

# Blocks and Procedures

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## §1. Bip

An extension of Bums with blocks and procedures.

- The syntactic categories of Bums are also found in Bip
- There are three additional ones

$Pnames$  — procedure names  
 $DecV$  — variable declarations  
 $DecP$  — procedure declarations

$Bip:$

$$S ::= x := a \mid skip \mid S_1 ; S_2 \mid \text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \mid$$
$$\text{while } b \text{ do } S \mid \text{begin } D_v \ D_p \ S \text{ end} \mid \text{call } p$$
$$D_v ::= \text{var } x := a ; D_v \mid \epsilon$$
$$D_p ::= \text{proc } p \text{ is } S ; D_p \mid \epsilon$$

- A block is a statement with-declarations of local variables
  - declarations of local procedures
  - and a body S.

*begin D<sub>v</sub> D<sub>p</sub> S end.*

- the variables and the procedures declared in a block should be available only within the block itself

- A procedure call invokes a procedure name.

*call p*

- the meaning of a procedure call depends on the scope rules, i.e., which variables and procedures are known during the execution of the procedure

## §2. The environment-store model

Previously we presented the state model, which is a simple model of variable bindings.

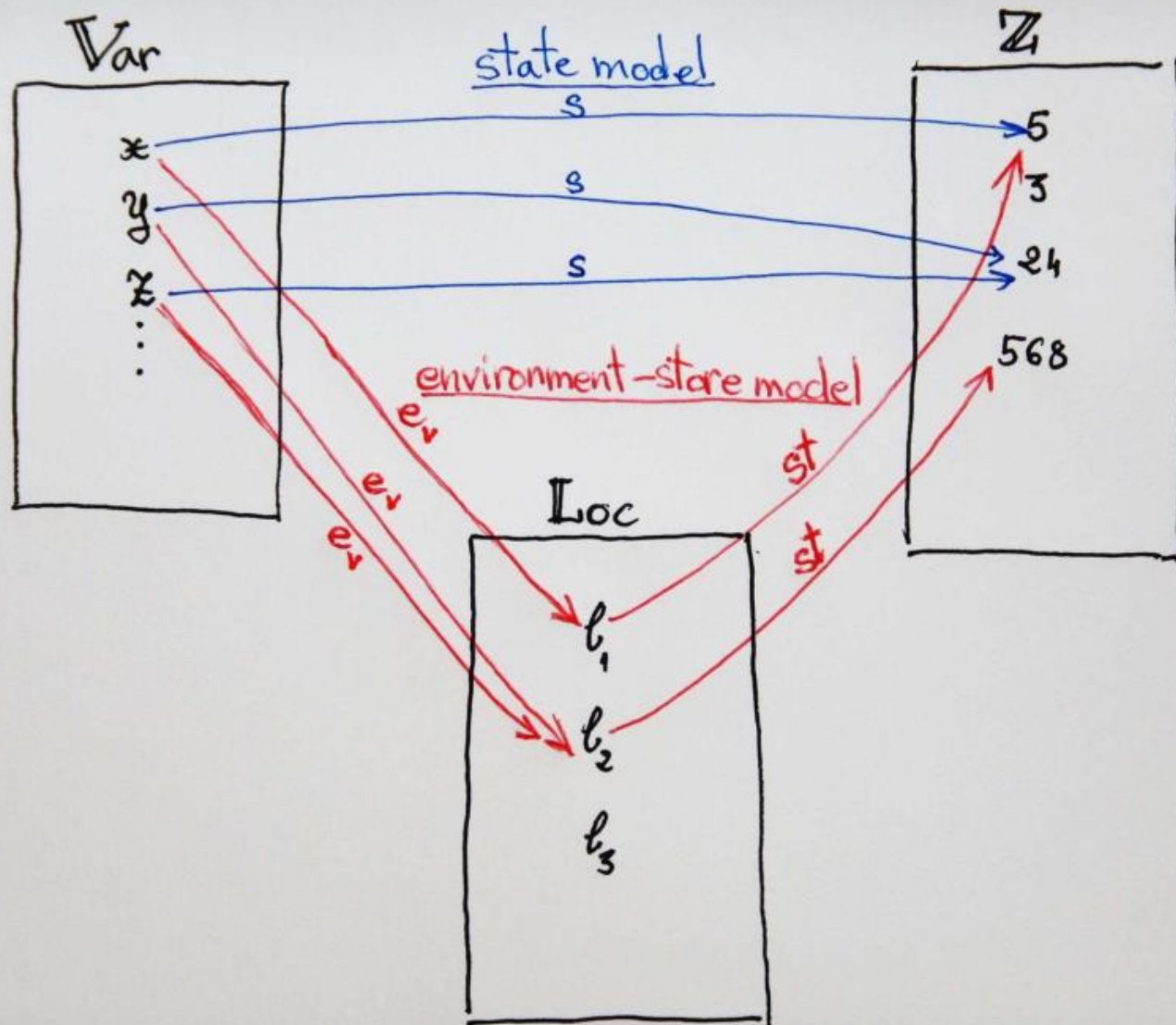
This model does not describe that variables are actually bound to storage cells in the computer memory.

