# **Compiled Procedure**

Prologue Procedure Code Epilogue

**Prologue:** (or *preamble*) Save registers and return address; transfer parameters.

**Epilogue:** (or *postamble*) Restore registers; transfer returned value; return.

A **return** statement in a procedure is compiled to:

- 1. Load the returned value into a register.
- 2. goto the Epilogue.

# Subroutine Call Is Expensive

The prologue and epilogue associated with each procedure are "overhead" that is necessary but does not do user computation.

- Even in scientific Fortran, procedure call overhead may account for 20% of execution time.
- Fancier languages have higher procedure call overhead.
- Relative overhead is higher for small procedures.
- Breaking a program into many small procedures increases execution time.
- A GOTO is much faster than a procedure call.
- Modern hardware architecture can help:
  - Parameter transfer
  - Stack addressing
  - Register file pointer moved with subroutine call

# Activations and Control Stack

An *activation* is one execution of a procedure; its *lifetime* is the period during which the procedure is active, including time spent in its subroutines.

In a recursive language, information about procedure activations is kept on a *control stack*. An *activation record* or *stack frame* corresponds to each activation.

The sequence of procedure calls during execution of a program can be thought of as a tree. The execution of the program is the traversal of this tree, with the control stack holding information about the active branches from the currently executing procedure up to the root.

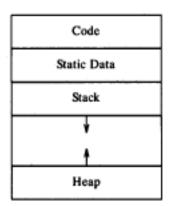
### Environment

The *environment* of a procedure is the complete set of variables it can access; the *state* of the procedure is the set of values of these variables.

A *binding* is an association of a name with a storage location; we use the verb *bind* for the creation of a binding and say a variable is *bound* to a location. An environment provides a set of bindings for all variables.

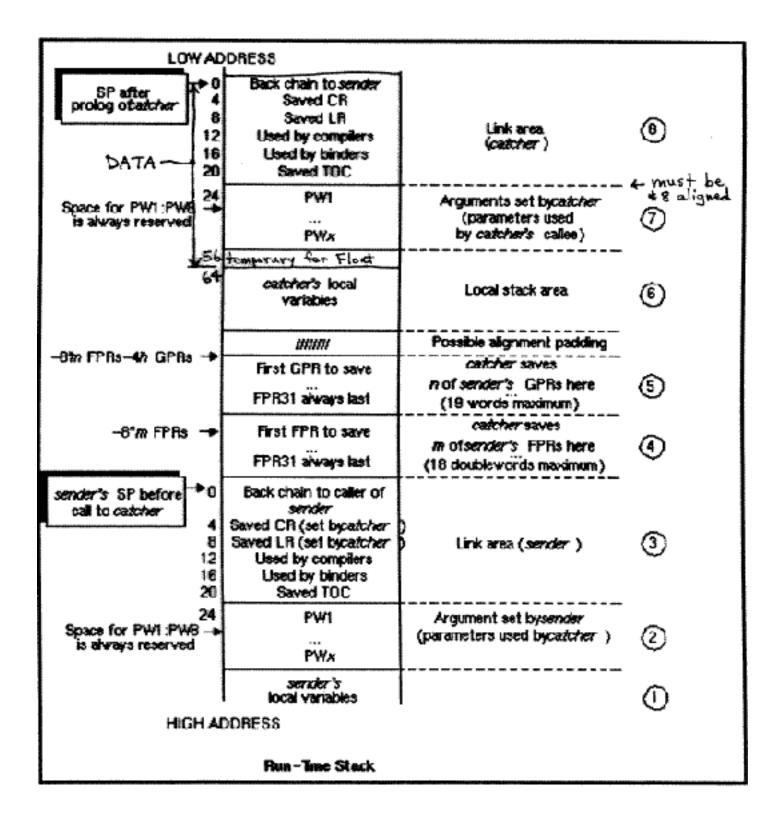
An assignment, e.g. pi := 3.14, changes the state of a procedure but not its environment.

## **Run-time Memory Organization**



[Aho, Sethi, and Ullman, Compilers, Fig. 7.7.]

