CS 4110 Programming Languages & Logics

Lecture 7
Denotational Semantics Proofs

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Announcements

- My office hours: today after class (after coffee)
- Homework #1 graded
 - out of 50, $\bar{x} = 46.1$, $\sigma = 4.6$, median 48

Determinism in Small-Step Semantics

Determinism: every configuration has at most one successor

$$\forall e \in \mathbf{Exp}. \ \forall \sigma, \sigma', \sigma'' \in \mathbf{Store}. \ \forall e', e'' \in \mathbf{Exp}.$$
 if $\langle \sigma, e \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma', e' \rangle$ and $\langle \sigma, e \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma'', e'' \rangle$ then $e' = e''$ and $\sigma' = \sigma''$.

A different property, which you can call confluence:

If
$$\langle \sigma, e \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \sigma', e' \rangle$$
 and $\langle \sigma, e \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \sigma'', e'' \rangle$ and neither $\langle \sigma', e' \rangle$ nor $\langle \sigma'', e'' \rangle$ can take a step then $e' = e''$ and $\sigma' = \sigma''$.

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Let F be a Scott-continuous function. The least fixed point of F is $\bigcup_i F^i(\emptyset)$.

Denotational Semantics for IMP Commands

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\mathcal{C}\llbracket \mathsf{skip} \rrbracket = \{(\sigma, \sigma)\}
\mathcal{C}\llbracket x := a \rrbracket = \{ (\sigma, \sigma[x \mapsto n]) \mid (\sigma, n) \in \mathcal{A}\llbracket a \rrbracket \}
  \mathcal{C} \| \mathbf{c}_1; \mathbf{c}_2 \| =
                                                                                       \{(\sigma,\sigma')\mid \exists \sigma''. ((\sigma,\sigma'')\in \mathcal{C}\llbracket c_1\rrbracket \land (\sigma'',\sigma')\in \mathcal{C}\llbracket c_2\rrbracket)\}
\mathcal{C}[[\mathbf{if}\ b\ \mathbf{then}\ c_1\ \mathbf{else}\ c_2]] =
                                                                                       \{(\sigma,\sigma')\mid (\sigma,\mathsf{true})\in\mathcal{B}\llbracket b\rrbracket\wedge(\sigma,\sigma')\in\mathcal{C}\llbracket c_1\rrbracket\}
                                                                                       \{(\sigma, \sigma') \mid (\sigma, \mathsf{false}) \in \mathcal{B}\llbracket b \rrbracket \land (\sigma, \sigma') \in \mathcal{C}\llbracket c_2 \rrbracket \}
  \mathcal{C}[\![\mathbf{while}\ b\ \mathbf{do}\ c]\!] = fix(f)
  where F(f) = \{(\sigma, \sigma) \mid (\sigma, \mathsf{false}) \in \mathcal{B}[\![b]\!]\} \cup
                                                                                       \{(\sigma, \sigma') \mid (\sigma, \mathsf{true}) \in \mathcal{B}\llbracket b \rrbracket \land \exists \sigma''. ((\sigma, \sigma'') \in \mathcal{C}\llbracket c \rrbracket \land \sigma'' \land \sigma' 
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          (\sigma'', \sigma') \in f
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