$$s: \text{Var} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

We introduce the environment-store model that describes how variables are actually bound during a program execution:

- each variable is bound to a storage cell
- the content of the storage cell is the value of the variable
- a program state describes to which storage locations variables are bound
  - which values are found in the individual cells





- The variable environment is a function that for each variable tells us to which storage location it is bound. Hence, it is a symbol table
- The store is a function that for each storage location tells us which value is found at the location. It corresponds to a complete description of the contents of the memory.
- The store cells are called locations.

$$\mathbb{L}_{\text{Loc}} \ni \ell$$

for simplicity we assume that  $\mathbb{L}_{\text{Loc}} = \mathbb{N}$ .

- We also need, for the robustness of the model, a way to refer to the new locations to be allocated to new variables
  - we introduce a special pointer "next"

Definition:

The set of variable environments is the set of partial functions

$$\text{Env}_V = \text{Var} \cup \{\text{next}\} \rightarrow \text{Loc}$$

We use  $e_v \in \text{Env}_V$  to range over the set  $\text{Env}_V$

Question: Why should variable environments be partial functions?

We assume the existence of a function

$$\text{new} : \text{Loc} \rightarrow \text{Loc}$$

that returns to each location its successor.

Example:

$$\text{new} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N},$$

$$\text{new } l = l + 1$$



Definition:

The set of stores is the set of partial functions from locations to values.

$$\mathcal{S}to = \mathbb{L}oc \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

We use  $st \in \mathcal{S}to$  to range over stores.

To update  $e_v \in Env$ : for  $x \in Var$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

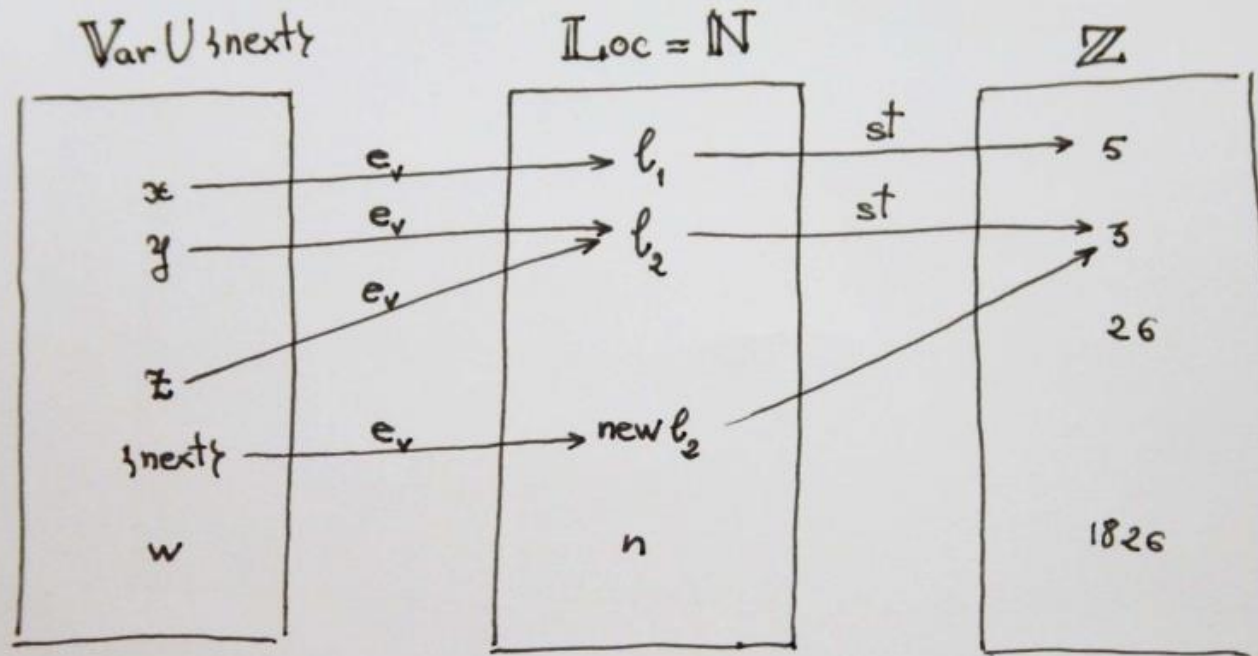
$$e_v[x \mapsto l](y) = \begin{cases} e_v(y), & y \neq x \\ l, & y = x \end{cases}$$

