



软件分析与架构设计

# 操作语义

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# 语法 (Syntax)

## □ Grammar: which programs are syntactically correct?

➤ Terminals  $\Sigma$ , Non-terminals  $N$ , Initial symbol  $s \in N$ , Productions  $P$

## □ Example:

### Arithmetic Expression

$$\Sigma = \{0,1,\dots,9,+,-\}$$

$$N = \{Exp, Num, Op, Digit\}$$

$$s = Exp$$

Productions

$$Exp \rightarrow Num \mid Exp \text{ } Op \text{ } Exp$$

$$Op \rightarrow + \mid -$$

$$Num \rightarrow Digit \mid Digit \text{ } Num$$

$$Digit \rightarrow 0 \mid 1 \mid \dots \mid 9$$

### What is not part of the language?

A.  $12+2$

B.  $2+(12-4)$

C.  $11 * 4$

D.  $12345609$

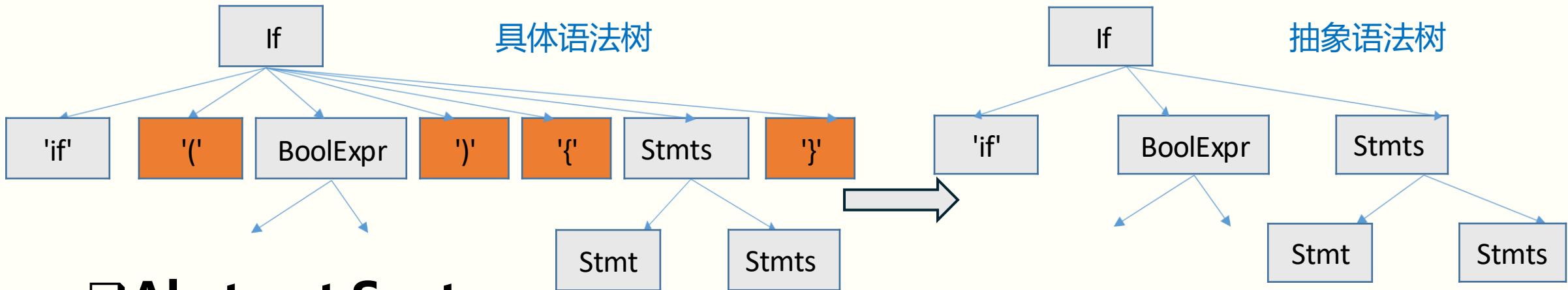
# Concrete vs. Abstract Syntax

## □ Syntax Tree:

- 基于编程语言文法的源代码的树表示

## □ Concrete Syntax

- The rules by which programs can be expressed as strings



## □ Abstract Syntax

- Concerns only statements, expressions, and their operands
- Don't care about parentheses, semicolons, keywords, etc.

# Learning Goals

- Recognize the basic WHILE demonstration language and define its abstract syntax.
- Describe the function of an AST and outline the principles behind AST walkers for simple bug-finding analyses
- Define the meaning of programs using operational semantics
- Read and write inference rules and derivation trees
- Use big- and small-step semantics to show how WHILE programs evaluate
- Use structural induction to prove things about program semantics

# Abstract Syntax of SIMP

## □ SIMP: simple imperative PL

$S ::= x := a$	$b ::= \text{true}$	$a ::= x$	$op_b ::= \text{and} \mid \text{or}$
 skip	 false	 n	 $op_r ::= < \mid \leq \mid =$
 $S_1; S_2$	 not $b$	 $a_1 op_a a_2$	   $> \mid \geq$
 if $b$ then $S_1$ else $S_2$	 $b_1 op_b b_2$		 $op_a ::= + \mid - \mid * \mid /$
 while $b$ do $S$	 $a_1 op_r a_2$		

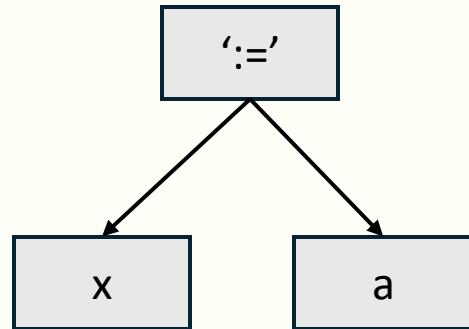
## □ Meta-variables frequently used for easy of notation

