Models of Computation

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Exercise 1 (12)

Extend IMP with: (i) the new syntactic category S (with variables s) of expressions with side effects, shortly elat, having $\langle s, \sigma \rangle \to (\sigma', n)$ as well formed formulas for the operational semantics and semantic domain $\Sigma \to (\Sigma \times N)_{\perp}$; and (ii) the new productions

$$s ::= \{a\} \mid c; s \mid s_0 + s_1$$
 $c ::= x := s$

with the following informal semantics: given σ , for $s ::= \{a\}$ the meaning is to return σ and the value produced by a; for s ::= c; s, c is executed first and then s, returning the value of s; for $s ::= s_0 + s_1$, s_0 is executed first, then s_1 , and finally the sum of the two values is returned. For c ::= x := s, the meaning is first to evaluate s and then to execute the assignment, employing the memory modified by s as memory, and the value of s as value to assign to x.

The denotational semantics of the latter production is as follows:

$$\mathcal{C}\llbracket x := s
rbracket \sigma = \operatorname{case} \mathcal{S}\llbracket s
rbracket \sigma \operatorname{f} : \ oxdot_{(\Sigma imes N)_{\perp}} : oldsymbol{\perp}_{\Sigma_{\perp}} \ (\sigma', n) : \sigma'[n/x].$$

Define the operational and the (remaining) denotational semantics of the new constructs and show the operational-denotational equivalence. Finally, prove if the following properties hold:

 $(s_0 + s_1) + s_2 \equiv s_0 + (s_1 + s_2) \qquad (c_0; s_0) + (c_1; s_1) \equiv (c_0; c_1); (s_0 + s_1)$

and, if not, give a counterexample.

Exercise 2 (9)

Consider the logic inference system R corresponding to the rules of the context-sensitive grammar:

(i) $S ::= \lambda$ (ii) S ::= aSbc (iii) xcby ::= xbcy

where the well formed formulas (wwf) are of the form $x \in L$, and where x is a string on $\{a, b, c\}$. Also λ is the empty string. In rule schema *(iii)*, x and y stay for any string on $\{a, b, c\}$.

Write down explicitly the rules in R.

Prove by rule induction that if $z \in L$ is a theorem, then z is of the form $a^n w_n$, $n \in \omega$, where w_n contains no a's, exactly n b's and n c's (formally $w_n|_a = 0, w_n|_b = w_n|_c = n$). Also, show that if rule *(iii)* does not apply to theorem $z \in L$, then z is of the form $a^n b^n c^n$. Conversely, prove by mathematical induction that for all n, $a^n b^n c^n \in L$ is a theorem.

Exercise 3 (9)

Find the type of the following HOFL program:

 $I = rec f \cdot \lambda n \cdot if n \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } if n - 1 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } 2 \times (f(n-2)) - (f(n-1)) + 3.$

Then, using symbolic goal reduction, prove by (strong!) mathematical induction on $k, k \ge 0$, that $P(k) \stackrel{def}{=} t \to k$ implies $(I \ t) \to k$.

Finally, observe that I is in fact a definition by well-founded recursion, and write explicitly function $F(b,h) \in C$, with $b \in B$ and $h :<^{-1} \{b\} \to C$ and the equation $I(b) = F(b,I \upharpoonright <^{-1} \{b\})$.







