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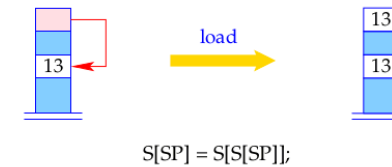
We define:

$\text{code}_R(e_1 + e_2) \rho = \text{code}_R e_1 \rho$
 $\text{code}_R e_2 \rho$
 add
 ... analogously for the other binary operators
 $\text{code}_R(-e) \rho = \text{code}_R e \rho$
 neg
 ... analogously for the other unary operators
 $\text{code}_R q \rho = \text{loadc } q$
 $\text{code}_L x \rho = \text{loadc } (\rho x)$
 ...

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 load

The instruction **load** loads the contents of the cell, whose address is on top of the stack.

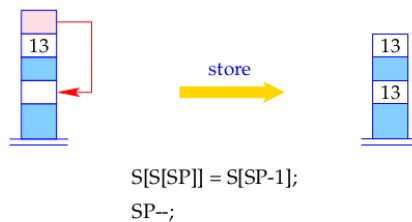


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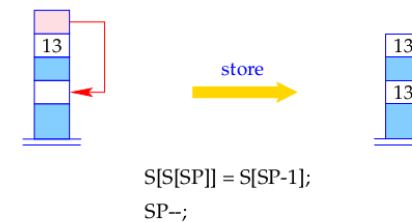


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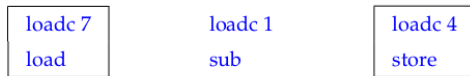
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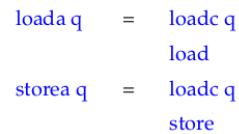
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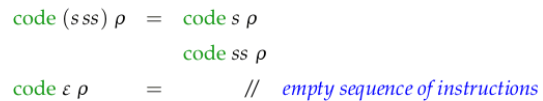


Improvements:

Introduction of special instructions for frequently used instruction sequences, e.g.,



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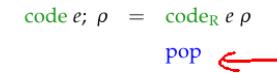


$x = 1 \{ \}$

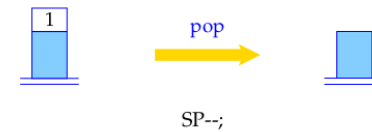
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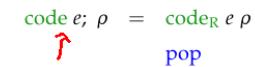
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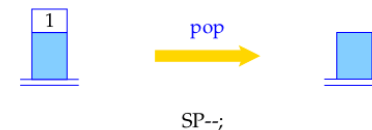
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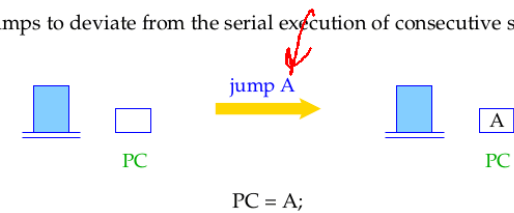
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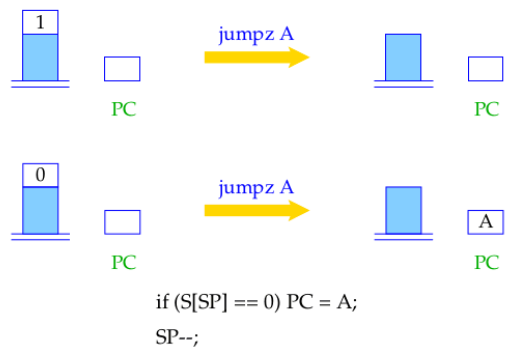
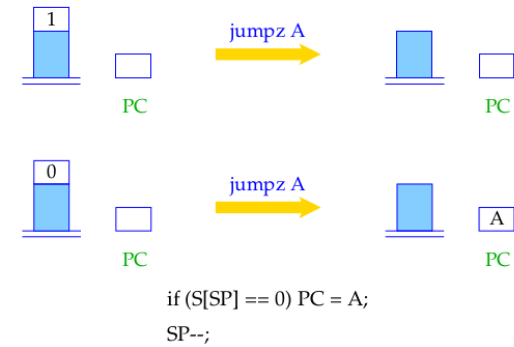
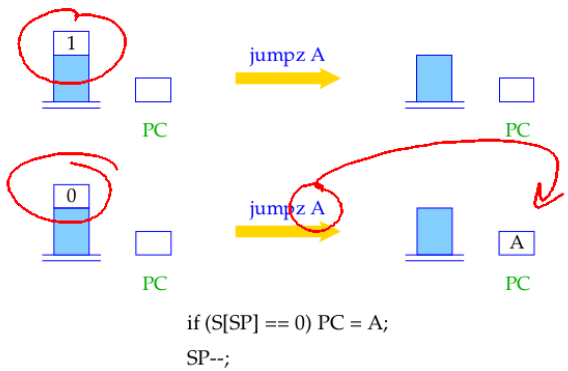
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4 Conditional and Iterative Statements

We need jumps to deviate from the serial execution of consecutive statements:





For ease of comprehension, we use **symbolic jump targets**. They will later be replaced by absolute addresses.

