CPS311: COMPUTER ORGANIZATION

Translation Patterns for Typical Higher Level Language Constructs

In what follows, the "C's" are any boolean condition, the "S's" any executable statement, the "L's" are arbitrary labels, "E" is an ordinal expression, and the "V's" are constants of the same type as E.

Higher Level Language (e.g. C)	Assembly Language
goto L;	Branch to L
if (C) S;	Branch if C is false to L1 Code for S L1:
if (C) S1; else S2;	Branch if C is false to L1 Code for S1 Branch to L2 L1: Code for S2 L2:
<pre>if (C1) S1; else if (C2) S2; else if (Cn) Sn; else Sf;</pre>	Branch if C1 is false to L1 Code for S1 Branch to Le L1: Branch if C2 is false to L2 Code for S2 Branch to Le L2: Branch if Cn is false to Ln Code for Sn Branch to Le Ln: Code for Sf Le:
while (C) S;	Branch to L2 L1: Code for S L2: Branch if C is true to L1
do S; while (C);	L1: Code for S Branch if C is true to L1
for (V = L; V <= H; V++) S;	Code to set V = L Branch to L2 L1: Code for S Code to increment V L2: Branch if V <= H to L1

```
switch(E)
     case V1:
         S1;
         break;
     case V2:
         S2;
         break;
     case V3:
         S3;
         break;
     case Vn:
         Sn;
         break;
     default:
     Sd;
}
```

Two options

If the set of values forms a dense set (i.e. includes all or most of the values in the range V1 .. Vn):

• Translate the statements using the following pattern. (Assume values are sorted in ascending order from V1..Vn)

```
L1: Code for S1
Branch to Le
L2: Code for S2
Branch to Le
L3: Code for S3
Branch to Le
```

Ln: Code for Sn Branch to Le

Ld: Code for Sd Branch to Le

• Create a jump table, structured as follows: (If any value is missing, put Ld address in its slot in the table)

```
Lc:
L1 address;
L2 address;
L3 address;
...
Ln address
```

• Translate the switch instruction as follows

```
Code to evaluate E
Branch if E < V1 or > Vn to Ld
Set temp = (E-V1) * size of address
Branch to address in Lc[temp]
```

Alternate

Le:

(Always applicable). Translate as if written:

```
temp = E;
if (temp == V1)
     S1;
else if (temp == V2)
     S2;
...
else if (temp == Vn)
     Sn;
else
     Sd;
```