# Modelos Formales de Computación

Part 3: Imperative Programming Languages

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## The objectives

- Know the basic features of an imperative programming language
- Know the basic elements of a state in an imperative language
- Understand the basics of input/output in a programming language
- Introduce the concept of memory and locations as separate notions
- Introduce the concept of name scope in programming languages
- Understand the function call stack and recursive calls
- Introduce the writeto and bindto operators, useful in the rest of course

#### General Information

- We define the executable semantics of a very simple imperative programming language, called SIMPLE, an abbreviation for the "Simplest IMperative Programming Language on Earth".
- As you read the definition of SIMPLE, keep in mind that it is not intended to be an
  implementation of the language that would be the job of an interpreter or a compiler.
- What follows is a semantics of SIMPLE, that is, a formal mathematical definition of the language.
- The operations and equations, forming together what is called a specification, represent the totality of properties which if an implementation satisfies, that implementation is considered correct for our language.

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# Example Program in SIMPLE

```
global y:
function c(n) {
 local x :
 x = 0;
 while (n != 1) {
   x = x + 1 ;
   if (n == 2 * (n / 2))
   then n = n / 2
    else n = 3 * n + 1
 };
 return(x)
function main() {
 local (n):
 read(n):
 c(n)
```

# Syntax in SIMPLE

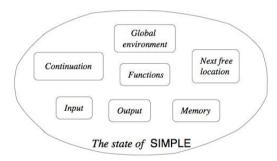
```
Name ·· = standard identifiers
NameList ::= Name | Name, NameList
      Exp ::= Name | 1 | 2 | 3 | ... |
              Exp + Exp \mid Exp - Exp \mid Exp * Exp \mid Exp/Exp
      Exp ::= true \mid false \mid Exp < Exp \mid Exp > AExp \mid Exp == Exp
              Exp and Exp | Exp or Exp | not Exp
      Exp ::= skip \mid Name = Exp \mid Exp : Exp
      Exp ::= if Exp then Exp | if Exp then Exp else Exp
      Exp ::= while Exp Exp | for (Exp; Exp; Exp) Exp
      Exp ::= read Name | print Exp
      Exp := \{\} \mid \{Exp\} \mid \{Iocal\ NameList : Exp\}\}
      Exp ::= Name(ExpList) \mid return Exp
  ExpList ::= Exp \mid Exp. ExpList
 Function ::= function Name(NameList) Exp
  FunList ::= Function | Function FunList
     Pgm ::= FunList | global NameList FunList
```

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#### SIMPLE Semantics: State

The following picture shows how the state of a programming language can be regarded, in our approach, as a "soup" of various state attributes. In the case of SIMPLE, there are seven such attributes of its state:



#### SIMPLE State Infrastructure: Locations and Environments

- In order to define the semantics of a language, we first need to define an appropriate notion of store and environment.
- Locations are needed in order to define environments and stores. We do not want to impose any particular memory/environment architecture and use locations (loc(0), loc(1), loc(2),...)
- Environments are defined as mappings of names to locations.

recover location for a variable \_[-] : Env Name 
$$\rightarrow$$
 Location 
$$((X \mapsto L)Env)[X] \leftrightharpoons L$$
 
$$update \ environment \ \_[-] : Env \ Bindings \rightarrow Env$$
 
$$((X' \mapsto L')Env)[X \mapsto L] \leftrightharpoons \ if \ (X = X')$$
 
$$then \ (X' \mapsto L \ Env)$$
 
$$else \ (X' \mapsto L')(Env[X \mapsto L])$$
 
$$\varnothing[X \mapsto L] \leftrightharpoons X \mapsto L$$
 
$$Env[(X, XL) \mapsto (L, LL)] \leftrightharpoons (Env[X \mapsto L])[Xl \mapsto Ll]$$
 
$$Env[nil \mapsto nil] \leftrightharpoons Env$$

#### SIMPLE State Infrastructure: Store

- The store contains assignments of values to locations.
- We do not impose any restriction on what values are