To update  $st \in \mathcal{S}to$ : for  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $v \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$st[l \mapsto v](l') = \begin{cases} st(l'), & l \neq l' \\ v, & l = l' \end{cases}$$



## The environment-store model



Observe that  $y$  and  $z$  are both bound to the location  $l_2$ . So, if one of them is updated (i.e.,  $st$  is updated), so is the other one.

Question: Describe a state of the environment-store model. 9

### § 3. Arithmetic and Boolean expressions

The semantics of statements and declarations both depend on the semantics of arithmetic expressions.

Arithmetic expressions may contain variables.

Since we have a new model of variable bindings, we need to redefine our semantics of arithmetic and Boolean expressions.

$$e_v, st \vdash a \rightarrow_A v$$

**B&P.**  $S ::= x := a \mid \text{skip} \mid S_1; S_2 \mid \text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \mid \text{while } b \text{ do } S \mid$   
 $\quad \text{begin } D_v \ D_p \ S \text{ end} \mid \text{call } p$

$D_v ::= \text{var } x := a; D_v \mid \varepsilon$

$D_p ::= \text{proc } p \text{ is } S; D_p \mid \varepsilon$

## BS-semantics for Aexp

$$\text{[PLUS-BIP]} \quad \frac{e_v, st \vdash a_1 \rightarrow_A v_1 \quad e_v, st \vdash a_2 \rightarrow_A v_2}{e_v, st \vdash a_1 + a_2 \rightarrow_A v}, v = v_1 + v_2$$

$$\text{[MINUS-BIP]} \quad \frac{e_v, st \vdash a_1 \rightarrow_A v_1 \quad e_v, st \vdash a_2 \rightarrow_A v_2}{e_v, st \vdash a_1 - a_2 \rightarrow_A v}, v = v_1 - v_2$$

$$\text{[MULT-BIP]} \quad \frac{e_v, st \vdash a_1 \rightarrow_A v_1 \quad e_v, st \vdash a_2 \rightarrow_A v_2}{e_v, st \vdash a_1 * a_2 \rightarrow_A v}, v = v_1 \cdot v_2$$

$$\text{[PARENT-BIP]} \quad \frac{e_v, st \vdash a \rightarrow_A v}{e_v, st \vdash (a) \rightarrow_A v}$$

$$\text{[NUM-BIP]} \quad e_v, st \vdash n \rightarrow_A v, \llbracket \overline{a}n \rrbracket = v$$

$$\text{[VAR-BIP]} \quad e_v, st \vdash x \rightarrow_A v, e_v(x) = l \text{ and } st(l) = v$$

Notice that we shall also need a new semantics of Boolean expressions  
Why?

Exercise: Give a new big-step semantics of Boolean expressions  
under the environment-store model that makes use of the new  
semantics of Aexp.



### §4.1. Declaring variables

- Any non-empty variable declaration will modify the variable environment since new variables will be bound to new locations.
- A variable declaration will also modify the store, since the new locations will be initialized to contain the initial values of the new variables.
- The transition relation describing variable declarations defines a big-step semantics, since the allocation of new address space for newly declared variables is an indivisible operation

$$\langle D_v, e_v, st \rangle \longrightarrow_{DV} \langle e'_v, st' \rangle$$

## BS - Semantics of variable declarations

$$\text{[VAR-DECL]} \quad \frac{\langle D_v, e_v'', st[l \mapsto v] \rangle \longrightarrow_{DV} \langle e_v', st' \rangle}{\langle \text{var } x := a; D_v, e_v, st \rangle \longrightarrow_{DV} \langle e_v', st' \rangle}$$

where  $e_v, st \vdash a \xrightarrow{A} v$

$l = e_v(\text{next})$

$e_v'' = e_v[x \mapsto l][\text{next} \mapsto \text{new } l]$

$$\text{[Empty-VAR]} \quad \langle \varepsilon, e_v, st \rangle \longrightarrow_{DV} \langle e_v, st \rangle$$

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$$D_v ::= \text{var } x := a; D_v \mid \varepsilon$$

## § 4.2. Procedure declarations

- Similarly to variable environments, we will have procedure environments
- A procedure environment holds information about the bindings of procedure names.
- As for variable declarations, the procedure declarations are indivisible operations, so we will have again a BS-semantics

$$e_v \vdash \langle D_p, e_p \rangle \longrightarrow_{DP} e'_p$$

where  $e_p$  denotes procedure environments.