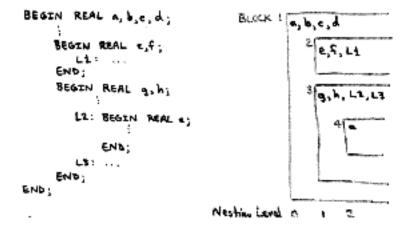
#### **PowerPC Stack Frame Layout**



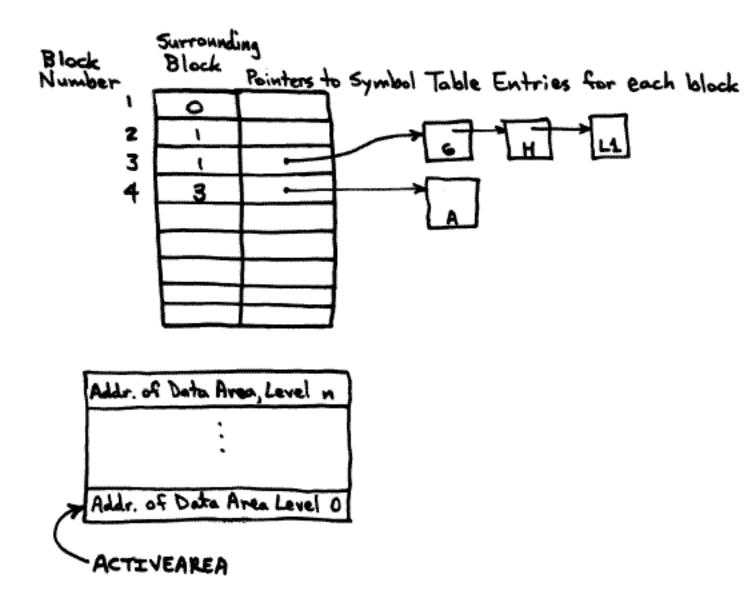
### **Global Variable References**

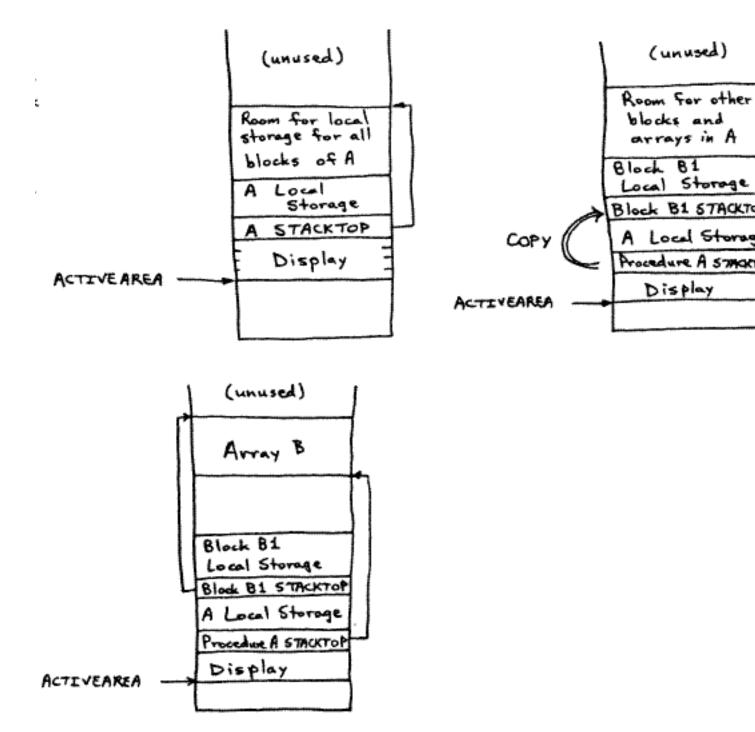
```
BEGIN REAL Y, X; < The global variables
                            referenced are those of
      PROCEDURE P( ... )
                            the block in which the
           BEGIN
                            procedure oppears in the
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                            source program (known at compile time).
            x := x+y ; "
             ÷
           END
      ì
      BEGIN REAL X, Y;
             ÷
          L1: P(...);
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      ENÞ
      ÷
      BEGIN INTEGER X,7;
             ì,
          L1: P(...);
              ÷
      END
      ÷
                               [Pratt Fig. 6.8]
  END
```

### Global Variables in Algol, Pascal, PL/I



### **Block-structured Symbol Table**





# Code Generation

We assume that the input is error-free and complete, for example that any type conversion operators have already been inserted.<sup>1</sup>

Can generate:

- Binary
  - absolute
  - relocatable
- Assembly
- Interpreted code (e.g. Java byte codes)

### Problems include:

- Instruction selection
- Register management
- Local optimization

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This slide was written by John Werth.

