= labelled) control flow points
 - nodes in the *control flow graph*
-
- generation of labels (cf. temporaries)



Loops and conditionals: linear code arrangement



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$if\text{-}stmt \rightarrow \mathbf{if} (exp) stmt \mathbf{else} stmt$
 $while\text{-}stmt \rightarrow \mathbf{while} (exp) stmt$

- challenge:
 - high-level syntax (AST) well-structured (= tree) which implicitly (via its structure) determines complex control-flow beyond SLC
 - low-level syntax (3AIC/P-code): rather flat, linear structure, ultimately just a *sequence* of commands

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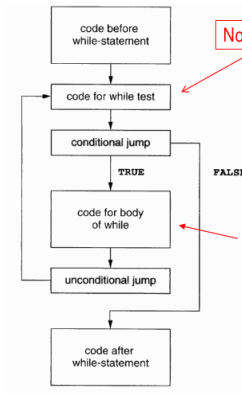
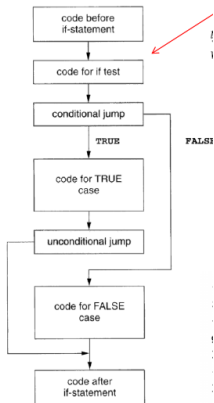
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if (E) then S_1 else S_2

P-code for conditional

```
<code to evaluate  $E$ >  
fjp L1  
<code for  $S_1$ >  
ujp L2  
lab L1  
<code for  $S_2$ >  
lab L2
```

3AIC for conditional

```
<code to eval  $E$  to t1>  
if_false t1 goto L1  
<code for  $S_1$ >  
goto L2  
label L1  
<code for  $S_2$ >  
label L2
```

3 new op-codes:

- **ujp**: unconditional jump (“goto”)
- **fjp**: jump on false
- **lab**: label (for pseudo instructions)

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`while (E) S`

3AIC for while

```
label L1
<code to evaluate  $E$  to  $t1$ >
if_false  $t1$  goto L2
<code for  $S$ >
goto L1
label L2
```

P-code for while

```
lab L1
<code to evaluate  $E$ >
fjp L2
<code for  $S$ >
ujp L1
lab L2
```

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- two alternatives for treatment
 1. as *ordinary* expressions
 2. via *short-circuiting*
- ultimate representation in HW:
 - no built-in booleans (HW is generally untyped)
 - but “arithmetic” 0, 1 work equivalently & fast
 - bitwise ops which corresponds to logical \wedge and \vee etc
- comparison on “booleans”: $0 < 1$?
- boolean values vs. jump conditions

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Short circuiting boolean expressions

```
if ((p!=NULL) && p -> val==0) ...
```

- done in C, for example
- semantics must *fix* evaluation order
- note: logically equivalent
 $a \wedge b = b \wedge a$
- cf. to conditional expressions/statements (also left-to-right)

a and $b \triangleq$ if a then b else false

a or $b \triangleq$ if a then true else b

```
lod x
ldc 0
neq      ; x!=0 ?
fjp L1
; jump , if x=0
lod y
lod x
equ      ; x =? y
ujp L2  ; hop over
lab L1
ldc FALSE
lab L2
```

- new op-codes
 - equ
 - neq



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Grammar for loops and conditionals



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$stmt \rightarrow if-stmt \mid while-stmt \mid break \mid other$
 $if-stmt \rightarrow if (exp) stmt \text{ else } stmt$
 $while-stmt \rightarrow while (exp) stmt$
 $exp \rightarrow true \mid false$

- note: simplistic expressions, only *true* and *false*

```
typedef enum {ExpKind, Ifkind, Whilekind,  
             BreakKind, OtherKind} NodeKind;
```

```
typedef struct streenode {  
    NodeKind kind;  
    struct streenode * child[3];  
    int val; /* used with ExpKind */  
           /* used for true vs. false */  
} STreeNode;
```

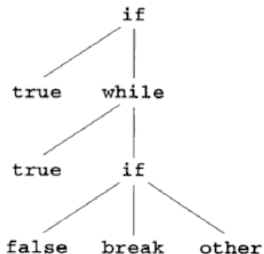
```
type STreeNode * SyntaxTree;
```

Translation to P-code



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```
if (true) while (true) if (false) break else other
```



```
ldc true
fjp L1
lab L2
ldc true
fjp L3
ldc false
fjp L4
ujp L3
ujp L5
lab L4
Other
lab L5
ujp L2
lab L3
lab L1
```

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Code generation

- extend/adapt `genCode`
 - **break** statement:
 - absolute *jump* to *place afterwards*
 - *new argument*: label to jump-to when hitting a break
 - assume: *label generator* `genLabel()`
 - case for if-then-else
 - has to deal with one-armed if-then as well: test for NULL-ness
 - side remark: **control-flow graph** (see also later)
 - labels can (also) be seen as *nodes* in the *control-flow graph*
 - `genCode` generates labels while traversing the AST
- ⇒ implicit generation of the CFG
- also possible:
 - separately generate a CFG first
 - as (just another) IR
 - generate code from there



Code generation procedure for P-code



