

CSE505 Homework#2

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1 Problem 1: Small-step Semantics

In the following context, we use symbol H for Heap, e for expressions, i for int values, x for variables, and l for lists of integers.

Heap we define the heap H as a map from variables to an pair of type $(\text{Int} \times (\text{list Int}))$. i.e. the heap H has the following type:

$$H : \text{Var} \rightarrow \text{Int} \times (\text{list Int})$$

Eval The function $Eval(H, e)$ is the evaluation function for an expression, as defined in the lecture, $Eval$ takes the current heap H and an expression e , the result is either a boolean or an integer depending on the type of e .

In the following rules, $H \mid s \rightarrow H' \mid s'$ can be pronounced as “Evaluate one step on the statement s under the current heap H will update the heap to H' and the statement is reduced to s' ”.

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{}{H \mid \text{Seq Nop } s \rightarrow H \mid s} \text{ (Step-Nop)} \quad \frac{Eval(H, e) = n \quad H \ x = (i, l)}{H \mid \text{Assign } x \ e \rightarrow [x \mapsto (i, l)]H \mid \text{Nop}} \text{ (Step-Assign)} \\ \\ \frac{H \mid s_1 \rightarrow H_1 \mid s'_1}{H \mid \text{Seq } s_1 \ s_2 \rightarrow H_1 \mid \text{Seq } s'_1 \ s_2} \text{ (Step-Seq)} \quad \frac{Eval(H, e) = \text{false}}{H \mid \text{Cond } e \ s \rightarrow H \mid \text{Nop}} \text{ (Step-Cond-F)} \\ \\ \frac{Eval(H, e) = \text{true}}{H \mid \text{Cond } e \ s \rightarrow H \mid s} \text{ (Step-Cond-T)} \quad \frac{Eval(H, e) = \text{false}}{H \mid \text{While } e \ s \rightarrow H \mid \text{Nop}} \text{ (Step-While-F)} \\ \\ \frac{Eval(H, e) = \text{true}}{H \mid \text{While } e \ s \rightarrow H \mid \text{Seq } s \ (\text{While } e \ s)} \text{ (Step-While-T)} \\ \\ \frac{H \ x = (i, l)}{H \mid \text{PushVar } x \rightarrow [x \mapsto (i, i :: l)]H \mid \text{Nop}} \text{ (Step-PushVar)} \\ \\ \frac{H \ x = (i, [])}{H \mid \text{PopVar } x \rightarrow \text{Nop}} \text{ (Step-PopVar-E)} \quad \frac{H \ x = (i, i' :: l)}{H \mid \text{PopVar } x \rightarrow [x \mapsto (i', l)]H \mid \text{Nop}} \text{ (Step-PopVar)} \end{array}$$

2 Problem 2

Before proving the theorem, we first define the function $\text{nPushVar} : \text{Var} \rightarrow \text{Stmt} \rightarrow \text{Int}$.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{nPushVar } x \ \text{Nop} := 0 \\ \text{nPushVar } x \ (\text{Assign } y \ e) := 0 \\ \text{nPushVar } x \ (\text{Seq } s_1 \ s_2) := \text{nPushVar } x \ s_1 + \text{nPushVar } x \ s_2 \\ \text{nPushVar } x \ (\text{Cond } e \ s) := \text{nPushVar } x \ s \\ \text{nPushVar } x \ (\text{While } e \ s) := \text{nPushVar } x \ s \\ \text{nPushVar } x \ (\text{PushVar } y) := \text{if}(x \equiv y) \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } 0 \\ \text{nPushVar } x \ (\text{PopVar } y) := 0 \end{array}$$

Lemma 1. *If a statement s has no While loops, starting from the heap H and $H \mid s \rightarrow H' \mid s'$, then for all x , $\text{length}(\text{snd}(H' x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s' \leq \text{length}(\text{snd}(H x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s$.*

Proof. Proof by induction on s .

- **Case** $s = \text{Nop}$: In this case, no reduction of s can be derived, thus the property hold.
- **Case** $s = \text{Seq } s_1 s_2$: In this case, as $H \mid s \rightarrow H' \mid s'$, by the rule Step-Seq, there exists s'_1 s.t.

$$H \mid s_1 \rightarrow H' \mid s'_1 \quad (1)$$

and

$$s' = \text{Seq } s'_1 s_2 \quad (2)$$

Thus, by induction and (1), we have the following property:

$$\text{length}(\text{snd}(H' x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s'_1 \leq \text{length}(\text{snd}(H x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s_1 \quad (3)$$

According to the definition of $\text{nPushVar } x s$, we have that

$$\text{nPushVar } x (\text{Seq } s_1 s_2) = \text{nPushVar } x s_1 + \text{nPushVar } x s_2 \quad (4)$$

and

$$\text{nPushVar } x (\text{Seq } s'_1 s_2) = \text{nPushVar } x s'_1 + \text{nPushVar } x s_2 \quad (5)$$

By substitution $\text{nPushVar } x s'_1$ and $\text{nPushVar } x s_1$ using 4 and 5, we have

$$\text{length}(\text{snd}(H' x)) + \text{nPushVar } x (\text{Seq } s'_1 s_2) \leq \text{length}(\text{snd}(H x)) + \text{nPushVar } x (\text{Seq } s_1 s_2) \quad (6)$$

Beside, as we have 2 and $s = \text{Seq } s_1 s_2$, replacing them in 6, we have

$$\text{length}(\text{snd}(H' x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s' \leq \text{length}(\text{snd}(H x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s \quad (7)$$

and then the case is proved.

