

Interpreters

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Finite Maps

- empty map, with \emptyset as its domain

$m(k)$ mapping of key k in map m

$m[k \mapsto v]$ extension of map m to also map key k to value v

$$\frac{}{m[k \mapsto v](k) = v} \quad \frac{k_1 \neq k_2}{m[k_1 \mapsto v](k_2) = m(k_2)}$$

Interpretation

Constants $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Variables $x \in \text{Strings}$

Expressions $e ::= n \mid x \mid e + e \mid e \times e$

$$[n]v = n$$

$$[x]v = v(x)$$

$$[e_1 + e_2]v = [e_1]v + [e_2]v$$

$$[e_1 \times e_2]v = [e_1]v \times [e_2]v$$

Substitution

$$[e/x]n = n$$

$$[e/x]x = e$$

$$[e/x]y = y, \text{ when } y \neq x$$

$$[e/x](e_1 + e_2) = [e/x]e_1 + [e/x]e_2$$

$$[e/x](e_1 \times e_2) = [e/x]e_1 \times [e/x]e_2$$

THEOREM 4.1. *For all e , e' , x , and v , $\llbracket [e'/x]e \rrbracket v = \llbracket e \rrbracket(v[x \mapsto \llbracket e' \rrbracket v])$.*

A Stack Machine

Instructions $i ::= \text{PushConst}(n) \mid \text{PushVar}(x) \mid \text{Add} \mid \text{Multiply}$
Programs $\bar{i} ::= \cdot \mid i; \bar{i}$

$$[\![\text{PushConst}(n)]\!](v, s) = n \triangleright s$$

$$[\![\text{PushVar}(x)]\!](v, s) = v(x) \triangleright s$$

$$[\![\text{Add}]\!](v, n_2 \triangleright n_1 \triangleright s) = (n_1 + n_2) \triangleright s$$

$$[\![\text{Multiply}]\!](v, n_2 \triangleright n_1 \triangleright s) = (n_1 \times n_2) \triangleright s$$

A Stack Machine

$$[n] = \text{PushConst}(n)$$

$$[x] = \text{PushVar}(x)$$

$$[e_1 + e_2] = [e_1] \bowtie [e_2] \bowtie \text{Add}$$

$$[e_1 \times e_2] = [e_1] \bowtie [e_2] \bowtie \text{Multiply}$$

THEOREM 4.2. $\llbracket [e] \rrbracket(v, \cdot) = \llbracket e \rrbracket v$.

Imperative Language

Constants $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Variables $x \in \text{Strings}$

Expressions $e ::= n \mid x \mid e + e \mid e \times e$

Command $c ::= \text{skip} \mid x \leftarrow e \mid c; c \mid \text{repeat } e \text{ do } c \text{ done}$

$$\begin{aligned} f^0 &= \text{id} \\ f^{n+1} &= f^n \circ f \end{aligned}$$

$$[\![\text{skip}]\!]v = v$$

$$[\![x \leftarrow e]\!]v = v[x \mapsto [\![e]\!]v]$$

$$[\![c_1; c_2]\!]v = [\![c_2]\!]([\![c_1]\!]v)$$

$$[\![\text{repeat } e \text{ do } c \text{ done}]\!]v = [\![c]\!]^{[\![e]\!]v}(v)$$

Loop Unrolling

$$^0c = \text{skip}$$

$$^{n+1}c = c; {}^n c$$

$$|\text{skip}| = \text{skip}$$

$$|x \leftarrow e| = x \leftarrow e$$

$$|c_1; c_2| = |c_1|; |c_2|$$

$$|\text{repeat } n \text{ do } c \text{ done}| = {}^n |c|$$

$$|\text{repeat } e \text{ do } c \text{ done}| = \text{repeat } e \text{ do } |c| \text{ done}$$

THEOREM 4.4. $\llbracket |c| \rrbracket v = \llbracket c \rrbracket v.$