4190.310 Programming Language The K-- Language

1 Syntax

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Expression \ e \ 	o \ 	ext{unit}
                                                                   unit
                      x := e
                                                                   assignment
                     e ; e
                                                                   sequence
                     if e then e else e
                                                                   branch
                     while e do e
                                                                   while loop
                     \mathtt{read}\ x
                                                                   input
                      write e
                                                                   output
                      \mathtt{let}\ x\ :=\ e\ \mathtt{in}\ e
                                                                   variable binding
                                                                   integer
                      true | false
                                                                   boolean
                                                                   identifier
                      e + e \mid e - e \mid e * e \mid e / e arithmetic operation
                      e < e \mid e = e \mid \text{not } e
                                                                   conditional operation
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1.1 Program

A program is an expression.

1.2 Identifiers

Alpha-numeric identifiers are [a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9_]*. Identifiers are case sensitive: z and Z are different. The reserved words cannot be used as identifiers: unit true false not if then else let in end while do read write

1.3 Numbers/Comments

Numbers are integers, optionally prefixed with -(for negative integer): -?[0-9]⁺. A comment is any character sequence within the comment block (* *). The comment block can be nested.

1.4 Precedence/Associativity

In parsing K— program text, the precedence of the K— constructs in decreasing order is as follows. Symbols in the same set have identical precedence. Symbols with subscript L (respectively R) are left (respectively right) associative. Symbols without subscript are nonassociative.

For example, K-- program

```
x := e1; e2 \Rightarrow (x := e1); e2 while e do e1; e2 \Rightarrow (while e do e1); e2 if e1 then e2 else e3; e4 \Rightarrow (if e1 then e2 else e3); e4
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Rule of thumb: for your test programs, if your programs are hard to read (hence can be parsed not as you expected) then put parentheses around.

2 Domains

```
\in
                         \mathbb{Z}
                                         integer
           \in
                         \mathbb{B}
                                         boolean
                      Val
                                         \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{B} + \{\cdot\}
v
           \in
                                         Id \stackrel{\text{\tiny fin}}{\rightarrow} Addr
                    Env
                                         Addr \stackrel{\text{\tiny fin}}{\rightarrow} Val
                Mem
M
           \in
                                         identifier
x, y
          \in
                       Id
                                         address
           \in
                  Addr
```

3 Semantics

[Assign]
$$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash e \Rightarrow v, M'}{\sigma, M \vdash x \ := \ e \Rightarrow v, M' \{ \sigma(x) \mapsto v \}}$$

[Seq]
$$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow v_1, M' \qquad \sigma, M' \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow v_2, M''}{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 \; ; \; e_2 \Rightarrow v_2, M''}$$

[IfTrue]
$$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash e \Rightarrow true, M' \qquad \sigma, M' \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow v, M''}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{if } e \text{ then } e_1 \text{ else } e_2 \Rightarrow v, M''}$$

[IfFalse]
$$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash e \Rightarrow \mathit{false}, M' \qquad \sigma, M' \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow v, M''}{\sigma, M \vdash \mathsf{if} \ e \ \mathsf{then} \ e_1 \ \mathsf{else} \ e_2 \Rightarrow v, M''}$$

$$[\text{WhileTrue}] \qquad \frac{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow \mathit{true}, M'}{\sigma, M' \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow v_1, M_1 \qquad \sigma, M_1 \vdash \mathsf{while} \ e_1 \ \mathsf{do} \ e_2 \Rightarrow v_2, M_2}{\sigma, M \vdash \mathsf{while} \ e_1 \ \mathsf{do} \ e_2 \Rightarrow v_2, M_2}$$

[WhileFalse]
$$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow \mathit{false}, M'}{\sigma, M \vdash \mathsf{while} \ e_1 \ \mathsf{do} \ e_2 \Rightarrow \cdot, M'}$$

[Let]
$$\begin{aligned} \sigma, M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow v, M' \\ \sigma\{x \mapsto l\}, M'\{l \mapsto v\} \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow v', M'' & l \notin Dom \, M' \\ \hline \sigma, M \vdash \mathtt{let} \ x \ := \ e_1 \ \mathtt{in} \ e_2 \Rightarrow v', M'' \end{aligned}$$

[Read]
$$\overline{\sigma, M \vdash \mathtt{read} \ x \Rightarrow n, M\{\sigma(x) \mapsto n\}}$$

[Write]
$$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash e \Rightarrow n, M'}{\sigma, M \vdash \mathtt{write} \ e \Rightarrow n, M'}$$