TP 2 : A Compiler for mini-Lustre

The purpose of this exercice is to write a code generator for mini-Lustre, a small language similar to Lustre (the syntax and primitives of mini-Lustre are given in the appendix). The compilation scheme is decomposed into a series of elementary transformations until the generation of sequential code.

1 Code Generation

1.1 Normalisation

Normalisation is the transformation of a mini-Lustre program into a new mini-Lustre program in which expressions $\langle expr \rangle$ on the right of equations have the following form :

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \langle atom \rangle & := & \langle ident \rangle \mid \langle const \rangle \\ \langle bexpr \rangle & := & \langle atom \rangle \mid \texttt{(}\ \langle bexpr \rangle\ \texttt{)} \mid \langle bexpr \rangle\ \langle op \rangle\ \langle bexpr \rangle \mid \langle unop \rangle\ \langle bexpr \rangle \mid \\ & & \texttt{if}\ \langle bexpr \rangle\ \texttt{then}\ \langle bexpr \rangle\ \texttt{else}\ \langle bexpr \rangle \mid \texttt{(}\ \langle bexpr \rangle\ \texttt{,}\ \langle bexpr \rangle^{+}_{\texttt{,}}\ \texttt{)} \\ \langle expr \rangle & := & \langle bexpr \rangle \mid \langle ident \rangle\texttt{(}\ \langle bexpr \rangle^{\star}_{\texttt{,}}\ \texttt{)} \mid \\ & & \langle atom \rangle\ \texttt{fby}\ \langle atom \rangle \mid \texttt{(}\langle atom \rangle\texttt{,}\langle atom \rangle^{+}_{\texttt{,}}\texttt{)}\ \texttt{fby}\ \texttt{(}\langle atom \rangle\texttt{,}\langle atom \rangle^{+}_{\texttt{,}}\texttt{)} \end{array}$$

This program transformation may introduce new equations. For example, the normalisation of the following program :

```
node f(x:int) returns (o:int);
let
 o = 1 fby 2 fby x;
tel

node g() returns (o:int);
let
 o = f(f(1));
tel
```

results in :

```
node f(x:int) returns (o:int);
var aux1, aux2 : int;
let
 aux1 = 2 fby x;
 aux2 = 1 fby aux1;
 o = aux2;
tel
```

```
node g() returns (o:int);
var aux: int;
let
  aux = f(1);
  o = f(aux);
tel
```

1.2 Static Scheduling

The second transformation is static scheduling. This transformation orders equations from a node so that they can be executed sequentially. The order between equations should respect the causality relation between variables. Precisely, an equation `x = e` must be scheduled after all the variables read in `e` have been scheduled. An equation `x = v fby e` must be scheduled before all equations that read `x`.

1.3 Generating Sequential OCaml Code

Important. In the following, we suppose that both normalisation and scheduling have been done.

Remark. To help you understand what is required in this exercise, we provide a complete version of the `minilustre` compiler. It is available with the other files on the website.

1.3.1 General Principals

A particular point to take care of in the compilation of mini-Lustre is the translation of equations containing the `fby` operator.

Consider the example of an equation `x = e1 fby e2`. A the initial instant t_0, the data-flow `x` equals `e1` then, at the later instant t_i, `x` has the value `e2` had at instant t_{i-1}. The compilation of such an expression needs a way to "remember" the value `e2` had at instant t_{i-1} in order to compute the value of `x` at instant t_i. This is achieved by allocating a memory cell to store the current value of `e2`.

Memory cells for `fby` expressions must be allocated for every call to a node. Indeed, consider :

```
node f(x:int) returns (o:int);
let
  o = 2 fby (o+x);
tel

node g() returns (o1,o2:int);
let
 o1 = f(5);
 o2 = f(10);
tel
```

The evaluation of equations `o1 = f(5)` and `o2 = f(10)` in the node `g` requires the allocation of two different memory cells for the equation `o = 2 fby (o+x)` in node `f` (since the data-flow `o` returned by node `f` is different for every value of argument `x`).

These memory cells being different for different calls to node `f`, they become supplementary arguments to every call to `f`. These node memories are called *internal memories* in the following. All the memories associated to `fby` expressions from the same node will be gathered in a single data-structure to minimize the number of extra arguments of a node.

The remaining describes this compilation principle into OCaml more precisely.

Important. To simplify the compilation process, we suppose that the left argument of `fby` is a constant expression (constants or tuples of constants).