# Code Generation

Code generation can be broken into several steps:

- 1. Generate the prologue
- 2. Generate the program code
- 3. Generate the epilogue

Subroutines are provided to generate the prologue and epilogue.

The arguments to the code generator are:

gencode(pcode, varsize, maxlabel)

pcode	=	pointer to code:			
		(program foo (progn output)			
		(progn))			
varsize	=	size of local storage in bytes			
maxlabel	=	max label number used so far			

### **Code Generation**

A starter program codgen.c is furnished. A very simple program, triv.pas, can be compiled by codgen.c:

```
program graph1(output);
var i:integer;
begin i := 3 end.
The result is triv.s:
.globl graph1
   .type graph1, @function
graph1:
  subq $32, %rsp  # space for stack frame
# ----- begin Your code ------
  movl $3,%eax # 3 -> %eax
  movl %eax,-32(%rbp) # i := %eax
# ----- begin Epilogue code ---
  leave
  ret
```

# **Running Generated Code**

Programs can be run using **driver.c** as the runtime library:

```
% cc driver.c triv.s -lm
% a.out
calling graph1
exit from graph1
driver.c is quite simple:
void main()
  { printf("calling graph1\n");
    graph1();
    printf("exit from graph1\n");
  }
void write(char str[])
  { printf("%s", str); }
void writeln(char str[])
  { printf("%s\n", str); }
int round(double x)
. . .
```

# **Code Generation for Statements**

The function **genc(code)** generates code for a statement. There are only a few kinds of statements:

#### 1. PROGN

For each argument statement, generate code.

2. :=

Generate the right-hand side into a register using **genarith**. Then store the register into the location specified by the left-hand side.

3. GOTO

Generate a Branch to the label number.

4. LABEL

Generate a Label with the label number.

5. IF

(IF c p1 p2) can be compiled as: IF c GOTO L1; p2; GOTO L2; L1: p1; L2: Optimizations are discussed later.

6. FUNCALL

Compile short *intrinsic* functions in-line. For others, generate subroutine calls.

# Arithmetic Expressions

Code for arithmetic expressions on a multi-register machine can be generated from trees using a simple recursive algorithm.

The specifications of the recursive algorithm are:

- Input: an arithmetic expression tree
- Side Effect: outputs instructions to the output file
- **Output:** returns the number of a register that contains the result.

# **Basic Expression Algorithm**

The basic algorithm for expressions is easy:

- Operand (leaf node): get a register; generate a load; return the register.
- Operator (interior node): generate operand subtrees; generate op; return result register.

```
(defun genarith (x)
  (if (atom x)
                           ; if leaf,
      (genload x (getreg)) ;
                               load
      (genop (op x)
                   ; else op
             (genarith (lhs x))
             (genarith (rhs x))) ) )
>(genarith '(* (+ a b) 3))
  LOAD A,R1
  LOAD B,R2
  ADD R1,R2
  LOAD 3,R3
  MUL R2,R3
R3
```

### Trace of Expression Algorithm

```
>(genarith '(* (+ a b) 3))
  1> (GENARITH (* (+ A B) 3))
    2> (GENARITH (+ A B))
      3> (GENARITH A)
        4> (GENLOAD A R1)
   LOAD A,R1
        <4 (GENLOAD R1)
      <3 (GENARITH R1)
      3> (GENARITH B)
        4> (GENLOAD B R2)
   LOAD B,R2
        <4 (GENLOAD R2)
      <3 (GENARITH R2)
      3> (GENOP + R1 R2)
   ADD R1,R2
      <3 (GENOP R2)
    <2 (GENARITH R2)
    2> (GENARITH 3)
      3> (GENLOAD 3 R3)
   LOAD 3,R3
      <3 (GENLOAD R3)
    <2 (GENARITH R3)
    2> (GENOP * R2 R3)
         R2,R3
   MUL
    <2 (GENOP R3)
  <1 (GENARITH R3)
R3
```

