

# **WebAssembly Specification**

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## CHAPTER 1

Introduction

### 1.1 Introduction

WebAssembly (abbreviated Wasm<sup>2</sup>) is a *safe*, *portable*, *low-level code format* designed for efficient execution and compact representation. Its main goal is to enable high performance applications on the Web, but it does not make any Web-specific assumptions or provide Web-specific features, so it can be employed in other environments as well.

WebAssembly is an open standard developed by a W3C Community Group<sup>1</sup>.

This document describes version 2.0 + tail calls + function references (Draft 2023-05-30) of the core WebAssembly standard. It is intended that it will be superseded by new incremental releases with additional features in the future.

### 1.1.1 Design Goals

The design goals of WebAssembly are the following:

- Fast, safe, and portable *semantics*:
  - **Fast**: executes with near native code performance, taking advantage of capabilities common to all contemporary hardware.
  - Safe: code is validated and executes in a memory-safe<sup>3</sup>, sandboxed environment preventing data corruption or security breaches.
  - **Well-defined**: fully and precisely defines valid programs and their behavior in a way that is easy to reason about informally and formally.
  - Hardware-independent: can be compiled on all modern architectures, desktop or mobile devices and embedded systems alike.
  - Language-independent: does not privilege any particular language, programming model, or object model.
  - **Platform-independent**: can be embedded in browsers, run as a stand-alone VM, or integrated in other environments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A contraction of "WebAssembly", not an acronym, hence not using all-caps.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.w3.org/community/webassembly/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> No program can break WebAssembly's memory model. Of course, it cannot guarantee that an unsafe language compiling to WebAssembly does not corrupt its own memory layout, e.g. inside WebAssembly's linear memory.

- Open: programs can interoperate with their environment in a simple and universal manner.
- Efficient and portable representation:
  - Compact: has a binary format that is fast to transmit by being smaller than typical text or native code formats.
  - Modular: programs can be split up in smaller parts that can be transmitted, cached, and consumed separately.
  - **Efficient**: can be decoded, validated, and compiled in a fast single pass, equally with either just-in-time (JIT) or ahead-of-time (AOT) compilation.
  - Streamable: allows decoding, validation, and compilation to begin as soon as possible, before all data has been seen.
  - Parallelizable: allows decoding, validation, and compilation to be split into many independent parallel tasks.
  - Portable: makes no architectural assumptions that are not broadly supported across modern hardware.

WebAssembly code is also intended to be easy to inspect and debug, especially in environments like web browsers, but such features are beyond the scope of this specification.

### 1.1.2 Scope

At its core, WebAssembly is a *virtual instruction set architecture* (*virtual ISA*). As such, it has many use cases and can be embedded in many different environments. To encompass their variety and enable maximum reuse, the WebAssembly specification is split and layered into several documents.

This document is concerned with the core ISA layer of WebAssembly. It defines the instruction set, binary encoding, validation, and execution semantics, as well as a textual representation. It does not, however, define how WebAssembly programs can interact with a specific environment they execute in, nor how they are invoked from such an environment.

Instead, this specification is complemented by additional documents defining interfaces to specific embedding environments such as the Web. These will each define a WebAssembly *application programming interface (API)* suitable for a given environment.

### 1.1.3 Security Considerations

WebAssembly provides no ambient access to the computing environment in which code is executed. Any interaction with the environment, such as I/O, access to resources, or operating system calls, can only be performed by invoking functions provided by the embedder and imported into a WebAssembly module. An embedder can establish security policies suitable for a respective environment by controlling or limiting which functional capabilities it makes available for import. Such considerations are an embedder's responsibility and the subject of API definitions for a specific environment.

Because WebAssembly is designed to be translated into machine code running directly on the host's hardware, it is potentially vulnerable to side channel attacks on the hardware level. In environments where this is a concern, an embedder may have to put suitable mitigations into place to isolate WebAssembly computations.

### 1.1.4 Dependencies

WebAssembly depends on two existing standards:

- IEEE 754<sup>4</sup>, for the representation of floating-point data and the semantics of respective numeric operations.
- Unicode<sup>5</sup>, for the representation of import/export names and the text format.

However, to make this specification self-contained, relevant aspects of the aforementioned standards are defined and formalized as part of this specification, such as the binary representation and rounding of floating-point values, and the value range and UTF-8 encoding of Unicode characters.

**Note:** The aforementioned standards are the authoritative source of all respective definitions. Formalizations given in this specification are intended to match these definitions. Any discrepancy in the syntax or semantics described is to be considered an error.

### 1.2 Overview

### 1.2.1 Concepts

WebAssembly encodes a low-level, assembly-like programming language. This language is structured around the following concepts.

#### Values

WebAssembly provides only four basic *number types*. These are integers and IEEE 754<sup>6</sup> numbers, each in 32 and 64 bit width. 32 bit integers also serve as Booleans and as memory addresses. The usual operations on these types are available, including the full matrix of conversions between them. There is no distinction between signed and unsigned integer types. Instead, integers are interpreted by respective operations as either unsigned or signed in two's complement representation.

In addition to these basic number types, there is a single 128 bit wide vector type representing different types of packed data. The supported representations are 4 32-bit, or 2 64-bit IEEE 754<sup>7</sup> numbers, or different widths of packed integer values, specifically 2 64-bit integers, 4 32-bit integers, 8 16-bit integers, or 16 8-bit integers.

Finally, values can consist of opaque *references* that represent pointers towards different sorts of entities. Unlike with other types, their size or representation is not observable.

#### Instructions

The computational model of WebAssembly is based on a *stack machine*. Code consists of sequences of *instructions* that are executed in order. Instructions manipulate values on an implicit *operand stack*<sup>8</sup> and fall into two main categories. *Simple* instructions perform basic operations on data. They pop arguments from the operand stack and push results back to it. *Control* instructions alter control flow. Control flow is *structured*, meaning it is expressed with well-nested constructs such as blocks, loops, and conditionals. Branches can only target such constructs.

#### **Traps**

Under some conditions, certain instructions may produce a *trap*, which immediately aborts execution. Traps cannot be handled by WebAssembly code, but are reported to the outside environment, where they typically can be caught.

### **Functions**

Code is organized into separate functions. Each function takes a sequence of values as parameters and returns

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8766229

<sup>5</sup> https://www.unicode.org/versions/latest/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8766229

<sup>7</sup> https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8766229

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> In practice, implementations need not maintain an actual operand stack. Instead, the stack can be viewed as a set of anonymous registers that are implicitly referenced by instructions. The type system ensures that the stack height, and thus any referenced register, is always known statically.

a sequence of values as results. Functions can call each other, including recursively, resulting in an implicit call stack that cannot be accessed directly. Functions may also declare mutable *local variables* that are usable as virtual registers.

#### **Tables**

A *table* is an array of opaque values of a particular *reference type*. It allows programs to select such values indirectly through a dynamic index operand. Thereby, for example, a program can call functions indirectly through a dynamic index into a table. This allows emulating function pointers by way of table indices.

#### **Linear Memory**

A *linear memory* is a contiguous, mutable array of raw bytes. Such a memory is created with an initial size but can be grown dynamically. A program can load and store values from/to a linear memory at any byte address (including unaligned). Integer loads and stores can specify a *storage size* which is smaller than the size of the respective value type. A trap occurs if an access is not within the bounds of the current memory size.

#### Modules

A WebAssembly binary takes the form of a *module* that contains definitions for functions, tables, and linear memories, as well as mutable or immutable *global variables*. Definitions can also be *imported*, specifying a module/name pair and a suitable type. Each definition can optionally be *exported* under one or more names. In addition to definitions, modules can define initialization data for their memories or tables that takes the form of *segments* copied to given offsets. They can also define a *start function* that is automatically executed.

#### **Embedder**

A WebAssembly implementation will typically be *embedded* into a *host* environment. This environment defines how loading of modules is initiated, how imports are provided (including host-side definitions), and how exports can be accessed. However, the details of any particular embedding are beyond the scope of this specification, and will instead be provided by complementary, environment-specific API definitions.

#### 1.2.2 Semantic Phases

Conceptually, the semantics of WebAssembly is divided into three phases. For each part of the language, the specification specifies each of them.

#### Decoding

WebAssembly modules are distributed in a *binary format*. *Decoding* processes that format and converts it into an internal representation of a module. In this specification, this representation is modelled by *abstract syntax*, but a real implementation could compile directly to machine code instead.

#### Validation

A decoded module has to be *valid*. Validation checks a number of well-formedness conditions to guarantee that the module is meaningful and safe. In particular, it performs *type checking* of functions and the instruction sequences in their bodies, ensuring for example that the operand stack is used consistently.

#### **Execution**

Finally, a valid module can be *executed*. Execution can be further divided into two phases:

**Instantiation**. A module *instance* is the dynamic representation of a module, complete with its own state and execution stack. Instantiation executes the module body itself, given definitions for all its imports. It initializes globals, memories and tables and invokes the module's start function if defined. It returns the instances of the module's exports.

**Invocation**. Once instantiated, further WebAssembly computations can be initiated by *invoking* an exported function on a module instance. Given the required arguments, that executes the respective function and returns its results.

Instantiation and invocation are operations within the embedding environment.

Structure

### 2.1 Conventions

WebAssembly is a programming language that has multiple concrete representations (its binary format and the text format). Both map to a common structure. For conciseness, this structure is described in the form of an *abstract syntax*. All parts of this specification are defined in terms of this abstract syntax.

### 2.1.1 Grammar Notation

The following conventions are adopted in defining grammar rules for abstract syntax.

- Terminal symbols (atoms) are written in sans-serif font or in symbolic form: i32, end,  $\rightarrow$ , [,].
- Nonterminal symbols are written in italic font: valtype, instr.
- $A^n$  is a sequence of  $n \ge 0$  iterations of A.
- $A^*$  is a possibly empty sequence of iterations of A. (This is a shorthand for  $A^n$  used where n is not relevant.)
- $A^+$  is a non-empty sequence of iterations of A. (This is a shorthand for  $A^n$  where  $n \ge 1$ .)
- $A^{?}$  is an optional occurrence of A. (This is a shorthand for  $A^{n}$  where  $n \leq 1$ .)
- Productions are written  $sym := A_1 \mid \ldots \mid A_n$ .
- Large productions may be split into multiple definitions, indicated by ending the first one with explicit ellipses,  $sym ::= A_1 \mid \ldots$ , and starting continuations with ellipses,  $sym ::= \ldots \mid A_2$ .
- Some productions are augmented with side conditions in parentheses, "(if *condition*)", that provide a shorthand for a combinatorial expansion of the production into many separate cases.
- If the same meta variable or non-terminal symbol appears multiple times in a production, then all those occurrences must have the same instantiation. (This is a shorthand for a side condition requiring multiple different variables to be equal.)

### 2.1.2 Auxiliary Notation

When dealing with syntactic constructs the following notation is also used:

- $\epsilon$  denotes the empty sequence.
- |s| denotes the length of a sequence s.
- s[i] denotes the *i*-th element of a sequence s, starting from 0.
- s[i:n] denotes the sub-sequence  $s[i] \ldots s[i+n-1]$  of a sequence s.
- s with [i] = A denotes the same sequence as s, except that the i-th element is replaced with A.
- s with  $[i:n] = A^n$  denotes the same sequence as s, except that the sub-sequence s[i:n] is replaced with  $A^n$ .
- $\operatorname{concat}(s^*)$  denotes the flat sequence formed by concatenating all sequences  $s_i$  in  $s^*$ .

Moreover, the following conventions are employed:

- The notation  $x^n$ , where x is a non-terminal symbol, is treated as a meta variable ranging over respective sequences of x (similarly for  $x^*$ ,  $x^+$ ,  $x^2$ ).
- When given a sequence  $x^n$ , then the occurrences of x in a sequence written  $(A_1 \ x \ A_2)^n$  are assumed to be in point-wise correspondence with  $x^n$  (similarly for  $x^*$ ,  $x^+$ ,  $x^7$ ). This implicitly expresses a form of mapping syntactic constructions over a sequence.

Productions of the following form are interpreted as *records* that map a fixed set of fields field<sub>i</sub> to "values"  $A_i$ , respectively:

$$r ::= \{ \mathsf{field}_1 \ A_1, \mathsf{field}_2 \ A_2, \dots \}$$

The following notation is adopted for manipulating such records:

- r.field denotes the contents of the field component of r.
- r with field = A denotes the same record as r, except that the contents of the field component is replaced with A.
- $r_1 \oplus r_2$  denotes the composition of two records with the same fields of sequences by appending each sequence point-wise:

$$\{ \text{field}_1 A_1^*, \text{field}_2 A_2^*, \dots \} \oplus \{ \text{field}_1 B_1^*, \text{field}_2 B_2^*, \dots \} = \{ \text{field}_1 A_1^* B_1^*, \text{field}_2 A_2^* B_2^*, \dots \}$$

•  $\bigoplus r^*$  denotes the composition of a sequence of records, respectively; if the sequence is empty, then all fields of the resulting record are empty.

The update notation for sequences and records generalizes recursively to nested components accessed by "paths"  $pth ::= ([...] | .field)^+$ :

- s with [i] pth = A is short for s with [i] = (s[i] with pth = A),
- r with field pth = A is short for r with field = (r.field with pth = A),

where r with .field = A is shortened to r with field = A.

#### 2.1.3 Vectors

*Vectors* are bounded sequences of the form  $A^n$  (or  $A^*$ ), where the A can either be values or complex constructions. A vector can have at most  $2^{32} - 1$  elements.

$$vec(A) ::= A^n \text{ (if } n < 2^{32})$$

### 2.2 Values

WebAssembly programs operate on primitive numeric *values*. Moreover, in the definition of programs, immutable sequences of values occur to represent more complex data, such as text strings or other vectors.

### **2.2.1 Bytes**

The simplest form of value are raw uninterpreted *bytes*. In the abstract syntax they are represented as hexadecimal literals.

$$byte ::= 0x00 | \dots | 0xFF$$

#### **Conventions**

- ullet The meta variable b ranges over bytes.
- Bytes are sometimes interpreted as natural numbers n < 256.

### 2.2.2 Integers

Different classes of *integers* with different value ranges are distinguished by their bit width N and by whether they are unsigned or signed.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} uN & ::= & 0 \mid 1 \mid \dots \mid 2^{N} - 1 \\ sN & ::= & -2^{N-1} \mid \dots \mid -1 \mid 0 \mid 1 \mid \dots \mid 2^{N-1} - 1 \\ iN & ::= & uN \end{array}$$

The class iN defines uninterpreted integers, whose signedness interpretation can vary depending on context. In the abstract syntax, they are represented as unsigned values. However, some operations convert them to signed based on a two's complement interpretation.

**Note:** The main integer types occurring in this specification are u32, u64, s32, s64, i8, i16, i32, i64. However, other sizes occur as auxiliary constructions, e.g., in the definition of floating-point numbers.

#### **Conventions**

- The meta variables m, n, i range over integers.
- Numbers may be denoted by simple arithmetics, as in the grammar above. In order to distinguish arithmetics like  $2^N$  from sequences like  $(1)^N$ , the latter is distinguished with parentheses.

### 2.2.3 Floating-Point

*Floating-point* data represents 32 or 64 bit values that correspond to the respective binary formats of the IEEE 754<sup>9</sup> standard (Section 3.3).

Every value has a sign and a magnitude. Magnitudes can either be expressed as normal numbers of the form  $m_0.m_1m_2...m_M\cdot 2^e$ , where e is the exponent and m is the significand whose most significant bit  $m_0$  is 1, or as a subnormal number where the exponent is fixed to the smallest possible value and  $m_0$  is 0; among the subnormals are positive and negative zero values. Since the significands are binary values, normals are represented in the form  $(1+m\cdot 2^{-M})\cdot 2^e$ , where M is the bit width of m; similarly for subnormals.

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<sup>9</sup> https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8766229

Possible magnitudes also include the special values  $\infty$  (infinity) and nan (NaN, not a number). NaN values have a payload that describes the mantissa bits in the underlying binary representation. No distinction is made between signalling and quiet NaNs.

$$\begin{array}{lll} fN & ::= & +fNmag \mid -fNmag \\ fNmag & ::= & (1+uM\cdot 2^{-M})\cdot 2^e & (\text{if } -2^{E-1}+2 \leq e \leq 2^{E-1}-1) \\ & \mid & (0+uM\cdot 2^{-M})\cdot 2^e & (\text{if } e = -2^{E-1}+2) \\ & \mid & \infty & \\ & \mid & \mathsf{nan}(n) & (\text{if } 1 \leq n < 2^M) \end{array}$$

where  $M = \operatorname{signif}(N)$  and  $E = \operatorname{expon}(N)$  with

$$signif(32) = 23$$
  $expon(32) = 8$   
 $signif(64) = 52$   $expon(64) = 11$ 

A canonical NaN is a floating-point value  $\pm nan(canon_N)$  where  $canon_N$  is a payload whose most significant bit is 1 while all others are 0:

$$\operatorname{canon}_N = 2^{\operatorname{signif}(N) - 1}$$

An arithmetic NaN is a floating-point value  $\pm nan(n)$  with  $n \ge canon_N$ , such that the most significant bit is 1 while all others are arbitrary.

**Note:** In the abstract syntax, subnormals are distinguished by the leading 0 of the significand. The exponent of subnormals has the same value as the smallest possible exponent of a normal number. Only in the binary representation the exponent of a subnormal is encoded differently than the exponent of any normal number.

The notion of canonical NaN defined here is unrelated to the notion of canonical NaN that the IEEE  $754^{10}$  standard (Section 3.5.2) defines for decimal interchange formats.

#### **Conventions**

• The meta variable z ranges over floating-point values where clear from context.

#### 2.2.4 Vectors

Numeric vectors are 128-bit values that are processed by vector instructions (also known as SIMD instructions, single instruction multiple data). They are represented in the abstract syntax using i128. The interpretation of lane types (integer or floating-point numbers) and lane sizes are determined by the specific instruction operating on them.

#### **2.2.5 Names**

Names are sequences of characters, which are scalar values as defined by Unicode<sup>11</sup> (Section 2.4).

$$\begin{array}{lll} \textit{name} & ::= & \textit{char}^* & (\text{if } | \text{utf8}(\textit{char}^*)| < 2^{32}) \\ \textit{char} & ::= & \text{U} + 00 \mid \dots \mid \text{U} + \text{D7FF} \mid \text{U} + \text{E000} \mid \dots \mid \text{U} + 10\text{FFFF} \end{array}$$

Due to the limitations of the binary format, the length of a name is bounded by the length of its UTF-8 encoding.

<sup>10</sup> https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8766229

<sup>11</sup> https://www.unicode.org/versions/latest/

#### Convention

• Characters (Unicode scalar values) are sometimes used interchangeably with natural numbers n < 1114112.

### 2.3 Types

Various entities in WebAssembly are classified by types. Types are checked during validation, instantiation, and possibly execution.

### 2.3.1 Number Types

Number types classify numeric values.

$$numtype ::= i32 | i64 | f32 | f64$$

The types i32 and i64 classify 32 and 64 bit integers, respectively. Integers are not inherently signed or unsigned, their interpretation is determined by individual operations.

The types f32 and f64 classify 32 and 64 bit floating-point data, respectively. They correspond to the respective binary floating-point representations, also known as *single* and *double* precision, as defined by the IEEE  $754^{12}$  standard (Section 3.3).

Number types are *transparent*, meaning that their bit patterns can be observed. Values of number type can be stored in memories.

#### **Conventions**

• The notation |t| denotes the *bit width* of a number type t. That is, |i32| = |f32| = 32 and |i64| = |f64| = 64.

### 2.3.2 Vector Types

*Vector types* classify vectors of numeric values processed by vector instructions (also known as *SIMD* instructions, single instruction multiple data).

$$vectype ::= v128$$

The type v128 corresponds to a 128 bit vector of packed integer or floating-point data. The packed data can be interpreted as signed or unsigned integers, single or double precision floating-point values, or a single 128 bit type. The interpretation is determined by individual operations.

Vector types, like number types are *transparent*, meaning that their bit patterns can be observed. Values of vector type can be stored in memories.

#### Conventions

• The notation |t| for bit width extends to vector types as well, that is, |v128| = 128.

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<sup>12</sup> https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8766229

### 2.3.3 Heap Types

Heap types classify objects in the runtime store.

```
heaptype ::= func | extern | typeidx | functype | bot
```

The type func denotes the infinite union of all types of functions, regardless of their concrete function types.

The type extern denotes the infinite union of all objects owned by the embedder and that can be passed into WebAssembly under this type.

A concrete heap type consists of a type index and classifies an object of the respective type defined in some module.

A concrete heap type can also consist of a function type directly. However, this form is representable in neither the binary format nor the text format, such that it cannot be used in a program; it only occurs during validation or execution, as the result of *substituting* a type index with its definition.

The type bot is a subtype of all other heap types. By virtue of being representable in neither the binary format nor the text format, it cannot be used in a program; it only occurs during validation, as a part of a possible operand type for instructions.

A type of any form is *closed* when it does not contain a heap type that is a type index, i.e., all type indices have been substituted with their defined type.

#### Convention

- $t[x^* := ft^*]$  denotes the parallel *substitution* of type indices  $x^*$  with function types  $ft^*$ , provided  $|x^*| = |ft^*|$  in type t.
- $t[:=ft^*]$  is shorthand for the substitution  $t[x^*:=ft^*]$  where  $x^*=0\cdots(|ft^*|-1)$  in type t.

### 2.3.4 Reference Types

Reference types classify values that are first-class references to objects in the runtime store.

A reference type is characterised by the heap type it points to.

In addition, a reference type of the form ref null ht is *nullable*, meaning that it can either be a proper reference to ht or null. Other references are *non-null*.

Reference types are *opaque*, meaning that neither their size nor their bit pattern can be observed. Values of reference type can be stored in tables.

### 2.3.5 Value Types

*Value types* classify the individual values that WebAssembly code can compute with and the values that a variable accepts. They are either number types, vector types, reference types, or the unique *bottom type*, written bot.

The type bot is a subtype of all other value types. By virtue of being representable in neither the binary format nor the text format, it cannot be used in a program; it only occurs during validation, as a possible operand type for instructions.

```
valtype ::= numtype \mid vectype \mid reftype \mid bot
```

#### **Conventions**

 $\bullet$  The meta variable t ranges over value types or subclasses thereof where clear from context.

### 2.3.6 Result Types

Result types classify the result of executing instructions or functions, which is a sequence of values, written with brackets.

```
resulttype ::= [vec(valtype)]
```

### 2.3.7 Instruction Types

*Instruction types* classify the behaviour of instructions or instruction sequences, by describing how they manipulate the operand stack and the initialization status of locals:

```
instrtype ::= resulttype \rightarrow_{localidx^*} resulttype
```

An instruction type  $[t_1^*] \to_{x^*} [t_2^*]$  describes the required input stack with argument values of types  $t_1^*$  that an instruction pops off and the provided output stack with result values of types  $t_2^*$  that it pushes back. Moreover, it enumerates the indices  $x^*$  of locals that have been set by the instruction or sequence.

Note: Instruction types are only used for validation, they do not occur in programs.

### 2.3.8 Local Types

Local types classify locals, by describing their value type as well as their initialization status:

```
init ::= set | unset local type ::= init \ val type
```

Note: Local types are only used for validation, they do not occur in programs.

### 2.3.9 Function Types

*Function types* classify the signature of functions, mapping a vector of parameters to a vector of results. They are also used to classify the inputs and outputs of instructions.

```
functype ::= resulttype \rightarrow resulttype
```

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### 2.3.10 Defined Types

Defined types are the ones that can be defined in a module, assigning them a type index.

```
deftype ::= functype
```

**Note:** Future versions of WebAssembly may introduce additional forms of defined types.

### 2.3.11 Limits

*Limits* classify the size range of resizeable storage associated with memory types and table types.

```
limits ::= \{\min u32, \max u32^?\}
```

If no maximum is given, the respective storage can grow to any size.

### 2.3.12 Memory Types

Memory types classify linear memories and their size range.

```
memtype ::= limits
```

The limits constrain the minimum and optionally the maximum size of a memory. The limits are given in units of page size.

### 2.3.13 Table Types

Table types classify tables over elements of reference type within a size range.

```
table type ::= limits \ reftype
```

Like memories, tables are constrained by limits for their minimum and optionally maximum size. The limits are given in numbers of entries.

**Note:** In future versions of WebAssembly, additional element types may be introduced.

### 2.3.14 Global Types

Global types classify global variables, which hold a value and can either be mutable or immutable.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \textit{globaltype} & ::= & \textit{mut valtype} \\ \textit{mut} & ::= & \mathsf{const} \mid \mathsf{var} \end{array}
```

### 2.3.15 External Types

External types classify imports and external values with their respective types.

```
externtype ::= func functype \mid table \ table \ type \mid mem \ mem \ type \mid global \ global \ type
```

#### **Conventions**

The following auxiliary notation is defined for sequences of external types. It filters out entries of a specific kind in an order-preserving fashion:

```
funcs(externtype*) = [functype | (func functype) ∈ externtype*]
tables(externtype*) = [tabletype | (table tabletype) ∈ externtype*]
mems(externtype*) = [memtype | (mem memtype) ∈ externtype*]
globals(externtype*) = [globaltype | (global globaltype) ∈ externtype*]
```

### 2.4 Instructions

WebAssembly code consists of sequences of *instructions*. Its computational model is based on a *stack machine* in that instructions manipulate values on an implicit *operand stack*, consuming (popping) argument values and producing or returning (pushing) result values.

In addition to dynamic operands from the stack, some instructions also have static *immediate* arguments, typically indices or type annotations, which are part of the instruction itself.

Some instructions are structured in that they bracket nested sequences of instructions.

The following sections group instructions into a number of different categories.

### 2.4.1 Numeric Instructions

Numeric instructions provide basic operations over numeric values of specific type. These operations closely match respective operations available in hardware.

```
nn, mm ::= 32 \mid 64
           ::= u \mid s
sx
           ::= inn.const unn | fnn.const fnn
instr
                inn.iunop \mid fnn.funop
                 inn.ibinop \mid fnn.fbinop
                 inn.itestop
                 inn.irelop | fnn.frelop
                 inn.extend8_s | inn.extend16_s | i64.extend32_s
                 i32.wrap_i64 | i64.extend_i32_sx | inn.trunc_fmm_sx
                 inn.trunc\_sat\_fmm\_sx
                 f32.demote_f64 | f64.promote_f32 | fnn.convert_imm_sx
                 inn.reinterpret fnn \mid fnn.reinterpret inn
iunop
           ::= clz | ctz | popcnt
ibinop
           ::= add | sub | mul | div_sx | rem_sx
                 and | \text{ or } | \text{ xor } | \text{ shl } | \text{ shr} \underline{sx} | \text{ rotl } | \text{ rotr}
funop
                 abs | neg | sqrt | ceil | floor | trunc | nearest
fbinop
           ::= add | sub | mul | div | min | max | copysign
itestop
           ::=
                 eqz
irelop
           ::= eq | ne | lt_sx | gt_sx | le_sx | ge_sx
           ::= eq | ne | lt | gt | le | ge
frelop
```

Numeric instructions are divided by number type. For each type, several subcategories can be distinguished:

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- Constants: return a static constant.
- *Unary Operations*: consume one operand and produce one result of the respective type.
- Binary Operations: consume two operands and produce one result of the respective type.
- Tests: consume one operand of the respective type and produce a Boolean integer result.
- Comparisons: consume two operands of the respective type and produce a Boolean integer result.
- *Conversions*: consume a value of one type and produce a result of another (the source type of the conversion is the one after the "\_").

Some integer instructions come in two flavors, where a signedness annotation sx distinguishes whether the operands are to be interpreted as unsigned or signed integers. For the other integer instructions, the use of two's complement for the signed interpretation means that they behave the same regardless of signedness.

#### **Conventions**

Occasionally, it is convenient to group operators together according to the following grammar shorthands:

```
\begin{array}{llll} unop & ::= & iunop \mid funop \mid extend N\_s \\ binop & ::= & ibinop \mid fbinop \\ testop & ::= & itestop \\ relop & ::= & irelop \mid frelop \\ cvtop & ::= & wrap \mid extend \mid trunc \mid trunc\_sat \mid convert \mid demote \mid promote \mid reinterpret \\ \end{array}
```

#### 2.4.2 Vector Instructions

Vector instructions (also known as *SIMD* instructions, *single instruction multiple data*) provide basic operations over values of vector type.

```
ishape ::= i8\times16 \mid i16\times8 \mid i32\times4 \mid i64\times2

fshape ::= f32\times4 \mid f64\times2

shape ::= ishape \mid fshape

half ::= low \mid high

laneidx ::= u8
```

```
instr ::= ...
             v128.const i128
             v128.vvunop
             v128. vvbinop
             v128.vvternop
             v128.vvtestop
             i8x16.shuffle laneidx^{16}
             i8x16.swizzle
             shape.splat
             i8x16.extract_lane_sx laneidx | i16x8.extract_lane_sx laneidx
             i32x4.extract_lane laneidx | i64x2.extract_lane laneidx
             fshape.extract_lane laneidx
             shape.replace_lane laneidx
             i8x16.virelop | i16x8.virelop | i32x4.virelop
             i64x2.eq | i64x2.ne | i64x2.lt_s | i64x2.gt_s | i64x2.le_s | i64x2.ge_s
             fshape.vfrelop
             ishape.viunop | i8x16.popcnt
             i16x8.q15mulr_sat_s
             i32x4.dot_i16x8_s
             fshape.vfunop
             ishape.vitestop
             ishape.bitmask
             i8x16.narrow i16x8 sx | i16x8.narrow i32x4 sx
             i16x8.extend\_half\_i8x16\_sx \mid i32x4.extend\_half\_i16x8\_sx
             i64x2.extend_half_i32x4_sx
             ishape.vishiftop
             ishape.vibinop
             \mathsf{i8x}16.\mathit{viminmaxop} \mid \mathsf{i16x8}.\mathit{viminmaxop} \mid \mathsf{i32x4}.\mathit{viminmaxop}
             i8x16.visatbinop \mid i16x8.visatbinop
             i16x8.mul | i32x4.mul | i64x2.mul
             i8x16.avgr_u | i16x8.avgr_u
             i16x8.extmul\_half\_i8x16\_sx \mid i32x4.extmul\_half\_i16x8\_sx \mid i64x2.extmul\_half\_i32x4\_sx
             i16x8.extadd_pairwise_i8x16_sx | i32x4.extadd_pairwise_i16x8_sx
             fshape.vfbinop
             i32x4.trunc_sat_f32x4_sx | i32x4.trunc_sat_f64x2_sx_zero
             f32x4.convert_i32x4_sx | f32x4.demote_f64x2_zero
             f64x2.convert_low_i32x4_sx | f64x2.promote_low_f32x4
             . . .
                  vvunop
                                 ::= and | andnot | or | xor
                  vvbinop
                                 ::= bitselect
                  vvternop
                                 ::= any_true
                  vvtestop
                  vitestop
                                 ::= all_true
                  virelop
                                 ::= eq | ne | lt_sx | gt_sx | le_sx | ge_sx
                  vfrelop
                                 ::= eq | ne | lt | gt | le | ge
                  viunop
                                 ::= abs | neg
                  vibinop
                                 ::= add | sub
                  viminmaxop ::= min sx \mid max sx
                                  ::= add_sat_sx | sub_sat_sx
                  visatbinop
                  vishiftop
                                  ::= shl \mid shr\_sx
                  vfunop
                                  ::= abs | neg | sqrt | ceil | floor | trunc | nearest
                  vfbinop
                                 ::= add | sub | mul | div | min | max | pmin | pmax
```

Vector instructions have a naming convention involving a prefix that determines how their operands will be interpreted. This prefix describes the *shape* of the operand, written  $t \times N$ , and consisting of a packed numeric type t and the number of *lanes* N of that type. Operations are performed point-wise on the values of each lane.

**Note:** For example, the shape i32x4 interprets the operand as four i32 values, packed into an i128. The bitwidth

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of the numeric type t times N always is 128.

Instructions prefixed with v128 do not involve a specific interpretation, and treat the v128 as an i128 value or a vector of 128 individual bits.

Vector instructions can be grouped into several subcategories:

- Constants: return a static constant.
- Unary Operations: consume one v128 operand and produce one v128 result.
- Binary Operations: consume two v128 operands and produce one v128 result.
- Ternary Operations: consume three v128 operands and produce one v128 result.
- Tests: consume one v128 operand and produce a Boolean integer result.
- Shifts: consume a  $\vee 128$  operand and a i32 operand, producing one  $\vee 128$  result.
- Splats: consume a value of numeric type and produce a v128 result of a specified shape.
- Extract lanes: consume a v128 operand and return the numeric value in a given lane.
- Replace lanes: consume a v128 operand and a numeric value for a given lane, and produce a v128 result.

Some vector instructions have a signedness annotation sx which distinguishes whether the elements in the operands are to be interpreted as unsigned or signed integers. For the other vector instructions, the use of two's complement for the signed interpretation means that they behave the same regardless of signedness.

#### **Conventions**

Occasionally, it is convenient to group operators together according to the following grammar shorthands:

```
\begin{array}{lllll} vunop & ::= & viunop \mid vfunop \mid \mathsf{popcnt} \\ vbinop & ::= & vibinop \mid vfbinop \\ & \mid & viminmaxop \mid visatbinop \\ & \mid & \mathsf{mul} \mid \mathsf{avgr\_u} \mid \mathsf{q15mulr\_sat\_s} \\ vtestop & ::= & vitestop \\ vrelop & ::= & virelop \mid vfrelop \\ vcvtop & ::= & \mathsf{extend} \mid \mathsf{trunc\_sat} \mid \mathsf{convert} \mid \mathsf{demote} \mid \mathsf{promote} \end{array}
```

### 2.4.3 Reference Instructions

Instructions in this group are concerned with accessing references.

```
instr ::= ... ref.null heaptype | ref.func funcidx | ref.is_null | ref.as non null
```

The first three of these instruction produce a null value, produce a reference to a given function, or check for a null value, respectively. The ref.as\_non\_null casts a nullable to a non-null one, and traps if it encounters null.

#### 2.4.4 Parametric Instructions

Instructions in this group can operate on operands of any value type.

```
instr ::= \dots
| drop
| select (valtype^*)^{r}
```

The drop instruction simply throws away a single operand.

The select instruction selects one of its first two operands based on whether its third operand is zero or not. It may include a value type determining the type of these operands. If missing, the operands must be of numeric type.

**Note:** In future versions of WebAssembly, the type annotation on select may allow for more than a single value being selected at the same time.

#### 2.4.5 Variable Instructions

Variable instructions are concerned with access to local or global variables.

These instructions get or set the values of variables, respectively. The local tee instruction is like local set but also returns its argument.

#### 2.4.6 Table Instructions

Instructions in this group are concerned with tables table.

The table.get and table.set instructions load or store an element in a table, respectively.

The table.size instruction returns the current size of a table. The table.grow instruction grows table by a given delta and returns the previous size, or -1 if enough space cannot be allocated. It also takes an initialization value for the newly allocated entries.

The table.fill instruction sets all entries in a range to a given value.

The table.copy instruction copies elements from a source table region to a possibly overlapping destination region; the first index denotes the destination. The table.init instruction copies elements from a passive element segment into a table. The elem.drop instruction prevents further use of a passive element segment. This instruction is intended to be used as an optimization hint. After an element segment is dropped its elements can no longer be retrieved, so the memory used by this segment may be freed.

An additional instruction that accesses a table is the control instruction call indirect.

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### 2.4.7 Memory Instructions

Instructions in this group are concerned with linear memory.

```
{offset u32, align u32}
memarg
         ::=
              8 | 16 | 32 | 64
ww
          ::=
instr
               inn.load memarg | fnn.load memarg | v128.load memarg
               inn.store memarg | fnn.store memarg | v128.store memarg
               inn.load8_sx memarg | inn.load16_sx memarg | i64.load32_sx memarg
               inn.store8 memarg | inn.store16 memarg | i64.store32 memarg
               v128.load8x8_sx memarg | v128.load16x4_sx memarg | v128.load32x2_sx memarg
               v128.load32_zero memarg | v128.load64_zero memarg
              v128.load ww_splat memarg
              v128.load ww_lane memarg laneidx | v128.storeww_lane memarg laneidx
               memory.size
               memory.grow
               memory.fill
               memory.copy
               memory.init dataidx
               data.drop dataidx
```

Memory is accessed with load and store instructions for the different number types. They all take a *memory immediate memarg* that contains an address *offset* and the expected *alignment* (expressed as the exponent of a power of 2). Integer loads and stores can optionally specify a *storage size* that is smaller than the bit width of the respective value type. In the case of loads, a sign extension mode sx is then required to select appropriate behavior.

Vector loads can specify a shape that is half the bit width of v128. Each lane is half its usual size, and the sign extension mode sx then specifies how the smaller lane is extended to the larger lane. Alternatively, vector loads can perform a splat, such that only a single lane of the specified storage size is loaded, and the result is duplicated to all lanes.

The static address offset is added to the dynamic address operand, yielding a 33 bit *effective address* that is the zero-based index at which the memory is accessed. All values are read and written in little endian<sup>13</sup> byte order. A trap results if any of the accessed memory bytes lies outside the address range implied by the memory's current size.

**Note:** Future versions of WebAssembly might provide memory instructions with 64 bit address ranges.

The memory.size instruction returns the current size of a memory. The memory.grow instruction grows memory by a given delta and returns the previous size, or -1 if enough memory cannot be allocated. Both instructions operate in units of page size.

The memory.fill instruction sets all values in a region to a given byte. The memory.copy instruction copies data from a source memory region to a possibly overlapping destination region. The memory.init instruction copies data from a passive data segment into a memory. The data.drop instruction prevents further use of a passive data segment. This instruction is intended to be used as an optimization hint. After a data segment is dropped its data can no longer be retrieved, so the memory used by this segment may be freed.

**Note:** In the current version of WebAssembly, all memory instructions implicitly operate on memory index 0. This restriction may be lifted in future versions.

<sup>13</sup> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Endianness#Little-endian

#### 2.4.8 Control Instructions

Instructions in this group affect the flow of control.

```
blocktype ::=
                typeidx \mid valtype?
instr
           ::=
                 nop
                 unreachable
                 block blocktype instr* end
                 loop blocktype instr* end
                 if blocktype instr* else instr* end
                 br labelidx
                 br if labelidx
                 br_table vec(labelidx) labelidx
                 br on null labelidx
                 br_on_non_null\ labelidx
                 return
                 call funcidx
                 call ref tupeidx
                 call indirect tableidx typeidx
                 return call funcidx
                 return_call_ref funcidx
                 return_call_indirect tableidx typeidx
```

The nop instruction does nothing.

The unreachable instruction causes an unconditional trap.

The block, loop and if instructions are *structured* instructions. They bracket nested sequences of instructions, called *blocks*, terminated with, or separated by, end or else pseudo-instructions. As the grammar prescribes, they must be well-nested.

A structured instruction can consume *input* and produce *output* on the operand stack according to its annotated *block type*. It is given either as a type index that refers to a suitable function type reinterpreted as an instruction type, or as an optional value type inline, which is a shorthand for the instruction type  $[] \rightarrow [valtype^2]$ .

Each structured control instruction introduces an implicit *label*. Labels are targets for branch instructions that reference them with label indices. Unlike with other index spaces, indexing of labels is relative by nesting depth, that is, label 0 refers to the innermost structured control instruction enclosing the referring branch instruction, while increasing indices refer to those farther out. Consequently, labels can only be referenced from *within* the associated structured control instruction. This also implies that branches can only be directed outwards, "breaking" from the block of the control construct they target. The exact effect depends on that control construct. In case of block or if it is a *forward jump*, resuming execution after the matching end. In case of loop it is a *backward jump* to the beginning of the loop.

**Note:** This enforces *structured control flow*. Intuitively, a branch targeting a block or if behaves like a break statement in most C-like languages, while a branch targeting a loop behaves like a continue statement.

Branch instructions come in several flavors: br performs an unconditional branch, br\_if performs a conditional branch, and br\_table performs an indirect branch through an operand indexing into the label vector that is an immediate to the instruction, or to a default target if the operand is out of bounds. The br\_on\_null and br\_on\_non\_null instructions check whether a reference operand is null and branch if that is the case or not the case, respectively. The return instruction is a shortcut for an unconditional branch to the outermost block, which implicitly is the body of the current function. Taking a branch *unwinds* the operand stack up to the height where the targeted structured control instruction was entered. However, branches may additionally consume operands themselves, which they push back on the operand stack after unwinding. Forward branches require operands according to the output of the targeted block's type, i.e., represent the values produced by the terminated block. Backward branches require operands according to the input of the targeted block's type, i.e., represent the values consumed by the restarted block.

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The call instruction invokes another function, consuming the necessary arguments from the stack and returning the result values of the call. The call\_ref instruction invokes a function indirectly through a function reference operand. The call\_indirect instruction calls a function indirectly through an operand indexing into a table that is denoted by a table index and must contain function references. Since it may contain functions of heterogeneous type, the callee is dynamically checked against the function type indexed by the instruction's second immediate, and the call is aborted with a trap if it does not match.

The return\_call, return\_call\_ref, and return\_call\_indirect instructions are *tail-call* variants of the previous ones. That is, they first return from the current function before actually performing the respective call. It is guaranteed that no sequence of nested calls using only these instructions can cause resource exhaustion due to hitting an implementation's limit on the number of active calls.

### 2.4.9 Expressions

Function bodies, initialization values for globals, and offsets of element or data segments are given as expressions, which are sequences of instructions terminated by an end marker.

```
expr ::= instr^* end
```

In some places, validation restricts expressions to be *constant*, which limits the set of allowable instructions.

### 2.5 Modules

WebAssembly programs are organized into *modules*, which are the unit of deployment, loading, and compilation. A module collects definitions for types, functions, tables, memories, and globals. In addition, it can declare imports and exports and provide initialization in the form of data and element segments, or a start function.

```
module ::= \{ types <math>vec(functype), \\ funcs <math>vec(func), \\ tables vec(table), \\ mems <math>vec(mem), \\ globals vec(global), \\ elems <math>vec(elem), \\ datas vec(data), \\ start start^2, \\ imports <math>vec(import), \\ exports vec(export) \}
```

Each of the vectors – and thus the entire module – may be empty.

#### 2.5.1 Indices

Definitions are referenced with zero-based *indices*. Each class of definition has its own *index space*, as distinguished by the following classes.

The index space for functions, tables, memories and globals includes respective imports declared in the same module. The indices of these imports precede the indices of other definitions in the same index space.

Element indices reference element segments and data indices reference data segments.

The index space for locals is only accessible inside a function and includes the parameters of that function, which precede the local variables.

Label indices reference structured control instructions inside an instruction sequence.

#### **Conventions**

- The meta variable *l* ranges over label indices.
- The meta variables x, y range over indices in any of the other index spaces.
- The notation idx(A) denotes the set of indices from index space idx occurring free in A. Sometimes this set is reinterpreted as the vector of its elements.

**Note:** For example, if  $instr^*$  is (data.drop x)(memory.init y), then  $dataidx(instr^*) = \{x, y\}$ , or equivalently, the vector x y.

### **2.5.2 Types**

The types component of a module defines a vector of function types.

All function types used in a module must be defined in this component. They are referenced by type indices.

Note: Future versions of WebAssembly may add additional forms of type definitions.

#### 2.5.3 Functions

The funcs component of a module defines a vector of *functions* with the following structure:

```
func ::= \{ type \ typeidx, locals \ vec(local), body \ expr \} \ local ::= \{ type \ valtype \}
```

The type of a function declares its signature by reference to a type defined in the module. The parameters of the function are referenced through 0-based local indices in the function's body; they are mutable.

The locals declare a vector of mutable local variables and their types. These variables are referenced through local indices in the function's body. The index of the first local is the smallest index not referencing a parameter.

The body is an instruction sequence that upon termination must produce a stack matching the function type's result type.

Functions are referenced through function indices, starting with the smallest index not referencing a function import.

### **2.5.4 Tables**

The tables component of a module defines a vector of *tables* described by their table type:

```
table ::= \{ type \ table type, init \ expr \}
```

A table is an array of opaque values of a particular reference type. Moreover, each table slot is initialized with the init value given by a constant initializer expression. Tables can further be initialized through element segments.

The min size in the limits of the table type specifies the initial size of that table, while its max, if present, restricts the size to which it can grow later.

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Tables are referenced through table indices, starting with the smallest index not referencing a table import. Most constructs implicitly reference table index 0.

#### 2.5.5 Memories

The mems component of a module defines a vector of *linear memories* (or *memories* for short) as described by their memory type:

```
mem ::= \{type \ mem \ type \}
```

A memory is a vector of raw uninterpreted bytes. The min size in the limits of the memory type specifies the initial size of that memory, while its max, if present, restricts the size to which it can grow later. Both are in units of page size.

Memories can be initialized through data segments.

Memories are referenced through memory indices, starting with the smallest index not referencing a memory import. Most constructs implicitly reference memory index 0.

**Note:** In the current version of WebAssembly, at most one memory may be defined or imported in a single module, and *all* constructs implicitly reference this memory 0. This restriction may be lifted in future versions.

#### 2.5.6 Globals

The globals component of a module defines a vector of *global variables* (or *globals* for short):

```
global ::= \{ type \ global type, init \ expr \}
```

Each global stores a single value of the given global type. Its type also specifies whether a global is immutable or mutable. Moreover, each global is initialized with an init value given by a constant initializer expression.

Globals are referenced through global indices, starting with the smallest index not referencing a global import.

### 2.5.7 Element Segments

The initial contents of a table is uninitialized. *Element segments* can be used to initialize a subrange of a table from a static vector of elements.

The elems component of a module defines a vector of element segments. Each element segment defines a reference type and a corresponding list of constant element expressions.

Element segments have a mode that identifies them as either *passive*, *active*, or *declarative*. A passive element segment's elements can be copied to a table using the table.init instruction. An active element segment copies its elements into a table during instantiation, as specified by a table index and a constant expression defining an offset into that table. A declarative element segment is not available at runtime but merely serves to forward-declare references that are formed in code with instructions like ref.func.

```
 \begin{array}{ll} \textit{elem} & ::= & \{ \textit{type reftype}, \textit{init } \textit{vec(expr)}, \textit{mode elemmode} \} \\ \textit{elemmode} & ::= & \textit{passive} \\ & | & \textit{active } \{ \textit{table } \textit{tableidx}, \textit{offset } \textit{expr} \} \\ & | & \textit{declarative} \\ \end{array}
```

The offset is given by a constant expression.

Element segments are referenced through element indices.

### 2.5.8 Data Segments

The initial contents of a memory are zero bytes. *Data segments* can be used to initialize a range of memory from a static vector of bytes.

The datas component of a module defines a vector of data segments.

Like element segments, data segments have a mode that identifies them as either *passive* or *active*. A passive data segment's contents can be copied into a memory using the memory init instruction. An active data segment copies its contents into a memory during instantiation, as specified by a memory index and a constant expression defining an offset into that memory.

```
data ::= {init vec(byte), mode datamode}
datamode ::= passive
| active {memory memidx, offset expr}
```

Data segments are referenced through data indices.

**Note:** In the current version of WebAssembly, at most one memory is allowed in a module. Consequently, the only valid *memidx* is 0.

#### 2.5.9 Start Function

The start component of a module declares the function index of a *start function* that is automatically invoked when the module is instantiated, after tables and memories have been initialized.

```
start ::= \{func func idx\}
```

**Note:** The start function is intended for initializing the state of a module. The module and its exports are not accessible externally before this initialization has completed.

### **2.5.10 Exports**

The exports component of a module defines a set of *exports* that become accessible to the host environment once the module has been instantiated.

```
\begin{array}{lll} export & ::= & \{ name \ name, desc \ export desc \} \\ export desc & ::= & func \ funcidx \\ & | & table \ table idx \\ & | & mem \ mem idx \\ & | & global \ global idx \end{array}
```

Each export is labeled by a unique name. Exportable definitions are functions, tables, memories, and globals, which are referenced through a respective descriptor.

#### **Conventions**

The following auxiliary notation is defined for sequences of exports, filtering out indices of a specific kind in an order-preserving fashion:

```
    funcs(export*) = [funcidx | func funcidx ∈ (export.desc)*]
    tables(export*) = [tableidx | table tableidx ∈ (export.desc)*]
```

- $mems(export^*) = [memidx \mid mem \ memidx \in (export.desc)^*]$
- globals( $export^*$ ) = [ $globalidx \mid global \ globalidx \in (export.desc)^*$ ]

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### **2.5.11 Imports**

The imports component of a module defines a set of *imports* that are required for instantiation.

```
\begin{array}{lll} import & ::= & \{ module \ name, name \ name, desc \ import desc \} \\ import desc & ::= & func \ typeidx \\ & | & table \ table type \\ & | & mem \ memtype \\ & | & global \ global type \end{array}
```

Each import is labeled by a two-level name space, consisting of a module name and a name for an entity within that module. Importable definitions are functions, tables, memories, and globals. Each import is specified by a descriptor with a respective type that a definition provided during instantiation is required to match.

Every import defines an index in the respective index space. In each index space, the indices of imports go before the first index of any definition contained in the module itself.

**Note:** Unlike export names, import names are not necessarily unique. It is possible to import the same module/name pair multiple times; such imports may even have different type descriptions, including different kinds of entities. A module with such imports can still be instantiated depending on the specifics of how an embedder allows resolving and supplying imports. However, embedders are not required to support such overloading, and a WebAssembly module itself cannot implement an overloaded name.

Validation

### 3.1 Conventions

Validation checks that a WebAssembly module is well-formed. Only valid modules can be instantiated.

Validity is defined by a *type system* over the abstract syntax of a module and its contents. For each piece of abstract syntax, there is a typing rule that specifies the constraints that apply to it. All rules are given in two *equivalent* forms:

- 1. In prose, describing the meaning in intuitive form.
- 2. In *formal notation*, describing the rule in mathematical form. <sup>14</sup>

**Note:** The prose and formal rules are equivalent, so that understanding of the formal notation is *not* required to read this specification. The formalism offers a more concise description in notation that is used widely in programming languages semantics and is readily amenable to mathematical proof.

In both cases, the rules are formulated in a *declarative* manner. That is, they only formulate the constraints, they do not define an algorithm. The skeleton of a sound and complete algorithm for type-checking instruction sequences according to this specification is provided in the appendix.

#### 3.1.1 Contexts

Validity of an individual definition is specified relative to a *context*, which collects relevant information about the surrounding module and the definitions in scope:

- *Types*: the list of types defined in the current module.
- Functions: the list of functions declared in the current module, represented by their function type.
- Tables: the list of tables declared in the current module, represented by their table type.
- Memories: the list of memories declared in the current module, represented by their memory type.
- Globals: the list of globals declared in the current module, represented by their global type.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> The semantics is derived from the following article: Andreas Haas, Andreas Rossberg, Derek Schuff, Ben Titzer, Dan Gohman, Luke Wagner, Alon Zakai, JF Bastien, Michael Holman. Bringing the Web up to Speed with WebAssembly<sup>15</sup>. Proceedings of the 38th ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI 2017). ACM 2017.

<sup>15</sup> https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?doid=3062341.3062363

- *Element Segments*: the list of element segments declared in the current module, represented by the elements' reference type.
- Data Segments: the list of data segments declared in the current module, each represented by an ok entry.
- *Locals*: the list of locals declared in the current function (including parameters), represented by their local type.
- Labels: the stack of labels accessible from the current position, represented by their result type.
- *Return*: the return type of the current function, represented as an optional result type that is absent when no return is allowed, as in free-standing expressions.
- *References*: the list of function indices that occur in the module outside functions and can hence be used to form references inside them.

In other words, a context contains a sequence of suitable types for each index space, describing each defined entry in that space. Locals, labels and return type are only used for validating instructions in function bodies, and are left empty elsewhere. The label stack is the only part of the context that changes as validation of an instruction sequence proceeds.

More concretely, contexts are defined as records C with abstract syntax:

```
C ::= \{ \text{ types }
                      deftype^*,
             funcs
                      functype^*
             tables table type^*.
             mems memtype^*.
             globals globaltype*.
                      reftype^*,
             elems
             datas
                      ok*,
             locals
                      local type^*,
             labels
                      result type^*.
             return
                      result type?
             refs
                      funcidx^*
```

In addition to field access written C field the following notation is adopted for manipulating contexts:

- When spelling out a context, empty fields are omitted.
- C, field  $A^*$  denotes the same context as C but with the elements  $A^*$  prepended to its field component sequence.

**Note:** Indexing notation like C.labels[i] is used to look up indices in their respective index space in the context. Context extension notation C, field A is primarily used to locally extend *relative* index spaces, such as label indices. Accordingly, the notation is defined to append at the *front* of the respective sequence, introducing a new relative index 0 and shifting the existing ones.

#### 3.1.2 Prose Notation

Validation is specified by stylised rules for each relevant part of the abstract syntax. The rules not only state constraints defining when a phrase is valid, they also classify it with a type. The following conventions are adopted in stating these rules.

• A phrase A is said to be "valid with type T" if and only if all constraints expressed by the respective rules are met. The form of T depends on what A is.

**Note:** For example, if A is a function, then T is a function type; for an A that is a global, T is a global type; and so on.

• The rules implicitly assume a given context C.

• In some places, this context is locally extended to a context C' with additional entries. The formulation "Under context C', ... statement ..." is adopted to express that the following statement must apply under the assumptions embodied in the extended context.

### 3.1.3 Formal Notation

**Note:** This section gives a brief explanation of the notation for specifying typing rules formally. For the interested reader, a more thorough introduction can be found in respective text books. <sup>16</sup>

The proposition that a phrase A has a respective type T is written A:T. In general, however, typing is dependent on a context C. To express this explicitly, the complete form is a *judgement*  $C \vdash A:T$ , which says that A:T holds under the assumptions encoded in C.

The formal typing rules use a standard approach for specifying type systems, rendering them into *deduction rules*. Every rule has the following general form:

$$\frac{premise_1}{conclusion} \quad \frac{premise_2}{conclusion} \quad \dots \quad \frac{premise_n}{conclusion}$$

Such a rule is read as a big implication: if all premises hold, then the conclusion holds. Some rules have no premises; they are *axioms* whose conclusion holds unconditionally. The conclusion always is a judgment  $C \vdash A$ : T, and there is one respective rule for each relevant construct A of the abstract syntax.

**Note:** For example, the typing rule for the i32.add instruction can be given as an axiom:

$$\overline{C \vdash \mathsf{i32.add} : [\mathsf{i32} \; \mathsf{i32}] \rightarrow [\mathsf{i32}]}$$

The instruction is always valid with type  $[i32\ i32] \rightarrow [i32]$  (saying that it consumes two i32 values and produces one), independent of any side conditions.

An instruction like local get can be typed as follows:

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{globals}[x] = mut \ t}{C \vdash \mathsf{global.get} \ x : [] \to [t]}$$

Here, the premise enforces that the immediate global index x exists in the context. The instruction produces a value of its respective type t (and does not consume any values). If  $C.\mathsf{globals}[x]$  does not exist then the premise does not hold, and the instruction is ill-typed.

Finally, a structured instruction requires a recursive rule, where the premise is itself a typing judgement:

$$\frac{C \vdash blocktype: [t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*] \qquad C, \mathsf{label}\: [t_2^*] \vdash instr^*: [t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*]}{C \vdash \mathsf{block}\: blocktype\:\: instr^*\: \mathsf{end}: [t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*]}$$

A block instruction is only valid when the instruction sequence in its body is. Moreover, the result type must match the block's annotation blocktype. If so, then the block instruction has the same type as the body. Inside the body an additional label of the corresponding result type is available, which is expressed by extending the context C with the additional label information for the premise.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> For example: Benjamin Pierce. Types and Programming Languages Page 27, 17. The MIT Press 2002

<sup>17</sup> https://www.cis.upenn.edu/~bcpierce/tapl/

### 3.2 Types

Simple types, such as number types are universally valid. However, restrictions apply to most other types, such as reference types, function types, as well as the limits of table types and memory types, which must be checked during validation.

Moreover, block types are converted to plain function types for ease of processing.

### 3.2.1 Number Types

Number types are always valid.

 $\overline{C \vdash numtype \text{ ok}}$ 

### 3.2.2 Vector Types

Vector types are always valid.

 $C \vdash vectype \text{ ok}$ 

### 3.2.3 Heap Types

Concrete Heap types are only valid when the type index is.

func

• The heap type is valid.

 $\overline{C \vdash \mathsf{func}\; \mathsf{ok}}$ 

extern

• The heap type is valid.

 $\overline{C \vdash \mathsf{extern} \; \mathsf{ok}}$ 

typeidx

- The type  $C.\mathsf{types}[\mathit{typeidx}]$  must be defined in the context.
- Then the heap type is valid.

 $\frac{C.\mathsf{types}[\mathit{typeidx}] = \mathit{deftype}}{C \vdash \mathit{typeidx} \ \mathbf{ok}}$ 

bot

• The heap type is valid.

 $\overline{C \vdash \mathsf{bot} \; \mathsf{ok}}$ 

### 3.2.4 Reference Types

Reference types are valid when the referenced heap type is.

ref null? heaptype

- The heap type heaptype must be valid.
- Then the reference type is valid.

$$\frac{C \vdash heaptype \text{ ok}}{C \vdash \text{ref null}? \ heaptype \text{ ok}}$$

### 3.2.5 Value Types

Valid value types are either valid number type, reference type, or the bottom type.

bot

• The value type is valid.

 $\overline{C \vdash \mathsf{bot} \; \mathsf{ok}}$ 

### 3.2.6 Block Types

Block types may be expressed in one of two forms, both of which are converted to instruction types by the following rules.

typeidx

- The type C.types [typeidx] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $[t_1^*] o [t_2^*]$  be the function type C types [typeidx].
- Then the block type is valid as instruction type  $[t_1^*] o [t_2^*]$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{types}[\mathit{typeidx}] = [t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]}{C \vdash \mathit{typeidx}: [t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]}$$

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[valtype?]

- The value type valtype must either be absent, or valid.
- Then the block type is valid as instruction type  $[] \rightarrow [valtype^?]$ .

$$\frac{(C \vdash valtype \text{ ok})^?}{C \vdash [valtype^?] : [] \rightarrow [valtype^?]}$$

### 3.2.7 Result Types

 $[t^*]$ 

- Each value type  $t_i$  in the type sequence  $t^*$  must be valid.
- Then the result type is valid.

$$\frac{(C \vdash t \text{ ok})^*}{C \vdash [t^*] \text{ ok}}$$

### 3.2.8 Instruction Types

$$[t_1^*] \to_{x^*} [t_2^*]$$

- The result type  $[t_1^*]$  must be valid.
- The result type  $[t_2^*]$  must be valid.
- Each local index  $x_i$  in  $x^*$  must be defined in the context.
- Then the instruction type is valid.

$$\frac{C \vdash [t_1^*] \text{ ok} \qquad C \vdash [t_2^*] \text{ ok} \qquad (C.\mathsf{locals}[x] = localtype)^*}{C \vdash [t_1^*] \to_{x^*} [t_2^*] \text{ ok}}$$

### 3.2.9 Function Types

 $[t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*]$ 

- The result type  $[t_1^*]$  must be valid.
- The result type  $[t_2^*]$  must be valid.
- Then the function type is valid.

$$rac{C dash [t_1^*] ext{ ok } \qquad C dash [t_2^*] ext{ ok }}{C dash [t_1^*] o [t_2^*] ext{ ok }}$$

### 3.2.10 Limits

Limits must have meaningful bounds that are within a given range.

 $\{\min n, \max m^?\}$ 

- The value of n must not be larger than k.
- If the maximum  $m^{?}$  is not empty, then:
  - Its value must not be larger than k.
  - Its value must not be smaller than n.
- Then the limit is valid within range k.

$$\frac{n \leq k \qquad (m \leq k)^? \qquad (n \leq m)^?}{C \vdash \{\min n, \max m^?\} : k}$$

### 3.2.11 Table Types

limits reftype

- The limits limits must be valid within range  $2^{32} 1$ .
- The reference type reftype must be valid.
- Then the table type is valid.

$$\frac{C \vdash \mathit{limits}: 2^{32} - 1 \qquad C \vdash \mathit{reftype} \ \mathsf{ok}}{C \vdash \mathit{limits} \ \mathit{reftype} \ \mathsf{ok}}$$

### 3.2.12 Memory Types

limits

- The limits *limits* must be valid within range  $2^{16}$ .
- Then the memory type is valid.

$$\frac{C \vdash \mathit{limits}: 2^{16}}{C \vdash \mathit{limits} \ \mathsf{ok}}$$

### 3.2.13 Global Types

mut valtype

- $\bullet\,$  The value type valtype must be valid.
- Then the global type is valid.

$$\frac{C \vdash \mathit{valtype} \ \mathsf{ok}}{C \vdash \mathit{mut} \ \mathit{valtype} \ \mathsf{ok}}$$

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### 3.2.14 External Types

### func typeidx

- The function type C.types [x] must be defined in the context.
- Then the external type is valid.

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{types}[x] = \mathit{functype}}{C \vdash \mathsf{func}\ x}$$

### ${\sf table}\ tabletype$

- The table type tabletype must be valid.
- Then the external type is valid.

$$\frac{C \vdash tabletype \text{ ok}}{C \vdash \mathsf{table} \ tabletype \text{ ok}}$$

#### $mem \ mem type$

- The memory type memtype must be valid.
- Then the external type is valid.

$$\frac{C \vdash memtype \ \mathbf{ok}}{C \vdash \mathsf{mem} \ memtype \ \mathbf{ok}}$$

#### global globaltype

- The global type globaltype must be valid.
- Then the external type is valid.

$$\frac{C \vdash globaltype \ \mathbf{ok}}{C \vdash \mathsf{global} \ globaltype \ \mathbf{ok}}$$

### 3.2.15 Defaultable Types

A type is defaultable if it has a default value for initialization.

### **Value Types**

- ullet A defaultable value type t must be:
  - either a number type,
  - or a vector type,
  - or a nullable reference type.

$$\overline{C} \vdash numtype ext{ defaultable}$$
  $\overline{C} \vdash vectype ext{ defaultable}$   $\overline{C} \vdash (\text{ref null } heaptype) ext{ defaultable}$ 

# 3.3 Matching

On most types, a simple notion of *subtyping* is defined that is applicable in validation rules or during module instantiation when checking the types of imports.

# 3.3.1 Number Types

A number type  $numtype_1$  matches a number type  $numtype_2$  if and only if:

• Both  $numtype_1$  and  $numtype_2$  are the same.

 $C \vdash numtype \leq numtype$ 

# 3.3.2 Vector Types

A vector type  $vectype_1$  matches a vector type  $vectype_2$  if and only if:

• Both  $vectype_1$  and  $vectype_2$  are the same.

 $\overline{C \vdash vectype \leq vectype}$ 

# 3.3.3 Heap Types

A heap type  $heap type_1$  matches a heap type  $heap type_2$  if and only if:

- Either both  $heaptype_1$  and  $heaptype_2$  are the same.
- Or  $heaptype_1$  is a function type and  $heaptype_2$  is FUNC.
- Or heaptype<sub>1</sub> is a function type functype<sub>1</sub> and heaptype<sub>2</sub> is a function type functype<sub>2</sub>, and functype<sub>1</sub> matches functype<sub>2</sub>.
- Or  $heaptype_1$  is a type index  $x_1$ , and C.types[ $x_1$ ] matches  $heaptype_2$ .
- Or  $heaptype_2$  is a type index  $x_2$ , and  $heaptype_1$  matches C.types  $[x_2]$ .

$$\begin{array}{c} \hline{C \vdash heaptype \leq heaptype} & \hline{C \vdash functype \leq \mathsf{func}} \\ \\ \hline \frac{C \vdash functype_1 \leq functype_2}{C \vdash functype_1 \leq functype_2} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{C \vdash C.\mathsf{types}[typeidx_1] \leq heaptype_2}{C \vdash typeidx_1 \leq heaptype_2} \qquad \frac{C \vdash heaptype_1 \leq C.\mathsf{types}[typeidx_2]}{C \vdash heaptype_1 \leq typeidx_2}$$

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# 3.3.4 Reference Types

A reference type ref null; heaptype<sub>1</sub> matches a reference type ref null; heaptype<sub>2</sub> if and only if:

- The heap type  $heap type_1$  matches  $heap type_2$ .
- null<sub>1</sub> is absent or null<sub>2</sub> is present.

$$\frac{C \vdash heaptype_1 \leq heaptype_2}{C \vdash \mathsf{ref}\ heaptype_1 \leq \mathsf{ref}\ heaptype_2} \qquad \frac{C \vdash heaptype_1 \leq heaptype_2}{C \vdash \mathsf{ref}\ \mathsf{null}^?\ heaptype_1 \leq \mathsf{ref}\ \mathsf{null}\ heaptype_2}$$

# 3.3.5 Value Types

A value type  $valtype_1$  matches a value type  $valtype_2$  if and only if:

- Either both valtype<sub>1</sub> and valtype<sub>2</sub> are number types and valtype<sub>1</sub> matches valtype<sub>2</sub>.
- Or both valtype<sub>1</sub> and valtype<sub>2</sub> are reference types and valtype<sub>1</sub> matches valtype<sub>2</sub>.
- Or *valtype*<sub>1</sub> is bot.

$$\overline{C \vdash \mathsf{bot} \leq \mathit{valtype}}$$

# 3.3.6 Result Types

Subtyping is lifted to result types in a pointwise manner. That is, a result type  $[t_1^*]$  matches a result type  $[t_2^*]$  if and only if:

• Every value type  $t_1$  in  $[t_1^*]$  matches the corresponding value type  $t_2$  in  $[t_2^*]$ .

$$\frac{(C \vdash t_1 \le t_2)^*}{C \vdash [t_1^*] \le [t_2^*]}$$

# 3.3.7 Instruction Types

Subtyping is further lifted to instruction types. An instruction type  $[t_{11}^*] \to_{x_1^*} [t_{12}^*]$  matches a type  $[t_{21}^a st] \to_{x_2^*} [t_{22}^*]$  if and only if:

- There is a common sequence of value types  $t^*$  such that  $t_{21}^*$  equals  $t^*$   $t_{21}'^*$  and  $t_{22}^*$  equals  $t^*$   $t_{22}'^*$ .
- The result type  $[t'_{21}^*]$  matches  $[t^*_{11}]$ .
- The result type  $[t_{12}^*]$  matches  $[t_{22}^{\prime *}]$ .
- For every local index x that is in  $x_2^*$  but not in  $x_1^*$ , the local type C.locals[x] is set  $t_x$  for some value type  $t_x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &C \vdash [t_{21}^*] \leq [t_{11}^*] & \{x^*\} = \{x_2^*\} \setminus \{x_1^*\} \\ &C \vdash [t_{12}^*] \leq [t_{22}^*] & (C.\mathsf{locals}[x] = \mathsf{set} \ t_x)^* \\ &C \vdash [t_{11}^*] \to_{x_1^*} [t_{12}^*] \leq [t^* \ t_{21}^*] \to_{x_2^*} [t^* \ t_{22}^*] \end{aligned}$$

**Note:** Instruction types are contravariant in their input and covariant in their output. Subtyping also incorporates a sort of "frame" condition, which allows adding arbitrary invariant stack elements on both sides in the super type.

Finally, the supertype may ignore variables from the init set  $x_1^*$ . It may also *add* variables to the init set, provided these are already set in the context, i.e., are vacuously initialized.

# 3.3.8 Function Types

Subtyping is also defined for function types. However, it is required that they match in both directions, effectively demanding type equivalence. That is, a function type  $[t_{11}^*] \to [t_{12}^*]$  matches a type  $[t_{21}^a st] \to [t_{22}^*]$  if and only if:

- The result type  $[t_{11}^*]$  matches  $[t_{21}^*]$ , and vice versa.
- The result type  $[t_{12}^*]$  matches  $[t_{22}^*]$ , and vice versa.

$$\frac{C \vdash [t^*_{11}] \leq [t^*_{21}]}{C \vdash [t^*_{21}] \leq [t^*_{11}]} \quad \begin{array}{c} C \vdash [t^*_{12}] \leq [t^*_{22}] \\ C \vdash [t^*_{21}] \leq [t^*_{11}] \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} C \vdash [t^*_{22}] \leq [t^*_{21}] \\ C \vdash [t^*_{11}] \rightarrow [t^*_{12}] \leq [t^*_{21}] \rightarrow [t^*_{22}] \end{array}$$

**Note:** In future versions of WebAssembly, subtyping on function types may be relaxed to support co- and contravariance.

# **3.3.9 Limits**

Limits  $\{\min n_1, \max m_1^2\}$  match limits  $\{\min n_2, \max m_2^2\}$  if and only if:

- $n_1$  is larger than or equal to  $n_2$ .
- Either:
  - $m_2^?$  is empty.
- Or:
  - Both  $m_1^2$  and  $m_2^2$  are non-empty.
  - $m_1$  is smaller than or equal to  $m_2$ .

$$\frac{n_1 \geq n_2}{C \vdash \{\min n_1, \max m_1^2\} \leq \{\min n_2, \max \epsilon\}} \quad \frac{n_1 \geq n_2}{C \vdash \{\min n_1, \max m_1\} \leq \{\min n_2, \max m_2\}}$$

# 3.3.10 Table Types

A table type ( $limits_1 \ reftype_1$ ) matches ( $limits_2 \ reftype_2$ ) if and only if:

- Limits limits<sub>1</sub> match limits<sub>2</sub>.
- The reference type  $reftype_1$  matches  $reftype_2$ , and vice versa.

$$\frac{C \vdash limits_1 \leq limits_2 \qquad C \vdash reftype_1 \leq reftype_2 \qquad C \vdash reftype_2 \leq reftype_1}{C \vdash limits_1 \ reftype_1 \leq limits_2 \ reftype_2}$$

# 3.3.11 Memory Types

A memory type  $limits_1$  matches  $limits_2$  if and only if:

• Limits  $limits_1$  match  $limits_2$ .

$$\frac{C \vdash limits_1 \leq limits_2}{C \vdash limits_1 \leq limits_2}$$

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# 3.3.12 Global Types

A global type  $(mut_1 t_1)$  matches  $(mut_2 t_2)$  if and only if:

- $\bullet$  Either both  $mut_1$  and  $mut_2$  are var and  $t_1$  matches  $t_2$  and vice versa.
- Or both  $mut_1$  and  $mut_2$  are const and  $t_1$  matches  $t_2$ .

$$\frac{C \vdash t_1 \leq t_2 \qquad C \vdash t_2 \leq t_1}{C \vdash \mathsf{var}\,t_1 \leq \mathsf{var}\,t_2} \qquad \frac{C \vdash t_1 \leq t_2}{C \vdash \mathsf{const}\,t_1 \leq \mathsf{const}\,t_2}$$

# 3.3.13 External Types

### **Functions**

An external type func  $functype_1$  matches func  $functype_2$  if and only if:

• The function type  $functype_1$  matches  $functype_2$ .

$$\frac{C \vdash functype_1 \leq functype_2}{C \vdash \mathsf{func}\, functype_1 \leq \mathsf{func}\, functype_2}$$

#### **Tables**

An external type table  $tabletype_1$  matches table  $tabletype_2$  if and only if:

• Table type  $table type_1$  matches  $table type_2$ .

$$\frac{C \vdash tabletype_1 \leq tabletype_2}{C \vdash \mathsf{table}\; tabletype_1 \leq \mathsf{table}\; tabletype_2}$$

# **Memories**

An external type mem  $memtype_1$  matches mem  $memtype_2$  if and only if:

• Memory type  $memtype_1$  matches  $memtype_2$ .

$$\frac{C \vdash memtype_1 \leq memtype_2}{C \vdash mem \ memtype_1 \leq mem \ memtype_2}$$

# Globals

An external type global  $globaltype_1$  matches global  $globaltype_2$  if and only if:

• Global type globaltype<sub>1</sub> matches globaltype<sub>2</sub>.

$$\frac{C \vdash globaltype_1 \leq globaltype_2}{C \vdash \mathsf{global}\ globaltype_1 \leq \mathsf{global}\ globaltype_2}$$

# 3.4 Instructions

Instructions are classified by instruction types that describe how they manipulate the operand stack and initialize locals: A type  $[t_1^*] \to_{x^*} [t_2^*]$  describes the required input stack with argument values of types  $t_1^*$  that an instruction pops off and the provided output stack with result values of types  $t_2^*$  that it pushes back. Moreover, it enumerates the indices  $x^*$  of locals that have been set by the instruction. In most cases, this is empty.

**Note:** For example, the instruction i32.add has type [i32 i32]  $\rightarrow$  [i32], consuming two i32 values and producing one. The instruction local.set x has type  $[t] \rightarrow_x []$ , provided t is the type declared for the local x.

Typing extends to instruction sequences  $instr^*$ . Such a sequence has an instruction type  $[t_1^*] \to_{x^*} [t_2^*]$  if the accumulative effect of executing the instructions is consuming values of types  $t_1^*$  off the operand stack, pushing new values of types  $t_2^*$ , and setting all locals  $x^*$ .

For some instructions, the typing rules do not fully constrain the type, and therefore allow for multiple types. Such instructions are called *polymorphic*. Two degrees of polymorphism can be distinguished:

- *value-polymorphic*: the value type t of one or several individual operands is unconstrained. That is the case for all parametric instructions like drop and select.
- stack-polymorphic: the entire (or most of the) instruction type  $[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]$  of the instruction is unconstrained. That is the case for all control instructions that perform an unconditional control transfer, such as unreachable, br, br\_table, and return.

In both cases, the unconstrained types or type sequences can be chosen arbitrarily, as long as they meet the constraints imposed for the surrounding parts of the program.

**Note:** For example, the select instruction is valid with type  $[t \ t \ i32] \rightarrow [t]$ , for any possible number type t. Consequently, both instruction sequences

```
(i32.const 1) (i32.const 2) (i32.const 3) select
```

and

```
(f64.const 1.0) (f64.const 2.0) (i32.const 3) select
```

are valid, with t in the typing of select being instantiated to i32 or f64, respectively.

The unreachable instruction is stack-polymorphic, and hence valid with type  $[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]$  for any possible sequences of value types  $t_1^*$  and  $t_2^*$ . Consequently,

```
unreachable i32.add
```

is valid by assuming type []  $\rightarrow$  [i32] for the unreachable instruction. In contrast,

```
unreachable (i64.const 0) i32.add
```

is invalid, because there is no possible type to pick for the unreachable instruction that would make the sequence well-typed.

The Appendix describes a type checking algorithm that efficiently implements validation of instruction sequences as prescribed by the rules given here.

# 3.4.1 Numeric Instructions

# $t.\mathsf{const}\; c$

• The instruction is valid with type [] o [t].

$$\overline{C \vdash t.\mathsf{const}\ c: [] \to [t]}$$

#### t.unop

• The instruction is valid with type  $[t] \rightarrow [t]$ .

$$\overline{C \vdash t.unop : [t] \to [t]}$$

# t.binop

• The instruction is valid with type  $[t\ t] o [t]$ .

$$\overline{C \vdash t.binop : [t\ t] \rightarrow [t]}$$

#### t.testop

• The instruction is valid with type  $[t] \rightarrow [i32]$ .

$$\overline{C \vdash t.testop : [t] \rightarrow [\mathsf{i32}]}$$

# t.relop

• The instruction is valid with type  $[t\ t] \rightarrow [i32]$ .

$$C \vdash t.relop : [t\ t] \rightarrow [i32]$$

 $t_2.cvtop\_t_1\_sx$ ?

• The instruction is valid with type  $[t_1] \rightarrow [t_2]$ .

$$\overline{C \vdash t_2.cvtop\_t_1\_sx^? : [t_1] \to [t_2]}$$

# 3.4.2 Reference Instructions

# $\mathsf{ref.null}\ ht$

- The heap type ht must be valid.
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[] \rightarrow [(\mathsf{ref} \; \mathsf{null} \; ht)].$

$$\frac{C \vdash ht \text{ ok}}{C \vdash \mathsf{ref.null} \ ht : [] \to [(\mathsf{ref} \ \mathsf{null} \ ht)]}$$

#### ref.func x

- The function C.funcs[x] must be defined in the context.
- Let y be the type index C.funcs[x].
- The function index x must be contained in C.refs.
- The instruction is valid with type  $[] \rightarrow [(\text{ref } y)].$

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{funcs}[x] = y \qquad x \in C.\mathsf{refs}}{C \vdash \mathsf{ref.func}\; x : [] \to [(\mathsf{ref}\; y)]}$$

#### ref.is null

• The instruction is valid with type  $[(\text{ref null } ht)] \rightarrow [\text{i32}]$ , for any valid heap type ht.

$$\frac{C \vdash ht \text{ ok}}{C \vdash \mathsf{ref.is\_null} : [(\mathsf{ref} \; \mathsf{null} \; ht)] \to [\mathsf{i32}]}$$

### ref.as non null

• The instruction is valid with type  $[(\text{ref null } ht)] \rightarrow [(\text{ref } ht)]$ , for any valid heap type ht.

$$\frac{C \vdash ht \; \mathsf{ok}}{C \vdash \mathsf{ref.as\_non\_null} : [(\mathsf{ref} \; \mathsf{null} \; ht)] \to [(\mathsf{ref} \; ht)]}$$

# 3.4.3 Vector Instructions

Vector instructions can have a prefix to describe the shape of the operand. Packed numeric types, i8 and i16, are not value types. An auxiliary function maps such packed type shapes to value types:

unpacked(i8x16) = i32  
unpacked(i16x8) = i32  
unpacked(
$$txN$$
) =  $t$ 

The following auxiliary function denotes the number of lanes in a vector shape, i.e., its dimension:

$$\dim(t \times N) = N$$

### v128.const c

• The instruction is valid with type  $[] \rightarrow [v128]$ .

$$\overline{C \vdash \mathsf{v128.const}\ c : [] \to [\mathsf{v128}]}$$

#### v128.vvunop

• The instruction is valid with type [v128]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$C \vdash v128.vvunop : [v128] \rightarrow [v128]$$

### v128.vvbinop

• The instruction is valid with type [v128 v128]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$C \vdash v128.vvbinop : [v128 v128] \rightarrow [v128]$$

# v128. vvternop

• The instruction is valid with type [v128 v128 v128]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$\overline{C \vdash \mathsf{v}128.vvternop} : [\mathsf{v}128\,\mathsf{v}128\,\mathsf{v}128] \to [\mathsf{v}128]$$

# v128. vvtestop

• The instruction is valid with type [v128]  $\rightarrow$  [i32].

$$\overline{C \vdash \mathsf{v}128.vvtestop : [\mathsf{v}128] \rightarrow [\mathsf{i}32]}$$

#### i8x16.swizzle

• The instruction is valid with type [v128 v128]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$C \vdash \mathsf{i8x16.swizzle} : [\mathsf{v128}\ \mathsf{v128}] \to [\mathsf{v128}]$$

# i8x16.shuffle $laneidx^{16}$

- For all  $laneidx_i$ , in  $laneidx^{16}$ ,  $laneidx_i$  must be smaller than 32.
- The instruction is valid with type [v128 v128]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$\frac{(laneidx < 32)^{16}}{C \vdash \mathsf{i8x16.shuffle}\ laneidx^{16} : [\mathsf{v128}\ \mathsf{v128}] \to [\mathsf{v128}]}$$

# $shape. {\sf splat}$

- Let t be unpacked (shape).
- The instruction is valid with type  $[t] \rightarrow [v128]$ .

$$\overline{C \vdash shape.\mathsf{splat} : [\mathsf{unpacked}(shape)] \rightarrow [\mathsf{v}128]}$$

shape.extract\_lane\_sx? laneidx

- The lane index laneidx must be smaller than dim(shape).
- The instruction is valid with type  $[v128] \rightarrow [unpacked(shape)]$ .

$$\frac{laneidx < \dim(shape)}{C \vdash txN.\mathsf{extract lane} \ sx^? \ laneidx : [v128] \to [\mathsf{unpacked}(shape)]}$$

shape.replace\_lane laneidx

- The lane index laneidx must be smaller than dim(shape).
- Let t be unpacked (shape).
- The instruction is valid with type [v128 t]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$\frac{laneidx < \dim(shape)}{C \vdash shape.\mathsf{replace\_lane}\ laneidx : [v128\ \mathrm{unpacked}(shape)] \rightarrow [v128]}$$

shape.vunop

• The instruction is valid with type [v128]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$\overline{C \vdash shape.vunop : [v128] \rightarrow [v128]}$$

shape.vbinop

• The instruction is valid with type [v128 v128]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$\overline{C \vdash shape.vbinop : [v128 v128] \rightarrow [v128]}$$

shape.vrelop

• The instruction is valid with type [v128 v128]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$C \vdash shape.vrelop : [v128 v128] \rightarrow [v128]$$

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• The instruction is valid with type [v128 i32]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$\overline{C \vdash \mathit{ishape.vishiftop} : [v128 \ i32] \rightarrow [v128]}$$

shape.vtestop

• The instruction is valid with type [v128]  $\rightarrow$  [i32].

$$C \vdash shape.vtestop : [v128] \rightarrow [i32]$$

 $shape.vcvtop\_half?\_shape\_sx?\_{\sf zero}?$ 

• The instruction is valid with type [v128]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$C \vdash shape.vcvtop\_half?\_shape\_sx?\_zero^? : [v128] \rightarrow [v128]$$

 $ishape_1.\mathsf{narrow}\_ishape_2\_sx$ 

• The instruction is valid with type [v128 v128]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$\overline{C \vdash ishape_1.narrow\_ishape_2\_sx: [v128 v128] 
ightarrow [v128]}$$

ishape. bitmask

• The instruction is valid with type [v128]  $\rightarrow$  [i32].

$$\overline{C \vdash ishape}.\mathsf{bitmask} : [\mathsf{v}128] \to [\mathsf{i}32]$$

 $ishape_1.\mathsf{dot}\_ishape_2\_\mathsf{s}$ 

• The instruction is valid with type [v128 v128]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$\overline{C \vdash ishape_1.\mathsf{dot\_}ishape_2\_\mathsf{s} : [\mathsf{v}128\ \mathsf{v}128] \to [\mathsf{v}128]}$$

 $ishape_1.\mathsf{extmul}\_half\_ishape_2\_sx$ 

• The instruction is valid with type [v128 v128]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$\overline{C \vdash ishape_1.extmul\_half\_ishape_2\_sx : [v128 v128] \rightarrow [v128]}$$

 $ishape_1.\mathsf{extadd\_pairwise\_} ishape_2\_sx$ 

• The instruction is valid with type [v128]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$C \vdash ishape_1.\mathsf{extadd\_pairwise\_} ishape_2\_sx : [v128] \rightarrow [v128]$$

# 3.4.4 Parametric Instructions

drop

• The instruction is valid with type  $[t] \rightarrow []$ , for any valid value type t.

$$\frac{C \vdash t \text{ ok}}{C \vdash \mathsf{drop} : [t] \to []}$$

**Note:** Both drop and select without annotation are value-polymorphic instructions.

select  $(t^*)$ ?

- If  $t^*$  is present, then:
  - The result type  $[t^*]$  must be valid.
  - The length of  $t^*$  must be 1.
  - Then the instruction is valid with type  $[t^* \ t^* \ i32] \rightarrow [t^*]$ .
- Else:
  - The instruction is valid with type  $[t \ t \ i32] \rightarrow [t]$ , for any valid value type t that matches some number type or vector type.

$$\frac{C \vdash [t] \text{ ok}}{C \vdash \text{select } t : [t \text{ } t \text{ } i32] \rightarrow [t]} \qquad \frac{C \vdash [t] \text{ ok}}{C \vdash \text{select } : [t \text{ } t \text{ } i32] \rightarrow [t]} \qquad \frac{\vdash t \leq \textit{vectype}}{C \vdash \text{select } : [t \text{ } t \text{ } i32] \rightarrow [t]}$$

Note: In future versions of WebAssembly, select may allow more than one value per choice.

# 3.4.5 Variable Instructions

local.get x

- The local C-locals[x] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $init\ t$  be the local type C.locals[x].
- The initialization status *init* must be set.
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[] \rightarrow [t]$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{locals}[x] = \mathsf{set} \ t}{C \vdash \mathsf{local.get} \ x : [] \to [t]}$$

local.set x

- The local C.locals[x] must be defined in the context.
- Let init t be the local type C.locals[x].
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[t] \rightarrow_x []$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{locals}[x] = init \ t}{C \vdash \mathsf{local.set} \ x : [t] \to_x []}$$

local.tee x

- The local C-locals[x] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $init\ t$  be the local type C.locals[x].
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[t] \rightarrow_x [t]$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{locals}[x] = init \ t}{C \vdash \mathsf{local.tee} \ x : [t] \rightarrow_x [t]}$$

# $\mathsf{global}.\mathsf{get}\ x$

- The global C.globals[x] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $mut\ t$  be the global type C.globals[x].
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[] \rightarrow [t]$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{globals}[x] = mut \; t}{C \vdash \mathsf{global.get} \; x : [] \to [t]}$$

# $\mathsf{global}.\mathsf{set}\ x$

- The global C.globals[x] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $mut\ t$  be the global type C.globals[x].
- The mutability mut must be var.
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[t] \rightarrow []$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{globals}[x] = \mathsf{var}\ t}{C \vdash \mathsf{global.set}\ x : [t] \to []}$$

# 3.4.6 Table Instructions

# $\mathsf{table}.\mathsf{get}\ x$

- The table C.tables [x] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $limits\ t$  be the table type C.tables[x].
- Then the instruction is valid with type [i32]  $\rightarrow$  [t].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{tables}[x] = \mathit{limits}\; t}{C \vdash \mathsf{table.get}\; x : [\mathsf{i32}] \to [t]}$$

## table.set x

- The table C.tables [x] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $limits\ t$  be the table type C.tables[x].
- Then the instruction is valid with type [i32 t]  $\rightarrow$  [].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{tables}[x] = \mathit{limits}\; t}{C \vdash \mathsf{table.set}\; x : [\mathsf{i32}\; t] \to []}$$

# $\mathsf{table}.\mathsf{size}\;x$

- The table C.tables [x] must be defined in the context.
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[] \rightarrow [i32]$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{tables}[x] = tabletype}{C \vdash \mathsf{table.size}\; x : [] \rightarrow [\mathsf{i32}]}$$

#### ${\sf table.grow}\ x$

- The table C.tables [x] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $limits\ t$  be the table type C.tables[x].
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[t i32] \rightarrow [i32]$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{tables}[x] = \mathit{limits}\; t}{C \vdash \mathsf{table.grow}\; x : [t\; \mathsf{i32}] \to [\mathsf{i32}]}$$

#### $\mathsf{table.fill}\ x$

- The table C.tables [x] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $limits\ t$  be the table type C.tables[x].
- Then the instruction is valid with type [i32 t i32]  $\rightarrow$  [].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{tables}[x] = \mathit{limits}\; t}{C \vdash \mathsf{table.fill}\; x : [\mathsf{i32}\; t\; \mathsf{i32}] \to []}$$

# table.copy x y

- The table C.tables [x] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $limits_1 t_1$  be the table type C.tables[x].
- The table C.tables[y] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $limits_2 t_2$  be the table type C.tables[y].
- The reference type  $t_2$  must match  $t_1$ .
- Then the instruction is valid with type [i32 i32 i32]  $\rightarrow$  [].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{tables}[x] = \mathit{limits}_1 \ t_1 \qquad C.\mathsf{tables}[y] = \mathit{limits}_2 \ t_2 \qquad C \vdash t_2 \leq t_1}{C \vdash \mathsf{table.copy} \ x \ y : [\mathsf{i32} \ \mathsf{i32}] \rightarrow []}$$

#### table.init x y

- The table C.tables [x] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $limits t_1$  be the table type C.tables[x].
- The element segment C-elems[y] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $t_2$  be the reference type C.elems[y].
- The reference type  $t_2$  must match  $t_1$ .
- Then the instruction is valid with type [i32 i32 i32]  $\rightarrow$  [].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{tables}[x] = \mathit{limits}\ t_1 \qquad C.\mathsf{elems}[y] = t_2 \qquad C \vdash t_2 \leq t_1}{C \vdash \mathsf{table.init}\ x\ y : [\mathsf{i32}\ \mathsf{i32}\ \mathsf{i32}] \to []}$$

#### elem.drop x

- The element segment C-elems [x] must be defined in the context.
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[] \rightarrow []$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{elems}[x] = t}{C \vdash \mathsf{elem.drop}\ x : [] \to []}$$

# 3.4.7 Memory Instructions

# $t.\mathsf{load}\ memarg$

- The memory C.mems[0] must be defined in the context.
- The alignment  $2^{memarg.align}$  must not be larger than the bit width of t divided by 8.
- Then the instruction is valid with type [i32]  $\rightarrow$  [t].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{mems}[0] = \mathit{memtype} \qquad 2^{\mathit{memarg}.\mathsf{align}} \leq |t|/8}{C \vdash t.\mathsf{load} \ \mathit{memarg}: [\mathsf{i}\mathsf{32}] \rightarrow [t]}$$

# $t.loadN\_sx\ memarg$

- The memory  $C.\mathsf{mems}[0]$  must be defined in the context.
- The alignment  $2^{memarg.align}$  must not be larger than N/8.
- Then the instruction is valid with type [i32]  $\rightarrow$  [t].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{mems}[0] = \mathit{memtype} \qquad 2^{\mathit{memarg.align}} \leq \mathit{N/8}}{C \vdash t.\mathsf{load} N\_\mathit{sx} \ \mathit{memarg} : [\mathsf{i32}] \rightarrow [t]}$$

#### t.store memarg

- The memory  $C.\mathsf{mems}[0]$  must be defined in the context.
- The alignment  $2^{memarg.align}$  must not be larger than the bit width of t divided by 8.
- Then the instruction is valid with type [i32 t]  $\rightarrow$  [].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{mems}[0] = \mathit{memtype} \qquad 2^{\mathit{memarg}.\mathsf{align}} \leq |t|/8}{C \vdash t.\mathsf{store} \ \mathit{memarg} : [\mathsf{i32} \ t] \rightarrow []}$$

# $t.\mathsf{store} N\ memarg$

- The memory  $C.\mathsf{mems}[0]$  must be defined in the context.
- The alignment  $2^{memarg.align}$  must not be larger than N/8.
- Then the instruction is valid with type [i32 t]  $\rightarrow$  [].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{mems}[0] = \textit{memtype} \qquad 2^{\textit{memarg}.\mathsf{align}} \leq N/8}{C \vdash t.\mathsf{store}N \ \textit{memarg} : [\mathsf{i32}\ t] \rightarrow []}$$

# v128.load $N \times M \_sx\ memarg$

- The memory  $C.\mathsf{mems}[0]$  must be defined in the context.
- The alignment  $2^{memarg.align}$  must not be larger than  $N/8 \cdot M$ .
- Then the instruction is valid with type [i32]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{mems}[0] = memtype}{C \vdash \mathsf{v128}.\mathsf{load}N\mathsf{x}M\_\mathit{sx}\ memarg: [\mathsf{i32}] \rightarrow [\mathsf{v128}]}$$

# v128.loadN\_splat memarg

- The memory  $C.\mathsf{mems}[0]$  must be defined in the context.
- The alignment  $2^{memarg.align}$  must not be larger than N/8.
- Then the instruction is valid with type [i32]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{mems}[0] = \mathit{memtype} \qquad 2^{\mathit{memarg.align}} \leq \mathit{N/8}}{C \vdash \mathsf{v128.load} N\_\mathsf{splat} \ \mathit{memarg} : [\mathsf{i32}] \rightarrow [\mathsf{v128}]}$$

#### v128.loadN\_zero memarg

- The memory  $C.\mathsf{mems}[0]$  must be defined in the context.
- The alignment  $2^{memarg.align}$  must not be larger than N/8.
- Then the instruction is valid with type [i32]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{mems}[0] = \textit{memtype}}{C \vdash \mathsf{v128}.\mathsf{load}N\_\mathsf{zero} \ \textit{memarg} : [\mathsf{i32}] \rightarrow [\mathsf{v128}]}$$

# v128.loadN lane $memarg\ laneidx$

- The lane index laneidx must be smaller than 128/N.
- The memory  $C.\mathsf{mems}[0]$  must be defined in the context.
- The alignment  $2^{memarg.align}$  must not be larger than N/8.
- Then the instruction is valid with type [i32 v128]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$\frac{laneidx < 128/N \qquad C.\mathsf{mems}[0] = memtype \qquad 2^{memarg.\mathsf{align}} < N/8}{C \vdash \mathsf{v}128.\mathsf{load}N\_\mathsf{lane} \ memarg \ laneidx : [\mathsf{i}32 \ \mathsf{v}128] \rightarrow [\mathsf{v}128]}$$

# v128.storeN\_lane $memarg\ laneidx$

- The lane index laneidx must be smaller than 128/N.
- $\bullet$  The memory  $C.\mathsf{mems}[0]$  must be defined in the context.
- The alignment  $2^{memarg.align}$  must not be larger than N/8.
- Then the instruction is valid with type [i32 v128]  $\rightarrow$  [v128].

$$\frac{laneidx < 128/N \qquad C.\mathsf{mems}[0] = memtype \qquad 2^{memarg.\mathsf{align}} < N/8}{C \vdash \mathsf{v}128.\mathsf{store}N\_\mathsf{lane} \ memarg \ laneidx} : [\mathsf{i}32 \ \mathsf{v}128] \to []$$

#### memory.size

- The memory  $C.\mathsf{mems}[0]$  must be defined in the context.
- Then the instruction is valid with type []  $\rightarrow$  [i32].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{mems}[0] = memtype}{C \vdash \mathsf{memory.size} : [] \rightarrow [\mathsf{i}32]}$$

#### memory.grow

- The memory  $C.\mathsf{mems}[0]$  must be defined in the context.
- Then the instruction is valid with type [i32]  $\rightarrow$  [i32].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{mems}[0] = \mathit{memtype}}{C \vdash \mathsf{memory.grow} : [\mathsf{i32}] \rightarrow [\mathsf{i32}]}$$

# memory.fill

- The memory  $C.\mathsf{mems}[0]$  must be defined in the context.
- Then the instruction is valid with type [i32 i32 i32]  $\rightarrow$  [].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{mems}[0] = \mathit{memtype}}{C \vdash \mathsf{memory.fill} : [\mathsf{i32} \ \mathsf{i32} \ \mathsf{i32}] \to []}$$

#### memory.copy

- The memory C.mems[0] must be defined in the context.
- Then the instruction is valid with type [i32 i32 i32]  $\rightarrow$  [].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{mems}[0] = \mathit{memtype}}{C \vdash \mathsf{memory.copy} : [\mathsf{i32}\:\mathsf{i32}\:\mathsf{i32}] \to []}$$

# ${\it memory.init} \; x$

- The memory C.mems[0] must be defined in the context.
- The data segment  $C.\mathsf{datas}[x]$  must be defined in the context.
- Then the instruction is valid with type [i32 i32 i32]  $\rightarrow$  [].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{mems}[0] = \mathit{memtype} \qquad C.\mathsf{datas}[x] = \mathsf{ok}}{C \vdash \mathsf{memory.init} \ x : [\mathsf{i32} \ \mathsf{i32} \ \mathsf{i32}] \to []}$$

#### data.drop x

- The data segment  $C.\mathsf{datas}[x]$  must be defined in the context.
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[] \rightarrow []$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{datas}[x] = \mathsf{ok}}{C \vdash \mathsf{data.drop}\ x : [] \to []}$$

# 3.4.8 Control Instructions

nop

• The instruction is valid with type  $[] \rightarrow []$ .

$$\overline{C \vdash \mathsf{nop} : \llbracket \to \llbracket 
brace}$$

unreachable

• The instruction is valid with any valid type of the form  $[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]$ .

$$\frac{C \vdash [t_1^*] \to [t_2^*] \text{ ok}}{C \vdash \text{unreachable} : [t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]}$$

Note: The unreachable instruction is stack-polymorphic.

block blocktype instr\* end

- The block type must be valid as some instruction type  $[t_1^*] o [t_2^*].$
- Let C' be the same context as C, but with the result type  $[t_2^*]$  prepended to the labels vector.
- Under context C', the instruction sequence  $instr^*$  must be valid with type  $[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]$ .
- Then the compound instruction is valid with type  $[t_1^*] o [t_2^*]$ .

$$\frac{C \vdash blocktype: [t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*] \qquad C, \mathsf{labels}\, [t_2^*] \vdash instr^*: [t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*]}{C \vdash \mathsf{block}\, blocktype\,\, instr^* \, \mathsf{end}: [t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*]}$$

**Note:** The notation C, labels  $[t^*]$  inserts the new label type at index 0, shifting all others.

loop blocktype instr\* end

- The block type must be valid as some instruction type  $[t_1^*] \rightarrow_{x^*} [t_2^*]$ .
- Let C' be the same context as C, but with the result type  $[t_1^*]$  prepended to the labels vector.
- Under context C', the instruction sequence  $instr^*$  must be valid with type  $[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]$ .
- Then the compound instruction is valid with type  $[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]$ .

$$\frac{C \vdash blocktype: [t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*] \qquad C, \mathsf{labels}\, [t_1^*] \vdash instr^*: [t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*]}{C \vdash \mathsf{loop}\, blocktype\,\, instr^* \; \mathsf{end}: [t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*]}$$

**Note:** The notation C, labels  $[t^*]$  inserts the new label type at index 0, shifting all others.

if  $blocktype \ instr_1^*$  else  $instr_2^*$  end

- The block type must be valid as some instruction type  $[t_1^*] o [t_2^*]$ .
- Let C' be the same context as C, but with the result type  $[t_2^*]$  prepended to the labels vector.
- Under context C', the instruction sequence  $instr_1^*$  must be valid with type  $[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]$ .
- Under context C', the instruction sequence  $instr_2^*$  must be valid with type  $[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]$ .
- Then the compound instruction is valid with type  $[t_1^* \, {\sf i32}] o [t_2^*].$

$$\frac{C \vdash blocktype: [t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*] \qquad C, \mathsf{labels}\: [t_2^*] \vdash instr_1^*: [t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*] \qquad C, \mathsf{labels}\: [t_2^*] \vdash instr_2^*: [t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*]}{C \vdash \mathsf{if}\: blocktype\:\: instr_1^*\: \mathsf{else}\:\: instr_2^*\: \mathsf{end}: [t_1^*\: \mathsf{i32}] \rightarrow [t_2^*]}$$

**Note:** The notation C, labels  $[t^*]$  inserts the new label type at index 0, shifting all others.

 $\mathsf{br}\;l$ 

- The label C-labels [l] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $[t^*]$  be the result type C.labels [l].
- Then the instruction is valid with any valid type of the form  $[t_1^* \ t^*] \to [t_2^*]$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{labels}[l] = [t^*] \qquad C \vdash [t_1^* \ t^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*] \ \mathsf{ok}}{C \vdash \mathsf{br} \ l : [t_1^* \ t^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*]}$$

**Note:** The label index space in the context C contains the most recent label first, so that C.labels[l] performs a relative lookup as expected.

The br instruction is stack-polymorphic.

 $\mathsf{br}\_\mathsf{if}\ \mathit{l}$ 

- The label C-labels [l] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $[t^*]$  be the result type C.labels [l].
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[t^* \text{ i32}] \rightarrow [t^*]$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{labels}[l] = [t^*]}{C \vdash \mathsf{br\_if}\ l : [t^*\ \mathsf{i32}] \to [t^*]}$$

**Note:** The label index space in the context C contains the most recent label first, so that C.labels[l] performs a relative lookup as expected.

br\_table  $l^*$   $l_N$ 

- The label C-labels  $[l_N]$  must be defined in the context.
- For all  $l_i$  in  $l^*$ , the label C-labels  $[l_i]$  must be defined in the context.
- There must be a sequence  $t^*$  of value types, such that:
  - The result type  $[t^*]$  matches C.labels  $[l_N]$ .
  - For all  $l_i$  in  $l^*$ , the result type  $[t^*]$  matches C.labels $[l_i]$ .
- Then the instruction is valid with any valid type of the form  $[t_1^* \ t^* \ i32] \rightarrow [t_2^*]$ .

$$\frac{(C \vdash [t^*] \leq C.\mathsf{labels}[l])^* \qquad C \vdash [t^*] \leq C.\mathsf{labels}[l_N] \qquad C \vdash [t_1^* \ t^* \ \mathsf{i32}] \rightarrow [t_2^*] \ \mathsf{ok}}{C \vdash \mathsf{br\_table} \ l^* \ l_N : [t_1^* \ t^* \ \mathsf{i32}] \rightarrow [t_2^*]}$$

**Note:** The label index space in the context C contains the most recent label first, so that C-labels  $[l_i]$  performs a relative lookup as expected.

The br\_table instruction is stack-polymorphic.

Furthermore, the result type  $[t^*]$  is also chosen non-deterministically in this rule. Although it may seem necessary to compute  $[t^*]$  as the greatest lower bound of all label types in practice, a simple linear algorithm does not require this.

# $br_on_null\ l$

- The label  $C.\mathsf{labels}[l]$  must be defined in the context.
- Let  $[t^*]$  be the result type C.labels [l].
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[t^* \text{ (ref null } ht)] \rightarrow [t^* \text{ (ref } ht)]$  for any valid heap type ht.

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{labels}[l] = [t^*] \qquad C \vdash ht \text{ ok}}{C \vdash \mathsf{br\_on\_null} \ l : [t^* \text{ (ref null } ht)] \rightarrow [t^* \text{ (ref } ht)]}$$

# $br_on_non_null\ l$

- The label C-labels [l] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $[t'^*]$  be the result type C.labels [l].
- The result type  $[t'^*]$  must contain at least one type.
- Let the value type  $t_l$  be the last element in the sequence  $t'^*$ , and  $[t^*]$  the remainder of the sequence preceding if
- The value type  $t_l$  must be a reference type of the form ref null? ht.
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[t^* \text{ (ref null } ht)] \rightarrow [t^*]$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{labels}[l] = [t^* \; (\mathsf{ref} \; ht)]}{C \vdash \mathsf{br\_on\_non\_null} \; l : [t^* \; (\mathsf{ref} \; \mathsf{null} \; ht)] \to [t^*]}$$

#### return

- The return type C.return must not be absent in the context.
- Let  $[t^*]$  be the result type of C. return.
- Then the instruction is valid with any valid type of the form  $[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{return} = [t^*] \qquad C \vdash [t_1^* \ t^*] \to [t_2^*] \ \mathsf{ok}}{C \vdash \mathsf{return} : [t_1^* \ t^*] \to [t_2^*]}$$

**Note:** The return instruction is stack-polymorphic.

C.return is absent (set to  $\epsilon$ ) when validating an expression that is not a function body. This differs from it being set to the empty result type ( $[\epsilon]$ ), which is the case for functions not returning anything.

#### $\mathsf{call}\ x$

- The function C-funcs[x] must be defined in the context.
- Let y be the type index C.funcs[x].
- Assert: The type C.types[y] is defined in the context.
- Let  $[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]$  be the function type C.types[y].
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*]$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{types}[C.\mathsf{funcs}[x]] = [t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]}{C \vdash \mathsf{call}\ x : [t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]}$$

# $\mathsf{call}\_\mathsf{ref}\ x$

- The type C.types[x] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]$  be the function type C.types [x].
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[t_1^* \text{ (ref null } x)] \rightarrow [t_2^*]$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{types}[x] = [t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]}{C \vdash \mathsf{call\_ref}\ x : [t_1^*\ (\mathsf{ref}\ \mathsf{null}\ x)] \to [t_2^*]}$$

# call\_indirect x y

- The table C.tables[x] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $limits\ t$  be the table type C.tables[x].
- The reference type t must match type ref null func.
- The type C.types[y] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $[t_1^*] o [t_2^*]$  be the function type C.types[y].
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[t_1^* i32] \rightarrow [t_2^*]$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{tables}[x] = \mathit{limits}\; t \qquad C \vdash t \leq \mathsf{ref}\; \mathsf{null}\; \mathsf{func} \qquad C.\mathsf{types}[y] = [t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]}{C \vdash \mathsf{call\_indirect}\; x\; y: [t_1^*\; \mathsf{i32}] \to [t_2^*]}$$

# $\mathsf{return\_call}\ x$

- ullet The return type C.return must not be absent in the context.
- The function C.funcs[x] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]$  be the function type C.funcs[x].
- The result type  $[t_2^*]$  must be the same as C.return.
- Then the instruction is valid with any valid type  $[t_3^* \ t_1^*] \to [t_4^*]$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{funcs}[x] = [t_1^*] \to C.\mathsf{return}}{C \vdash \mathsf{return\_call} \ x : [t_3^* \ t_1^*] \to [t_4^*]}$$

**Note:** The return\_call instruction is stack-polymorphic.

 $return\_call\_ref x$ 

- The type C.types[x] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]$  be the function type C.types[x].
- The result type  $[t_2^*]$  must be the same as C.return.
- Then the instruction is valid with any valid type  $[t_3^* \ t_1^* \ (\text{ref null } x)] \to [t_4^*]$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{types}[x] = [t_1^*] \to C.\mathsf{return}}{C \vdash \mathsf{call\_ref}\ x : [t_3^*\ t_1^*\ (\mathsf{ref}\ \mathsf{null}\ x)] \to [t_4^*]}$$

**Note:** The return\_call\_ref instruction is stack-polymorphic.

 $\mathsf{return\_call\_indirect}\ x\ y$ 

- The return type C.return must not be empty in the context.
- The table C.tables [x] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $limits\ reftype$  be the table type C.tables[x].
- The reference type reftype must be funcref.
- The type C.types[y] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]$  be the function type C.types[y].
- The result type  $[t_2^*]$  must be the same as C.return.
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[t_3^* \ t_1^* \ i32] \to [t_4^*]$ , for any sequences of value types  $t_3^*$  and  $t_4^*$ .

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{tables}[x] = \mathit{limits} \; \mathsf{funcref} \qquad C.\mathsf{types}[y] = [t_1^*] \to C.\mathsf{return}}{C \vdash \mathsf{return\_call\_indirect} \; x \; y : [t_3^* \; t_1^* \; \mathsf{i32}] \to [t_4^*]}$$

**Note:** The return\_call\_indirect instruction is stack-polymorphic.

# 3.4.9 Instruction Sequences

Typing of instruction sequences is defined recursively.

# **Empty Instruction Sequence:** $\epsilon$

- The empty instruction sequence is valid with type []  $\rightarrow$  [].

$$\overline{C \vdash \epsilon : [] \to []}$$

# Non-empty Instruction Sequence: instr instr'\*

- The instruction *instr* must be valid with some type  $[t_1^*] \rightarrow_{x_1^*} [t_2^*]$ .
- Let C' be the same context as C, but with:
  - locals the same as in C, except that for every local index x in  $x_1^*$ , the local type locals [x] has been updated to initialization status set.
- Under the context C', the instruction sequence  $instr'^*$  must be valid with some type  $[t_2^*] \to_{x_2^*} [t_3^*]$ .
- Then the combined instruction sequence is valid with type  $[t_1^*] \to_{x_1^* x_2^*} [t_3^*]$ .

$$\frac{C \vdash instr : [t_1^*] \to_{x_1^*} [t_2^*]}{C' \vdash instr'^* : [t_2^*] \to_{x_2^*} [t_3^*]} \qquad \begin{array}{c} (C.\mathsf{locals}[x_1] = init \ t)^* \\ C' = C \ (\text{with } C.\mathsf{locals}[x_1] = \text{set } \ t)^* \\ \hline C \vdash instr \ instr'^* : [t_1^*] \to_{x_1^*x_2^*} [t_2^* \ t_3^*] \end{array}$$

# Subsumption for $instr^*$

- The instruction sequence  $instr^*$  must be valid with some type instrtype.
- The instruction type instrtype': must be a valid
- The instruction type *instrtype* must match the type *instrtype'*.
- Then the instruction sequence  $instr^*$  is also valid with type instrtype'.

$$\frac{C \vdash instr: instrtype \quad C \vdash instrtype' \text{ ok} \quad C \vdash instrtype \leq instrtype'}{C \vdash instr*: instrtype'}$$

**Note:** In combination with the previous rule, subsumption allows to compose instructions whose types would not directly fit otherwise. For example, consider the instruction sequence

To type this sequence, its subsequence (i32.const 1) i32.add needs to be valid with an intermediate type. But the direct type of (i32.const 1) is []  $\rightarrow$  [i32], not matching the two inputs expected by i32.add. The subsumption rule allows to weaken the type of (i32.const 1) to the supertype [i32]  $\rightarrow$  [i32 i32], such that it can be composed with i32.add and yields the intermediate type [i32]  $\rightarrow$  [i32] for the subsequence. That can in turn be composed with the first constant.

Furthermore, subsumption allows to drop init variables  $x^*$  from the instruction type in a context where they are not needed, for example, at the end of the body of a block.

# 3.4.10 Expressions

Expressions *expr* are classified by result types of the form  $[t^*]$ .

 $instr^*$  end

- The instruction sequence  $instr^*$  must be valid with type  $[] \rightarrow [t^*]$ .
- Then the expression is valid with result type  $[t^*]$ .

$$\frac{C \vdash instr^*: [] \rightarrow [t^*]}{C \vdash instr^* \text{ end } : [t^*]}$$

#### **Constant Expressions**

- In a constant expression  $instr^*$  end all instructions in  $instr^*$  must be constant.
- A constant instruction *instr* must be:
  - either of the form t.const c,
  - or of the form ref.null,
  - or of the form ref.func x,
  - or of the form global get x, in which case C.globals [x] must be a global type of the form const t.

$$\frac{(C \vdash instr \text{ const})^*}{C \vdash instr^* \text{ end const}}$$

$$\overline{C \vdash t.\text{const } c \text{ const}}$$

$$\overline{C \vdash ref.\text{null } t \text{ const}}$$

$$\underline{C.\text{globals}[x] = \text{const } t}$$

$$\overline{C \vdash \text{global.get } x \text{ const}}$$

**Note:** Currently, constant expressions occurring in globals, element, or data segments are further constrained in that contained global.get instructions are only allowed to refer to *imported* globals. This is enforced in the validation rule for modules by constraining the context C accordingly.

The definition of constant expression may be extended in future versions of WebAssembly.

# 3.5 Modules

Modules are valid when all the components they contain are valid. Furthermore, most definitions are themselves classified with a suitable type.

# 3.5.1 Functions

Functions func are classified by type indices referring to function types of the form  $[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]$ .

```
\{\text{type } x, \text{locals } t^*, \text{body } expr\}
```

- The type C.types[x] must be defined in the context.
- Let  $[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]$  be the function type C.types[x].
- For each local declared by a value type t in  $t^*$ :
  - The local for type t must be valid with local type  $local type_i$ .
- Let  $local type^*$  be the concatenation of all  $local type_i$ .
- Let C' be the same context as C, but with:
  - locals set to the sequence of value types (set  $t_1$ )\* localtype\*, concatenating parameters and locals,
  - labels set to the singular sequence containing only result type  $[t_2^*]$ .
  - return set to the result type  $[t_2^*]$ .
- Under the context C', the expression expr must be valid with type  $[t_2^*]$ .
- Then the function definition is valid with type  $[t_1^*] o [t_2^*]$ .

```
 \frac{C.\mathsf{types}[x] = [t_1^*] \to [t_2^*] \qquad (C \vdash t : init \ t)^* \qquad C, \mathsf{locals} \ (\mathsf{set} \ \ t_1)^* \ (init \ t)^*, \mathsf{labels} \ [t_2^*], \mathsf{return} \ [t_2^*] \vdash \mathit{expr} : [t_2^*] }{C \vdash \{\mathsf{type} \ x, \mathsf{locals} \ t^*, \mathsf{body} \ \mathit{expr}\} : x }
```

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# **3.5.2 Locals**

Locals are classified with local types.

 $\{type\ valtype\}$ 

- The value type valtype must be valid.
- If valtype is defaultable, then:
  - The local is valid with local type set valtype.
- Else:
  - The local is valid with local type unset valtype.

$$\begin{tabular}{ll} $C \vdash t$ ok & $C \vdash t$ defaultable} \\ \hline $C \vdash \{ \mbox{type } t \} : \mbox{set } t$ ok} \\ \hline $C \vdash t$ ok} \\ \hline $C \vdash \{ \mbox{LTYPE } t \} : \mbox{unset } t$ ok} \\ \hline \end{tabular}$$

**Note:** For cases where both rules are applicable, the former yields the more permissable type.

# **3.5.3 Tables**

Tables table are classified by table types.

{type *tabletype*, init *expr*}

- The table type tabletype must be valid.
- Let t be the element reference type of table type.
- The expression expr must be valid with result type [t].
- The expression *expr* must be constant.
- Then the table definition is valid with type *tabletype*.

$$\frac{C \vdash tabletype \text{ ok} \qquad tabletype = limits \ t \qquad C \vdash expr: [t] \qquad C \vdash expr \text{ const}}{C \vdash \{\text{type } tabletype, \text{ init } expr\}: tabletype}$$

# 3.5.4 Memories

Memories mem are classified by memory types.

{type memtype}

- The memory type memtype must be valid.
- Then the memory definition is valid with type *memtype*.

$$\frac{C \vdash \mathit{memtype} \ \mathsf{ok}}{C \vdash \{\mathsf{type} \ \mathit{memtype}\} : \mathit{memtype}}$$

# 3.5.5 Globals

Globals global are classified by global types of the form  $mut\ t$ .

 $\{ \text{type } mut \ t, \text{init } expr \}$ 

- The global type mut t must be valid.
- The expression expr must be valid with result type [t].
- The expression *expr* must be constant.
- Then the global definition is valid with type mut t.

$$\frac{C \vdash \textit{mut } t \; \text{ok} \qquad C \vdash \textit{expr} : [t] \qquad C \vdash \textit{expr} \; \text{const}}{C \vdash \{ \text{type} \; \textit{mut } t, \text{init} \; \textit{expr} \} : \textit{mut } t}$$

# 3.5.6 Element Segments

Element segments *elem* are classified by the reference type of their elements.

 $\{\text{type } t, \text{init } e^*, \text{mode } elemmode\}$ 

- The reference type t must be valid.
- For each  $e_i$  in  $e^*$ ,
  - The expression  $e_i$  must be valid with some result type [t].
  - The expression  $e_i$  must be constant.
- ullet The element mode elemmode must be valid with some reference type t'.
- The reference type t must match the reference type t'.
- Then the element segment is valid with reference type t.

$$\frac{C \vdash t \text{ ok} \qquad (C \vdash e : [t])^* \qquad (C \vdash e \text{ const})^* \qquad C \vdash elemmode : t' \qquad C \vdash t \leq t'}{C \vdash \{\text{type } t, \text{init } e^*, \text{mode } elemmode\} : t}$$

passive

• The element mode is valid with any valid reference type.

$$\frac{C \vdash \mathit{reftype} \; \mathsf{ok}}{C \vdash \mathsf{passive} : \mathit{reftype}}$$

active {table x, offset expr}

- The table C.tables[x] must be defined in the context.
- Let *limits t* be the table type *C*.tables[*x*].
- The expression *expr* must be valid with result type [i32].
- The expression *expr* must be constant.
- Then the element mode is valid with reference type t.

$$\begin{split} &C. \mathsf{tables}[x] = limits \ t \\ &C \vdash expr : [\mathsf{i32}] \qquad C \vdash expr \ \mathsf{const} \\ &C \vdash \mathsf{active} \ \{\mathsf{table} \ x, \mathsf{offset} \ expr\} : t \end{split}$$

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#### declarative

• The element mode is valid with any valid reference type.

$$\frac{C \vdash \mathit{reftype} \ \mathsf{ok}}{C \vdash \mathsf{declarative} : \mathit{reftype}}$$

# 3.5.7 Data Segments

Data segments data are not classified by any type but merely checked for well-formedness.

{init  $b^*$ , mode datamode}

- The data mode datamode must be valid.
- Then the data segment is valid.

$$\frac{C \vdash datamode \text{ ok}}{C \vdash \{\text{init } b^*, \text{mode } datamode}\} \text{ ok}}$$

#### passive

• The data mode is valid.

$$\overline{C \vdash \mathsf{passive} \; \mathsf{ok}}$$

active {memory x, offset expr}

- The memory  $C.\mathsf{mems}[x]$  must be defined in the context.
- The expression *expr* must be valid with result type [i32].
- ullet The expression expr must be constant.
- Then the data mode is valid.

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{mems}[x] = limits \qquad C \vdash expr : [\mathsf{i32}] \qquad C \vdash expr \; \mathsf{const}}{C \vdash \mathsf{active} \; \{\mathsf{memory} \; x, \mathsf{offset} \; expr\} \; \mathsf{ok}}$$

# 3.5.8 Start Function

Start function declarations start are not classified by any type.

 $\{\mathsf{func}\ x\}$ 

- The function C-funcs[x] must be defined in the context.
- Let y be the type index C.funcs[x].
- Assert: The type C.types[y] is defined in the context.
- The type C.types[y] must be the function type  $[] \rightarrow []$ .
- Then the start function is valid.

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{types}[C.\mathsf{funcs}[x]] = [] \to []}{C \vdash \{\mathsf{func}\,x\}\;\mathsf{ok}}$$

# 3.5.9 Exports

Exports export and export descriptions exportdesc are classified by their external type.

 $\{name \ name, desc \ export desc \}$ 

- The export description exportdesc must be valid with external type externtype.
- Then the export is valid with external type externtype.

$$\frac{C \vdash exportdesc : externtype}{C \vdash \{\mathsf{name}\ name, \mathsf{desc}\ exportdesc\} : externtype}$$

#### func x

- The function C.funcs[x] must be defined in the context.
- Then the export description is valid with external type func C-funcs[x].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{funcs}[x] = \mathit{functype}}{C \vdash \mathsf{func}\; x : \mathsf{func}\; \mathit{functype}}$$

#### table x

- The table C.tables[x] must be defined in the context.
- Then the export description is valid with external type table C.tables [x].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{tables}[x] = \mathit{tabletype}}{C \vdash \mathsf{table}\; x : \mathsf{table}\; \mathit{tabletype}}$$

### mem x

- The memory  $C.\mathsf{mems}[x]$  must be defined in the context.
- Then the export description is valid with external type mem C.mems[x].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{mems}[x] = \mathit{memtype}}{C \vdash \mathsf{mem}\; x : \mathsf{mem}\; \mathit{memtype}}$$

# $\mathsf{global}\ x$

- The global C.globals [x] must be defined in the context.
- Then the export description is valid with external type global C.globals[x].

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{globals}[x] = \mathit{globaltype}}{C \vdash \mathsf{global} \; x : \mathsf{global} \; \mathit{globaltype}}$$

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# **3.5.10 Imports**

Imports import and import descriptions importdesc are classified by external types.

{module  $name_1$ , name  $name_2$ , desc importdesc}

- The import description *importdesc* must be valid with type *externtype*.
- Then the import is valid with type *externtype*.

