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Small-Step Semantics Assignment

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1 Small-Step Semantics (25 points)

Let us define the calculator language below that performs arithmetic and boolean operations. It has three different syntactic classes: (1) arithmetic expressions a (2) boolean expressions b , and (3) final values v .

The following questions require you define small-step semantics. That is, first you need to define the configuration. Then, you need to write inference rules that show one configuration small-steps to another configuration.

$$\begin{aligned} n &\in \mathbb{Z} \\ a &::= n \mid a_1 + a_2 \mid a_1 \times a_2 \\ b &::= \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid a = a \mid a \neq a \\ &\quad \mid a \leq a \mid a > a \mid \neg b \mid b \& b \\ v &::= n \mid \text{true} \mid \text{false} \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Write small-step semantics for the syntactic class of arithmetic expressions generated by a .
- (b) Write small-step semantics for the syntactic class of boolean expressions generated by b .

(a) Small-step semantics for arithmetic expressions

Configuration: $\langle a, \sigma \rangle$, where a is an arithmetic expression and σ is the store.

Inference rules:

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{}{\langle n, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a n} \\ &\frac{\langle a_1, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a a'_1}{\langle a_1 + a_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a a'_1 + a_2} \\ &\frac{\langle a_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a a'_2}{\langle n_1 + a_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a n_1 + a'_2} \\ &\frac{}{\langle n_1 + n_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a n_3} \end{aligned}$$

where n_3 is the sum of n_1 and n_2

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\langle a_1, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a a'_1}{\langle a_1 \times a_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a a'_1 \times a_2} \\ &\frac{\langle a_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a a'_2}{\langle n_1 \times a_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a n_1 \times a'_2} \\ &\frac{}{\langle n_1 \times n_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a n_3} \end{aligned}$$

where n_3 is the product of n_1 and n_2

(b) Small-step semantics for boolean expressions

Configuration: $\langle b, \sigma \rangle$, where b is a boolean expression and σ is the store.

Inference rules:

$$\frac{}{\langle \text{true}, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b \text{true}}$$

$$\frac{}{\langle \text{false}, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b \text{false}}$$

$$\frac{\langle a_1, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a a'_1}{\langle a_1 = a_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b a'_1 = a_2}$$

$$\frac{\langle a_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a a'_2}{\langle n_1 = a_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b n_1 = a'_2}$$

$$\frac{}{\langle n_1 = n_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b \text{true}}$$

if $n_1 = n_2$

$$\frac{}{\langle n_1 = n_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b \text{false}}$$

if $n_1 \neq n_2$

$$\frac{\langle a_1, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a a'_1}{\langle a_1 \neq a_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b a'_1 \neq a_2}$$

$$\frac{\langle a_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a a'_2}{\langle n_1 \neq a_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b n_1 \neq a'_2}$$

$$\frac{}{\langle n_1 \neq n_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b \text{true}}$$

if $n_1 \neq n_2$

$$\frac{}{\langle n_1 \neq n_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b \text{false}}$$

if $n_1 = n_2$

$$\frac{\langle a_1, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a a'_1}{\langle a_1 \leq a_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b a'_1 \leq a_2}$$

$$\frac{\langle a_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a a'_2}{\langle n_1 \leq a_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b n_1 \leq a'_2}$$

$$\frac{}{\langle n_1 \leq n_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b \text{true}}$$

if $n_1 \leq n_2$

$$\overline{\langle n_1 \leq n_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b \text{false}}$$

if $n_1 > n_2$

$$\frac{\langle a_1, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a a'_1}{\langle a_1 > a_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b a'_1 > a_2}$$

$$\frac{\langle a_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_a a'_2}{\langle n_1 > a_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b n_1 > a'_2}$$

$$\overline{\langle n_1 > n_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b \text{true}}$$

if $n_1 > n_2$

$$\overline{\langle n_1 > n_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b \text{false}}$$

if $n_1 \leq n_2$

$$\frac{\langle b, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b b'}{\langle \neg b, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b \neg b'}$$

$$\overline{\langle \neg \text{true}, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b \text{false}}$$

$$\overline{\langle \neg \text{false}, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b \text{true}}$$

$$\frac{\langle b_1, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b b'_1}{\langle b_1 \&\& b_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b b'_1 \&\& b_2}$$

$$\overline{\langle \text{true} \&\& b, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b b}$$

$$\overline{\langle \text{false} \&\& b, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow_b \text{false}}$$