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Principle of Function Call and Return

actions taken on entering g :

1. compute the start address of g
 2. compute actual parameters
 3. backup of caller-save registers
 4. backup of FP, EP
 5. set the new FP
 6. back up of PC und jump to the beginning of g
 7. setup new EP
 8. allocate space for local variables
- } save loc mark } are in f
- } call }
- } enter alloc } are in g

actions taken on leaving g :

1. compute the result
 2. restore FP, EP, SP
 3. return to the call site in f , that is, restore PC
 4. restore the caller-save registers
 5. clean up stack
- } return } are in g
- } restore loc pop k } are in f

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Definition

Let f be a function that calls g . A register R_i is called

- caller-saved if f backs up R_i and g may overwrite it
- callee-saved if f R_i does not back up g must restore it before it returns

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code_R^{i+n} e_n \rho
move R_{-1} R_{i+1}
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$code_R^{i+n} e_n \rho$	$code_R^i e_n \rho$
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$savoloc R_1 R_{i-1}$	$mark$
$mark$	$call R_i$
$call R_i$	$restoreloc R_1 R_{i-1}$
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New instructions:

- **savoloc** $R_i R_j$ pushes the registers R_i, R_{i+1}, \dots, R_j onto the stack
- **mark** backs up the organizational cells
- **call** R_i calls the function at the address in R_i
- **restoreloc** $R_i R_j$ pops R_j, R_{j-1}, \dots, R_i off the stack

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Rescuing EP and FP

The instruction `mark` allocates stack space for the return value and the organizational cells and backs up `FP` and `EP`.

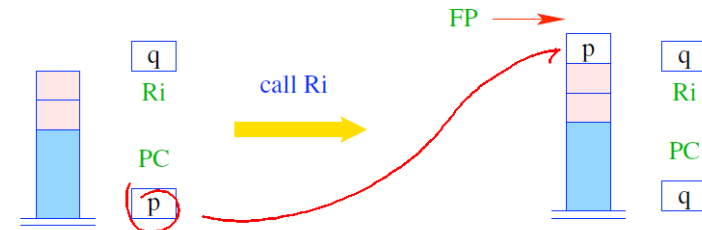


$$\begin{aligned} S[SP+1] &= EP; \\ S[SP+2] &= FP; \\ SP &= SP + 2; \end{aligned}$$

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Calling a Function

The instruction `call` rescues the value of `PC+1` onto the stack and sets `FP` and `PC`.



$$\begin{aligned} S[SP] &= PC; \\ SP &= SP + 1; \\ FP &= SP; \\ PC &= Ri; \end{aligned}$$

push PC

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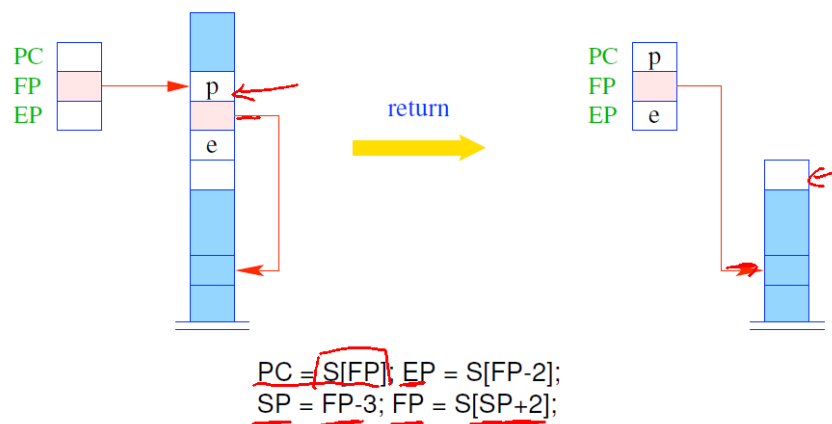
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Return from a Function

The instruction `return` relinquishes control of the current stack frame, that is, it restores `PC`, `EP` and `FP`.