1.3.2 Compilation of a node

The compilation of a node from mini-Lustre into OCaml produces the three following definitions :

- un record type to represent the internal memory of the node ;
- a function to allocate and initialize this memory ;
- and a transition function to compute a reaction (this function is parameterized by the memory of the node and its current inputs).

Let us illustrate the compilation process on the following example :

```
node minmax (x:int) returns (min,max:int);
var pmin,pmax:int; first:bool;
    aux1, aux2: int;
let
  first  = true fby false;
  (aux1, aux2) = (0,0) fby (min, max);
  (pmin, pmax) = if first then (x, x) else (aux1, aux2);
  (min, max) = if x < pmin then (x, pmax)
               else if x > pmax then (pmin, x)
               else (pmin, pmax);
tel
```

The record type produced for this node is :

```
type minmax_mem =
  { mutable next_first: bool;
    mutable next_aux1: int;
    mutable next_aux2: int; }
```

It contains three *mutables* fields `next_first`, `next_aux1` and `next_aux2`. The first corresponds to the memory used to compile the equation `first = true fby false`. The following two fields are used to store the state of equation `(aux1,aux2) = (0,0) fby (min,max)`. These fields will contain at every instant the value of the data-flow for the next step. The record structure is allocated by the initialization function for node (`minmax_init` dans la suite), which initializes every field with the left hand side of an expression `fby`. The record is updated by the transition function `minmax_step`.

The initialization function for node `minmax` is defined in the following way :

```
let minmax_init () =
  { next_first = true;
    next_aux1 = 0;
    next_aux2 = 0; }
```

Finally, the transition function is given below :

```
let minmax_step mem x =
  let first = mem.next_first in
  let (aux1, aux2) = (mem.next_aux1, mem.next_aux2) in
  let (pmin, pmax) = if first then (x, x) else (aux1, aux2) in
  let (min, max) = if x < pmin then (x, pmax)
                   else if x > pmax then (pmin, x)
                   else (pmin, pmax) in
  mem.next_first <- false;
  mem.next_aux1 <- min;
  mem.next_aux2 <- max;
  (min, max)
```

This function takes the internal memory of the node and its current inputs. The body of the function can be decomposed into three parts :

- the computation of the current value of every data-flow : `first`, `aux1`, `aux2`, `pmin`, `pmax`, `min` and `max`
- the update of memories for the right hand side of `fby` expressions : `mem.next_first`, `mem.next_aux1` and `mem.next_aux2`
- the return of output data-flows computed by the node : `(min,max)`

Calling a node. Consider the code generated for the call of a node on the exemple below :

```
node minmax2(x,y: int) returns (min,max: int);
var min_x, max_x, min_y, max_y: int;
let
  (min_x, max_x) = minmax(x);
  (min_y, max_y) = minmax(y);
  min = if min_x < min_y then min_x else min_y;
  max = if max_x > max_y then max_x else max_y;
tel
```

The record type that is produced for this node is :

```
type minmax2_mem =
  { mem1: minmax_mem;
    mem2: minmax_mem; }
```

It contains two fields `mem1` and `mem2` of type `minmax_mem` which correspond to the memory state of the two calls to `minmax`. These fields are given as arguments to the function `minmax_step`. The initialization function of the node is defined in the following way :

```
let minmax2_init () =
  { mem1 = minmax_init();
    mem2 = minmax_init(); }
```

Every call to this function creates a value of type `minmax2_mem` which corresponds to the memory necessary to execute the `minmax2` node. This memory contains the memory fields `mem1` and `mem2` that are necessary to execute the two calls to `minmax`. These two fields are initialized by calling the function `minmax_init`.

The transition function `minmax2_step` is defined by :

```
let minmax2_step mem (x, y) =
  let (min_x, max_x) = minmax_step mem.mem1 x in
  let (min_y, max_y) = minmax_step mem.mem2 y in
  let min = if min_x < min_y then min_x else min_y in
  let max = if max_x > max_y then max_x else max_y in
  (min, max)
```

`mem.mem1` and `mem.mem2` are the two local memories.

Remark. The compilation of function calls to primitives does not need extra memories.