$S$	statements
$a$	arithmetic expressions (AExp)
$x, y$	program variables (Vars)
$n$	number literals
$b$	boolean expressions (BExp)

根据需要，后面会进一步添加产生式

# 如何根据文法构建AST?

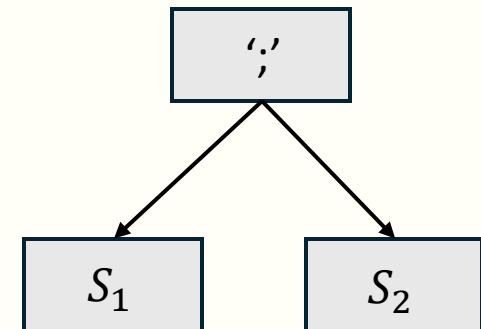
(1)  $x := a$



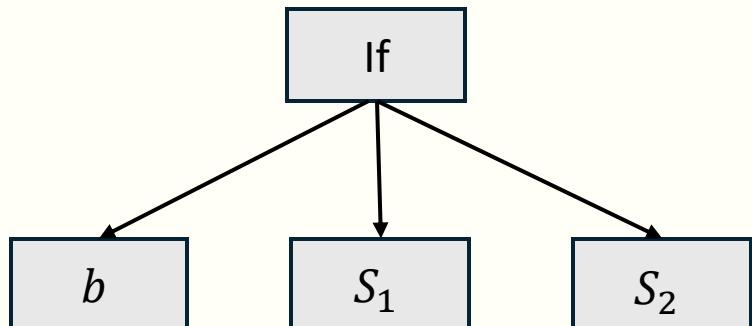
(2) skip

(do nothing)

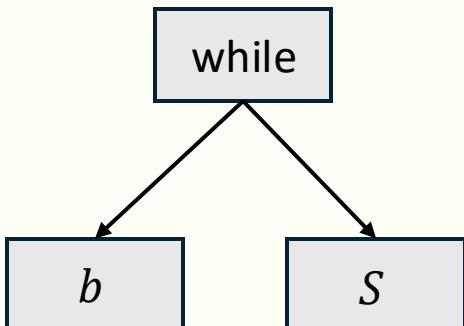
(3)  $S_1; S_2$



(4) if  $b$  then  $S_1$  else  $S_2$



(5) while  $b$  do  $S$



$S ::= x := a$   
|  
 $S ::= \text{skip}$   
|  
 $S ::= S_1; S_2$   
|  
 $S ::= \text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2$   
|  
 $S ::= \text{while } b \text{ do } S$

