CS415 Compilers

Context-Sensitive Analysis Part 2

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Roadmap for the remainder of the course

- Fourth homework:
  Due Friday, April 1

- Project #2 - Bottom-up parser and compiler
  Has been posted; due date Friday April 15
  Project intro video (29 minutes) available on canvas: My Media

- Sample solution for Homework #3 has been posted

- Second midterm on Wednesday, April 6 (60 minutes in class)

- Final exam on May 10 (60 minutes at assigned location)
Topics

• Regular expressions
• NFA and DFA
• Regular expressions to minimal DFA construction
• CFG
  → Derivations
  → Parse trees
  → Ambiguity
• LL(1) parsing
  → FIRST and FOLLOW sets
  → Parse tables
  → Recursive descent parsers
• LR(0) parsing
  → LR(0) items
  → LR(0) canonical collection and its construction
  → ACTION and GOTO tables
  → Shift/reduce and reduce/reduce conflicts
Attribute Grammars

Add rules to compute the decimal value of a signed binary number

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### Attribute Grammars

**Productions**

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| List₀ → List₁, Bit | List₁.pos ← List₀.pos + 1  
|             | Bit.pos ← List₀.pos  
|             | List₀.val ← List₁.val + Bit.val |

**Semantic Rules**

- semantic rules define partial dependency graph
- value flow top down or across: *inherited attributes*
- value flow bottom-up: *synthesized attributes*
Example revisited

compute the decimal value of a signed binary number

If we show the computation ...

& then peel away the parse tree ...

For “–101”
compute the decimal value of a signed binary number

All that is left is the attribute dependence graph. This succinctly represents the flow of values in the problem instance.

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The **dynamic methods** topologically sort this graph, then evaluates edges/nodes in that order.

The **rule-based methods** try to discover “good” orders by analyzing the rules.

The **oblivious methods** ignore the structure of this graph.

The dependence graph **must** be acyclic.

For “–101”
Using Attribute Grammars

Attribute grammars can specify context-sensitive actions

• Take values from syntax
• Perform computations with values
• Insert tests, logic, ...

**Synthesized Attributes**

• Use values from children & from constants
• S-attributed grammars: synthesized attributes only
• Evaluate in a single bottom-up pass

Good match to LR parsing

**Inherited Attributes**

• Use values from parent, constants, & siblings
• L-attributed grammars:
  A → X₁ X₂ ... Xₙ and each inherited attribute of Xᵢ depends on
  - attributes of X₁ X₂ ... Xᵢ₋₁, and
  - inherited attributes of A
• Evaluate in a single top-down pass (left to right)

Good match for LL parsing

\[ S\text{-attributed} \subseteq L\text{-attributed} \]
Attribute Grammars

- Non-local computation needed lots of supporting rules
- “Complex” local computation is relatively easy

The Problems
- Copy rules increase cognitive overhead
- Copy rules increase space requirements
  - Need copies of attributes
- Result is an attributed tree
  - Must build the parse tree
  - Either search tree for answers or copy them to the root
What would a good programmer do?

- Introduce a central repository for facts
- Table of names
  - Fields in table keep information for names
- Avoids all the copy rules, allocation & storage headaches
- All inter-assignment attribute flow is through table
  - Clean, efficient implementation
  - Good techniques for implementing the table \textit{(hashing, § B.4)}
  - When its done, information is in the table!
  - Cures most of the problems
- Unfortunately, this design violates the functional, AG paradigm
  - Do we care?
**Ad-hoc syntax-directed translation**

- Associate pieces of code with each production
- At each reduction, the corresponding code is executed
- Allowing arbitrary code provides complete flexibility
  - Includes ability to do tasteless & bad things

**To make this work**

- Need names for attributes of each symbol on *lhs* & *rhs*
  - Typically, one attribute passed through parser + arbitrary code
    - (structures, globals, ...)
  - Yacc introduced $$, $1, $2, ... $n, left to right
- Need an evaluation scheme
  - Fits nicely into LR(1) parsing algorithm
You do not have to change the scanner (scan.l)

How to specify and use attributes in YACC?

