

Control Flow and the R2 language

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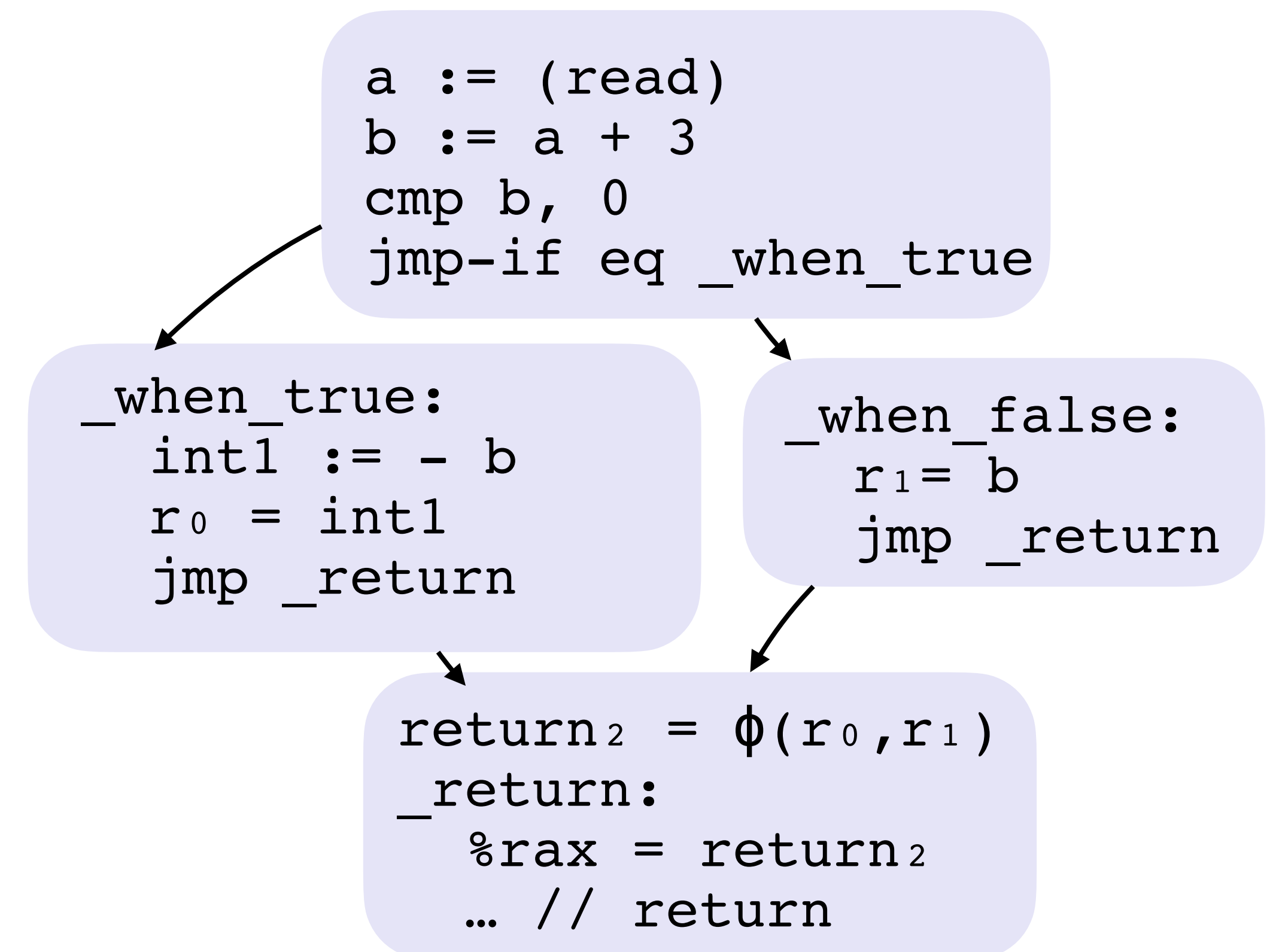
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Branching Control-Flow

- ◆ Branching control-flow necessary for *making decisions*
- ◆ R2 is the language of *decision diagrams* over finite input streams
- ◆ R2 also includes several more forms, along with type checking

```
(program
  (let ([a (read)])
    (let ([b (+ a 3)])
      (if (eq? b 0)
          b
          (- b))))))
```



R2: new syntactic forms

- ◆ Boolean literals *true/false*
- ◆ *cmp* is a syntactic set of comparators, which yield *true/false*
- ◆ And/or (short circuit) and not
- ◆ If allows branching
- ◆ Language power: **decision trees**

<i>cmp</i>	::=	<i>eq?</i> <i><</i> <i><=</i> <i>></i> <i>>=</i>
<i>exp</i>	::=	<i>int</i> (<i>read</i>) (<i>- exp</i>) (<i>+ exp exp</i>) (<i>- exp exp</i>)
		<i>var</i> (<i>let</i> (<i>[var exp]</i>) <i>exp</i>)
		<i>#t</i> <i>#f</i> (<i>and exp exp</i>) (<i>or exp exp</i>) (<i>not exp</i>)
		(<i>cmp exp exp</i>) (<i>if exp exp exp</i>)
<i>R</i> ₂	::=	(<i>program info exp</i>)

Figure 4.1: The syntax of *R*₂, extending *R*₁ (Figure 2.1) with Booleans and conditionals.