# 两个构建AST的例子

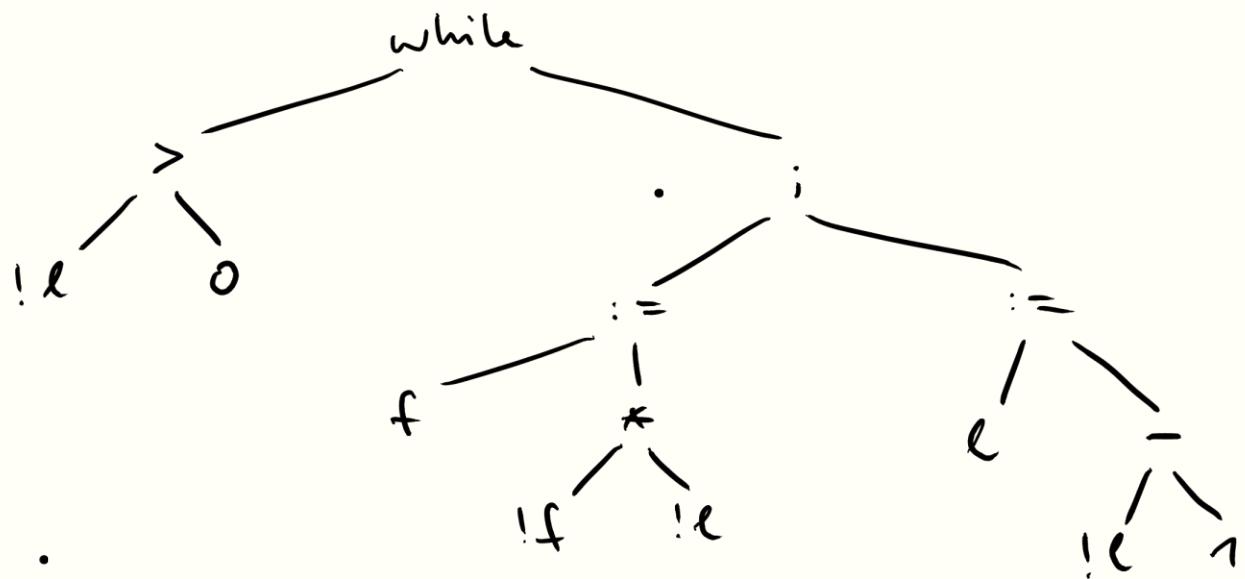
Ex. 2

```
while (!e > 0) do (
    f := !f * !e;
    e := !e - 1
)
```

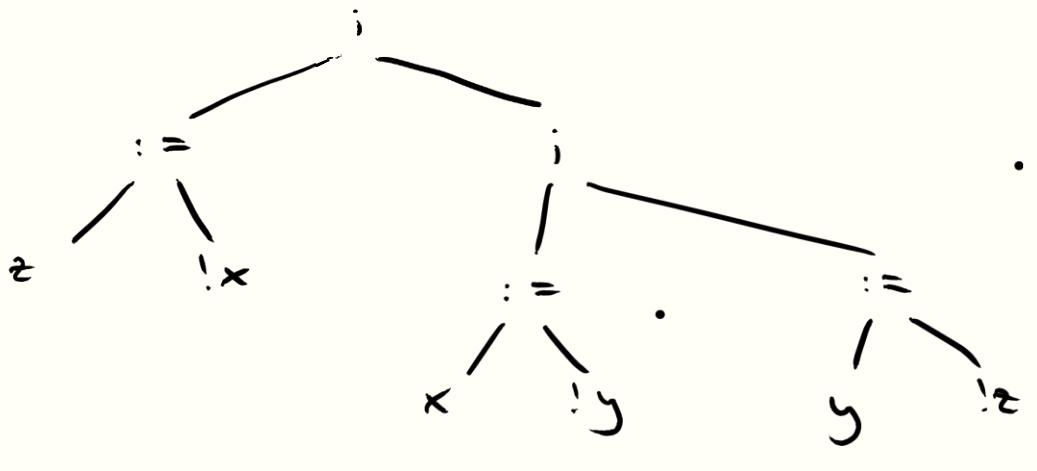
Ex. 1

$x := !x ; (x := !y ; y := !z)$   
... swap values in x and y

AST:



AST:



# (optional) 作业: 手动构建一个AST

- 以y为临时变量计算 $z = x!$
- 包含了复合语句、赋值语句、条件和循环语句
- 没有IO语句，输入输出是隐式的
- 所有变量是整数

```
y := x;  
z := 1;  
if y > 0 then  
    while y > 1 do  
        z := z * y;  
        y := y - 1  
else  
    skip
```

$S ::= x := a$	$b ::= \text{true}$	$a ::= x$	$op_b ::= \text{and} \mid \text{or}$
$\text{skip}$	$\text{false}$	$n$	$op_r ::= < \mid \leq \mid =$
$S_1; S_2$	$\text{not } b$	$a_1 op_a a_2$	$> \mid \geq$
$\text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2$	$b_1 op_b b_2$		$op_a ::= + \mid - \mid * \mid /$
$\text{while } b \text{ do } S$	$a_1 op_r a_2$		