```
void genCode( SyntaxTree t, char * label)
{ char codestr[CODESIZE];
  char * lab1, * lab2;
  if (t != NULL) switch (t->kind)
  { case ExpKind:
    if (t->val==0) emitCode("ldc false");
    else emitCode("ldc true");
    break;
  case IfKind:
    genCode(t->child[0],label); Rek. kall
    lab1 = genLabel();
    sprintf(codestr,"%s %s","fjp",lab1);
    emitCode(codestr);
    genCode(t->child[1],label); Rek. kall
    if (t->child[2] != NULL)
    { lab2 = genLabel();
      sprintf(codestr,"%s %s","ujp",lab2);
      emitCode(codestr);
    }
    sprintf(codestr,"%s %s","lab",lab1);
    emitCode(codestr);
    if (t->child[2] != NULL)
    { genCode(t->child[2],label); Rek. kall
      sprintf(codestr,"%s %s","lab",lab2);
      emitCode(codestr);
    }
    break;
  }
```

```
case WhileKind:
  lab1 = genLabel();
  sprintf(codestr,"%s %s","lab",lab1);
  emitCode(codestr);
  genCode(t->child[0],label); Rek. kall
  lab2 = genLabel();
  sprintf(codestr,"%s %s","fjp",lab2);
  emitCode(codestr);
  genCode(t->child[1],lab2); Rek. kall
  sprintf(codestr,"%s %s","ujp",lab1);
  emitCode(codestr);
  sprintf(codestr,"%s %s","lab",lab2);
  emitCode(codestr);
  break;
case BreakKind:
  sprintf(codestr,"%s %s","ujp",label);
  emitCode(codestr);
  break;
case OtherKind:
  emitCode("Other");
  break;
default:
  emitCode("Error");
  break;
}
```

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Merk: Stakken antas å være tom før og etter kodegenerering for setning, men at stakken øker med én i løpet av kodegenerering for uttrykk.

```
void genCode(TreeNode t, String label){
    String lab1, lab2;
    if t != null{ // For et tomt tre, ikke gjør noe
        switch t.kind {
            case ExprKind { // I boka (forrige foil) er det veldig forenklet, pga. bare false eller true
                // Skal generelt behandles slik vanlige uttrykk blir behandlet
            }
            case IfKind { // If-setning
                genCode(t.child[0], label); // Lag kode for det boolske uttrykket. «break» inne i uttrykk bare for
                // spesielle språk, ellers er label-parameter unødvendig.

                lab1= genLabel();
                emit2("fjp", lab1); // Hopp til mulig else-gren (eller til slutten om det ikke er ikke else-gren)
                genCode(t.child[1], label); // kode for then-del, gå helt ut om break opptrer
                if t.child[2] != null { // Test på om det er else-gren?
                    lab2 = genLabel();
                    emit2("ujp", lab2); // Hopp over else-grenen
                }
                emit2("label", lab1); // Start på else-grenen, eller slutt på if- setningen
                if t.child[2] != null { // En gang til: test om det er else-gren? (litt plundrete programmering)
                    genCode(t.child[2], label); // Kode for else-gren, gå helt ut om break opptrer
                    emit2("lab", lab2); // Hopp over else-gren går hit
                }
            }
            case WhileKind { /* Se neste foil (som er laget etter forelesningen 23/4) */ }
            case BreakKind { emit2("ujp", label); } // Hopp helt ut av koden som dette genCode-kallet lager
            ... // (og helt ut av nærmest omsluttende while-setning)
        }
    }
}
```

En "break" i kildeprogr. skal bli et hopp til denne labelen. Den vi angi første instruksjon etter nærmest omsluttende while-setning.

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Code generation (2)



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```
void genCode(TreeNode t, String label){
  String lab1, lab2;
  if t != null{ // Tomt tre, ikke gjør noe
    switch t.kind {
      case ExprKind { ... }
      case IfKind { ... }
      case WhileKind { // While-setning
        lab1= genLabel();
        emit2("lab", lab1); // Hopp hit om repetisjon og ny test

        genCode(t.child[0], label); // Lag kode for det boolske uttrykket. «break» inne i uttrykk bare for
        // spesielle språk. Egentlig litt uklart hvor man her skal hoppe.

        lab2 = genLabel();
        emit2("fjrp", lab2); // Hopp ut av while-setning om false
        genCode(t.child[1], lab2); // kode for setninger, gå helt ut til lab2 om break opptrer

        emit2("ujp", lab1); // Repeter, og gjør testen en gang til
        emit2("lab", lab2); // Hopp hit ved while-slutt, og fra indre break-setning
      }
      case BreakKind {
        emit2("ujp", label); // Hopp helt ut av koden som dette genCode-kallet lager
        // (og helt til bak nærmest omsluttende while-setning)
      }
    }
  }
}
```

En "break" i kildeprogr. skal bli et hopp til denne labelen. Den vi angi første instruksjon etter nærmest omsluttende while-setning.