Instead of absolute code addresses, one could generate **relative addresses**, i.e., relative to the actual **PC**.

Advantages:

- **smaller addresses** suffice most of the time;
- the code becomes **relocatable**, i.e., can be moved around in memory.

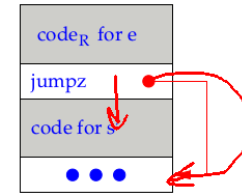
4.1 One-sided Conditional Statement

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Idea:

- Put code for the evaluation of e and s' consecutively in the code store,
- Insert a conditional jump (jump on zero) in between.

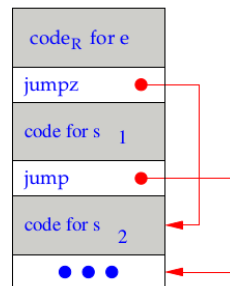
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 jumpz A
 code $s' \rho$
 A : ...



4.2 Two-sided Conditional Statement

Let us now regard $s \equiv \text{if } (e) s_1 \text{ else } s_2$. The same strategy yields:

code $s \rho =$ code_R $e \rho$
 jumpz A
 code $s_1 \rho$
 jump B
 A : code $s_2 \rho$
 B : ...



Example:

Be $\rho = \{x \mapsto 4, y \mapsto 7\}$ and

$s \equiv \text{if } (x > y)$ (i)
 $x = x - y;$ (ii)
 else $y = y - x;$ (iii)

code $s \rho$ produces:

loada 4
 loada 7
 gr
 jumpz A

(i)

loada 4
 loada 7
 sub
 storea 4
 pop
 jump B

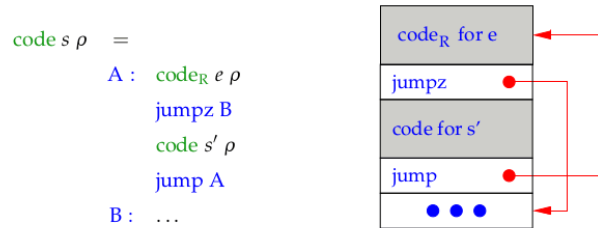
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4.3 while-Loops

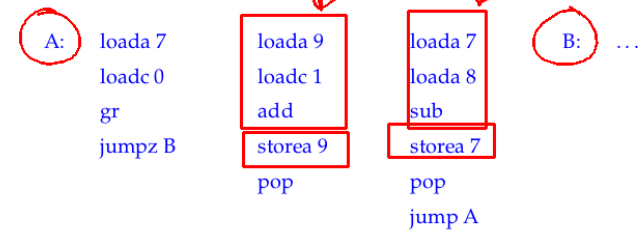
Let us regard the loop $s \equiv \text{while } (e) s'$. We generate:



Example: Be $\rho = \{a \mapsto 7, b \mapsto 8, c \mapsto 9\}$ and s the statement:

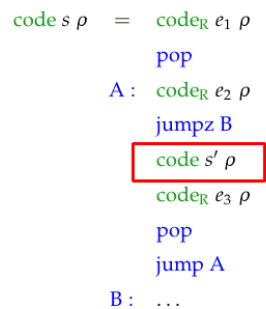
while $(a > 0) \{c = c + 1; a = a - b\}$

code $s \rho$ produces the sequence:



4.4 for-Loops

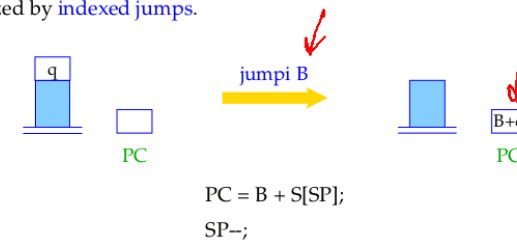
The **for**-loop $s \equiv \text{for } (e_1; e_2; e_3) s'$ is equivalent to the statement sequence $e_1; \text{while } (e_2) \{s'; e_3\}$ —provided that s' contains no **continue**-statement. We therefore translate:



4.5 The switch-Statement

Idea:

- Multi-target branching in **constant time!**
- Use a **jump table**, which contains at its i -th position the jump to the beginning of the i -th alternative.
- Realized by **indexed jumps**.



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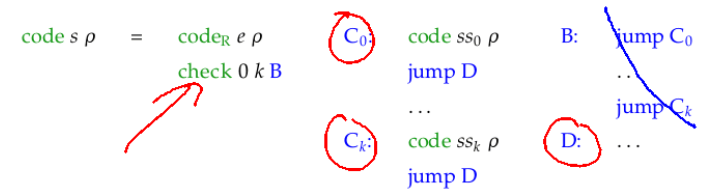
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```

code s ρ = codeR e ρ
          check 0 k B
C0: code ss0 ρ   B: jump C0
      jump D       ...
      ...         jump Ck
Ck: code ssk ρ   D: ...
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