

## Lecture 33

### Topics

1. PS4 – there will be one more problem assigned on Monday. Recall that the main point of Problem 1 is to show why the LCF fixed point induction principle needs an *admissibility* condition. This condition is similar to Winskel's requirement of an inclusive predicate in his account. You can basically use any cpo  $D$  to illustrate the issue. I first suggest  $\bar{\mathbb{N}}$ .
2. Finishing the rules for First-Order Logic (FOL) in the style of programming logic. This style is essentially “block structured natural deduction”. It has been extensively studied in logic. The other styles are *Hilbert style*, just axioms and simple inference rules (used in Kleene), and the *sequent calculus* or *refinement logic*, as used in Coq and Nuprl respectively.
3. Close examination of the program and proof of Gauss's formula,  $\sum_{i=0}^n = \frac{n \cdot (n+1)}{2}$ .
4. Introduction to the Loop language, Meyer and Ritchie 1967 technical report from IBM research.

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### Introduction to the Loop Language, Meyer and Ritchie 1967

Why are Loop programs interesting?

- An upper bound on the *run time* is determined by program structure in a simple way.
- They are a *natural sublanguage* of all standard procedural languages.
- They compute precisely the primitive recursive functions.
- One of the simplest rich *subrecursive languages*, so they can give insight into the Blum size theorem.

Syntax – register names  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, \dots$

Syntax – instructions

1.  $X = Y$
2.  $X = X + 1$
3.  $X = 0$
4. **LOOP**  $X$   $P$  **END**, where  $P$  is a loop program.

**Definition:** A *Loop program*  $P$  is any sequence of basic instructions (1 to 3) or a loop instruction of type 4 where  $P$  is a Loop program.

The semantics of **LOOP**  $X$   $P$  **END** is the same as the PL1 program, (see PLCV p.85),

**do**  $I = X$  to 1 **by** -1

$P$

**end.**

If the program  $P$  terminates, which it will, it is executed exactly  $X$  times  $P(X)$ ,  $P(X-1)$ ,  $P(X-2)$ , ...,  $P(1)$ .

For example **LOOP**  $(X = X + 1)$  **END** computes  $2 \cdot X$  in  $2 \cdot X + 2$  steps.

Sometimes we write  $X := X + 1$ ,  $X := 0$  for the assignments so that  $X = 0$  etc., can be read as *assertions*.

Program	State (with assertions about $X$ )
$X := 0$	$X = 0$
$X := X + 1$	$X = 1$
$X := X + 1$	$X = 2$
<b>LOOP</b> $X$	
$X := 1$	$X = 4$
<b>END</b>	

**Reading:** Please read Meyer & Ritchie pages 1-6 and 12-13.

## Properties of Loop programs

**Definition of  $L_n$**

$L_0$  no loops

$L_n$  loops nested to depth  $n$ .

**Definition 2.1.**  $Loop = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} L_n$ , page 2.

**Definition 3.1.** Iterating  $g$   $h(z, y) = g^{(y)}(z)$

**Definition 3.2.** Bounding functions  $f_n$

$$f_0(0) = 1 \quad f_0(1) = 2 \quad f_0(x) = x + 2 \text{ for } x > 1.$$

$$f_{n+1}(x) = f_n^{(x)}(1)$$

**Bounding Theorem 3.3.** If  $P \in L_n$ , then we can find  $p > 0$  such that  $f_n^{(p)}$  bounds the running time of  $P$ .