For technical reasons we postpone for a while this definition



## §5. Statements

- The effect of a statement is that the store may change, since a statement may modify the values of variables involved through assignments.
- A statement should not modify the variable environment.
- We define a BS-semantics for statements (except procedure calls)
  - transitions  $e_v, e_p \vdash \langle S, st \rangle \rightarrow st'$
  - transition system  $((St_m \times St_o) \cup St_o, \rightarrow, St_o)$



## BS-semantics for statements in BIP

[ASSGN]  $e_v, e_p \vdash \langle x := a, st \rangle \rightarrow st[l \mapsto v]$   
where  $e_v, st \vdash a \rightarrow_A v$  and  $e_v(x) = l$

[Skip]  $e_v, e_p \vdash \langle \text{skip}, st \rangle \rightarrow st$

[COMP] 
$$\frac{e_v, e_p \vdash \langle S_1, st \rangle \rightarrow st'' \quad e_v, e_p \vdash \langle S_2, st'' \rangle \rightarrow st'}{e_v, e_p \vdash \langle S_1; S_2, st \rangle \rightarrow st'}$$

[If-T] 
$$\frac{e_v, e_p \vdash \langle S_1, st \rangle \rightarrow st'}{e_v, e_p \vdash \langle \text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2, st \rangle \rightarrow st'} \quad st \vdash b \rightarrow_B T$$

[If-⊥] 
$$\frac{e_v, e_p \vdash \langle S_2, st \rangle \rightarrow st'}{e_v, e_p \vdash \langle \text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2, st \rangle \rightarrow st'} \quad st \vdash b \rightarrow_B \perp$$

## BS-semantics for statements in Bip

$$\text{[WHILE-T]} \quad \frac{e_v, e_p \vdash \langle S, st \rangle \rightarrow st'' \quad e_v, e_p \vdash \langle \text{while } b \text{ do } S, st'' \rangle \rightarrow st'}{e_v, e_p \vdash \langle \text{while } b \text{ do } S, st \rangle \rightarrow st'}$$

$$\text{if } e_v, st \vdash b \rightarrow_B \perp$$

$$\text{[WHILE-I]} \quad e_v, e_p \vdash \langle \text{while } b \text{ do } S, st \rangle \rightarrow st$$

$$\text{if } e_v, st \vdash b \rightarrow_B \perp$$

[BLOCK]

$$\langle D_v, e_v, st \rangle \rightarrow_{Dv} \langle e'_v, st'' \rangle$$

$$e'_v \vdash \langle D_p, e_p \rangle \rightarrow_{Dp} e'_p$$

$$e'_v, e'_p \vdash \langle S, st'' \rangle \rightarrow st'$$

$$\frac{}{e_v, e_p \vdash \langle \text{begin } D_v \ D_p \ S \ \text{end}, st \rangle \rightarrow st'}$$

## §6. Scope Rules

The role of the scope rules is to tell us which bindings are in effect during the execution of a procedure call.

Dynamic scope rules - employ the bindings known when the procedure is called.

Static scope rules - employ the bindings known when the procedure was declared.

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Program
begin - variable declaration list 1 (x, y, z)
      - procedure declaration list 1 (p, q, r)
      begin - variable declaration list 2 (x, y, z)
            - procedure declaration list 2 (p, q)
            call r (implies p, q, x, y, z)
      end
end
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## Example:

begin

var  $x := 0$ ;

var  $y := 42$ ;

proc p is  $x := x + 3$ ;

proc q is call p;

begin

var  $x := 9$ ;

proc p is  $x := x + 1$ ;

call q;

$y := x$

end

end.



Question 1: Assume a fully dynamic scope rules for both variables and procedures: during the execution of procedure  $q$ , we know the variables and the procedures known when  $q$  was called.

What is the value of  $y$  after the previous statement is executed?