recover value for a location 
$$\_[\_]$$
: Store Location  $\to$  Value 
$$((L \mapsto V)Mem)[L] \leftrightharpoons V$$
 
$$update \ store \ \_[\_] : Store \ Bindings \to Store$$
 
$$([L', V']Mem)[L \mapsto V] \leftrightharpoons \ if \ (L = L')$$
 
$$then \ (L' \mapsto V)Mem$$
 
$$else \ (L' \mapsto V')(Mem[L \mapsto V])$$
  $\varnothing[L \mapsto V] \leftrightharpoons L \mapsto V$  
$$Mem[(L, LL) \mapsto (V, VL)] \leftrightharpoons Mem(L \mapsto V)[LL \mapsto VL]$$
 
$$Mem[nil \mapsto nil] \leftrightharpoons Mem$$

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## SIMPLE Semantics: Expressions and Values

- Expressions are evaluated into values.
- Expressions are identified using the symbol exp as a continuation symbol for the continuation stack
- Different approaches to define expressions. We choose to put together an expression and its environment, so that name scope is always local and there is no confusion
- Values are identified using the symbol val as a continuation symbol for the continuation stack. No environment is associated to a value because we choose an eager evaluation semantics
- Auxiliary properties

$$\exp(nil, Env) \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons val(nil) \curvearrowright K$$

$$\exp((E, E', El), Env) \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons \exp(E, Env) \curvearrowright \exp((E', El), Env) \curvearrowright K$$

$$val(V) \curvearrowright \exp(El, Env) \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons \exp(El, Env) \curvearrowright val(V) \curvearrowright K$$

$$val(Vl) \curvearrowright val(V) \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons val(V, Vl) \curvearrowright K$$

#### **Exercises**

What happens with programs

```
global x :
global x :
function f() \{ x := 2 \}
                                       function f(x) \{ x := 2 \}
function main() {
                                       function main() {
 x := 0; f(); return(x);
                                         x := 0; f(x); return(x);
global x :
                                       global x :
function f() {
                                       function f(x) {
  local x : x := 2 
                                         local x : x := 2 
function main() {
                                       function main() {
 x := 0; f(); return(x);
                                         x := 0; f(x); return(x);
```

Which is the execution result?

#### SIMPLE Semantics: Variables and Constants

$$exp(I, Env) \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons val(I) \curvearrowright K$$
  
 $exp(X, Env) \curvearrowright K \mid Mem \leftrightharpoons val(Mem[Env[X]]) \curvearrowright K \mid Mem$ 

# SIMPLE Semantics: Arithmetic Expressions

$$\begin{split} \exp(E+E', Env) &\curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons \exp((E,E'), Env) \curvearrowright + \curvearrowright K \\ val(I,I') &\curvearrowright + \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons val(I+I') \curvearrowright K \\ \exp(E-E', Env) &\curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons \exp((E,E'), Env) \curvearrowright - \curvearrowright K \\ val(I,I') &\curvearrowright - \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons val(I-I') \curvearrowright K \\ \exp(E*E', Env) &\curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons \exp((E,E'), Env) \curvearrowright * \curvearrowright K \\ val(I,I') &\curvearrowright * \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons val(I*I') \curvearrowright K \\ \exp(E/E', Env) &\curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons \exp((E,E'), Env) \curvearrowright / \curvearrowright K \\ val(I,I') &\curvearrowright / \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons val(I/I') \curvearrowright K \\ \end{split}$$

### **Exercises**

Which is the meaning of these programs?

- function main() { }
- function main() { 1/0 }

Anything missing?

### SIMPLE Semantics: Boolean Expressions

### **Exercises**

• What happens with the following program

```
function main() {
  if true or (1 / 0 >= 0)
  then 0
  else 1
}
```

Which is the execution result?
What must be modified to obtain 0?