Type Checking Expressions

- ◆ In this setting, we can see *type checking* as very simple
- ◆ We can write a recursive function, `type-check-exp`—which returns the expression's type

```
(define (type-check-exp env)
  (lambda (e)
    (define recur (type-check-exp env))
    (match e
      [(? fixnum?) 'Integer]
      [(? boolean?) 'Boolean]
      [(? symbol? x) (dict-ref env x)]
      ['(read) 'Integer]
      ['(let ([,x ,e]) ,body)
       (define T (recur e))
       (define new-env (cons (cons x T) env))
       (type-check-exp new-env body)]
      ...
      ['(not ,e)
       (match (recur e)
         ['Boolean 'Boolean]
         [else (error 'type-check-exp "'not' expects a Boolean" e)]])]
      ...
    )))
```

- ◆ While I find type theory very interesting, I do not think this setting is a particularly rich one in which to explore type theory:
 - ◆ We can't do much interesting with type theory until we have arrows / implication, which (via Curry Howard) correspond to functions
 - ◆ In this case, there is never *any* need for type *inference*, since every expression's type is immediately apparent via looking “down” the AST
 - ◆ Type checking becomes much harder when we deal with parameters: in that case, we need to look at every function callsite to determine the type:
 - ◆ This is what leads to different notions of polymorphism, etc.
- ◆ Type checking is a small part of p3

The pass *shrink*

- ◆ Compilers often have relatively high-level passes whose goal is to eliminate forms
 - ◆ Why it's good: fewer forms means fewer cases to handle in lower passes
 - ◆ Why it's bad: might add complexity that makes optimization more difficult
- ◆ The pass *shrink* gets rid of several more complex features...
 - ◆ Removes subtraction ($x - y = x + (-y)$)
 - ◆ and / or (implement using if)
 - ◆ $\leq$, $>$, and $\geq$ (express in terms of and/or and $<$)—end up with only $<$

x86 language must expand...

```
arg ::= (int int) | (reg register) | (deref register int)  
      | (byte-reg register)  
cc ::= e | l | le | g | ge  
instr ::= (addq arg arg) | (subq arg arg) | (negq arg) | (movq arg arg)  
          | (callq label) | (pushq arg) | (popq arg) | (retq)  
          | (xorq arg arg) | (cmpq arg arg) | (set cc arg)  
          | (movzbq arg arg) | (jmp label) | (jmp-if cc label)  
          | (label label)  
x861 ::= (program info (type type) instr+)
```

Figure 4.4: The $x86_1$ language (extends $x86_0$ of Figure 2.7).

C1 language...

<i>arg</i>	$::=$	<i>int</i> <i>var</i> #t #f
<i>cmp</i>	$::=$	eq? <
<i>exp</i>	$::=$	<i>arg</i> (read) (- <i>arg</i>) (+ <i>arg</i> <i>arg</i>) (not <i>arg</i>) (<i>cmp</i> <i>arg</i> <i>arg</i>)
<i>stmt</i>	$::=$	(assign <i>var</i> <i>exp</i>)
<i>tail</i>	$::=$	(return <i>exp</i>) (seq <i>stmt</i> <i>tail</i>)
		(goto <i>label</i>) (if (<i>cmp</i> <i>arg</i> <i>arg</i>) (goto <i>label</i>) (goto <i>label</i>))
<i>C</i> ₁	$::=$	(program <i>info</i> ((<i>label</i> . <i>tail</i>) ⁺))

Figure 4.5: The *C*₁ language, extending *C*₀ with Booleans and conditionals.

explicate-control

```
(program ()  
  (if (if (eq? (read) 1)  
          (eq? (read) 0)  
          (eq? (read) 2))  
      (+ 10 32)  
      (+ 700 77)))
```

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```
(program ()  
  (if (if (let ([tmp52 (read)])  
            (eq? tmp52 1))  
      (let ([tmp53 (read)])  
        (eq? tmp53 0))  
      (let ([tmp54 (read)])  
        (eq? tmp54 2)))  
      (+ 10 32)  
      (+ 700 77)))
```

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```
(program ()  
  ((block62 .  
    (seq (assign tmp54 (read))  
          (if (eq? tmp54 2)  
              (goto block59)  
              (goto block60))))))  
  (block61 .  
    (seq (assign tmp53 (read))  
          (if (eq? tmp53 0)  
              (goto block57)  
              (goto block58))))))  
  (block60 . (goto block56))  
  (block59 . (goto block55))  
  (block58 . (goto block56))  
  (block57 . (goto block55))  
  (block56 . (return (+ 700 77)))  
  (block55 . (return (+ 10 32)))  
  (start .  
    (seq (assign tmp52 (read))  
          (if (eq? tmp52 1)  
              (goto block61)  
              (goto block62))))))
```

End-to-end example...