Question 2: Assume dynamic scope rules for variables and static scope rules for procedures: during the execution of  $q$  we know the variables that exist when  $q$  was called and the procedures known when  $q$  was declared.

What is the value of  $y$  after the statement is executed?

Question 3: Assume dynamic scope rules for procedures and static scope rules for variables: during the execution of  $q$  we know the variables that exist when  $q$  was declared and the procedures known when  $q$  was called.

What is the value of  $y$  after the statement is executed?

Question 4: Assume fully static scope rules for both variables and procedures: during the execution of  $q$  we know only the variables and procedures that were known when  $q$  was declared.

What is the value of  $y$  after the statement is executed?

### § 6.1. Fully dynamic scope rules.

- only the bindings known at the time when the procedure is called are considered.
- when the procedure is declared, we need to remember only the body of the procedure

$$\text{Env}_p = \text{Pnames} \rightarrow \text{Stm}$$

#### Transition rules for procedure declarations

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{[PROC]} \quad \frac{e_v \vdash \langle D_p, e_p[p \mapsto S] \rangle \longrightarrow_{\text{DP}} e'_p}{e_v \vdash \langle \text{proc } p \text{ is } S; D_p, e_p \rangle \longrightarrow_{\text{DP}} e'_p} \end{array}$$

$$\text{[PROC-EMPTY]} \quad e_v \vdash \langle \varepsilon, e_p \rangle \longrightarrow_{\text{DP}} e_p$$



### Transition rule for procedure call

$$[\text{CALL-DYN-DYN}] \quad \frac{e_v, e_p \vdash \langle S, st \rangle \rightarrow st'}{e_v, e_p \vdash \langle \text{call } p, st \rangle \rightarrow st'} , e_p(p) = S$$

Exercise: Prove the value of  $\gamma$  in the previous example by applying this BS-semantics.



## §6.2. Mixed scope rules

We consider the case where we have dynamic scope rules for variables and static scope rules for procedures.

$$\text{Env}_p = \text{Pnames} \longrightarrow \text{Stm} \times \text{Env}_p$$

Transition rules for procedure declarations

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{[PROC]} \quad \frac{e_v \vdash \langle D_p, e_p[P \mapsto \langle S, e_p \rangle] \rangle \longrightarrow_{\text{DP}} e'_p}{e_v \vdash \langle \text{proc } p \text{ is } S; D_p, e_p \rangle \longrightarrow_{\text{DP}} e'_p} \end{array}$$

$$\text{[PROC-EMPTY]} \quad e_v \vdash \langle \varepsilon, e_p \rangle \longrightarrow_{\text{DP}} e_p$$

### Transition rule for procedure call

$$[\text{CALL-DYN-STAT}] \quad \frac{e_v, e'_p \vdash \langle S, st \rangle \rightarrow st'}{e_v, e_p \vdash \langle \text{call } p, st \rangle \rightarrow st'} \quad e_p(p) = \langle S, e'_p \rangle$$

Exercise: Prove the value of  $\gamma$  in the previous example by applying this BS-semantics.

Exercise: Give a BS-semantics for a version of B&P with static scope rules for variables and dynamic scope rules for procedures.

### §6.3. Fully static scope rules

- The execution of a procedure call can use only the variable bindings and the procedure bindings known when the procedure was declared.
- these bindings must be remembered by the procedure environment

$$\text{Env}_p = \text{Pnames} \longrightarrow \text{Stm} \times \text{Env}_v \times \text{Env}_p$$

#### Transition rules for procedure declarations

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{[PROC]} \quad e_v \vdash \langle D_p, e_p[p \mapsto \langle S, e_v, e_p \rangle] \rangle \longrightarrow_{\text{DP}} e'_p \\ \hline e_v \vdash \langle \text{proc } p \text{ is } S; D_p, e_p \rangle \longrightarrow_{\text{DP}} e'_p \end{array}$$

$$\text{[PROC-EMPTY]} \quad e_v \vdash \langle \epsilon, e_p \rangle \longrightarrow_{\text{DP}} e_p$$

### Transition rule for procedure call

$$[\text{CALL-STAT-STAT}] \quad \frac{e'_v[\text{next} \mapsto \ell], e'_p \vdash \langle S, st \rangle \rightarrow st'}{e_v, e_p \vdash \langle \text{call } p, st \rangle \rightarrow st'}$$

where  $e_p(p) = \langle S, e'_v, e'_p \rangle$

and  $\ell = e_v(\text{next})$

Exercise: Prove the value of  $\gamma$  in the previous example by applying this BS-semantics.