- **Case** $s = \text{Cond } e s_1$. There are two subcases regarding to the value of e evaluated under H .
 - **Sub-Case** $\text{Eval } H e = \mathbf{false}$: According to the rule Step-Cond-F, after evaluation, $s' = \text{Nop}$ and $H' = H$. Thus

$$\text{length}(\text{snd}(H x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s' = \text{length}(\text{snd}(H x))$$

and

$$\text{length}(\text{snd}(H x)) \leq \text{length}(\text{snd}(H' x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s$$

So the property holds for this sub-case.

- **Sub-Case** $\text{Eval } H e = \mathbf{true}$ According to the rule Step-Cond-T, $s' = s_1$ and $H' = H$. By definition of nPushVar , we have $\text{nPushVar } x (\text{Cond } e s_1) = \text{nPushVar } x s_1$. Thus we have

$$\text{length}(\text{snd}(H' x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s' = \text{length}(\text{snd}(H x))$$

and

$$\text{length}(\text{snd}(H x)) \leq \text{length}(\text{snd}(H' x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s$$

And the sub-case is proved.

With both of the subcase proved, we have the case proved.

- **Case** $s = \text{While } e s_1$. As we required that there is no While in s , this case does not exist.
- **Case** $s = \text{PushVar } y$. There are two subcases based on whether y is x or not.

- **Sub-case:** $y \equiv x$, in this case, $\text{length}(H' x) = \text{length}(H x) + 1$, while $\text{nPushVar } x s = \text{nPushVar } x s' + 1$. So we have

$$\text{length}(\text{snd}(H' x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s' = \text{length}(\text{snd}(H x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s$$

and the sub-case is proved.

- **Sub-case:** $y \neq x$, in this case, after step-reduction, $\text{snd}(H x) = \text{snd}(H' x)$ and the number of $\text{PushVar } x$ stay unchanged, so the lemma still holds.

Thus in the case the lemma holds.

- **Case** $s = \text{PopVar } y$. Similar to the previous case, there are two subcases regarding to the equivalence of x and y .

- $x \equiv y$, then the number of $\text{nPushVar } x$ remain the same but the length of $\text{snd } H x$ is reduced by 1, which means that

$$\text{length}(\text{snd}(H' x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s' = \text{length}(\text{snd}(H x)) - 1 + \text{nPushVar } x s$$

and the lemma holds.

- $x \neq y$, then both $\text{snd}(H x) = \text{snd}(H' x)$ and the number of $\text{PushVar } x$ stay unchanged, so the lemma holds.

Having these two sub-cases proved, the lemma holds in this case.

With all the case proved, the lemma hold for all s and H . □

Lemma 2. *If a statement s with heap H can step to s' with heap status H' , then for all x , we have $\text{length}(\text{snd}(H' x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s' \leq \text{length}(\text{snd}(H x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s$.*

Proof. By induction on the number of derivation steps n .

- $n = 1$, the case is proved according to the Lemma 1.
- $n = k + 1$, by induction, s with H can step k steps to s_1 with H_1 , and

$$\text{length}(\text{snd}(H_1 x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s_1 \leq \text{length}(\text{snd}(H x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s. \quad (8)$$

As we can step from s_1 with H_1 to s' with H' in one step, according to Lemma 1, we have

$$\text{length}(\text{snd}(H' x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s' \leq \text{length}(\text{snd}(H_1 x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s_1. \quad (9)$$

By combining 8 with 9, we have

$$\text{length}(\text{snd}(H' x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s' \leq \text{length}(\text{snd}(H x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s \quad (10)$$

So that the case is proved.

Then we have the lemma proved. □

Property 1. *If a statement s has no While loops and from the empty heap s can step to heap h' and statement s' , then for all variables x , the length of the stack for x in h' does not exceed the number of $\text{PushVar } x$ statements in s (the original statement).*

Proof. By applying Lemma 2 with $H = \{\forall x.x \mapsto (0, [])\}$, we have:

$$\text{length}(\text{snd}(x)) + \text{nPushVar } x s' \leq 0 + \text{nPushVar } x s$$

By reduction, we have

$$\text{length}(\text{snd}(H' x)) \leq \text{nPushVar } x s - \text{nPushVar } x s'$$

as $\text{nPushVar } x s'$ is always greater than 0, we have:

$$\text{length}(\text{snd}(H' x)) \leq \text{nPushVar } x s$$

So the property is proved. □