- Define attributes as types in attr.h
  
  ```
  typedef struct info_node {int a; int b} infonode;
  ```

- Include type attribute name in %union in parse.y
  
  ```
  %union {tokentype token; infonode myinfo; ... }
  ```

- Assign attributes in parse.y to
  
  - Terminals:  %token <token> ID ICONST
  
  - Non-terminals: %type <myinfo> block variables procdecls cmpdstmt
```
parse.y:

{%
#include <stdio.h>
#include "attr.h"
int yylex();
void yyerror(char * s);
#include "symtab.h"
%

%union {
    tokentype token;
    regInfo targetReg;
}

%token PROG PERIOD VAR
%token INT BOOL PRT THEN IF DO FI ENDWHILE ENDFOR
%token ARRAY OF
%token BEG END ASG
%token EQ NEQ LT LEQ GT GEQ AND OR TRUE FALSE
%token WHILE FOR ELSE
%token <token> ID ICONST

%type <targetReg> exp
%type <targetReg> lhs

%start program

%nonassoc EQ NEQ LT LEQ GT GEQ
%left '+' '-' AND
%left '*' OR
%nonassoc THEN
%nonassoc ELSE
```

```
attr.h:

typedef union {int num; char *str;} tokentype;

typedef enum type_expression {TYPE_INT=0,
    TYPE_BOOL, TYPE_ERROR} Type_Expression;

typedef struct {
    Type_Expression type;
    int targetRegister;
} regInfo;
```

List and assign attributes

Disambiguation rules
At each reduction, the corresponding code is executed.

→ Accessing attribute values in `parse.y`
  - use $$, $1, $2 ... etc. notation:
    
    ```
    block : variables procdecls {$2.b = $1.b + 1;} cmpdstmt
    { $$a = $1.a + $2.a + $4.b;}
    ```
  
  - Implemented as
    
    ```
    block : variables procdecls newsymbol cmpdstmt
    { $$a = $1.a + $2.a + $4.b;}
    newsymbol: ε {$2.b = $1.b + 1;}
    ```
%%
program : {emitComment("Assign STATIC_AREA_ADDRESS to register \"r0\""),
            emit(NOLABEL, LOADI, STATIC_AREA_ADDRESS, 0, EMPTY),
            PROG ID ';' block PERIOD { }
            ;
}

block: variables cmpdstmt { }
       ;

variables: /* empty */
          | VAR vardcls { }
          ;

vardcls: vardcls vardcl ';$' { }
        | vardcl ';$' { }
        | error ';' { yyerror("***Error: illegal variable declaration\n");}
        ;

exp : exp '+' exp {
    int newReg = NextRegister();
    if (!$1.type == TYPE_INT && $3.type == TYPE_INT) {
        printf("*** ERROR ***: Operator types must be integer.\n");
    }
    $$.type = $1.type;
    $$.targetRegister = newReg;
    emit(NOLABEL, ADD, $1.targetRegister, $3.targetRegister, newReg);
    . . .}
Summary: Is This Really “Ad-hoc”?

Example on ilab: ~uli/cs415/examples/LexYacc

Relationship between practice and attribute grammars

Similarities
• Both rules & actions associated with productions
• Application order determined by tools
• (Somewhat) abstract names for symbols

Differences
• Actions applied as a unit; not true for AG rules
• Anything goes in *ad-hoc* actions; AG rules are (purely) functional
• AG rules are higher level than *ad-hoc* actions
Types and Type Systems

Type: A set of values and meaningful operations on them

Types provide semantic “sanity checks” (consistency checks) and determine efficient implementations for data objects.

Types help identify:

- errors, if an operator is applied to an incompatible operand
  - dereferencing of a non-pointer
  - adding a function to something
  - incorrect number of parameters to a procedure
  - ...

- which operation to use for overloaded names and operators, or what type coercion to use (e.g.: 3.0 + 1)

- identification of polymorphic functions
Type system: Each language construct (operator, expression, statement, …) is associated with a type expression. The type system is a collection of rules for assigning type expressions to these constructs.

Type expressions for

→ basic types: integer, char, real, boolean, typeError
→ constructed types, e.g., one-dimensional arrays:
  array(lb, ub, elem_type), where elem_type is a type expression

A type checker implements a type system. It computes or “constructs” type expressions for each language construct.
Example type inference rule:

\[ \frac{E \vdash e_1 : \text{integer}, E \vdash e_2 : \text{integer}}{E \vdash e_1 + e_2 : \text{integer}} \]

where \( E \) is a type environment that maps constants and variables to their type expressions.

Questions: How to specify rules that allow type coercion (type widening) from integers to reals in arithmetic expressions?

\[ 3.0 + 1 \text{ or } 1 + 3.0 \]
Things to do and next class

Work on the project!

Type systems

Code generation (EaC Chapter 7)

Optimization: CSE