# (optional)项目：AST walking

## □ One way to find “bugs” is to walk the AST

- Traverse the AST, look for nodes of a particular type
- Check the neighborhood of the node for particular patterns

## □ 检测：“shifting by more than 31 bits”

- e.g. `"x << -3"`, `"z >> 35"`, 对于32位整数变量，这些操作可能表示意外的拼写错误，因为将数字移出范围(0, 32)是没有意义的

## □ 提醒：基于现有框架去探索

- Python’s “astor” package designed for Python ASTs. Clean API; highly specific.
- LLVM/Clang: 基于visitor pattern
  - class Visitor has a visitX method for each type of AST node X
  - Default Visitor code just descends the AST, visiting each node
  - To do something interesting for AST element of type X, override visitX

# 操作语义 (Operational Semantics)

## □ 描述程序如何执行

- How would I execute this?

## □ 为什么需要操作语义?

## □ 举例：下面C代码中f()函数的参数是什么？

```
int i = 5;  
f(i++, --i);
```

- Option 1 (left-to-right) : 5, 5
- Option 2 (right-to-left) : 4, 4
- Both options are possible in C!
  - Unspecified Semantics
  - Compiler decides
- Want: (almost) all behavior should be clearly specified

# 操作语义 (Operational Semantics)

□ Specifies how expressions and statements should be evaluated depending on the form of the expression

- 0, 1, 2, ... 已经是值，无需进一步计算
- $4 + 2$ : 整数相加得结果，可推广值只包含数值的任意表达式:  $n_1 + n_2$
- $a_1 + a_2$  的计算方法如下 (按从左到右的AST后序遍历) :
  - 首先将表达式  $a_1$  的值计算为  $n_1$
  - 然后将表达式  $a_2$  的值计算为  $n_2$
  - 将计算结果用  $n_1 + n_2$  表示

□ 操作语义抽象了具体解释器的执行过程

# 推理规则 (Inference Rules)

## □一般性推理规则

$$\frac{\textit{premise}_1 \quad \textit{premise}_2 \quad \dots \quad \textit{premise}_n}{\textit{conclusion}}$$

➤ If ALL of the premises above the line can be proved true, then the conclusion holds as well.

➤ 用于定义语义

## □公理 (Axiom) : no premises

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*conclusion*

或

*conclusion*

# 大步语义 (Big-Step Semantics)

- Uses down-arrow  $\downarrow$  notation to denote evaluation to normal form
- $a \downarrow n$  is a **judgment** that expression  $a$  is evaluated to value  $n$ 
  - For example:  $4 + 2 + 9 \downarrow 15$
- You can think of this as a logical proposition.
  - The semantics of a language determines what judgments are provable.

# 大步语义举例

## □ Big-step semantics for ADD

$$\frac{}{n \Downarrow n} \text{ big-int}$$

$$\frac{a_1 \Downarrow n_1 \quad a_2 \Downarrow n_2}{a_1 + a_2 \Downarrow n_1 + n_2} \text{ big-add}$$

## □ Derive $(4 + 2) + 9 \Downarrow 15$ from the rules

➤ The derivation provides a proof of  $(4 + 2) + 9 \Downarrow 15$  using only axioms and inference rules.

forms a **derivation tree**



$$\begin{array}{c} 4 \Downarrow 4 \quad 2 \Downarrow 2 \\ \hline 4 + 2 \Downarrow 6 \quad 9 \Downarrow 9 \\ \hline (4 + 2) + 9 \Downarrow 15 \end{array}$$

# Big-Step Semantics for SIMP

其他算术和布尔  
运算处理类似

Expression

$$\frac{}{\langle E, n \rangle \Downarrow n} \text{ big-int}$$

$$\frac{}{\langle E, x \rangle \Downarrow E(x)} \text{ big-var}$$

$$\frac{\langle E, a_1 \rangle \Downarrow n_1 \quad \langle E, a_2 \rangle \Downarrow n_2}{\langle E, a_1 + a_2 \rangle \Downarrow n_1 + n_2} \text{ big-add}$$