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The translation of a function is thus defined as follows:

$$\text{code}^l t_r f(\text{args})\{\text{decls } ss\} \rho = \begin{array}{l} \text{enter } q \\ \text{move } R_{l+1} R_{-1} \\ \vdots \\ \text{move } R_{l+n} R_{-n} \\ \text{code}^{l+n+1} ss \rho' \\ \text{return} \end{array}$$

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- `return` is not always necessary

Are the `move` instructions always necessary? ←

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Translation of Whole Programs

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Assumptions:

- $\rho = \emptyset$ assuming that we have no global variables
- ρ_{f_i} contain the addresses the local variables
- $\rho_1 \oplus \rho_2 = \lambda x. \begin{cases} \rho_2(x) & \text{if } x \in \text{dom}(\rho_2) \\ \rho_1(x) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

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Translation of the fac-function

Consider:

```
int fac(int x) {
  if (x<=0) then
    return 1;
  else
    return x*fac(x-1);
}

_fac: enter(5)      3 mark+call
      move R1 R-1  save param.
      i = 2         if (x<=0)
      move R2 R1
      loadc R3 0
      leq R2 R2 R3
      jumpz R2 _A  to else
      loadc R2 1
      move R0 R2
      return
      jump _B       code is dead

      A:           move R2 R1
                  i = 3   move R3 R1
                  i = 4   loadc R4 1
                          sub R3 R3 R4
                          move R-1 R3
                          loadc R3 fac
                          save loc R1 R2
                          mark
                          call R3
                          restore loc R1 R2
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Topic:

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Variables in Memory: L-Value and R-Value

Variables can be used in two different ways.

example: $a[x] = y + 1$

for y we need to know the value of the memory cell, for $a[x]$ we are interested in the address

r-value of x = content of x
l-value of x = address of x

compute r- and l-value in register R_i :

$\text{code}_R^l e \rho$	generates code to compute the r-value of e , given the environment ρ
$\text{code}_L^l e \rho$	analogously for the l-value

note:

Not every expression has an l-value (e.g.: $x + 1$).

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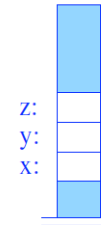
Observe: a variable x can only have one entry in ρ

However:

- ρ may be change with the program point

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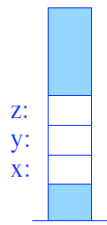
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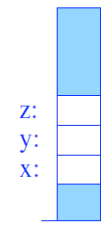
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- an access to an **array** is always done through a pointer, hence, it must be stored in memory
- optimization: store individual elements of a **struct** in register while no pointer accesses may reach the structure

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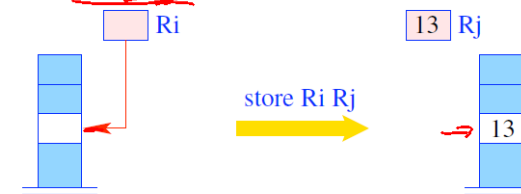
idea:

- compute the r-value of e_2 in register R_i ,
- compute the l-value of e_1 in register R_{i+1} and
- write e_2 to address e_1 using a store instruction

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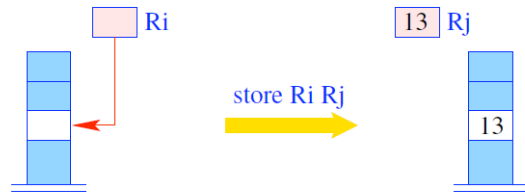
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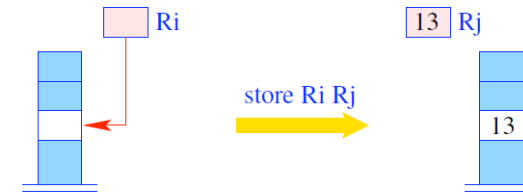
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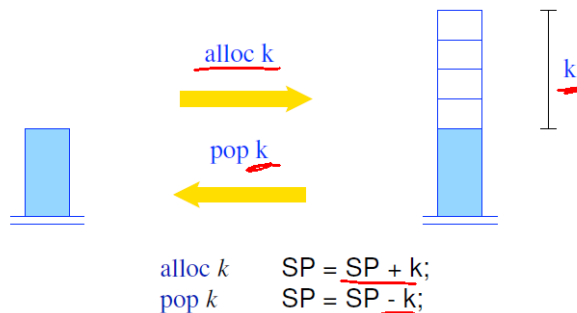