1.3.3 The Main Program

The execution of a program from mini-Lustre never ends. It is an infinite sequence of calls to the transition function of the main node. If the node `main` is the main node of the program (its type signature must be `unit→unit`), the corresponding driver code resembles :

```
let _ =
  let mem = main_init () in
  Graphics.open_graph "";
  Graphics.auto_synchronize false;
  while true do
    Graphics.clear_graph ();
    main_step mem ();
    Graphics.synchronize();
    wait()
  done
```

2 The compiler

You can download the compiler of mini-Lustre with "holes" at `http://www.di.ens.fr/~pouzet/cours/mpri/tp2/mini-lustre.tgz`. This archive contains two directories. The directory `examples` contains programs written in mini-Lustre and the directory `compiler` contains the following files :

- `Makefile` : to compile the compiler by entering `make` ;
- `asttypes.mli` : the definition of types used in the abstract syntax tree ;
- `ast.mli` : the definition of types for the abstract syntax tree for mini-Lustre obtained after the syntactic analysis ;
- `typed_ast.mli` : the definition of types to represent the abstract syntax tree annotated with type annotations ;
- `imp_ast.mli` : the definition of types to represent abstract syntax tree from the target imperative language ;

— `lexer.mll` : lexical analysis ;
— `parser.mly` : syntax analysis ;
— `typing.ml` : functions to typecheck a program ;
— `normalization.ml` : functions that implement the normalization step ;
— `scheduling.ml` : functions to schedule typed syntax trees ;
— `imp.ml` : functions to translate the typed abstract syntax into the abstract syntax of the target imperative language ;
— `ocaml_printer.ml` : printer for the imperative target language into OCaml code ;
— `typed_ast_printer.ml` : functions to print a typed abstract syntax tree ;
— `typed_ast_utils.ml` : functions to browse the typed abstract syntax tree ;
— `checks.ml` : a verification procedure to check that transformations are correct ;
— `minilustre.ml` : main entry of the compiler.

The compiler takes a file mini-Lustre (extension `.mls`) and generates OCaml code. The option `-main` defines the name of the main node and causes the driver loop to be generated. The option `-verbose` causes the source code to be printed after every transformation.

Question 1
Download the compiler then compile and execute the corresponding code for program `simple.mls`.

Question 2
Carefully read the files `typed_ast.mli` *and* `imp_ast.mli` *that represent abstract syntax trees that you have to manipulate.*

Question 3
Complete places with holes in the files `normalization.ml`, `scheduling.ml` *and* `imp.ml`. *These places are indicated with a* `(* TODO *)`.

A Syntax of the language

We use the following notation in the grammar :

$\langle rule \rangle^\star$	repetition of the rule $\langle rule \rangle$ an arbitrary number of times (possibly zero)
$\langle rule \rangle^\star_t$	repetition of the rule $\langle rule \rangle$ an arbitrary number of time (possibly zero), every occurrence being separated by the terminal t
$\langle rule \rangle^+$	repetition of the rule $\langle rule \rangle$ at least once
$\langle rule \rangle^+_t$	repetition of the rule $\langle rule \rangle$ at least once, occurrences being separated by the terminal t
$\langle rule \rangle$?	optional use of the rule $\langle rule \rangle$ (i.e. zero or once)
($\langle rule \rangle$)	parenthesis ; be careful not to mix them with terminals `(` and `)`

Spaces, tagulation and new lines are blanks. Comments start with `/*` and ends at `*/`, and they must not be nested. Identifiers follow the regular expression syntax $\langle ident \rangle$ defined below :

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \langle digit \rangle & ::= & \texttt{0–9} \\ \langle alpha \rangle & ::= & \texttt{a–z} \mid \texttt{A–Z} \\ \langle ident \rangle & ::= & \langle alpha \rangle\ (\langle alpha \rangle \mid \texttt{\_} \mid \langle digit \rangle)^\star \end{array}$$

The following identifiers are keywords :

`and`	`bool`	`const`	`else`	`false`	`fby`	`float`
`if`	`int`	`let`	`node`	`not`	`or`	`returns`
`string`	`tel`	`then`	`true`	`unit`	`var`	

Integer constants are defined by the following regular expression for ⟨*integer*⟩ :

$$\langle integer \rangle \quad ::= \quad \langle digit \rangle^{+}$$

and floating point values by ⟨*float*⟩ :

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \langle exponent \rangle & ::= & (\texttt{e} \mid \texttt{E})\ (\texttt{-} \mid \texttt{+})?\ \langle digit \rangle + \\ \langle float \rangle & ::= & \langle digit \rangle +\ \texttt{.}\ \langle digit \rangle^{\star}\ \langle exponent \rangle ? \\ & \mid & \langle digit \rangle^{\star}\ \texttt{.}\ \langle digit \rangle +\ \langle exponent \rangle ? \\ & \mid & \langle digit \rangle +\ \langle exponent \rangle \end{array}$$

Charater strings are delimited by the character `"`. They can contain any character, excepted `"`, `\` and new line. These three special characters must be encoded (inside a string) by the sequences `\"`, `\\` and `\n`, respectively.