#### SIMPLE Semantics: Conditionals

Define a conditional expression of the target language in terms of a conditional expression of an implementation language

$$if \ BE \ then \ E \leftrightharpoons if \ BE \ then \ E \ else$$
 
$$\exp(if \ BE \ then \ E \ else \ E', Env) \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons \exp(BE, Env) \curvearrowright if(E, E', Env) \curvearrowright K$$
 
$$val(B) \curvearrowright if(E, E', Env) \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons \exp(if \ B \ then \ E \ else \ E' \ fi, Env) \curvearrowright K$$

# SIMPLE Semantics: Assignment

Define an assignment expression in terms of the new writeTo construction.

The continuation writeTo(Location) allows a unique point of memory modification that can be reused in many situations.

$$exp(X = E, Env) \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons exp(E, Env) \curvearrowright writeTo(Env[X]) \curvearrowright val(nothing) \curvearrowright K$$

#### SIMPLE Semantics: Blocks

Define the semantics of a sequence of instructions in terms of continuations. We define a new discard continuation to avoid reusing returned values.

$$\begin{split} \exp((E;E'), Env) &\curvearrowright K = \exp(E, Env) \curvearrowright \operatorname{discard} \curvearrowright \exp(E', Env) \curvearrowright K \\ \operatorname{val}(V) &\curvearrowright \operatorname{discard} \curvearrowright K = K \\ \exp(\{\}, Env) &\curvearrowright K = \operatorname{val}(\operatorname{nothing}) \curvearrowright K \\ \exp(\{E\}, Env) &\curvearrowright K = \exp(E, Env) \curvearrowright K \end{split}$$

### SIMPLE Semantics: Loops

Loops are defined as usual using while unfolding.

while Cond Body  $\equiv$  if Cond then Body ; while Cond Body else skip

```
for(Start; Cond; Step) Body \leftrightharpoons Start; while Cond Body; Step exp(while Cond Body, Env) \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons \exp(\text{Cond}, \text{Env}) \curvearrowright K if ((Body; while Cond Body), {}, Env) \curvearrowright K
```

### **Exercises**

Which is the meaning of these programs?

- function main(){ while (true) {} }
- function main() { while (true)  $\{x = x + 1\}$  }

# SIMPLE Semantics: Input/Output

Input and Output are defined using streams, as new components of the state. The expression read(n) means reading from the input stream and storing in the variable n. The expression print(E) means evaluating the expression E into a value (integer or boolean) and storing in the output stream.

$$\begin{split} \exp(\mathit{read}(X), \mathsf{Env}) \curvearrowright K \mid \mathit{input}(I, \mathsf{IL}) &\leftrightharpoons \mathit{val}(I) \curvearrowright \mathit{writeTo}(\mathsf{Env}[X]) \curvearrowright \mathit{val}(\mathsf{nothing}) \curvearrowright K \mid \mathit{input}(\mathsf{IL}) \\ &= \exp(\mathit{print}(E), \mathsf{Env}) \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons \exp(E, \mathsf{Env}) \curvearrowright \mathit{print} \curvearrowright K \\ &\quad \mathit{val}(V) \curvearrowright \mathit{print} \curvearrowright K \mid \mathit{output}(VL) \leftrightharpoons \mathit{val}(\mathsf{nothing}) \curvearrowright K \mid \mathit{output}(VL, V) \end{split}$$

### **Exercises**

What happens with programs

```
global x :
                                       function f() {
function f() {
                                        x := 2
 x := 2
                                       function main() {
function main() {
                                        local x : f(); return(x);
 f(); return(x);
function f(x) {
                                       function f() {
                                        local x : x := 2
 x := 2
function main() {
                                       function main() {
  f(0); return(x);
                                         f(); return(x);
```

Which is the execution result?