- The I-value of a variable is computed as follows:

$$\text{code}_L^i x \rho = \text{loadc } R_i a$$

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Allocating Memory for Local Variables

Given: a function with k local `int` variables that need to be stored in memory.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{alloc } k & \quad \text{SP} = \text{SP} + k; \\ \text{pop } k & \quad \text{SP} = \text{SP} - k; \end{aligned}$$

The instruction `alloc k` reserves space for k variables on the stack, `pop k` frees this space again.

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Access to Local Variables

Accesses to local variables are relative to FP. We therefore modify `code_L` to cater for variables in memory.

For $\rho x = \langle L, a \rangle$ we define

$$\text{code}_L^i x \rho = \text{loadc } R_i a \text{ if } \rho x = \langle L, a \rangle$$

Instruction `loadc $R_i k$` computes the sum of FP and k .



$$R_i = FP + k$$

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Observations:

- intuitively: a register has no address
- during the compilation the l-value of a register may never be computed
- this requires a case distinction for assignments

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Data Transfer Instructions of the R-CMa

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instruction	semantics	intuition
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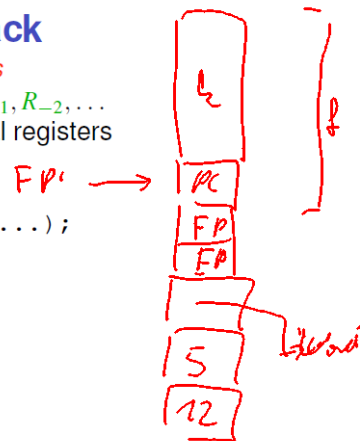
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idea:

- push *variadic* parameters from *right to left* onto the stack
- the first parameter lies right below `PC`, `FP`, `EP`
- for a prototype $\tau f(\tau_1 x_1, \dots, \tau_k x_k, \dots)$ we set:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1 &\mapsto \langle R, -1 \rangle & x_k &\mapsto \langle R, -k \rangle \\
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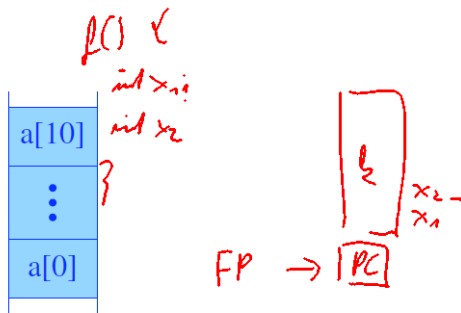
Variables in Memory

Chapter 2: Arrays and Pointers

Arrays

Example: `int[11] a;`

- the array a contains 11 elements and therefore requires 11 cells.
- ρa is the address of $a[0]$.



Define the function $|\cdot|$ to compute the required space of a type:

$$|t| = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t \text{ is base type} \\ k \cdot |t'| & \text{if } t \equiv t'[k] \end{cases}$$

For a sequence of declarations $d \equiv t_1 x_1; \dots; t_k x_k$; we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho x_1 &= 1 \\ \rho x_i &= \rho x_{i-1} + |t_{i-1}| \quad \text{für } i > 1 \end{aligned}$$

$|\cdot|$ can be computed at compile time and, hence, ρ too.

Note: $|\cdot|$ is required to translate the `sizeof` operator in C

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Pointer in C

Computing with pointers means

- 1 to **create** pointers, that is, to obtain the address of a variable;
- 2 to **dereference** pointers, that is, to access the pointed-to memory

Creating pointers:

- through the use of the address-of operator: `&` yields a **pointer** to a variable, that is, its ($\hat{=}$)**l-value**. Thus define:

$$\text{code}_R^i \&e \rho = \text{code}_L^i e \rho$$

Example:

Let `struct { int a; int b; } x;` with $\rho = \{x \mapsto 13\}$ and

$\rho_{st} = \{a \mapsto 0, b \mapsto 1\}$.

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Applying the `*` operator to an expression e yields the **content** of the cell whose l-value is stored in e :

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Example: Consider