```
\frac{C \vdash importdesc : externtype}{C \vdash \{\mathsf{module}\ name_1, \mathsf{name}\ name_2, \mathsf{desc}\ importdesc\} : externtype}
```

#### $\operatorname{func} x$

- The function type C.types[x] must be defined in the context.
- Then the import description is valid with type func x.

$$\frac{C.\mathsf{types}[x] = \mathit{functype}}{C \vdash \mathsf{func}\; x : \mathsf{func}\; x}$$

# ${\sf table}\ tabletype$

- The table type tabletype must be valid.
- Then the import description is valid with type table *tabletype*.

$$\frac{C \vdash tabletype \ \mathbf{ok}}{C \vdash \mathsf{table} \ tabletype} : \mathsf{table} \ tabletype}$$

# mem memtype

- The memory type *memtype* must be valid.
- Then the import description is valid with type mem memtype.

$$\frac{C \vdash \mathit{memtype} \ \mathsf{ok}}{C \vdash \mathsf{mem} \ \mathit{memtype} : \mathsf{mem} \ \mathit{memtype}}$$

#### global globaltype

- The global type globaltype must be valid.
- Then the import description is valid with type global *globaltype*.

$$\frac{C \vdash globaltype \text{ ok}}{C \vdash \text{global} \ globaltype} : \text{global} \ globaltype}$$

# **3.5.11 Modules**

Modules are classified by their mapping from the external types of their imports to those of their exports.

A module is entirely closed, that is, its components can only refer to definitions that appear in the module itself. Consequently, no initial context is required. Instead, the context C for validation of the module's content is constructed from the definitions in the module.

The external types classifying a module may contain free type indices that refer to types defined within the module.

- Let *module* be the module to validate.
- Let C be a context where:
  - C.types is module.types,
  - C.funcs is funcs( $it^*$ ) concatenated with  $ft^*$ , with the import's external types  $it^*$  and the internal function types  $ft^*$  as determined below,
  - C.tables is tables  $(it^*)$  concatenated with  $tt^*$ , with the import's external types  $it^*$  and the internal table types  $tt^*$  as determined below,
  - C.mems is  $mems(it^*)$  concatenated with  $mt^*$ , with the import's external types  $it^*$  and the internal memory types  $mt^*$  as determined below,
  - C.globals is globals( $it^*$ ) concatenated with  $gt^*$ , with the import's external types  $it^*$  and the internal global types  $gt^*$  as determined below,
  - C.elems is  $rt^*$  as determined below,
  - C.datas is ok<sup>n</sup>, where n is the length of the vector module.datas,
  - C.locals is empty,
  - C.labels is empty,
  - C.return is empty.
  - C.refs is the set funcidx(module with funcs =  $\epsilon$  with start =  $\epsilon$ ), i.e., the set of function indices occurring in the module, except in its functions or start function.
- For each function type functype<sub>i</sub> in module.types:
  - Let  $C_i$  be the context where  $C_i$  types is C types [0:i] and all other fields are empty.
  - The function  $functype_i$  must be valid under context  $C_i$ .
- Let C' be the context where:
  - C'.globals is the sequence globals( $it^*$ ),
  - C'.types is the same as C.types,
  - C'.funcs is the same as C.funcs,
  - C'.refs is the same as C.refs,
  - all other fields are empty.
- Under the context C:
  - For each  $func_i$  in module.funcs, the definition  $func_i$  must be valid with a function type  $ft_i$ .
  - If *module*.start is non-empty, then *module*.start must be valid.
  - For each  $import_i$  in module.imports, the segment  $import_i$  must be valid with an external type  $it_i$ .
  - For each  $export_i$  in module.exports, the segment  $export_i$  must be valid with external type  $et_i$ .
- Under the context C':
  - For each  $table_i$  in module tables, the definition  $table_i$  must be valid with a table type  $tt_i$ .
  - For each  $mem_i$  in module.mems, the definition  $mem_i$  must be valid with a memory type  $mt_i$ .

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- For each  $global_i$  in module.globals, the definition  $global_i$  must be valid with a global type  $gt_i$ .
- For each  $elem_i$  in module elems, the segment  $elem_i$  must be valid with reference type  $rt_i$ .
- For each  $data_i$  in module.datas, the segment  $data_i$  must be valid.
- The length of C.mems must not be larger than 1.
- All export names *export*<sub>i</sub>.name must be different.
- Let  $ft^*$  be the concatenation of the internal function types  $ft_i$ , in index order.
- Let  $tt^*$  be the concatenation of the internal table types  $tt_i$ , in index order.
- Let  $mt^*$  be the concatenation of the internal memory types  $mt_i$ , in index order.
- Let  $gt^*$  be the concatenation of the internal global types  $gt_i$ , in index order.
- Let  $rt^*$  be the concatenation of the reference types  $rt_i$ , in index order.
- Let  $it^*$  be the concatenation of external types  $it_i$  of the imports, in index order.
- Let  $et^*$  be the concatenation of external types  $et_i$  of the exports, in index order.
- Then the module is valid with external types  $it^* \to et^*$ .

where:

$$\frac{ \vdash \textit{type*} \; \mathsf{ok} \qquad \{\mathsf{types} \; \textit{type*}\} \vdash \textit{type} \; \mathsf{ok} }{ \vdash \textit{type*} \; \textit{type} \; \mathsf{ok} } \qquad \frac{}{\vdash \epsilon \; \mathsf{ok}}$$

**Note:** Most definitions in a module – particularly functions – are mutually recursive. Consequently, the definition of the context C in this rule is recursive: it depends on the outcome of validation of the function, table, memory, and global definitions contained in the module, which itself depends on C. However, this recursion is just a specification device. All types needed to construct C can easily be determined from a simple pre-pass over the module that does not perform any actual validation.

Globals, however, are not recursive and not accessible within constant expressions when they are defined locally. The effect of defining the limited context C' for validating certain definitions is that they can only access functions and imported globals and nothing else.

Note: The restriction on the number of memories may be lifted in future versions of WebAssembly.

# CHAPTER 4

Execution

# 4.1 Conventions

WebAssembly code is *executed* when instantiating a module or invoking an exported function on the resulting module instance.

Execution behavior is defined in terms of an *abstract machine* that models the *program state*. It includes a *stack*, which records operand values and control constructs, and an abstract *store* containing global state.

For each instruction, there is a rule that specifies the effect of its execution on the program state. Furthermore, there are rules describing the instantiation of a module. As with validation, all rules are given in two *equivalent* forms:

- 1. In *prose*, describing the execution in intuitive form.
- 2. In *formal notation*, describing the rule in mathematical form. <sup>18</sup>

**Note:** As with validation, the prose and formal rules are equivalent, so that understanding of the formal notation is *not* required to read this specification. The formalism offers a more concise description in notation that is used widely in programming languages semantics and is readily amenable to mathematical proof.

# 4.1.1 Prose Notation

Execution is specified by stylised, step-wise rules for each instruction of the abstract syntax. The following conventions are adopted in stating these rules.

- ullet The execution rules implicitly assume a given store S.
- The execution rules also assume the presence of an implicit stack that is modified by *pushing* or *popping* values, labels, and frames.
- Certain rules require the stack to contain at least one frame. The most recent frame is referred to as the *current* frame.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> The semantics is derived from the following article: Andreas Haas, Andreas Rossberg, Derek Schuff, Ben Titzer, Dan Gohman, Luke Wagner, Alon Zakai, JF Bastien, Michael Holman. Bringing the Web up to Speed with WebAssembly Page 63, 19. Proceedings of the 38th ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI 2017). ACM 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?doid=3062341.3062363

- Both the store and the current frame are mutated by *replacing* some of their components. Such replacement is assumed to apply globally.
- The execution of an instruction may *trap*, in which case the entire computation is aborted and no further modifications to the store are performed by it. (Other computations can still be initiated afterwards.)
- The execution of an instruction may also end in a *jump* to a designated target, which defines the next instruction to execute.
- Execution can *enter* and *exit* instruction sequences that form blocks.
- Instruction sequences are implicitly executed in order, unless a trap or jump occurs.
- In various places the rules contain assertions expressing crucial invariants about the program state.

# 4.1.2 Formal Notation

**Note:** This section gives a brief explanation of the notation for specifying execution formally. For the interested reader, a more thorough introduction can be found in respective text books.<sup>20</sup>

The formal execution rules use a standard approach for specifying operational semantics, rendering them into *reduction rules*. Every rule has the following general form:

```
configuration \hookrightarrow configuration
```

A *configuration* is a syntactic description of a program state. Each rule specifies one *step* of execution. As long as there is at most one reduction rule applicable to a given configuration, reduction – and thereby execution – is *deterministic*. WebAssembly has only very few exceptions to this, which are noted explicitly in this specification.

For WebAssembly, a configuration typically is a tuple  $(S; F; instr^*)$  consisting of the current store S, the call frame F of the current function, and the sequence of instructions that is to be executed. (A more precise definition is given later.)

To avoid unnecessary clutter, the store S and the frame F are omitted from reduction rules that do not touch them.

There is no separate representation of the stack. Instead, it is conveniently represented as part of the configuration's instruction sequence. In particular, values are defined to coincide with const instructions, and a sequence of const instructions can be interpreted as an operand "stack" that grows to the right.

**Note:** For example, the reduction rule for the i32.add instruction can be given as follows:

```
(i32.const n_1) (i32.const n_2) i32.add \hookrightarrow (i32.const (n_1 + n_2) \bmod 2^{32})
```

Per this rule, two const instructions and the add instruction itself are removed from the instruction stream and replaced with one new const instruction. This can be interpreted as popping two values off the stack and pushing the result.

When no result is produced, an instruction reduces to the empty sequence:

$$\mathsf{nop} \;\hookrightarrow\; \epsilon$$

Labels and frames are similarly defined to be part of an instruction sequence.

The order of reduction is determined by the definition of an appropriate evaluation context.

Reduction *terminates* when no more reduction rules are applicable. Soundness of the WebAssembly type system guarantees that this is only the case when the original instruction sequence has either been reduced to a sequence of const instructions, which can be interpreted as the values of the resulting operand stack, or if a trap occurred.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> For example: Benjamin Pierce. Types and Programming Languages Page 64, 21. The MIT Press 2002

<sup>21</sup> https://www.cis.upenn.edu/~bcpierce/tapl/

Note: For example, the following instruction sequence,

```
(f64.const x_1) (f64.const x_2) f64.neg (f64.const x_3) f64.add f64.mul
```

terminates after three steps:

```
(\mathsf{f64}.\mathsf{const}\ x_1)\ (\mathsf{f64}.\mathsf{const}\ x_2)\ \mathsf{f64}.\mathsf{neg}\ (\mathsf{f64}.\mathsf{const}\ x_3)\ \mathsf{f64}.\mathsf{add}\ \mathsf{f64}.\mathsf{mul}\\ \hookrightarrow (\mathsf{f64}.\mathsf{const}\ x_1)\ (\mathsf{f64}.\mathsf{const}\ x_4)\ (\mathsf{f64}.\mathsf{const}\ x_3)\ \mathsf{f64}.\mathsf{add}\ \mathsf{f64}.\mathsf{mul}\\ \hookrightarrow (\mathsf{f64}.\mathsf{const}\ x_1)\ (\mathsf{f64}.\mathsf{const}\ x_5)\ \mathsf{f64}.\mathsf{mul}\\ \hookrightarrow (\mathsf{f64}.\mathsf{const}\ x_6) where x_4 = -x_2 and x_5 = -x_2 + x_3 and x_6 = x_1 \cdot (-x_2 + x_3).
```

# 4.2 Runtime Structure

Store, stack, and other *runtime structure* forming the WebAssembly abstract machine, such as values or module instances, are made precise in terms of additional auxiliary syntax.

# **4.2.1 Values**

WebAssembly computations manipulate *values* of either the four basic number types, i.e., integers and floating-point data of 32 or 64 bit width each, or vectors of 128 bit width, or of reference type.

In most places of the semantics, values of different types can occur. In order to avoid ambiguities, values are therefore represented with an abstract syntax that makes their type explicit. It is convenient to reuse the same notation as for the const instructions and ref.null producing them.

References other than null are represented with additional administrative instructions. They either are *function references*, pointing to a specific function address, or *external references* pointing to an uninterpreted form of extern address that can be defined by the embedder to represent its own objects.

Note: Future versions of WebAssembly may add additional forms of reference.

Value types can have an associated *default value*; it is the respective value 0 for number types, 0 for vector types, and null for nullable reference types. For other references, no default value is defined, default<sub>t</sub> hence is an optional value  $val^2$ .

```
\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{default}_t &=& t.\mathsf{const} \ 0 & (\text{if} \ t = numtype) \\ \operatorname{default}_t &=& t.\mathsf{const} \ 0 & (\text{if} \ t = vectype) \\ \operatorname{default}_t &=& \operatorname{ref.null} \ t & (\text{if} \ t = (\text{ref} \ \text{null} \ heaptype)) \\ \operatorname{default}_t &=& \epsilon & (\text{if} \ t = (\text{ref} \ heaptype)) \end{array}
```

### Convention

ullet The meta variable r ranges over reference values where clear from context.

#### 4.2.2 Results

A result is the outcome of a computation. It is either a sequence of values or a trap.

```
\begin{array}{ccc} result & ::= & val^* \\ & & | & \mathsf{trap} \end{array}
```

#### 4.2.3 Store

The *store* represents all global state that can be manipulated by WebAssembly programs. It consists of the runtime representation of all *instances* of functions, tables, memories, and globals, element segments, and data segments that have been allocated during the life time of the abstract machine.<sup>22</sup>

It is an invariant of the semantics that no element or data instance is addressed from anywhere else but the owning module instances

Syntactically, the store is defined as a record listing the existing instances of each category:

```
store ::= \{ \begin{tabular}{ll} funcs & funcinst^*, \\ tables & tableinst^*, \\ mems & meminst^*, \\ globals & globalinst^*, \\ elems & eleminst^*, \\ datas & datainst^* \} \end{tabular}
```

### Convention

ullet The meta variable S ranges over stores where clear from context.

# 4.2.4 Addresses

Function instances, table instances, memory instances, and global instances, element instances, and data instances in the store are referenced with abstract *addresses*. These are simply indices into the respective store component. In addition, an embedder may supply an uninterpreted set of *host addresses*.

```
addr
           ::= 0 | 1 | 2 | \dots
           ::=
funcaddr
                addr
table addr
           ::= addr
memaddr
           := addr
globaladdr
           ::= addr
elemaddr
           := addr
           ::= addr
dataaddr
externaddr ::=
               -addr
```

An embedder may assign identity to exported store objects corresponding to their addresses, even where this identity is not observable from within WebAssembly code itself (such as for function instances or immutable globals).

**Note:** Addresses are *dynamic*, globally unique references to runtime objects, in contrast to indices, which are *static*, module-local references to their original definitions. A *memory address memaddr* denotes the abstract address *of* a memory *instance* in the store, not an offset *inside* a memory instance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> In practice, implementations may apply techniques like garbage collection to remove objects from the store that are no longer referenced. However, such techniques are not semantically observable, and hence outside the scope of this specification.

There is no specific limit on the number of allocations of store objects, hence logical addresses can be arbitrarily large natural numbers.

#### **Conventions**

• The notation addr(A) denotes the set of addresses from address space addr occurring free in A. We sometimes reinterpret this set as the vector of its elements.

#### 4.2.5 Module Instances

A *module instance* is the runtime representation of a module. It is created by instantiating a module, and collects runtime representations of all entities that are imported, defined, or exported by the module.

```
moduleinst ::= \{ \  \, \text{types} \qquad deftype^*, \  \, \text{funcaddrs} \quad funcaddr^*, \  \, \text{tableaddrs} \quad tableaddr^*, \  \, \text{memaddrs} \quad memaddr^*, \  \, \text{globaladdrs} \quad globaladdr^*, \  \, \text{elemaddrs} \quad dataaddr^*, \  \, \text{dataaddrs} \quad dataaddr^*, \  \, \text{exports} \quad exportinst^* \}
```

Each component references runtime instances corresponding to respective declarations from the original module – whether imported or defined – in the order of their static indices. Function instances, table instances, memory instances, and global instances are referenced with an indirection through their respective addresses in the store.

It is an invariant of the semantics that all export instances in a given module instance have different names.

# 4.2.6 Function Instances

A *function instance* is the runtime representation of a function. It effectively is a *closure* of the original function over the runtime module instance of its originating module. The module instance is used to resolve references to other definitions during execution of the function.

```
\begin{array}{ll} \mathit{funcinst} & ::= & \{ \mathsf{type} \, \mathit{functype}, \mathsf{module} \, \mathit{moduleinst}, \mathsf{code} \, \mathit{func} \} \\ & | & \{ \mathsf{type} \, \mathit{functype}, \mathsf{hostcode} \, \mathit{hostfunc} \} \\ & \mathit{hostfunc} & ::= & \dots \end{array}
```

A *host function* is a function expressed outside WebAssembly but passed to a module as an import. The definition and behavior of host functions are outside the scope of this specification. For the purpose of this specification, it is assumed that when invoked, a host function behaves non-deterministically, but within certain constraints that ensure the integrity of the runtime.

**Note:** Function instances are immutable, and their identity is not observable by WebAssembly code. However, the embedder might provide implicit or explicit means for distinguishing their addresses.

# 4.2.7 Table Instances

A table instance is the runtime representation of a table. It records its type and holds a vector of reference values.

```
tableinst ::= \{ type \ table type, elem \ vec(ref) \}
```

Table elements can be mutated through table instructions, the execution of an active element segment, or by external means provided by the embedder.

It is an invariant of the semantics that all table elements have a type matching the element type of table type. It also is an invariant that the length of the element vector never exceeds the maximum size of table type, if present.

# 4.2.8 Memory Instances

A *memory instance* is the runtime representation of a linear memory. It records its type and holds a vector of bytes.

```
meminst ::= \{type memtype, data vec(byte)\}
```

The length of the vector always is a multiple of the WebAssembly *page size*, which is defined to be the constant 65536 – abbreviated 64 Ki.

The bytes can be mutated through memory instructions, the execution of an active data segment, or by external means provided by the embedder.

It is an invariant of the semantics that the length of the byte vector, divided by page size, never exceeds the maximum size of *memtype*, if present.

# 4.2.9 Global Instances

A *global instance* is the runtime representation of a global variable. It records its type and holds an individual value.

```
globalinst ::= \{ type \ global type, value \ val \}
```

The value of mutable globals can be mutated through variable instructions or by external means provided by the embedder.

It is an invariant of the semantics that the value has a type matching the value type of *globaltype*.

# 4.2.10 Element Instances

An *element instance* is the runtime representation of an element segment. It holds a vector of references and their common type.

```
eleminst ::= \{ type \ reftype, elem \ vec(ref) \}
```

#### 4.2.11 Data Instances

An data instance is the runtime representation of a data segment. It holds a vector of bytes.

```
datainst ::= \{ data \ vec(byte) \}
```

## 4.2.12 Export Instances

An *export instance* is the runtime representation of an export. It defines the export's name and the associated external value.

```
exportinst ::= \{name \ name, value \ externval\}
```

#### 4.2.13 External Values

An *external value* is the runtime representation of an entity that can be imported or exported. It is an address denoting either a function instance, table instance, memory instance, or global instances in the shared store.

```
\begin{array}{cccc} externval & ::= & \mathsf{func}\,funcaddr \\ & | & \mathsf{table}\,tableaddr \\ & | & \mathsf{mem}\,memaddr \\ & | & \mathsf{global}\,globaladdr \end{array}
```

## **Conventions**

The following auxiliary notation is defined for sequences of external values. It filters out entries of a specific kind in an order-preserving fashion:

```
    funcs(externval*) = [funcaddr | (func funcaddr) ∈ externval*]
    tables(externval*) = [tableaddr | (table tableaddr) ∈ externval*]
    mems(externval*) = [memaddr | (mem memaddr) ∈ externval*]
```

•  $globals(externval^*) = [globaladdr \mid (global globaladdr) \in externval^*]$ 

## 4.2.14 Stack

Besides the store, most instructions interact with an implicit stack. The stack contains three kinds of entries:

- Values: the operands of instructions.
- Labels: active structured control instructions that can be targeted by branches.
- Activations: the call frames of active function calls.

These entries can occur on the stack in any order during the execution of a program. Stack entries are described by abstract syntax as follows.

**Note:** It is possible to model the WebAssembly semantics using separate stacks for operands, control constructs, and calls. However, because the stacks are interdependent, additional book keeping about associated stack heights would be required. For the purpose of this specification, an interleaved representation is simpler.

#### **Values**

Values are represented by themselves.

#### Labels

Labels carry an argument arity n and their associated branch target, which is expressed syntactically as an instruction sequence:

$$label ::= label_n \{instr^*\}$$

Intuitively,  $instr^*$  is the *continuation* to execute when the branch is taken, in place of the original control construct.

Note: For example, a loop label has the form

$$label_n\{loop ... end\}$$

When performing a branch to this label, this executes the loop, effectively restarting it from the beginning. Conversely, a simple block label has the form

$$label_n\{\epsilon\}$$

When branching, the empty continuation ends the targeted block, such that execution can proceed with consecutive instructions.

#### **Activation Frames**

Activation frames carry the return arity n of the respective function, hold the values of its locals (including arguments) in the order corresponding to their static local indices, and a reference to the function's own module instance:

$$frame ::= \{locals (val^?)^*, module module inst\}$$

Locals may be uninitialized, in which case they are empty. Locals are mutated by respective variable instructions.

#### **Conventions**

- ullet The meta variable L ranges over labels where clear from context.
- ullet The meta variable F ranges over frames where clear from context.
- The following auxiliary definition takes a block type and looks up the instruction type that it denotes in the current frame:

```
\operatorname{expand}_{S;F}(typeidx) = F.\mathsf{module.types}[typeidx]

\operatorname{expand}_{S;F}([valtype^?]) = [] \rightarrow [valtype^?]
```

#### 4.2.15 Administrative Instructions

**Note:** This section is only relevant for the formal notation.

In order to express the reduction of traps, calls, and control instructions, the syntax of instructions is extended to include the following *administrative instructions*:

The trap instruction represents the occurrence of a trap. Traps are bubbled up through nested instruction sequences, ultimately reducing the entire program to a single trap instruction, signalling abrupt termination.

The ref.func instruction represents function reference values. Similarly, ref.extern represents external references.

The invoke instruction represents the imminent invocation of a function instance, identified by its address. It unifies the handling of different forms of calls. Analogously, return\_invoke represents the imminent tail invocation of a function instance.

The label and frame instructions model labels and frames "on the stack". Moreover, the administrative syntax maintains the nesting structure of the original structured control instruction or function body and their instruction sequences with an end marker. That way, the end of the inner instruction sequence is known when part of an outer sequence.

**Note:** For example, the reduction rule for block is:

```
\mathsf{block}\ [t^n]\ instr^*\ \mathsf{end} \quad \hookrightarrow \quad \mathsf{label}_n\{\epsilon\}\ instr^*\ \mathsf{end}
```

This replaces the block with a label instruction, which can be interpreted as "pushing" the label on the stack. When end is reached, i.e., the inner instruction sequence has been reduced to the empty sequence – or rather, a sequence of n const instructions representing the resulting values – then the label instruction is eliminated courtesy of its own reduction rule:

```
label_m\{instr^*\}\ val^n\ end\ \hookrightarrow\ val^n
```

This can be interpreted as removing the label from the stack and only leaving the locally accumulated operand values.

#### **Block Contexts**

In order to specify the reduction of branches, the following syntax of *block contexts* is defined, indexed by the count k of labels surrounding a *hole*  $[\_]$  that marks the place where the next step of computation is taking place:

$$\begin{array}{lll} B^0 & ::= & val^* \ [\_] \ instr^* \\ B^{k+1} & ::= & val^* \ \mathsf{label}_n \{instr^*\} \ B^k \ \mathsf{end} \ instr^* \end{array}$$

This definition allows to index active labels surrounding a branch or return instruction.

Note: For example, the reduction of a simple branch can be defined as follows:

```
label_0\{instr^*\} B^l[br\ l] end \hookrightarrow instr^*
```

Here, the hole  $[\_]$  of the context is instantiated with a branch instruction. When a branch occurs, this rule replaces the targeted label and associated instruction sequence with the label's continuation. The selected label is identified through the label index l, which corresponds to the number of surrounding label instructions that must be hopped over — which is exactly the count encoded in the index of a block context.

#### **Configurations**

A configuration consists of the current store and an executing thread.

A thread is a computation over instructions that operates relative to a current frame referring to the module instance in which the computation runs, i.e., where the current function originates from.

```
config ::= store; thread

thread ::= frame; instr^*
```

**Note:** The current version of WebAssembly is single-threaded, but configurations with multiple threads may be supported in the future.

#### **Evaluation Contexts**

Finally, the following definition of *evaluation context* and associated structural rules enable reduction inside instruction sequences and administrative forms as well as the propagation of traps:

```
E \quad ::= \quad [\_] \mid val^* \; E \; instr^* \mid \mathsf{label}_n \{instr^*\} \; E \; \mathsf{end} S; F; E[instr^*] \quad \hookrightarrow \quad S'; F'; E[instr'^*] \quad (\mathsf{if} \; S; F; instr^* \hookrightarrow S'; F'; instr'^*) S; F; \mathsf{frame}_n \{F'\} \; instr^* \; \mathsf{end} \quad (\mathsf{if} \; S; F'; \mathsf{frame}_n \{F''\} \; instr'^* \; \mathsf{end} \quad (\mathsf{if} \; S; F'; instr^* \hookrightarrow S'; F''; instr'^*) S; F; E[\mathsf{trap}] \quad \hookrightarrow \quad S; F; \mathsf{trap} \quad (\mathsf{if} \; E \neq [\_]) S; F; \mathsf{frame}_n \{F'\} \; \mathsf{trap} \; \mathsf{end} \quad \hookrightarrow \quad S; F; \mathsf{trap}
```

Reduction terminates when a thread's instruction sequence has been reduced to a result, that is, either a sequence of values or to a trap.

**Note:** The restriction on evaluation contexts rules out contexts like  $[\ ]$  and  $\epsilon$   $[\ ]$   $\epsilon$  for which E[trap] = trap.

For an example of reduction under evaluation contexts, consider the following instruction sequence.

```
(f64.const x_1) (f64.const x_2) f64.neg (f64.const x_3) f64.add f64.mul
```

This can be decomposed into  $E[(f64.const x_2) f64.neg]$  where

```
E = (\text{f64.const } x_1) [\_] (\text{f64.const } x_3) \text{ f64.add f64.mul}
```

Moreover, this is the *only* possible choice of evaluation context where the contents of the hole matches the left-hand side of a reduction rule.

# 4.3 Numerics

Numeric primitives are defined in a generic manner, by operators indexed over a bit width N.

Some operators are *non-deterministic*, because they can return one of several possible results (such as different NaN values). Technically, each operator thus returns a *set* of allowed values. For convenience, deterministic results are expressed as plain values, which are assumed to be identified with a respective singleton set.

Some operators are *partial*, because they are not defined on certain inputs. Technically, an empty set of results is returned for these inputs.

In formal notation, each operator is defined by equational clauses that apply in decreasing order of precedence. That is, the first clause that is applicable to the given arguments defines the result. In some cases, similar clauses

are combined into one by using the notation  $\pm$  or  $\mp$ . When several of these placeholders occur in a single clause, then they must be resolved consistently: either the upper sign is chosen for all of them or the lower sign.

**Note:** For example, the fcopysign operator is defined as follows:

fcopysign<sub>N</sub>(
$$\pm p_1, \pm p_2$$
) =  $\pm p_1$   
fcopysign<sub>N</sub>( $\pm p_1, \mp p_2$ ) =  $\mp p_1$ 

This definition is to be read as a shorthand for the following expansion of each clause into two separate ones:

```
\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{fcopysign}_{N}(+p_{1},+p_{2}) & = & +p_{1} \\ \operatorname{fcopysign}_{N}(-p_{1},-p_{2}) & = & -p_{1} \\ \operatorname{fcopysign}_{N}(+p_{1},-p_{2}) & = & -p_{1} \\ \operatorname{fcopysign}_{N}(-p_{1},+p_{2}) & = & +p_{1} \end{array}
```

Numeric operators are lifted to input sequences by applying the operator element-wise, returning a sequence of results. When there are multiple inputs, they must be of equal length.

$$op(c_1^n, \dots, c_k^n) = op(c_1^n[0], \dots, c_k^n[0]) \dots op(c_1^n[n-1], \dots, c_k^n[n-1])$$

**Note:** For example, the unary operator fabs, when given a sequence of floating-point values, return a sequence of floating-point results:

$$fabs_N(z^n) = fabs_N(z[0]) \dots fabs_N(z[n])$$

The binary operator iadd, when given two sequences of integers of the same length, n, return a sequence of integer results:

$$iadd_N(i_1^n, i_2^n) = iadd_N(i_1[0], i_2[0]) \dots iadd_N(i_1[n], i_2[n])$$

#### Conventions:

- ullet The meta variable d is used to range over single bits.
- The meta variable p is used to range over (signless) magnitudes of floating-point values, including nan and  $\infty$ .
- The meta variable q is used to range over (signless) rational magnitudes, excluding nan or  $\infty$ .
- The notation  $f^{-1}$  denotes the inverse of a bijective function f.
- Truncation of rational values is written  $trunc(\pm q)$ , with the usual mathematical definition:

$$trunc(\pm q) = \pm i \quad (if \ i \in \mathbb{N} \land +q -1 < i \le +q)$$

- Saturation of integers is written  $\operatorname{sat}^{\mathsf{u}}_{N}(i)$  and  $\operatorname{sat}^{\mathsf{s}}_{N}(i)$ . The arguments to these two functions range over arbitrary signed integers.
  - Unsigned saturation, sat<sup>u</sup><sub>N</sub>(i) clamps i to between 0 and  $2^N 1$ :

$$\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{sat}^{\mathsf{u}}_{N}(i) & = & 2^{N}-1 & & (\text{if } i > 2^{N}-1) \\ \operatorname{sat}^{\mathsf{u}}_{N}(i) & = & 0 & & (\text{if } i < 0) \\ \operatorname{sat}^{\mathsf{u}}_{N}(i) & = & i & & (\text{otherwise}) \end{array}$$

- Signed saturation, sat<sup>s</sup><sub>N</sub>(i) clamps i to between  $-2^{N-1}$  and  $2^{N-1} - 1$ :

$$\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{sat}^{\mathsf{s}}_{N}(i) & = & \operatorname{signed}_{N}^{-1}(-2^{N-1}) & & (\text{if } i < -2^{N-1}) \\ \operatorname{sat}^{\mathsf{s}}_{N}(i) & = & \operatorname{signed}_{N}^{-1}(2^{N-1}-1) & & (\text{if } i > 2^{N-1}-1) \\ \operatorname{sat}^{\mathsf{s}}_{N}(i) & = & i & & (\text{otherwise}) \end{array}$$

# 4.3.1 Representations

Numbers have an underlying binary representation as a sequence of bits:

$$bits_{iN}(i) = ibits_{N}(i)$$
  
 $bits_{fN}(z) = fbits_{N}(z)$ 

Each of these functions is a bijection, hence they are invertible.

#### **Integers**

Integers are represented as base two unsigned numbers:

$$ibits_N(i) = d_{N-1} \dots d_0 \qquad (i = 2^{N-1} \cdot d_{N-1} + \dots + 2^0 \cdot d_0)$$

Boolean operators like  $\land$ ,  $\lor$ , or  $\lor$  are lifted to bit sequences of equal length by applying them pointwise.

## **Floating-Point**

Floating-point values are represented in the respective binary format defined by IEEE 754<sup>23</sup> (Section 3.4):

```
\begin{array}{lll} \mathrm{fbits}_N(\pm(1+m\cdot 2^{-M})\cdot 2^e) & = & \mathrm{fsign}(\pm) \, \mathrm{ibits}_E(e+\mathrm{fbias}_N) \, \mathrm{ibits}_M(m) \\ \mathrm{fbits}_N(\pm(0+m\cdot 2^{-M})\cdot 2^e) & = & \mathrm{fsign}(\pm) \, (0)^E \, \mathrm{ibits}_M(m) \\ \mathrm{fbits}_N(\pm\infty) & = & \mathrm{fsign}(\pm) \, (1)^E \, (0)^M \\ \mathrm{fbits}_N(\pm \mathrm{nan}(n)) & = & \mathrm{fsign}(\pm) \, (1)^E \, \mathrm{ibits}_M(n) \\ \end{array}
= & 2^{E-1} - 1 \\ \mathrm{fsign}(+) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{fsign}(-) & = & 1 \end{array}
```

where  $M = \operatorname{signif}(N)$  and  $E = \operatorname{expon}(N)$ .

#### Storage

When a number is stored into memory, it is converted into a sequence of bytes in little endian<sup>24</sup> byte order:

```
bytes<sub>t</sub>(i) = littleendian(bits<sub>t</sub>(i))

littleendian(\epsilon) = \epsilon

littleendian(d^8 d'^*) = littleendian(d'^*) ibits<sub>8</sub><sup>-1</sup>(d^8)
```

Again these functions are invertible bijections.

#### **Vectors**

Numeric vectors have the same underlying representation as an i128. They can also be interpreted as a sequence of numeric values packed into a v128 with a particular shape.

```
lanes<sub>t×N</sub>(c) = c_0 \dots c_{N-1}

(where B = |t|/8

\land b^{16} = \text{bytes}_{i128}(c)

\land c_i = \text{bytes}_t^{-1}(b^{16}[i \cdot B : B]))
```

These functions are bijections, so they are invertible.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8766229

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Endianness#Little-endian

# 4.3.2 Integer Operations

## **Sign Interpretation**

Integer operators are defined on iN values. Operators that use a signed interpretation convert the value using the following definition, which takes the two's complement when the value lies in the upper half of the value range (i.e., its most significant bit is 1):

$$\operatorname{signed}_{N}(i) = i \qquad (0 \le i < 2^{N-1})$$
  
 $\operatorname{signed}_{N}(i) = i - 2^{N} \qquad (2^{N-1} \le i < 2^{N})$ 

This function is bijective, and hence invertible.

# **Boolean Interpretation**

The integer result of predicates -i.e., tests and relational operators -i.e. is defined with the help of the following auxiliary function producing the value 1 or 0 depending on a condition.

$$bool(C) = 1$$
 (if  $C$ )  
 $bool(C) = 0$  (otherwise)

 $iadd_N(i_1, i_2)$ 

• Return the result of adding  $i_1$  and  $i_2$  modulo  $2^N$ .

$$iadd_N(i_1, i_2) = (i_1 + i_2) \bmod 2^N$$

 $isub_N(i_1, i_2)$ 

• Return the result of subtracting  $i_2$  from  $i_1$  modulo  $2^N$ .

$$isub_N(i_1, i_2) = (i_1 - i_2 + 2^N) \bmod 2^N$$

 $\operatorname{imul}_N(i_1, i_2)$ 

• Return the result of multiplying  $i_1$  and  $i_2$  modulo  $2^N$ .

$$\operatorname{imul}_N(i_1, i_2) = (i_1 \cdot i_2) \bmod 2^N$$

 $idiv_u_N(i_1, i_2)$ 

- If  $i_2$  is 0, then the result is undefined.
- Else, return the result of dividing  $i_1$  by  $i_2$ , truncated toward zero.

$$\operatorname{idiv}_{u_N}(i_1, 0) = \{\}$$
  
 $\operatorname{idiv}_{u_N}(i_1, i_2) = \operatorname{trunc}(i_1/i_2)$ 

**Note:** This operator is partial.

 $idiv_s_N(i_1, i_2)$ 

- Let  $j_1$  be the signed interpretation of  $i_1$ .
- Let  $j_2$  be the signed interpretation of  $i_2$ .
- If  $j_2$  is 0, then the result is undefined.
- Else if  $j_1$  divided by  $j_2$  is  $2^{N-1}$ , then the result is undefined.
- Else, return the result of dividing  $j_1$  by  $j_2$ , truncated toward zero.

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\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{idiv\_s}_N(i_1,0) &=& \{ \} \\ \operatorname{idiv\_s}_N(i_1,i_2) &=& \{ \} \\ \operatorname{idiv\_s}_N(i_1,i_2) &=& \operatorname{signed}_N^{-1}(\operatorname{trunc}(\operatorname{signed}_N(i_1)/\operatorname{signed}_N(i_2))) \end{array}
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**Note:** This operator is partial. Besides division by 0, the result of  $(-2^{N-1})/(-1) = +2^{N-1}$  is not representable as an N-bit signed integer.

irem\_ $\mathbf{u}_N(i_1, i_2)$ 

- If  $i_2$  is 0, then the result is undefined.
- Else, return the remainder of dividing  $i_1$  by  $i_2$ .

**Note:** This operator is partial.

As long as both operators are defined, it holds that  $i_1 = i_2 \cdot \text{idiv}_u(i_1, i_2) + \text{irem}_u(i_1, i_2)$ .

irem\_ $s_N(i_1, i_2)$ 

- Let  $j_1$  be the signed interpretation of  $i_1$ .
- Let  $j_2$  be the signed interpretation of  $i_2$ .
- If  $i_2$  is 0, then the result is undefined.
- Else, return the remainder of dividing  $j_1$  by  $j_2$ , with the sign of the dividend  $j_1$ .

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\begin{array}{lcl} \operatorname{irem\_s}_N(i_1,0) & = & \{ \} \\ \operatorname{irem\_s}_N(i_1,i_2) & = & \operatorname{signed}_N^{-1}(j_1-j_2 \cdot \operatorname{trunc}(j_1/j_2)) \\ & & (\operatorname{where} \ j_1 = \operatorname{signed}_N(i_1) \wedge j_2 = \operatorname{signed}_N(i_2)) \end{array}
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**Note:** This operator is partial.

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As long as both operators are defined, it holds that  $i_1 = i_2 \cdot \text{idiv\_s}(i_1, i_2) + \text{irem\_s}(i_1, i_2)$ .

 $inot_N(i)$ 

• Return the bitwise negation of i.

$$\operatorname{inot}_N(i) = \operatorname{ibits}_N^{-1}(\operatorname{ibits}_N(i) \vee \operatorname{ibits}_N(2^N - 1))$$

 $iand_N(i_1,i_2)$ 

• Return the bitwise conjunction of  $i_1$  and  $i_2$ .

$$\operatorname{iand}_{N}(i_{1}, i_{2}) = \operatorname{ibits}_{N}^{-1}(\operatorname{ibits}_{N}(i_{1}) \wedge \operatorname{ibits}_{N}(i_{2}))$$

 $iandnot_N(i_1, i_2)$ 

• Return the bitwise conjunction of  $i_1$  and the bitwise negation of  $i_2$ .

$$iandnot_N(i_1, i_2) = iand_N(i_1, inot_N(i_2))$$

 $ior_N(i_1, i_2)$ 

• Return the bitwise disjunction of  $i_1$  and  $i_2$ .

$$ior_N(i_1, i_2) = ibits_N^{-1}(ibits_N(i_1) \vee ibits_N(i_2))$$

 $ixor_N(i_1, i_2)$ 

• Return the bitwise exclusive disjunction of  $i_1$  and  $i_2$ .

$$ixor_N(i_1, i_2) = ibits_N^{-1}(ibits_N(i_1) \vee ibits_N(i_2))$$

 $ishl_N(i_1,i_2)$ 

- Let k be  $i_2$  modulo N.
- Return the result of shifting  $i_1$  left by k bits, modulo  $2^N$ .

$$ishl_N(i_1, i_2) = ibits_N^{-1}(d_2^{N-k} 0^k)$$
 (if  $ibits_N(i_1) = d_1^k d_2^{N-k} \wedge k = i_2 \mod N$ )

 $ishr_u_N(i_1, i_2)$ 

- Let k be  $i_2$  modulo N.
- Return the result of shifting  $i_1$  right by k bits, extended with 0 bits.

$$ishr_u_N(i_1, i_2) = ibits_N^{-1}(0^k d_1^{N-k})$$
 (if  $ibits_N(i_1) = d_1^{N-k} d_2^k \wedge k = i_2 \mod N$ )

 $ishr_s_N(i_1, i_2)$ 

- Let k be  $i_2$  modulo N.
- Return the result of shifting  $i_1$  right by k bits, extended with the most significant bit of the original value.

$$ishr_s_N(i_1, i_2) = ibits_N^{-1}(d_0^{k+1} d_1^{N-k-1})$$
 (if  $ibits_N(i_1) = d_0 d_1^{N-k-1} d_2^k \wedge k = i_2 \mod N$ )

 $irotl_N(i_1, i_2)$ 

- Let k be  $i_2$  modulo N.
- Return the result of rotating  $i_1$  left by k bits.

$$irotl_N(i_1, i_2) = ibits_N^{-1}(d_2^{N-k} d_1^k)$$
 (if  $ibits_N(i_1) = d_1^k d_2^{N-k} \wedge k = i_2 \mod N$ )

 $irotr_N(i_1, i_2)$ 

- Let k be  $i_2$  modulo N.
- Return the result of rotating  $i_1$  right by k bits.

$$irotr_N(i_1, i_2) = ibits_N^{-1}(d_2^k d_1^{N-k})$$
 (if  $ibits_N(i_1) = d_1^{N-k} d_2^k \wedge k = i_2 \mod N$ )

 $iclz_N(i)$ 

• Return the count of leading zero bits in i; all bits are considered leading zeros if i is 0.

$$iclz_N(i) = k \quad (if ibits_N(i) = 0^k (1 d^*)^?)$$

 $ictz_N(i)$ 

• Return the count of trailing zero bits in i; all bits are considered trailing zeros if i is 0.

$$ictz_N(i) = k$$
 (if  $ibits_N(i) = (d^* 1)^? 0^k$ )

 $ipopcnt_N(i)$ 

• Return the count of non-zero bits in i.

$$ipopcnt_N(i) = k \quad (if ibits_N(i) = (0^* 1)^k 0^*)$$

 $ieqz_N(i)$ 

• Return 1 if i is zero, 0 otherwise.

$$ieqz_N(i) = bool(i = 0)$$

## $ieq_N(i_1,i_2)$

• Return 1 if  $i_1$  equals  $i_2$ , 0 otherwise.

$$ieq_N(i_1, i_2) = bool(i_1 = i_2)$$

## $ine_N(i_1,i_2)$

• Return 1 if  $i_1$  does not equal  $i_2$ , 0 otherwise.

$$\operatorname{ine}_N(i_1, i_2) = \operatorname{bool}(i_1 \neq i_2)$$

## ilt\_ $\mathbf{u}_N(i_1,i_2)$

• Return 1 if  $i_1$  is less than  $i_2$ , 0 otherwise.

$$ilt_u_N(i_1, i_2) = bool(i_1 < i_2)$$

## ilt\_s<sub>N</sub> $(i_1, i_2)$

- Let  $j_1$  be the signed interpretation of  $i_1$ .
- Let  $j_2$  be the signed interpretation of  $i_2$ .
- Return 1 if  $j_1$  is less than  $j_2$ , 0 otherwise.

$$ilt_s_N(i_1, i_2) = bool(signed_N(i_1) < signed_N(i_2))$$

## $\operatorname{igt}_{\mathbf{u}_{N}}(i_{1},i_{2})$

• Return 1 if  $i_1$  is greater than  $i_2$ , 0 otherwise.

$$\operatorname{igt}_{\mathbf{u}N}(i_1, i_2) = \operatorname{bool}(i_1 > i_2)$$

# $\operatorname{igt\_s}_N(i_1,i_2)$

- Let  $j_1$  be the signed interpretation of  $i_1$ .
- Let  $j_2$  be the signed interpretation of  $i_2$ .
- Return 1 if  $j_1$  is greater than  $j_2$ , 0 otherwise.

$$igt_s_N(i_1, i_2) = bool(signed_N(i_1) > signed_N(i_2))$$

# ile\_ $\mathbf{u}_N(i_1,i_2)$

• Return 1 if  $i_1$  is less than or equal to  $i_2$ , 0 otherwise.

$$ile_u_N(i_1, i_2) = bool(i_1 \leq i_2)$$

## ile\_ $s_N(i_1, i_2)$

- Let  $j_1$  be the signed interpretation of  $i_1$ .
- Let  $j_2$  be the signed interpretation of  $i_2$ .
- Return 1 if  $j_1$  is less than or equal to  $j_2$ , 0 otherwise.

$$ile_s_N(i_1, i_2) = bool(signed_N(i_1) \le signed_N(i_2))$$

## $ige_u_N(i_1, i_2)$

• Return 1 if  $i_1$  is greater than or equal to  $i_2$ , 0 otherwise.

$$ige_u_N(i_1, i_2) = bool(i_1 \ge i_2)$$

# $ige\_s_N(i_1, i_2)$

- Let  $j_1$  be the signed interpretation of  $i_1$ .
- Let  $j_2$  be the signed interpretation of  $i_2$ .
- Return 1 if  $j_1$  is greater than or equal to  $j_2$ , 0 otherwise.

$$ige_s_N(i_1, i_2) = bool(signed_N(i_1) \ge signed_N(i_2))$$

## iextend $M_s_N(i)$

• Return extend  $_{M,N}(i)$ .

$$iextend M_s_N(i) = extend_{M,N}^s(i)$$

## ibitselect<sub>N</sub> $(i_1, i_2, i_3)$

- Let  $j_1$  be the bitwise conjunction of  $i_1$  and  $i_3$ .
- Let  $j_3'$  be the bitwise negation of  $i_3$ .
- Let  $j_2$  be the bitwise conjunction of  $i_2$  and  $j'_3$ .
- Return the bitwise disjunction of  $j_1$  and  $j_2$ .

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\operatorname{ibitselect}_N(i_1, i_2, i_3) = \operatorname{ior}_N(\operatorname{iand}_N(i_1, i_3), \operatorname{iand}_N(i_2, \operatorname{inot}_N(i_3)))
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## $iabs_N(i)$

- Let *j* be the signed interpretation of *i*.
- If j is greater than or equal to 0, then return i.
- Else return the negation of j, modulo  $2^N$ .

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\begin{array}{lll} \mathrm{iabs}_N(i) & = & i & \quad \text{(if } \mathrm{signed}_N(i) \geq 0) \\ \mathrm{iabs}_N(i) & = & -\mathrm{signed}_N(i) \bmod 2^N & \quad \text{(otherwise)} \end{array}
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## $ineg_N(i)$

• Return the result of negating i, modulo  $2^N$ .

$$ineg_N(i) = (2^N - i) \bmod 2^N$$

#### $\min_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{u}_N(i_1, i_2)$

• Return  $i_1$  if ilt\_ $u_N(i_1, i_2)$  is 1, return  $i_2$  otherwise.

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\min_{\mathbf{u}_N(i_1, i_2)} = i_1 (if ilt_{\mathbf{u}_N(i_1, i_2)} = 1)
\min_{\mathbf{u}_N(i_1, i_2)} = i_2 (otherwise)
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## $\min_{s_N(i_1,i_2)}$

• Return  $i_1$  if ilt\_ $s_N(i_1, i_2)$  is 1, return  $i_2$  otherwise.

$$\min_{s_N(i_1, i_2)} = i_1$$
 (if  $ilt_{s_N(i_1, i_2)} = 1$ )  
 $\min_{s_N(i_1, i_2)} = i_2$  (otherwise)

## $\max_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{u}_{N}(i_{1}, i_{2})$

• Return  $i_1$  if  $igt_uN(i_1, i_2)$  is 1, return  $i_2$  otherwise.

$$\max_{u_N(i_1, i_2)} = i_1$$
 (if  $igt_u_N(i_1, i_2) = 1$ )  
 $\max_{u_N(i_1, i_2)} = i_2$  (otherwise)

## $\max_{s_N(i_1,i_2)}$

• Return  $i_1$  if  $igt\_s_N(i_1, i_2)$  is 1, return  $i_2$  otherwise.

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \max\_\mathbf{s}_N(i_1,i_2) &=& i_1 & (\text{if } \mathrm{igt\_s}_N(i_1,i_2) = 1) \\ \max\_\mathbf{s}_N(i_1,i_2) &=& i_2 & (\text{otherwise}) \end{array}$$

## $iaddsat_u_N(i_1, i_2)$

- Let i be the result of adding  $i_1$  and  $i_2$ .
- Return  $\operatorname{sat}^{\mathsf{u}}_{N}(i)$ .

$$iaddsat_u_N(i_1, i_2) = sat^u_N(i_1 + i_2)$$

## $iaddsat_s_N(i_1, i_2)$

- Let  $j_1$  be the signed interpretation of  $i_1$
- Let  $j_2$  be the signed interpretation of  $i_2$
- Let j be the result of adding  $j_1$  and  $j_2$ .
- Return  $\operatorname{sat}^{\mathsf{s}}_{N}(j)$ .

$$iaddsat_s_N(i_1, i_2) = sat_N(signed_N(i_1) + signed_N(i_2))$$

isubsat\_ $\mathbf{u}_N(i_1, i_2)$ 

- Let i be the result of subtracting  $i_2$  from  $i_1$ .
- Return  $\operatorname{sat}^{\mathsf{u}}_{N}(i)$ .

$$isubsat_u_N(i_1, i_2) = sat^u_N(i_1 - i_2)$$

 $isubsat_s_N(i_1, i_2)$ 

- Let  $j_1$  be the signed interpretation of  $i_1$
- Let  $j_2$  be the signed interpretation of  $i_2$
- Let j be the result of subtracting  $j_2$  from  $j_1$ .
- Return  $\operatorname{sat}^{\mathsf{s}}_{N}(j)$ .

$$isubsat_s_N(i_1, i_2) = sat_N(signed_N(i_1) - signed_N(i_2))$$

 $iavgr_u_N(i_1, i_2)$ 

- Let j be the result of adding  $i_1$ ,  $i_2$ , and 1.
- Return the result of dividing j by 2, truncated toward zero.

$$iavgr_u_N(i_1, i_2) = trunc((i_1 + i_2 + 1)/2)$$

 $iq15mulrsat\_s_N(i_1, i_2)$ 

• Return the result of sat<sup>s</sup><sub>N</sub>(ishr\_s<sub>N</sub>( $i_1 \cdot i_2 + 2^{14}, 15$ )).

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iq15mulrsat_s_N(i_1, i_2) = sat^s_N(ishr_s_N(i_1 \cdot i_2 + 2^{14}, 15))
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## 4.3.3 Floating-Point Operations

Floating-point arithmetic follows the IEEE 754<sup>25</sup> standard, with the following qualifications:

- All operators use round-to-nearest ties-to-even, except where otherwise specified. Non-default directed rounding attributes are not supported.
- Following the recommendation that operators propagate NaN payloads from their operands is permitted but not required.
- All operators use "non-stop" mode, and floating-point exceptions are not otherwise observable. In particular, neither alternate floating-point exception handling attributes nor operators on status flags are supported. There is no observable difference between quiet and signalling NaNs.

Note: Some of these limitations may be lifted in future versions of WebAssembly.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8766229

#### Rounding

Rounding always is round-to-nearest ties-to-even, in correspondence with IEEE 754<sup>26</sup> (Section 4.3.1).

An exact floating-point number is a rational number that is exactly representable as a floating-point number of given bit width N.

A *limit* number for a given floating-point bit width N is a positive or negative number whose magnitude is the smallest power of 2 that is not exactly representable as a floating-point number of width N (that magnitude is  $2^{128}$  for N=32 and  $2^{1024}$  for N=64).

A candidate number is either an exact floating-point number or a positive or negative limit number for the given bit width N.

A candidate pair is a pair  $z_1, z_2$  of candidate numbers, such that no candidate number exists that lies between the two

A real number r is converted to a floating-point value of bit width N as follows:

- If r is 0, then return +0.
- Else if r is an exact floating-point number, then return r.
- Else if r greater than or equal to the positive limit, then return  $+\infty$ .
- Else if r is less than or equal to the negative limit, then return  $-\infty$ .
- Else if  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are a candidate pair such that  $z_1 < r < z_2$ , then:

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- If |r - z_1| < |r - z_2|, then let z be z_1.
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- Else if  $|r z_1| > |r z_2|$ , then let z be  $z_2$ .
- Else if  $|r z_1| = |r z_2|$  and the significand of  $z_1$  is even, then let z be  $z_1$ .
- Else, let z be  $z_2$ .
- If z is 0, then:
  - If r < 0, then return -0.
  - Else, return +0.
- Else if z is a limit number, then:
  - If r < 0, then return  $-\infty$ .
  - Else, return  $+\infty$ .
- Else, return z.

```
float_N(0)
                                    = +0
float_N(r)
                                                                              (if r \in \operatorname{exact}_N)
                                    = r
float_N(r)
                                    = +\infty
                                                                              (if r \geq + \text{limit}_N)
                                                                              (if r \leq -\text{limit}_N)
float_N(r)
                                   = -\infty
                                   = \operatorname{closest}_N(r, z_1, z_2)
                                                                              (if z_1 < r < z_2 \land (z_1, z_2) \in \text{candidatepair}_N)
float_N(r)
                                                                              (if |r - z_1| < |r - z_2|)
\operatorname{closest}_N(r,z_1,z_2)
                                   = \operatorname{rectify}_{N}(r, z_1)
                                   = \operatorname{rectify}_{N}(r, z_2)
                                                                              (if |r - z_1| > |r - z_2|)
\operatorname{closest}_N(r,z_1,z_2)
                                                                              (if |r-z_1| = |r-z_2| \wedge even_N(z_1))
\operatorname{closest}_N(r,z_1,z_2)
                                    = rectify _N(r,z_1)
                                                                              (\text{if } |r - z_1| = |r - z_2| \wedge \text{even}_N(z_2))
\operatorname{closest}_N(r,z_1,z_2)
                                   = \operatorname{rectify}_{N}(r, z_2)
\operatorname{rectify}_{N}(r, \pm \operatorname{limit}_{N}) =
\operatorname{rectify}_{N}(r,0)
                                                       (r \ge 0)
                                          +0
\operatorname{rectify}_{N}(r,0)
                                   =
                                          -0
                                                       (r < 0)
\operatorname{rectify}_{N}(r,z)
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8766229

where:

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\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{exact}_N & = & fN \cap \mathbb{Q} \\ \operatorname{limit}_N & = & 2^{2^{\operatorname{expon}(N)-1}} \\ \operatorname{candidate}_N & = & \operatorname{exact}_N \cup \{+\operatorname{limit}_N, -\operatorname{limit}_N\} \\ \operatorname{candidatepair}_N & = & \{(z_1, z_2) \in \operatorname{candidate}_N^2 \mid z_1 < z_2 \wedge \forall z \in \operatorname{candidate}_N, z \leq z_1 \vee z \geq z_2\} \\ \operatorname{even}_N((d+m \cdot 2^{-M}) \cdot 2^e) & \Leftrightarrow & m \operatorname{mod} 2 = 0 \\ \operatorname{even}_N(\pm \operatorname{limit}_N) & \Leftrightarrow & \operatorname{true} \end{array}
```

## **NaN Propagation**

When the result of a floating-point operator other than fneg, fabs, or fcopysign is a NaN, then its sign is non-deterministic and the payload is computed as follows:

- If the payload of all NaN inputs to the operator is canonical (including the case that there are no NaN inputs), then the payload of the output is canonical as well.
- Otherwise the payload is picked non-deterministically among all arithmetic NaNs; that is, its most significant bit is 1 and all others are unspecified.

This non-deterministic result is expressed by the following auxiliary function producing a set of allowed outputs from a set of inputs:

```
\operatorname{nans}_N\{z^*\} = \{+\operatorname{nan}(n), -\operatorname{nan}(n) \mid n = \operatorname{canon}_N\} (if \forall \operatorname{nan}(n) \in z^*, n = \operatorname{canon}_N) \operatorname{nans}_N\{z^*\} = \{+\operatorname{nan}(n), -\operatorname{nan}(n) \mid n \geq \operatorname{canon}_N\} (otherwise)
```

## $fadd_N(z_1, z_2)$

- If either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is a NaN, then return an element of  $nans_N\{z_1, z_2\}$ .
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are infinities of opposite signs, then return an element of  $nans_N\{\}$ .
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are infinities of equal sign, then return that infinity.
- Else if either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is an infinity, then return that infinity.
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are zeroes of opposite sign, then return positive zero.
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are zeroes of equal sign, then return that zero.
- Else if either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is a zero, then return the other operand.
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are values with the same magnitude but opposite signs, then return positive zero.
- Else return the result of adding  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ , rounded to the nearest representable value.

```
fadd_N(\pm nan(n), z_2) = nans_N\{\pm nan(n), z_2\}
fadd_N(z_1, \pm nan(n)) = nans_N\{\pm nan(n), z_1\}
fadd_N(\pm \infty, \mp \infty) = nans_N\{\}
fadd_N(\pm \infty, \pm \infty) = \pm \infty
fadd_N(z_1,\pm\infty)
                        = \pm \infty
fadd_N(\pm\infty,z_2)
                        = \pm \infty
fadd_N(\pm 0, \mp 0)
                         = +0
                         = \pm 0
fadd_N(\pm 0, \pm 0)
fadd_N(z_1,\pm 0)
                         = z_1
fadd_N(\pm 0, z_2)
                         = z_2
fadd_N(\pm q, \mp q)
                        = +0
fadd_N(z_1,z_2)
                        = \operatorname{float}_N(z_1 + z_2)
```

## $fsub_N(z_1, z_2)$

- If either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is a NaN, then return an element of  $nans_N\{z_1, z_2\}$ .
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are infinities of equal signs, then return an element of  $nans_N\{\}$ .
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are infinities of opposite sign, then return  $z_1$ .
- Else if  $z_1$  is an infinity, then return that infinity.
- Else if  $z_2$  is an infinity, then return that infinity negated.
- ullet Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are zeroes of equal sign, then return positive zero.
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are zeroes of opposite sign, then return  $z_1$ .
- Else if  $z_2$  is a zero, then return  $z_1$ .
- Else if  $z_1$  is a zero, then return  $z_2$  negated.
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are the same value, then return positive zero.
- Else return the result of subtracting  $z_2$  from  $z_1$ , rounded to the nearest representable value.

```
\operatorname{fsub}_N(\pm \operatorname{nan}(n), z_2) = \operatorname{nans}_N\{\pm \operatorname{nan}(n), z_2\}
\operatorname{fsub}_N(z_1, \pm \operatorname{nan}(n)) = \operatorname{nans}_N\{\pm \operatorname{nan}(n), z_1\}
fsub_N(\pm\infty,\pm\infty)
                                  = \operatorname{nans}_{N}\{\}
fsub_N(\pm\infty,\mp\infty)
                                  = \pm \infty
fsub_N(z_1,\pm\infty)
                                  = \mp\infty
fsub_N(\pm\infty,z_2)
                                  = \pm \infty
fsub_N(\pm 0, \pm 0)
                                  = +0
fsub_N(\pm 0, \mp 0)
                                  = \pm 0
fsub_N(z_1,\pm 0)
                                  = z_1
fsub_N(\pm 0, \pm q_2)
                                  = \mp q_2
fsub_N(\pm q, \pm q)
                                   = +0
                                   = \operatorname{float}_N(z_1 - z_2)
fsub_N(z_1,z_2)
```

**Note:** Up to the non-determinism regarding NaNs, it always holds that  $fsub_N(z_1, z_2) = fadd_N(z_1, fneg_N(z_2))$ .

## $\operatorname{fmul}_N(z_1, z_2)$

- If either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is a NaN, then return an element of  $nans_N\{z_1, z_2\}$ .
- Else if one of  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  is a zero and the other an infinity, then return an element of  $nans_N\{\}$ .
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are infinities of equal sign, then return positive infinity.
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are infinities of opposite sign, then return negative infinity.
- Else if either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is an infinity and the other a value with equal sign, then return positive infinity.
- Else if either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is an infinity and the other a value with opposite sign, then return negative infinity.
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are zeroes of equal sign, then return positive zero.
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are zeroes of opposite sign, then return negative zero.
- Else return the result of multiplying  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ , rounded to the nearest representable value.

```
\operatorname{fmul}_N(\pm \operatorname{nan}(n), z_2) = \operatorname{nans}_N\{\pm \operatorname{nan}(n), z_2\}
\operatorname{fmul}_N(z_1, \pm \operatorname{\mathsf{nan}}(n)) = \operatorname{\mathsf{nans}}_N\{\pm \operatorname{\mathsf{nan}}(n), z_1\}
\operatorname{fmul}_N(\pm \infty, \pm 0) = \operatorname{nans}_N\{\}
\text{fmul}_N(\pm\infty,\mp0)
                                          = \operatorname{nans}_{N}\{\}
\text{fmul}_N(\pm 0, \pm \infty)
                                           = \operatorname{nans}_N\{\}
\operatorname{fmul}_N(\pm 0, \mp \infty)
                                          = \operatorname{nans}_{N}\{\}
\text{fmul}_N(\pm\infty,\pm\infty)
                                          = +\infty
\operatorname{fmul}_N(\pm\infty,\mp\infty)
                                          = -\infty
\text{fmul}_N(\pm q_1,\pm\infty)
                                          = +\infty
\text{fmul}_N(\pm q_1, \mp \infty)
                                          = -\infty
\operatorname{fmul}_N(\pm\infty,\pm q_2)
                                          = +\infty
\text{fmul}_N(\pm\infty,\mp q_2)
                                          = -\infty
\text{fmul}_N(\pm 0, \pm 0)
                                          = +0
\text{fmul}_N(\pm 0, \mp 0)
                                          = -0
                                          = \operatorname{float}_N(z_1 \cdot z_2)
\mathrm{fmul}_N(z_1,z_2)
```

# $fdiv_N(z_1, z_2)$

- If either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is a NaN, then return an element of  $nans_N\{z_1, z_2\}$ .
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are infinities, then return an element of  $nans_N\{\}$ .
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are zeroes, then return an element of  $nans_N\{z_1, z_2\}$ .
- Else if  $z_1$  is an infinity and  $z_2$  a value with equal sign, then return positive infinity.
- Else if  $z_1$  is an infinity and  $z_2$  a value with opposite sign, then return negative infinity.
- Else if  $z_2$  is an infinity and  $z_1$  a value with equal sign, then return positive zero.
- Else if  $z_2$  is an infinity and  $z_1$  a value with opposite sign, then return negative zero.
- Else if  $z_1$  is a zero and  $z_2$  a value with equal sign, then return positive zero.
- ullet Else if  $z_1$  is a zero and  $z_2$  a value with opposite sign, then return negative zero.
- Else if  $z_2$  is a zero and  $z_1$  a value with equal sign, then return positive infinity.
- ullet Else if  $z_2$  is a zero and  $z_1$  a value with opposite sign, then return negative infinity.
- Else return the result of dividing  $z_1$  by  $z_2$ , rounded to the nearest representable value.

