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Topic: Symbol tables and type checking (Chapter 6)

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Exercise 1 (AG: collateral vs. sequential declarations) Extend the grammar of Table 1 into an AG to capture “*collateral*” (simultaneous) declarations.

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow exp \\ exp &\rightarrow (exp) \mid exp + exp \mid \mathbf{id} \mid num \mid \mathbf{let} \textit{dec-list} \mathbf{in} exp \\ \textit{dec-list} &\rightarrow \textit{dec-list}, decl \mid decl \\ decl &\rightarrow \mathbf{id} = exp \end{aligned}$$

Table 1: Expression grammar with declarations

As a starting point, use the grammar from the lecture, which is reproduced here. So: Rewrite the grammar from Table 2 on the next page to use *collateral* declarations instead of sequential ones.

Exercise 2 (AG for expression evaluation) Write an attribute grammar that computes the *value* of each expression for the expression grammar Table 1 (it’s the same as in the previous exercise).

Exercise 3 (AG: type conversion resp. evaluation) Consider the following (ambiguous) expression grammar.

$$\begin{aligned} exp &\rightarrow exp + exp \mid exp - exp \mid exp * exp \mid exp / exp \\ &\mid (exp) \mid \mathbf{num} \mid \mathbf{num} . \mathbf{num} \end{aligned}$$

Assume you are dealing with two numerical types, for integers and for floats. Suppose that the rules of C are followed in computing the *value* of such expressions:

If two subexpressions are of *mixed type*, then the integer subexpression is *converted* to floating point, and the floating-point operator is applied.

Write an attribute grammar that will convert such expressions in expressions that are legal some languages: conversions from integer to floating point are expressed by applying the **FLOAT** function, and the division operator / is considered to be **div** if both operands are integers.

Grammar Rule	Semantic Rules
$S \rightarrow exp$	$exp.syntab = emptytable$ $exp.nestlevel = 0$ $S.err = exp.err$
$exp_1 \rightarrow exp_2 + exp_3$	$exp_2.syntab = exp_1.syntab$ $exp_3.syntab = exp_1.syntab$ $exp_2.nestlevel = exp_1.nestlevel$ $exp_3.nestlevel = exp_1.nestlevel$ $exp_1.err = exp_2.err \text{ or } exp_3.err$
$exp_1 \rightarrow (exp_2)$	$exp_2.syntab = exp_1.syntab$ $exp_2.nestlevel = exp_1.nestlevel$ $exp_1.err = exp_2.err$
$exp \rightarrow \mathbf{id}$	$exp.err = \mathbf{not\ isin}(exp.syntab.\mathbf{id}.name)$ } 2
$exp \rightarrow \mathbf{num}$	$exp.err = \mathbf{false}$
$exp_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{let\ dec-list\ in\ } exp_2$	$dec-list.intab = exp_1.syntab$ $dec-list.nestlevel = exp_1.nestlevel + 1$ $exp_2.syntab = dec-list.outtab$ $exp_2.nestlevel = dec-list.nestlevel$ $exp_1.err = (dec-list.outtab = errtab) \text{ or } exp_2.err$ } 3
$dec-list_1 \rightarrow dec-list_2 , decl$	$dec-list_2.intab = dec-list_1.intab$ $dec-list_2.nestlevel = dec-list_1.nestlevel$ $decl.intab = dec-list_2.outtab$ $decl.nestlevel = dec-list_2.nestlevel$ $dec-list_1.outtab = decl.outtab$ } 4
$dec-list \rightarrow decl$	$decl.intab = dec-list.intab$ $decl.nestlevel = dec-list.nestlevel$ $dec-list.outtab = decl.outtab$ } 4
$decl \rightarrow \mathbf{id} = exp$	$exp.syntab = decl.intab$ $exp.nestlevel = decl.nestlevel$ $decl.outtab =$ $\mathbf{if\ } (decl.intab = errtab) \text{ or } exp.err$ $\mathbf{then\ } errtab$ $\mathbf{else\ if\ } (lookup(decl.intab,\mathbf{id}.name) =$ $\quad decl.nestlevel)$ $\mathbf{then\ } errtab$ $\mathbf{else\ insert}(decl.intab,\mathbf{id}.name, decl.nestlevel)$ } 1

Table 2: Sequential declarations (from the lecture)

Exercise 4 (Type equality and type checking)

Consider the following grammar which in particular features procedure or function declarations (Table 3)

1. Devise a suitable tree structure for the new function type structures, and write a *typeEqual* function for two function types.

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program → var-decls ; fun-decls ; stmts
var-decls → var-decls ; var-decl | var-decl
var-decl → id : type-exp
type-exp → int | bool | array [num] of type-exp
fun-decls → fun id ( var-decls ) : type-exp ; body
body → exp
stmts → stmts ; stmt | stmt
stmt → if exp then stmt | id := exp
exp → exp + exp | exp or exp | exp [ exp ] | id ( exps )
      | num | true | false | id
exps → exps , exp | exp

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Table 3: Grammar with function declarations

- Write semantic rules for the type checking of function declarations and function calls, represented by a rule

$$exp \rightarrow \text{id} (exp) ,$$

Similar to the rules in the slide “Type checking as semantic rules” in the type checking section of Chapter 7 in the slides.

Exercise 5 (Symbol table) Think about the following ambiguity in C expressions. Consider the expression $(A)-x$. If x is an integer variable and A is defined in a `typedef` as equivalent to `double`, then this expression *casts* the value of $-x$ to `double`. On the other hand, if A is an integer variable, then this *computes* the integer difference of the two variables.

- Describe how the *parser* might use the *symbol table* to disambiguate the two interpretations.
- Describe how the *scanner* might use the *symbol table* disambiguate the two interpretations.