

Progress report in Pen programming language

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Agenda

- Progress report
 - Lambda lifting (partially)
- Next plans

Progress report

Lambda lifting (partially)

- Flatten nested functions into global functions.
- Pen now implements its easy case where closures have no free variable.

References

- [Lambda lifting | Wikipedia](#)

Lambda lifting (partially)

Algorithm

Before:

```
f = \ (x number) number {  
  g = \ (y number) number {  
    # ...  
  }  
  
  # ...  
}
```

Lambda lifting (partially)

Algorithm

After:

```
f = \ (x number) number {  
  g = lifted_g  
  
  # ...  
}  
  
lifted_g = \ (y number) number {  
  # ...  
}
```

Benchmark

- Algorithm: Sum of numbers
- A program with a lifted closure takes longer than a program with no closure.
- Why do we have so much difference between "No closure" and "Lifted closure"?

	Time (ms)
No closure	234.6
Lifted closure	768.5
Un-lifted closure	2986

Floating-pointer number optimization in LLVM

Pen:

```
sum = \ (x number, i number) number {  
  if i == 0 {  
    x  
  } else {  
    sum(x + i, i - 1)  
  }  
}
```

LLVM:

```
else.i:  
%.tr47.i.int = phi i32 [ 1000000000, %phi6 ], [ %.int, %else.i ]  
%.tr36.i = phi double [ 0.0000000e+00, %phi6 ], [ %14, %else.i ]  
%indvar.conv = sitofp i32 %.tr47.i.int to double  
%14 = fadd double %.tr36.i, %indvar.conv  
%.int = add nsw i32 %.tr47.i.int, -1  
%15 = icmp eq i32 %.int, 0
```


Summary

- Progress
 - (Partial) lambda lifting
- Next plans
 - (Full) lambda lifting

Appendix

Benchmark result

```
> hyperfine -w 3 ./app ./app-lift ./app-unlift
Benchmark 1: ./app
  Time (mean ± σ):    234.6 ms ±  1.6 ms    [User: 182.2 ms, System: 2.0 ms]
  Range (min ... max): 233.0 ms ... 239.0 ms    12 runs

Benchmark 2: ./app-lift
  Time (mean ± σ):    768.5 ms ±  4.3 ms    [User: 715.3 ms, System: 3.0 ms]
  Range (min ... max): 764.9 ms ... 780.1 ms    10 runs

Warning: Statistical outliers were detected. Consider re-running this benchmark on a quiet PC without any interferences from other programs. It might help to use the '--warmup' or '--prepare' options.

Benchmark 3: ./app-unlift
  Time (mean ± σ):    2.986 s ±  0.070 s    [User: 2.929 s, System: 0.004 s]
  Range (min ... max): 2.941 s ... 3.136 s    10 runs

Warning: Statistical outliers were detected. Consider re-running this benchmark on a quiet PC without any interferences from other programs. It might help to use the '--warmup' or '--prepare' options.

Summary
'./app' ran
  3.28 ± 0.03 times faster than './app-lift'
 12.73 ± 0.31 times faster than './app-unlift'
```