Lecture13-30: Exercises

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 - 2. How the structure and the behaviour of the new one should be;
- (b) Give an abstract syntax and a denotational semantics of the new construct;
- (c) Show the implementation, in Ocaml, of the new construct ;
- (d) Discuss the mechanisms that have been used to do previous point;
- (e) Apply the new construct in rephrasing the code below and comment about its running:

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Example (Solution)

- a1. The for of Ocaml is a determined iterator whilst the C's one is a non-determined iterator;
- a2. About Syntax. We use the following syntactic structure:

 $E::= For (E_1, E_2, E_3, E_C);$

where, E_1, E_2, E_3 are expressions for initialization, limit, increment, and E_C is the command-like expression to be iterated.

About Semantic. We assume the following semantic constraints:

(i) Expressions E_1, E_2, E_3, E_c are delayed expressions, i.e. they are functions of type unit->'a for 'a which is bool for E_2 and unit for E_c ;

(ii) all the mutable values that should be shared from the expressions $\mathsf{E}_1,\mathsf{E}_2,\mathsf{E}_3,\mathsf{E}_C,$ have been introduced in an environment having the for-expression in its scope.

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Example (Solution in a ordinary Imperative context (first table) and then, in an Applicative one (2nd table))

 $\begin{array}{l} \hline \textbf{Syntactic Domains} \\ \mathbb{C} :::= \dots \mid \mathsf{For}\ \mathbb{C}_1\ \mathbb{E}_2\ \mathbb{C}_3\ \mathbb{C}\mid \dots \\ \hline \textbf{Semantic Functions} \\ \mathcal{M}[\mathbb{C}]_\rho: \mathsf{Store} \to \mathsf{Store}_{\perp} \\ \mathcal{M}[\![\mathsf{For}\ \mathbb{C}_1\ \mathbb{E}_2\ \mathbb{C}_3\ \mathbb{C}]_\rho(\mathsf{s}) = \\ & \mathsf{Let}_{\{\mathsf{s}_1 = \mathcal{M}[\mathbb{C}_1]_\rho(\mathsf{s})\}} \\ & \quad \mathsf{It}_{\{\mathsf{s}_1 \in \mathcal{M}[\mathbb{C}_1]_\rho(\mathsf{s})\}} \\ & \quad \mathsf{fif}(\mathsf{false}(\mathsf{v}), \mathsf{s}_2, (\mathcal{M}[\mathbb{C}]_\rho \circ \mathcal{M}[\mathbb{C}_3]_\rho \circ \mathsf{g})(\mathsf{s}_2))) \} \\ & \quad \mathsf{g}(\mathsf{s}_1) \end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{l} \label{eq:second} \begin{array}{l} \text{Syntactic Domains} \\ \texttt{E} ::= \dots \mid \texttt{For } \texttt{E}_1 \; \texttt{E}_2 \; \texttt{E}_3 \; \texttt{E}_C \mid \dots \\ \\ \text{Semantic Functions} \\ \mathcal{E}[\texttt{E}]_\rho : \texttt{Store} \to \texttt{Store}_\perp \\ \mathcal{E}[\texttt{For } \texttt{E}_1 \; \texttt{E}_2 \; \texttt{E}_3 \; \texttt{E}_0]_\rho(\texttt{s}) \\ \quad \texttt{E}[\texttt{For } \texttt{E}_1 \; \texttt{E}_2 \; \texttt{E}_3 \; \texttt{E}_0]_\rho(\texttt{s}) \\ \quad \texttt{E}\{\texttt{Vg.} \lambda \; \texttt{g.} \lambda \; \texttt{sy.Let}\{(\texttt{v}, \texttt{s}_2) = \mathcal{E}[\texttt{E}_2]_\rho(\texttt{sy})\} \\ \quad \texttt{if}(\texttt{false}(\texttt{v}), \texttt{s}_2, (\mathcal{E}[\texttt{E}_c]_\rho \; \circ_u \; \texttt{g})(\texttt{s}_2))\} \\ \quad (\texttt{unit}, \texttt{g}(\texttt{s})) \end{array}$

where: g1 \circ_u g2(s) = g2(s2) where (unit,s2)=g(s1) for all states s and functions g1,g2 of type Store \rightarrow (unit \times Store)

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Example (Solution the semantics in an Applicative context (1st table), its impementation in Ocaml (2nd table))

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Noting the type of: forExp:(unit \rightarrow 'a) × (unit \rightarrow bool) × (unit \rightarrow 'b) \rightarrow (unit \rightarrow 'c) \rightarrow unit

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Example (Solution. Impementation in Ocaml)

The mechanisms are listed below with considerations on the role:

- Expressions instead of Expressions and Commands. Command are viewed as "unit" expressions with side effects. Hence, ordinary expressions (with transparency) are replaced by expressions computing "unit" and producing side-effects;
- Delay Expressions for by Name/Function parameter passing. Delay Expressions have type (unit → 'a) and when used as commands, it becomes (unit → unit);

Finally, noting:

- Composition operators: Ocaml's ";" implements ou
- The type, for Exp: (unit \rightarrow 'a) \times (unit \rightarrow bool) \times (unit \rightarrow 'b) \rightarrow (unit \rightarrow 'c) \rightarrow unit

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(e) Apply the new construct in rephrasing the code below and ...

int x=0; int y=0; for(x=y=1; x+y<100;x++){x=x-1; y=y+2}

Example (Solution. Rephrasing: The session in Ocaml)

```
\# let x = ref 0::
                                                             comments
val x : int ref = \{\text{contents} = 0\}
\# \text{ let } y = \text{ref } 0;;
val y : int ref = \{\text{contents} = 0\}
# let init = fun() -> y:=1;x:=1;;
                                                             comments
val init : unit -> unit = <fun>
# let test = fun() -> (!x + !y) < 100;;
                                                             comments
val test : unit -> bool = < fun >
# let inc = fun() -> x:= !x + 1;;
                                                             comments ...
val inc : unit -> unit = < fun>
# let cmd = fun() -> x:=!x - 1; y:= !y + 2;;
                                                             comments
val cmd : unit -> unit = <fun>
# forExp(init,test,inc)cmd;;
                                                             comments
-: unit = ()
# !x::
                                                             Store state.
-: int = 1
# !v::
-: int = 99
```

Exercise2.

Complete in Ocaml, the definition of the memoized factorial, discussed in the slides on the memoization. The definition must use a local (hash) table. The (hash) table could be reduced to a simple list of pairs or to a suitable function.

Solution has been given in slide 5 of Lecture20.

Exercise3.

Write, in Ocaml, a definition of QuickSort that must be developed according to the following methodologies: Divide and Conquer, Higher Order, Generic Types Solution has been given in slide 7 of Lecture20.

Exercise4.

Give, in Ocaml, a tail recursive definition of a function that computes the n-th of the Fibonacci series

Exercise5.

Use iterative HOP for defining, in Ocaml, the size of lists.

Exercise6.

Use Data Extensions Through Functional Abstractions for defining, in Ocaml, data behaving as array of declared size. The new data have the following operations:

array(k) that returns an array with the index ranging over [0,k-1] and with undefined elements;

set(i,u,g) that returns an array that differs from g for the setting to u, of the i-indexed element of g, if any;

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get(i,g) that returns the i-indexed element of g, if any;

Remind that You can't use structured types of any sort.

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Exercise5.

Use iterative HOP for getting a program, in Ocaml, that defines the size of generic lists.

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Solution
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let size n = List.fold_right (fun x \rightarrow ((+)1)) n 1;;
```

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Example (Solution. Ordinary and Tail Recursive Fibonacci n-th)

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 $\frac{array(k,w)}{(default)}$ that returns an array with the index ranging over [0,k-1] and with all the elements initialized to the $\frac{1}{(default)}$ value w.

set(i,u,g) that returns an array that differs from g for the setting to u, of the i-indexed element of g, if any;

get(i,g) that returns the i-indexed element of g, if any;

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Example (Solution. Data Extension through Functional Abstractions of Array)

```
exception ArrayOutOfBoundsException;;

array(k,w) = fun i \rightarrow

if i=-1 then k

else if (i>-1 ki<k) then w else raise ArrayOutOfBoundsException;;

set(i,u,g) = if (i<0 ori>g(-1)) then g

else fun n \rightarrow if n=-1 then g(-1)

get(i,g) = g(i)
```

Noting that such a definition could be encapsulated into an abstract data type.

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- b. Provide a solution that guarantees complete protection.

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Example (Solution. Part a: Operations are not protected against fake values)

```
# let anarray = array(3,0);;
val anarray : int \rightarrow int = <fun>
# get(0,anarray);;
- : int = 0
# get(5,anarray);;
Exception: ArrayOutOfBoundsException.
# let aFake = fun n \rightarrow if n = -1 then 3 else 5;;
val aFake : int \rightarrow int = <fun>
# get(6,aFake);;
- : int = 5
# let aFake1 = set(5,12,aFake);;
val aFake1 : int \rightarrow int = <fun>
# get(5,aFake1);;
- : int = 5
```

The use of aFake1 as value for the operations on "array" result in wrong behaviours and can lead the program into a stuck

Example (Solution. Part b: Use of ADT against fake values) Complete with an API and one ADT for the API