Processing ASTs: Tree Walking



- The recursive structure of trees gives rise to an elegant way of processing trees: *tree walking*.
- A tree walker typically starts at the root node and traverses the tree in a depth first manner.

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Consider the followina:



3*2+4

\$ python3
>>> from dumpast import dumpast
>>> ast = ('PLUS', ('MUL', ('INTEGER', 3), ('INTEGER', 2)), ('INTEGER', 4))
>>> dumpast(ast)

```
(PLUS
|(MUL
| |(INTEGER 3)
| |(INTEGER 2))
```

(INTEGER 4))

>>>



Processing ASTs: Tree Walking Asimple

<pre>dispatch_dictionary = {</pre>		
'PLUS'	: add,	
'MUL'	: multiply,	
'INTEGER'	: const	
}		

```
A simple tree walker for our expression tree
      def const(node):
         # pattern match the constant node
          (INTEGER, val) = node
         # return the value as an integer value
          return int(val)
      def add(node):
         # pattern match the tree node
         (PLUS, left, right) = node
         # recursively call the walker on the children
         left val = walk(left)
          right_val = walk(right)
          # return the sum of the values of the children
          return left_val + right_val
      # pattern match the tree node
          (MUL, left, right) = node
         # recursively call the walker on the children
         left val = walk(left)
          right_val = walk(right)
         # return the product of the values of the children
```

return left_val * right_val

Processing ASTs: Tree Walking Asimple

A simple tree walker for our expression tree



We just interpreted the expression tree!!!

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A simple tree walker for our expression tree



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```

```
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```

```
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- Notice that this scheme mimics what we did in the syntax directed interpretation schema,
- But now we interpret an expression tree rather than the implicit tree constructed by the parser.

Tree Walkers are Plug'n Play



- Tree walkers exist completely separately from the AST.
- Tree walkers plug into the AST and process it using their node functions.



Tree Walkers are Plug'n Play



• There is nothing to prevent us from plugging in multiple walkers during the processing of an AST, each performing a distinct phase of the processing.





An Interpreter for Cuppa1





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```
def walk(node):
    # node format: (TYPE, [child1[, child2[, ...]]))
    type = node[0]
    if type in dispatch:
        node_function = dispatch[type]
        return node function(node)
    else:
        raise ValueError("walk: unknown tree node type: " + type)
# a dictionary to associate tree nodes with node functions
dispatch = {
    'STMTLIST' : stmtlist,
    'ASSIGN'
               : assign_stmt,
    'GET'
               : get stmt,
    'PUT'
               : put_stmt,
               : while_stmt,
    'WHILE'
    'IF'
               : if_stmt,
    'NIL'
               : nil,
    'BLOCK'
               : block_stmt,
    'INTEGER'
               : integer_exp,
    'ID'
               : id_exp,
    'PAREN'
               : paren_exp,
    'PLUS'
               : plus_exp,
    'MINUS'
               : minus_exp,
    'MUL'
               : mul_exp,
    'DIV'
               : div_exp,
    'E0'
               : eq_exp,
    'LE'
               : le_exp,
    'UMINUS'
               : uminus_exp,
    'NOT'
               : not_exp
}
```

cuppa1_interp_walk.py

An Interpreter for Cuppa1

return None





cuppa1_state.py

cuppa1_interp.py



An Interpreter for Cuppa1

def __init__(self): def interp(input stream, dump=False): self.initialize() try: state.initialize() def initialize(self): ast = parse(input stream) # symbol table to hold variable-value association if dump: self.symbol table = {} dumpast(ast) else: state = State() walk(ast) except Exception as e: if __name__ == "__main__": print("error: "+str(e)) import sys return None import os ast switch = Falsechar_stream = '' if len(sys.argv) == 1: # no args - read stdin char_stream = sys.stdin.read() else: # if there is a '-d' switch use it ast switch = sys.argv[1] == '-d' # last arg is the filename to open and read input_file = sys.argv[-1] if not os.path.isfile(input_file): print("unknown file {}".format(input_file)) sys.exit(0) else: f = open(input_file, 'r') Command line interface char stream = f.read()f.close() interp(char_stream, dump=ast_switch)



Running the Interpreter

<pre>\$ cat inc.txt</pre>		
get x		
x = x + 1		
put x		
<pre>\$ python3 cuppa1_interp.py inc.txt</pre>		
Value for x? 3		
4		
\$		

\$ cat if.txt
get x; if (0 =< x) put 1 else put -1;
\$ python cuppa1_interp.py if.txt
Value for x? 2
1
\$ python cuppa1_interp.py if.txt
Value for x? -4
-1
\$</pre>