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More on short-circuiting (now in 3AIC)

- boolean expressions contain only two (official) values: true and false
- as stated: boolean expressions are often treated special: via short-circuiting
- short-circuiting especially for boolean expressions in *conditionals* and *while*-loops and similar
 - treat boolean expressions *different* from ordinary expressions
 - avoid (if possible) to calculate boolean value “till the end”
- short-circuiting: specified in the language definition (or not)



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Source

```
if a < b ||  
    (c > d && e >= f)  
then  
    x = 8  
else  
    y = 5  
endif
```

```
t1 = a < b  
if_true t1 goto 1 // short circuit  
t2 = c > d  
if_false goto 2  
// short circuit  
t3 = e >= f  
if_false t3 goto 2  
label 1  
x = 8  
goto 3  
label 2  
y = 5  
label 3
```

Code generation: conditionals (as seen)



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```
void genCode(TreeNode t, String label){
    String lab1, lab2;
    if t != null{ // Er vi falt ut av treet?
        switch t.kind {
            case ExprKind { ... // Dette tilfellet behandles som for generelle uttrykk (se foiler til kap 8, del1)
            }
            case IfKind { // If-setning
                genCode(t.child[0], label); // Lag kode for det boolske uttrykket
                lab1 = genLabel();
                emit2("fjpp", lab1); // Hopp til mulig else-gren, eller til slutten av for-setning
                genCode(t.child[1], label); // kode for then-del, gå helt ut om break opptrer (inne i uttrykk??)
                if t.child[2] != null { // Test på om det er else-gren?
                    lab2 = genLabel();
                    emit2("ujp", lab2); // Hopp over else-grenen
                }
                emit2("label", lab1); // Start på else-grenen, eller slutt på if- setningen
                if t.child[2] != null { // En gang til: test om det er else-gren? (litt plundrete programmering)
                    genCode(t.child[2], label); // Kode for else-gren, gå helt ut om break opptrer
                    emit2("lab", lab2); // Hopp over else-gren går hit
                }
            }
            case WhileKind { /* mye som over, men OBS ved indre "break". Se boka */
            case BreakKind { emit2("ujp", label); } // Hopp helt ut av koden dette genCode-kallet lager
            ... // (og helt ut av nærmest omsluttende while-setning)
        }
    }
}
```

Til denne labelen skal en "break" i kildeprogrammet gå

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Alternative P/3A-Code generation for conditionals



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- Assume: **no break** in the language for simplicity
- focus here: conditionals
- not covered of [?]

```
.....
case IfKind {
    String labT = genLabel(); String labF = genLabel(); // Skal hoppes til om betingelse er True/False
    genBoolCode(t.child[0], labT, labF); // Lag kode for betingelsen. Vil alltid hoppe til labT eller labF
    emit2("lab", labT); // True-hopp fra betingelsen skal gå hit
    genCode(t.child[1]); // kode for then-gren (nå uten label-parameter for break-setning)

    String labx = genLabel(); // Skal angi slutten av en eventuell else-gren.
    if t.child[2] != null { // Test på om det er noen else-gren?
        emit2("ujp", labx); // I så fall, hopp over else-grenen
    }

    emit2("label", labF); // False-hopp fra betingelsen skal gå hit
    if t.child[2] != null { // En gang til: test om det er else-gren? (litt plundrete programmering)
        genCode(t.child[2]); // Kode for else-gren
        emit2("label", labx); // Hopp forbi else-grenen går hit
    }
}
... more cases ...
```

Eneste viktige forskjell er kall på ny metode her. Se neste foil

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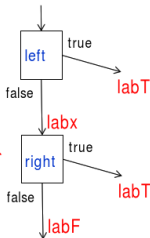


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```
void genBoolCode(String labT, labF) {  
    ...  
    case "||": {  
        String labx = genLabel();  
        left.genBoolCode(labT, labx);  
        emit2("label", labx);  
        right.genBoolCode(labT, labF);  
    }  
    case "&&": {  
        String labx = genLabel();  
        left.genBoolCode(labx, labF); // som over  
        emit2("label", labx);  
        right.genBoolCode(labT, labF); // som over  
    }  
    case "not": { // Har bare "left"-subtre  
        left.genBoolCode(labF, labT); // Ingen kode lages!!!  
    }  
    case "<": {  
        String temp1, temp2, temp3; // temp3 skal holde den boolske verdi for relasjonen  
        temp1 = left.genIntCode(); temp2 = right.genIntCode(); temp3 = genLabel();  
        emit4(temp3, temp1, «lt», temp2); // temp3 får (det boolske) svaret på relasjonen  
        emit3(«jmp-false», temp3, labF);  
        emit2(«ujp», labT); // Denne er nødvendig dersom det som følger etter er merket labT  
        // Dette kan vi oppdage med en ekstra parameter som angir labelen bak  
        // den konstruksjonen man kaller kodegenererings-metoden for.  
        // Dette blir en av oppgavene til kap 8  
    }  
}
```

Vi bryr oss ikke med retur-navnet, siden de alltid vil hoppe ut

For "||":



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