```
fdiv_N(\pm nan(n), z_2) = nans_N\{\pm nan(n), z_2\}
fdiv_N(z_1, \pm nan(n)) = nans_N \{\pm nan(n), z_1\}
fdiv_N(\pm\infty,\pm\infty)
                             = \operatorname{nans}_{N}\{\}
fdiv_N(\pm\infty,\mp\infty)
                             = \operatorname{nans}_N\{\}
fdiv_N(\pm 0, \pm 0)
                             = \operatorname{nans}_{N}\{\}
fdiv_N(\pm 0, \mp 0)
                             = \operatorname{nans}_N\{\}
fdiv_N(\pm\infty,\pm q_2)
                             = +\infty
fdiv_N(\pm\infty,\mp q_2)
                             = -\infty
fdiv_N(\pm q_1,\pm\infty)
                             = +0
fdiv_N(\pm q_1, \mp \infty)
                             = -0
fdiv_N(\pm 0, \pm q_2)
                             = +0
fdiv_N(\pm 0, \mp q_2)
                                   -0
fdiv_N(\pm q_1,\pm 0)
                             = +\infty
fdiv_N(\pm q_1, \mp 0)
                             = -\infty
\mathrm{fdiv}_N(z_1,z_2)
                             = \operatorname{float}_N(z_1/z_2)
```

## $fmin_N(z_1, z_2)$

- If either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is a NaN, then return an element of  $nans_N\{z_1, z_2\}$ .
- Else if either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is a negative infinity, then return negative infinity.
- Else if either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is a positive infinity, then return the other value.
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are zeroes of opposite signs, then return negative zero.
- Else return the smaller value of  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ .

```
fmin_N(\pm nan(n), z_2) = nans_N\{\pm nan(n), z_2\}
fmin_N(z_1, \pm nan(n)) = nans_N\{\pm nan(n), z_1\}
fmin_N(+\infty, z_2)
                     = z_2
fmin_N(-\infty, z_2)
                       = -\infty
fmin_N(z_1, +\infty)
                       = z_1
fmin_N(z_1, -\infty)
                       = -\infty
fmin_N(\pm 0, \mp 0)
                        = -0
                        = z_1
\operatorname{fmin}_N(z_1,z_2)
                                                       (if z_1 \le z_2)
fmin_N(z_1,z_2)
                                                       (if z_2 \leq z_1)
```

# $fmax_N(z_1, z_2)$

- If either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is a NaN, then return an element of  $nans_N\{z_1, z_2\}$ .
- Else if either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is a positive infinity, then return positive infinity.
- Else if either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is a negative infinity, then return the other value.
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are zeroes of opposite signs, then return positive zero.
- Else return the larger value of  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ .

```
\begin{array}{lll} \max_N(\pm \mathrm{nan}(n),z_2) & = & \mathrm{nans}_N\{\pm \mathrm{nan}(n),z_2\} \\ \mathrm{fmax}_N(z_1,\pm \mathrm{nan}(n)) & = & \mathrm{nans}_N\{\pm \mathrm{nan}(n),z_1\} \\ \mathrm{fmax}_N(+\infty,z_2) & = & +\infty \\ \mathrm{fmax}_N(-\infty,z_2) & = & z_2 \\ \mathrm{fmax}_N(z_1,+\infty) & = & +\infty \\ \mathrm{fmax}_N(z_1,-\infty) & = & z_1 \\ \mathrm{fmax}_N(\pm 0,\mp 0) & = & +0 \\ \mathrm{fmax}_N(z_1,z_2) & = & z_1 & & & \text{(if } z_1 \geq z_2) \\ \mathrm{fmax}_N(z_1,z_2) & = & z_2 & & & \text{(if } z_2 \geq z_1) \end{array}
```

## $fcopysign_N(z_1, z_2)$

- If  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  have the same sign, then return  $z_1$ .
- Else return  $z_1$  with negated sign.

```
fcopysign<sub>N</sub>(\pm p_1, \pm p_2) = \pm p_1
fcopysign<sub>N</sub>(\pm p_1, \mp p_2) = \mp p_1
```

## $fabs_N(z)$

- If z is a NaN, then return z with positive sign.
- Else if z is an infinity, then return positive infinity.
- Else if z is a zero, then return positive zero.
- Else if z is a positive value, then z.
- Else return z negated.

```
fabs_N(\pm nan(n)) = +nan(n)
fabs_N(\pm \infty) = +\infty
fabs_N(\pm 0) = +0
fabs_N(\pm q) = +q
```

## $fneg_N(z)$

- If z is a NaN, then return z with negated sign.
- Else if z is an infinity, then return that infinity negated.
- ullet Else if z is a zero, then return that zero negated.
- Else return z negated.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{fneg}_N(\pm \operatorname{nan}(n)) & = & \mp \operatorname{nan}(n) \\ \operatorname{fneg}_N(\pm \infty) & = & \mp \infty \\ \operatorname{fneg}_N(\pm 0) & = & \mp 0 \\ \operatorname{fneg}_N(\pm q) & = & \mp q \end{array}
```

## $fsqrt_N(z)$

- If z is a NaN, then return an element of  $nans_N\{z\}$ .
- Else if z is negative infinity, then return an element of  $nans_N$  { }.
- Else if z is positive infinity, then return positive infinity.
- Else if z is a zero, then return that zero.
- Else if z has a negative sign, then return an element of  $nans_N$ {}.
- Else return the square root of z.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{fsqrt}_N(\pm \operatorname{nan}(n)) & = & \operatorname{nans}_N\{\pm \operatorname{nan}(n)\} \\ \operatorname{fsqrt}_N(-\infty) & = & \operatorname{nans}_N\{\} \\ \operatorname{fsqrt}_N(+\infty) & = & +\infty \\ \operatorname{fsqrt}_N(\pm 0) & = & \pm 0 \\ \operatorname{fsqrt}_N(-q) & = & \operatorname{nans}_N\{\} \\ \operatorname{fsqrt}_N(+q) & = & \operatorname{float}_N\left(\sqrt{q}\right) \end{array}
```

## $fceil_N(z)$

- If z is a NaN, then return an element of  $nans_N\{z\}$ .
- Else if z is an infinity, then return z.
- Else if z is a zero, then return z.
- Else if z is smaller than 0 but greater than -1, then return negative zero.
- Else return the smallest integral value that is not smaller than z.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{fceil}_N(\pm \operatorname{nan}(n)) & = & \operatorname{nans}_N\{\pm \operatorname{nan}(n)\} \\ \operatorname{fceil}_N(\pm \infty) & = & \pm \infty \\ \operatorname{fceil}_N(\pm 0) & = & \pm 0 \\ \operatorname{fceil}_N(-q) & = & -0 \\ \operatorname{fceil}_N(\pm q) & = & \operatorname{float}_N(i) & (\operatorname{if} \pm q \leq i < \pm q + 1) \end{array}
```

## $ffloor_N(z)$

- If z is a NaN, then return an element of  $nans_N\{z\}$ .
- Else if z is an infinity, then return z.
- Else if z is a zero, then return z.
- Else if z is greater than 0 but smaller than 1, then return positive zero.
- Else return the largest integral value that is not larger than z.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{ffloor}_N(\pm \operatorname{nan}(n)) & = & \operatorname{nans}_N\{\pm \operatorname{nan}(n)\} \\ \operatorname{ffloor}_N(\pm \infty) & = & \pm \infty \\ \operatorname{ffloor}_N(\pm 0) & = & \pm 0 \\ \operatorname{ffloor}_N(+q) & = & +0 \\ \operatorname{ffloor}_N(\pm q) & = & \operatorname{float}_N(i) & (\text{if } 0 < +q < 1) \\ \operatorname{ffloor}_N(\pm q) & = & \operatorname{float}_N(i) & (\text{if } \pm q - 1 < i \leq \pm q) \end{array}
```

## $ftrunc_N(z)$

- If z is a NaN, then return an element of  $nans_N\{z\}$ .
- Else if z is an infinity, then return z.
- Else if z is a zero, then return z.
- Else if z is greater than 0 but smaller than 1, then return positive zero.
- Else if z is smaller than 0 but greater than -1, then return negative zero.
- Else return the integral value with the same sign as z and the largest magnitude that is not larger than the magnitude of z.

```
\begin{array}{llll} {\rm ftrunc}_N(\pm {\rm nan}(n)) & = & {\rm nans}_N\{\pm {\rm nan}(n)\} \\ {\rm ftrunc}_N(\pm \infty) & = & \pm \infty \\ & {\rm ftrunc}_N(\pm 0) & = & \pm 0 \\ & {\rm ftrunc}_N(+q) & = & +0 & ({\rm if} \ 0 < +q < 1) \\ {\rm ftrunc}_N(-q) & = & -0 & ({\rm if} \ -1 < -q < 0) \\ & {\rm ftrunc}_N(\pm q) & = & {\rm float}_N(\pm i) & ({\rm if} \ +q - 1 < i \le +q) \end{array}
```

## $fnearest_N(z)$

- If z is a NaN, then return an element of  $nans_N\{z\}$ .
- Else if z is an infinity, then return z.
- Else if z is a zero, then return z.
- Else if z is greater than 0 but smaller than or equal to 0.5, then return positive zero.
- Else if z is smaller than 0 but greater than or equal to -0.5, then return negative zero.
- Else return the integral value that is nearest to z; if two values are equally near, return the even one.

#### $feq_N(z_1, z_2)$

- If either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is a NaN, then return 0.
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are zeroes, then return 1.
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are the same value, then return 1.
- Else return 0.

```
\begin{array}{lcl} \mathrm{feq}_N(\pm \mathrm{nan}(n), z_2) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{feq}_N(z_1, \pm \mathrm{nan}(n)) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{feq}_N(\pm 0, \mp 0) & = & 1 \\ \mathrm{feq}_N(z_1, z_2) & = & \mathrm{bool}(z_1 = z_2) \end{array}
```

#### $\operatorname{fne}_N(z_1,z_2)$

- If either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is a NaN, then return 1.
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are zeroes, then return 0.
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are the same value, then return 0.
- Else return 1.

```
\begin{array}{lcl} \operatorname{fne}_N(\pm \operatorname{nan}(n), z_2) & = & 1 \\ \operatorname{fne}_N(z_1, \pm \operatorname{nan}(n)) & = & 1 \\ \operatorname{fne}_N(\pm 0, \mp 0) & = & 0 \\ \operatorname{fne}_N(z_1, z_2) & = & \operatorname{bool}(z_1 \neq z_2) \end{array}
```

## $\operatorname{flt}_N(z_1,z_2)$

- If either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is a NaN, then return 0.
- Else if  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are the same value, then return 0.
- Else if  $z_1$  is positive infinity, then return 0.
- Else if  $z_1$  is negative infinity, then return 1.
- Else if  $z_2$  is positive infinity, then return 1.
- Else if  $z_2$  is negative infinity, then return 0.

- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are zeroes, then return 0.
- Else if  $z_1$  is smaller than  $z_2$ , then return 1.
- Else return 0.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \mathrm{flt}_N(\pm \mathrm{nan}(n), z_2) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{flt}_N(z_1, \pm \mathrm{nan}(n)) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{flt}_N(z, z) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{flt}_N(+\infty, z_2) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{flt}_N(-\infty, z_2) & = & 1 \\ \mathrm{flt}_N(z_1, +\infty) & = & 1 \\ \mathrm{flt}_N(z_1, -\infty) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{flt}_N(\pm 0, \mp 0) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{flt}_N(z_1, z_2) & = & \mathrm{bool}(z_1 < z_2) \end{array}
```

## $fgt_N(z_1,z_2)$

- If either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is a NaN, then return 0.
- Else if  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are the same value, then return 0.
- Else if  $z_1$  is positive infinity, then return 1.
- Else if  $z_1$  is negative infinity, then return 0.
- Else if  $z_2$  is positive infinity, then return 0.
- Else if  $z_2$  is negative infinity, then return 1.
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are zeroes, then return 0.
- Else if  $z_1$  is larger than  $z_2$ , then return 1.
- Else return 0.

```
\begin{array}{llll} \mathrm{fgt}_N(\pm \mathrm{nan}(n), z_2) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{fgt}_N(z_1, \pm \mathrm{nan}(n)) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{fgt}_N(z, z) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{fgt}_N(+\infty, z_2) & = & 1 \\ \mathrm{fgt}_N(-\infty, z_2) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{fgt}_N(z_1, +\infty) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{fgt}_N(z_1, -\infty) & = & 1 \\ \mathrm{fgt}_N(\pm 0, \mp 0) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{fgt}_N(z_1, z_2) & = & \mathrm{bool}(z_1 > z_2) \end{array}
```

## $fle_N(z_1,z_2)$

- If either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is a NaN, then return 0.
- Else if  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are the same value, then return 1.
- Else if  $z_1$  is positive infinity, then return 0.
- Else if  $z_1$  is negative infinity, then return 1.
- Else if  $z_2$  is positive infinity, then return 1.
- Else if  $z_2$  is negative infinity, then return 0.
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are zeroes, then return 1.
- Else if  $z_1$  is smaller than or equal to  $z_2$ , then return 1.

• Else return 0.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \mathrm{fle}_N(\pm \mathrm{nan}(n), z_2) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{fle}_N(z_1, \pm \mathrm{nan}(n)) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{fle}_N(z, z) & = & 1 \\ \mathrm{fle}_N(+\infty, z_2) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{fle}_N(-\infty, z_2) & = & 1 \\ \mathrm{fle}_N(z_1, +\infty) & = & 1 \\ \mathrm{fle}_N(z_1, -\infty) & = & 0 \\ \mathrm{fle}_N(\pm 0, \mp 0) & = & 1 \\ \mathrm{fle}_N(z_1, z_2) & = & \mathrm{bool}(z_1 \leq z_2) \end{array}
```

## $fge_N(z_1,z_2)$

- If either  $z_1$  or  $z_2$  is a NaN, then return 0.
- Else if  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are the same value, then return 1.
- Else if  $z_1$  is positive infinity, then return 1.
- Else if  $z_1$  is negative infinity, then return 0.
- Else if  $z_2$  is positive infinity, then return 0.
- Else if  $z_2$  is negative infinity, then return 1.
- Else if both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are zeroes, then return 1.
- Else if  $z_1$  is smaller than or equal to  $z_2$ , then return 1.
- Else return 0.

```
\begin{array}{llll} & \mathrm{fge}_N(\pm \mathrm{nan}(n), z_2) & = & 0 \\ & \mathrm{fge}_N(z_1, \pm \mathrm{nan}(n)) & = & 0 \\ & \mathrm{fge}_N(z, z) & = & 1 \\ & \mathrm{fge}_N(+\infty, z_2) & = & 1 \\ & \mathrm{fge}_N(-\infty, z_2) & = & 0 \\ & \mathrm{fge}_N(z_1, +\infty) & = & 0 \\ & \mathrm{fge}_N(z_1, -\infty) & = & 1 \\ & \mathrm{fge}_N(\pm 0, \mp 0) & = & 1 \\ & \mathrm{fge}_N(z_1, z_2) & = & \mathrm{bool}(z_1 \geq z_2) \end{array}
```

## $fpmin_N(z_1, z_2)$

- If  $z_2$  is less than  $z_1$  then return  $z_2$ .
- Else return  $z_1$ .

```
fpmin_N(z_1, z_2) = z_2 (if flt_N(z_2, z_1) = 1)

fpmin_N(z_1, z_2) = z_1 (otherwise)
```

## $fpmax_N(z_1, z_2)$

- If  $z_1$  is less than  $z_2$  then return  $z_2$ .
- Else return  $z_1$ .

```
\begin{array}{lcl} \mathrm{fpmax}_N(z_1,z_2) & = & z_2 & (\mathrm{if} \ \mathrm{flt}_N(z_1,z_2) = 1) \\ \mathrm{fpmax}_N(z_1,z_2) & = & z_1 & (\mathrm{otherwise}) \end{array}
```

## 4.3.4 Conversions

 $\operatorname{extend}^{\mathsf{u}}_{M,N}(i)$ 

• Return i.

$$\operatorname{extend}^{\mathsf{u}}_{M,N}(i) = i$$

**Note:** In the abstract syntax, unsigned extension just reinterprets the same value.

 $\operatorname{extend}^{\mathsf{s}}_{M,N}(i)$ 

- Let j be the signed interpretation of i of size M.
- Return the two's complement of j relative to size N.

$$\operatorname{extend}^{s}_{M,N}(i) = \operatorname{signed}_{N}^{-1}(\operatorname{signed}_{M}(i))$$

 $\operatorname{wrap}_{M,N}(i)$ 

• Return  $i \mod 2^N$ .

$$\operatorname{wrap}_{M,N}(i) = i \operatorname{mod} 2^N$$

 $\operatorname{trunc}^{\mathsf{u}}_{M,N}(z)$ 

- If z is a NaN, then the result is undefined.
- Else if z is an infinity, then the result is undefined.
- Else if z is a number and trunc(z) is a value within range of the target type, then return that value.
- Else the result is undefined.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{trunc}^{\operatorname{u}}{}_{M,N}(\pm \operatorname{nan}(n)) & = & \{\} \\ \operatorname{trunc}^{\operatorname{u}}{}_{M,N}(\pm \infty) & = & \{\} \\ \operatorname{trunc}^{\operatorname{u}}{}_{M,N}(\pm q) & = & \operatorname{trunc}(\pm q) & (\operatorname{if} -1 < \operatorname{trunc}(\pm q) < 2^N) \\ \operatorname{trunc}^{\operatorname{u}}{}_{M,N}(\pm q) & = & \{\} & (\operatorname{otherwise}) \end{array}
```

**Note:** This operator is partial. It is not defined for NaNs, infinities, or values for which the result is out of range.

 $\operatorname{trunc}^{\mathsf{s}}_{M,N}(z)$ 

- If z is a NaN, then the result is undefined.
- Else if z is an infinity, then the result is undefined.
- If z is a number and trunc(z) is a value within range of the target type, then return that value.
- Else the result is undefined.

```
\begin{array}{lll} {\rm trunc}^{\rm s}{}_{M,N}(\pm {\rm nan}(n)) & = & \{ \} \\ {\rm trunc}^{\rm s}{}_{M,N}(\pm \infty) & = & \{ \} \\ {\rm trunc}^{\rm s}{}_{M,N}(\pm q) & = & {\rm trunc}(\pm q) & ({\rm if} -2^{N-1} - 1 < {\rm trunc}(\pm q) < 2^{N-1}) \\ {\rm trunc}^{\rm s}{}_{M,N}(\pm q) & = & \{ \} & ({\rm otherwise}) \end{array}
```

Note: This operator is partial. It is not defined for NaNs, infinities, or values for which the result is out of range.

## trunc\_sat\_ $u_{M,N}(z)$

- If z is a NaN, then return 0.
- Else if z is negative infinity, then return 0.
- Else if z is positive infinity, then return  $2^N-1$ .
- Else, return  $\operatorname{sat}^{\mathsf{u}}_{N}(\operatorname{trunc}(z))$ .

```
\begin{array}{llll} \operatorname{trunc\_sat\_u}_{M,N}(\pm \operatorname{nan}(n)) & = & 0 \\ \operatorname{trunc\_sat\_u}_{M,N}(-\infty) & = & 0 \\ \operatorname{trunc\_sat\_u}_{M,N}(+\infty) & = & 2^N - 1 \\ \operatorname{trunc\_sat\_u}_{M,N}(z) & = & \operatorname{sat^u}_{N}(\operatorname{trunc}(z)) \end{array}
```

#### trunc\_sat\_s $_{M,N}(z)$

- If z is a NaN, then return 0.
- Else if z is negative infinity, then return  $-2^{N-1}$ .
- Else if z is positive infinity, then return  $2^{N-1} 1$ .
- Else, return  $\operatorname{sat}^{\mathsf{s}}_{N}(\operatorname{trunc}(z))$ .

```
\begin{array}{llll} \operatorname{trunc\_sat\_s}_{M,N}(\pm \operatorname{nan}(n)) & = & 0 \\ \operatorname{trunc\_sat\_s}_{M,N}(-\infty) & = & -2^{N-1} \\ \operatorname{trunc\_sat\_s}_{M,N}(+\infty) & = & 2^{N-1} - 1 \\ \operatorname{trunc\_sat\_s}_{M,N}(z) & = & \operatorname{sat^s}_{N}(\operatorname{trunc}(z)) \end{array}
```

## $promote_{M,N}(z)$

- If z is a canonical NaN, then return an element of  $nans_N\{\}$  (i.e., a canonical NaN of size N).
- Else if z is a NaN, then return an element of  $nans_N\{\pm nan(1)\}$  (i.e., any arithmetic NaN of size N).
- Else, return z.

```
\begin{array}{llll} \operatorname{promote}_{M,N}(\pm \operatorname{nan}(n)) &=& \operatorname{nans}_N \{\} & & \text{ (if } n = \operatorname{canon}_N) \\ \operatorname{promote}_{M,N}(\pm \operatorname{nan}(n)) &=& \operatorname{nans}_N \{+\operatorname{nan}(1)\} & & \text{ (otherwise)} \\ \operatorname{promote}_{M,N}(z) &=& z & & \end{array}
```

## $demote_{M,N}(z)$

- If z is a canonical NaN, then return an element of  $nans_N\{\}$  (i.e., a canonical NaN of size N).
- Else if z is a NaN, then return an element of  $nans_N\{\pm nan(1)\}$  (i.e., any NaN of size N).
- Else if z is an infinity, then return that infinity.
- Else if z is a zero, then return that zero.
- Else, return float $_N(z)$ .

```
\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{demote}_{M,N}(\pm \operatorname{nan}(n)) &=& \operatorname{nans}_N\{\} & \text{ (if } n = \operatorname{canon}_N) \\ \operatorname{demote}_{M,N}(\pm \operatorname{nan}(n)) &=& \operatorname{nans}_N\{+\operatorname{nan}(1)\} & \text{ (otherwise)} \\ \operatorname{demote}_{M,N}(\pm \infty) &=& \pm \infty \\ \operatorname{demote}_{M,N}(\pm 0) &=& \pm 0 \\ \operatorname{demote}_{M,N}(\pm q) &=& \operatorname{float}_N(\pm q) \end{array}
```

```
\operatorname{convert}^{\mathsf{u}}_{M,N}(i)
```

• Return  $float_N(i)$ .

$$convert^{u}_{M,N}(i) = float_{N}(i)$$

## $\operatorname{convert}^{\mathsf{s}}_{M,N}(i)$

- Let j be the signed interpretation of i.
- Return  $float_N(j)$ .

$$\operatorname{convert}^{\mathsf{s}}_{M,N}(i) = \operatorname{float}_{N}(\operatorname{signed}_{M}(i))$$

## reinterpret $_{t_1,t_2}(c)$

- Let  $d^*$  be the bit sequence  $\operatorname{bits}_{t_1}(c)$ .
- Return the constant c' for which  $\mathrm{bits}_{t_2}(c') = d^*$ .

# $\operatorname{narrow}^{\mathsf{s}}_{M,N}(i)$

- Let j be the signed interpretation of i of size M.
- Return  $\operatorname{sat}^{\mathsf{s}}_{N}(j)$ .

$$\operatorname{narrow}^{s}_{M,N}(i) = \operatorname{sat}^{s}_{N}(\operatorname{signed}_{M}(i))$$

# $\operatorname{narrow}^{\mathsf{u}}{}_{M,N}(i)$

- Let j be the signed interpretation of i of size M.
- Return  $\operatorname{sat}^{\mathsf{u}}_{N}(j)$ .

$$\operatorname{narrow}^{\mathsf{u}}_{M,N}(i) = \operatorname{sat}^{\mathsf{u}}_{N}(\operatorname{signed}_{M}(i))$$

# 4.4 Types

Execution has to check and compare types in a few places, such as executing call\_indirect or instantiating modules. It is an invariant of the semantics that all types occurring during execution are closed.

**Note:** Runtime type checks generally involve types from multiple modules or types not defined by a module at all, such that module-local type indices are not meaningful.

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# 4.4.1 Instantiation

Any form of type can be *instantiated* into a closed type inside a module instance by substituting each type index x occurring in it with the corresponding defined type moduleinst.types[x].

$$clos_{moduleinst}(t) = t[:= moduleinst.types]$$

## 4.5 Values

## 4.5.1 Value Typing

For the purpose of checking argument values against the parameter types of exported functions, values are classified by value types. The following auxiliary typing rules specify this typing relation relative to a store S in which possibly referenced addresses live.

#### Numeric Values t.const c

• The value is valid with number type t.

$$\overline{S \vdash t.\mathsf{const}\ c:t}$$

#### **Vector Values** t.const c

• The value is valid with vector type t.

$$\overline{S \vdash t.\mathsf{const}\ c:t}$$

#### Null References $ref.null\ t$

- The heap type must be valid under the empty context.
- Then value is valid with reference type (ref null t).

$$\frac{\vdash t \text{ ok}}{S \vdash \text{ref.null } t : (\text{ref null } t)}$$

## Function References $\operatorname{ref.func}$ a

- The external value func a must be valid with external type func functype.
- Then the value is valid with reference type (ref *functype*).

$$\frac{S \vdash \mathsf{func}\; a : \mathsf{func}\; \mathit{functype}}{S \vdash \mathsf{ref}.\mathsf{func}\; a : \mathsf{ref}\; \mathit{functype}}$$

#### **External References** ref.extern a

• The value is valid with reference type (ref extern).

$$\overline{S \vdash \mathsf{ref.extern}\ a : (\mathsf{ref}\ \mathsf{extern})}$$

# 4.5.2 External Typing

For the purpose of checking external values against imports, such values are classified by external types. The following auxiliary typing rules specify this typing relation relative to a store S in which the referenced instances live.

## $\mathsf{func}\; a$

- The store entry S.funcs[a] must exist.
- Then func a is valid with external type func S.funcs[a].type.

$$\overline{S \vdash \mathsf{func}\, a : \mathsf{func}\, S.\mathsf{funcs}[a].\mathsf{type}}$$

#### $\mathsf{table}\; a$

- The store entry S.tables[a] must exist.
- Then table a is valid with external type table S.tables[a].type.

$$\overline{S \vdash \mathsf{table}\ a : \mathsf{table}\ S. \mathsf{tables}[a]. \mathsf{type}}$$

## $\mathsf{mem}\ a$

- The store entry S.mems[a] must exist.
- Then mem a is valid with external type mem S.mems[a].type.

$$S \vdash \mathsf{mem}\ a : \mathsf{mem}\ S.\mathsf{mems}[a].\mathsf{type}$$

## $\mathsf{global}\ a$

- The store entry S.globals[a] must exist.
- Then global a is valid with external type global S.globals[a].type.

 $S \vdash \mathsf{global}\ a : \mathsf{global}\ S.\mathsf{globals}[a].\mathsf{type}$ 

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# 4.6 Instructions

WebAssembly computation is performed by executing individual instructions.

#### 4.6.1 Numeric Instructions

Numeric instructions are defined in terms of the generic numeric operators. The mapping of numeric instructions to their underlying operators is expressed by the following definition:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} op_{\mathrm{i}N}(n_1,\ldots,n_k) & = & \mathrm{i}\,op_N(n_1,\ldots,n_k) \\ op_{\mathrm{f}N}(z_1,\ldots,z_k) & = & \mathrm{f}\,op_N(z_1,\ldots,z_k) \end{array}$$

And for conversion operators:

$$cvtop_{t_1,t_2}^{sx^?}(c) = cvtop_{|t_1|,|t_2|}^{sx^?}(c)$$

Where the underlying operators are partial, the corresponding instruction will trap when the result is not defined. Where the underlying operators are non-deterministic, because they may return one of multiple possible NaN values, so are the corresponding instructions.

**Note:** For example, the result of instruction i32.add applied to operands  $i_1, i_2$  invokes  $\operatorname{add}_{i32}(i_1, i_2)$ , which maps to the generic  $\operatorname{iadd}_{32}(i_1, i_2)$  via the above definition. Similarly, i64.trunc\_f32\_s applied to z invokes  $\operatorname{trunc}_{f32,i64}^s(z)$ , which maps to the generic  $\operatorname{trunc}_{32,64}^s(z)$ .

#### $t.\mathsf{const}\ c$

1. Push the value t.const c to the stack.

**Note:** No formal reduction rule is required for this instruction, since const instructions already are values.

## t.unop

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type t is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value t.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 3. If  $unop_t(c_1)$  is defined, then:
  - a. Let c be a possible result of computing  $unop_t(c_1)$ .
  - b. Push the value t.const c to the stack.
- 4. Else:
  - a. Trap.

```
(t.\mathsf{const}\ c_1)\ t.unop \hookrightarrow (t.\mathsf{const}\ c) \qquad (\mathsf{if}\ c \in unop_t(c_1)) \ (t.\mathsf{const}\ c_1)\ t.unop \hookrightarrow \mathsf{trap} \qquad (\mathsf{if}\ unop_t(c_1) = \{\})
```

#### t.binop

- 1. Assert: due to validation, two values of value type t are on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value t.const  $c_2$  from the stack.
- 3. Pop the value t.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 4. If  $binop_t(c_1, c_2)$  is defined, then:
  - a. Let c be a possible result of computing  $binop_t(c_1, c_2)$ .
  - b. Push the value t.const c to the stack.
- 5. Else:
  - a. Trap.

```
\begin{array}{lll} (t.\mathsf{const}\ c_1)\ (t.\mathsf{const}\ c_2)\ t.\mathit{binop} &\hookrightarrow & (t.\mathsf{const}\ c) & (\text{if}\ c \in \mathit{binop}_t(c_1,c_2)) \\ (t.\mathsf{const}\ c_1)\ (t.\mathsf{const}\ c_2)\ t.\mathit{binop} &\hookrightarrow & \mathsf{trap} & (\text{if}\ \mathit{binop}_t(c_1,c_2) = \{\}) \end{array}
```

#### t.testop

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type t is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value t.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 3. Let c be the result of computing  $testop_t(c_1)$ .
- 4. Push the value i32.const *c* to the stack.

$$(t.\mathsf{const}\ c_1)\ t.\mathit{testop}\ \hookrightarrow\ (\mathsf{i32}.\mathsf{const}\ c)\ (\mathsf{if}\ c = \mathit{testop}_t(c_1))$$

#### t.relop

- 1. Assert: due to validation, two values of value type t are on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value t.const  $c_2$  from the stack.
- 3. Pop the value t.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 4. Let c be the result of computing  $relop_t(c_1, c_2)$ .
- 5. Push the value i32.const c to the stack.

```
(t.\mathsf{const}\ c_1)\ (t.\mathsf{const}\ c_2)\ t.\mathit{relop}\ \hookrightarrow\ (\mathsf{i32}.\mathsf{const}\ c)\ (\mathsf{if}\ c=\mathit{relop}_t(c_1,c_2))
```

## $t_2.cvtop\_t_1\_sx$ ?

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type  $t_1$  is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value  $t_1$ .const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 3. If  $cvtop_{t_1,t_2}^{sx^?}(c_1)$  is defined:
  - a. Let  $c_2$  be a possible result of computing  $\operatorname{cvtop}_{t_1,t_2}^{sx^?}(c_1)$ .
  - b. Push the value  $t_2$ .const  $c_2$  to the stack.
- 4. Else:
  - a. Trap.

```
\begin{array}{lll} (t_1.\mathsf{const}\ c_1)\ t_2.\mathit{cvtop\_t_1\_sx}^? &\hookrightarrow & (t_2.\mathsf{const}\ c_2) & & (\mathrm{if}\ c_2 \in \mathit{cvtop}^{sx^?}_{t_1,t_2}(c_1)) \\ (t_1.\mathsf{const}\ c_1)\ t_2.\mathit{cvtop\_t_1\_sx}^? &\hookrightarrow & \mathrm{trap} & & (\mathrm{if}\ \mathit{cvtop}^{sx^?}_{t_1,t_2}(c_1) = \{\}) \end{array}
```

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## 4.6.2 Reference Instructions

#### ref.null ht

1. Push the value ref.null ht to the stack.

Note: No formal reduction rule is required for this instruction, since the ref.null instruction is already a value.

#### $\mathsf{ref}.\mathsf{func}\;x$

- 1. Let *F* be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.funcaddrs[x] exists.
- 3. Let a be the function address F.module.funcaddrs[x].
- 4. Push the value ref.func a to the stack.

```
F; (ref.func x) \hookrightarrow F; (ref.func a) (if a = F.module.funcaddrs[x])
```

## ref.is\_null

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a reference value is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value *val* from the stack.
- 3. If val is ref.null ht, then:
  - a. Push the value i32.const 1 to the stack.
- 4. Else:
  - a. Push the value i32.const 0 to the stack.

```
val \text{ ref.is\_null } \hookrightarrow \text{ i32.const 1} \qquad \text{(if } val = \text{ref.null } ht\text{)}
val \text{ ref.is\_null } \hookrightarrow \text{ i32.const 0} \qquad \text{(otherwise)}
```

## ref.as\_non\_null

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a reference value is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value *val* from the stack.
- 3. If val is ref.null ht, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 4. Push the value val back to the stack.

#### 4.6.3 Vector Instructions

Most vector instructions are defined in terms of generic numeric operators applied lane-wise based on the shape.

$$op_{t \times N}(n_1, \dots, n_k) = \operatorname{lanes}_{t \times N}^{-1}(op_t(\operatorname{lanes}_{t \times N}(n_1) \dots \operatorname{lanes}_{t \times N}(n_k))$$

**Note:** For example, the result of instruction i32x4.add applied to operands  $i_1, i_2$  invokes  $\operatorname{add}_{i32x4}(i_1, i_2)$ , which maps to  $\operatorname{lanes}_{i32x4}^{-1}(\operatorname{add}_{i32}(i_1^+, i_2^+))$ , where  $i_1^+$  and  $i_2^+$  are sequences resulting from invoking  $\operatorname{lanes}_{i32x4}(i_1)$  and  $\operatorname{lanes}_{i32x4}(i_2)$  respectively.

#### v128.const $\it c$

1. Push the value v128.const c to the stack.

Note: No formal reduction rule is required for this instruction, since const instructions coincide with values.

#### v128.vvunop

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type v128 is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 3. Let c be the result of computing  $vvunop_{i128}(c_1)$ .
- 4. Push the value v128.const c to the stack.

```
(v128.const c_1) v128.vvunop \hookrightarrow (v128.const c)  (if c = vvunop_{i128}(c_1))
```

#### v128.vvbinop

- 1. Assert: due to validation, two values of value type v128 are on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value v128.const  $c_2$  from the stack.
- 3. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 4. Let c be the result of computing  $vvbinop_{i128}(c_1, c_2)$ .
- 5. Push the value v128.const c to the stack.

```
(v128.const c_1) (v128.const c_2) v128.vvbinop \hookrightarrow (v128.const c)  (if c = vvbinop_{i128}(c_1, c_2))
```

## v128. vvternop

- 1. Assert: due to validation, three values of value type v128 are on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value v128.const  $c_3$  from the stack.
- 3. Pop the value v128.const  $c_2$  from the stack.
- 4. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 5. Let c be the result of computing  $vvternop_{i128}(c_1, c_2, c_3)$ .
- 6. Push the value v128.const c to the stack.

```
(\texttt{v}128.\mathsf{const}\ c_1)\ (\texttt{v}128.\mathsf{const}\ c_2)\ (\texttt{v}128.\mathsf{const}\ c_3)\ \texttt{v}128.\mathit{v}vternop \ \hookrightarrow \ (\texttt{v}128.\mathsf{const}\ c) \ (\mathsf{if}\ c = \mathit{v}vternop_{\mathsf{i}\mathsf{1}\mathsf{2}\mathsf{8}}(c_1,c_2,c_3))
```

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#### v128.any\_true

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type v128 is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 3. Let i be the result of computing  $ine_{128}(c_1, 0)$ .
- 4. Push the value i32.const *i* onto the stack.

```
(v128.const c_1) v128.any\_true \hookrightarrow (i32.const i) 	 (if <math>i = ine_{128}(c_1, 0))
```

#### i8x16.swizzle

- 1. Assert: due to validation, two values of value type v128 are on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value v128.const  $c_2$  from the stack.
- 3. Let  $i^*$  be the result of computing lanes<sub>i8x16</sub>  $(c_2)$ .
- 4. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 5. Let  $j^*$  be the result of computing lanes<sub>i8x16</sub> $(c_1)$ .
- 6. Let  $c^*$  be the concatenation of the two sequences  $j^*$  and  $0^{240}$ .
- 7. Let c' be the result of computing  $lanes_{i8x16}^{-1}(c^*[i^*[0]]...c^*[i^*[15]])$ .
- 8. Push the value v128.const c' onto the stack.

```
\begin{array}{ll} \text{(v128.const $c_1$) (v128.const $c_2$) i8x16.swizzle} &\hookrightarrow & \text{(v128.const $c'$)} \\ \text{(if $i^* = \mathrm{lanes}_{i8x16}(c_2)$} \\ &\land c^* = \mathrm{lanes}_{i8x16}(c_1) \ 0^{240} \\ &\land c' = \mathrm{lanes}_{i8x16}^{-1}(c^*[i^*[0]] \dots c^*[i^*[15]])) \end{array}
```

## i8x16.shuffle $x^*$

- 1. Assert: due to validation, two values of value type v128 are on the top of the stack.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, for all  $x_i$  in  $x^*$  it holds that  $x_i < 32$ .
- 3. Pop the value v128.const  $c_2$  from the stack.
- 4. Let  $i_2^*$  be the result of computing lanes $_{i8x16}(c_2)$ .
- 5. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 6. Let  $i_1^*$  be the result of computing lanes<sub>i8x16</sub>  $(c_1)$ .
- 7. Let  $i^*$  be the concatenation of the two sequences  $i_1^*$  and  $i_2^*$ .
- 8. Let c be the result of computing  $lanes_{i8x_{16}}^{-1}(i^*[x^*[0]]...i^*[x^*[15]])$ .
- 9. Push the value v128.const c onto the stack.

#### shape.splat

- 1. Let t be the type unpacked (shape).
- 2. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type t is on the top of the stack.
- 3. Pop the value t.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 4. Let N be the integer  $\dim(shape)$ .
- 5. Let c be the result of computing lanes  $_{shape}^{-1}(c_1^N)$ .
- 6. Push the value v128.const c to the stack.

```
(t.\mathsf{const}\ c_1)\ \mathit{shape}.\mathsf{splat}\ \hookrightarrow\ (\mathsf{v}128.\mathsf{const}\ c) \qquad (\mathsf{if}\ t = \mathsf{unpacked}(\mathit{shape}) \land c = \mathsf{lanes}_{\mathit{shape}}^{-1}(c_1^{\dim(\mathit{shape})}))
```

## $t_1 \times N$ .extract\_lane\_ $sx^? x$

- 1. Assert: due to validation, x < N.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type v128 is on the top of the stack.
- 3. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 4. Let  $i^*$  be the result of computing lanes<sub> $t_1 \times N$ </sub> ( $c_1$ ).
- 5. Let  $t_2$  be the type unpacked  $(t_1 \times N)$ .
- 6. Let  $c_2$  be the result of computing extend  $t_{t_1,t_2}^{sx^2}(i^*[x])$ .
- 7. Push the value  $t_2$ .const  $c_2$  to the stack.

#### shape.replace lane x

- 1. Assert: due to validation,  $x < \dim(shape)$ .
- 2. Let  $t_1$  be the type unpacked (shape).
- 3. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type  $t_1$  is on the top of the stack.
- 4. Pop the value  $t_1$ .const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 5. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type v128 is on the top of the stack.
- 6. Pop the value v128.const  $c_2$  from the stack.
- 7. Let  $i^*$  be the result of computing lanes<sub>shape</sub>  $(c_2)$ .
- 8. Let c be the result of computing lanes  $_{shape}^{-1}(i^* \text{ with } [x] = c_1)$ .
- 9. Push v128.const c on the stack.

```
\begin{array}{ll} (t_1.\mathsf{const}\ c_1)\ (\mathsf{v}128.\mathsf{const}\ c_2)\ (\mathit{shape}.\mathsf{replace\_lane}\ x) &\hookrightarrow & (\mathsf{v}128.\mathsf{const}\ c) \\ (\mathsf{if}\ i^* = \mathsf{lanes}_{\mathit{shape}}(c_2) \\ &\land c = \mathsf{lanes}_{\mathit{shape}}^{-1}(i^*\ \mathsf{with}\ [x] = c_1)) \end{array}
```

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#### shape.vunop

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type v128 is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value  $\vee 128$ .const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 3. Let c be the result of computing  $vunop_{shape}(c_1)$ .
- 4. Push the value v128.const c to the stack.

```
(v128.const c_1) v128.vunop \hookrightarrow (v128.const c) 	 (if <math>c = vunop_{shape}(c_1))
```

#### shape.vbinop

- 1. Assert: due to validation, two values of value type v128 are on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value v128.const  $c_2$  from the stack.
- 3. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 4. If  $vbinop_{shape}(c_1, c_2)$  is defined:
  - a. Let c be a possible result of computing  $vbinop_{shape}(c_1, c_2)$ .
  - b. Push the value v128.const c to the stack.
- 5. Else:
  - a. Trap.

#### $t \times N. vrelop$

- 1. Assert: due to validation, two values of value type v128 are on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value v128.const  $c_2$  from the stack.
- 3. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 4. Let  $i_1^*$  be the result of computing lanes $_{t \times N}(c_1)$ .
- 5. Let  $i_2^*$  be the result of computing lanes<sub>txN</sub> $(c_2)$ .
- 6. Let  $i^*$  be the result of computing  $vrelop_t(i_1^*, i_2^*)$ .
- 7. Let  $j^*$  be the result of computing extend<sup>s</sup><sub>1,|t|</sub>( $i^*$ ).
- 8. Let c be the result of computing lanes $_{t \times N}^{-1}(j^*)$ .
- 9. Push the value v128.const c to the stack.

```
(v128.const c_1) (v128.const c_2) txN.vrelop \hookrightarrow (v128.const <math>c)

(if c = \operatorname{lanes}_{txN}^{-1}(\operatorname{extend}^{s}_{1,|t|}(\operatorname{vrelop}_{t}(\operatorname{lanes}_{txN}(c_1), \operatorname{lanes}_{txN}(c_2)))))
```

## txN.vishiftop

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value i32.const s from the stack.
- 3. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type v128 is on the top of the stack.
- 4. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 5. Let  $i^*$  be the result of computing lanes $_{t \times N}(c_1)$ .
- 6. Let  $j^*$  be the result of computing vishiftop<sub>t</sub> $(i^*, s^N)$ .
- 7. Let c be the result of computing lanes $_{t \times N}^{-1}(j^*)$ .
- 8. Push the value v128.const c to the stack.

```
(v128.const c_1) (i32.const s) txN.vishiftop <math>\hookrightarrow (v128.const c)

(if i^* = \text{lanes}_{txN}(c_1)

\land c = \text{lanes}_{txN}^{-1}(vishiftop_t(i^*, s^N)))
```

## $shape.all\_true$

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type v128 is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 3. Let  $i_1^*$  be the result of computing lanes<sub>shape</sub> $(c_1)$ .
- 4. Let i be the result of computing bool( $\bigwedge(i_1 \neq 0)^*$ ).
- 5. Push the value i32.const i onto the stack.

```
(v128.const c_1) shape.all\_true \hookrightarrow (i32.const <math>i)

(if i_1^* = lanes_{shape}(c)

\land i = bool(\bigwedge(i_1 \neq 0)^*))
```

### $t \times N$ .bitmask

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type v128 is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 3. Let  $i_1^N$  be the result of computing lanes $_{t \times N}(c)$ .
- 4. Let B be the bit width |t| of value type t.
- 5. Let  $i_2^N$  be the result of computing ilt\_ $s_B(i_1^N, 0^N)$ .
- 6. Let  $j^*$  be the concatenation of the two sequences  $i_2^N$  and  $0^{32-N}$ .
- 7. Let c be the result of computing ibits $_{32}^{-1}(j^*)$ .
- 8. Push the value i32.const c onto the stack.

```
(v128.\mathsf{const}\ c_1)\ t \times N.\mathsf{bitmask}\ \hookrightarrow\ (i32.\mathsf{const}\ c) \qquad (\text{if}\ c = \mathrm{ibits}_{32}^{-1}(\mathrm{ilt}_{-\mathrm{S}_{|t|}}(\mathrm{lanes}_{t \times N}(c), 0^N)))
```

## $t_2 \times N$ .narrow\_ $t_1 \times M$ \_sx

- 1. Assert: due to syntax,  $N = 2 \cdot M$ .
- 2. Assert: due to validation, two values of value type v128 are on the top of the stack.
- 3. Pop the value v128.const  $c_2$  from the stack.
- 4. Let  $i_2^M$  be the result of computing lanes $_{t_1 \times M}(c_2)$ .
- 5. Let  $d_2^M$  be the result of computing  $\underset{|t_1|,|t_2|}{\operatorname{narrow}}_{|t_1|,|t_2|}^{sx}(i_2^M)$ .
- 6. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 7. Let  $i_1^M$  be the result of computing lanes $_{t_1 \times M}(c_1)$ .
- 8. Let  $d_1^M$  be the result of computing  $\underset{|t_1|,|t_2|}{\operatorname{narrow}}_{|t_1|,|t_2|}^{sx}(i_1^M)$ .
- 9. Let  $j^N$  be the concatenation of the two sequences  $d_1^M$  and  $d_2^M$ .
- 10. Let c be the result of computing lanes $_{t_2 \times N}^{-1}(j^N)$ .
- 11. Push the value v128.const c onto the stack.

```
 \begin{array}{lll} \text{(v128.const $c_1$) (v128.const $c_2$) $t_2 \times N. \text{narrow}\_t_1 \times M\_sx} & \hookrightarrow & \text{(v128.const $c$)} \\ \text{(if $d_1^M = \operatorname{narrow}_{|t_1|,|t_2|}^{sx}(\operatorname{lanes}_{t_1 \times M}(c_1))$} \\ & \wedge d_2^M = \operatorname{narrow}_{|t_1|,|t_2|}^{sx}(\operatorname{lanes}_{t_1 \times M}(c_2)) \\ & \wedge c = \operatorname{lanes}_{t_2 \times N}^{-1}(d_1^M \ d_2^M)) \end{array}
```

## $t_2 \times N.vcvtop\_t_1 \times M\_sx$

- 1. Assert: due to syntax, N = M.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type v128 is on the top of the stack.
- 3. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 4. Let  $i^*$  be the result of computing lanes<sub> $t_1 \times M$ </sub> ( $c_1$ ).
- 5. Let  $j^*$  be the result of computing  $vcvtop^{sx}_{|t_1|,|t_2|}(i^*)$ .
- 6. Let c be the result of computing lanes $_{t imes N}^{-1}(j^*)$ .
- 7. Push the value v128.const c onto the stack.

## $t_2 \times N.vcvtop\_half\_t_1 \times M\_sx^?$

- 1. Assert: due to syntax, N = M/2.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type v128 is on the top of the stack.
- 3. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 4. Let  $i^*$  be the result of computing  $lanes_{t_1 \times M}(c_1)$ .
- 5. If half is low, then:
  - a. Let  $j^*$  be the sequence  $i^*[0:N]$ .
- 6. Else:
  - a. Let  $j^*$  be the sequence  $i^*[N:N]$ .
- 7. Let  $k^*$  be the result of computing  $vcvtop_{|t_1|,|t_2|}^{sx^?}(j^*)$ .
- 8. Let c be the result of computing lanes $_{t_2 \times N}^{-1}(k^*)$ .

9. Push the value v128.const c onto the stack.

where:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \mathsf{low}(x,y) & = & x \\ \mathsf{high}(x,y) & = & y \end{array}$$

## $t_2 \times N.vcvtop\_t_1 \times M\_sx\_zero$

- 1. Assert: due to syntax,  $N = 2 \cdot M$ .
- 2. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type v128 is on the top of the stack.
- 3. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 4. Let  $i^*$  be the result of computing lanes<sub> $t_1 \times M$ </sub> ( $c_1$ ).
- 5. Let  $j^*$  be the result of computing  $vcvtop_{|t_1|,|t_2|}^{sx}(i^*)$ .
- 6. Let  $k^*$  be the concatenation of the two sequences  $j^*$  and  $0^M$ .
- 7. Let c be the result of computing lanes $_{t_{2}\times N}^{-1}(k^*)$ .
- 8. Push the value v128.const c onto the stack.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \left( \text{v128.const } c_1 \right) t_2 \mathbf{x} N. vcvtop\_t_1 \mathbf{x} M\_sx\_{\tt zero} &\hookrightarrow & \left( \text{v128.const } c \right) \\ \left( \text{if } c = \operatorname{lanes}_{t_2 \mathbf{x} N}^{-1} \left( vcvtop_{|t_1|,|t_2|}^{sx} \left( \operatorname{lanes}_{t_1 \mathbf{x} M} \left( c_1 \right) \right) \, 0^M \right) \right) \end{array}$$

## i32x4.dot\_i16x8\_s

- 1. Assert: due to validation, two values of value type v128 are on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value  $\vee 128$ .const  $c_2$  from the stack.
- 3. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 4. Let  $i_1^*$  be the result of computing lanes<sub>i16x8</sub> $(c_1)$ .
- 5. Let  $j_1^*$  be the result of computing extend  $_{16,32}(i_1^*)$ .
- 6. Let  $i_2^*$  be the result of computing lanes<sub>i16×8</sub> $(c_2)$ .
- 7. Let  $j_2^*$  be the result of computing extend  $_{16,32}(i_2^*)$ .
- 8. Let  $(k_1 k_2)^*$  be the result of computing  $\operatorname{imul}_{32}(j_1^*, j_2^*)$ .
- 9. Let  $k^*$  be the result of computing  $iadd_{32}(k_1, k_2)^*$ .
- 10. Let c be the result of computing lanes $_{32\times4}^{-1}(k^*)$ .
- 11. Push the value v128.const c onto the stack.

```
 \begin{array}{lll} \text{(v128.const $c_1$) (v128.const $c_2$) i32x4.dot_i16x8_s} & \hookrightarrow & \text{(v128.const $c$)} \\ & \text{(if $(i_1 \: i_2)^* = imul_{32}$(extend^{\mathfrak{s}}_{16,32}$(lanes_{i16x8}$($c_1$)), extend^{\mathfrak{s}}_{16,32}$(lanes_{i16x8}$($c_2$)))} \\ & \wedge j^* = iadd_{32}$($i_1, i_2$)^* \\ & \wedge c = lanes_{i32x4}^{-1}$($j^*$))} \end{array}
```

## $t_2 \times N$ .extmul\_ $half\_t_1 \times M\_sx$

- 1. Assert: due to syntax, N = M/2.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, two values of value type v128 are on the top of the stack.
- 3. Pop the value v128.const  $c_2$  from the stack.
- 4. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 5. Let  $i_1^*$  be the result of computing lanes $_{t_1 \times M}(c_1)$ .
- 6. Let  $i_2^*$  be the result of computing lanes $_{t_1 \times M}(c_2)$ .
- 7. If *half* is low, then:
  - a. Let  $j_1^*$  be the sequence  $i_1^*[0:N]$ .
  - b. Let  $j_2^*$  be the sequence  $i_2^*[0:N]$ .
- 8. Else:
  - a. Let  $j_1^*$  be the sequence  $i_1^*[N:N]$ .
  - b. Let  $j_2^*$  be the sequence  $i_2^*[N:N]$ .
- 9. Let  $k_1^*$  be the result of computing extend $_{\lfloor t_1 \rfloor, \lfloor t_2 \rfloor}^{sx}(j_1^*)$ .
- 10. Let  $k_2^*$  be the result of computing extend $_{|t_1|,|t_2|}^{sx}(j_2^*)$ .
- 11. Let  $k^*$  be the result of computing  $\operatorname{imul}_{t_2 \times N}(k_1^*, k_2^*)$ .
- 12. Let c be the result of computing lanes $_{t imes N}^{-1}(k^*)$ .
- 13. Push the value v128.const c onto the stack.

where:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \mathsf{low}(x,y) & = & x \\ \mathsf{high}(x,y) & = & y \end{array}$$

# $t_2 x N$ .extadd\_pairwise\_ $t_1 x M$ \_sx

- 1. Assert: due to syntax, N = M/2.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type v128 is on the top of the stack.
- 3. Pop the value v128.const  $c_1$  from the stack.
- 4. Let  $i^*$  be the result of computing lanes $_{t_1 \times M}(c_1)$ .
- 5. Let  $(j_1 \ j_2)^*$  be the result of computing extend $_{|t_1|,|t_2|}^{sx}(i^*)$ .
- 6. Let  $k^*$  be the result of computing  $iadd_N(j_1, j_2)^*$ .
- 7. Let c be the result of computing lanes $_{taxN}^{-1}(k^*)$ .
- 8. Push the value v128.const c to the stack.

## 4.6.4 Parametric Instructions

drop

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a value is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value val from the stack.

$$val \ \mathsf{drop} \ \hookrightarrow \ \epsilon$$

select  $(t^*)$ ?

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value i32.const c from the stack.
- 3. Assert: due to validation, two more values (of the same value type) are on the top of the stack.
- 4. Pop the value  $val_2$  from the stack.
- 5. Pop the value  $val_1$  from the stack.
- 6. If c is not 0, then:
  - a. Push the value  $val_1$  back to the stack.
- 7. Else:
  - a. Push the value  $val_2$  back to the stack.

```
val_1 \ val_2 \ (i32.const \ c) \ (select \ t^?) \ \hookrightarrow \ val_1 \ (if \ c \neq 0)
val_1 \ val_2 \ (i32.const \ c) \ (select \ t^?) \ \hookrightarrow \ val_2 \ (if \ c = 0)
```

Note: In future versions of WebAssembly, select may allow more than one value per choice.

# 4.6.5 Variable Instructions

## local.get x

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.locals[x] exists and is non-empty.
- 3. Let val be the value F.locals[x].
- 4. Push the value *val* to the stack.

```
F; (local.get x) \hookrightarrow F; val (if F.locals[x] = val)
```

local.set x

- 1. Let *F* be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.locals[x] exists.
- 3. Assert: due to validation, a value is on the top of the stack.
- 4. Pop the value val from the stack.
- 5. Replace F.locals[x] with the value val.

```
F; val (local.set x) \hookrightarrow F'; \epsilon (if F' = F with locals[x] = val)
```

#### local.tee x

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a value is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value val from the stack.
- 3. Push the value *val* to the stack.
- 4. Push the value *val* to the stack.
- 5. Execute the instruction local set x.

```
val 	ext{ (local.tee } x) 	ext{ } \hookrightarrow 	ext{ } val 	ext{ (local.set } x)
```

## global.get x

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.globaladdrs[x] exists.
- 3. Let a be the global address F.module.globaladdrs[x].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.globals[a] exists.
- 5. Let glob be the global instance S.globals[a].
- 6. Let *val* be the value *glob*.value.
- 7. Push the value *val* to the stack.

```
S; F; (\mathsf{global}.\mathsf{get}\ x) \hookrightarrow S; F; \mathit{val}
(\mathsf{if}\ S.\mathsf{globals}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{globaladdrs}[x]].\mathsf{value} = \mathit{val})
```

## $\mathsf{global}.\mathsf{set}\ x$

- 1. Let *F* be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.globaladdrs[x] exists.
- 3. Let a be the global address F.module.globaladdrs[x].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.globals[a] exists.
- 5. Let glob be the global instance S.globals[a].
- 6. Assert: due to validation, a value is on the top of the stack.
- 7. Pop the value val from the stack.
- 8. Replace glob.value with the value val.

```
S; F; val \text{ (global.set } x) \hookrightarrow S'; F; \epsilon
(if S' = S \text{ with globals}[F. module. global addrs}[x]].value = <math>val)
```

Note: Validation ensures that the global is, in fact, marked as mutable.

### 4.6.6 Table Instructions

## table.get x

- 1. Let *F* be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.tableaddrs[x] exists.
- 3. Let a be the table address F.module.tableaddrs[x].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.tables[a] exists.
- 5. Let tab be the table instance S.tables[a].
- 6. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 7. Pop the value i32.const i from the stack.
- 8. If i is not smaller than the length of tab.elem, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 9. Let val be the value tab.elem[i].
- 10. Push the value val to the stack.

```
S; F; (i32.const i) (table.get x) \hookrightarrow S; F; val (if S.tables[F.module.tableaddrs[x]].elem[i] = val) S; F; (i32.const i) (table.get x) \hookrightarrow S; F; trap (otherwise)
```

### $\mathsf{table}.\mathsf{set}\ x$

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.tableaddrs[x] exists.
- 3. Let a be the table address F.module.tableaddrs[x].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.tables[a] exists.
- 5. Let tab be the table instance S.tables[a].
- 6. Assert: due to validation, a reference value is on the top of the stack.
- 7. Pop the value *val* from the stack.
- 8. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 9. Pop the value i32.const i from the stack.
- 10. If i is not smaller than the length of tab.elem, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 11. Replace the element tab.elem[i] with val.

```
S; F; (i32.const i) val (table.set x) \hookrightarrow S'; F; \epsilon (if S' = S with tables [F].module.tableaddrs [x]].elem [i] = val) S; F; (i32.const i) val (table.set x) \hookrightarrow S; F; trap (otherwise)
```

#### table.size x

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.tableaddrs[x] exists.
- 3. Let a be the table address F.module.tableaddrs[x].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.tables[a] exists.
- 5. Let tab be the table instance S.tables[a].
- 6. Let sz be the length of tab.elem.
- 7. Push the value i32.const sz to the stack.

```
S; F; (\mathsf{table.size}\ x) \hookrightarrow S; F; (\mathsf{i32.const}\ sz)
(if |S.\mathsf{tables}[F.\mathsf{module.tableaddrs}[x]].\mathsf{elem}| = sz)
```

### table.grow x

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.tableaddrs[x] exists.
- 3. Let a be the table address F.module.tableaddrs[x].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.tables[a] exists.
- 5. Let tab be the table instance S.tables[a].
- 6. Let sz be the length of S.tables[a].
- 7. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 8. Pop the value i32.const n from the stack.
- 9. Assert: due to validation, a reference value is on the top of the stack.
- 10. Pop the value val from the stack.
- 11. Let err be the i32 value  $2^{32} 1$ , for which signed<sub>32</sub>(err) is -1.
- 12. Either:
- a. If growing tab by n entries with initialization value val succeeds, then:
  - i. Push the value i32.const sz to the stack.
- b. Else:
  - i. Push the value i32.const err to the stack.
- 13. Or:
- a. push the value i32.const err to the stack.

```
S; F; val \ (\mathsf{i32.const} \ n) \ (\mathsf{table.grow} \ x) \ \hookrightarrow \ S'; F; (\mathsf{i32.const} \ sz)  (\mathsf{if} \ F.\mathsf{module.tableaddrs}[x] = a  \land sz = |S.\mathsf{tables}[a].\mathsf{elem}|  \land S' = S \ \mathsf{with} \ \mathsf{tables}[a] = \mathsf{growtable}(S.\mathsf{tables}[a], n, val))  S; F; val \ (\mathsf{i32.const} \ n) \ (\mathsf{table.grow} \ x) \ \hookrightarrow \ S; F; (\mathsf{i32.const} \ \mathsf{signed}_{32}^{-1}(-1))
```

**Note:** The table grow instruction is non-deterministic. It may either succeed, returning the old table size sz, or fail, returning -1. Failure *must* occur if the referenced table instance has a maximum size defined that would be exceeded. However, failure can occur in other cases as well. In practice, the choice depends on the resources available to the embedder.