```
~/.../chap05/cuppa1_interp$ cat fact.txt
// compute the factorial of x
get x;
y = 1;
while (1 =< x)
{
    y = y * x;
    x = x - 1;
}
put y;
~/.../chap05/cuppa1_interp$ python3 cuppa1_interp.py fact.txt
Value for x? 3
6
~/.../chap05/cuppa1_interp$</pre>
```

A Pretty Printer with a Twist



- Our pretty printer will do the following things:
 - It will read the Cuppa1 programs and construct an AST
 - It will compute whether a particular variable is used in the program
 - It will output a pretty printed version of the input script but <u>will flag assignment/get statements to</u> variables which are not used in the program

This cannot be accomplished in a syntax directed manner – therefore we need the AST

PrettyPrinting the Language



We need an IR because usage will always occur after definition – cannot be handled by a syntax directed pretty printer.



The Pretty Printer is a Translator!



- The Pretty Printer with a Twist fits neatly into our translator class
 - Read input file and construct AST
 - Usage/Semantic Analysis
 - Generate output code, flagging unused assignments





Pretty Printer Architecture



Frontend + 2 Tree Walkers



- The first pass of the pretty printer walks the AST and looks for variables in expressions
 - only those count as usage points.
- A peek at the tree walker for the first pass, cuppa1_pp1_walk.py shows that it literally just walks the tree doing nothing until it finds a variable in an expression.
- If it finds a variable in an expression then the node function for id_exp marks the variable in the symbol table as used,



<pre>def walk(node):</pre>	ef walk(node):			
<pre>node_type = n</pre>	<pre>node_type = node[0]</pre>			
<pre>if node_type</pre>	<pre>if node_type in dispatch_dict:</pre>			
node_func	<pre>node_function = dispatch_dict[node_type]</pre>			
return no	<pre>return node_function(node)</pre>			
else:	else:			
raise ValueError("walk: unknown tree node type: " + node_type				
# a dictionary to associate tree nodes with node functions				
dispatch_dict = {				
SIMILISI.	: stmtlist,			
ASSIGN .	: assign_stmt,			
GET	: get_stmt,			
PUT	: put_stmt,			
'WHILE'	: while_stmt,			
'IF'	: if_stmt,			
'NIL'	: lambda node : None,			
'BLOCK'	: block_stmt,			
'INTEGER'	: lambda node : None,			
'ID'	: id_exp,			
'UMINUS'	: uminus_exp,			
'NOT'	: not_exp,			
'PAREN'	: paren_exp,			
'PLUS'	: binop_exp,			
'MINUS'	: binop_exp,			
'MUL'	: binop_exp,			
'DiV'	: binop_exp,			
'EQ'	: binop_exp,			
'LE'	: binop_exp			
}				

Just Walking the Tree!





Just Walking the Tree!

def	<pre>binop_exp(node):</pre>	
	(OP, c1, c2) = node	
	<pre>walk(c1) walk(c2)</pre>	
	return None	



- According to the tree walker of our first phase a variable appearing in the symbol table has one of two states after the tree walker completes:
 - 'Defined' a variable was defined in the program but never used
 - 'Used' the value of a variable is being accessed, that is the variable is being used in an expression.
- We are interested in the first scenario...

\$ python3 ### import our modules >>> from cuppa1_state import state Testing the tree walker >>> from cuppa1_fe import parse >>> from cuppa1_pp1_walk import walk ### run the frontend and the walker >>> state.initialize() \$ python3 >>> ast = parse("get x") ### load our modules >>> walk(ast) >>> from cuppa1_state import state >>> from cuppa1_fe import parse ### look at the symbol table >>> state.symbol_table >>> from cuppa1_pp1_walk import walk 'x': 'Defined' >>> ### run the frontend and the walker >>> state.initialize() >>> ast = parse("get x; put x+1") >>> walk(ast) ### look at the symbol table >>> state.symbol_table 'x': 'Used' >>>



PP2: Pretty Print Tree Walker



• The tree walker for the second pass walks the AST and compiles a formatted string that represents the pretty printed program.

<pre>def stmtlist(node):</pre>	
(STMTLIST, lst) = node	
<pre>code = '' for stmt in lst: code += walk(stmt) return code</pre>	

Concatenate the string for each stmt into one long string.



PP2: Pretty Print Tree Walker

```
def assign_stmt(node):
  (ASSIGN, (ID, name), exp) = node
  exp_code = walk(exp)
  code = indent() + name + ' = ' + exp_code
  if state.symbol_table[name] == 'Defined':
       code += ' // *** '+ name + ' is not used ***'
  code += ' \n'
  return code
```

```
def while_stmt(node):
  global indent_level
  (WHILE, cond, body) = node
  cond_code = walk(cond)
  indent_level += 1
  body_code = walk(body)
  indent_level -= 1
  code = indent() + 'while (' + cond_code + ')\n' + body_code
  return code
```

```
def binop exp(node):
    (0P, c1, c2) = node
    lcode = walk(c1)
    rcode = walk(c2)
    if OP == 'PLUS':
        code = lcode + ' + ' + rcode
    elif OP == 'MINUS':
        code = lcode + ' - ' + rcode
    elif OP == 'MUL':
        code = lcode + ' * ' + rcode
    elif OP == 'DIV':
        code = lcode + ' / ' + rcode
    elif OP == 'EO':
        code = lcode + ' == ' + rcode
    elif OP == 'LE':
        code = lcode + ' =< ' + rcode</pre>
    else:
        raise ValueError("unknown OP")
    return code
```

Indent() and indent_level keep track of the code indentation for formatting purposes.



Top Level Function of PP



Top level function



The Cuppa1 PP

Testing the pretty printer

<pre>\$ python3 cuppa1_pp.py get x; ^D</pre>	
get x // *** x is not used ***	*
<pre>\$ python3 cuppa1_pp.py get x; put x+1; ^D</pre>	<pre>~//chap05/cuppa1_pp\$ python3 cuppa1_pp.py get x; while (1 =< x) { put x; x = x + - 1; i = x }</pre>
get x put x + 1	get x while (1 =< x) { put x
\$	x = x + -1 i = x // *** i is not used *** }

~/.../chap05/cuppa1_pp\$

Assignment

• Reading: Chap 5