No side effects to the environment

Statement

$$\frac{}{\langle E, \text{skip} \rangle \Downarrow E} \text{ big-skip}$$

$$\frac{\langle E, a \rangle \Downarrow n}{\langle E, x := a \rangle \Downarrow E[x \mapsto n]} \text{ big-assign}$$

$$\frac{\langle E, S_1 \rangle \Downarrow E' \quad \langle E', S_2 \rangle \Downarrow E''}{\langle E, S_1; S_2 \rangle \Downarrow E''} \text{ big-seq}$$

$$\frac{\langle E, b \rangle \Downarrow \text{true} \quad \langle E, S_1 \rangle \Downarrow E'}{\langle E, \text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \rangle \Downarrow E'} \text{ big-iftrue}$$

$$\frac{\langle E, b \rangle \Downarrow \text{false} \quad \langle E, S_2 \rangle \Downarrow E'}{\langle E, \text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \rangle \Downarrow E'} \text{ big-iffalse}$$

$$\frac{\langle E, b \rangle \Downarrow \text{false}}{\langle E, \text{while } b \text{ do } S \rangle \Downarrow E} \text{ big-whilefalse}$$

$$\frac{\langle E, b \rangle \Downarrow \text{true} \quad \langle E, S; \text{while } b \text{ do } S \rangle \Downarrow E'}{\langle E, \text{while } b \text{ then } S \rangle \Downarrow E'} \text{ big-whiletrue}$$

Statements can have side effects

Environment  $E : \text{var} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

General form:  $\langle E, S \rangle \Downarrow E'$

# 举例：States propagate in derivations

- What will  $x * 2 - 6$  evaluate to in state  $E1 = \{x \mapsto 4\}$ ?

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \langle E_1, x \rangle \Downarrow 4 \quad \langle E_1, 2 \rangle \Downarrow 2 \\ \hline \langle E_1, x * 2 \rangle \Downarrow 8 \end{array}}{\langle E_1, (x * 2) - 6 \rangle \Downarrow 2} \quad \langle E_1, 6 \rangle \Downarrow 6$$

- $\vdash \langle E_1, x * 2 - 6 \rangle \Downarrow 2$

➤this evaluation is provable via a well-formed derivation

# Big-Step Semantics: Discussion

## □ Inference rules suggest an AST interpreter

- Recursively evaluate operands, then current node
- post-order traversal

## □ Disadvantages:

- Cannot reason about non-terminating loops
  - e.g. while true do skip
- Does not model intermediate states
- Needed for semantics of concurrent execution models
  - e.g. Java threads

# 小步语义 (Small-Step Semantics)

- Each step is an atomic rewrite of the program
- Execution is a sequence of (possibly infinite) steps

➤  $\langle E1, (x * 2) - 6 \rangle \rightarrow \langle E1, 4 * 2 - 6 \rangle \rightarrow \langle E1, 8 - 6 \rangle \rightarrow 2$

- Small arrow notation for a single step:

$$\langle E, a \rangle \rightarrow_a a' \quad \langle E, b \rangle \rightarrow_b b' \quad \langle E, S \rangle \rightarrow \langle E', S' \rangle$$

➤ subscripts on the arrows can be omitted when context is clear

# Small-Step Semantics for SIMP

$$\frac{}{\langle E, x \rangle \rightarrow_a E(x)} \text{ small-var}$$

$$\frac{}{\langle E, n \rangle \rightarrow_a n} \text{ small-int}$$

$$\frac{\langle E, S_1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle E', S'_1 \rangle}{\langle E, S_1; S_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle E', S'_1; S_2 \rangle} \text{ small-seq-congruence}$$

$$\frac{}{\langle E, \text{skip}; S_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle E, S_2 \rangle} \text{ small-seq}$$

$$\frac{\langle E, a_1 \rangle \rightarrow_a a'_1}{\langle E, a_1 + a_2 \rangle \rightarrow_a a'_1 + a_2} \text{ small-add-left}$$

$$\frac{\langle E, a_2 \rangle \rightarrow_a a'_2}{\langle E, n_1 + a_2 \rangle \rightarrow_a n_1 + a'_2} \text{ small-add-right}$$

$$\frac{}{\langle E, n_1 + n_2 \rangle \rightarrow_a n_1 + n_2} \text{ small-add}$$