#### table.fill x

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.tableaddrs[x] exists.
- 3. Let ta be the table address F.module.tableaddrs[x].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.tables[ta] exists.
- 5. Let tab be the table instance S.tables[ta].
- 6. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 7. Pop the value i32.const n from the stack.
- 8. Assert: due to validation, a reference value is on the top of the stack.
- 9. Pop the value *val* from the stack.
- 10. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 11. Pop the value i32.const i from the stack.
- 12. If i + n is larger than the length of tab.elem, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 12. If n is 0, then:
  - a. Return.
- 13. Push the value i32.const i to the stack.
- 14. Push the value val to the stack.
- 15. Execute the instruction table.set x.
- 16. Push the value i32.const (i + 1) to the stack.
- 17. Push the value *val* to the stack.
- 18. Push the value i32.const (n-1) to the stack.
- 19. Execute the instruction table.fill x.

```
S; F; (\mathsf{i32.const}\ i)\ val\ (\mathsf{i32.const}\ n)\ (\mathsf{table.fill}\ x) \ \hookrightarrow \ S; F; \mathsf{trap}\ (\mathsf{if}\ i+n>|S.\mathsf{tables}[F.\mathsf{module.tableaddrs}[x]].\mathsf{elem}|) S; F; (\mathsf{i32.const}\ i)\ val\ (\mathsf{i32.const}\ 0)\ (\mathsf{table.fill}\ x) \ \hookrightarrow \ S; F; \epsilon\ (\mathsf{otherwise}) S; F; (\mathsf{i32.const}\ i)\ val\ (\mathsf{i32.const}\ n+1)\ (\mathsf{table.fill}\ x) \ \hookrightarrow \ S; F; (\mathsf{i32.const}\ i)\ val\ (\mathsf{table.set}\ x)\ (\mathsf{i32.const}\ i)\ val\ (\mathsf{i32.const}\ i)\ val\ (\mathsf{i32.const}\ n)\ (\mathsf{table.fill}\ x)\ (\mathsf{otherwise})
```

## $\mathsf{table}.\mathsf{copy}\ x\ y$

- 1. Let *F* be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.tableaddrs[x] exists.
- 3. Let  $ta_x$  be the table address F.module.tableaddrs[x].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.tables[ $ta_x$ ] exists.
- 5. Let  $tab_x$  be the table instance S.tables  $[ta_x]$ .
- 6. Assert: due to validation, F.module.tableaddrs[y] exists.
- 7. Let  $ta_y$  be the table address F.module.tableaddrs[y].

- 8. Assert: due to validation, S.tables[ $ta_y$ ] exists.
- 9. Let  $tab_y$  be the table instance S.tables  $[ta_y]$ .
- 10. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 11. Pop the value i32.const n from the stack.
- 12. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 13. Pop the value i32.const s from the stack.
- 14. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 15. Pop the value i32.const d from the stack.
- 16. If s + n is larger than the length of  $tab_y$  elem or d + n is larger than the length of  $tab_x$  elem, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 17. If n = 0, then:
- a. Return.
- 18. If  $d \leq s$ , then:
- a. Push the value i32.const d to the stack.
- b. Push the value i32.const s to the stack.
- c. Execute the instruction table.get y.
- d. Execute the instruction table.set x.
- e. Assert: due to the earlier check against the table size,  $d+1<2^{32}$ .
- f. Push the value i32.const (d+1) to the stack.
- g. Assert: due to the earlier check against the table size,  $s + 1 < 2^{32}$ .
- h. Push the value i32.const (s+1) to the stack.
- 19. Else:
  - a. Assert: due to the earlier check against the table size,  $d + n 1 < 2^{32}$ .
  - b. Push the value i32.const (d + n 1) to the stack.
  - c. Assert: due to the earlier check against the table size,  $s + n 1 < 2^{32}$ .
  - d. Push the value i32.const (s + n 1) to the stack.
  - c. Execute the instruction table.get y.
  - f. Execute the instruction table.set x.
  - g. Push the value i32.const d to the stack.
  - h. Push the value i32.const s to the stack.
- 20. Push the value i32.const (n-1) to the stack.
- 21. Execute the instruction table.copy x y.

```
S; F; (\mathrm{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ d)\ (\mathrm{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ s)\ (\mathrm{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ n)\ (\mathsf{table.copy}\ x\ y) \quad\hookrightarrow\quad S; F; \mathsf{trap}\ (\mathsf{if}\ s+n>|S.\mathsf{tables}[F.\mathsf{module.tableaddrs}[y]].\mathsf{elem}| \\ \lor\ d+n>|S.\mathsf{tables}[F.\mathsf{module.tableaddrs}[x]].\mathsf{elem}|) \\ S; F; (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ d)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ s)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ 0)\ (\mathsf{table.copy}\ x\ y) \quad\hookrightarrow\quad S; F; \epsilon\ (\mathsf{otherwise}) \\ S; F; (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ d)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ s)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ n+1)\ (\mathsf{table.copy}\ x\ y) \quad\hookrightarrow\quad S; F; (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ d)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ s)\ (\mathsf{table.get}\ y)\ (\mathsf{table.set}\ x)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ d+1)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ s+1)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ n)\ (\mathsf{table.copy}\ x\ y) \\ S; F; (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ d)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ s)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ s+1)\ (\mathsf{table.copy}\ x\ y) \quad\hookrightarrow\quad S; F; (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ d+n)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ s+n)\ (\mathsf{table.get}\ y)\ (\mathsf{table.set}\ x)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ d)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ s)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ n)\ (\mathsf{table.copy}\ x\ y)\ (\mathsf{otherwise},\ \mathsf{if}\ d>s) \\ (\mathsf{otherwise},\ \mathsf{if}\ d>s)
```

### table.init x y

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.tableaddrs[x] exists.
- 3. Let ta be the table address F.module.tableaddrs[x].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.tables[ta] exists.
- 5. Let tab be the table instance S.tables [ta].
- 6. Assert: due to validation, F.module.elemaddrs[y] exists.
- 7. Let ea be the element address F.module.elemaddrs[y].
- 8. Assert: due to validation, S.elems[ea] exists.
- 9. Let *elem* be the element instance S.elems[ea].
- 10. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 11. Pop the value i32.const n from the stack.
- 12. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 13. Pop the value i32.const s from the stack.
- 14. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 15. Pop the value i32.const d from the stack.
- 16. If s + n is larger than the length of *elem*.elem or d + n is larger than the length of tab.elem, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 17. If n = 0, then:
  - a. Return.
- 18. Let val be the reference value elem.elem[s].
- 19. Push the value i32.const d to the stack.
- 20. Push the value val to the stack.
- 21. Execute the instruction table.set x.
- 22. Assert: due to the earlier check against the table size,  $d + 1 < 2^{32}$ .
- 23. Push the value i32.const (d+1) to the stack.
- 24. Assert: due to the earlier check against the segment size,  $s+1 < 2^{32}$ .
- 25. Push the value i32.const (s+1) to the stack.

- 26. Push the value i32.const (n-1) to the stack.
- 27. Execute the instruction table init x y.

```
S; F; (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ d)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ s)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ n)\ (\mathsf{table}.\mathsf{init}\ x\ y) \quad\hookrightarrow\quad S; F; \mathsf{trap}\\ (\mathsf{if}\ s+n>|S.\mathsf{elems}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{elemaddrs}[y]].\mathsf{elem}|\\ \lor\ d+n>|S.\mathsf{tables}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{tableaddrs}[x]].\mathsf{elem}|)\\ S; F; (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ d)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ s)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ 0)\ (\mathsf{table}.\mathsf{init}\ x\ y) \quad\hookrightarrow\quad S; F; \epsilon\\ (\mathsf{otherwise})\\ S; F; (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ d)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ s)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ n+1)\ (\mathsf{table}.\mathsf{init}\ x\ y) \quad\hookrightarrow\quad S; F; (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ d)\ val\ (\mathsf{table}.\mathsf{set}\ x)\\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ d+1)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ s+1)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ n)\ (\mathsf{table}.\mathsf{init}\ x\ y)\\ (\mathsf{otherwise},\ \mathsf{if}\ val=S.\mathsf{elems}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{elemaddrs}[y]].\mathsf{elem}[s])
```

### elem.drop x

- 1. Let *F* be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.elemaddrs[x] exists.
- 3. Let a be the element address F.module.elemaddrs[x].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.elems[a] exists.
- 5. Replace S.elems[a] with the element instance {elem  $\epsilon$ }.

```
S; F; (\mathsf{elem.drop}\ x) \hookrightarrow S'; F; \epsilon
(if S' = S with \mathsf{elems}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{elemaddrs}[x]] = \{\mathsf{elem}\ \epsilon\})
```

# 4.6.7 Memory Instructions

**Note:** The alignment memarg.align in load and store instructions does not affect the semantics. It is an indication that the offset ea at which the memory is accessed is intended to satisfy the property  $ea \mod 2^{memarg.align} = 0$ . A WebAssembly implementation can use this hint to optimize for the intended use. Unaligned access violating that property is still allowed and must succeed regardless of the annotation. However, it may be substantially slower on some hardware.

### $t.\mathsf{load}\ memarg\ \mathbf{and}\ t.\mathsf{load}N\_sx\ memarg$

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.memaddrs[0] exists.
- 3. Let a be the memory address F.module.memaddrs[0].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.mems[a] exists.
- 5. Let mem be the memory instance S.mems[a].
- 6. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 7. Pop the value i32.const i from the stack.
- 8. Let ea be the integer i + memarg.offset.
- 9. If N is not part of the instruction, then:
  - a. Let N be the bit width |t| of number type t.

- 10. If ea + N/8 is larger than the length of mem.data, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 11. Let  $b^*$  be the byte sequence mem.data[ea:N/8].
- 12. If N and sx are part of the instruction, then:
  - a. Let n be the integer for which bytes<sub>iN</sub> $(n) = b^*$ .
  - b. Let c be the result of computing extend  $\sum_{N,|t|}^{sx}(n)$ .
- 13. Else:
  - a. Let c be the constant for which by  $tes_t(c) = b^*$ .
- 14. Push the value t.const c to the stack.

```
\begin{array}{lll} S; F; (\mathrm{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ i)\ (t.\mathsf{load}\ memarg) &\hookrightarrow S; F; (t.\mathsf{const}\ c) \\ &(\mathrm{if}\ ea = i + memarg.\mathsf{offset} \\ &\land ea + |t|/8 \leq |S.\mathsf{mems}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{memaddrs}[0]].\mathsf{data}| \\ &\land \mathrm{bytes}_t(c) = S.\mathsf{mems}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{memaddrs}[0]].\mathsf{data}[ea:|t|/8]) \\ S; F; (\mathrm{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ i)\ (t.\mathsf{load}N\_sx\ memarg) &\hookrightarrow S; F; (t.\mathsf{const}\ \mathrm{extend}_{N,|t|}^{sx}(n)) \\ &(\mathrm{if}\ ea = i + memarg.\mathsf{offset} \\ &\land ea + N/8 \leq |S.\mathsf{mems}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{memaddrs}[0]].\mathsf{data}| \\ &\land \mathrm{bytes}_{iN}(n) = S.\mathsf{mems}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{memaddrs}[0]].\mathsf{data}[ea:N/8]) \\ S; F; (\mathrm{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ i)\ (t.\mathsf{load}(N\_sx)^?\ memarg) &\hookrightarrow S; F; \mathsf{trap} \\ &(\mathsf{otherwise}) \end{array}
```

### v128.load $M \times N \_sx \ memarg$

- 1. Let *F* be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.memaddrs[0] exists.
- 3. Let a be the memory address F.module.memaddrs[0].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.mems[a] exists.
- 5. Let mem be the memory instance S.mems[a].
- 6. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 7. Pop the value i32.const i from the stack.
- 8. Let ea be the integer i + memarg.offset.
- 9. If  $ea + M \cdot N/8$  is larger than the length of mem.data, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 10. Let  $b^*$  be the byte sequence  $mem.\mathsf{data}[ea:M\cdot N/8]$ .
- 11. Let  $m_k$  be the integer for which by  $tes_{iM}(m_k) = b^*[k \cdot M/8 : M/8]$ .
- 12. Let W be the integer  $M \cdot 2$ .
- 13. Let  $n_k$  be the result of computing extend M,W  $(m_k)$ .
- 14. Let c be the result of computing lanes $_{iW\times N}^{-1}(n_0\dots n_{N-1})$ .
- 15. Push the value v128.const c to the stack.

```
\begin{split} S; F; & \text{ (i32.const } i) \text{ (v128.load} M \times N\_sx \text{ } memarg) \quad \hookrightarrow \quad S; F; & \text{ (v128.const } c) \\ & \text{ (if } ea = i + memarg. offset} \\ & \wedge ea + M \cdot N/8 \leq |S. \text{mems}[F. \text{module.memaddrs}[0]]. \text{data}| \\ & \wedge \text{ bytes}_{iM}(m_k) = S. \text{mems}[F. \text{module.memaddrs}[0]]. \text{data}[ea + k \cdot M/8 : M/8] \\ & \wedge W = M \cdot 2 \\ & \wedge c = \text{lanes}_{iW \times N}^{-1}(\text{extend}_{M,W}^{sx}(m_0) \dots \text{extend}_{M,W}^{sx}(m_{N-1}))) \\ & S; F; & \text{ (i32.const } i) \text{ (v128.load} M \times N\_sx \text{ } memarg) \quad \hookrightarrow \quad S; F; \text{ trap} \\ & \text{ (otherwise)} \end{split}
```

## v128.loadN\_splat memarg

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.memaddrs[0] exists.
- 3. Let a be the memory address F.module.memaddrs[0].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.mems[a] exists.
- 5. Let mem be the memory instance S.mems[a].
- 6. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 7. Pop the value i32.const i from the stack.
- 8. Let ea be the integer i + memarg.offset.
- 9. If ea + N/8 is larger than the length of mem.data, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 10. Let  $b^*$  be the byte sequence mem.data[ea: N/8].
- 11. Let n be the integer for which bytes<sub>iN</sub> $(n) = b^*$ .
- 12. Let L be the integer 128/N.
- 13. Let c be the result of computing lanes $_{iN\times L}^{-1}(n^L)$ .
- 14. Push the value v128.const c to the stack.

```
\begin{array}{lll} S; F; (\mathrm{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ i)\ (\mathrm{v}128.\mathsf{load}N\_\mathsf{splat}\ memarg) &\hookrightarrow & S; F; (\mathrm{v}128.\mathsf{const}\ c)\\ (\mathrm{if}\ ea = i + memarg.\mathsf{o}\mathsf{f}\mathsf{f}\mathsf{set}\\ &\land ea + N/8 \leq |S.\mathsf{mems}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{memaddrs}[0]].\mathsf{data}|\\ &\land \mathsf{bytes}_{iN}(n) = S.\mathsf{mems}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{memaddrs}[0]].\mathsf{data}[ea : N/8]\\ &\land c = \mathsf{lanes}_{iN \times L}^{-1}(n^L))\\ S; F; (\mathrm{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ i)\ (\mathsf{v}128.\mathsf{load}N\_\mathsf{splat}\ memarg) &\hookrightarrow & S; F; \mathsf{trap}\\ &(\mathsf{o}\mathsf{therwise}) \end{array}
```

### v128.load N\_zero memarg

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.memaddrs[0] exists.
- 3. Let a be the memory address F.module.memaddrs[0].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.mems[a] exists.
- 5. Let mem be the memory instance S.mems[a].
- 6. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 7. Pop the value i32.const i from the stack.
- 8. Let ea be the integer i + memarg.offset.

```
9. If ea+N/8 is larger than the length of mem.\mathrm{data}, then:
```

```
a. Trap.
```

- 10. Let  $b^*$  be the byte sequence mem.data[ea:N/8].
- 11. Let n be the integer for which bytes<sub>iN</sub> $(n) = b^*$ .
- 12. Let c be the result of computing extend  $_{N,128}^{\mathsf{u}}(n)$ .
- 13. Push the value v128.const c to the stack.

```
S; F; (\mathsf{i32.const}\ i)\ (\mathsf{v128.load}\ N\_{\mathsf{zero}\ memarg}) \ \hookrightarrow \ S; F; (\mathsf{v128.const}\ c)  (if ea = i + memarg.\mathsf{offset}  \land ea + N/8 \le |S.\mathsf{mems}[F.\mathsf{module.memaddrs}[0]].\mathsf{data}|   \land \mathsf{bytes}_{iN}(n) = S.\mathsf{mems}[F.\mathsf{module.memaddrs}[0]].\mathsf{data}[ea : N/8]   \land c = \mathsf{extend}^{\mathsf{u}}_{N,128}(n))  S; F; (\mathsf{i32.const}\ i)\ (\mathsf{v128.load}\ N\_{\mathsf{zero}\ memarg}) \ \hookrightarrow \ S; F; \mathsf{trap}  (otherwise)
```

### v128.loadN lane memarg x

- 1. Let *F* be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.memaddrs[0] exists.
- 3. Let a be the memory address F.module.memaddrs[0].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.mems[a] exists.
- 5. Let mem be the memory instance S.mems[a].
- 6. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type v128 is on the top of the stack.
- 7. Pop the value v128.const v from the stack.
- 8. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 9. Pop the value i32.const i from the stack.
- 10. Let ea be the integer i + memarg.offset.
- 11. If ea + N/8 is larger than the length of mem.data, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 12. Let  $b^*$  be the byte sequence mem.data[ea:N/8].
- 13. Let r be the constant for which by  $tes_{iN}(r) = b^*$ .
- 14. Let L be 128/N.
- 15. Let  $j^*$  be the result of computing lanes<sub>iN×L</sub>(v).
- 16. Let c be the result of computing lanes $_{iN\times L}^{-1}(j^* \text{ with } [x] = r)$ .
- 17. Push the value v128.const c to the stack.

```
S; F; (\mathrm{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ i)\ (\mathrm{v}128.\mathsf{const}\ v)\ (\mathrm{v}128.\mathsf{load}N_{\mathsf{lane}}\ memarg\ x) \ \hookrightarrow \ S; F; (\mathrm{v}128.\mathsf{const}\ c)\ (\mathrm{if}\ ea = i + memarg.\mathsf{offset}\ \land ea + N/8 \leq |S.\mathsf{mems}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{memaddrs}[0]].\mathsf{data}|\ \land \mathsf{bytes}_{iN}(r) = S.\mathsf{mems}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{memaddrs}[0]].\mathsf{data}[ea:N/8]\ \land L = 128/N\ \land c = \mathsf{lanes}_{\mathsf{i}N\times L}^{-1}(\mathsf{lanes}_{\mathsf{i}N\times L}(v)\ \mathsf{with}\ [x] = r))\ S; F; (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ i)\ (\mathsf{v}128.\mathsf{const}\ v)\ (\mathsf{v}128.\mathsf{load}N_{\mathsf{lane}}\ memarg\ x) \ \hookrightarrow \ S; F; \mathsf{trap}\ (\mathsf{otherwise})
```

## $t.store\ memarg\ and\ t.storeN\ memarg$

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.memaddrs[0] exists.
- 3. Let a be the memory address F.module.memaddrs[0].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.mems[a] exists.
- 5. Let mem be the memory instance S.mems[a].
- 6. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type t is on the top of the stack.
- 7. Pop the value t.const c from the stack.
- 8. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 9. Pop the value i32.const i from the stack.
- 10. Let ea be the integer i + memarg.offset.
- 11. If N is not part of the instruction, then:
  - a. Let N be the bit width |t| of number type t.
- 12. If ea + N/8 is larger than the length of mem.data, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 13. If N is part of the instruction, then:
  - a. Let n be the result of computing  $\operatorname{wrap}_{|t|,N}(c)$ .
  - b. Let  $b^*$  be the byte sequence bytes<sub>iN</sub>(n).
- 14. Else:
  - a. Let  $b^*$  be the byte sequence bytes<sub>t</sub>(c).
- 15. Replace the bytes mem.data[ea:N/8] with  $b^*$ .

```
S; F; (\mathsf{i32.const}\ i)\ (t.\mathsf{const}\ c)\ (t.\mathsf{store}\ memarg) \ \hookrightarrow \ S'; F; \epsilon \\ (\mathsf{if}\ ea = i + memarg.\mathsf{offset} \\ \land ea + |t|/8 \le |S.\mathsf{mems}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{memaddrs}[0]].\mathsf{data}| \\ \land S' = S\ \mathsf{with}\ \mathsf{mems}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{memaddrs}[0]].\mathsf{data}[ea : |t|/8] = \mathsf{bytes}_t(c)) \\ S; F; (\mathsf{i32.const}\ i)\ (t.\mathsf{const}\ c)\ (t.\mathsf{store}N\ memarg) \ \hookrightarrow \ S'; F; \epsilon \\ (\mathsf{if}\ ea = i + memarg.\mathsf{offset} \\ \land ea + N/8 \le |S.\mathsf{mems}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{memaddrs}[0]].\mathsf{data}| \\ \land S' = S\ \mathsf{with}\ \mathsf{mems}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{memaddrs}[0]].\mathsf{data}[ea : N/8] = \mathsf{bytes}_{iN}(\mathsf{wrap}_{|t|,N}(c))) \\ S; F; (\mathsf{i32.const}\ i)\ (t.\mathsf{const}\ c)\ (t.\mathsf{store}N^?\ memarg) \ \hookrightarrow \ S; F; \mathsf{trap}\ (\mathsf{otherwise})
```

### v128.storeN lane memarg x

- 1. Let *F* be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.memaddrs[0] exists.
- 3. Let a be the memory address F.module.memaddrs[0].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.mems[a] exists.
- 5. Let mem be the memory instance S.mems[a].
- 6. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type v128 is on the top of the stack.
- 7. Pop the value v128.const c from the stack.

- 8. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 9. Pop the value i32.const i from the stack.
- 10. Let ea be the integer i + memarg.offset.
- 11. If ea + N/8 is larger than the length of mem.data, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 12. Let L be 128/N.
- 13. Let  $j^*$  be the result of computing lanes<sub>iN×L</sub>(c).
- 14. Let  $b^*$  be the result of computing bytes<sub>iN</sub> $(j^*[x])$ .
- 15. Replace the bytes mem.data[ea:N/8] with  $b^*$ .

```
S; F; (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ i)\ (\mathsf{v}128.\mathsf{const}\ c)\ (\mathsf{v}128.\mathsf{store}N\_\mathsf{lane}\ memarg\ x) \ \hookrightarrow \ S'; F; \epsilon \\ (\mathsf{if}\ ea = i + memarg.\mathsf{o}\mathsf{f}\mathsf{f}\mathsf{set} \\ \land \ ea + N \le |S.\mathsf{mems}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{memaddrs}[0]].\mathsf{data}| \\ \land \ L = 128/N \\ \land \ S' = S\ \mathsf{with}\ \mathsf{mems}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{memaddrs}[0]].\mathsf{data}[ea : N/8] = \mathsf{bytes}_{iN}(\mathsf{lanes}_{\mathsf{i}N\times L}(c)[x])) \\ S; F; (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ i)\ (\mathsf{v}128.\mathsf{const}\ c)\ (\mathsf{v}128.\mathsf{store}N\_\mathsf{lane}\ memarg\ x) \ \hookrightarrow \ S; F; \mathsf{trap} \\ (\mathsf{o}\mathsf{therwise})
```

### memory.size

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.memaddrs[0] exists.
- 3. Let a be the memory address F.module.memaddrs[0].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.mems[a] exists.
- 5. Let mem be the memory instance S.mems[a].
- 6. Let sz be the length of mem.data divided by the page size.
- 7. Push the value i32.const sz to the stack.

```
S; F; memory.size \hookrightarrow S; F; (i32.const sz)
(if |S.mems[F.module.memaddrs[0]].data|=sz\cdot 64 Ki)
```

#### memory.grow

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.memaddrs[0] exists.
- 3. Let a be the memory address F.module.memaddrs[0].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.mems[a] exists.
- 5. Let mem be the memory instance S.mems[a].
- 6. Let sz be the length of S.mems[a] divided by the page size.
- 7. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 8. Pop the value i32.const n from the stack.
- 9. Let err be the i32 value  $2^{32} 1$ , for which signed<sub>32</sub>(err) is -1.
- 10. Either:
- a. If growing mem by n pages succeeds, then:

- i. Push the value i32.const sz to the stack.
- b. Else:
  - i. Push the value i32.const err to the stack.
- 11. Or:
- a. Push the value i32.const err to the stack.

```
\begin{split} S; F; & (\mathsf{i32.const}\ n)\ \mathsf{memory.grow} &\hookrightarrow S'; F; (\mathsf{i32.const}\ sz) \\ & (\mathsf{if}\ F.\mathsf{module.memaddrs}[0] = a \\ & \land sz = |S.\mathsf{mems}[a].\mathsf{data}|/64\,\mathsf{Ki} \\ & \land S' = S\ \mathsf{with}\ \mathsf{mems}[a] = \mathsf{growmem}(S.\mathsf{mems}[a], n)) \\ S; F; & (\mathsf{i32.const}\ n)\ \mathsf{memory.grow} &\hookrightarrow S; F; (\mathsf{i32.const}\ \mathrm{signed}_{32}^{-1}(-1)) \end{split}
```

**Note:** The memory.grow instruction is non-deterministic. It may either succeed, returning the old memory size sz, or fail, returning -1. Failure *must* occur if the referenced memory instance has a maximum size defined that would be exceeded. However, failure can occur in other cases as well. In practice, the choice depends on the resources available to the embedder.

## memory.fill

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.memaddrs[0] exists.
- 3. Let ma be the memory address F.module.memaddrs[0].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.mems[ma] exists.
- 5. Let mem be the memory instance S.mems[ma].
- 6. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 7. Pop the value i32.const n from the stack.
- 8. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 9. Pop the value *val* from the stack.
- 10. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 11. Pop the value i32.const d from the stack.
- 12. If d + n is larger than the length of mem.data, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 13. If n = 0, then:
  - a. Return.
- 14. Push the value i32.const d to the stack.
- 15. Push the value *val* to the stack.
- 16. Execute the instruction i32.store8 {offset 0, align 0}.
- 17. Assert: due to the earlier check against the memory size,  $d+1 < 2^{32}$ .
- 18. Push the value i32.const (d+1) to the stack.
- 19. Push the value val to the stack.
- 20. Push the value i32.const (n-1) to the stack.
- 21. Execute the instruction memory.fill.

```
S; F; (\mathsf{i32.const}\ d)\ val\ (\mathsf{i32.const}\ n)\ \mathsf{memory.fill}\ \hookrightarrow\ S; F; \mathsf{trap}\ (\mathsf{if}\ d+n>|S.\mathsf{mems}[F.\mathsf{module.memaddrs}[0]].\mathsf{data}|) S; F; (\mathsf{i32.const}\ d)\ val\ (\mathsf{i32.const}\ 0)\ \mathsf{memory.fill}\ \hookrightarrow\ S; F; \epsilon\ (\mathsf{otherwise}) S; F; (\mathsf{i32.const}\ d)\ val\ (\mathsf{i32.const}\ n+1)\ \mathsf{memory.fill}\ \hookrightarrow\ S; F; (\mathsf{i32.const}\ d)\ val\ (\mathsf{i32.store8}\ \{\mathsf{offset}\ 0, \mathsf{align}\ 0\})\ (\mathsf{i32.const}\ d+1)\ val\ (\mathsf{i32.const}\ n)\ \mathsf{memory.fill}\ (\mathsf{otherwise})
```

## memory.copy

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.memaddrs[0] exists.
- 3. Let ma be the memory address F.module.memaddrs[0].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.mems[ma] exists.
- 5. Let mem be the memory instance S.mems[ma].
- 6. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 7. Pop the value i32.const n from the stack.
- 8. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 9. Pop the value i32.const s from the stack.
- 10. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 11. Pop the value i32.const d from the stack.
- 12. If s + n is larger than the length of mem.data or d + n is larger than the length of mem.data, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 13. If n = 0, then:
- a. Return.
- 14. If  $d \le s$ , then:
- a. Push the value i32.const d to the stack.
- b. Push the value i32.const s to the stack.
- c. Execute the instruction i32.load8\_u {offset 0, align 0}.
- d. Execute the instruction i32.store8 {offset 0, align 0}.
- e. Assert: due to the earlier check against the memory size,  $d + 1 < 2^{32}$ .
- f. Push the value i32.const (d+1) to the stack.
- g. Assert: due to the earlier check against the memory size,  $s + 1 < 2^{32}$ .
- h. Push the value i32.const (s+1) to the stack.
- 15. Else:
- a. Assert: due to the earlier check against the memory size,  $d + n 1 < 2^{32}$ .
- b. Push the value i32.const (d + n 1) to the stack.
- c. Assert: due to the earlier check against the memory size,  $s + n 1 < 2^{32}$ .
- d. Push the value i32.const (s + n 1) to the stack.
- e. Execute the instruction i32.load8\_u {offset 0, align 0}.

- f. Execute the instruction i32.store8 {offset 0, align 0}.
- g. Push the value i32.const d to the stack.
- h. Push the value i32.const s to the stack.
- 16. Push the value i32.const (n-1) to the stack.
- 17. Execute the instruction memory.copy.

```
S; F; (i32.const d) (i32.const s) (i32.const n) memory.copy
                                                                      S; F; \mathsf{trap}
     (if s + n > |S.mems[F.module.memaddrs[0]].data]
      \lor d + n > |S.mems[F.module.memaddrs[0]].data|)
S; F; (i32.const d) (i32.const s) (i32.const s) memory.copy
                                                                      S; F; \epsilon
     (otherwise)
S; F; (i32.const d) (i32.const s) (i32.const n+1) memory.copy
     S; F; (i32.const d)
           (i32.const s) (i32.load8 u {offset 0, align 0})
           (i32.store8 \{offset 0, align 0\})
           (i32.const d+1) (i32.const s+1) (i32.const n) memory.copy
     (otherwise, if d \leq s)
S; F; (i32.const d) (i32.const s) (i32.const n+1) memory.copy
     S; F; (i32.const d + n)
           (i32.const s + n) (i32.load8_u \{offset 0, align 0\})
           (i32.store8 \{offset 0, align 0\})
           (i32.const d) (i32.const s) (i32.const n) memory.copy
     (otherwise, if d > s)
```

### memory.init x

- 1. Let *F* be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.memaddrs[0] exists.
- 3. Let ma be the memory address F.module.memaddrs[0].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.mems[ma] exists.
- 5. Let mem be the memory instance S.mems[ma].
- 6. Assert: due to validation, F.module.dataaddrs[x] exists.
- 7. Let da be the data address F.module.dataaddrs[x].
- 8. Assert: due to validation, S.datas[da] exists.
- 9. Let data be the data instance S.datas[da].
- 10. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 11. Pop the value i32.const n from the stack.
- 12. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 13. Pop the value i32.const s from the stack.
- 14. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 15. Pop the value i32.const d from the stack.
- 16. If s + n is larger than the length of data.data or d + n is larger than the length of mem.data, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 17. If n = 0, then:
  - a. Return.

- 18. Let b be the byte data.data[s].
- 19. Push the value i32.const d to the stack.
- 20. Push the value i32.const *b* to the stack.
- 21. Execute the instruction i32.store8 {offset 0, align 0}.
- 22. Assert: due to the earlier check against the memory size,  $d+1 < 2^{32}$ .
- 23. Push the value i32.const (d+1) to the stack.
- 24. Assert: due to the earlier check against the memory size,  $s + 1 < 2^{32}$ .
- 25. Push the value i32.const (s+1) to the stack.
- 26. Push the value i32.const (n-1) to the stack.
- 27. Execute the instruction memory init x.

```
S; F; (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ d)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ s)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ n)\ (\mathsf{memory.init}\ x) \quad \hookrightarrow \quad S; F; \mathsf{trap} \\ (\mathsf{if}\ s+n>|S.\mathsf{datas}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{dataaddrs}[x]].\mathsf{data}| \\ \lor d+n>|S.\mathsf{mems}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{memaddrs}[0]].\mathsf{data}|) \\ S; F; (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ d)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ s)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ 0)\ (\mathsf{memory.init}\ x) \quad \hookrightarrow \quad S; F; \epsilon \\ (\mathsf{otherwise}) \\ S; F; (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ d)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ s)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ n+1)\ (\mathsf{memory.init}\ x) \quad \hookrightarrow \\ S; F; (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ d)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ b)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{store8}\ \{\mathsf{offset}\ 0, \mathsf{align}\ 0\}) \\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ d+1)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ s+1)\ (\mathsf{i}32.\mathsf{const}\ n)\ (\mathsf{memory.init}\ x) \\ (\mathsf{otherwise}, \mathsf{if}\ b=S.\mathsf{datas}[F.\mathsf{module}.\mathsf{dataaddrs}[x]].\mathsf{data}[s]) \\ \end{cases}
```

#### data.drop x

- 1. Let *F* be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.dataaddrs[x] exists.
- 3. Let a be the data address F.module.dataaddrs[x].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.datas[a] exists.
- 5. Replace S.datas[a] with the data instance {data  $\epsilon$ }.

```
\begin{array}{ll} S; F; (\mathsf{data.drop}\ x) & \hookrightarrow & S'; F; \epsilon \\ & (\mathsf{if}\ S' = S\ \mathsf{with}\ \mathsf{datas}[F.\mathsf{module.dataaddrs}[x]] = \{\mathsf{data}\ \epsilon\}) \end{array}
```

## 4.6.8 Control Instructions

nop

1. Do nothing.

 $\mathsf{nop} \;\hookrightarrow\; \epsilon$ 

#### unreachable

1. Trap.

unreachable  $\hookrightarrow$  trap

## block blocktype instr\* end

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, expand<sub>S:F</sub> (blocktype) is defined.
- 3. Let  $[t_1^m] \to [t_2^n]$  be the instruction type expand<sub>S:F</sub>(blocktype).
- 4. Let L be the label whose arity is n and whose continuation is the end of the block.
- 5. Assert: due to validation, there are at least m values on the top of the stack.
- 6. Pop the values  $val^m$  from the stack.
- 7. Enter the block  $val^m$   $instr^*$  with label L.

```
S; F; val^m \text{ block } bt \; instr^* \; \text{end} \;\; \hookrightarrow \;\; S; F; \text{label}_n\{\epsilon\} \; val^m \; instr^* \; \text{end} \;\; (\text{if } \operatorname{expand}_{S;F}(bt) = [t_1^m] \to [t_2^n])
```

## loop blocktype instr\* end

- 1. Let *F* be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation,  $expand_{S:F}(blocktype)$  is defined.
- 3. Let  $[t_1^m] \to [t_2^n]$  be the instruction type expand<sub>S;F</sub> (blocktype).
- 4. Let L be the label whose arity is m and whose continuation is the start of the loop.
- 5. Assert: due to validation, there are at least m values on the top of the stack.
- 6. Pop the values  $val^m$  from the stack.
- 7. Enter the block  $val^m$   $instr^*$  with label L.

```
S; F; val^m \text{ loop } bt \; instr^* \text{ end} \; \hookrightarrow \; S; F; \text{label}_m \{ \text{loop } bt \; instr^* \text{ end} \} \; val^m \; instr^* \text{ end} 
 (\text{if } \operatorname{expand}_{S;F}(bt) = [t_1^m] \to [t_2^n] )
```

## if $blocktype \ instr_1^*$ else $instr_2^*$ end

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value i32.const c from the stack.
- 3. If c is non-zero, then:
  - a. Execute the block instruction block  $blocktype instr_1^*$  end.
- 4. Else:
  - a. Execute the block instruction block  $blocktype \ instr_2^*$  end.

```
(i32.const c) if bt \; instr_1^* else instr_2^* end \hookrightarrow block bt \; instr_1^* end (if c \neq 0)
(i32.const c) if bt \; instr_1^* else instr_2^* end \hookrightarrow block bt \; instr_2^* end (if c = 0)
```

#### $\mathsf{br}\;l$

- 1. Assert: due to validation, the stack contains at least l+1 labels.
- 2. Let L be the l-th label appearing on the stack, starting from the top and counting from zero.
- 3. Let n be the arity of L.
- 4. Assert: due to validation, there are at least n values on the top of the stack.
- 5. Pop the values  $val^n$  from the stack.
- 6. Repeat l+1 times:
  - a. While the top of the stack is a value, do:
    - i. Pop the value from the stack.
  - b. Assert: due to validation, the top of the stack now is a label.
  - c. Pop the label from the stack.
- 7. Push the values  $val^n$  to the stack.
- 8. Jump to the continuation of L.

$$label_n\{instr^*\}$$
  $B^l[val^n (br l)]$  end  $\hookrightarrow val^n instr^*$ 

## $br_if l$

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value i32.const c from the stack.
- 3. If c is non-zero, then:
  - a. Execute the instruction br l.
- 4. Else:
  - a. Do nothing.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{(i32.const } c) \text{ (br\_if } l) & \hookrightarrow & \text{(br } l) & \text{ (if } c \neq 0) \\ \text{(i32.const } c) \text{ (br\_if } l) & \hookrightarrow & \epsilon & \text{ (if } c = 0) \end{array}$$

## br\_table $l^*$ $l_N$

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a value of value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value i32.const i from the stack.
- 3. If i is smaller than the length of  $l^*$ , then:
  - a. Let  $l_i$  be the label  $l^*[i]$ .
  - b. Execute the instruction br  $l_i$ .
- 4. Else:
  - a. Execute the instruction br  $l_N$ .

```
\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{(i32.const $i$) (br\_table $l^*$ $l_N$)} & \hookrightarrow & \mbox{(br $l_i$)} & \mbox{(if $l^*[i] = l_i$)} \\ \mbox{(i32.const $i$) (br\_table $l^*$ $l_N$)} & \hookrightarrow & \mbox{(br $l_N$)} & \mbox{(if $|l^*| \leq i$)} \end{array}
```

### br on $\operatorname{null} l$

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a reference value is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value *val* from the stack.
- 3. If val is ref.null ht, then:
  - a. Execute the instruction (br l).
- 4. Else:
  - a. Push the value val back to the stack.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \mathit{val}\; (\mathsf{br\_on\_null}\; l) & \hookrightarrow & (\mathsf{br}\; l) & & (\mathsf{if}\; \mathit{val} = \mathsf{ref.null}\; \mathit{ht}) \\ \mathit{val}\; (\mathsf{br\_on\_null}\; l) & \hookrightarrow & \mathit{val} & & (\mathsf{otherwise}) \end{array}
```

## $br_on_non_null\ l$

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a reference value is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the value val from the stack.
- 3. If val is ref.null ht, then:
  - a. Do nothing.
- 4. Else:
  - a. Push the value val back to the stack.
  - b. Execute the instruction (br l).

```
val 	ext{ (br_on_non_null } l) \hookrightarrow \epsilon 	ext{ (if } val = \text{ref.null } ht)
val 	ext{ (br_on_non_null } l) \hookrightarrow val 	ext{ (br } l) 	ext{ (otherwise)}
```

#### return

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Let n be the arity of F.
- 3. Assert: due to validation, there are at least n values on the top of the stack.
- 4. Pop the results  $val^n$  from the stack.
- 5. Assert: due to validation, the stack contains at least one frame.
- 6. While the top of the stack is not a frame, do:
  - a. Pop the top element from the stack.
- 7. Assert: the top of the stack is the frame F.
- 8. Pop the frame from the stack.
- 9. Push  $val^n$  to the stack.
- 10. Jump to the instruction after the original call that pushed the frame.

$$\mathsf{frame}_n\{F\}\ B^*[\mathit{val}^n\ \mathsf{return}]\ \mathsf{end}\ \hookrightarrow\ \mathit{val}^n$$

#### $\operatorname{call} x$

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.funcaddrs[x] exists.
- 3. Let a be the function address F.module.funcaddrs[x].
- 4. Invoke the function instance at address a.

```
F; (call x) \hookrightarrow F; (invoke a) (if F.module.funcaddrs[x] = a)
```

#### $call_ref x$

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a null or function reference is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the reference value r from the stack.
- 3. If r is ref.null ht, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 4. Assert: due to validation, r is a function reference.
- 5. Let ref.func a be the reference r.
- 6. Invoke the function instance at address a.

```
F; (ref.func a) (call_ref x) \hookrightarrow F; (invoke a) F; (ref.null ht) (call_ref x) \hookrightarrow F; trap
```

# call\_indirect $x\ y$

- 1. Let *F* be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.tableaddrs[x] exists.
- 3. Let ta be the table address F.module.tableaddrs[x].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.tables[ta] exists.
- 5. Let tab be the table instance S.tables [ta].
- 6. Assert: due to validation, F.module.types[y] exists.
- 7. Let  $ft_{\text{expect}}$  be the function type F.module.types[y].
- 8. Assert: due to validation, a value with value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 9. Pop the value i32.const i from the stack.
- 10. If i is not smaller than the length of tab.elem, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 11. Let r be the reference tab.elem[i].
- 12. If r is ref.null ht, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 13. Assert: due to validation of table mutation, r is a function reference.
- 14. Let ref.func a be the function reference r.
- 15. Assert: due to validation of table mutation, S.funcs[a] exists.
- 16. Let f be the function instance S.funcs[a].
- 17. Let  $ft_{\text{actual}}$  be the function type f type.
- 18. If  $ft_{\text{actual}}$  and  $ft_{\text{expect}}$  differ, then:

- a. Trap.
- 19. Invoke the function instance at address a.

```
\begin{array}{lll} S; F; (\mathsf{i32.const}\ i)\ (\mathsf{call\_indirect}\ x\ y) &\hookrightarrow & S; F; (\mathsf{invoke}\ a) \\ & (\mathsf{if}\ S.\mathsf{tables}[F.\mathsf{module.tableaddrs}[x]].\mathsf{elem}[i] = \mathsf{ref.func}\ a \\ & \land S.\mathsf{funcs}[a] = f \\ & \land S \vdash F.\mathsf{module.types}[y] \leq f.\mathsf{type}) \\ S; F; (\mathsf{i32.const}\ i)\ (\mathsf{call\_indirect}\ x\ y) &\hookrightarrow & S; F; \mathsf{trap}\ (\mathsf{otherwise}) \end{array}
```

#### $\mathsf{return} \ \mathsf{call} \ x$

- 1. Let *F* be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.funcaddrs[x] exists.
- 3. Let a be the function address F.module.funcaddrs[x].
- 4. Tail-invoke the function instance at address a.

```
(\text{return\_call } x) \hookrightarrow (\text{return\_invoke } a) \quad (\text{if } (\text{call } x) \hookrightarrow (\text{invoke } a))
```

### return call $\operatorname{ref} x$

- 1. Assert: due to validation, a function reference is on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop the reference value r from the stack.
- 3. If r is ref.null ht, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 4. Assert: due to validation, r is a function reference.
- 5. Let ref.func a be the reference r.
- 6. Tail-invoke the function instance at address a.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \mathit{val}\; (\mathsf{return\_call\_ref}\; x) & \hookrightarrow & (\mathsf{return\_invoke}\; a) & & (\mathsf{if}\; \mathit{val}\; (\mathsf{call\_ref}\; x) \hookrightarrow (\mathsf{invoke}\; a)) \\ \mathit{val}\; (\mathsf{return\_call\_ref}\; x) & \hookrightarrow & \mathsf{trap} & & (\mathsf{if}\; \mathit{val}\; (\mathsf{call\_ref}\; x) \hookrightarrow \mathsf{trap}) \\ \end{array}
```

### return\_call\_indirect x

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, F.module.tableaddrs[0] exists.
- 3. Let ta be the table address F.module.tableaddrs[0].
- 4. Assert: due to validation, S.tables[ta] exists.
- 5. Let tab be the table instance S.tables[ta].
- 6. Assert: due to validation, F.module.types[x] exists.
- 7. Let  $ft_{\text{expect}}$  be the function type F.module.types[x].
- 8. Assert: due to validation, a value with value type i32 is on the top of the stack.
- 9. Pop the value i32.const i from the stack.
- 10. If i is not smaller than the length of tab.elem, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 11. If  $tab.\mathsf{elem}[i]$  is uninitialized, then:

- a. Trap.
- 12. Let a be the function address tab.elem[i].
- 13. Assert: due to validation, S.funcs[a] exists.
- 14. Let f be the function instance S.funcs[a].
- 15. Let  $ft_{\text{actual}}$  be the function type f.type.
- 16. If  $ft_{
  m actual}$  and  $ft_{
  m expect}$  differ, then:
  - a. Trap.
- 17. Tail-invoke the function instance at address a.

```
val \; (\mathsf{return\_call\_indirect} \; x) \; \hookrightarrow \; (\mathsf{return\_invoke} \; a) \; \; (\mathsf{if} \; val \; (\mathsf{call\_indirect} \; x) \hookrightarrow (\mathsf{invoke} \; a)) \ val \; (\mathsf{return\_call\_indirect} \; x) \; \hookrightarrow \; \mathsf{trap} \; \; (\mathsf{if} \; val \; (\mathsf{call\_indirect} \; x) \hookrightarrow \mathsf{trap})
```

## 4.6.9 Blocks

The following auxiliary rules define the semantics of executing an instruction sequence that forms a block.

# Entering $instr^*$ with label L

- 1. Push L to the stack.
- 2. Jump to the start of the instruction sequence  $instr^*$ .

**Note:** No formal reduction rule is needed for entering an instruction sequence, because the label L is embedded in the administrative instruction that structured control instructions reduce to directly.

## Exiting $instr^*$ with label L

When the end of a block is reached without a jump or trap aborting it, then the following steps are performed.

- 1. Pop all values  $val^*$  from the top of the stack.
- 2. Assert: due to validation, the label L is now on the top of the stack.
- 3. Pop the label from the stack.
- 4. Push  $val^*$  back to the stack.
- 5. Jump to the position after the end of the structured control instruction associated with the label L.

```
label_n\{instr^*\}\ val^*\ end\ \hookrightarrow\ val^*
```

**Note:** This semantics also applies to the instruction sequence contained in a loop instruction. Therefore, execution of a loop falls off the end, unless a backwards branch is performed explicitly.

### 4.6.10 Function Calls

The following auxiliary rules define the semantics of invoking a function instance through one of the call instructions and returning from it.

## Invocation of function address a

- 1. Assert: due to validation, S.funcs[a] exists.
- 2. Let f be the function instance, S.funcs[a].
- 3. Let  $[t_1^n] \to [t_2^m]$  be the function type f type.
- 4. Let  $local^*$  be the list of locals f.code.locals.
- 5. Let  $instr^*$  end be the expression f.code.body.
- 6. Assert: due to validation, n values are on the top of the stack.
- 7. Pop the values  $val^n$  from the stack.
- 8. Let F be the frame {module, locals  $val^n$  (default<sub>t</sub>)\*}.
- 9. Push the activation of F with arity m to the stack.
- 10. Let L be the label whose arity is m and whose continuation is the end of the function.
- 11. Enter the instruction sequence  $instr^*$  with label L.

```
\begin{split} S; val^n \text{ (invoke } a) &\hookrightarrow S; \text{frame}_m\{F\} \text{ label}_m\{\} \text{ } instr^* \text{ end end } \\ \text{ (if } S.\text{funcs}[a] &= f \\ &\land S.f. \text{type} = [t_1^n] \to [t_2^m] \\ &\land f. \text{code} = \{ \text{type } x, \text{locals } \{ \text{type } t \}^k, \text{body } instr^* \text{ end} \} \\ &\land F = \{ \text{module } f. \text{module, locals } val^n \text{ } (\text{default}_t)^k \} ) \end{split}
```

**Note:** For non-defaultable types, the respective local is left uninitialized by these rules.

## Tail-invocation of function address a

- 1. Assert: due to validation, S.funcs[a] exists.
- 2. Let  $[t_1^n] \to [t_2^m]$  be the function type S.funcs[a].type.
- 3. Assert: due to validation, there are at least n values on the top of the stack.
- 4. Pop the results  $val^n$  from the stack.
- 5. Assert: due to validation, the stack contains at least one frame.
- 6. While the top of the stack is not a frame, do:
  - a. Pop the top element from the stack.
- 7. Assert: the top of the stack is a frame.
- 8. Pop the frame from the stack.
- 9. Push  $val^n$  to the stack.
- 10. Invoke the function instance at address a.

```
S; frame_m\{F\} B^*[val^n \text{ (return\_invoke } a)] end <math>\hookrightarrow val^n \text{ (invoke } a) (if S.funcs[a].type = [t_1^n] \to [t_2^m])
```

## Returning from a function

When the end of a function is reached without a jump (i.e., return) or trap aborting it, then the following steps are performed.

- 1. Let F be the current frame.
- 2. Let n be the arity of the activation of F.
- 3. Assert: due to validation, there are n values on the top of the stack.
- 4. Pop the results  $val^n$  from the stack.
- 5. Assert: due to validation, the frame F is now on the top of the stack.
- 6. Pop the frame from the stack.
- 7. Push  $val^n$  back to the stack.
- 8. Jump to the instruction after the original call.

```
frame_n\{F\} \ val^n \ end \ \hookrightarrow \ val^n
```

### **Host Functions**

Invoking a host function has non-deterministic behavior. It may either terminate with a trap or return regularly. However, in the latter case, it must consume and produce the right number and types of WebAssembly values on the stack, according to its function type.

A host function may also modify the store. However, all store modifications must result in an extension of the original store, i.e., they must only modify mutable contents and must not have instances removed. Furthermore, the resulting store must be valid, i.e., all data and code in it is well-typed.

```
\begin{split} S; val^n \text{ (invoke } a) & \hookrightarrow S'; result \\ \text{ (if } S. \text{funcs}[a] = \{ \text{type } [t_1^n] \to [t_2^m], \text{hostcode } hf \} \\ & \land (S'; result) \in hf(S; val^n) ) \\ S; val^n \text{ (invoke } a) & \hookrightarrow S; val^n \text{ (invoke } a) \\ & \text{ (if } S. \text{funcs}[a] = \{ \text{type } [t_1^n] \to [t_2^m], \text{hostcode } hf \} \\ & \land \bot \in hf(S; val^n) ) \end{split}
```

Here,  $hf(S; val^n)$  denotes the implementation-defined execution of host function hf in current store S with arguments  $val^n$ . It yields a set of possible outcomes, where each element is either a pair of a modified store S' and a result or the special value  $\bot$  indicating divergence. A host function is non-deterministic if there is at least one argument for which the set of outcomes is not singular.

For a WebAssembly implementation to be sound in the presence of host functions, every host function instance must be valid, which means that it adheres to suitable pre- and post-conditions: under a valid store S, and given arguments  $val^n$  matching the ascribed parameter types  $t_1^n$ , executing the host function must yield a non-empty set of possible outcomes each of which is either divergence or consists of a valid store S' that is an extension of S and a result matching the ascribed return types  $t_2^m$ . All these notions are made precise in the Appendix.

**Note:** A host function can call back into WebAssembly by invoking a function exported from a module. However, the effects of any such call are subsumed by the non-deterministic behavior allowed for the host function.

# 4.6.11 Expressions

An expression is *evaluated* relative to a current frame pointing to its containing module instance.

- 1. Jump to the start of the instruction sequence  $instr^*$  of the expression.
- 2. Execute the instruction sequence.
- 3. Assert: due to validation, the top of the stack contains a value.
- 4. Pop the value val from the stack.

The value *val* is the result of the evaluation.

```
S; F; instr^* \hookrightarrow S'; F'; instr'^* (if S; F; instr^* end \hookrightarrow S'; F'; instr'^* end)
```

**Note:** Evaluation iterates this reduction rule until reaching a value. Expressions constituting function bodies are executed during function invocation.

# 4.7 Modules

For modules, the execution semantics primarily defines instantiation, which allocates instances for a module and its contained definitions, initializes tables and memories from contained element and data segments, and invokes the start function if present. It also includes invocation of exported functions.

## 4.7.1 Allocation

New instances of functions, tables, memories, and globals are *allocated* in a store S, as defined by the following auxiliary functions.

#### **Functions**

- 1. Let func be the function to allocate and module inst its module instance.
- 2. Let *functype* be the function type *moduleinst*.types[*func*.type].
- 3. Let a be the first free function address in S.
- 4. Let *funcinst* be the function instance {type *functype*, module *moduleinst*, code *func*}.
- 6. Append *funcinst* to the funcs of *S*.
- 7. Return a.

```
allocfunc(S, func, moduleinst) = S', funcaddr

where:

functype = moduleinst.types[func.type]

funcaddr = |S.funcs|

funcinst = \{ type functype, module moduleinst, code func \}

S' = S \oplus \{ funcs funcinst \}
```

## **Host Functions**

- 1. Let *hostfunc* be the host function to allocate and *functype* its function type.
- 2. Let a be the first free function address in S.
- 3. Let funcinst be the function instance {type functype, hostcode hostfunc}.
- 4. Append funcinst to the funcs of S.
- 5. Return a.

```
allochostfunc(S, functype, hostfunc) = S', funcaddr where:
funcaddr = |S. funcs|
funcinst = \{type functype, hostcode hostfunc\}
S' = S \oplus \{funcs funcinst\}
```

**Note:** Host functions are never allocated by the WebAssembly semantics itself, but may be allocated by the embedder.

### **Tables**

- 1. Let *tabletype* be the table type of the table to allocate and *ref* the initialization value.
- 2. Let ( $\{\min n, \max m^?\}\ reftype$ ) be the structure of table type tabletype.
- 3. Let a be the first free table address in S.
- 4. Let table instance  $\{\text{type } table type', \text{elem } ref^n\}$  with n elements set to ref.
- 5. Append tableinst to the tables of S.
- 6. Return a.

```
\begin{array}{rcl} \operatorname{alloctable}(S, tabletype, ref) & = & S', tableaddr \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ tabletype & = & \{\min n, \max m^?\} \ reftype \\ & & \\ tableaddr & = & \{S.\mathsf{tables}| \\ & & \\ tableinst & = & \{\mathsf{type} \ tabletype, \mathsf{elem} \ ref^n\} \\ & & S' & = & S \oplus \{\mathsf{tables} \ tableinst\} \end{array}
```

## **Memories**

- 1. Let *memtype* be the memory type of the memory to allocate.
- 2. Let  $\{\min n, \max m^?\}$  be the structure of memory type memtype.
- 3. Let a be the first free memory address in S.
- 4. Let meminst be the memory instance {type memtype, data  $(0x00)^{n\cdot64\,\mathrm{Ki}}$ } that contains n pages of zeroed bytes.
- 5. Append meminst to the mems of S.
- 6. Return a.

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```
\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{allocmem}(S, memtype) & = & S', memaddr \\ & & \operatorname{where:} \\ & memtype & = & \{\min n, \max m^?\} \\ & memaddr & = & |S.\operatorname{mems}| \\ & meminst & = & \{\operatorname{type} \ memtype, \operatorname{data} \ (\operatorname{0x00})^{n\cdot 64 \operatorname{Ki}}\} \\ & S' & = & S \oplus \{\operatorname{mems} \ meminst\} \end{array}
```

### **Globals**

- 1. Let *globaltype* be the global type of the global to allocate and *val* its initialization value.
- 2. Let a be the first free global address in S.
- 3. Let *globalinst* be the global instance {type *globaltype*, value *val*}.
- 4. Append *globalinst* to the globals of S.
- 5. Return a.

```
\begin{array}{rcl} \operatorname{allocglobal}(S, \operatorname{globaltype}, \operatorname{val}) &=& S', \operatorname{globaladdr} \\ & \operatorname{where:} \\ & \operatorname{globaladdr} &=& |S.\operatorname{globals}| \\ & \operatorname{globalinst} &=& \{\operatorname{type} \operatorname{globaltype}, \operatorname{value} \operatorname{val}\} \\ & S' &=& S \oplus \{\operatorname{globals} \operatorname{globalinst}\} \end{array}
```

### **Element segments**

- 1. Let reftype be the elements' type and  $ref^*$  the vector of references to allocate.
- 2. Let a be the first free element address in S.
- 3. Let *eleminst* be the element instance  $\{\text{type } reftype, \text{elem } ref^*\}$ .
- 4. Append eleminst to the elems of S.
- 5. Return a.

```
\begin{array}{rcl} \text{allocelem}(S,\textit{reftype},\textit{ref*}) &=& S',\textit{elemaddr} \\ & \text{where:} \\ &\textit{elemaddr} &=& |S.\text{elems}| \\ &\textit{eleminst} &=& \{\text{type}\;\textit{reftype},\text{elem}\;\textit{ref*}\} \\ &S' &=& S \oplus \{\text{elems}\;\textit{eleminst}\} \end{array}
```

### **Data segments**

- 1. Let  $b^*$  be the vector of bytes to allocate.
- 2. Let a be the first free data address in S.
- 3. Let datainst be the data instance {data  $b^*$ }.
- 4. Append datainst to the datas of S.
- 5. Return a.