# SIMPLE Semantics: Functions 1/2

Syntactic sugar

function 
$$F(XI)$$
 { $E$ }  $\leftrightharpoons$  function  $F(XI)$ { local (nil) :  $E$ }

Function call

```
\exp(F(EI), Env) \curvearrowright K = \exp(EI, Env) \curvearrowright \operatorname{apply}(F) \curvearrowright K
\operatorname{val}(VI) \curvearrowright \operatorname{apply}(F) \curvearrowright K \mid \\ \operatorname{globalEnv}(Env) \mid
\operatorname{functions}(\operatorname{function} F(XI) \mid \{\operatorname{local}(LXI) : E\} \ldots) = \operatorname{val}(VI) \curvearrowright \operatorname{bindTo}((XI, LXI), Env) \curvearrowright \\ \operatorname{exp} * (E) \curvearrowright \operatorname{funcalI} \curvearrowright K \mid \\ \operatorname{globalEnv}(\ldots) \mid \operatorname{functions}(\ldots)
```

- 1 Pop call F(E1)
- ② Evaluate arguments E1 and convert into values V1 using continuation apply(F).
- 3 Look up for function definition "function F(X1) {local (LX1) : E}".
- 4 Push continuation funcall for the semantics of the return expression.
- 6 Create new environment using continuation bindTo((X1,LX1), Env). First global environment, add parameters, add local variables.

# SIMPLE Semantics: Functions 2/2

Function Return

$$\exp(\text{return}(E), \text{Env}) \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons \exp(E, \text{Env}) \curvearrowright \text{return} \curvearrowright K$$
 
$$\text{val}(V) \curvearrowright \text{return} \curvearrowright Ci \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons \text{if } (Ci = \text{funcall})$$
 
$$\text{then } \text{val}(V) \curvearrowright K$$
 
$$\text{else } \text{val}(V) \curvearrowright \text{return} \curvearrowright K$$
 
$$\text{val}(V) \curvearrowright \text{funcall} \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons \text{val}(V) \curvearrowright K$$

Search for continuation funcall recursively in the continuation stack.

### **Exercises**

• What happens with the following program

```
function f(n) {
  return(0)
}
function main() {
  f(1 / 0);
  return(0);
}
```

Which is the execution result?

What must be modified to obtain 0?

# SIMPLE Semantics: Initial configuration

```
eval Functions InputList = eval (global nil : Functions) InputList
eval (global Namelist : Functions) InputList = bindTo(NameList, \varnothing) \sim
                                                          exp*(main()) \curvearrowright stop
                                                      nextLoc(1) \mid \varnothing \mid
                                                      input(InputList) | output(nil)
                                                      globalEnv(∅) |
                                                      functions(Functions)
                               val(VL) \curvearrowright stop
                           nextLoc(N) \mid Mem \mid
                      input(IL) | output(OL) |
              globalEnv(Env) \mid functions(Fs) = OL, VL
```

# Auxiliary: WriteTo and BindTo and Exp\*

- Name scope is extremely important in programming languages, specially in the case of recursive functions.
- Operation writeTo allows easy manipulation of values and locations

$$val(V) \curvearrowright writeTo(L) \curvearrowright K \mid Mem = K \mid Mem[L \mapsto V]$$

Operation bindTo allows easy manipulation of names and locations

$$val(V, VI) \curvearrowright bindTo((X, XI), Env) \curvearrowright K$$

$$\mid Mem \mid nextLoc(N) \leftrightharpoons val(VI) \curvearrowright bindTo(XI, Env[X \mapsto loc(N)]) \curvearrowright K \mid Mem[loc(N) \mapsto V] \mid nextLoc(N+1)$$

$$val(nil) \curvearrowright bindTo(XI, Env) \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons bindTo(XI, Env) \curvearrowright K$$

$$bindTo((X, XI), Env) \curvearrowright K \mid nextLoc(N) \leftrightharpoons bindTo(XI, Env[X \mapsto loc(N)]) \curvearrowright K \mid nextLoc(N+1)$$

$$bindTo(nil, Env) \curvearrowright K \leftrightharpoons env(Env) \curvearrowright K$$