# Arithmetic Expression Algorithm

The genarith input is a tree (operand or operator):

- Operand (leaf node):
  - 1. Get a register.
  - 2. An operand may be a variable or constant:
    - (a) Variable: Generate an instruction to load the variable into the register.
    - (b) Constant:
      - i. Small constant: Generate an immediate instruction to load it into the register directly.
      - ii. Otherwise, make a *literal* for the value of the constant. Generate an instruction to load the literal into the register.
  - 3. Return the register number.
- Operator (interior node):
  - 1. Recursively generate code to put each operand into a register.
  - 2. Generate the operation on these registers, producing a result in one of the source registers.
  - 3. Mark the other source register unused.
  - 4. Return the result register number.

# **Register Management**

Issues are:<sup>2</sup>

- register allocation: which variables will reside in registers?
- register assignment: which specific register will a variable be placed in?

Registers may be:

- general purpose (usually means integer)
- float
- special purpose (condition code, processor state)
- paired in various ways

 $<sup>^2\</sup>mathrm{This}$  slide was written by John Werth.

# Simple Register Allocation

Note that there may be several classes of registers, e.g., integer data registers, index registers, floating point registers.

A very simple register allocation algorithm is:

- 1. At the beginning of a statement, mark all registers as not used.
- 2. When a register is requested,
  - (a) If there is an unused register, mark it used and return the register number.
  - (b) Otherwise, punt.

On a machine with 8 or more registers, this algorithm will almost always work. However, we need to handle the case of running out of registers.

# Heuristic for Expressions

The likelihood of running out of registers can be reduced by using a heuristic in generating code for expressions:

Generate code for the *most complicated* operand first.

The "most complicated" operand can be found by determining the size of each subtree. However, simply generating code for a subtree that is an operation before a subtree that is a simple operand is usually sufficient.

With this simple heuristic, on a machine with 8 or more registers, the compiler will never<sup>3</sup> run out.

If a machine allows arithmetic instructions to be used with a full address, the operation may be combined with the last load.

 $<sup>^3 \</sup>mathrm{Well},$  hardly ever.

# Improving Register Allocation

The simple register allocation algorithm can be improved in two ways:

- Handle the case of running out of available registers. This can be done by storing some register into a temporary variable in memory.
- Remember what is contained in registers and reuse it when appropriate. This can save some load instructions.

# **Register Allocation**

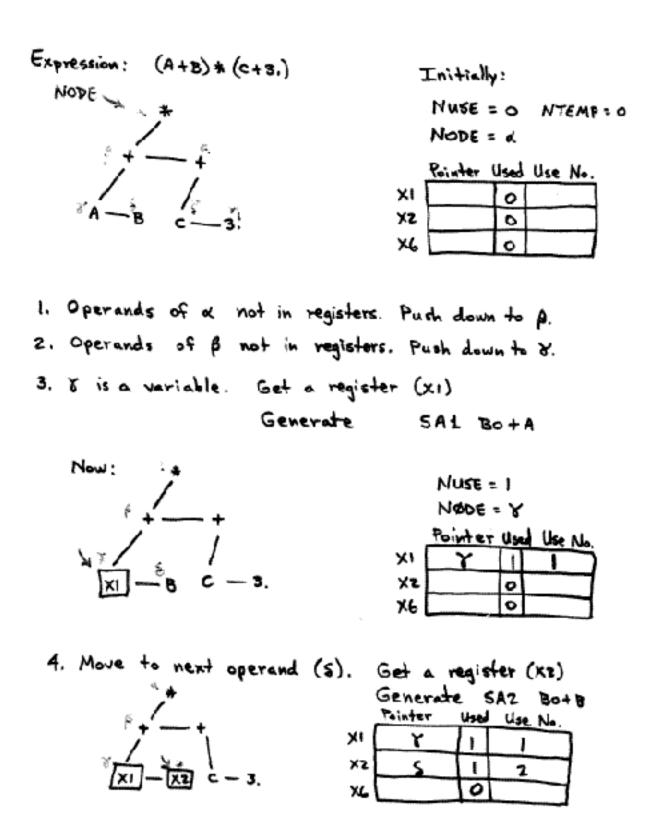
#### Used Use Number Token

An improved register allocation algorithm, which handles the case of running out of registers, is:

- 1. At the beginning of a statement, mark all registers as not used; set use number to 0.
- 2. When an operand is loaded into a register, record a pointer to its token in the register table.
- 3. When a register is requested,
  - (a) If there is an unused register: mark it used, set its use number to the current use number, increment the use number, and return the register number.
  - (b) Otherwise, find the register with the smallest use number. Get a temporary data cell. Generate a Store instruction (*spill code*) to save the register contents into the temporary. Change the token to indicate the temporary.

Now, it will be necessary to test whether an operand is a temporary before doing an operation, and if so, to reload it. Note that temporaries must be part of the stack frame.

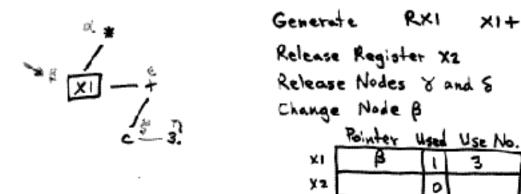
#### Example of Code Generation



#### Example (2)

5. No more operands; pop up to A. Operands of B are in Registers, so we can generate code. Assume use of first operand register for Result.

X1+X2



6. Move across to next element at some level (E). Its operands are not in registers, so push down to 5.

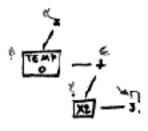
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7. 5 is a variable. Get a register (x2). Generate XI B 1 3 XZ P 1 4 SAZ BO+C X۵

8. Move across to element at same level  $(\eta)$ . It is a constant. Look up in constant table; assume its affect in constant table is 4. Get a Register: No loadable register is free. Select register with smallest use number (XI).

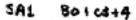
#### Example (3)

Generate a Store of XL: BX6 XI SAG BOITSHO (The O is the current value of NTEMP) NTEMP = NTEMP +1 Change node & to tomporory node. NEWREG = XI





New we can load the constant 3. :

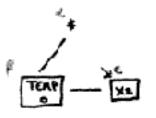




	Pointer	used,	Use No.
** (	n	1	5
≈[	8	1	4
жĮ		0	

9. No more aparands; pop up to e. Operands of e are in registers, so we can generate code. Assume first operand register for result.

Generate RX2 X2+XI Release Register XI Release Nodes 8 and M Change node e to Register. Pointer Used Use No. XI E I E XE E I E



#### Example (4)

10. No more operands at this level. Pop up to Node K.

11. An operand of Node & is not a register, Push Down to β. 12. β is a Temporary. Get a Register (XI)

Generate Load: SAI BO+T\$+0



	Pointer (	used	Use No.
X1	P	1	7
XZ	E	1	6
XL		0	

13. Move to next node at some level (e). It is a register, so no action is taken.

14. No more noder at this level, so pop up to Node of.

15. Arguments of Node & are Registers, so we generate code.

	Generate RX1 X1 * X2					
XI	Release Register X2					
X	Release Nodes & and E					
	Change node of to Register.					
	Pointer Used Use No.					
	X1 X 1 8					
	XZ O					
	X6 O					

16. Top node is a register, so Stop; Result is in XI.

# **Reusing Register Contents**

Used Contents

Many instructions can be eliminated by reusing variable values that are already in registers:<sup>4</sup>

- 1. Initially, set the contents of each register to NULL.
- 2. When a simple variable is loaded, set the **contents** of the register to point to its symbol table entry.
- 3. When a register is requested, if possible choose an unused register that has no contents marked.
- 4. When a variable is to be loaded, if it is contained in an unused register, just mark the register used. This saves a Load instruction.
- 5. When a register is changed by an operation, set its contents to NULL.
- 6. When a value is stored into a variable, set the contents of any register whose contents is that variable to NULL. Then mark the register from which it was stored as containing that variable.
- 7. When a Label is encountered, set the contents of all registers to NULL.
- 8. The *condition code* contents can be reused also.