*small-assign* 处理  
类似 *big-assign*

$$\frac{\langle E, a \rangle \Downarrow n}{\langle E, x := a \rangle \Downarrow E[x \mapsto n]} \text{ big-assign}$$

$$\frac{\langle E, b \rangle \rightarrow_b b'}{\langle E, \text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle E, \text{if } b' \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \rangle} \text{ small-if-congruence}$$

$$\frac{}{\langle E, \text{if true then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle E, S_1 \rangle} \text{ small-iftrue}$$

*small-iffalse*  
处理类似

$$\frac{}{\langle E, \text{while } b \text{ do } S \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{if } b \text{ then } S; \text{while } b \text{ do } S \text{ else skip} \rangle} \text{ small-while}$$

Example:  $P = z := !x ; (x := !y ; y := !z)$

$$s = \{ z \mapsto 0, x \mapsto 1, y \mapsto 2 \}$$

$$\langle P, s \rangle \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \langle \text{skip}, s[z \mapsto 1, x \mapsto 2, y \mapsto 1] \rangle$$

each step: axiom or  $\frac{\text{rule}}{\text{proof tree}}$

Excerpt of proof tree:

$$\frac{
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 \frac{}{\langle !x, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle 1, s \rangle} \quad (\text{var}) \\
 \hline
 \langle z := !x, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle z := 1, s \rangle \quad (:=_R)
 }{\langle P, s \rangle \rightarrow \langle z := 1; (x := !y; y := !z), s \rangle} \quad (\text{seq})
 }{\bullet}$$

# Evaluation Sequence

For  $\langle E, S \rangle$ , the **evaluation sequence** is a uniquely defined sequence of transitions that starts with  $\langle E, S \rangle$  and has maximal length.

□ **Multi-step notation:**  $\langle E, S \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle E', S' \rangle$

$$\frac{}{\langle E, S \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle E, S \rangle} \text{ multi-reflexive} \quad \frac{\langle E, S \rangle \rightarrow \langle E', S' \rangle \quad \langle E', S' \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle E'', S'' \rangle}{\langle E, S \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle E'', S'' \rangle} \text{ multi-inductive}$$

□ **3 possible outputs:**

- Infinite sequences:  $\langle E, \text{while True do skip} \rangle \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \langle E, \text{while True do skip} \rangle$
- Evaluation terminates:  $\langle E_{in}, S \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle E_{out}, \text{skip} \rangle$
- Evaluation blocked:
  - $\langle E, \text{if } x > 0 \text{ then } S \text{ else skip} \rangle \rightarrow^* ?, \text{ where } x \notin \text{dom}(E)$

# Proofs over semantics

- Given some operational semantics,  $\langle E, a \rangle \Downarrow n$  is **provable** if there exists a **well-formed derivation** with  $\langle E, a \rangle \Downarrow n$  as its conclusion

- “**well-formed**” = “every step in the derivation is a valid instance of one of the inference rules”
- $\vdash \langle E, a \rangle \Downarrow n$  : “it is provable that  $\langle E, a \rangle \Downarrow n$ ”

- Once semantics is defined clearly, we can reason about programs rigorously via proofs by structural induction

- Recall ***mathematical induction***:

- To prove  $\forall n: P(n)$  by induction on natural numbers
- Base case: show that  $P(0)$  holds
- Inductive case: show that  $\forall m: P(m) \rightarrow P(m + 1)$

# Proofs by Structural Induction

□ Prove  $\forall a \in Aexp: P(a)$  by induction on structure of syntax

- Base cases: show that  $P(x)$  and  $P(n)$  holds
- Inductive cases: show that

$$\begin{array}{lcl} a & ::= & x \\ | & n \\ | & a_1 \ op_a \ a_2 \end{array}$$

$$op_a ::= + \mid - \mid * \mid /$$

# Proofs by Structural Induction

*Example.* Let  $L(a)$  be the number of literals and variable occurrences in some expression  $a$  and  $O(a)$  be the number of operators in  $a$ . Prove by induction on the structure of  $a$  that  $\forall a \in \text{Aexp} . L(a) = O(a) + 1$ :