Operation exp\* allows expressions with complex local environments

$$env(Env) \curvearrowright exp * (E) \curvearrowright K = exp(E, Env) \curvearrowright K$$

#### Continuation Semantics Available

- We have implemented the continuation semantics in the programming language Maude
- The implementation is available at the course repository
- Several programs can be executed and the output list is returned

```
Maude> Maude> 12 111021131131101115 available at 111
reduce in TEST-SEMANTICS : eval function main () { \{local n_i x_i y_i i : n = 50 : x = 1 : y = 1 : for(i = 0 : i < n : i = i + 1){x = x + y : y = x - y} : print(y) : return(y)} | nil .
rewrites: 4267 in 8ms cpu (1ms regl) (8190019 rewrites/second)
result ValueList: int(20365011074),int(20365011074)
with the work lift true and (frue or false) then x:= 1 else x:= 21
reduce in TEST-SEMANTICS: eval global x: function f(x) = x + 1: return(0)} function main () f(x) = 0: print(x); f(x) = 0: print(x)} | nil .
rewrites: 69 in 0ms cpu (0ms real) (~ rewrites/second)
result ValueList: int(0), int(1), nothing
reduce in TEST-SEMANTICS : eval function main () {print(max (2,3))} function max x,y {if x > y then return(x) else return(y)} | nil .
rewrites: 59 in Oms cpu (Oms real) (~ rewrites/second)
result ValueList: int(3).nothing
reduce in TEST-SEMANTICS: eval global x,y: function main () {x = max (2,3); y = max (4,5); print(max (y,max (max (2,max (x,y)),9)))}; function max x,y {if x > y then return(x) else return(y)}
rewrites: 310 in Oms cpu (Oms real) (2167832 rewrites/second)
result ValueList: int(9),nothing
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reduce in TEST-SEMANTICS: eval function h x,y,z,n (if n >= 1 then \{h(x,z,y,n-1); print(x); print(x); h(y,x,z,n-1)\}\} function main () \{local n : read(n) : h(1,2,3,n)\} \mid 3.
rewrites: 1210 in 0ms cpu (0ms real) (~ rewrites/second)
result ValueList: int(1),int(3),int(1),int(2),int(3),int(2),int(1),int(3),int(2),int(1),int(2),int(3),int(1),int(3),nothing
 reduce in TEST-SEMANTICS: eval function f a {if a \Leftarrow 1 then return(1); return(f (a-1)+f(a-2))} function main () flocal n: read(n); print(f n)} | 10.
rewrites: 7367 in 8ms cpu (4ms real) (~ rewrites/second)
result ValueList: int(89) nothing
reduce in TEST-SEMANTICS : eval function p x.v (local t.i : t = 1 : for(i = v : i != 0 : i = i - 1)(t = t * x) : return(t)) function main () (local x.v : read(x) : read(y) : return(p (x.v))) | 10.2
rewrites: 1626 in 8ms cpu (0ms real) (15485714 rewrites/second)
_____
reduce in TEST-SEMANTICS : eval function on {local x : x = 0 ; while n != 1 {x = x + 1 ; if n == 2 * (n / 2) then n = n / 2 else n = 3 * n + 1) ; return(x)} function main () {local n : read(n) : c
rewrites: 71000 in 20ms cnu (21ms real) (3500813 rewrites/second)
result Value: int(834)
_____
reduce in TEST-SEMANTICS : eval function f n {return(0)} function main () {f (1 / 0)} | nil .
rewrites: 25 in Oms cpu (Oms real) (~ rewrites/second)
result [ValueList]: [K(val (int(1),int(0)) -> / -> apply(f) -> function-call -> stop) nextLoc(0) mem(empty) input(nil) albba[Env(empty) functions(function f n {local nil : return(0)} functions(function) f n {local nil : return(0)} f n {lo
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