 $<sup>{}^{4}\</sup>mathrm{We}$  assume that there are no aliases for variables.

# **Register Targeting**

On some machines, it is useful to be able to tell **genarith**, top-down, that its result should be produced in a certain register if possible.

**Example:** Suppose that a function argument should be transmitted in register %xmm0. If the argument can be generated in %xmm0 directly, it will save a move instruction.

### x86 Processor

We will assume a x86-64 processor. This processor has a vast number of instructions (some undocumented) and two major families of assembler syntax and calling sequence conventions. We will use the AT&T/Unix syntax and **gcc** calling conventions.

### General-purpose (Integer) Registers:

32/64 bits, numbered 0 - 7 in genasm. We will use them in the order %eax, %ecx, %edx, %ebx since %ebx is callee-saved. RBASE to RMAX is the local integer register range.

### Floating Point Registers:

64 bits, numbered 8 - 15 in genasm. FBASE to FMAX is the floating register range. These are called %xmm0 through %xmm7.

# Move (Load/Store) Instructions

Most of the instructions used in a computer program are instructions that move data. The x86 processor uses variable-length instructions and offers very flexible addressing options.

The Unix syntax of x86 instructions shows data movement from left to right:

movl	\$0,%eax	#	0 -> %eax
movl	%eax,-32(%rbp)	#	%eax -> i

There are three data formats that we will use:

Instruction	Terminology	Bits	Use For
MOVL	long	32	Integer
MOVQ	quad-word	64	Pointer
MOVSD	signed double	64	Float

# Kinds of Move Addressing

There are several addressing styles that are used with move instructions:

**Constants** or *immediate* values are specifies with a \$. x86 allows even very large integer constants.

movl \$0,%eax # 0 -> %eax

**Stack Variables** have negative offsets relative to **%rbp**. The offset is the offset from the symbol table minus the stack frame size.

movl %eax,-32(%rbp) # %eax -> i

In this case, **i** has an offset of 16 and the stack frame size is 48.

Literals have offsets relative to %rip.

movsd .LC5(%rip),%xmm0 # 0.0625 -> %xmm0

**Record References** have offsets relative to a register containing a pointer to the record.

```
movl %eax,32(%rcx) # ^. []
```

## Move with Calculated Address

x86 allows very flexible addressing:

#### Offset from Register

movl %eax,-32(%rbp) # %eax -> i

#### Offset from Two Registers

movsd %xmm0,-1296(%rbp,%rax) # ac[]

The offset and contents of the two registers are added to form the effective address.

#### Offset from Two Registers with Multiplier

movsd %xmm0,-1296(%rbp,%rax,8) # x[]

In this case, the second register is multiplied by 2, 4, or 8 before being added. This can allow many aref expressions to be done in a single instruction.

# Literals

A *literal* is constant data that is assembled as part of the compiled program. Literals must be made for large integers, all floats, and most strings.

There are three programs that make literals; each is called with a literal value and a label number:

- makeilit(i,label) : integer (not needed for x86)
- makeflit(i,label) : float
- makeblit(i,label) : byte (string)

A literal is accessed relative to the Instruction Pointer:

movsd .LC4(%rip),%xmml

Literals are saved in tables and output at the end of the program.

.align 8 .LC4: .long 0

.long 1078001664

### **Integer Arithmetic Instructions**

These	instruc	ctions	opera	ate o	n re	egisters	or
memory.	S,	D repi	resent	source	and	destinat	ion.
addl	S,D	D+S	$\to D$				
subl	S,D	D-S	$C \to D$				
imull	S,D	D * S	$\rightarrow D$				
ldiv	S,D	D/S -	$\rightarrow D$				
cmpl	S,D	compa	$are \ D$ .	-S, set	conda	ition	
andl	S,D	$D \wedge S$	$\rightarrow D$				
orl	S,D	$D \lor S$	$\rightarrow D$				
notl	D	$\neg D =$	$\rightarrow D$				
negl	D	-D -	$\rightarrow D$				

Note that arithmetic can be done directly on memory: i := i + 1 can be one instruction:

addl \$1, -4(%rbp)

## Compare and Jump

A *compare* is a subtract that does not store its results; however, the results set the *condition code*, which can be tested by jump instructions.