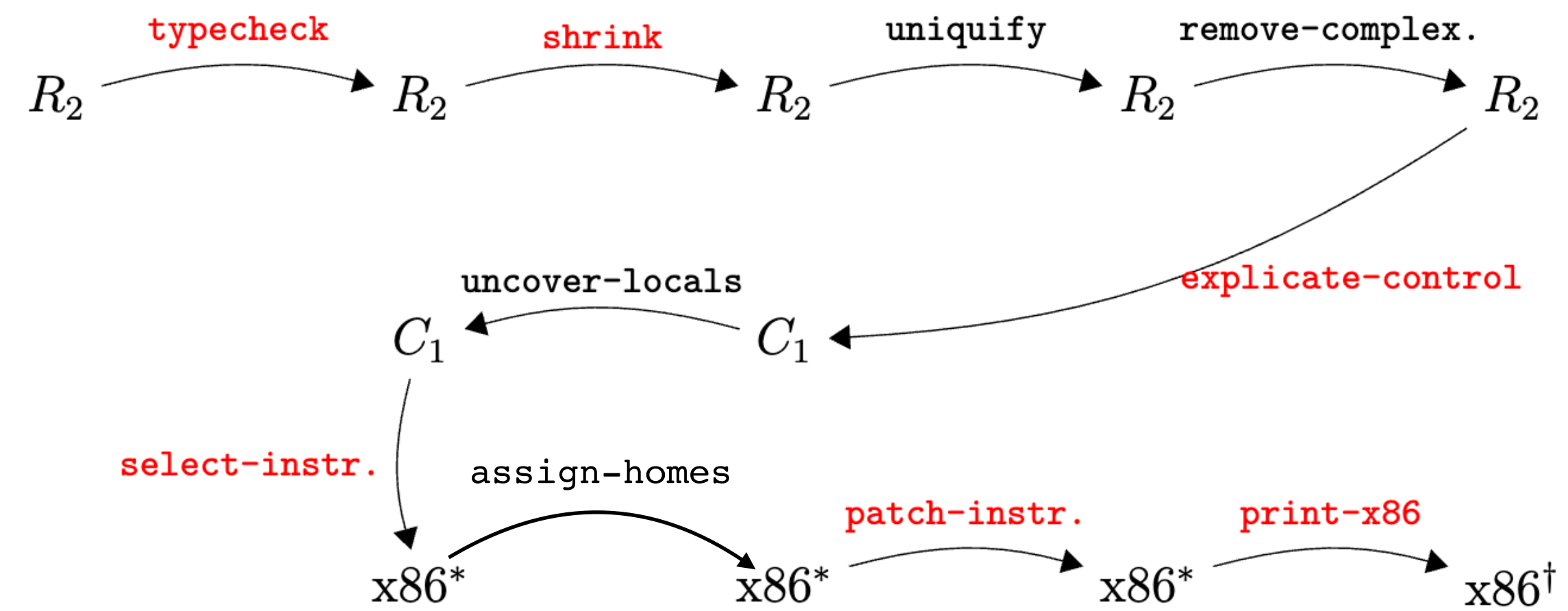
```
(program ()
  (if (eq? (read) 1) 42 0))
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(program ()
  ((block32 . (return 0))
   (block31 . (return 42))
   (start .
    (seq (assign tmp30 (read))
         (if (eq? tmp30 1)
             (goto block31)
             (goto block32))))))
↓
```

```
(program ((locals . (tmp30)))
  ((block32 .
    (block ()
      (movq (int 0) (reg rax))
      (jmp conclusion)))
   (block31 .
    (block ()
      (movq (int 42) (reg rax))
      (jmp conclusion)))
   (start .
    (block ()
      (callq read_int)
      (movq (reg rax) (var tmp30))
      (cmpq (int 1) (var tmp30))
      (jmp-if e block31)
      (jmp block32))))))
```

```
_block31:
    movq    $42, %rax
    jmp     _conclusion
_block32:
    movq    $0, %rax
    jmp     _conclusion
_start:
    callq   _read_int
    movq    %rax, %rcx
    cmpq    $1, %rcx
    je      _block31
    jmp     _block32
```

```
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    .globl _main
_main:
    pushq   %rbp
    movq    %rsp, %rbp
    pushq   %r12
    pushq   %rbx
    pushq   %r13
    pushq   %r14
    subq    $0, %rsp
    jmp     _start
_conclusion:
    addq    $0, %rsp
    popq    %r14
    popq    %r13
    popq    %rbx
    popq    %r12
    popq    %rbp
    retq
```

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We are **not** doing register allocation in this project...