Scheme1 Core Small-step Operational Semantics

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The Scheme1 core small-step operational semantics is given as a two-place relation between expressions e and e', written $e \longrightarrow e'$, pronounced "e steps to e'". Formally, the small-step semantics is taken to be the smallest relation closed under the following rules:

Values

The Scheme1 Core values are the two Boolean values true and false, numbers, and functions of the form (fun x $e1$). The notation $[x \mapsto v]e$ denotes capture-avoiding substitution of value v for variable x in expression e. We let metavariables b and n (variously n_1, n_2, etc.) range over Boolean values and numbers, respectively.

Unary operators

$$\textsc{E-not1}\quad \frac{e \longrightarrow e'}{(\text{not } e) \longrightarrow (\text{not } e')} \qquad\qquad \textsc{E-not}\quad \frac{}{(\text{not } b) \longrightarrow \neg b}$$

Binary operators

$$\textsc{E-binop1}\quad \frac{e_1 \longrightarrow e_1'}{(op\ e_1\ e_2) \longrightarrow (op\ e_1'\ e_2)} \qquad\qquad \textsc{E-binop2}\quad \frac{e_2 \longrightarrow e_2'}{(op\ n_1\ e_2) \longrightarrow (op\ n_1\ e_2')}$$

$$\textsc{E-binop}\quad \frac{n_1\ op\ n_2 = v \qquad op \in \{+, *, -, /, =, <\}}{(op\ n_1\ n_2) \longrightarrow v}$$

Conditionals

$$\textsc{E-if1}\quad \frac{e_1 \longrightarrow e_1'}{(\text{if } e_1\ e_2\ e_3) \longrightarrow (\text{if } e_1'\ e_2\ e_3)} \qquad \textsc{E-if-true}\quad \frac{}{(\text{if true } e_2\ e_3) \longrightarrow e_2} \qquad \textsc{E-if-false}\quad \frac{}{(\text{if false } e_2\ e_3) \longrightarrow e_3}$$

Functions

$$\textsc{E-app1}\quad \frac{e_1 \longrightarrow e_1'}{(e_1\ e_2) \longrightarrow (e_1'\ e_2)} \qquad \textsc{E-app2}\quad \frac{e_2 \longrightarrow e_2'}{((\text{fun } x\ e_1)\ e_2) \longrightarrow ((\text{fun } x\ e_1)\ e_2')}$$

$$\textsc{E-app}\quad \frac{}{((\text{fun } x\ e_1)\ v_2) \longrightarrow [x \mapsto v_2]e_1}$$