The jump instructions test the condition code:

jmp Jump always. jle Jump if  $D \leq S$ je Jump if D = Sjne Jump if  $D \neq S$ jge Jump if  $D \geq S$ jl Jump if D < Sjg Jump if D > S

### Floating Point

These	instructions operate on registers or	•
memory.	S,D represent source and destination.	
addsd	S,D $D+S  ightarrow D$	
subsd	S,D $D-S \rightarrow D$	
mulsd	S,D $D * S \rightarrow D$	
divsd	S,D $D/S \rightarrow D$	
${\tt cmpsd}$	S,D compare $D-S$ , set condition	
Routine	are provided to generate the instruction	

Routine are provided to generate the instruction sequences for fix, float and negate operations.

### Intrinsic Functions

Some things that are specified as functions in source code should be compiled in-line. These include:

- 1. Type-change functions that do no computation: **boole**, **ord**, **chr**.
- 2. Functions that are only a few instructions: **pred**, **succ**, **abs**.
- 3. Functions that are implemented in hardware: **sqrt** may be an instruction.

### **Function Calls**

For external functions, it is necessary to:

- 1. Set up the arguments for the function call.
- 2. Call the function.
- 3. Retrieve the result and do any necessary final actions.

A function call involves the following:

- 1. Load arguments into registers:
  - For string literals, address in **%edi**:
    - movl \$.LC12,%edi # addr of literal .LC1
  - For floating arguments, **%xmm0**
- 2. Execute a call instruction:

#### call sin

3. Floating results are returned in %xmm0. Integer results are returned in %eax.

# Volatile Registers

By convention, some registers are designated volatile or caller-saved, i.e. destroyed by a subroutine call. Other registers are designated non-volatile or callee-saved and must be preserved (or not used) by a subroutine.

We will try to use only the registers %eax, %ecx, and %edx, since %ebx is callee-saved.

Any floating values that need to be preserved across a call must be saved on the stack prior to the call and restored afterwards. Routines are provided to save one floating register on the stack and restore it.

### **Details of Function Call**

- 1. For each argument, use genarith to compute the argument. If needed, move the result from the register returned by genarith to %xmm0 and mark the genarith register unused.
- 2. For each volatile register that is in use, save it
- 3. Call the function
- 4. For each volatile register that is in use, restore it
- 5. Return the function result register (%xmm0 or %eax) as the result of genarith.

### **IF** Statement Generation

Code for an intermediate code statement of the form (if c p1 p2) can be generated as follows:

- 1. Generate code for the condition **c** using the arithmetic expression code generator. Note that a **cmp** instruction should be generated for all comparison operators, regardless of which comparison is used.
- 2. Generate the appropriate jump-on-condition instruction, denoted jmp c below, by table lookup depending on the comparison operator.

jmp c .L1 p2 ! "else" jmp .L2 .L1: p1 ! "then" .L2:

The following jump table can be used:

op	=	$\neq$	<	$\leq$	$\geq$	>
С	je	jne	jl	jle	jge	jg
-c	jne	je	jge	jg	jl	jle

### **IF Statement Optimization**

Special cases of IF statements are common; these can be compiled as shown below, where jmp c represents a jump on condition and jmp -c represents a jump on the opposite of a condition.

(if	С	(goto l))		jmp	С	1
(if	С	(progn) (goto l	))	jmp	-с	1
(if	С	p1 (goto l))		jmp p1	-c	1
(if	С	(goto l) p2)		jmp p2	С	1
(if	С	p1)	L1:	p1	-c	L1
(if	С	(progn) p2)	L1:	jmp p2	С	L1

### Array References

Suppose the following declarations have been made:

var i: integer; x: array[1..100] of real;

This would give **i** an offset of **4** and **x** an offset of **8** (the initial offset is **4**; since **x** is **double**, its offset must be 8-aligned.). The total storage is **808**. A reference **x**[**i**] would generate the code:

(AREF X (+ -8 (\* 8 I)))

The effective address is: %rbp, minus stack frame size, plus the offset of x, plus the expression (+ -8 (\* 8 I)).