```
\begin{array}{rcl} \operatorname{allocdata}(S,b^*) & = & S', \operatorname{dataaddr} \\ & \operatorname{where:} \\ \operatorname{dataaddr} & = & |S.\operatorname{datas}| \\ \operatorname{datainst} & = & \{\operatorname{data}b^*\} \\ S' & = & S \oplus \{\operatorname{datas}\operatorname{datainst}\} \end{array}
```

## **Growing tables**

- 1. Let tableinst be the table instance to grow, n the number of elements by which to grow it, and ref the initialization value.
- 2. Let len be n added to the length of tableinst.elem.
- 3. If len is larger than or equal to  $2^{32}$ , then fail.
- 4. Let *limits t* be the structure of table type *tableinst*.type.
- 5. Let *limits'* be *limits* with min updated to *len*.
- 6. If *limits'* is not valid, then fail.
- 7. Append  $ref^n$  to tableinst.elem.
- 8. Set *tableinst*.type to the table type limits' t.

## **Growing memories**

- 1. Let *meminst* be the memory instance to grow and n the number of pages by which to grow it.
- 2. Assert: The length of *meminst*.data is divisible by the page size 64 Ki.
- 3. Let *len* be *n* added to the length of *meminst*.data divided by the page size 64 Ki.
- 4. If len is larger than  $2^{16}$ , then fail.
- 5. Let *limits* be the structure of memory type *meminst*.type.
- 6. Let *limits'* be *limits* with min updated to *len*.
- 7. If *limits'* is not valid, then fail.
- 8. Append n times 64 Ki bytes with value 0x00 to meminst.data.
- 9. Set *meminst*.type to the memory type *limits'*.

## **Modules**

The allocation function for modules requires a suitable list of external values that are assumed to match the import vector of the module, a list of initialization values for the module's globals, and list of reference vectors for the module's element segments.

- 1. Let module be the module to allocate and  $externval_{\rm im}^*$  the vector of external values providing the module's imports,  $val_{\rm g}^*$  the initialization values of the module's globals,  $ref_{\rm t}^*$  the initializer reference of the module's tables, and  $(ref_{\rm e}^*)^*$  the reference vectors of the module's element segments.
- 2. For each defined type  $deftype'_i$  in module.types, do:

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- a. Let  $deftype_i$  be the instantiation  $deftype_i'$  in module inst defined below.
- 3. For each function  $func_i$  in module.funcs, do:
  - a. Let  $funcaddr_i$  be the function address resulting from allocating  $func_i$  for the module instance module inst defined below.
- 4. For each table  $table_i$  in module.tables, do:
  - a. Let  $limits_i t_i$  be the table type obtained by instantiating  $table_i$ -type in module inst defined below.
  - b. Let  $tableaddr_i$  be the table address resulting from allocating  $table_i$  type with initialization value  $ref_t^*[i]$ .
- 5. For each memory  $mem_i$  in module.mems, do:
  - a. Let  $memtype_i$  be the memory type obtained by insantiating  $mem_i$  type in module inst defined below.
  - b. Let  $memaddr_i$  be the memory address resulting from allocating  $memtype_i$ .
- 6. For each global  $global_i$  in module.globals, do:
  - a. Let  $globaltype_i$  be the global type obtained by instantiating  $global_i$  type in module inst defined below.
  - b. Let  $globaladdr_i$  be the global address resulting from allocating  $globaltype_i$  with initializer value  $val_g^*[i]$ .
- 7. For each element segment  $elem_i$  in module.elems, do:
  - a. Let  $reftype_i$  be the element reference type obtained by *instantiating <type-inst> elem<sub>i</sub>*.type in module inst defined below.
  - b. Let  $elemaddr_i$  be the element address resulting from allocating a element instance of reference type  $reftype_i$  with contents  $(ref_e^*)^*[i]$ .
- 8. For each data segment  $data_i$  in module.datas, do:
  - a. Let  $dataaddr_i$  be the data address resulting from allocating a data instance with contents  $data_i$ .init.
- 9. Let  $deftype^*$  be the concatenation of the defined types  $deftype_i$  in index order.
- 10. Let  $funcaddr^*$  be the concatenation of the function addresses  $funcaddr_i$  in index order.
- 11. Let  $tableaddr^*$  be the concatenation of the table addresses  $tableaddr_i$  in index order.
- 12. Let  $memaddr^*$  be the concatenation of the memory addresses  $memaddr_i$  in index order.
- 13. Let  $globaladdr^*$  be the concatenation of the global addresses  $globaladdr_i$  in index order.
- 14. Let  $elemaddr^*$  be the concatenation of the element addresses  $elemaddr_i$  in index order.
- 15. Let  $dataaddr^*$  be the concatenation of the data addresses  $dataaddr_i$  in index order.
- 16. Let  $funcaddr_{mod}^*$  be the list of function addresses extracted from  $externval_{im}^*$ , concatenated with  $funcaddr^*$ .
- 17. Let  $tableaddr_{mod}^*$  be the list of table addresses extracted from  $externval_{im}^*$ , concatenated with  $tableaddr^*$ .
- 18. Let  $memaddr_{mod}^*$  be the list of memory addresses extracted from  $externval_{im}^*$ , concatenated with  $memaddr^*$ .
- 19. Let  $globaladdr_{mod}^*$  be the list of global addresses extracted from  $externval_{im}^*$ , concatenated with  $globaladdr^*$ .
- 20. For each export  $export_i$  in module.exports, do:
  - a. If  $export_i$  is a function export for function index x, then let  $externval_i$  be the external value func  $(funcaddr_{mod}^*[x])$ .
  - b. Else, if  $export_i$  is a table export for table index x, then let  $externval_i$  be the external value table  $(tableaddr^*_{mod}[x])$ .
  - c. Else, if  $export_i$  is a memory export for memory index x, then let  $externval_i$  be the external value mem  $(memaddr^*_{mod}[x])$ .

- d. Else, if  $export_i$  is a global export for global index x, then let  $externval_i$  be the external value global  $(globaladdr_{mod}^*[x])$ .
- e. Let  $exportinst_i$  be the export instance {name ( $export_i$ .name), value  $externval_i$  }.
- 21. Let exportinst\* be the concatenation of the export instances exportinst<sub>i</sub> in index order.
- 22. Let module inst be the module instance {types  $deftype^*$ , funcaddrs  $funcaddr^*_{mod}$ , tableaddrs  $tableaddr^*_{mod}$ , memaddrs  $memaddr^*_{mod}$ , globaladdrs  $globaladdr^*_{mod}$ , exports  $exportinst^*$ }.
- 23. Return moduleinst.

 $\text{allocmodule}(S, \textit{module}, \textit{externval}_{\text{im}}^*, \textit{val}_{\texttt{g}}^*, \textit{ref}_{\texttt{t}}^*, (\textit{ref}_{\texttt{e}}^*)^*) \hspace{0.2cm} = \hspace{0.2cm} S', \textit{moduleinst}$ 

where:

```
table^*
                       = module.tables
              mem^* = module.mems
              global^* = module.globals
               elem^* = module.elems
               data^* = module.datas
             export^* = module.exports
         module inst = \{ types deftype^*, \}
                              funcaddrs funcs(externval_{im}^*) funcaddr^*,
                              tableaddrs tables (externval_{im}^*) tableaddr*,
                              memaddrs mems(externval_{im}^*) memaddr^*,
                              globaladdrs globals(externval*, globaladdr*,
                              elemaddrs elemaddr^*,
                              dataaddrs dataaddr^*.
                              exports exportinst* }
            deftype^* = clos_{moduleinst}(module.types)
      S_1, funcaddr^* = allocfunc^*(S, module.funcs, moduleinst)
      S_2, tableaddr^* = alloctable^*(S_1, clos_{moduleinst}(table.type)^*, ref_t^*) (where (table.type)^* = (limits\ t)^*)
      S_3, memaddr^* = allocmem^*(S_2, clos_{moduleinst}(mem.type)^*)
     S_4, globaladdr^* = allocglobal^*(S_3, clos_{moduleinst}(global.type)^*, <math>val_g^*)
      S_5, elemaddr^* = allocelem^*(S_4, clos_{moduleinst}(elem.type)^*, (ref_e^*)^*)
      S', dataaddr^* = allocdata^*(S_5, data.init^*)
         exportinst^* = \{name (export.name), value externval_{ex}\}^*
  funcs(externval_{ex}^*) = (moduleinst.funcaddrs[x])^*
                                                             (where x^* = funcs(export^*))
                                                             (where x^* = \text{tables}(export^*))
 tables(externval_{ex}^*)
                           (moduleinst.tableaddrs[x])^*
 mems(externval_{ex}^*) =
                            (moduleinst.memaddrs[x])^*
                                                             (where x^* = mems(export^*))
globals(externval_{ex}^*) =
                           (moduleinst.globaladdrs[x])^*
                                                             (where x^* = globals(export^*))
```

Here, the notation allocx\* is shorthand for multiple allocations of object kind X, defined as follows:

```
\begin{aligned} \text{allocx}^*(S_0, X^n, \dots) &= S_n, a^n \\ \text{where for all } i < n : \\ S_{i+1}, a^n[i] &= \text{allocx}(S_i, X^n[i], \dots) \end{aligned}
```

Moreover, if the dots  $\dots$  are a sequence  $A^n$  (as for globals or tables), then the elements of this sequence are passed to the allocation function pointwise.

**Note:** The definition of module allocation is mutually recursive with the allocation of its associated types and functions, because the resulting module instance *moduleinst* is passed to the allocators as an argument, in order to form the necessary closures. In an implementation, this recursion is easily unraveled by mutating one or the other in a secondary step.

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### 4.7.2 Instantiation

Given a store S, a module module is instantiated with a list of external values  $externval^n$  supplying the required imports as follows.

Instantiation checks that the module is valid and the provided imports match the declared types, and may *fail* with an error otherwise. Instantiation can also result in a trap from initializing a table or memory from an active segment or from executing the start function. It is up to the embedder to define how such conditions are reported.

- 1. If *module* is not valid, then:
  - a. Fail.
- 2. Assert: module is valid with external types  $externtype_{im}^{m}$  classifying its imports.
- 3. If the number m of imports is not equal to the number n of provided external values, then:
  - a. Fail.
- 4. For each external value  $externval_i$  in  $externval^n$  and external type  $externtype_i^n$  in  $externtype_{im}^n$ , do:
  - a. If  $externval_i$  is not valid with an external type  $externtype_i$  in store S, then:
    - i. Fail.
  - b. Let  $externtype_i''$  be the external type obtained by instantiating  $externtype_i'$  in module inst defined below.
  - c. If  $externtype_i$  does not match  $externtype_i''$ , then:
    - i. Fail.
- 5. Let  $module inst_{init}$  be the auxiliary module instance {globaladdrs globals( $externval^n$ ), funcaddrs module inst.funcaddrs} that only consists of the imported globals and the imported and allocated functions from the final module instance module inst, defined below.
- 6. Let  $F_{\text{init}}$  be the auxiliary frame {module  $module inst_{\text{init}}$ , locals  $\epsilon$ }.
- 7. Push the frame  $F_{\text{init}}$  to the stack.
- 8. Let  $val_{g}^{*}$  be the vector of global initialization values determined by module and  $externval^{n}$ . These may be calculated as follows.
  - a. For each global global; in module.globals, do:
    - i. Let  $val_{gi}$  be the result of evaluating the initializer expression  $global_i$ .init.
  - b. Assert: due to validation, the frame  $F_{\rm init}$  is now on the top of the stack.
  - c. Let  $val_g^*$  be the concatenation of  $val_{gi}$  in index order.
- Let ref<sup>\*</sup><sub>t</sub> be the vector of table initialization references determined by module and externval<sup>n</sup>. These may be calculated as follows.
  - a. For each table  $table_i$  in module.tables, do:
    - i. Let  $val_{ti}$  be the result of evaluating the initializer expression  $table_i$ .init.
    - ii. Assert: due to validation,  $val_{ti}$  is a reference.
    - iii. Let  $ref_{ti}$  be the reference  $val_{ti}$ .
  - b. Assert: due to validation, the frame  $F_{\text{init}}$  is now on the top of the stack.
  - c. Let  $ref_t^*$  be the concatenation of  $ref_{ti}$  in index order.
- 10. Let  $(ref_e^*)^*$  be the list of reference vectors determined by the element segments in *module*. These may be calculated as follows.
  - a. For each element segment  $elem_i$  in module.elems, and for each element expression  $expr_{ij}$  in  $elem_i$ .init, do:
    - i. Let  $ref_{ij}$  be the result of evaluating the initializer expression  $expr_{ij}$ .

- b. Let  $ref_i^*$  be the concatenation of function elements  $ref_{ij}$  in order of index j.
- c. Let  $(ref_e^*)^*$  be the concatenation of function element vectors  $ref_i^*$  in order of index i.
- 11. Pop the frame  $F_{\rm init}$  from the stack.
- 12. Let module inst be a new module instance allocated from module in store S with imports  $externval^n$ , global initializer values  $val_{\rm g}^*$ , table initializer values  $ref_{\rm t}^*$ , and element segment contents  $(ref_{\rm e}^*)^*$ , and let S' be the extended store produced by module allocation.
- 13. Let F be the auxiliary frame {module module inst, locals  $\epsilon$ }.
- 14. Push the frame F to the stack.
- 15. For each element segment  $elem_i$  in module.elems whose mode is of the form active {table  $tableidx_i$ , offset  $einstr_i^*$  end}, do:
  - a. Let n be the length of the vector  $elem_i$ .init.
  - b. Execute the instruction sequence  $einstr_i^*$ .
  - c. Execute the instruction i32.const 0.
  - d. Execute the instruction i32.const n.
  - e. Execute the instruction table init  $table idx_i$  i.
  - f. Execute the instruction elem.drop i.
- 16. For each element segment elem<sub>i</sub> in module elems whose mode is of the form declarative, do:
  - a. Execute the instruction elem.drop i.
- 17. For each data segment  $data_i$  in module.datas whose mode is of the form active {memory  $memidx_i$ , offset  $dinstr_i^*$  end}, do:
  - a. Assert:  $memidx_i$  is 0.
  - b. Let n be the length of the vector  $data_i$ .init.
  - c. Execute the instruction sequence  $dinstr_i^*$ .
  - d. Execute the instruction i32.const 0.
  - e. Execute the instruction i32.const n.
  - f. Execute the instruction memory.init i.
  - g. Execute the instruction data.drop i.
- 18. If the start function *module*.start is not empty, then:
  - a. Let start be the start function module.start.
  - b. Execute the instruction call *start*.func.
- 19. Assert: due to validation, the frame F is now on the top of the stack.
- 20. Pop the frame F from the stack.

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```
instantiate(S, module, externval^k)
                                                        S'; F; \text{runelem}_0(elem^n[0]) \dots \text{runelem}_{n-1}(elem^n[n-1])
                                                                 \operatorname{rundata}_0(\operatorname{data}^m[0]) \dots \operatorname{rundata}_{m-1}(\operatorname{data}^m[m-1])
                                                                 (call start.func)?
                                                        \vdash module : externtype_{im}^{k} \rightarrow externtype_{ex}^{*}
                                                        (S' \vdash externval : externtype)^k
                                                        (S' \vdash externtype \leq clos_{moduleinst}(externtype_{im}))^k
                                                       module.globals = global^*
                                                       module.elems = elem^n
                                                       module.\mathsf{datas} = data^m
                                                  \land \quad module.\mathsf{start} = start?
                                                  \land (expr_g = global.init)^*
                                                   \land (expr_t = table.init)^*
                                                   \land (expr_{\alpha}^* = elem.init)^n
                                                   \land S', module inst = allocmodule(S, module, externval^k, val^*, (ref^*)^n)
                                                   \land F = \{ \text{module } module inst, \text{locals } \epsilon \}
                                                  where:
                     runelem<sub>i</sub>({type et, init expr^n, mode passive})
                     runelem<sub>i</sub>({type et, init expr^n, mode active{table x, offset instr^* end}})
                           instr^* (i32.const 0) (i32.const n) (table.init x i) (elem.drop i)
                     runelem<sub>i</sub>({type et, init expr^n, mode declarative}) =
                           (elem.drop i)
                     \operatorname{rundata}_i(\{\operatorname{init} b^n, \operatorname{mode passive}\}) =
                     \operatorname{rundata}_{i}(\{\operatorname{init} b^{n}, \operatorname{mode active}\{\operatorname{memory} 0, \operatorname{offset} \operatorname{inst}r^{*} \operatorname{end}\}\})
                           instr^* (i32.const 0) (i32.const n) (memory.init i) (data.drop i)
```

**Note:** Checking import types assumes that the module instance has already been allocated to compute the respective closed defined types. However, this forward reference merely is a way to simplify the specification. In practice, implementations will likely allocate or canonicalize types beforehand, when *compiling* a module, in a stage before instantiation and before imports are checked.

Similarly, module allocation and the evaluation of global and table initializers as well as element segments are mutually recursive because the global initialization values  $val_{\rm g}^*$ ,  $ref_{\rm t}$ , and element segment contents  $(ref^*)^*$  are passed to the module allocator while depending on the module instance moduleinst and store S' returned by allocation. Again, this recursion is just a specification device. In practice, the initialization values can be determined beforehand by staging module allocation further such that first, the module's own functioninstances < syntax - funcinst > are pre-allocated in the store, then the initializer expressions are evaluated, then the rest of the module instance is allocated, and finally the new function instances' module fields are set to that module instance. This is possible because validation ensures that initialization expressions cannot actually call a function, only take their reference.

All failure conditions are checked before any observable mutation of the store takes place. Store mutation is not atomic; it happens in individual steps that may be interleaved with other threads.

Evaluation of constant expressions does not affect the store.

# 4.7.3 Invocation

Once a module has been instantiated, any exported function can be *invoked* externally via its function address funcaddr in the store S and an appropriate list  $val^*$  of argument values.

Invocation may *fail* with an error if the arguments do not fit the function type. Invocation can also result in a trap. It is up to the embedder to define how such conditions are reported.

**Note:** If the embedder API performs type checks itself, either statically or dynamically, before performing an invocation, then no failure other than traps can occur.

The following steps are performed:

- 1. Assert: S.funcs[funcaddr] exists.
- 2. Let funcinst be the function instance S.funcs[funcaddr].
- 3. Let  $[t_1^n] \to [t_2^m]$  be the function type funcinst.type.
- 4. If the length  $|val^*|$  of the provided argument values is different from the number n of expected arguments, then:
  - a. Fail.
- 5. For each value type  $t_i$  in  $t_1^n$  and corresponding value  $val_i$  in  $val^*$ , do:
  - a. If  $val_i$  is not valid with value type  $t_i$ , then:
    - i. Fail.
- 6. Let F be the dummy frame {module {}}, locals  $\epsilon$ }.
- 7. Push the frame F to the stack.
- 8. Push the values  $val^*$  to the stack.
- 9. Invoke the function instance at address *funcaddr*.

Once the function has returned, the following steps are executed:

- 1. Assert: due to validation, m values are on the top of the stack.
- 2. Pop  $val_{res}^m$  from the stack.

The values  $val_{\mathrm{res}}^m$  are returned as the results of the invocation.

```
\begin{array}{ll} \operatorname{invoke}(S, \mathit{funcaddr}, \mathit{val}^n) & = & S; F; \mathit{val}^n \ (\operatorname{invoke} \mathit{funcaddr}) \\ & (\operatorname{if} & S.\operatorname{funcs}[\mathit{funcaddr}].\operatorname{type} = [t_1^n] \to [t_2^m] \\ & \wedge & (S \vdash \mathit{val} : t_1)^n \\ & \wedge & F = \{\operatorname{module} \{\}, \operatorname{locals} \epsilon\}) \end{array}
```

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**Binary Format** 

### 5.1 Conventions

The binary format for WebAssembly modules is a dense linear *encoding* of their abstract syntax.<sup>28</sup>

The format is defined by an *attribute grammar* whose only terminal symbols are bytes. A byte sequence is a well-formed encoding of a module if and only if it is generated by the grammar.

Each production of this grammar has exactly one synthesized attribute: the abstract syntax that the respective byte sequence encodes. Thus, the attribute grammar implicitly defines a *decoding* function (i.e., a parsing function for the binary format).

Except for a few exceptions, the binary grammar closely mirrors the grammar of the abstract syntax.

**Note:** Some phrases of abstract syntax have multiple possible encodings in the binary format. For example, numbers may be encoded as if they had optional leading zeros. Implementations of decoders must support all possible alternatives; implementations of encoders can pick any allowed encoding.

The recommended extension for files containing WebAssembly modules in binary format is ".wasm" and the recommended Media Type<sup>27</sup> is "application/wasm".

#### 5.1.1 Grammar

The following conventions are adopted in defining grammar rules for the binary format. They mirror the conventions used for abstract syntax. In order to distinguish symbols of the binary syntax from symbols of the abstract syntax, typewriter font is adopted for the former.

- Terminal symbols are bytes expressed in hexadecimal notation: 0x0F.
- Nonterminal symbols are written in typewriter font: valtype, instr.
- $B^n$  is a sequence of  $n \ge 0$  iterations of B.
- $B^*$  is a possibly empty sequence of iterations of B. (This is a shorthand for  $B^n$  used where n is not relevant.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Additional encoding layers – for example, introducing compression – may be defined on top of the basic representation defined here. However, such layers are outside the scope of the current specification.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> https://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/media-types.xhtml

- $B^{?}$  is an optional occurrence of B. (This is a shorthand for  $B^{n}$  where  $n \leq 1$ .)
- x:B denotes the same language as the nonterminal B, but also binds the variable x to the attribute synthesized for B.
- Productions are written sym ::=  $B_1 \Rightarrow A_1 \mid \ldots \mid B_n \Rightarrow A_n$ , where each  $A_i$  is the attribute that is synthesized for sym in the given case, usually from attribute variables bound in  $B_i$ .
- Some productions are augmented by side conditions in parentheses, which restrict the applicability of the production. They provide a shorthand for a combinatorial expansion of the production into many separate cases.
- If the same meta variable or non-terminal symbol appears multiple times in a production (in the syntax or in an attribute), then all those occurrences must have the same instantiation. (This is a shorthand for a side condition requiring multiple different variables to be equal.)

**Note:** For example, the binary grammar for number types is given as follows:

```
numtype ::= 0x7F \Rightarrow i32

| 0x7E \Rightarrow i64

| 0x7D \Rightarrow f32

| 0x7C \Rightarrow f64
```

Consequently, the byte 0x7F encodes the type i32, 0x7E encodes the type i64, and so forth. No other byte value is allowed as the encoding of a number type.

The binary grammar for limits is defined as follows:

That is, a limits pair is encoded as either the byte 0x00 followed by the encoding of a u32 value, or the byte 0x01 followed by two such encodings. The variables n and m name the attributes of the respective u32 nonterminals, which in this case are the actual unsigned integers those decode into. The attribute of the complete production then is the abstract syntax for the limit, expressed in terms of the former values.

#### **5.1.2 Auxiliary Notation**

When dealing with binary encodings the following notation is also used:

- $\epsilon$  denotes the empty byte sequence.
- ||B|| is the length of the byte sequence generated from the production B in a derivation.

#### 5.1.3 Vectors

Vectors are encoded with their u32 length followed by the encoding of their element sequence.

```
vec(B) ::= n:u32 (x:B)^n \Rightarrow x^n
```

### 5.2 Values

### **5.2.1 Bytes**

Bytes encode themselves.

### 5.2.2 Integers

All integers are encoded using the LEB128<sup>29</sup> variable-length integer encoding, in either unsigned or signed variant.

Unsigned integers are encoded in unsigned LEB128<sup>30</sup> format. As an additional constraint, the total number of bytes encoding a value of type uN must not exceed ceil(N/7) bytes.

Signed integers are encoded in signed LEB128<sup>31</sup> format, which uses a two's complement representation. As an additional constraint, the total number of bytes encoding a value of type sN must not exceed ceil(N/7) bytes.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathtt{s} N & ::= & n : \mathtt{byte} & \Rightarrow & n & \qquad & (\mathrm{if} \ n < 2^6 \wedge n < 2^{N-1}) \\ & \mid & n : \mathtt{byte} & \Rightarrow & n - 2^7 & \qquad & (\mathrm{if} \ 2^6 \leq n < 2^7 \wedge n \geq 2^7 - 2^{N-1}) \\ & \mid & n : \mathtt{byte} \ m : \mathtt{s} (N-7) & \Rightarrow & 2^7 \cdot m + (n-2^7) & \qquad & (\mathrm{if} \ n \geq 2^7 \wedge N > 7) \end{array}$$

Uninterpreted integers are encoded as signed integers.

```
iN ::= n:sN \Rightarrow i  (if n = signed_N(i))
```

**Note:** The side conditions N>7 in the productions for non-terminal bytes of the u and s encodings restrict the encoding's length. However, "trailing zeros" are still allowed within these bounds. For example, 0x03 and 0x83 0x00 are both well-formed encodings for the value 3 as a u8. Similarly, either of 0x7e and 0xFE 0x7F and 0xFE 0xFF 0x7F are well-formed encodings of the value -2 as a s16.

The side conditions on the value n of terminal bytes further enforce that any unused bits in these bytes must be 0 for positive values and 1 for negative ones. For example, 0x83 0x10 is malformed as a u8 encoding. Similarly, both 0x83 0x3E and 0xFF 0x7B are malformed as s8 encodings.

# 5.2.3 Floating-Point

Floating-point values are encoded directly by their IEEE 754<sup>32</sup> (Section 3.4) bit pattern in little endian<sup>33</sup> byte order:

$${\tt f} N ::= b^*: {\tt byte}^{N/8} \ \Rightarrow \ {\tt bytes}_{fN}^{-1}(b^*)$$

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LEB128

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LEB128#Unsigned\_LEB128

<sup>31</sup> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LEB128#Signed\_LEB128

<sup>32</sup> https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8766229

<sup>33</sup> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Endianness#Little-endian

### **5.2.4 Names**

Names are encoded as a vector of bytes containing the Unicode<sup>34</sup> (Section 3.9) UTF-8 encoding of the name's character sequence.

```
name ::= b^*:vec(byte) \Rightarrow name (if utf8(name) = b^*)
```

The auxiliary utf8 function expressing this encoding is defined as follows:

```
\begin{array}{lll} \mathrm{utf8}(c^*) & = & (\mathrm{utf8}(c))^* \\ \mathrm{utf8}(c) & = & b & & (\mathrm{if}\ c < \mathrm{U} + 80 \\ & & & \wedge c = b) \\ \mathrm{utf8}(c) & = & b_1\ b_2 & & (\mathrm{if}\ \mathrm{U} + 80 \leq c < \mathrm{U} + 800 \\ & & & \wedge c = 2^6(b_1 - 0\mathrm{xC0}) + (b_2 - 0\mathrm{x80})) \\ \mathrm{utf8}(c) & = & b_1\ b_2\ b_3 & & (\mathrm{if}\ \mathrm{U} + 800 \leq c < \mathrm{U} + \mathrm{D800} \vee \mathrm{U} + \mathrm{E}000 \leq c < \mathrm{U} + 10000 \\ & & & \wedge c = 2^{12}(b_1 - 0\mathrm{xE0}) + 2^6(b_2 - 0\mathrm{x80}) + (b_3 - 0\mathrm{x80})) \\ \mathrm{utf8}(c) & = & b_1\ b_2\ b_3\ b_4 & & (\mathrm{if}\ \mathrm{U} + 10000 \leq c < \mathrm{U} + 110000 \\ & & & \wedge\ c = 2^{18}(b_1 - 0\mathrm{xF0}) + 2^{12}(b_2 - 0\mathrm{x80}) + 2^6(b_3 - 0\mathrm{x80}) + (b_4 - 0\mathrm{x80})) \\ \mathrm{where}\ b_2, b_3, b_4 < 0\mathrm{xC0} & & & \end{array}
```

Note: Unlike in some other formats, name strings are not 0-terminated.

# 5.3 Types

**Note:** In some places, possible types include both type constructors or types denoted by type indices. Thus, the binary format for type constructors corresponds to the encodings of small negative sN values, such that they can unambiguously occur in the same place as (positive) type indices.

### 5.3.1 Number Types

Number types are encoded by a single byte.

```
numtype ::= 0x7F \Rightarrow i32

0x7E \Rightarrow i64

0x7D \Rightarrow f32

0x7C \Rightarrow f64
```

### 5.3.2 Vector Types

Vector types are also encoded by a single byte.

```
vectype ::= 0x7B \Rightarrow v128
```

<sup>34</sup> https://www.unicode.org/versions/latest/

### 5.3.3 Heap Types

Heap types are encoded as either a single byte, or as a type index encoded as a positive signed integer.

### **5.3.4 Reference Types**

Reference types are either encoded by a single byte followed by a heap type, or, as a short form, directly as a non-index heap type.

```
reftype ::= 0x6B ht:heaptype \Rightarrow ref ht

| 0x6C ht:heaptype \Rightarrow ref null ht

| 0x6F \Rightarrow externref

| 0x70 \Rightarrow funcref
```

# 5.3.5 Value Types

Value types are encoded with their respective encoding as a number type, vector type, or reference type.

**Note:** The type bot cannot occur in a module.

Value types can occur in contexts where type indices are also allowed, such as in the case of block types. Thus, the binary format for types corresponds to the signed LEB128 $^{35}$  encoding of small negative sN values, so that they can coexist with (positive) type indices in the future.

## 5.3.6 Result Types

Result types are encoded by the respective vectors of value types.

```
\texttt{resulttype} \ ::= \ t^* : \texttt{vec}(\texttt{valtype}) \ \Rightarrow \ [t^*]
```

# **5.3.7 Function Types**

Function types are encoded by the byte 0x60 followed by the respective vectors of parameter and result types.

```
functype ::= 0x60 rt_1:resulttype rt_2:resulttype \Rightarrow rt_1 \rightarrow rt_2
```

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<sup>35</sup> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LEB128#Signed\_LEB128

#### **5.3.8 Limits**

Limits are encoded with a preceding flag indicating whether a maximum is present.

```
limits ::= 0x00 \ n:u32 \Rightarrow \{\min n, \max \epsilon\}
| 0x01 \ n:u32 \ m:u32 \Rightarrow \{\min n, \max m\}
```

### **5.3.9 Memory Types**

Memory types are encoded with their limits.

```
memtype ::= lim:limits \Rightarrow lim
```

# 5.3.10 Table Types

Table types are encoded with their limits and the encoding of their element reference type.

```
tabletype ::= et:reftype lim:limits \Rightarrow lim et
```

### 5.3.11 Global Types

Global types are encoded by their value type and a flag for their mutability.

### 5.4 Instructions

Instructions are encoded by *opcodes*. Each opcode is represented by a single byte, and is followed by the instruction's immediate arguments, where present. The only exception are structured control instructions, which consist of several opcodes bracketing their nested instruction sequences.

Note: Gaps in the byte code ranges for encoding instructions are reserved for future extensions.

#### 5.4.1 Control Instructions

Control instructions have varying encodings. For structured instructions, the instruction sequences forming nested blocks are terminated with explicit opcodes for end and else.

Block types are encoded in special compressed form, by either the byte 0x40 indicating the empty type, as a single value type, or as a type index encoded as a positive signed integer.

```
0x40
blocktype ::=
                                                                                                    \epsilon
                                                                                               \Rightarrow
                      t:valtype
                                                                                               \Rightarrow t
                                                                                                                                  (if x \ge 0
                     x:s33
                                                                                                \Rightarrow x
instr
               ::= 0x00
                                                                                                    unreachable
                      0x01
                                                                                               \Rightarrow nop
                      0x02 bt:blocktype (in:instr)^* 0x0B
                                                                                               \Rightarrow block bt in^* end
                                                                                               \Rightarrow loop bt in^* end
                      0x03 bt:blocktype (in:instr)^* 0x0B
                                                                                               \Rightarrow if bt in^* else \epsilon end
                      0x04 bt:blocktype (in:instr)^* 0x0B
                      0x04 bt:blocktype (in_1:instr)^* 0x05 (in_2:instr)^* 0x0B \Rightarrow if bt in_1^* else in_2^* end
                      0x0C l:labelidx
                                                                                               \Rightarrow br l
                      0x0D l:labelidx
                                                                                               \Rightarrow br_if l
                      OxOE l^*:vec(labelidx) l_N:labelidx
                                                                                               \Rightarrow br_table l^* l_N
                      0x0F
                                                                                               \Rightarrow return
                      0x10 x:funcidx
                                                                                               \Rightarrow call x
                                                                                               \Rightarrow call_indirect x y
                      0x11 y:typeidx x:tableidx
                      0x12 x:funcidx
                                                                                               \Rightarrow return_call x
                      0x13 y:typeidx x:tableidx
                                                                                               \Rightarrow return_call_indirect x y
                      0x14 x:typeidx
                                                                                               \Rightarrow call_ref x
                      0x15 x:typeidx
                                                                                               \Rightarrow return call ref x
                      0xD4 l:labelidx
                                                                                                    br on \operatorname{\mathsf{null}} l
                      0xD6 l:labelidx
                                                                                               \Rightarrow br on non null l
```

**Note:** The else opcode 0x05 in the encoding of an if instruction can be omitted if the following instruction sequence is empty.

Unlike any other occurrence, the type index in a block type is encoded as a positive signed integer, so that its signed LEB128 bit pattern cannot collide with the encoding of value types or the special code 0x40, which correspond to the LEB128 encoding of negative integers. To avoid any loss in the range of allowed indices, it is treated as a 33 bit signed integer.

#### 5.4.2 Reference Instructions

Reference instructions are represented by single byte codes.

#### 5.4.3 Parametric Instructions

Parametric instructions are represented by single byte codes, possibly followed by a type annotation.

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### 5.4.4 Variable Instructions

Variable instructions are represented by byte codes followed by the encoding of the respective index.

#### 5.4.5 Table Instructions

Table instructions are represented either by a single byte or a one byte prefix followed by a variable-length unsigned integer.

# **5.4.6 Memory Instructions**

Each variant of memory instruction is encoded with a different byte code. Loads and stores are followed by the encoding of their *memarg* immediate.

```
\Rightarrow {align a, offset o}
memarg := a:u32 o:u32
instr
                                         ::=
                                                                  0x28 m:memarg
                                                                                                                                                                                                           \Rightarrow i32.load m
                                                                                                                                                                 \Rightarrow i64.load m
\Rightarrow f32.load m
\Rightarrow f64.load m
\Rightarrow i32.load8\_s m
\Rightarrow i32.load16\_s m
\Rightarrow i32.load16\_u m
\Rightarrow i64.load8\_u m
\Rightarrow i64.load8\_u m
\Rightarrow i64.load30\_u m
\Rightarrow i64.l
                                                                  0x29 m:memarg
                                                                                                                                                                                                           \Rightarrow i64.load m
                                                                  0x2A m:memarg
                                                                  0x2B m:memarg
                                                                  0x2C m:memarg
                                                                  0x2D m:memarg
                                                                  0x2E m:memarg
                                                                  0x2F m:memarg
                                                                  0x30 m:memarg
                                                                  0x31 m:memarg
                                                                  0x32 m:memarg
                                                                  0x33 m:memarg
                                                                  0x34 m:memarg
                                                                  0x35 m:memarg
                                                                  0x36 m:memarg
                                                                  0x37 m:memarg
                                                                  0x38 m:memarg
                                                                  0x39 m:memarg
                                                                  Ox3A m:memarg
                                                                  0x3B m:memarg
                                                                  0x3C m:memarg
                                                                                                                                                                                                \Rightarrow i64.store16 m
                                                                  0x3D m:memarg
                                                                 0x3E m:memarg
                                                                                                                                                                                                \Rightarrow i64.store32 m
                                                                  0x3F 0x00
                                                                                                                                                                                                          ⇒ memory.size
                                                                  0x40 0x00
                                                                                                                                                                                                         ⇒ memory.grow
                                                                  \texttt{OxFC} \ 8: \texttt{u32} \ x: \texttt{dataidx} \ \texttt{0x00} \ \Rightarrow \ \mathsf{memory.init} \ x
                                                                  \texttt{OxFC} \ 9{:} \texttt{u32} \ x{:} \texttt{dataidx} \qquad \Rightarrow \quad \mathsf{data.drop} \ x
                                                                  0xFC 10:u32 0x00 0x00
                                                                                                                                                                                                   ⇒ memory.copy
                                                                  0xFC 11:u32 0x00 \Rightarrow memory.fill
```

**Note:** In future versions of WebAssembly, the additional zero bytes occurring in the encoding of the memory.size, memory.grow, memory.copy, and memory.fill instructions may be used to index additional memories.

#### **5.4.7 Numeric Instructions**

All variants of numeric instructions are represented by separate byte codes.

The const instructions are followed by the respective literal.

```
instr ::= ...

| 0x41 n:i32 \Rightarrow i32.const n

| 0x42 n:i64 \Rightarrow i64.const n

| 0x43 z:f32 \Rightarrow f32.const z

| 0x44 z:f64 \Rightarrow f64.const z
```

All other numeric instructions are plain opcodes without any immediates.

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```
instr ::=
                 0x45 \Rightarrow i32.eqz
                 0x46 \Rightarrow i32.eq
                 0x47 \Rightarrow i32.ne
                 0x48 \Rightarrow i32.lt_s
                 0x49 \Rightarrow i32.lt_u
                 0x4A \Rightarrow
                               i32.gt_s
                 0x4B \Rightarrow i32.gt_u
                 0x4C \Rightarrow i32.le_s
                 0x4D \Rightarrow i32.le u
                 0x4E \Rightarrow i32.ge\_s
                 0x4F \Rightarrow i32.ge_u
                 0x50 \Rightarrow
                                i64.eqz
                 0x51 \Rightarrow
                                i64.eq
                 0x52 \Rightarrow i64.ne
                 0x53 \Rightarrow i64.lt_s
                 0x54 \Rightarrow i64.lt_u
                 0x55 \Rightarrow i64.gt_s
                 0x56 \Rightarrow i64.gt_u
                 0x57 \Rightarrow i64.le s
                 0x58 \Rightarrow i64.le_u
                 0x59 \Rightarrow i64.ge_s
                 0x5A \Rightarrow i64.ge_u
                 0x5B \Rightarrow f32.eq
                 0x5C \Rightarrow f32.ne
                 0x5D \Rightarrow f32.lt
                 0x5E \Rightarrow f32.gt
                 0x5F \Rightarrow f32.le
                 0x60 \Rightarrow f32.ge
                 0x61 \Rightarrow
                                f64.eq
                 0x62 \Rightarrow f64.ne
                 0x63 \Rightarrow f64.lt
                 0x64 \Rightarrow f64.gt
                 0x65 \Rightarrow f64.le
                 0x66 \Rightarrow f64.ge
                 0x67 \Rightarrow i32.clz
                 0x68 \Rightarrow i32.ctz
                 0x69 \Rightarrow i32.popcnt
                 0x6A \Rightarrow i32.add
                 0x6B \Rightarrow i32.sub
                 0x6C \Rightarrow i32.mul
                 0x6D \Rightarrow i32.div_s
                 0x6E \Rightarrow i32.div_u
                 0x6F \Rightarrow i32.rem\_s
                 0x70 \Rightarrow i32.rem_u
                 0x71 \Rightarrow i32.and
                 0x72 \Rightarrow i32.or
                 0x73 \Rightarrow i32.xor
                 0x74 \Rightarrow i32.shl
                 0x75 \Rightarrow i32.shr s
                 0x76 \Rightarrow i32.shr_u
                 0x77 \Rightarrow
                                i32.rotl
                 0x78 \Rightarrow i32.rotr
```

```
i64.clz
0x79
         \Rightarrow
0x7A
              i64.ctz
0x7B \Rightarrow
              i64.popcnt
0x7C \Rightarrow i64.add
0x7D \Rightarrow i64.sub
0x7E \Rightarrow i64.mul
0x7F \Rightarrow i64.div s
0x80 \Rightarrow i64.div_u
0x81
              i64.rem_s
        \Rightarrow
0x82
        \Rightarrow
               i64.rem_u
0x83 \Rightarrow
              i64.and
0x84 \Rightarrow i64.or
0x85 \Rightarrow i64.xor
0x86 \Rightarrow i64.shl
0x87 \Rightarrow i64.shr_s
0x88 \Rightarrow i64.shr_u
0x89 \Rightarrow i64.rotl
\Leftrightarrow A8x0
              i64.rotr
0x8B \Rightarrow f32.abs
0x8C \Rightarrow f32.neg
0x8D \Rightarrow f32.ceil
0x8E \Rightarrow f32.floor
0x8F \Rightarrow f32.trunc
0x90 \Rightarrow f32.nearest
0x91 \Rightarrow f32.sqrt
0x92 \Rightarrow f32.add
0x93 \Rightarrow f32.sub
0x94 \Rightarrow f32.mul
0x95 \Rightarrow f32.div
0x96 \Rightarrow f32.min
0x97 \Rightarrow f32.max
0x98 \Rightarrow f32.copysign
0x99
              f64.abs
0x9A \Rightarrow f64.neg
0x9B \Rightarrow f64.ceil
0x9C \Rightarrow f64.floor
0x9D \Rightarrow f64.trunc
0x9E \Rightarrow f64.nearest
0x9F \Rightarrow f64.sqrt
0xA0 \Rightarrow f64.add
0xA1 \Rightarrow f64.sub
0xA2 \Rightarrow f64.mul
0xA3 \Rightarrow f64.div
0xA4 \Rightarrow f64.min
0xA5 \Rightarrow
              f64.max
0xA6 \Rightarrow f64.copysign
```

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```
0xA7 \Rightarrow i32.wrap i64
0xA8 \Rightarrow i32.trunc_f32_s
0xA9 \Rightarrow i32.trunc_f32_u
0xAA \Rightarrow i32.trunc_f64_s
0xAB \Rightarrow i32.trunc f64 u
0xAC \Rightarrow i64.extend i32 s
0xAD \Rightarrow i64.extend_i32_u
0xAE \Rightarrow i64.trunc_f32_s
0xAF \Rightarrow i64.trunc_f32_u
0xB0 \Rightarrow i64.trunc_f64_s
0xB1 \Rightarrow i64.trunc_f64_u
0xB2 \Rightarrow f32.convert_i32_s
0xB3 \Rightarrow f32.convert_i32_u
0xB4 \Rightarrow f32.convert_i64_s
0xB5 \Rightarrow f32.convert_i64_u
0xB6 \Rightarrow f32.demote f64
0xB7 \Rightarrow f64.convert i32 s
0xB8 \Rightarrow f64.convert_i32_u
0xB9 \Rightarrow f64.convert_i64_s
0xBA \Rightarrow f64.convert i64 u
0xBB \Rightarrow f64.promote_f32
0xBC \Rightarrow i32.reinterpret_f32
0xBD \Rightarrow i64.reinterpret_f64
0xBE \Rightarrow f32.reinterpret i32
0xBF \Rightarrow f64.reinterpret_i64
0xC0 \Rightarrow i32.extend8_s
0xC1 \Rightarrow i32.extend16_s
0xC2 \Rightarrow i64.extend8 s
0xC3 \Rightarrow i64.extend16 s
0xC4 \Rightarrow i64.extend32_s
```

The saturating truncation instructions all have a one byte prefix, whereas the actual opcode is encoded by a variable-length unsigned integer.

#### 5.4.8 Vector Instructions

All variants of vector instructions are represented by separate byte codes. They all have a one byte prefix, whereas the actual opcode is encoded by a variable-length unsigned integer.

Vector loads and stores are followed by the encoding of their memarg immediate.

The const instruction is followed by 16 immediate bytes, which are converted into a i128 in littleendian byte order:

```
instr ::= ...

| OxFD 12:u32 (b:byte)^{16} \Rightarrow v128.const bytes_{i128}^{-1}(b_0 \dots b_{15})
```

The shuffle instruction is also followed by the encoding of 16 laneidx immediates.

extract\_lane and replace\_lane instructions are followed by the encoding of a laneidx immediate.

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All other vector instructions are plain opcodes without any immediates.

```
instr ::=
                 0xFD 14:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.swizzle
                 0xFD 15:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.splat
                 \texttt{0xFD} \ 16{:} \texttt{u32} \ \Rightarrow \ \mathsf{i16x8.splat}
                 0xFD 17:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.splat
                 0xFD 18:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.splat
                 0xFD 19:u32 \Rightarrow f32x4.splat
                 0xFD 20:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.splat
                 0xFD 35:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.eq
                 0xFD 36:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.ne
                 0xFD 37:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.lt_s
                 \texttt{0xFD} \ 38{:} \texttt{u32} \ \Rightarrow \ \mathsf{i8x16.lt\_u}
                 \texttt{0xFD} \ 39{:} \texttt{u32} \ \Rightarrow \ \mathsf{i8x16.gt\_s}
                 0xFD \ 40:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.gt \ u
                 0xFD 41:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.le_s
                 0xFD 42:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.le_u
                 0xFD 43:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.ge_s
                 0xFD 44:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.ge_u
                 0xFD 45:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.eq
                 0xFD \ 46:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.ne
                 0xFD 47:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.lt s
                 0xFD 48:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.lt u
                 0xFD 49:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.gt_s
                 0xFD 50:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.gt_u
                 0xFD 51:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.le_s
                 0xFD 52:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.le_u
                 0xFD 53:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.ge_s
                 0xFD 54:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.ge_u
                 0xFD 55:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.eq
                 0xFD 56:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.ne
                 0xFD 57:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.lt_s
                 0xFD 58:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.lt_u
                 0xFD 59:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.gt_s
                 0xFD 60:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.gt_u
                 0xFD 61:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.le_s
                 0xFD 62:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.le_u
                 0xFD 63:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.ge_s
                 0xFD 64:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.ge\_u
                0xFD 214:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.eq
                0xFD 215:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.ne
                0xFD 216:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.lt s
                0xFD 217:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.gt_s
                0xFD 218:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.le_s
                0xFD 219:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.ge_s
                 0xFD 65:u32 \Rightarrow f32x4.eq
                 0xFD 66:u32 \Rightarrow f32x4.ne
                 0xFD 67:u32 \Rightarrow f32\times4.lt
                 \texttt{0xFD} \ 68{:} \texttt{u32} \ \Rightarrow \ \texttt{f32} \texttt{x4.gt}
                 0xFD 69:u32 \Rightarrow f32x4.le
                 0xFD 70:u32 \Rightarrow f32x4.ge
```

```
0xFD 71:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.eq
0xFD 72:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.ne
0xFD 73:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.lt
0xFD 74:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.gt
0xFD 75:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.le
0xFD 76:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.ge
0xFD 77:u32 \Rightarrow v128.not
0xFD 78:u32 \Rightarrow v128.and
0xFD 79:u32 \Rightarrow v128.andnot
0xFD 80:u32 \Rightarrow v128.or
0xFD 81:u32 \Rightarrow v128.xor
0xFD 82:u32 \Rightarrow v128.bitselect
0xFD 83:u32 \Rightarrow v128.any\_true
0xFD 96:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.abs
0xFD 97:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.neg
0xFD 98:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.popcnt
0xFD 99:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.all true
0xFD 100:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.bitmask
0xFD 101:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.narrow_i16x8_s
0xFD 102:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.narrow_i16x8_u
0xFD 107:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.shl
0xFD 108:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.shr_s
0xFD 109:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.shr_u
0xFD 110:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.add
\texttt{0xFD} \ 111{:}u32 \ \Rightarrow \ i8{\times}16.\mathsf{add\_sat\_s}
0xFD 112:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.add_sat_u
0xFD 113:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.sub
0xFD 114:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.sub sat s
0xFD 115:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.sub\_sat\_u
0xFD 118:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.min_s
0xFD 119:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.min_u
0xFD 120:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.max_s
0xFD 121:u32 \Rightarrow i8x16.max_u
\texttt{0xFD} \ 123{:}\texttt{u}32 \ \Rightarrow \ \mathsf{i8x}16.\mathsf{avgr\_u}
```

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```
i16x8.extadd_pairwise_i8x16_s
0xFD 124:u32 \Rightarrow
0xFD 125:u32
                      i16x8.extadd_pairwise_i8x16_u
0xFD 128:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.abs
0xFD 129:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.neg
0xFD 130:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.q15mulr_sat_s
0xFD 131:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.all true
0xFD 132:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.bitmask
0xFD 133:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.narrow i32x4 s
0xFD 134:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.narrow i32x4 u
0xFD 135:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.extend_low_i8x16_s
0xFD 136:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.extend_high_i8x16_s
0xFD 137:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.extend_low_i8x16_u
0xFD 138:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.extend_high_i8x16_u
0xFD 139:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.shl
0xFD 140:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.shr_s
0xFD 141:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.shr_u
0xFD 142:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.add
0xFD 143:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.add sat s
0xFD 144:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.add_sat_u
0xFD 145:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.sub
0xFD 146:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.sub\_sat\_s
0xFD 147:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.sub sat u
0xFD 149:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.mul
0xFD 150:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.min_s
0xFD 151:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.min_u
0xFD 152:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.max s
0xFD 153:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.max_u
0xFD 155:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.avgr u
0xFD 156:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.extmul_low_i8x16_s
0xFD 157:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.extmul high i8x16 s
0xFD 158:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.extmul_low_i8x16_u
0xFD 159:u32 \Rightarrow i16x8.extmul_high_i8x16_u
0xFD 126:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.extadd_pairwise_i16x8_s
0xFD 127:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.extadd_pairwise_i16x8_u
0xFD 160:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.abs
0xFD 161:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.neg
0xFD 163:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.all\_true
0xFD 164:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.bitmask
0xFD 167:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.extend_low_i16x8_s
0xFD 168:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.extend_high_i16x8_s
0xFD 169:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.extend_low_i16x8_u
0xFD 170:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.extend_high_i16x8_u
0xFD 171:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.shl
0xFD 172:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.shr s
0xFD 173:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.shr_u
0xFD 174:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.add
0xFD 177:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.sub
0xFD 181:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.mul
0xFD 182:u32 \Rightarrow i32\times4.min_s
0xFD 183:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.min_u
0xFD 184:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.max_s
0xFD 185:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.max_u
0xFD 186:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.dot_i16x8_s
0xFD 188:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.extmul_low_i16x8_s
0xFD 189:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.extmul_high_i16x8_s
0xFD 190:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.extmul_low_i16x8_u
0xFD 191:u32 \Rightarrow i32x4.extmul_high_i16x8_u
```

```
i64x2.abs
0xFD 192:u32
0xFD 193:u32
                       i64x2.neg
0xFD 195:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.all true
0xFD 196:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.bitmask
0xFD 199:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.extend_low_i32x4_s
0xFD 200:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.extend_high_i32x4_s
0xFD 201:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.extend low i32x4 u
0xFD 202:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.extend_high_i32x4_u
0xFD 203:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.shl
0xFD 204:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.shr_s
0xFD 205:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.shr_u
0xFD 206:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.add
0xFD 209:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.sub
0xFD 213:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.mul
0xFD 220:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.extmul_low_i32x4_s
0xFD 221:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.extmul_high_i32x4_s
0xFD 222:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.extmul_low_i32x4_u
0xFD 223:u32 \Rightarrow i64x2.extmul_high_i32x4_u
0xFD 103:u32 \Rightarrow f32x4.ceil
0xFD 104:u32 \Rightarrow f32\times4.floor
0xFD 105:u32 \Rightarrow f32x4.trunc
0xFD 106:u32 \Rightarrow f32x4.nearest
0xFD 224:u32 \Rightarrow f32x4.abs
0xFD 225:u32 \Rightarrow f32x4.neg
0xFD 227:u32 \Rightarrow f32x4.sqrt
0xFD 228:u32 \Rightarrow f32x4.add
\texttt{0xFD} \ 229 \text{:u32} \ \Rightarrow \ \texttt{f32x4.sub}
0xFD 230:u32 \Rightarrow f32x4.mul
0xFD 231:u32 \Rightarrow f32x4.div
0xFD 232:u32 \Rightarrow f32x4.min
0xFD 233:u32 \Rightarrow f32x4.max
0xFD 234:u32 \Rightarrow f32x4.pmin
0xFD 235:u32 \Rightarrow f32x4.pmax
0xFD 116:u32 \Rightarrow f64\times2.ceil
0xFD 117:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.floor
0xFD 122:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.trunc
0xFD 148:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.nearest
0xFD 236:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.abs
0xFD 237:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.neg
0xFD 239:u32 \Rightarrow f64\times 2.sgrt
0xFD 240:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.add
0xFD 241:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.sub
0xFD 242:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.mul
0xFD 243:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.div
0xFD 244:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.min
0xFD 245:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.max
0xFD 246:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.pmin
0xFD 247:u32 \Rightarrow f64x2.pmax
```

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### 5.4.9 Expressions

Expressions are encoded by their instruction sequence terminated with an explicit 0x0B opcode for end.

```
expr ::= (in:instr)^* \circ 0x\circ B \Rightarrow in^* \circ nd
```

### 5.5 Modules

The binary encoding of modules is organized into *sections*. Most sections correspond to one component of a module record, except that function definitions are split into two sections, separating their type declarations in the function section from their bodies in the code section.

**Note:** This separation enables *parallel* and *streaming* compilation of the functions in a module.

#### 5.5.1 Indices

All indices are encoded with their respective value.

#### 5.5.2 Sections

Each section consists of

- a one-byte section id,
- the u32 size of the contents, in bytes,
- the actual *contents*, whose structure is depended on the section id.

Every section is optional; an omitted section is equivalent to the section being present with empty contents.

The following parameterized grammar rule defines the generic structure of a section with id N and contents described by the grammar B.

For most sections, the contents B encodes a vector. In these cases, the empty result  $\epsilon$  is interpreted as the empty vector

**Note:** Other than for unknown custom sections, the *size* is not required for decoding, but can be used to skip sections when navigating through a binary. The module is malformed if the size does not match the length of the binary contents B.

The following section ids are used:

ld	Section
0	custom section
1	type section
2	import section
3	function section
4	table section
5	memory section
6	global section
7	export section
8	start section
9	element section
10	code section
11	data section
12	data count section

#### 5.5.3 Custom Section

*Custom sections* have the id 0. They are intended to be used for debugging information or third-party extensions, and are ignored by the WebAssembly semantics. Their contents consist of a name further identifying the custom section, followed by an uninterpreted sequence of bytes for custom use.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \text{customsec} & ::= & \text{section}_0(\text{custom}) \\ \text{custom} & ::= & \text{name byte}^* \end{array}
```

**Note:** If an implementation interprets the data of a custom section, then errors in that data, or the placement of the section, must not invalidate the module.

# 5.5.4 Type Section

The *type section* has the id 1. It decodes into a vector of function types that represent the types component of a module.

```
typesec ::= ft^*:section<sub>1</sub>(vec(functype)) \Rightarrow ft^*
```

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## 5.5.5 Import Section

The *import section* has the id 2. It decodes into a vector of imports that represent the imports component of a module.

#### 5.5.6 Function Section

The *function section* has the id 3. It decodes into a vector of type indices that represent the type fields of the functions in the funcs component of a module. The locals and body fields of the respective functions are encoded separately in the code section.

```
funcsec ::= x^*:section<sub>3</sub>(vec(typeidx)) \Rightarrow x^*
```

#### 5.5.7 Table Section

The table section has the id 4. It decodes into a vector of tables that represent the tables component of a module.

**Note:** The encoding of a table type cannot start with byte 0x40, hence decoding is unambiguous. The zero byte following it is reserved for futre extensions.

### 5.5.8 Memory Section

The *memory section* has the id 5. It decodes into a vector of memories that represent the mems component of a module.

```
\begin{array}{llll} \text{memsec} & ::= & mem^* : \text{section}_5(\text{vec(mem)}) & \Rightarrow & mem^* \\ \text{mem} & ::= & mt : \text{memtype} & \Rightarrow & \{\text{type } mt\} \end{array}
```

### 5.5.9 Global Section

The global section has the id 6. It decodes into a vector of globals that represent the globals component of a module.

```
\begin{array}{lll} {\tt globalsec} & ::= & glob^* : {\tt section_6}({\tt vec(global})) & \Rightarrow & glob^* \\ {\tt global} & ::= & gt : {\tt globaltype} & e : {\tt expr} & \Rightarrow & \{{\tt type} & gt, {\tt init} & e\} \end{array}
```

### 5.5.10 Export Section

The *export section* has the id 7. It decodes into a vector of exports that represent the exports component of a module.

#### 5.5.11 Start Section

The *start section* has the id 8. It decodes into an optional start function that represents the start component of a module.

```
startsec ::= st^?:section<sub>8</sub>(start) \Rightarrow st^?
start ::= x:funcidx \Rightarrow {func x}
```

#### 5.5.12 Element Section

The *element section* has the id 9. It decodes into a vector of element segments that represent the elems component of a module.

```
:= seg^*:section_9(vec(elem))
elemsec
                                                                                                           seg^*
             := 0:u32 \ e:expr \ y^*:vec(funcidx)
elem
                                                                                                      \Rightarrow
                      {type funcref, init ((ref.func y) end)*, mode active {table 0, offset e}}
                    1:u32 et:elemkind y^*:vec(funcidx)
                      {type et, init ((ref.func y) end)*, mode passive}
                    2:u32 x:tableidx e:expr et:elemkind y^*:vec(funcidx)
                      \{\text{type } et, \text{ init } ((\text{ref.func } y) \text{ end})^*, \text{ mode active } \{\text{table } x, \text{ offset } e\}\}
                    3:u32 et:elemkind y^*:vec(funcidx)
                                                                                                      \Rightarrow
                      {type et, init ((ref.func y) end)*, mode declarative}
                    4:u32 \ e:expr \ el^*:vec(expr)
                      {type funcref, init el^*, mode active {table 0, offset e}}
                    5:u32 et:reftype el^*:vec(expr)
                      \{ \text{type } et, \text{ init } el^*, \text{ mode passive} \}
                    6:u32 x:tableidx e:expr et:reftype el^*:vec(expr)
                      {type et, init el^*, mode active {table x, offset e}}
                    7:u32 et:reftype el^*:vec(expr)
                      {type et, init el^*, mode declarative}
elemkind ::= 0x00
                                                                                                           funcref
```

**Note:** The initial integer can be interpreted as a bitfield. Bit 0 indicates a passive or declarative segment, bit 1 indicates the presence of an explicit table index for an active segment and otherwise distinguishes passive from declarative segments, bit 2 indicates the use of element type and element expressions instead of element kind and element indices.

Additional element kinds may be added in future versions of WebAssembly.

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#### 5.5.13 Code Section

The *code section* has the id 10. It decodes into a vector of *code* entries that are pairs of value type vectors and expressions. They represent the locals and body field of the functions in the funcs component of a module. The type fields of the respective functions are encoded separately in the function section.

The encoding of each code entry consists of

- the u32 size of the function code in bytes,
- the actual function code, which in turn consists of
  - the declaration of *locals*,
  - the function *body* as an expression.

Local declarations are compressed into a vector whose entries consist of

- a *u32 count*,
- a value type,

denoting *count* locals of the same value type.

Here, code ranges over pairs  $(valtype^*, expr)$ . The meta function  $concat((local^*)^*)$  concatenates all sequences  $local_i^*$  in  $(local^*)^*$ . Any code for which the length of the resulting sequence is out of bounds of the maximum size of a vector is malformed.

**Note:** Like with sections, the code *size* is not needed for decoding, but can be used to skip functions when navigating through a binary. The module is malformed if a size does not match the length of the respective function code.

### 5.5.14 Data Section

The *data section* has the id 11. It decodes into a vector of data segments that represent the datas component of a module.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \texttt{datasec} & ::= & seg^* : \mathtt{section_{11}}(\mathtt{vec}(\mathtt{data})) & \Rightarrow & seg^* \\ \texttt{data} & ::= & 0 : \mathtt{u32} \ e : \mathtt{eexpr} \ b^* : \mathtt{vec}(\mathtt{byte}) & \Rightarrow & \{\mathtt{init} \ b^*, \mathtt{mode} \ \mathtt{active} \ \{\mathtt{memory} \ 0, \mathtt{offset} \ e\} \} \\ & & | & 1 : \mathtt{u32} \ b^* : \mathtt{vec}(\mathtt{byte}) & \Rightarrow & \{\mathtt{init} \ b^*, \mathtt{mode} \ \mathtt{passive} \} \\ & & | & 2 : \mathtt{u32} \ x : \mathtt{memidx} \ e : \mathtt{expr} \ b^* : \mathtt{vec}(\mathtt{byte}) & \Rightarrow & \{\mathtt{init} \ b^*, \mathtt{mode} \ \mathtt{active} \ \{\mathtt{memory} \ x, \mathtt{offset} \ e\} \} \end{array}
```

**Note:** The initial integer can be interpreted as a bitfield. Bit 0 indicates a passive segment, bit 1 indicates the presence of an explicit memory index for an active segment.

In the current version of WebAssembly, at most one memory may be defined or imported in a single module, so all valid active data segments have a memory value of 0.

#### 5.5.15 Data Count Section

The *data count section* has the id 12. It decodes into an optional u32 that represents the number of data segments in the data section. If this count does not match the length of the data segment vector, the module is malformed.

datacountsec ::= 
$$n^?$$
:section<sub>12</sub>(u32)  $\Rightarrow n^?$ 

**Note:** The data count section is used to simplify single-pass validation. Since the data section occurs after the code section, the memory.init and data.drop instructions would not be able to check whether the data segment index is valid until the data section is read. The data count section occurs before the code section, so a single-pass validator can use this count instead of deferring validation.

#### **5.5.16 Modules**

The encoding of a module starts with a preamble containing a 4-byte magic number (the string '\Oasm') and a version field. The current version of the WebAssembly binary format is 1.

The preamble is followed by a sequence of sections. Custom sections may be inserted at any place in this sequence, while other sections must occur at most once and in the prescribed order. All sections can be empty.

The lengths of vectors produced by the (possibly empty) function and code section must match up.

Similarly, the optional data count must match the length of the data segment vector. Furthermore, it must be present

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if any data index occurs in the code section.