The grammar for source files is given below. The input entry is the non terminal ⟨*fichier*⟩.

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \langle fichier \rangle & ::= & \langle noeud \rangle^{\star}\ \texttt{EOF} \\ \langle noeud \rangle & ::= & \texttt{node}\ \langle ident \rangle\ \texttt{(}\ \langle decl \rangle^{+}_{\texttt{;}}\ \texttt{)}\ \texttt{returns}\ \texttt{(}\ \langle decl \rangle^{+}_{\texttt{;}}\ \texttt{)}\ \texttt{;}\ \langle local \rangle ?\ \texttt{let}\ \langle eq \rangle^{+}\ \texttt{tel} \\ \langle decl \rangle & ::= & \langle ident \rangle^{+}_{\texttt{,}}\ \texttt{:}\ \langle type \rangle \\ \langle local \rangle & ::= & \texttt{var}\ \langle decl \rangle^{+}_{\texttt{;}}\ \texttt{;} \\ \langle eq \rangle & ::= & \langle motif \rangle\ \texttt{=}\ \langle expr \rangle\ \texttt{;} \\ \langle motif \rangle & ::= & \langle ident \rangle \mid \texttt{(}\ \langle ident \rangle\ \texttt{,}\ \langle ident \rangle^{+}_{\texttt{,}}\ \texttt{)} \\ \langle expr \rangle & := & \langle ident \rangle \mid \langle const \rangle \mid \langle expr \rangle\ \langle op \rangle\ \langle expr \rangle \mid \langle unop \rangle\ \langle expr \rangle \mid \\ & & \langle ident \rangle\texttt{(}\ \langle expr \rangle^{\star}_{\texttt{,}}\ \texttt{)} \mid \texttt{if}\ \langle expr \rangle\ \texttt{then}\ \langle expr \rangle\ \texttt{else}\ \langle expr \rangle \\ & & \mid \texttt{(}\ \langle expr \rangle\ \texttt{,}\ \langle expr \rangle^{+}_{\texttt{,}}\ \texttt{)} \mid \langle expr \rangle\ \texttt{fby}\ \langle expr \rangle \mid \texttt{(}\ \langle expr \rangle\ \texttt{)} \\ \langle op \rangle & := & \texttt{+} \mid \texttt{-} \mid \texttt{*} \mid \texttt{/} \mid \texttt{+.} \mid \texttt{-.} \mid \texttt{*.} \mid \texttt{/.} \mid \\ & & \texttt{<=} \mid \texttt{>=} \mid \texttt{>} \mid \texttt{<} \mid \texttt{<>} \mid \texttt{=} \mid \texttt{and} \mid \texttt{or} \\ \langle unop \rangle & := & \texttt{-} \mid \texttt{-.} \mid \texttt{not} \\ \langle const \rangle & ::= & \texttt{true} \mid \texttt{false} \mid \langle integer \rangle \mid \langle float \rangle \mid \langle string \rangle \mid \texttt{()} \\ \langle type \rangle & ::= & \texttt{bool} \mid \texttt{int} \mid \texttt{float} \mid \texttt{string} \mid \texttt{unit} \end{array}$$

The language mini-Lustre contains a set of primitives gathered into four groups. The first gathers primitives to convert base types.

```
float_of_int : int → float
int_of_float : float → int
float_of_string : string → float
int_of_string : string → int
bool_of_string : string → bool
```

The second set contains two random number generators and two trigonometric functions :

```
random_int : int → int
random_float : float → float
cos : float → float
sin : float → float
```

The third set contains primitives for graphics :

```
draw_point : (int, int) → unit
draw_line : (int, int, int, int) → unit
draw_circle : (int, int, int) → unit
draw_rect : (int, int, int, int) → unit
fill_rect : (int, int, int, int) → unit
get_mouse : unit → (int,int)
```

Finally, the last set contains two input/output primitives : the function `read`, with signature `unit → string`, reads characters on the standard input until a new line, and it returns the input string, and the primitive `print` takes an n-tuple of arguments with arbitrary size and has a returned value of type `unit`.