### Easy Array References

(AREF X (+ -8 (\* 8 I)))

One way to generate code for the array reference is to:

- use genarith to generate (+ -8 (\* 8 I)) in register (%eax) (move the result to %eax if necessary).
- Issue the instruction CLTQ, which sign-extends %eax to %rax.
- access memory from the offset and sum of the registers.

#### movsd %xmm0,-1296(%rbp,%rax) # ac[]

This is easy from the viewpoint of the compiler writer, but it generates many instructions, including a possibly expensive multiply.

### **Better Array References**

(AREF X (+ -8 (\* 8 I)))

A better way generate the array reference is to:

1. combine as many constants as possible

2. replace the multiply by a shift

Note that in the expression (+ -8 (\* 8 I)) there is an additive constant of -8 and that the multiply by 8 can be done in the x86 processor by a shift of 3 bits.

This form of code is ony one instructions on x86:

movsd %xmm0,-208(%rbp,%rax,8)

### **Pointer References**

A pointer operator specifies indirect addressing. For example, in the test program, the code john<sup>^</sup>.favorite produces the intermediate code:

#### (aref (^ john) 32)

Note that a pointer operator can occur *only* as the first operand of an **aref**, and the offset is usually a constant. Compiling code for it is simple: the address is the sum of the pointer value and the offset:

movq -1016(%rbp),%rcx # john -> %rcx
movl %eax,32(%rcx) # ^. []

#### switch Statement

```
int vowel(ch)
int ch;
{ int sw;
    switch ( ch )
    { case 'A': case 'E': case 'I':
        case '0': case 'U': case 'Y':
            sw = 1; break;
            default: sw = 0; break;
            }
        return (sw);
    }
```

# switch Statement Compiled

vowel:		
	save	%sp,-104,%sp
	st	%i0,[%fp+68]
.L14:		
	ba	.L16
	nop	
.L17:		
.L18:		
.L19: .L20:		
.L20: .L21:		
.L21. .L22:		
	mov	1,%00
	ba	.L15
	st	%00,[%fp-8]
.L23:		<pre>! default: sw = 0; break;</pre>
	ba	.L15
	st	%g0,[%fp-8]
.L16:		
	ld	[%fp+68],%o0
	cmp	%00,79
	bge	.L_y0
	nop	
	cmp	%00,69
	bge	.L_y1
	nop	
	cmp	%00,65
	be	.L17
	nop	
	ba	.L23
т. 4	nop	
.L_y1:	<b>b</b> -	110
	be	.L18
	nop	more instructions
.L24:	20 1	more instructions
.L24. .L15:		
	ld	[%fp-8],%i0
		%i7+8
	restore	
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### switch Statement Compiled -0

[ ... big table constructed by the compiler ... ] vowel:

	sub	%o0,65,%g1
	cmp	%g1,24
	bgu	.L7700008
	sethi	%hi(.L_const_seg_900000102),%g2
.L90000	0107:	
	sll	%g1,2,%g1
	add	%g2,%lo(.L_const_seg_900000102),%g2
	ld	[%g1+%g2],%g1
	jmpl	%g1+%g2,%g0
	nop	
.L77000	007:	
	or	%g0,1,%g1
	retl	! Result = %00
	or	%g0,%g1,%o0
.L77000	:800	
	or	%g0,0,%g1
	retl	! Result = %o0
	or	%g0,%g1,%o0

### Table Lookup

### Table Lookup Compiled

vowel:

.L15:

save	%sp,-104,%sp
st	%i0,[%fp+68]
ld	[%fp+68],%o0
sll	%00,2,%01
sethi	%hi(vowels-260),%o0
or	%00,%lo(vowels-260),%00
ld	[%o1+%o0],%i0
st	%i0,[%fp-8]

jmp %i7+8 restore

### Table Lookup Compiled -0

vowel:

sll	%o0,2,%g1	
sethi	%hi(vowels-260),%g2	
add	%g2,%lo(vowels-260),%g2	
retl	! Result = %00	)
ld	[%g1+%g2],%o0 ! volatile	

### Bottom Line:

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Table Lookup beats the **switch** statement in code size and performance; it is also better Software Engineering.