```
magic
           ::= 0x00 0x61 0x73 0x6D
version ::= 0x01 0x00 0x00 0x00
module
         ::= magic
                version
                 customsec^*
                 functype*:typesec
                 customsec*
                 import*: {\tt importsec}
                 customsec*
                 typeidx^n: funcsec
                 customsec*
                 table^*:tablesec
                 customsec*
                 mem^*:memsec
                 customsec*
                 global^*: globalsec
                 customsec*
                 export*:exportsec
                 customsec*
                 start?:startsec
                 customsec*
                 elem^*:elemsec
                 customsec*
                 m^?: datacountsec
                 customsec*
                 code^n: codesec
                 customsec*
                 data^m: datasec
                 customsec*
                                     \{ \text{ types } functype^*, 
                                       funcs func^n,
                                       tables table^*,
                                       mems mem^*,
                                       globals global^*,
                                       elems elem^*,
                                       datas data^m,
                                       start start?,
                                       imports import*,
                                       exports export* }
                 (if m^? \neq \epsilon \vee \operatorname{dataidx}(code^n) = \emptyset)
```

where for each  $t_i^*$ ,  $e_i$  in  $code^n$ ,

```
func^n[i] = \{ type \ type idx^n[i], locals \ t_i^*, body \ e_i \}
```

**Note:** The version of the WebAssembly binary format may increase in the future if backward-incompatible changes have to be made to the format. However, such changes are expected to occur very infrequently, if ever. The binary format is intended to be forward-compatible, such that future extensions can be made without incrementing its version.

**Text Format** 

### 6.1 Conventions

The textual format for WebAssembly modules is a rendering of their abstract syntax into S-expressions<sup>36</sup>.

Like the binary format, the text format is defined by an *attribute grammar*. A text string is a well-formed description of a module if and only if it is generated by the grammar. Each production of this grammar has at most one synthesized attribute: the abstract syntax that the respective character sequence expresses. Thus, the attribute grammar implicitly defines a *parsing* function. Some productions also take a context as an inherited attribute that records bound identifiers.

Except for a few exceptions, the core of the text grammar closely mirrors the grammar of the abstract syntax. However, it also defines a number of *abbreviations* that are "syntactic sugar" over the core syntax.

The recommended extension for files containing WebAssembly modules in text format is ".wat". Files with this extension are assumed to be encoded in UTF-8, as per Unicode<sup>37</sup> (Section 2.5).

#### 6.1.1 Grammar

The following conventions are adopted in defining grammar rules of the text format. They mirror the conventions used for abstract syntax and for the binary format. In order to distinguish symbols of the textual syntax from symbols of the abstract syntax, typewriter font is adopted for the former.

- Terminal symbols are either literal strings of characters enclosed in quotes or expressed as Unicode<sup>38</sup> scalar values: 'module', U+0A. (All characters written literally are unambiguously drawn from the 7-bit ASCII<sup>39</sup> subset of Unicode.)
- Nonterminal symbols are written in typewriter font: valtype, instr.
- $T^n$  is a sequence of  $n \ge 0$  iterations of T.
- $T^*$  is a possibly empty sequence of iterations of T. (This is a shorthand for  $T^n$  used where n is not relevant.)
- $T^+$  is a sequence of one or more iterations of T. (This is a shorthand for  $T^n$  where  $n \ge 1$ .)
- $T^{?}$  is an optional occurrence of T. (This is a shorthand for  $T^{n}$  where  $n \leq 1$ .)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/S-expression

<sup>37</sup> https://www.unicode.org/versions/latest/

<sup>38</sup> https://www.unicode.org/versions/latest/

 $<sup>^{39}</sup>$  https://webstore.ansi.org/RecordDetail.aspx?sku=INCITS+4-1986%5bR2012%5d

- x:T denotes the same language as the nonterminal T, but also binds the variable x to the attribute synthesized
  for T.
- Productions are written sym ::=  $T_1 \Rightarrow A_1 \mid \dots \mid T_n \Rightarrow A_n$ , where each  $A_i$  is the attribute that is synthesized for sym in the given case, usually from attribute variables bound in  $T_i$ .
- Some productions are augmented by side conditions in parentheses, which restrict the applicability of the production. They provide a shorthand for a combinatorial expansion of the production into many separate cases.
- If the same meta variable or non-terminal symbol appears multiple times in a production (in the syntax or in an attribute), then all those occurrences must have the same instantiation.
- A distinction is made between *lexical* and *syntactic* productions. For the latter, arbitrary white space is allowed in any place where the grammar contains spaces. The productions defining lexical syntax and the syntax of values are considered lexical, all others are syntactic.

**Note:** For example, the textual grammar for number types is given as follows:

```
numtype ::= 'i32' \Rightarrow i32 | 'i64' \Rightarrow i64 | 'f32' \Rightarrow f32 | 'f64' \Rightarrow f64
```

The textual grammar for limits is defined as follows:

```
limits ::= n:u32 \Rightarrow \{\min n, \max \epsilon\}
 \mid n:u32 \ m:u32 \ \Rightarrow \{\min n, \max m\}
```

The variables n and m name the attributes of the respective u32 nonterminals, which in this case are the actual unsigned integers those parse into. The attribute of the complete production then is the abstract syntax for the limit, expressed in terms of the former values.

### 6.1.2 Abbreviations

In addition to the core grammar, which corresponds directly to the abstract syntax, the textual syntax also defines a number of *abbreviations* that can be used for convenience and readability.

Abbreviations are defined by rewrite rules specifying their expansion into the core syntax:

```
abbreviation\ syntax \equiv expanded\ syntax
```

These expansions are assumed to be applied, recursively and in order of appearance, before applying the core grammar rules to construct the abstract syntax.

#### 6.1.3 Contexts

The text format allows the use of symbolic identifiers in place of indices. To resolve these identifiers into concrete indices, some grammar productions are indexed by an  $identifier\ context\ I$  as a synthesized attribute that records the declared identifiers in each index space. In addition, the context records the types defined in the module, so that parameter indices can be computed for functions.

It is convenient to define identifier contexts as records I with abstract syntax as follows:

```
I \quad ::= \quad \{ \text{ types }
                            (id^?)^*,
              funcs
                            (id^?)^*,
                            (id^?)^*,
              tables
                            (id^?)^*,
               mems
               globals
                            (id^?)^*,
                            (id^?)^*.
              elem
               data
                            (id^?)^*
                            (id^?)^*
              locals
                            (id^?)^*,
              labels
               typedefs functype* }
```

For each index space, such a context contains the list of identifiers assigned to the defined indices. Unnamed indices are associated with empty  $(\epsilon)$  entries in these lists.

An identifier context is well-formed if no index space contains duplicate identifiers.

#### **Conventions**

To avoid unnecessary clutter, empty components are omitted when writing out identifier contexts. For example, the record {} is shorthand for an identifier context whose components are all empty.

#### 6.1.4 Vectors

Vectors are written as plain sequences, but with a restriction on the length of these sequence.

$$\operatorname{vec}(\mathbf{A}) ::= (x:\mathbf{A})^n \Rightarrow x^n$$
 (if  $n < 2^{32}$ )

### 6.2 Lexical Format

#### 6.2.1 Characters

The text format assigns meaning to *source text*, which consists of a sequence of *characters*. Characters are assumed to be represented as valid Unicode<sup>40</sup> (Section 2.4) *scalar values*.

```
source ::= char* char ::= U+00 \mid ... \mid U+D7FF \mid U+E000 \mid ... \mid U+10FFFF
```

**Note:** While source text may contain any Unicode character in comments or string literals, the rest of the grammar is formed exclusively from the characters supported by the 7-bit ASCII<sup>41</sup> subset of Unicode.

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<sup>40</sup> https://www.unicode.org/versions/latest/

<sup>41</sup> https://webstore.ansi.org/RecordDetail.aspx?sku=INCITS+4-1986%5bR2012%5d

#### 6.2.2 Tokens

The character stream in the source text is divided, from left to right, into a sequence of *tokens*, as defined by the following grammar.

```
token ::= keyword |uN| sN |fN| string |id| '('|')' | reserved keyword ::= ('a'|...|'z') idchar* (if occurring as a literal terminal in the grammar) reserved ::= (idchar|string)+
```

Tokens are formed from the input character stream according to the *longest match* rule. That is, the next token always consists of the longest possible sequence of characters that is recognized by the above lexical grammar. Tokens can be separated by white space, but except for strings, they cannot themselves contain whitespace.

*Keyword* tokens are defined either implicitly by an occurrence of a terminal symbol in literal form, such as 'keyword', in a syntactic production of this chapter, or explicitly where they arise in this chapter.

Any token that does not fall into any of the other categories is considered reserved, and cannot occur in source text.

**Note:** The effect of defining the set of reserved tokens is that all tokens must be separated by either parentheses, white space, or comments. For example, '0\$x' is a single reserved token, as is "a""b"'. Consequently, they are not recognized as two separate tokens '0' and '\$x', or "a" and "b", respectively, but instead disallowed. This property of tokenization is not affected by the fact that the definition of reserved tokens overlaps with other token classes.

# 6.2.3 White Space

White space is any sequence of literal space characters, formatting characters, or comments. The allowed formatting characters correspond to a subset of the ASCII<sup>42</sup> format effectors, namely, horizontal tabulation (U+09), line feed (U+0A), and carriage return (U+0D).

```
space ::= (' '|format|comment)* format ::= U+09 | U+0A | U+0D
```

The only relevance of white space is to separate tokens. It is otherwise ignored.

#### 6.2.4 Comments

A *comment* can either be a *line comment*, started with a double semicolon ';;' and extending to the end of the line, or a *block comment*, enclosed in delimiters '(;' . . . ';)'. Block comments can be nested.

```
::= linecomment | blockcomment
                     ';;' linechar* (U+0A \mid eof)
linecomment
                 ::=
linechar
                 ::= c:char
                                                      (if c \neq U+0A)
blockcomment ::= '(;' blockchar* ';)'
                                                      (if c \neq ';' \land c \neq '(')
blockchar
                 ::= c: char
                      ٠,٠
                                                      (if the next character is not ')')
                      "(
                                                      (if the next character is not ';')
                      blockcomment
```

Here, the pseudo token eof indicates the end of the input. The *look-ahead* restrictions on the productions for blockchar disambiguate the grammar such that only well-bracketed uses of block comment delimiters are allowed.

**Note:** Any formatting and control characters are allowed inside comments.

<sup>42</sup> https://webstore.ansi.org/RecordDetail.aspx?sku=INCITS+4-1986%5bR2012%5d

### 6.3 Values

The grammar productions in this section define *lexical syntax*, hence no white space is allowed.

### 6.3.1 Integers

All integers can be written in either decimal or hexadecimal notation. In both cases, digits can optionally be separated by underscores.

The allowed syntax for integer literals depends on size and signedness. Moreover, their value must lie within the range of the respective type.

Uninterpreted integers can be written as either signed or unsigned, and are normalized to unsigned in the abstract syntax.

### 6.3.2 Floating-Point

Floating-point values can be represented in either decimal or hexadecimal notation.

```
::= d:digit
          | d:digit '_', p:frac
                                                               \Rightarrow (d+p/10)/10
hexfrac ::= h:hexdigit
                                                               \Rightarrow h/16
          h:hexdigit '_'? p:hexfrac
                                                               \Rightarrow (h+p/16)/16
          ::= p:num'.
float
           p:num '.' q:frac
                                                              \Rightarrow p+q
               p:num '.'? ('E' | 'e') ±:sign e:num
                                                               \Rightarrow p \cdot 10^{\pm e}
          p:num '.' q:frac ('E' | 'e') \pm:sign e:num
                                                                   (p+q)\cdot 10^{\pm e}
hexfloat ::= '0x' p:hexnum'.'?
          '0x' p:hexnum '.' q:hexfrac
                                                               \Rightarrow p+q
               '0x' p:hexnum'.' q:hexfrac ('P' | 'p') \pm:sign e:num \Rightarrow (p+q) \cdot 2^{\pm e}
```

The value of a literal must not lie outside the representable range of the corresponding IEEE  $754^{43}$  type (that is, a numeric value must not overflow to  $\pm$ infinity), but it may be rounded to the nearest representable value.

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<sup>43</sup> https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8766229

**Note:** Rounding can be prevented by using hexadecimal notation with no more significant bits than supported by the required type.

Floating-point values may also be written as constants for *infinity* or *canonical NaN* (*not a number*). Furthermore, arbitrary NaN values may be expressed by providing an explicit payload value.

```
\begin{array}{llll} \mathrm{f} N & ::= & \pm : \mathrm{sign} \, z : \mathrm{f} N \mathrm{mag} & \Rightarrow & \pm z \\ \mathrm{f} N \mathrm{mag} & ::= & z : \mathrm{float} & \Rightarrow & \mathrm{float}_N(z) & & (\mathrm{if} \, \mathrm{float}_N(z) \neq \pm \infty) \\ & | & z : \mathrm{hexfloat} & \Rightarrow & \mathrm{float}_N(z) & & (\mathrm{if} \, \mathrm{float}_N(z) \neq \pm \infty) \\ & | & \mathrm{inf'} & \Rightarrow & \infty \\ & | & \mathrm{'nan'} & \Rightarrow & \mathrm{nan}(\mathrm{canon}_N) \\ & | & \mathrm{'nan:0x'} \, n : \mathrm{hexnum} & \Rightarrow & \mathrm{nan}(n) & & (\mathrm{if} \, 1 \leq n < 2^{\mathrm{signif}(N)}) \end{array}
```

### 6.3.3 Strings

Strings denote sequences of bytes that can represent both textual and binary data. They are enclosed in quotation marks and may contain any character other than ASCII<sup>44</sup> control characters, quotation marks (""), or backslash ('\'), except when expressed with an *escape sequence*.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \text{string} & ::= & \text{``'} \text{`} (b^* : \text{stringelem})^* \text{ ``'} & \Rightarrow & \operatorname{concat}((b^*)^*) \\ \text{stringelem} & ::= & c : \text{stringchar} & \Rightarrow & \operatorname{utf8}(c) \\ & | & \text{``'} n : \text{hexdigit } m : \text{hexdigit } \Rightarrow & 16 \cdot n + m \end{array} \tag{if } |\operatorname{concat}((b^*)^*)| < 2^{32})
```

Each character in a string literal represents the byte sequence corresponding to its UTF-8 Unicode<sup>45</sup> (Section 2.5) encoding, except for hexadecimal escape sequences 'hh', which represent raw bytes of the respective value.

#### **6.3.4 Names**

Names are strings denoting a literal character sequence. A name string must form a valid UTF-8 encoding as defined by Unicode 46 (Section 2.5) and is interpreted as a string of Unicode scalar values.

```
name ::= b^*:string \Rightarrow c^* (if b^* = \text{utf8}(c^*))
```

**Note:** Presuming the source text is itself encoded correctly, strings that do not contain any uses of hexadecimal byte escapes are always valid names.

<sup>44</sup> https://webstore.ansi.org/RecordDetail.aspx?sku=INCITS+4-1986%5bR2012%5d

<sup>45</sup> https://www.unicode.org/versions/latest/

<sup>46</sup> https://www.unicode.org/versions/latest/

# 6.3.5 Identifiers

Indices can be given in both numeric and symbolic form. Symbolic *identifiers* that stand in lieu of indices start with '\$', followed by any sequence of printable ASCII<sup>47</sup> characters that does not contain a space, quotation mark, comma, semicolon, or bracket.

#### **Conventions**

The expansion rules of some abbreviations require insertion of a *fresh* identifier. That may be any syntactically valid identifier that does not already occur in the given source text.

# 6.4 Types

# 6.4.1 Number Types

numtype<sub>I</sub> ::= 'i32' 
$$\Rightarrow$$
 i32  
| 'i64'  $\Rightarrow$  i64  
| 'f32'  $\Rightarrow$  f32  
| 'f64'  $\Rightarrow$  f64

# 6.4.2 Vector Types

$$vectype_I ::= 'v128' \Rightarrow v128$$

### 6.4.3 Heap Types

# 6.4.4 Reference Types

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> https://webstore.ansi.org/RecordDetail.aspx?sku=INCITS+4-1986%5bR2012%5d

#### **Abbreviations**

There are shorthands for references to abstract heap types.

### 6.4.5 Value Types

## **6.4.6 Function Types**

```
\begin{array}{llll} \texttt{functype}_I & ::= & `(`\texttt{`func'}\ t_1^* : \texttt{vec}(\texttt{param}_I)\ t_2^* : \texttt{vec}(\texttt{result}_I)\ `)' & \Rightarrow & [t_1^*] \to [t_2^*] \\ \texttt{param}_I & ::= & `(\texttt{``func'}\ id^?\ t : \texttt{valtype}_I\ `)' & \Rightarrow & t \\ \texttt{result}_I & ::= & `(\texttt{``fresult'}\ t : \texttt{valtype}_I\ `)' & \Rightarrow & t \\ \end{array}
```

**Note:** The optional identifier names for parameters in a function type only have documentation purpose. They cannot be referenced from anywhere.

#### **Abbreviations**

Multiple anonymous parameters or results may be combined into a single declaration:

```
'(' 'param' valtype* ')' \equiv ('(' 'param' valtype ')')* '(' 'result' valtype* ')' \equiv ('(' 'result' valtype ')')*
```

#### **6.4.7 Limits**

```
\begin{array}{cccc} \text{limits} & ::= & n: \text{u32} & \Rightarrow & \{\min n, \max \epsilon\} \\ & | & n: \text{u32} & m: \text{u32} & \Rightarrow & \{\min n, \max m\} \end{array}
```

# **6.4.8 Memory Types**

```
memtype_I ::= lim:limits \Rightarrow lim
```

# 6.4.9 Table Types

```
tabletype_I ::= lim:limits et:reftype_I \Rightarrow lim et
```

# 6.4.10 Global Types

# 6.5 Instructions

Instructions are syntactically distinguished into *plain* and *structured* instructions.

```
instr_I ::= in:plaininstr_I \Rightarrow in
in:blockinstr_I \Rightarrow in
```

In addition, as a syntactic abbreviation, instructions can be written as S-expressions in folded form, to group them visually.

### **6.5.1 Labels**

Structured control instructions can be annotated with a symbolic label identifier. They are the only symbolic identifiers that can be bound locally in an instruction sequence. The following grammar handles the corresponding update to the identifier context by composing the context with an additional label entry.

**Note:** The new label entry is inserted at the *beginning* of the label list in the identifier context. This effectively shifts all existing labels up by one, mirroring the fact that control instructions are indexed relatively not absolutely.

If a label with the same name already exists, then it is shadowed and the earlier label becomes inaccessible.

### 6.5.2 Control Instructions

Structured control instructions can bind an optional symbolic label identifier. The same label identifier may optionally be repeated after the corresponding end and else pseudo instructions, to indicate the matching delimiters.

Their block type is given as a type use, analogous to the type of functions. However, the special case of a type use that is syntactically empty or consists of only a single result is not regarded as an abbreviation for an inline function type, but is parsed directly into an optional value type.

**Note:** The side condition stating that the identifier context I' must only contain unnamed entries in the rule for typeuse block types enforces that no identifier can be bound in any param declaration for a block type.

All other control instruction are represented verbatim.

```
plaininstr_I ::=
                        'unreachable'
                                                                                              \Rightarrow unreachable
                         'nop'
                                                                                              \Rightarrow nop
                         'br' l:labelidx_I
                                                                                              \Rightarrow \quad {\rm br} \; l
                         'br_if' l:labelidx_I
                                                                                              \Rightarrow br_if l
                         'br_table' l^*:vec(labelidx_I) l_N:labelidx_I
                                                                                             \Rightarrow br_table l^* l_N
                         'br_on_null' l:labelidx_I
                                                                                             \Rightarrow br_on_null l
                         'br_on_non_null' l:labelidx_I
                                                                                             \Rightarrow br_on_non_null l
                         'return'
                                                                                             \Rightarrow return
                         'call' x: funcidx_I
                                                                                             \Rightarrow call x
                         'call_ref' x:typeidx
                                                                                             \Rightarrow call_ref x
                                                                                                                               (if I' = \{ loc \}
                         'call_indirect' x:tableidx y, I':typeuseI
                                                                                           \Rightarrow call_indirect x y
                         'return_call' x:funcidx_I
                                                                                             \Rightarrow return_call x
                         'return_call_ref' x:typeidx
                                                                                             \Rightarrow return call ref x
                         'return_call_indirect' x:tableidx y, I':typeuseI \Rightarrow \text{return\_call\_indirect } x y (if I' = \{ \text{loc} x \mid x \in I' \mid x \in I' \})
```

**Note:** The side condition stating that the identifier context I' must only contain unnamed entries in the rule for call\_indirect enforces that no identifier can be bound in any param declaration appearing in the type annotation.

### **Abbreviations**

The 'else' keyword of an 'if' instruction can be omitted if the following instruction sequence is empty.

```
'if' label blocktype_I instr^* 'end' \equiv 'if' label blocktype_I instr^* 'else' 'end'
```

Also, for backwards compatibility, the table index to 'call\_indirect' and 'return\_call\_indirect' can be omitted, defaulting to 0.

# 6.5.3 Reference Instructions

### 6.5.4 Parametric Instructions

### 6.5.5 Variable Instructions

# 6.5.6 Table Instructions

#### **Abbreviations**

For backwards compatibility, all table indices may be omitted from table instructions, defaulting to 0.

```
'table.get' \equiv 'table.get' '0'
'table.set' \equiv 'table.set' '0'
'table.size' \equiv 'table.size' '0'
'table.grow' \equiv 'table.grow' '0'
'table.fill' \equiv 'table.fill' '0'
'table.copy' \equiv 'table.copy' '0' '0'
'table.init' x:elemidx_I \equiv 'table.init' '0' x:elemidx_I
```

# 6.5.7 Memory Instructions

The offset and alignment immediates to memory instructions are optional. The offset defaults to 0, the alignment to the storage size of the respective memory access, which is its *natural alignment*. Lexically, an offset or align

phrase is considered a single keyword token, so no white space is allowed around the '='.

```
::= o: o: ffset a: align_N
                                                                         \Rightarrow {align n, offset o} (if a = 2^n)
                      ::= 'offset='0:u32
offset
                      \epsilon
                                                                         \Rightarrow 0
                     ::= 'align='a:u32
{	t align}_N
                                                                        \Rightarrow a
                      \epsilon
                                                                         \Rightarrow N
plaininstr_I ::=
                             \begin{array}{lll} \text{`i32.load'} & m: \texttt{memarg}_4 & \Rightarrow & \texttt{i32.load} \ m \\ \text{`i64.load'} & m: \texttt{memarg}_8 & \Rightarrow & \texttt{i64.load} \ m \\ \text{`f32.load'} & m: \texttt{memarg}_4 & \Rightarrow & \texttt{f32.load} \ m \\ \text{`f64.load'} & m: \texttt{memarg}_8 & \Rightarrow & \texttt{f64.load} \ m \\ \end{array}
                              'i32.load8_s' m:memarg<sub>1</sub> \Rightarrow i32.load8_s m
                              'i32.load8_u' m:memarg<sub>1</sub> \Rightarrow i32.load8_u m
                              'i32.load16_s' m:memarg<sub>2</sub> \Rightarrow i32.load16_s m
                              'i32.load16_u' m:memarg_2 \Rightarrow i32.load16_u m
                              'i64.load8_s' m:memarg<sub>1</sub> \Rightarrow i64.load8_s m
                              \verb"i64.load8_u" \ m : \verb"memarg"_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathsf{i64.load8_u} \ m
                              \verb|`i64.load16_s'| m: \verb|memarg|_2 \Rightarrow | i64.load16_s| m
                              'i64.load16_u' m:memarg_2 \Rightarrow i64.load16\_u m
                              'i64.load32_s' m:memarg_4 \Rightarrow i64.load32\_s m
                              'i64.load32_u' m:memarg<sub>4</sub> \Rightarrow i64.load32_u m
                              'i32.store' m:memarg<sub>4</sub> \Rightarrow i32.store m
                              'i64.store' m:memarg_8\Rightarrow i64.store m'f32.store' m:memarg_4\Rightarrow f32.store m'f64.store' m:memarg_8\Rightarrow f64.store m
                              \verb"i32.store8" $m$: memarg_1 \qquad \Rightarrow \quad i32.store8 $m$
                              'i32.store16' m:memarg_2 \Rightarrow i32.store16 m
                              'i64.store8' m:memarg_1 \Rightarrow i64.store8 m
                              'i64.store16' m:memarg<sub>2</sub> \Rightarrow i64.store16 m
                              'i64.store32' m:memarg<sub>4</sub> \Rightarrow i64.store32 m
                              'memory.size'
                                                                       ⇒ memory.size
                              'memory.grow'
                                                                        ⇒ memory.grow
                              'memory.fill'
                                                                       ⇒ memory.fill
                              'memory.copy'
                                                                       ⇒ memory.copy
                              'memory.init' x:dataidx_I \Rightarrow \text{memory.init } x
                              'data.drop' x:dataidx_I \Rightarrow data.drop x
```

### 6.5.8 Numeric Instructions

```
'i32.clz'
              ⇒ i32.clz
 'i32.ctz'
              ⇒ i32.ctz
 'i32.popcnt' \Rightarrow i32.popcnt
 'i32.add' \Rightarrow i32.add
'i32.sub'
              ⇒ i32.sub
 'i32.mul' ⇒ i32.mul
 "i32.div_s" \Rightarrow i32.div_s"
 'i32.div_u'
                ⇒ i32.div_u
                \Rightarrow i32.rem_s
 'i32.rem_s'
 'i32.rem_u' \Rightarrow i32.rem_u
 'i32.and' \Rightarrow i32.and
 'i32.or'
               \Rightarrow i32.or
 'i32.xor'
               \Rightarrow i32.xor
 'i32.shl'
               ⇒ i32.shl
 'i32.shr_s'
                ⇒ i32.shr_s
 \text{`i32.shr\_u'} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{i32.shr\_u}
               ⇒ i32.rotl
 'i32.rotl'
 'i32.rotr' \Rightarrow i32.rotr
            ⇒ i64.clz
 'i64.clz'
 'i64.ctz'
                \Rightarrow i64.ctz
 'i64.popcnt' ⇒ i64.popcnt
 'i64.add' \Rightarrow i64.add
 'i64.sub'
               ⇒ i64.sub
 'i64.mul'
                ⇒ i64.mul
 'i64.div_s' \Rightarrow i64.div_s
 'i64.div_u' \Rightarrow i64.div_u
 'i64.rem_s'
                \Rightarrow i64.rem_s
 \texttt{`i64.rem\_u'} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathsf{i64.rem\_u}
 'i64.and' \Rightarrow i64.and
               ⇒ i64.or
 'i64.or'
 'i64.xor'
              ⇒ i64.xor
 'i64.shl' ⇒ i64.shl
 i64.shr_s' \Rightarrow i64.shr_s
 'i64.shr u' \Rightarrow i64.shr u
 'i64.rotl'
                ⇒ i64.rotl
 'i64.rotr'
                \Rightarrow i64.rotr
'f32.abs'
              ⇒ f32.abs
'f32.neg'
                ⇒ f32.neg
'f32.ceil'
                ⇒ f32.ceil
f32.floor
'f32.floor' \Rightarrow f32.floor
'f32.trunc' \Rightarrow f32.trunc
'f32.nearest' \Rightarrow f32.nearest
'f32.sqrt'
                ⇒ f32.sqrt
                 \Rightarrow f32.add
'f32.add'
                 ⇒ f32.sub
'f32.sub'
                ⇒ f32.mul
'f32.mul'
                ⇒ f32.div
'f32.div'
                \Rightarrow f32.min
'f32.min'
'f32.max' \Rightarrow f32.max
'f32.copysign' ⇒ f32.copysign
```

```
'f64.abs'
                     \Rightarrow f64.abs
'f64.neg'
                      \Rightarrow f64.neg
'f64.ceil' ⇒ f64.ceil

'f64.floor' ⇒ f64.floor

'f64.trunc' ⇒ f64.trunc
'f64.nearest' \Rightarrow f64.nearest
\begin{array}{lll} \texttt{`f64.sqrt'} & \Rightarrow & \texttt{f64.sqrt} \\ \texttt{`f64.add'} & \Rightarrow & \texttt{f64.add} \end{array}
'f64.sub'

⇒ f64.sub

                     ⇒ f64.mul
'f64.mul'
'f64.div'
                    ⇒ f64.div
'f64.min' ⇒ f64.min
'f64.max' ⇒ f64.max
'f64.copysign' \Rightarrow f64.copysign
 'i32.eqz'
                   \Rightarrow i32.eqz
 \begin{array}{lll} \mbox{`i32.eq'} & \Rightarrow & \mbox{i32.eq} \\ \mbox{`i32.ne'} & \Rightarrow & \mbox{i32.ne} \end{array}
 \texttt{`i32.lt\_s'} \qquad \Rightarrow \quad \mathsf{i32.lt\_s}
 \text{`i32.lt\_u'} \qquad \Rightarrow \quad \text{i32.lt\_u}
 i32.gt s' \Rightarrow i32.gt s
 \text{`i32.gt\_u'} \Rightarrow \text{i32.gt\_u}
 'i32.le_s' ⇒ i32.le_s
 'i32.le_u' ⇒ i32.le_u

'i32.ge_s' ⇒ i32.ge_s
 i32.ge_u \Rightarrow i32.ge_u
  'i64.eqz'
                   \Rightarrow i64.eqz
  'i64.eq'
                   \Rightarrow i64.eq
 'i64.ne'
                   ⇒ i64.ne
 'i64.1t s' \Rightarrow i64.1t s
 i64.lt_u' \Rightarrow i64.lt_u
 'i64.gt_s'
                     \Rightarrow i64.gt_s
 'i64.gt_u'
                    ⇒ i64.gt_u
 'i64.le_s'
                    ⇒ i64.le_s
 i64.le_u' \Rightarrow i64.le_u
 'i64.ge_s' ⇒ i64.ge_s
 i64.ge_u' \Rightarrow i64.ge_u
                   \Rightarrow f32.eq
 'f32.eq'
  'f32.ne'

⇒ f32.ne

 'f32.1t'
                   ⇒ f32.lt
 'f32.gt' \Rightarrow f32.gt
 'f32.le'
                   ⇒ f32.le
 'f32.ge'

⇒ f32.ge

  'f64.eq'
                   \Rightarrow f64.eq
  'f64.ne'
                   \Rightarrow f64.ne
  'f64.lt'
                   \Rightarrow f64.lt
  'f64.gt'
                   \Rightarrow f64.gt
  'f64.le'
                   \Rightarrow f64.le
  'f64.ge'
                   ⇒ f64.ge
```

```
⇒ i32.wrap_i64
'i32.wrap i64'
'i32.trunc_f32_s'
                       ⇒ i32.trunc_f32_s
'i32.trunc_f32_u'
                       ⇒ i32.trunc_f32_u
'i32.trunc_f64_s'
                       \Rightarrow i32.trunc_f64_s
'i32.trunc_f64_u' ⇒ i32.trunc f64 u
'i32.trunc_sat_f32_s' \Rightarrow i32.trunc_sat_f32_s
\verb|`i32.trunc_sat_f32_u'| \Rightarrow | i32.trunc_sat_f32_u| \\
'i32.trunc_sat_f64_s'
                        ⇒ i32.trunc_sat_f64_s
i32.trunc_sat_f64_u' \Rightarrow i32.trunc_sat_f64_u
                         ⇒ i64.extend_i32_s
'i64.extend_i32_u'
'i64.extend_i32_s'
                        ⇒ i64.extend_i32_u
i64.trunc_f32_s \Rightarrow i64.trunc_f32_s
'i64.trunc_f32_u'
                       ⇒ i64.trunc_f32_u
'i64.trunc_f64_s'
'i64.trunc_f64_u'
                       ⇒ i64.trunc_f64_s
                         ⇒ i64.trunc_f64_u
\verb|`i64.trunc_sat_f32_s'| \Rightarrow | i64.trunc_sat_f32\_s|
\verb|`i64.trunc_sat_f32_u'| \Rightarrow | i64.trunc_sat_f32_u|
'i64.trunc_sat_f64_s' \Rightarrow i64.trunc_sat_f64_s
'i64.trunc_sat_f64_u' ⇒ i64.trunc_sat_f64_u
'f32.convert i32 s'
                         \Rightarrow f32.convert i32 s
'f32.convert_i32_u'
                         ⇒ f32.convert_i32_u
'f32.convert_i64_s'
                          ⇒ f32.convert_i64_s
'f32.convert_i64_u'
                          \Rightarrow f32.convert_i64_u
                         ⇒ f32.demote_f64
'f32.demote f64'
'f64.convert_i32_s'
                         ⇒ f64.convert_i32_s
'f64.convert_i32_u'
                         ⇒ f64.convert i32 u
'f64.convert_i64_s'
                         \Rightarrow f64.convert_i64_s
'f64.convert i64 u' \Rightarrow f64.convert i64 u
'f64.promote_f32'
                         ⇒ f64.promote_f32
'i32.reinterpret_f32' ⇒ i32.reinterpret_f32
\verb|`i64.reinterpret_f64'| \Rightarrow | i64.reinterpret_f64| \\
'f32.reinterpret_i32' ⇒ f32.reinterpret_i32
'f64.reinterpret_i64' ⇒ f64.reinterpret_i64
   'i32.extend8 s' \Rightarrow i32.extend8 s
   'i32.extend16 s' \Rightarrow i32.extend16 s
   'i64.extend8_s' \Rightarrow i64.extend8_s
   \texttt{`i64.extend16\_s'} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathsf{i64.extend16\_s'}
   i64.extend32_s' \Rightarrow i64.extend32_s
```

#### 6.5.9 Vector Instructions

Vector memory instructions have optional offset and alignment immediates, like the memory instructions.

```
plaininstr_I ::=
                       'v128.load' m:memarg_{16}
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.load m
                       'v128.load8x8_s' m:memarg_8
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.load8x8_s m
                       'v128.load8x8_u' m:memarg<sub>8</sub>
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.load8x8 u m
                       'v128.load16x4_s' m:memarg<sub>8</sub>
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.load16x4_s m
                       'v128.load16x4_u' m:memarg_8
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.load16x4 u m
                       'v128.load32x2_s' m:memarg<sub>8</sub>
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.load32x2 s m
                       \verb|`v128.load32x2_u'| m: \verb|memarg_8|
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.load32x2 u m
                       'v128.load8_splat' m:memarg<sub>1</sub>
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.load8_splat m
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.load16_splat m
                       'v128.load16_splat' m:memarg2
                       'v128.load32_splat' m:memarg<sub>4</sub>
                                                                           \Rightarrow v128.load32 splat m
                       'v128.load64_splat' m:memarg8
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.load64_splat m
                       'v128.load32_zero' m:memarg<sub>4</sub>
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.load32_zero m
                       'v128.load64_zero' m:memarg<sub>8</sub>
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.load64 zero m
                       'v128.store' m:memarg_{16}
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.store m
                       'v128.load8_lane' m:memarg<sub>1</sub> laneidx:u8
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.load8 lane m \ lane idx
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.load16_lane m \ lane idx
                       'v128.load16_lane' m:memarg2 laneidx:u8
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.load32_lane m \ lane idx
                       'v128.load32_lane' m:memarg4 laneidx:u8
                       'v128.load64_lane' m:memarg<sub>8</sub> laneidx:u8
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.load64 lane m \ lane idx
                       'v128.store8_lane' m:memarg<sub>1</sub> laneidx:u8
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.store8_lane m \ lane idx
                       'v128.store16_lane' m:memarg_ laneidx:u8 \Rightarrow v128.store16_lane m laneidx
                       'v128.store32_lane' m:memarg<sub>4</sub> laneidx:u8
                                                                            \Rightarrow v128.store32_lane m \ lane idx
                       'v128.store64_lane' m:memarg_8 laneidx:u8 \Rightarrow v128.store64_lane m laneidx
```

Vector constant instructions have a mandatory shape descriptor, which determines how the following values are parsed.

```
\Rightarrow \text{ v128.const bytes}_{i128}^{-1}(\text{bytes}_{i8}(n)^{16})
\Rightarrow \text{ v128.const bytes}_{i128}^{-1}(\text{bytes}_{i16}(n)^{8})
\Rightarrow \text{ v128.const bytes}_{i128}^{-1}(\text{bytes}_{i32}(n)^{4})
\Rightarrow \text{ v128.const bytes}_{i128}^{-1}(\text{bytes}_{i64}(n)^{2})
\Rightarrow \text{ v128.const bytes}_{i128}^{-1}(\text{bytes}_{f32}(z)^{4})
\Rightarrow \text{ v128.const bytes}_{i128}^{-1}(\text{bytes}_{i64}(n)^{2})
'v128.const' 'i8x16' (n:i8)^{16}
'v128.const' 'i16x8' (n:i16)^8
'v128.const' 'i32x4' (n:i32)^4 'v128.const' 'i64x2' (n:i64)^2
'v128.const' 'f32x4' (z:f32)^4
'v128.const' 'f64x2' (z:f64)^2
                                                                                  \Rightarrow v128.const bytes_{i128}^{-1}(bytes_{f64}(z)^2)
'i8x16.shuffle' (laneidx:u8)^{16}
                                                                                  \Rightarrow i8x16.shuffle laneidx^{16}
'i8x16.swizzle'
                                                                                           i8x16.swizzle
'i8x16.splat'
                                                                                  \Rightarrow i8x16.splat
'i16x8.splat'
                                                                                  \Rightarrow i16x8.splat
'i32x4.splat'
                                                                                  \Rightarrow i32x4.splat
'i64x2.splat'
                                                                                  \Rightarrow i64x2.splat
'f32x4.splat'
                                                                                  \Rightarrow f32x4.splat
'f64x2.splat'
                                                                                  \Rightarrow f64x2.splat
```

```
'i8x16.extract_lane_s' laneidx:u8
                                                    i8x16.extract_lane_s laneidx
'i8x16.extract_lane_u' laneidx:u8
                                               \Rightarrow i8x16.extract lane u laneidx
'i8x16.replace_lane' laneidx:u8
                                               \Rightarrow i8x16.replace lane laneidx
'i16x8.extract_lane_s' laneidx:u8
                                               \Rightarrow i16x8.extract lane s laneidx
'i16x8.extract_lane_u' laneidx:u8
                                               \Rightarrow i16x8.extract_lane_u laneidx
'i16x8.replace_lane' laneidx:u8
                                               \Rightarrow i16x8.replace_lane laneidx
'i32x4.extract lane' laneidx:u8
                                               \Rightarrow i32x4.extract lane laneidx
'i32x4.replace lane' laneidx:u8
                                               \Rightarrow i32x4.replace lane laneidx
'i64x2.extract lane' laneidx:u8
                                               \Rightarrow i64x2.extract lane laneidx
'i64x2.replace_lane' laneidx:u8
                                               \Rightarrow i64x2.replace_lane laneidx
'f32x4.extract_lane' laneidx:u8
                                               \Rightarrow f32x4.extract lane laneidx
'f32x4.replace_lane' laneidx:u8
                                               \Rightarrow f32x4.replace_lane laneidx
'f64x2.extract_lane' laneidx:u8
                                               \Rightarrow f64x2.extract_lane laneidx
'f64x2.replace_lane' laneidx:u8
                                               \Rightarrow f64x2.replace_lane laneidx
'i8x16.eq'
                                               \Rightarrow i8x16.eq
'i8x16.ne'
                                               \Rightarrow i8x16.ne
'i8x16.lt s'
                                               \Rightarrow i8x16.lt s
'i8x16.lt_u'
                                               \Rightarrow i8x16.lt u
'i8x16.gt_s'
                                               \Rightarrow i8x16.gt s
'i8x16.gt u'
                                               \Rightarrow i8x16.gt u
'i8x16.le s'
                                               \Rightarrow i8x16.le s
'i8x16.le u'
                                               \Rightarrow i8x16.le u
'i8x16.ge_s'
                                               \Rightarrow i8x16.ge_s
'i8x16.ge_u'
                                               \Rightarrow i8x16.ge_u
'i16x8.eq'
                                               \Rightarrow i16x8.eq
'i16x8.ne'
                                               \Rightarrow i16x8.ne
'i16x8.lt s'
                                               \Rightarrow i16x8.lt s
'i16x8.lt u'
                                               \Rightarrow i16x8.lt u
'i16x8.gt s'
                                               \Rightarrow i16x8.gt s
'i16x8.gt_u'
                                               \Rightarrow i16x8.gt_u
'i16x8.le s'
                                               \Rightarrow i16x8.le s
'i16x8.le u'
                                               \Rightarrow i16x8.le u
                                               \Rightarrow i16x8.ge_s
'i16x8.ge_s'
'i16x8.ge_u'
                                               \Rightarrow i16x8.ge_u
'i32x4.eq'
                                               \Rightarrow i32x4.eq
'i32x4.ne'
                                               \Rightarrow i32x4.ne
'i32x4.1t s'
                                               \Rightarrow i32x4.lt s
'i32x4.1t u'
                                               \Rightarrow i32x4.lt u
'i32x4.gt s'
                                               \Rightarrow i32x4.gt s
'i32x4.gt_u'
                                               \Rightarrow i32x4.gt u
'i32x4.le s'
                                               \Rightarrow i32x4.le s
'i32x4.le u'
                                               \Rightarrow i32x4.le u
'i32x4.ge_s'
                                               \Rightarrow i32x4.ge_s
'i32x4.ge_u'
                                               \Rightarrow i32x4.ge_u
'i64x2.eq'
                                               \Rightarrow i64x2.eq
'i64x2.ne'
                                               \Rightarrow i64x2.ne
'i64x2.lt s'
                                               \Rightarrow i64x2.lt s
'i64x2.gt_s'
                                               \Rightarrow i64x2.gt_s
'i64x2.le_s'
                                               \Rightarrow i64x2.le s
'i64x2.ge_s'
                                               \Rightarrow i64x2.ge_s
```

```
'f32x4.eq'
                                                  \Rightarrow f32x4.eq
                                                  \Rightarrow f32x4.ne
'f32x4.ne'
'f32x4.1t'
                                                  \Rightarrow f32x4.lt
'f32x4.gt'
                                                  \Rightarrow f32x4.gt
'f32x4.le'
                                                  \Rightarrow f32x4.le
'f32x4.ge'
                                                  \Rightarrow f32x4.ge
'f64x2.eq'
                                                  \Rightarrow f64x2.eq
'f64x2.ne'
                                                  \Rightarrow f64x2.ne
'f64x2.1t'
                                                  \Rightarrow f64x2.lt
'f64x2.gt'
                                                  \Rightarrow f64x2.gt
'f64x2.le'
                                                  \Rightarrow f64x2.le
'f64x2.ge'
                                                  \Rightarrow f64x2.ge
'v128.not'
                                                  \Rightarrow v128.not
'v128.and'
                                                  \Rightarrow v128.and
'v128.andnot'
                                                  ⇒ v128.andnot
'v128.or'
                                                  \Rightarrow v128.or
'v128.xor'
                                                  \Rightarrow v128.xor
'v128.bitselect'
                                                  ⇒ v128.bitselect
'v128.any_true'
                                                  \Rightarrow v128.any_true
'i8x16.abs'
                                                  \Rightarrow i8x16.abs
'i8x16.neg'
                                                  \Rightarrow i8x16.neg
'i8x16.all_true'
                                                  \Rightarrow i8x16.all_true
'i8x16.bitmask'
                                                 \Rightarrow i8×16.bitmask
'i8x16.narrow_i16x8_s'
                                                 \Rightarrow i8x16.narrow_i16x8_s
\verb|`i8x16.narrow_i16x8_u||\\
                                                  \Rightarrow \quad \mathsf{i8x}16.\mathsf{narrow\_i}16\mathsf{x}8\_\mathsf{u}
'i8x16.shl'
                                                  \Rightarrow i8x16.shl
'i8x16.shr_s'
                                                  \Rightarrow i8x16.shr_s
'i8x16.shr_u'
                                                 ⇒ i8x16.shr_u
'i8x16.add'
                                                 \Rightarrow i8x16.add
'i8x16.add_sat_s'
                                                 \Rightarrow i8x16.add_sat_s
'i8x16.add_sat_u'
                                                  \Rightarrow i8x16.add_sat_u
'i8x16.sub'
                                                  \Rightarrow i8x16.sub
'i8x16.sub_sat_s'
                                                  \Rightarrow i8x16.sub_sat_s
'i8x16.sub sat u'
                                                  \Rightarrow i8x16.sub sat u
'i8x16.min s'
                                                  \Rightarrow i8x16.min s
'i8x16.min_u'
                                                  \Rightarrow i8x16.min_u
'i8x16.max_s'
                                                  \Rightarrow i8x16.max_s
'i8x16.max u'
                                                 \Rightarrow i8x16.max u
'i8x16.avgr_u'
                                                 ⇒ i8x16.avgr_u
'i8x16.popcnt'
                                                 \Rightarrow i8x16.popcnt
```

```
'i16x8.abs'
                                           \Rightarrow i16x8.abs
'i16x8.neg'
                                           \Rightarrow i16x8.neg
'i16x8.all true'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.all true
                                          ⇒ i16x8.bitmask
'i16x8.bitmask'
'i16x8.narrow_i32x4_s'
                                          ⇒ i16x8.narrow_i32x4_s
'i16x8.narrow_i32x4_u'
                                          ⇒ i16x8.narrow_i32x4_u
'i16x8.extend_low_i8x16_s'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.extend low i8x16 s
'i16x8.extend_high_i8x16_s'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.extend high i8x16 s
'i16x8.extend low i8x16 u'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.extend low i8x16 u
'i16x8.extend_high_i8x16_u'
                                          ⇒ i16x8.extend_high_i8x16_u
'i16x8.shl'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.shl
'i16x8.shr s'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.shr s
'i16x8.shr_u'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.shr_u
'i16x8.add'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.add
'i16x8.add_sat_s'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.add_sat_s
'i16x8.add_sat_u'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.add_sat_u
'i16x8.sub'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.sub
'i16x8.sub sat s'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.sub sat s
'i16x8.sub_sat_u'
                                          ⇒ i16x8.sub_sat_u
'i16x8.mul'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.mul
'i16x8.min s'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.min s
'i16x8.min u'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.min u
'i16x8.max s'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.max s
\verb|`i16x8.max_u'|
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.max_u
'i16x8.avgr_u'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.avgr_u
'i16x8.q15mulr_sat_s'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.q15mulr sat s
'i16x8.extmul_low_i8x16_s'
                                          ⇒ i16x8.extmul_low_i8x16_s
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.extmul high i8x16 s
'i16x8.extmul high i8x16 s'
'i16x8.extmul_low_i8x16_u'
                                          ⇒ i16x8.extmul_low_i8x16_u
'i16x8.extmul_high_i8x16_u'
                                          \Rightarrow i16x8.extmul high i8x16 u
'i16x8.extadd_pairwise_i8x16_s'
                                          ⇒ i16x8.extadd_pairwise_i8x16_s
'i16x8.extadd_pairwise_i8x16_u'
                                          ⇒ i16x8.extadd_pairwise_i8x16_u
'i32x4.abs'
                                          \Rightarrow i32x4.abs
'i32x4.neg'
                                          \Rightarrow i32x4.neg
'i32x4.all_true'
                                          \Rightarrow i32x4.all_true
'i32x4.bitmask'
                                          ⇒ i32×4.bitmask
'i32x4.extadd_pairwise_i16x8_s'
                                          ⇒ i32x4.extadd_pairwise_i16x8_s
                                          ⇒ i32x4.extend_low_i16x8_s
'i32x4.extend_low_i16x8_s'
'i32x4.extend_high_i16x8_s'
                                          ⇒ i32x4.extend_high_i16x8_s
                                          \Rightarrow i32x4.extend_low_i16x8_u
'i32x4.extend_low_i16x8_u'
\verb|`i32x4.extend_high_i16x8_u||\\
                                          ⇒ i32x4.extend_high_i16x8_u
'i32x4.shl'
                                          \Rightarrow i32x4.shl
                                          \Rightarrow i32x4.shr s
'i32x4.shr s'
'i32x4.shr u'
                                          \Rightarrow i32x4.shr u
'i32x4.add'
                                          \Rightarrow i32x4.add
'i32x4.sub'
                                          \Rightarrow i32x4.sub
                                          \Rightarrow i32x4.mul
'i32x4.mul'
'i32x4.min_s'
                                          \Rightarrow i32x4.min s
\verb|`i32x4.min_u'|
                                          \Rightarrow i32x4.min_u
'i32x4.max_s'
                                          \Rightarrow i32x4.max_s
'i32x4.max u'
                                          \Rightarrow i32x4.max u
'i32x4.dot i16x8 s'
                                          \Rightarrow i32x4.dot_i16x8_s
'i32x4.extmul_low_i16x8_s'
                                          \Rightarrow i32x4.extmul_low_i16x8_s
'i32x4.extmul_high_i16x8_s'
                                          \Rightarrow i32x4.extmul_high_i16x8_s
'i32x4.extmul_low_i16x8_u'
                                         \Rightarrow i32x4.extmul low i16x8 u
'i32x4.extmul_high_i16x8_u'
                                          ⇒ i32x4.extmul_high_i16x8_u
```

```
'i64x2.abs'
                                           \Rightarrow i64x2.abs
'i64x2.neg'
                                           \Rightarrow i64x2.neg
'i64x2.all true'
                                          \Rightarrow i64x2.all true
                                          ⇒ i64x2.bitmask
'i64x2.bitmask'
'i64x2.extend_low_i32x4_s'
                                         ⇒ i64x2.extend_low_i32x4_s
'i64x2.extend_high_i32x4_s'
                                         \Rightarrow i64x2.extend_high_i32x4_s
'i64x2.extend low i32x4 u'
                                          \Rightarrow i64x2.extend low i32x4 u
'i64x2.extend_high_i32x4_u'
                                          ⇒ i64x2.extend_high_i32x4_u
'i64x2.shl'
                                          \Rightarrow i64x2.shl
'i64x2.shr_s'
                                          \Rightarrow i64x2.shr_s
'i64x2.shr u'
                                          \Rightarrow i64x2.shr u
'i64x2.add'
                                          \Rightarrow i64x2.add
'i64x2.sub'
                                          \Rightarrow i64x2.sub
'i64x2.mul'
                                          \Rightarrow i64x2.mul
'i64x2.extmul_low_i32x4_s'
                                          ⇒ i64x2.extmul_low_i32x4_s
'i64x2.extmul_high_i32x4_s'
                                          ⇒ i64x2.extmul_high_i32x4_s
'i64x2.extmul_low_i32x4_u'
                                          ⇒ i64x2.extmul_low_i32x4_u
'i64x2.extmul_high_i32x4_u'
                                          ⇒ i64x2.extmul_high_i32x4_u
                                          \Rightarrow f32x4.abs
'f32x4.abs'
'f32x4.neg'
                                          \Rightarrow f32x4.neg
'f32x4.sqrt'
                                          \Rightarrow f32x4.sart
'f32x4.add'
                                          \Rightarrow f32x4.add
                                          \Rightarrow f32x4.sub
'f32x4.sub'
'f32x4.mul'
                                          \Rightarrow f32x4.mul
'f32x4.div'
                                          \Rightarrow f32x4.div
                                          \Rightarrow f32x4.min
'f32x4.min'
'f32x4.max'
                                          \Rightarrow f32x4.max
'f32x4.pmin'
                                          \Rightarrow f32x4.pmin
'f32x4.pmax'
                                          \Rightarrow f32x4.pmax
'f64x2.abs'
                                          \Rightarrow f64x2.abs
'f64x2.neg'
                                           \Rightarrow f64x2.neg
'f64x2.sqrt'
                                          \Rightarrow f64x2.sqrt
'f64x2.add'
                                          \Rightarrow f64x2.add
                                          \Rightarrow f64x2.sub
'f64x2.sub'
                                          \Rightarrow f64x2.mul
'f64x2.mul'
'f64x2.div'
                                          \Rightarrow f64x2.div
'f64x2.min'
                                          \Rightarrow f64x2.min
'f64x2.max'
                                          \Rightarrow f64x2.max
'f64x2.pmin'
                                          \Rightarrow f64x2.pmin
'f64x2.pmax'
                                          \Rightarrow f64x2.pmax
'i32x4.trunc sat f32x4 s'
                                          \Rightarrow i32x4.trunc sat f32x4 s
'i32x4.trunc_sat_f32x4_u'
                                          ⇒ i32x4.trunc_sat_f32x4_u
'i32x4.trunc_sat_f64x2_s_zero'
                                          ⇒ i32x4.trunc_sat_f64x2_s_zero
'i32x4.trunc_sat_f64x2_u_zero'
                                         ⇒ i32x4.trunc_sat_f64x2_u_zero
'f32x4.convert_i32x4_s'
                                         \Rightarrow f32x4.convert_i32x4_s
'f32x4.convert_i32x4_u'
                                         \Rightarrow f32x4.convert_i32x4_u
'f64x2.convert_low_i32x4_s'
                                         ⇒ f64x2.convert_low_i32x4_s
                                         ⇒ f64x2.convert_low_i32x4_u
'f64x2.convert_low_i32x4_u'
'f32x4.demote f64x2 zero'
                                         \Rightarrow f32x4.demote f64x2 zero
'f64x2.promote_low_f32x4'
                                         \Rightarrow f64x2.promote_low_f32x4
```

### 6.5.10 Folded Instructions

Instructions can be written as S-expressions by grouping them into *folded* form. In that notation, an instruction is wrapped in parentheses and optionally includes nested folded instructions to indicate its operands.

In the case of block instructions, the folded form omits the 'end' delimiter. For if instructions, both branches have to be wrapped into nested S-expressions, headed by the keywords 'then' and 'else'.

The set of all phrases defined by the following abbreviations recursively forms the auxiliary syntactic class foldedinstr. Such a folded instruction can appear anywhere a regular instruction can.

```
'('plaininstr foldedinstr*')' \equiv foldedinstr* plaininstr '('block' label blocktype instr*')' \equiv 'block' label blocktype instr* 'end' '('loop' label blocktype instr*')' \equiv 'loop' label blocktype instr* 'end' '('if' label blocktype foldedinstr* '('then' instr*')' ('('else' instr*')')' \equiv foldedinstr* 'if' label blocktype instr* 'else' (instr**)' 'end'
```

**Note:** For example, the instruction sequence

```
(local.get $x) (i32.const 2) i32.add (i32.const 3) i32.mul
```

can be folded into

```
(i32.mul (i32.add (local.get $x) (i32.const 2)) (i32.const 3))
```

Folded instructions are solely syntactic sugar, no additional syntactic or type-based checking is implied.

# 6.5.11 Expressions

Expressions are written as instruction sequences. No explicit 'end' keyword is included, since they only occur in bracketed positions.

```
expr_I ::= (in:instr_I)^* \Rightarrow in^* end
```

# 6.6 Modules

### 6.6.1 Indices

Indices can be given either in raw numeric form or as symbolic identifiers when bound by a respective construct. Such identifiers are looked up in the suitable space of the identifier context I.

```
\mathsf{typeidx}_I
                 ::= x:u32 \Rightarrow
                 v:id \Rightarrow x \text{ (if } I.types[x] = v)
funcidx_I ::= x:u32 \Rightarrow x
                v:id \Rightarrow x \text{ (if } I.funcs[x] = v)
tableidx_I ::= x:u32 \Rightarrow x
                 v:id \Rightarrow x \text{ (if } I.tables[x] = v)
\mathtt{memidx}_I
                 ::= x:u32 \Rightarrow x
                 v:id \Rightarrow x \text{ (if } I.\mathsf{mems}[x] = v)
globalidx_I ::= x:u32 \Rightarrow x
                 | \quad v \text{:id} \quad \Rightarrow \quad x \quad (\text{if $I$.globals}[x] = v)
elemidx_I ::= x:u32 \Rightarrow x
                 v:id \Rightarrow x \text{ (if } I.elem[x] = v)
dataidx_I ::= x:u32 \Rightarrow x
                 v:id \Rightarrow x \text{ (if } I.data[x] = v)
localidx_I ::= x:u32 \Rightarrow x
                 v:id \Rightarrow x \text{ (if } I.locals[x] = v)
labelidx_I ::= l:u32 \Rightarrow l
                v:id \Rightarrow l \quad (if I.labels[l] = v)
```

# **6.6.2 Types**

Type definitions can bind a symbolic type identifier.

```
type_I ::= '('type'id' ft:functype_I')' \Rightarrow ft
```

# 6.6.3 Type Uses

A *type use* is a reference to a type definition. It may optionally be augmented by explicit inlined parameter and result declarations. That allows binding symbolic identifiers to name the local indices of parameters. If inline declarations are given, then their types must match the referenced function type.

```
\begin{split} \text{typeuse}_I &::= \text{ `(' `type' } x: \text{typeidx}_I \text{ `)'} &\Rightarrow x, I' \\ & (\text{if } I. \text{typedefs}[x] = [t_1^n] \to [t_2^*] \land I' = \{ \text{locals } (\epsilon)^n \} ) \\ & | \text{ `(' `type' } x: \text{typeidx}_I \text{ `)'} \text{ } (t_1: \text{param})^* \text{ } (t_2: \text{result})^* &\Rightarrow x, I' \\ & (\text{if } I. \text{typedefs}[x] = [t_1^*] \to [t_2^*] \land I' = \{ \text{locals id}(\text{param})^* \} \text{ well-formed}) \end{split}
```

The synthesized attribute of a typeuse is a pair consisting of both the used type index and the local identifier context containing possible parameter identifiers. The following auxiliary function extracts optional identifiers from parameters:

```
id(`(``param'`id^?\ldots`)") = id^?
```

**Note:** Both productions overlap for the case that the function type is  $[] \rightarrow []$ . However, in that case, they also produce the same results, so that the choice is immaterial.

The well-formedness condition on I' ensures that the parameters do not contain duplicate identifiers.

### **Abbreviations**

A typeuse may also be replaced entirely by inline parameter and result declarations. In that case, a type index is automatically inserted:

```
(t_1:param)^* (t_2:result)^* \equiv '(''type' x')' param* result*
```

where x is the smallest existing type index whose definition in the current module is the function type  $[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]$ . If no such index exists, then a new type definition of the form

```
'(' 'type' '(' 'func' param* result* ')' ')'
```

is inserted at the end of the module.

Abbreviations are expanded in the order they appear, such that previously inserted type definitions are reused by consecutive expansions.

# 6.6.4 Imports

The descriptors in imports can bind a symbolic function, table, memory, or global identifier.

### **Abbreviations**

As an abbreviation, imports may also be specified inline with function, table, memory, or global definitions; see the respective sections.

### 6.6.5 Functions

Function definitions can bind a symbolic function identifier, and local identifiers for its parameters and locals.

```
\begin{array}{lll} {\rm func}_I & ::= & \hbox{`('`func' id'} \ x,I': {\rm typeuse}_I \ (loc: {\rm local}_I)^* \ (in: {\rm instr}_{I''})^* \ `)' \\ & \Rightarrow & \{ {\rm type} \ x, {\rm locals} \ loc^*, {\rm body} \ in^* \ {\rm end} \} \\ & & ({\rm if} \ I'' = I \oplus I' \oplus \{ {\rm locals} \ {\rm id} ({\rm local})^* \} \ {\rm well-formed}) \\ & {\rm local}_I \ ::= & \hbox{`('`local' id'} \ t: {\rm valtype}_I \ `)' \ \Rightarrow & \{ {\rm type} \ t \} \end{array}
```

The definition of the local identifier context I'' uses the following auxiliary function to extract optional identifiers from locals:

```
id('(''local'id''...')') = id''
```

**Note:** The well-formedness condition on I'' ensures that parameters and locals do not contain duplicate identifiers.

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### **Abbreviations**

Multiple anonymous locals may be combined into a single declaration:

```
'(' 'local' valtype^* ')' \equiv ('(' 'local' valtype ')')^*
```

Functions can be defined as imports or exports inline:

```
'(' 'func' id' '(' 'import' name<sub>1</sub> name<sub>2</sub> ')' typeuse ')' \equiv '(' 'import' name<sub>1</sub> name<sub>2</sub> '(' 'func' id' typeuse ')' ')'
'(' 'func' id' '(' 'export' name ')' ... ')' \equiv '(' 'export' name '(' 'func' id' ')' ')' '(' 'func' id' ... ')' (\text{if id}! \neq \epsilon \wedge \text{id}' = \text{id}! \vee \text{id}! = \epsilon \wedge \text{id}' \text{ fresh})
```

**Note:** The latter abbreviation can be applied repeatedly, if "..." contains additional export clauses. Consequently, a function declaration can contain any number of exports, possibly followed by an import.

### **6.6.6 Tables**

Table definitions can bind a symbolic table identifier.

```
table_I ::= '('table' id' tt:tabletype_I')' \Rightarrow \{type tt\}
```

### **Abbreviations**

An element segment can be given inline with a table definition, in which case its offset is 0 and the limits of the table type are inferred from the length of the given segment:

```
'(' 'table' id' reftype '(' 'elem' expr^n:vec(elemexpr) ')' ')' \equiv '(' 'table' id' n n reftype ')' '(' 'elem' '(' 'table' id' ')' '(' 'i32.const' '0' ')' reftype vec(elemexpr) ')' (if id' \neq \epsilon \land id' = id' \lor id' = \epsilon \land id' fresh) '(' 'table' id' reftype '(' 'elem' x^n:vec(funcidx) ')' ')' \equiv '(' 'table' id' n n reftype ')' '(' 'elem' '(' 'table' id' ')' '(' 'i32.const' '0' ')' reftype vec('(' 'ref.func' funcidx ')') ')' (if id' \neq \epsilon \land id' = id' \neq \epsilon \land id' fresh)
```

Tables can be defined as imports or exports inline:

```
'(' 'table' id' '(' 'import' name1 name2')' tabletype')' \equiv '(' 'import' name1 name2 '(' 'table' id' tabletype')' ')' '(' 'table' id' '(' 'export' name')' ... ')' \equiv '(' 'export' name '(' 'table' id' ')' ')' '(' 'table' id' ... ')' (if id' \neq \epsilon \land id' = id' \lor id' = \epsilon \land id' fresh)
```

**Note:** The latter abbreviation can be applied repeatedly, if "..." contains additional export clauses. Consequently, a table declaration can contain any number of exports, possibly followed by an import.