**Base cases:**

- Case  $a = n$ .  $L(a) = 1$  and  $O(a) = 0$
- Case  $a = x$ .  $L(a) = 1$  and  $O(a) = 0$

**Inductive case 1:** Case  $a = a_1 + a_2$

- By definition,  $L(a) = L(a_1) + L(a_2)$  and  $O(a) = O(a_1) + O(a_2) + 1$ .
- By the induction hypothesis,  $L(a_1) = O(a_1) + 1$  and  $L(a_2) = O(a_2) + 1$ .
- Thus,  $L(a) = O(a_1) + O(a_2) + 2 = O(a) + 1$ .

The other arithmetic operators follow the same logic.

# Prove that SIMP is deterministic

## □ Deterministic:

- if the program terminates, it evaluates to a unique value.

$$\forall a \in \text{Aexp} . \quad \forall E . \quad \forall n, n' \in \mathbb{N} . \quad \langle E, a \rangle \Downarrow n \wedge \langle E, a \rangle \Downarrow n' \Rightarrow n = n'$$

$$\forall P \in \text{Bexp} . \quad \forall E . \quad \forall b, b' \in \mathcal{B} . \quad \langle E, P \rangle \Downarrow b \wedge \langle E, P \rangle \Downarrow b' \Rightarrow b = b'$$

$$\forall S . \quad \forall E, E', E'' . \quad \langle E, S \rangle \Downarrow E' \wedge \langle E, S \rangle \Downarrow E'' \Rightarrow E' = E''$$

## □ Expressions are easier to prove

## □ But statements are not

- Rule for while is recursive; doesn't depend only on sub-expressions

$$\frac{\langle E, b \rangle \Downarrow \text{true} \quad \langle E, S; \text{while } b \text{ do } S \rangle \Downarrow E'}{\langle E, \text{while } b \text{ then } S \rangle \Downarrow E'} \text{ big-whiletrue}$$

# Prove that SIMP is deterministic

**证明:**  $\forall S . \quad \forall E, E', E'' . \quad \langle E, S \rangle \Downarrow E' \wedge \langle E, S \rangle \Downarrow E'' \Rightarrow E' = E''$

□ Let  $D :: \langle E, S \rangle \Downarrow E'$ , and  $D' :: \langle E, S \rangle \Downarrow E''$

□ Base case: skip

$$\frac{}{\langle E, \text{skip} \rangle \Downarrow E} \text{ big-skip}$$

□ Inductive cases:

➤ Need to show that the property hold when the last rule used in  $D$  was each of the possible non-skip statements

➤ Suppose the last rule used was while-true

$$D ::= \frac{D_1 :: \langle E, b \rangle \Downarrow \text{true} \quad D_2 :: \langle E, S \rangle \Downarrow E_1 \quad D_3 :: \langle E_1, \text{while } b \text{ do } S \rangle \Downarrow E'}{\langle E, \text{while } b \text{ do } S \rangle \Downarrow E'}$$

○  $D' :: \langle E, \text{while } b \text{ do } S \rangle \Downarrow E''$  must have sub-derivations:

❖  $D'_1 :: \langle E, b \rangle \Downarrow \text{true}$ ,  $D'_2 :: \langle E, S \rangle \Downarrow E'_1$  and  $D'_3 :: \langle E'_1, \text{while } b \text{ do } S \rangle \Downarrow E''$

○ By induction hypothesis,  $E_1 = E'_1$  and  $E'' = E'$

➤ other cases are left as for an exercise

# (optional)作业：练习结构归纳证明

□ Prove that small-step and big-step semantics of expressions produce equivalent results.

$$\forall a \in \text{AExp} . \langle E, a \rangle \rightarrow_a^* n \Leftrightarrow \langle E, a \rangle \Downarrow n$$

□ Can be proved via structural induction over syntax

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