```
struct t { int a[7]; struct t *b; };
int i, j;
struct t *pt;
```

and the expression $e \equiv ((pt \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a)[i+1]$

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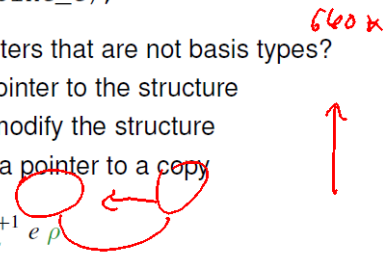
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new instruction: `move`

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Invariant of Heap and Stack

- the stack and the heap may not overlap

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Possible Implementations of `free`

- 1 Leave the problem of dangling pointers to the programmer. Use a data structure to manage allocated and free memory. ~ `malloc` becomes expensive
- 2 Do nothing:

$code^i \underline{free}(e) \rho = code_R^i e \rho$

~ simple and efficient, but not for reactive programs

- 3 Use an **automatic**, possibly "conservative" **garbage collection**, that occasionally runs to reclaim memory that **certainly** is not in use anymore. Make this re-claimed memory available again to `malloc`.

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Translation of Programs

Before the execution of a program, the runtime sets:

$SP = -1$ $FP = EP = 0$ $PC = 0$ $NP = MAX$

Let $p \equiv V_defs \ F_def_1 \dots F_def_n$ be a program where F_def_i defines a function f_i of which one is called `main`.

The code for the program p is comprised of:

- code for each function definition F_def_i ;
- code to initialize global variables
- code that calls `main()`
- an instruction `halt`.

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assumptions:

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- saveloc R₁ R₀ has no effect (i.e. it backs up no register)
- ρ contains the address of all functions and global variable

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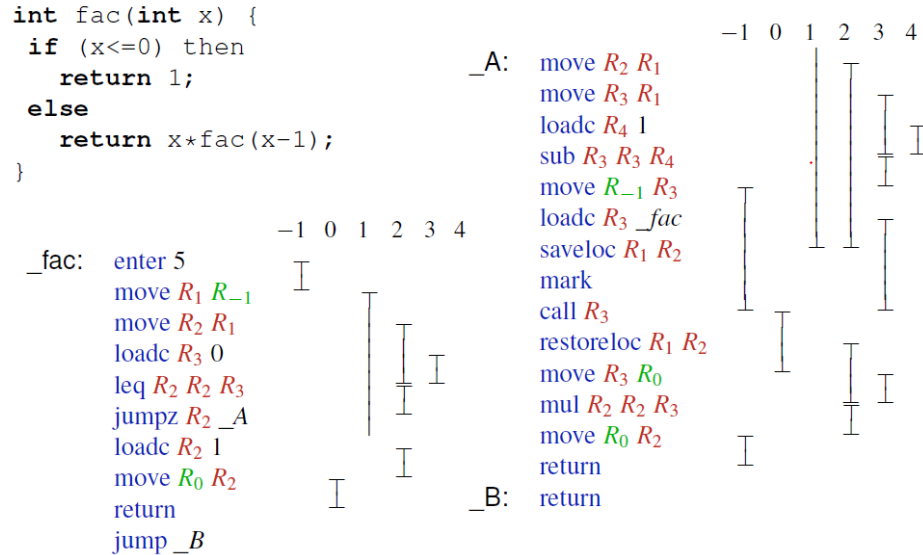
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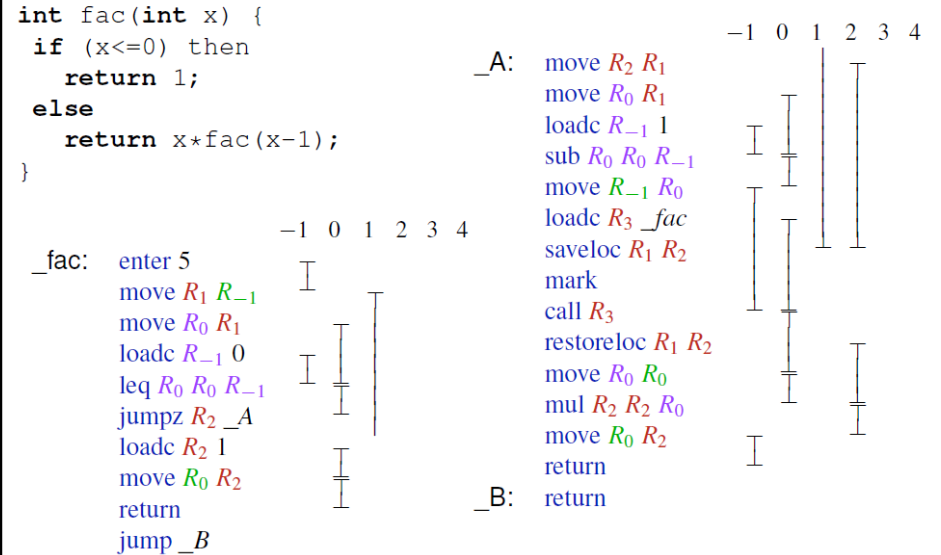
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Outlook

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- remove unnecessary `move` instructions

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