# 6.6.7 Memories

Memory definitions can bind a symbolic memory identifier.

```
mem_I ::= '('memory'id' mt:memtype_I')' \Rightarrow \{type mt\}
```

#### **Abbreviations**

A data segment can be given inline with a memory definition, in which case its offset is 0 and the limits of the memory type are inferred from the length of the data, rounded up to page size:

```
'(''memory' \operatorname{id}' '(''data' b^n:datastring')'')' \equiv '(''memory' \operatorname{id}' m m')'

'(''data''(''memory' \operatorname{id}'')''(''i32.const''0'')' datastring')'

(if \operatorname{id}^? \neq \epsilon \wedge \operatorname{id}' = \operatorname{id}^? \vee \operatorname{id}^? = \epsilon \wedge \operatorname{id}' fresh, m = \operatorname{ceil}(n/64\operatorname{Ki}))
```

Memories can be defined as imports or exports inline:

```
'(' 'memory' id' '(' 'import' name1 name2 ')' memtype ')' \equiv '(' 'import' name1 name2 '(' 'memory' id' memtype ')' ')' '(' 'memory' id' '(' 'export' name ')' ... ')' \equiv '(' 'export' name '(' 'memory' id' ')' ')' '(' 'memory' id' ... ')' \equiv '(if id' \neq \epsilon \land id' = id' \lor id' = \epsilon \land id' fresh)
```

**Note:** The latter abbreviation can be applied repeatedly, if "..." contains additional export clauses. Consequently, a memory declaration can contain any number of exports, possibly followed by an import.

### 6.6.8 Globals

Global definitions can bind a symbolic global identifier.

```
global_I ::= '(''global'' id'' gt:globaltype_I e:expr_I')' \Rightarrow \{type gt, init e\}
```

### **Abbreviations**

Globals can be defined as imports or exports inline:

```
'(' 'global' id' '(' 'import' name<sub>1</sub> name<sub>2</sub> ')' globaltype ')' \equiv '(' 'import' name<sub>1</sub> name<sub>2</sub> '(' 'global' id' globaltype ')' ')' '(' 'global' id' '(' 'export' name ')' ... ')' \equiv '(' 'export' name '(' 'global' id' ')' ')' '(' 'global' id' ... ')' \equiv '(if id' \neq \epsilon \land id' = id' \lor id' = \epsilon \land id' fresh)
```

**Note:** The latter abbreviation can be applied repeatedly, if "..." contains additional export clauses. Consequently, a global declaration can contain any number of exports, possibly followed by an import.

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# 6.6.9 Exports

The syntax for exports mirrors their abstract syntax directly.

#### **Abbreviations**

As an abbreviation, exports may also be specified inline with function, table, memory, or global definitions; see the respective sections.

### 6.6.10 Start Function

A start function is defined in terms of its index.

```
start_I ::= '('start' x:funcidx_I')' \Rightarrow \{func x\}
```

**Note:** At most one start function may occur in a module, which is ensured by a suitable side condition on the module grammar.

# 6.6.11 Element Segments

Element segments allow for an optional table index to identify the table to initialize.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \text{elem}_I & ::= & \text{`(``elem'\ id'} & (et,y^*) : \text{elemlist}_I \text{ `)'} \\ & \Rightarrow & \{ \text{type}\ et, \text{init}\ y^*, \text{mode passive} \} \\ & | & \text{`(``elem'\ id'} & x : \text{tableuse}_I \text{ `('`offset'\ } e : \text{expr}_I \text{ `)'} & (et,y^*) : \text{elemlist}_I \text{ `)'} \\ & \Rightarrow & \{ \text{type}\ et, \text{init}\ y^*, \text{mode active} \ \{ \text{table}\ x, \text{offset}\ e \} \} \\ & \text{`(``elem'\ id'} & \text{`declare'} & (et,y^*) : \text{elemlist}_I \text{ `)'} \\ & \Rightarrow & \{ \text{type}\ et, \text{init}\ y^*, \text{mode declarative} \} \\ & \text{elemlist}_I & ::= & t : \text{reftype}_I & y^* : \text{vec}(\text{elemexpr}_I) & \Rightarrow & (\text{type}\ t, \text{init}\ y^*) \\ & \text{elemexpr}_I & ::= & \text{`(``item'\ } e : \text{expr}_I \text{ `)'} & \Rightarrow & e \\ & \text{tableuse}_I & ::= & \text{`(``table'\ } x : \text{tableidx}_I \text{ `)'} & \Rightarrow & x \\ \end{array}
```

### **Abbreviations**

As an abbreviation, a single instruction may occur in place of the offset of an active element segment or as an element expression:

```
'('instr')' \equiv '('offset'instr')'
'('instr')' \equiv '('item'instr')'
```

Also, the element list may be written as just a sequence of function indices:

```
'func' vec(funcidx_I) \equiv (ref' func)' vec(('ref.func' funcidx_I')')
```

A table use can be omitted, defaulting to 0. Furthermore, for backwards compatibility with earlier versions of WebAssembly, if the table use is omitted, the 'func' keyword can be omitted as well.

As another abbreviation, element segments may also be specified inline with table definitions; see the respective section.

# 6.6.12 Data Segments

Data segments allow for an optional memory index to identify the memory to initialize. The data is written as a string, which may be split up into a possibly empty sequence of individual string literals.

**Note:** In the current version of WebAssembly, the only valid memory index is 0 or a symbolic memory identifier resolving to the same value.

### **Abbreviations**

As an abbreviation, a single instruction may occur in place of the offset of an active data segment:

```
'('instr')' \equiv '('offset' instr')'
```

Also, a memory use can be omitted, defaulting to 0.

```
\epsilon \equiv \text{`('`memory'`0'')'}
```

As another abbreviation, data segments may also be specified inline with memory definitions; see the respective section.

### **6.6.13 Modules**

A module consists of a sequence of fields that can occur in any order. All definitions and their respective bound identifiers scope over the entire module, including the text preceding them.

A module may optionally bind an identifier that names the module. The name serves a documentary role only.

**Note:** Tools may include the module name in the name section of the binary format.

```
::= '(''module' id'' (m:modulefield_I)*')' \Rightarrow
module
                                (if I = \bigoplus idc(modulefield)^* well-formed)
modulefield_I ::= ty:type_I
                                          \Rightarrow {types ty}
                          im:import_I \Rightarrow \{imports im\}
                          fn: func_I \Rightarrow \{funcs fn\}
                          ta:table_I
                                           \Rightarrow {tables ta}
                                           \Rightarrow \{ \text{mems } me \}
                          me:\mathtt{mem}_I
                          gl:global_I \Rightarrow \{globals\ gl\}
                          ex:export_I \Rightarrow \{exports \ ex\}
                                           \Rightarrow {start st}
                          st:start_I
                                           \Rightarrow {elems el}
                          el:elem_I
                          da:data_I
                                           \Rightarrow {datas da}
```

The following restrictions are imposed on the composition of modules:  $m_1 \oplus m_2$  is defined if and only if

- $m_1.\mathsf{start} = \epsilon \lor m_2.\mathsf{start} = \epsilon$
- $m_1$ .funcs =  $m_1$ .tables =  $m_1$ .mems =  $m_1$ .globals =  $\epsilon \vee m_2$ .imports =  $\epsilon$

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**Note:** The first condition ensures that there is at most one start function. The second condition enforces that all imports must occur before any regular definition of a function, table, memory, or global, thereby maintaining the ordering of the respective index spaces.

The well-formedness condition on I in the grammar for module ensures that no namespace contains duplicate identifiers.

The definition of the initial identifier context I uses the following auxiliary definition which maps each relevant definition to a singular context with one (possibly empty) identifier:

```
\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{idc}(`(`\operatorname{'type'}\operatorname{id'}{ft}:\operatorname{functype'})') & = & \{\operatorname{types}(\operatorname{id'}),\operatorname{typedefs}{ft}\} \\ \operatorname{idc}(`(`\operatorname{'func'}\operatorname{id'}{\ldots}`)') & = & \{\operatorname{funcs}(\operatorname{id'})\} \\ \operatorname{idc}(`(`\operatorname{'table'}\operatorname{id'}{\ldots}`)') & = & \{\operatorname{tables}(\operatorname{id'})\} \\ \operatorname{idc}(`(`\operatorname{'memory'}\operatorname{id'}{\ldots}`)') & = & \{\operatorname{globals}(\operatorname{id'})\} \\ \operatorname{idc}(`(`\operatorname{'global'}\operatorname{id'}{\ldots}`)') & = & \{\operatorname{globals}(\operatorname{id'})\} \\ \operatorname{idc}(`(`\operatorname{'elem'}\operatorname{id'}{\ldots}`)') & = & \{\operatorname{data}(\operatorname{id'})\} \\ \operatorname{idc}(`(`\operatorname{'import'}{\ldots}`(`\operatorname{'func'}\operatorname{id'}{\ldots}`)',`)') & = & \{\operatorname{funcs}(\operatorname{id'})\} \\ \operatorname{idc}(`(`\operatorname{'import'}{\ldots}`(`\operatorname{'table'}\operatorname{id'}{\ldots}`)',`)') & = & \{\operatorname{tables}(\operatorname{id'})\} \\ \operatorname{idc}(`(`\operatorname{'import'}{\ldots}`('\operatorname{'memory'}\operatorname{id'}{\ldots}`)',`)') & = & \{\operatorname{globals}(\operatorname{id'})\} \\ \operatorname{idc}(`(`\operatorname{'import'}{\ldots}`('\operatorname{'global'}\operatorname{id'}{\ldots}`)',`)') & = & \{\operatorname{globals}(\operatorname{id'})\} \\ \operatorname{idc}(`('\operatorname{'import'}{\ldots}`('\operatorname{'global'}\operatorname{id'}{\ldots}`)',`)') & = & \{\operatorname{globals}(\operatorname{id'})\} \\ \operatorname{idc}(`('\operatorname{''}{\ldots})') & = & \{\{\operatorname{globals}(\operatorname{id'}{\ldots})\}\} \\ \operatorname{idc}(`('\operatorname{''}{\ldots})') & = & \{\{\operatorname{globals}(\operatorname{id'}{\ldots})\}\} \\ \end{array}
```

### **Abbreviations**

In a source file, the toplevel (module ...) surrounding the module body may be omitted.

```
modulefield* \equiv '(''module' modulefield*')'
```

**Appendix** 

# 7.1 Embedding

A WebAssembly implementation will typically be *embedded* into a *host* environment. An *embedder* implements the connection between such a host environment and the WebAssembly semantics as defined in the main body of this specification. An embedder is expected to interact with the semantics in well-defined ways.

This section defines a suitable interface to the WebAssembly semantics in the form of entry points through which an embedder can access it. The interface is intended to be complete, in the sense that an embedder does not need to reference other functional parts of the WebAssembly specification directly.

**Note:** On the other hand, an embedder does not need to provide the host environment with access to all functionality defined in this interface. For example, an implementation may not support parsing of the text format.

# **7.1.1 Types**

In the description of the embedder interface, syntactic classes from the abstract syntax and the runtime's abstract machine are used as names for variables that range over the possible objects from that class. Hence, these syntactic classes can also be interpreted as types.

For numeric parameters, notation like n:u32 is used to specify a symbolic name in addition to the respective value range.

# 7.1.2 Errors

Failure of an interface operation is indicated by an auxiliary syntactic class:

error ::= error

In addition to the error conditions specified explicitly in this section, implementations may also return errors when specific implementation limitations are reached.

**Note:** Errors are abstract and unspecific with this definition. Implementations can refine it to carry suitable classifications and diagnostic messages.

### 7.1.3 Pre- and Post-Conditions

Some operations state *pre-conditions* about their arguments or *post-conditions* about their results. It is the embedder's responsibility to meet the pre-conditions. If it does, the post conditions are guaranteed by the semantics.

In addition to pre- and post-conditions explicitly stated with each operation, the specification adopts the following conventions for runtime objects (*store*, *moduleinst*, *externval*, addresses):

- Every runtime object passed as a parameter must be valid per an implicit pre-condition.
- Every runtime object returned as a result is valid per an implicit post-condition.

**Note:** As long as an embedder treats runtime objects as abstract and only creates and manipulates them through the interface defined here, all implicit pre-conditions are automatically met.

### 7.1.4 Store

```
store_init(): store
```

1. Return the empty store.

```
store_init() = {funcs \epsilon, mems \epsilon, tables \epsilon, globals \epsilon}
```

### 7.1.5 Modules

```
module\_decode(byte^*) : module \mid error
```

- 1. If there exists a derivation for the byte sequence  $byte^*$  as a module according to the binary grammar for modules, yielding a module m, then return m.
- 2. Else, return error.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{module\_decode}(b^*) & = & m & \quad (\text{if module} \stackrel{*}{\Longrightarrow} m . b^*) \\ \operatorname{module\_decode}(b^*) & = & \operatorname{error} & \quad (\text{otherwise}) \end{array}
```

```
module parse(char^*): module \mid error
```

- 1. If there exists a derivation for the source  $char^*$  as a module according to the text grammar for modules, yielding a module m, then return m.
- 2. Else, return error.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{module\_parse}(c^*) & = & m & \quad (\operatorname{if} \operatorname{module} \stackrel{*}{\Longrightarrow} m {:} c^*) \\ \operatorname{module\_parse}(c^*) & = & \operatorname{error} & \quad (\operatorname{otherwise}) \end{array}
```

 $module validate(module) : error^?$ 

- 1. If *module* is valid, then return nothing.
- 2. Else, return error.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{module\_validate}(m) & = & \epsilon & \quad \text{(if } \vdash m : externtype^* \to externtype'^*) \\ \operatorname{module\_validate}(m) & = & \operatorname{error} & \quad \text{(otherwise)} \end{array}
```

module instantiate(store, module,  $externval^*$ ): (store, moduleinst | error)

- 1. Try instantiating module in store with external values externval\* as imports:
- a. If it succeeds with a module instance moduleinst, then let result be moduleinst.
- b. Else, let *result* be error.
- 2. Return the new store paired with result.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{module\_instantiate}(S,m,ev^*) & = & (S',F.\mathsf{module}) & (\operatorname{if\ instantiate}(S,m,ev^*) \hookrightarrow *S';F;\epsilon) \\ \operatorname{module\_instantiate}(S,m,ev^*) & = & (S',\operatorname{error}) & (\operatorname{if\ instantiate}(S,m,ev^*) \hookrightarrow *S';F;\operatorname{trap}) \end{array}
```

**Note:** The store may be modified even in case of an error.

 $module\_imports(module) : (name, name, externtype)^*$ 

- 1. Pre-condition: *module* is valid with the external import types *externtype*\* and external export types *externtype*'\*.
- 2. Let  $import^*$  be the imports module.imports.
- 3. Assert: the length of *import*\* equals the length of *externtype*\*.
- 4. For each  $import_i$  in  $import^*$  and corresponding  $externtype_i$  in  $externtype^*$ , do:
- a. Let  $result_i$  be the triple  $(import_i.module, import_i.name, externtype_i)$ .
- 5. Return the concatenation of all  $result_i$ , in index order.
- 6. Post-condition: each  $externtype_i$  is valid under the empty context.

```
module_imports(m) = (im.module, im.name, externtype)^*
(if im^* = m.imports \land \vdash m : externtype^* \rightarrow externtype'^*)
```

 $module\_exports(module) : (name, externtype)^*$ 

- 1. Pre-condition: module is valid with the external import types  $externtype^*$  and external export types  $externtype'^*$ .
- 2. Let  $export^*$  be the exports module.exports.
- 3. Assert: the length of export\* equals the length of externtype'\*.
- 4. For each  $export_i$  in  $export^*$  and corresponding  $externtype'_i$  in  $externtype'^*$ , do:
- a. Let  $result_i$  be the pair  $(export_i.name, externtype'_i)$ .
- 5. Return the concatenation of all  $result_i$ , in index order.
- 6. Post-condition: each  $externtype'_i$  is valid under the empty context.

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```
module\_exports(m) = (ex.name, externtype')^* 
(if ex^* = m.exports \land \vdash m : externtype^* \rightarrow externtype'^*)
```

### 7.1.6 Module Instances

 $instance\_export(moduleinst, name) : externval \mid error$ 

- 1. Assert: due to validity of the module instance moduleinst, all its export names are different.
- 2. If there exists an  $exportinst_i$  in module inst exports such that name  $exportinst_i$  name equals name, then:
  - a. Return the external value  $exportinst_i$  value.
- 3. Else, return error.

```
instance\_export(m, name) = m.exports[i].value (if m.exports[i].name = name) instance\_export(m, name) = error (otherwise)
```

### 7.1.7 Functions

 $func\_alloc(store, functype, hostfunc) : (store, funcaddr)$ 

- 1. Pre-condition: the *functype* is valid under the empty context.
- 2. Let *funcaddr* be the result of allocating a host function in *store* with function type *functype* and host function code *hostfunc*.
- 3. Return the new store paired with funcaddr.

```
func\_alloc(S, ta, code) = (S', a) (if allochostfunc(S, ta, code) = S', a)
```

**Note:** This operation assumes that *hostfunc* satisfies the pre- and post-conditions required for a function instance with type *functype*.

Regular (non-host) function instances can only be created indirectly through module instantiation.

 $func\_type(store, funcaddr) : functype$ 

- 1. Let functype be the function type S.funcs[a].type.
- 2. Return functype.
- 3. Post-condition: the returned function type is valid.

$$func\_type(S, a) = S.funcs[a].type$$

```
func invoke(store, funcaddr, val^*): (store, val^* \mid error)
```

- 1. Try invoking the function funcaddr in store with values  $val^*$  as arguments:
- a. If it succeeds with values  $val'^*$  as results, then let result be  $val'^*$ .
- b. Else it has trapped, hence let *result* be error.
- 2. Return the new store paired with result.

```
func_invoke(S, a, v^*) = (S', v'^*) (if invoke(S, a, v^*) \hookrightarrow *S'; F; v'^*)
func_invoke(S, a, v^*) = (S', error) (if invoke(S, a, v^*) \hookrightarrow *S'; F; trap)
```

**Note:** The store may be modified even in case of an error.

## **7.1.8 Tables**

table alloc(store, tabletype, ref): (store, tableaddr)

- 1. Pre-condition: the *tabletype* is valid under the empty context.
- 2. Let tableaddr be the result of allocating a table in store with table type tabletype and initialization value ref.
- 3. Return the new store paired with *tableaddr*.

```
table_alloc(S, tt, r) = (S', a) (if alloctable(S, tt, r) = S', a)
```

 $table\_type(store, tableaddr) : tabletype$ 

- 1. Return S.tables[a].type.
- 2. Post-condition: the returned table type is valid under the empty context.

$$table\_type(S, a) = S.tables[a].type$$

 $table\_read(store, tableaddr, i : u32) : ref \mid error$ 

- 1. Let ti be the table instance store.tables[tableaddr].
- 2. If i is larger than or equal to the length of ti.elem, then return error.
- 3. Else, return the reference value ti.elem[i].

```
 \begin{array}{lll} {\rm table\_read}(S,a,i) & = & r & \quad & ({\rm if} \; S. {\rm tables}[a]. {\rm elem}[i] = r) \\ {\rm table\_read}(S,a,i) & = & {\rm error} & \quad & ({\rm otherwise}) \\ \end{array}
```

 ${\tt table\_write}(store, tableaddr, i: u32, ref): store \mid error$ 

- 1. Let ti be the table instance store.tables[tableaddr].
- 2. If i is larger than or equal to the length of ti.elem, then return error.
- 3. Replace ti.elem[i] with the reference value ref.
- 4. Return the updated store.

```
\begin{array}{lll} {\rm table\_write}(S,a,i,r) &=& S' & \quad & ({\rm if}\ S'=S\ {\rm with}\ {\rm tables}[a].{\rm elem}[i]=r) \\ {\rm table\_write}(S,a,i,r) &=& {\rm error} & \quad & ({\rm otherwise}) \end{array}
```

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```
table size(store, tableaddr): u32
```

1. Return the length of *store*.tables[tableaddr].elem.

$$table\_size(S, a) = n$$
 (if  $|S.tables[a].elem| = n$ )

 $table\_grow(store, tableaddr, n : u32, ref) : store \mid error$ 

- 1. Try growing the table instance store.tables[tableaddr] by n elements with initialization value ref:
  - a. If it succeeds, return the updated store.
  - b. Else, return error.

```
 \begin{array}{lll} {\rm table\_grow}(S,a,n,r) & = & S' & {\rm (if} \ S' = S \ {\rm with} \ {\rm table}[a] = {\rm growtable}(S.{\rm tables}[a],n,r)) \\ {\rm table\_grow}(S,a,n,r) & = & {\rm error} & {\rm (otherwise)} \\ \end{array}
```

### 7.1.9 Memories

 $mem\_alloc(store, memtype) : (store, memaddr)$ 

- 1. Pre-condition: the *memtype* is valid under the empty context.
- 2. Let memaddr be the result of allocating a memory in store with memory type memtype.
- 3. Return the new store paired with *memaddr*.

$$\operatorname{mem\_alloc}(S, mt) = (S', a)$$
 (if  $\operatorname{allocmem}(S, mt) = S', a$ )

 $mem\_type(store, memaddr) : memtype$ 

- 1. Return S.mems[a].type.
- 2. Post-condition: the returned memory type is valid under the empty context.

$$mem\_type(S, a) = S.mems[a].type$$

mem read(store, memaddr, i: u32):  $byte \mid error$ 

- 1. Let mi be the memory instance store.mems[memaddr].
- 2. If i is larger than or equal to the length of mi.data, then return error.
- 3. Else, return the byte mi.data[i].

```
\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{mem\_read}(S,a,i) & = & b & \quad \text{(if $S$.mems}[a].data[i] = b) \\ \operatorname{mem\_read}(S,a,i) & = & \operatorname{error} & \quad \text{(otherwise)} \end{array}
```

 $mem\_write(store, memaddr, i : u32, byte) : store \mid error$ 

- 1. Let mi be the memory instance store.mems[memaddr].
- 2. If u32 is larger than or equal to the length of mi.data, then return error.
- 3. Replace mi.data[i] with byte.
- 4. Return the updated store.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{mem\_write}(S,a,i,b) & = & S' & \quad \text{(if } S' = S \text{ with } \operatorname{mems}[a].\operatorname{data}[i] = b) \\ \operatorname{mem\_write}(S,a,i,b) & = & \operatorname{error} & \quad \text{(otherwise)} \end{array}
```

mem size(store, memaddr): u32

1. Return the length of *store*.mems[memaddr].data divided by the page size.

```
\operatorname{mem\_size}(S, a) = n \quad (if | S.\mathsf{mems}[a].\mathsf{data}| = n \cdot 64 \,\mathrm{Ki})
```

 $mem\_grow(store, memaddr, n : u32) : store \mid error$ 

- 1. Try growing the memory instance store.mems[memaddr] by n pages:
  - a. If it succeeds, return the updated store.
  - b. Else, return error.

```
\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{mem\_grow}(S,a,n) & = & S' & \quad \text{(if } S' = S \text{ with } \operatorname{mems}[a] = \operatorname{growmem}(S.\operatorname{mems}[a],n)) \\ \operatorname{mem\_grow}(S,a,n) & = & \operatorname{error} & \quad \text{(otherwise)} \end{array}
```

# **7.1.10 Globals**

 $global\_alloc(store, globaltype, val) : (store, globaladdr)$ 

- 1. Pre-condition: the *globaltype* is valid under the empty context.
- 2. Let *globaladdr* be the result of allocating a global in *store* with global type *globaltype* and initialization value *val*.
- 3. Return the new store paired with *globaladdr*.

```
global\_alloc(S, gt, v) = (S', a) (if allocglobal(S, gt, v) = S', a)
```

global type(store, globaladdr): globaltype

- 1. Return S.globals[a].type.
- 2. Post-condition: the returned global type is valid under the empty context.

$$global\_type(S, a) = S.globals[a].type$$

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 $global\_read(store, globaladdr) : val$ 

- 1. Let gi be the global instance store.globals[globaladdr].
- 2. Return the value gi.value.

```
global_read(S, a) = v (if S.globals[a].value = v)
```

 $global\_write(store, globaladdr, val) : store \mid error$ 

- 1. Let gi be the global instance store.globals[globaladdr].
- 2. Let mut t be the structure of the global type gi.type.
- 3. If *mut* is not var, then return error.
- 4. Replace qi.value with the value val.
- 5. Return the updated store.

```
 \begin{split} & \text{global\_write}(S,a,v) &= S' & \text{ (if $S$.globals}[a]$.type = $\operatorname{var} t \wedge S' = S$ with $\operatorname{globals}[a]$.value = $v$) \\ & \text{global\_write}(S,a,v) &= & \text{error} & \text{ (otherwise)} \\ \end{aligned}
```

# 7.2 Implementation Limitations

Implementations typically impose additional restrictions on a number of aspects of a WebAssembly module or execution. These may stem from:

- physical resource limits,
- constraints imposed by the embedder or its environment,
- limitations of selected implementation strategies.

This section lists allowed limitations. Where restrictions take the form of numeric limits, no minimum requirements are given, nor are the limits assumed to be concrete, fixed numbers. However, it is expected that all implementations have "reasonably" large limits to enable common applications.

**Note:** A conforming implementation is not allowed to leave out individual *features*. However, designated subsets of WebAssembly may be specified in the future.

# 7.2.1 Syntactic Limits

#### Structure

An implementation may impose restrictions on the following dimensions of a module:

- the number of types in a module
- the number of functions in a module, including imports
- the number of tables in a module, including imports
- the number of memories in a module, including imports
- the number of globals in a module, including imports
- the number of element segments in a module
- the number of data segments in a module

- the number of imports to a module
- the number of exports from a module
- the number of parameters in a function type
- the number of results in a function type
- the number of parameters in a block type
- the number of results in a block type
- the number of locals in a function
- the size of a function body
- the size of a structured control instruction
- the number of structured control instructions in a function
- the nesting depth of structured control instructions
- the number of label indices in a br\_table instruction
- the length of an element segment
- the length of a data segment
- the length of a name
- the range of characters in a name

If the limits of an implementation are exceeded for a given module, then the implementation may reject the validation, compilation, or instantiation of that module with an embedder-specific error.

**Note:** The last item allows embedders that operate in limited environments without support for Unicode<sup>48</sup> to limit the names of imports and exports to common subsets like  $ASCII^{49}$ .

### **Binary Format**

For a module given in binary format, additional limitations may be imposed on the following dimensions:

- the size of a module
- the size of any section
- the size of an individual function's code
- the number of sections

### **Text Format**

For a module given in text format, additional limitations may be imposed on the following dimensions:

- the size of the source text
- the size of any syntactic element
- the size of an individual token
- the nesting depth of folded instructions
- the length of symbolic identifiers
- the range of literal characters allowed in the source text

<sup>48</sup> https://www.unicode.org/versions/latest/

<sup>49</sup> https://webstore.ansi.org/RecordDetail.aspx?sku=INCITS+4-1986%5bR2012%5d

### 7.2.2 Validation

An implementation may defer validation of individual functions until they are first invoked.

If a function turns out to be invalid, then the invocation, and every consecutive call to the same function, results in a trap.

**Note:** This is to allow implementations to use interpretation or just-in-time compilation for functions. The function must still be fully validated before execution of its body begins.

### 7.2.3 Execution

Restrictions on the following dimensions may be imposed during execution of a WebAssembly program:

- the number of allocated module instances
- the number of allocated function instances
- the number of allocated table instances
- the number of allocated memory instances
- the number of allocated global instances
- the size of a table instance
- the size of a memory instance
- the number of frames on the stack
- the number of labels on the stack
- the number of values on the stack

If the runtime limits of an implementation are exceeded during execution of a computation, then it may terminate that computation and report an embedder-specific error to the invoking code.

Some of the above limits may already be verified during instantiation, in which case an implementation may report exceedance in the same manner as for syntactic limits.

**Note:** Concrete limits are usually not fixed but may be dependent on specifics, interdependent, vary over time, or depend on other implementation- or embedder-specific situations or events.

# 7.3 Type Soundness

The type system of WebAssembly is *sound*, implying both *type safety* and *memory safety* with respect to the WebAssembly semantics. For example:

- All types declared and derived during validation are respected at run time; e.g., every local or global variable will only contain type-correct values, every instruction will only be applied to operands of the expected type, and every function invocation always evaluates to a result of the right type (if it does not trap or diverge).
- No memory location will be read or written except those explicitly defined by the program, i.e., as a local, a global, an element in a table, or a location within a linear memory.
- There is no undefined behavior, i.e., the execution rules cover all possible cases that can occur in a valid program, and the rules are mutually consistent.

Soundness also is instrumental in ensuring additional properties, most notably, *encapsulation* of function and module scopes: no locals can be accessed outside their own function and no module components can be accessed outside their own module unless they are explicitly exported or imported.

The typing rules defining WebAssembly validation only cover the *static* components of a WebAssembly program. In order to state and prove soundness precisely, the typing rules must be extended to the *dynamic* components of the abstract runtime, that is, the store, configurations, and administrative instructions.<sup>50</sup>

# 7.3.1 Results

Results can be classified by result types as follows.

### Results val\*

- For each value  $val_i$  in  $val^*$ :
  - The value  $val_i$  is valid with some value type  $t_i$ .
- Let  $t^*$  be the concatenation of all  $t_i$ .
- Then the result is valid with result type  $[t^*]$ .

$$\frac{(S \vdash val : t)^*}{S \vdash val^* : [t^*]}$$

### Results trap

• The result is valid with result type  $[t^*]$ , for any valid closed result types.

$$\frac{\vdash [t^*] \text{ ok}}{S \vdash \text{trap} : [t^*]}$$

# 7.3.2 Store Validity

The following typing rules specify when a runtime store S is *valid*. A valid store must consist of function, table, memory, global, and module instances that are themselves valid, relative to S.

To that end, each kind of instance is classified by a respective function, table, memory, or global type. Module instances are classified by *module contexts*, which are regular contexts repurposed as module types describing the index spaces defined by a module.

### Store S

- Each function instance funcinst<sub>i</sub> in S.funcs must be valid with some function type functype<sub>i</sub>.
- Each table instance  $tableinst_i$  in S.tables must be valid with some table type  $tabletype_i$ .
- Each memory instance meminst<sub>i</sub> in S.mems must be valid with some memory type memtype<sub>i</sub>.
- Each global instance *qlobalinst*<sub>i</sub> in S.globals must be valid with some global type *qlobaltype*<sub>i</sub>.
- Each element instance *eleminst*<sub>i</sub> in S.elems must be valid with some reference type reftype<sub>i</sub>.
- Each data instance  $datainst_i$  in S.datas must be valid.
- Then the store is valid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> The formalization and theorems are derived from the following article: Andreas Haas, Andreas Rossberg, Derek Schuff, Ben Titzer, Dan Gohman, Luke Wagner, Alon Zakai, JF Bastien, Michael Holman. Bringing the Web up to Speed with WebAssembly Page 207, 51. Proceedings of the 38th ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI 2017). ACM 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?doid=3062341.3062363

```
(S \vdash funcinst : functype)^* \qquad (S \vdash tableinst : tabletype)^* \\ (S \vdash meminst : memtype)^* \qquad (S \vdash globalinst : globaltype)^* \\ (S \vdash eleminst : reftype)^* \qquad (S \vdash datainst \text{ ok})^* \\ S = \{\text{funcs } funcinst^*, \text{globals } globalinst^*, \\ \text{tables } tableinst^*, \text{mems } meminst^*, \text{elems } eleminst^*, \text{datas } datainst^*\} \\ \vdash S \text{ ok}
```

**Note:** The validity condition on type instances ensures the absence of cyclic types.

# **Function Instances** {type functype, module moduleinst, code func}

- The function type functype must be valid under an empty context.
- The module instance moduleinst must be valid with some context C.
- Under context C:
  - The function func must be valid with some function type functype'.
  - The function type functype' must match functype.
- Then the function instance is valid with function type functype.

```
 \begin{array}{ccc} & \vdash \textit{functype} \ \text{ok} & S \vdash \textit{moduleinst} : C \\ C \vdash \textit{func} : \textit{functype'} & C \vdash \textit{functype'} \leq \textit{functype} \\ \hline S \vdash \{ \text{type} \ \textit{functype}, \text{module} \ \textit{moduleinst}, \text{code} \ \textit{func} \} : \textit{functype} \\ \end{array}
```

### **Host Function Instances** {type *functype*, hostcode *hf* }

- The function type functype must be valid under an empty context.
- Let  $[t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*]$  be the function type functype.
- For every valid store  $S_1$  extending S and every sequence  $val^*$  of values whose types coincide with  $t_1^*$ :
  - Executing hf in store  $S_1$  with arguments  $val^*$  has a non-empty set of possible outcomes.
  - For every element R of this set:
    - \* Either R must be  $\perp$  (i.e., divergence).
    - \* Or R consists of a valid store  $S_2$  extending  $S_1$  and a result result whose type coincides with  $[t_2^*]$ .
- Then the function instance is valid with function type functype.

```
 \forall S_1, val^*, \vdash S_1 \text{ ok } \land \vdash S \preceq S_1 \land S_1 \vdash val^* : [t_1^*] \Longrightarrow \\ hf(S_1; val^*) \supset \emptyset \land \\ \forall R \in hf(S_1; val^*), \ R = \bot \lor \\ \vdash [t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*] \text{ ok} \qquad \exists S_2, result, \vdash S_2 \text{ ok } \land \vdash S_1 \preceq S_2 \land S_2 \vdash result : [t_2^*] \land R = (S_2; result) \\ \hline S \vdash \{\text{type } [t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*], \text{hostcode } hf\} : [t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*]
```

**Note:** This rule states that, if appropriate pre-conditions about store and arguments are satisfied, then executing the host function must satisfy appropriate post-conditions about store and results. The post-conditions match the ones in the execution rule for invoking host functions.

Any store under which the function is invoked is assumed to be an extension of the current store. That way, the function itself is able to make sufficient assumptions about future stores.

# **Table Instances** {type $(limits\ t)$ , elem $ref^*$ }

- The table type *limits t* must be valid under the empty context.
- The length of ref\* must equal limits.min.
- For each reference  $ref_i$  in the table's elements  $ref^n$ :
  - The reference  $ref_i$  must be valid with some reference type  $t'_i$ .
  - The reference type  $t'_i$  must match the reference type t.
- Then the table instance is valid with table type *limits t*.

$$\frac{\vdash \mathit{limits}\;t\;\mathsf{ok}\qquad n = \mathit{limits}.\mathsf{min}\qquad (S \vdash \mathit{ref}\;:t')^n \qquad (\vdash t' \leq t)^n}{S \vdash \{\mathsf{type}\;(\mathit{limits}\;t), \mathsf{elem}\;\mathit{ref}^n\} : \mathit{limits}\;t}$$

# **Memory Instances** {type limits, data $b^*$ }

- The memory type *limits* must be valid under the empty context.
- The length of  $b^*$  must equal limits.min multiplied by the page size 64 Ki.
- Then the memory instance is valid with memory type *limits*.

$$\frac{\vdash limits \text{ ok} \qquad n = limits.min \cdot 64 \text{ Ki}}{S \vdash \{\text{type } limits, \text{data } b^n\} : limits}$$

# Global Instances $\{ type (mut \ t), value \ val \}$

- The global type  $mut\ t$  must be valid under the empty context.
- The value val must be valid with some value type t'.
- The value type t' must match the value type t.
- Then the global instance is valid with global type mut t.

$$\frac{\vdash \textit{mut } t \text{ ok} \qquad S \vdash \textit{val} : t' \qquad \vdash t' \leq t}{S \vdash \{ \text{type } (\textit{mut } t), \text{value } \textit{val} \} : \textit{mut } t}$$

## Element Instances {elem $fa^*$ }

- ullet The reference type t must be valid under the empty context.
- For each reference  $ref_i$  in the elements  $ref^n$ :
  - The reference  $ref_i$  must be valid with some reference type  $t'_i$ .
  - The reference type  $t'_i$  must match the reference type t.
- Then the element instance is valid with reference type t.

$$\frac{\vdash t \text{ ok} \qquad (S \vdash \mathit{ref} : t')^* \qquad (\vdash t' \leq t)^*}{S \vdash \{\mathsf{type}\ t, \mathsf{elem}\ \mathit{ref}^*\} : t}$$

## **Data Instances** {data $b^*$ }

• The data instance is valid.

$$\overline{S \vdash \{\mathsf{data}\ b^*\}\ \mathsf{ok}}$$

## **Export Instances** {name name, value externval}

- The external value externval must be valid with some external type externtype.
- Then the export instance is valid.

$$\frac{S \vdash externval : externtype}{S \vdash \{\mathsf{name}\ name, \mathsf{value}\ externval\}\ \mathsf{ok}}$$

### Module Instances moduleinst

- Each defined type deftype<sub>i</sub> in moduleinst.types must be valid.
- For each function address  $funcaddr_i$  in module inst funcaddrs, the external value func  $funcaddr_i$  must be valid with some external type func  $functype_i$ .
- For each table address  $tableaddr_i$  in module inst.tableaddrs, the external value table  $tableaddr_i$  must be valid with some external type table  $table type_i$ .
- For each memory address  $memaddr_i$  in module inst. memaddrs, the external value mem  $memaddr_i$  must be valid with some external type mem  $memtype_i$ .
- For each global address  $globaladdr_i$  in module inst. global addrs, the external value global  $globaladdr_i$  must be valid with some external type global  $global type_i$ .
- For each element address  $elemaddr_i$  in module inst. elemaddrs, the element instance S. elems  $[elemaddr_i]$  must be valid with some reference type  $reftype_i$ .
- For each data address  $dataaddr_i$  in module inst. dataaddrs, the data instance S. datas  $[dataaddr_i]$  must be valid.
- Each export instance  $exportinst_i$  in module inst. exports must be valid.
- For each export instance *exportinst<sub>i</sub>* in *moduleinst*.exports, the name *exportinst<sub>i</sub>*.name must be different from any other name occurring in *moduleinst*.exports.
- Let  $deftype^*$  be the concatenation of all  $deftype_i$  in order.
- Let  $functype^*$  be the concatenation of all  $functype_i$  in order.
- Let  $table type^*$  be the concatenation of all  $table type_i$  in order.
- Let  $memtype^*$  be the concatenation of all  $memtype_i$  in order.
- Let  $qlobaltype^*$  be the concatenation of all  $qlobaltype_i$  in order.
- Let  $reftype^*$  be the concatenation of all  $reftype_i$  in order.
- Let *n* be the length of *moduleinst*.dataaddrs.
- Then the module instance is valid with context {types deftype\*, funcs functype\*, tables tabletype\*, mems memtype\*, globals globaltype\*, elems reftype\*, datas okn}.

```
(\vdash deftype \text{ ok})^*
    (S \vdash \mathsf{func}\, funcaddr : \mathsf{func}\, functype)^*
                                                          (S \vdash \mathsf{table}\ table \ table \ table \ table \ table \ table \ type)^*
(S \vdash \mathsf{mem}\ memaddr : \mathsf{mem}\ memtype)^*
                                                         (S \vdash \mathsf{global}\ globaladdr : \mathsf{global}\ globaltype)^*
            (S \vdash S.\mathsf{elems}[elemaddr] : reftype)^*
                                                          (S \vdash S.\mathsf{dataa} dataaddr] \ \mathsf{ok})^n
                                                       (exportinst.name)* disjoint
                      (S \vdash exportinst \ ok)^*
                      S \vdash \{\mathsf{types}\}
                                             deftype^*,
                             funcaddrs funcaddr^*.
                             tableaddrs tableaddr^*
                             memaddrs memaddr^*
                             globaladdrs globaladdr^*
                             elemaddrs elemaddr^*
                             dataaddrs dataaddrn
                                            exportinst* } : {types deftype*,
                             exports
                                                                  funcs functype^*,
                                                                  tables table type^*,
                                                                  mems memtype^*.
                                                                  globals globaltype*.
                                                                  elems reftupe^*.
                                                                  datas ok^n }
```

# 7.3.3 Configuration Validity

To relate the WebAssembly type system to its execution semantics, the typing rules for instructions must be extended to configurations S; T, which relates the store to execution threads.

Configurations and threads are classified by their result type. In addition to the store S, threads are typed under a return type resulttype?, which controls whether and with which type a return instruction is allowed. This type is absent  $(\epsilon)$  except for instruction sequences inside an administrative frame instruction.

Finally, frames are classified with *frame contexts*, which extend the module contexts of a frame's associated module instance with the locals that the frame contains.

### Configurations S; T

- The store S must be valid.
- Under no allowed return type, the thread T must be valid with some result type  $[t^*]$ .
- Then the configuration is valid with the result type  $[t^*]$ .

$$\frac{\vdash S \text{ ok } \qquad S; \epsilon \vdash T:[t^*]}{\vdash S; T:[t^*]}$$

### Threads F: $instr^*$

- Let resulttype? be the current allowed return type.
- ullet The frame F must be valid with a context C.
- Let C' be the same context as C, but with return set to resulttype?
- Under context C', the instruction sequence  $instr^*$  must be valid with some type  $[] \to [t^*]$ .
- Then the thread is valid with the result type  $[t^*]$ .

$$\frac{S \vdash F : C \qquad S; C, \mathsf{return} \ resulttype^? \vdash instr^* : [] \rightarrow [t^*]}{S; resulttype^? \vdash F; instr^* : [t^*]}$$

Frames {locals  $val^*$ , module moduleinst}

- ullet The module instance module inst must be valid with some module context C.
- Each value  $val_i$  in  $val^*$  must be valid with some value type  $t_i$ .
- Let  $t^*$  be the concatenation of all  $t_i$  in order.
- Let C' be the same context as C, but with the value types  $t^*$  prepended to the locals vector.
- Then the frame is valid with frame context C'.

$$\frac{S \vdash moduleinst : C \qquad (S \vdash val : t)^*}{S \vdash \{\mathsf{locals} \ val^*, \mathsf{module} \ moduleinst\} : (C, \mathsf{locals} \ t^*)}$$

### 7.3.4 Administrative Instructions

Typing rules for administrative instructions are specified as follows. In addition to the context C, typing of these instructions is defined under a given store S.

To that end, all previous typing judgements  $C \vdash prop$  are generalized to include the store, as in  $S; C \vdash prop$ , by implicitly adding S to all rules – S is never modified by the pre-existing rules, but it is accessed in the extra rules for administrative instructions given below.

trap

• The instruction is valid with any valid instruction type of the form  $[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]$ .

$$\frac{C \vdash [t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*] \text{ ok}}{S; C \vdash \mathsf{trap}: [t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*]}$$

ref.extern externaddr

• The instruction is valid with type  $[] \rightarrow [(ref extern)].$ 

$$\overline{S; C \vdash \mathsf{ref.extern}\ externaddr : [] \rightarrow [(\mathsf{ref}\ \mathsf{extern})]}$$

 $\mathsf{ref}.\mathsf{func}\,\mathit{funcaddr}$ 

- The external function value func funcaddr must be valid with external function type func functype.
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[] \rightarrow [(ref functype)].$

$$\frac{S \vdash \mathsf{func}\ a : \mathsf{func}\ functype}{S; C \vdash \mathsf{ref}.\mathsf{func}\ a : [] \to [(\mathsf{ref}\ functype)]}$$

#### invoke funcaddr

- The external function value func funcaddr must be valid with external function type funcfunctype'.
- Let  $[t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*]$  be the function type functype.
- Then the instruction is valid with type  $[t_1^*] \rightarrow [t_2^*]$ .

$$\frac{S \vdash \mathsf{func}\,\mathit{funcaddr} : \mathsf{func}\,[t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]}{S; C \vdash \mathsf{invoke}\,\mathit{funcaddr} : [t_1^*] \to [t_2^*]}$$

# $label_n\{instr_0^*\}\ instr^*\ end$

- The instruction sequence  $instr_0^*$  must be valid with some type  $[t_1^n] \to_{x^*} [t_2^*]$ .
- Let C' be the same context as C, but with the result type  $[t_1^n]$  prepended to the labels vector.
- Under context C', the instruction sequence  $instr^*$  must be valid with type  $[] \to_{x'^*} [t_2^*]$ .
- Then the compound instruction is valid with type  $[] o [t_2^*]$ .

$$\frac{S; C \vdash instr_0^* : [t_1^n] \to_{x^*} [t_2^*] \qquad S; C, \mathsf{labels} \, [t_1^n] \vdash instr^* : [] \to_{x'^*} [t_2^*]}{S; C \vdash \mathsf{label}_n \{instr_0^*\} \, instr^* \, \mathsf{end} : [] \to [t_2^*]}$$

### $frame_n\{F\}\ instr^*\ end$

- Under the valid return type  $[t^n]$ , the thread F;  $instr^*$  must be valid with result type  $[t^n]$ .
- Then the compound instruction is valid with type  $[] \rightarrow [t^n]$ .

$$\frac{C \vdash [t^n] \text{ ok } \qquad S; [t^n] \vdash F; instr^* : [t^n]}{S; C \vdash \mathsf{frame}_n\{F\} \ instr^* \text{ end } : [] \rightarrow [t^n]}$$

# 7.3.5 Store Extension

Programs can mutate the store and its contained instances. Any such modification must respect certain invariants, such as not removing allocated instances or changing immutable definitions. While these invariants are inherent to the execution semantics of WebAssembly instructions and modules, host functions do not automatically adhere to them. Consequently, the required invariants must be stated as explicit constraints on the invocation of host functions. Soundness only holds when the embedder ensures these constraints.

The necessary constraints are codified by the notion of store *extension*: a store state S' extends state S, written  $S \leq S'$ , when the following rules hold.

Note: Extension does not imply that the new store is valid, which is defined separately above.

#### Store S

- The length of S.funcs must not shrink.
- ullet The length of S.tables must not shrink.
- The length of S.mems must not shrink.
- The length of S.globals must not shrink.
- The length of S.elems must not shrink.
- The length of S.datas must not shrink.
- For each function instance  $funcinst_i$  in the original S.funcs, the new function instance must be an extension of the old.
- For each table instance  $tableinst_i$  in the original S tables, the new table instance must be an extension of the
- For each memory instance  $meminst_i$  in the original S.mems, the new memory instance must be an extension of the old.
- For each global instance  $globalinst_i$  in the original S.globals, the new global instance must be an extension of the old.
- For each element instance  $eleminst_i$  in the original S.elems, the new global instance must be an extension of the old.
- For each data instance  $datainst_i$  in the original S.datas, the new global instance must be an extension of the

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S_{1}.\mathsf{funcs} = \mathit{funcinst}_{1}^{*} \qquad S_{2}.\mathsf{funcs} = \mathit{funcinst}_{1}^{*} \quad \mathit{funcinst}_{2}^{*} \qquad (\vdash \mathit{funcinst}_{1} \preceq \mathit{funcinst}_{1}^{*})^{*} \\ S_{1}.\mathsf{tables} = \mathit{tableinst}_{1}^{*} \qquad S_{2}.\mathsf{tables} = \mathit{tableinst}_{1}^{*} \quad \mathit{tableinst}_{2}^{*} \qquad (\vdash \mathit{tableinst}_{1} \preceq \mathit{tableinst}_{1}^{*})^{*} \\ S_{1}.\mathsf{mems} = \mathit{meminst}_{1}^{*} \qquad S_{2}.\mathsf{mems} = \mathit{meminst}_{1}^{*} \quad \mathit{meminst}_{2}^{*} \qquad (\vdash \mathit{meminst}_{1} \preceq \mathit{tableinst}_{1}^{*})^{*} \\ S_{1}.\mathsf{globals} = \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*} \qquad S_{2}.\mathsf{globals} = \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*}^{*} \quad \mathit{globalinst}_{2}^{*} \qquad (\vdash \mathit{globalinst}_{1} \preceq \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*})^{*} \\ S_{1}.\mathsf{globals} = \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*} \qquad S_{2}.\mathsf{globals} = \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*}^{*} \quad \mathit{globalinst}_{2}^{*} \qquad (\vdash \mathit{globalinst}_{1} \preceq \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*})^{*} \\ S_{1}.\mathsf{globals} = \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*} \qquad S_{2}.\mathsf{globals} = \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*}^{*} \quad \mathit{globalinst}_{2}^{*} \qquad (\vdash \mathit{globalinst}_{1} \preceq \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*})^{*} \\ S_{1}.\mathsf{globals} = \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*} \qquad \mathit{globalinst}_{2}^{*} \qquad (\vdash \mathit{globalinst}_{1} \preceq \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*})^{*} \\ S_{2}.\mathsf{globals} = \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*} \qquad \mathit{globalinst}_{2}^{*} \qquad (\vdash \mathit{globalinst}_{1} \preceq \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*})^{*} \\ S_{2}.\mathsf{globals} = \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*} \qquad \mathit{globalinst}_{2}^{*} \qquad (\vdash \mathit{globalinst}_{1} \preceq \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*})^{*} \\ S_{3}.\mathsf{globals} = \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*} \qquad \mathit{globalinst}_{2}^{*} \qquad (\vdash \mathit{globalinst}_{1} \preceq \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*})^{*} \\ S_{3}.\mathsf{globals} = \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*} \qquad \mathit{globalinst}_{2}^{*} \qquad (\vdash \mathit{globalinst}_{1} \preceq \mathit{globalinst}_{1}^{*})^{*} \\ S_{3}.\mathsf{globals} = \mathit{globalinst}_{3}^{*} \qquad (\vdash \mathit{globalinst}_{3}^{*} \preceq \mathit{globalinst}_{3}^{*})^{*} \qquad (\vdash \mathit{globalinst}_{3}^{*} \preceq \mathit{globalinst}_{3}^{*})^{*} \\ S_{3}.\mathsf{globals} = \mathit{globalinst}_{3}^{*} \qquad (\vdash \mathit{globalinst}_{3}^{*} \preceq \mathit{globalinst}_{3}^{*})^{*} \qquad (\vdash \mathit{globalinst}_{3}^{*} \preceq
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### **Function Instance** *funcinst*

• A function instance must remain unchanged.

$$\vdash funcinst \leq funcinst$$

### Table Instance tableinst

- The table type *tableinst*.type must remain unchanged.
- The length of tableinst.elem must not shrink.

$$\frac{n_1 \leq n_2}{\vdash \{\mathsf{type}\ tt, \mathsf{elem}\ (fa_1^?)^{n_1}\} \leq \{\mathsf{type}\ tt, \mathsf{elem}\ (fa_2^?)^{n_2}\}}$$

### **Memory Instance** *meminst*

- The memory type *meminst*.type must remain unchanged.
- The length of *meminst*.data must not shrink.

$$\frac{n_1 \leq n_2}{\vdash \{ \text{type } mt, \text{data } b_1^{n_1} \} \leq \{ \text{type } mt, \text{data } b_2^{n_2} \}}$$

### Global Instance globalinst

- The global type *globalinst*.type must remain unchanged.
- Let mut t be the structure of globalinst.type.
- If mut is const, then the value globalinst.value must remain unchanged.

$$\frac{mut = \mathsf{var} \lor val_1 = val_2}{\vdash \{\mathsf{type} \ (mut \ t), \mathsf{value} \ val_1\} \preceq \{\mathsf{type} \ (mut \ t), \mathsf{value} \ val_2\}}$$

### **Element Instance** *eleminst*

- The vector *eleminst*.elem must:
  - either remain unchanged,
  - or shrink to length 0.

$$oxed{ arphi ext{ {elem } } a^* } \leq ext{ {elem } a^* }$$
 $oxed{ arphi ext{ {elem } } a^* } \leq ext{ {elem } \epsilon }$ 

# Data Instance datainst

- The vector datainst.data must:
  - either remain unchanged,
  - or shrink to length 0.

# 7.3.6 Theorems

Given the definition of valid configurations, the standard soundness theorems hold. 5254

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> A machine-verified version of the formalization and soundness proof of the PLDI 2017 paper is described in the following article: Conrad Watt. Mechanising and Verifying the WebAssembly Specification Page 215, 53. Proceedings of the 7th ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Certified Programs and Proofs (CPP 2018). ACM 2018.

<sup>53</sup> https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=3167082

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Machine-verified formalizations and soundness proofs of the semantics from the official specification are described in the following article: Conrad Watt, Xiaojia Rao, Jean Pichon-Pharabod, Martin Bodin, Philippa Gardner. Two Mechanisations of WebAssembly 1.0<sup>55</sup>. Proceedings of the 24th International Symposium on Formal Methods (FM 2021). Springer 2021.

<sup>55</sup> https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-90870-6\_4

**Theorem (Preservation).** If a configuration S;T is valid with result type  $[t^*]$  (i.e.,  $\vdash S;T:[t^*]$ ), and steps to S';T' (i.e.,  $S;T\hookrightarrow S';T'$ ), then S';T' is a valid configuration with the same result type (i.e.,  $\vdash S';T':[t^*]$ ). Furthermore, S' is an extension of S (i.e.,  $\vdash S \leq S'$ ).

A *terminal* thread is one whose sequence of instructions is a result. A terminal configuration is a configuration whose thread is terminal.

**Theorem (Progress).** If a configuration S; T is valid (i.e.,  $\vdash S; T : [t^*]$  for some result type  $[t^*]$ ), then either it is terminal, or it can step to some configuration S'; T' (i.e.,  $S; T \hookrightarrow S'; T'$ ).

From Preservation and Progress the soundness of the WebAssembly type system follows directly.

**Corollary** (Soundness). If a configuration S; T is valid (i.e.,  $\vdash S; T : [t^*]$  for some result type  $[t^*]$ ), then it either diverges or takes a finite number of steps to reach a terminal configuration S'; T' (i.e.,  $S; T \hookrightarrow *S'; T'$ ) that is valid with the same result type (i.e.,  $\vdash S'; T' : [t^*]$ ) and where S' is an extension of S (i.e.,  $\vdash S \preceq S'$ ).

In other words, every thread in a valid configuration either runs forever, traps, or terminates with a result that has the expected type. Consequently, given a valid store, no computation defined by instantiation or invocation of a valid module can "crash" or otherwise (mis)behave in ways not covered by the execution semantics given in this specification.

# 7.4 Type System Properties

# 7.4.1 Principal Types

The type system of WebAssembly features both subtyping and simple forms of polymorphism for instruction types. That has the effect that every instruction or instruction sequence can be classified with multiple different instruction types.

However, the typing rules still allow deriving *principal types* for instruction sequences. That is, every valid instruction sequence has one particular type scheme, possibly containing some unconstrained place holder *type variables*, that is a subtype of all its valid instruction types, after substituting its type variables with suitable specific types.

Moreover, when deriving an instruction type in a "forward" manner, i.e., the *input* of the instruction sequence is already fixed to specific types, then it has a principal *output* type expressible without type variables, up to a possibly polymorphic stack bottom representable with one single variable. In other words, "forward" principal types are effectively *closed*.

**Note:** For example, in isolation, the instruction ref.as\_non\_null has the type  $[(\text{ref null }ht)] \rightarrow [(\text{ref }ht)]$  for any choice of valid heap type ht. Moreover, if the input type [(ref null ht)] is already determined, i.e., a specific ht is given, then the output type [(ref ht)] is fully determined as well.

The implication of the latter property is that a validator for *complete* instruction sequences (as they occur in valid modules) can be implemented with a simple left-to-right algorithm that does not require the introduction of type variables.

A typing algorithm capable of handling *partial* instruction sequences (as might be considered for program analysis or program manipulation) needs to introduce type variables and perform substitutions, but it does not need to perform backtracking or record any non-syntactic constraints on these type variables.

Technically, the syntax of heap, value, and result types can be enriched with type variables as follows:

```
\begin{array}{lll} \textit{heaptype} & ::= & \dots \mid \alpha_{\textit{heaptype}} \\ \textit{valtype} & ::= & \dots \mid \alpha_{\textit{valtype}} \mid \alpha_{\textit{numvectype}} \\ \textit{resulttype} & ::= & \left[\alpha_{\textit{valtype}^*}^2 \ \textit{valtype}^* \right] \end{array}
```

where each  $\alpha_{xyz}$  ranges over a set of type variables for syntactic class xyz, respectively. The special class numvectype is defined as  $numtype \mid vectype \mid$  bot, and is only needed to handle unannotated select instructions.

A type is *closed* when it does not contain any type variables, and *open* otherwise. A *type substitution*  $\sigma$  is a finite mapping from type variables to closed types of the respective syntactic class. When applied to an open type, it replaces the type variables  $\alpha$  from its domain with the respective  $\sigma(\alpha)$ .

**Theorem (Principal Types).** If an instruction sequence  $instr^*$  is valid with some closed instruction type instrtype (i.e.,  $C \vdash instr^* : instrtype$ ), then it is also valid with a possibly open instruction type  $instrtype_{\min}$  (i.e.,  $C \vdash instr^* : instrtype_{\min}$ ), such that for every closed type instrtype' with which  $instr^*$  is valid (i.e., for all  $C \vdash instr^* : instrtype'$ ), there exists a substitution  $\sigma$ , such that  $\sigma(instrtype_{\min})$  is a subtype of instrtype' (i.e.,  $C \vdash \sigma(instrtype_{\min}) \le instrtype'$ ). Furthermore,  $instrtype_{\min}$  is unique up to the choice of type variables.

**Theorem (Closed Principal Forward Types).** If closed input type  $[t_1^*]$  is given and the instruction sequence  $instr^*$  is valid with instruction type  $[t_1^*] \to_{x^*} [t_2^*]$  (i.e.,  $C \vdash instr^* : [t_1^*] \to_{x^*} [t_2^*]$ ), then it is also valid with instruction type  $[t_1^*] \to_{x^*} [\alpha_{valtype^*} t^*]$  (i.e.,  $C \vdash instr^* : [t_1^*] \to_{x^*} [\alpha_{valtype^*} t^*]$ ), where all  $t^*$  are closed, such that for every closed result type  $[t_2^{*}]$  with which  $instr^*$  is valid (i.e., for all  $C \vdash instr^* : [t_1^*] \to_{x^*} [t_2^{*}]$ ), there exists a substitution  $\sigma$ , such that  $[t_2^{*}] = [\sigma(\alpha_{valtype^*}) t^*]$ .

# 7.4.2 Type Lattice

The Principal Types property depends on the existence of a greatest lower bound for any pair of types.

**Theorem (Greatest Lower Bounds for Value Types).** For any two value types  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  that are valid (i.e.,  $C \vdash t_1$  ok and  $C \vdash t_2$  ok), there exists a valid value type t that is a subtype of both  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  (i.e.,  $C \vdash t$  ok and  $C \vdash t \leq t_1$  and  $C \vdash t \leq t_2$ ), such that *every* valid value type t' that also is a subtype of both  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  (i.e., for all  $C \vdash t'$  ok and  $C \vdash t' \leq t_1$  and  $C \vdash t' \leq t_2$ ), is a subtype of t (i.e.,  $C \vdash t' \leq t_2$ ).

Note: The greatest lower bound of two types may be bot.

**Theorem (Conditional Least Upper Bounds for Value Types).** Any two value types  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  that are valid (i.e.,  $C \vdash t_1$  ok and  $C \vdash t_2$  ok) either have no common supertype, or there exists a valid value type t that is a supertype of both  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  (i.e.,  $C \vdash t$  ok and  $C \vdash t_1 \leq t$  and  $C \vdash t_2 \leq t$ ), such that *every* valid value type t' that also is a supertype of both  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  (i.e., for all  $C \vdash t'$  ok and  $C \vdash t_1 \leq t'$  and  $C \vdash t_2 \leq t'$ ), is a supertype of t (i.e.,  $C \vdash t \leq t'$ ).

**Note:** If a top type was added to the type system, a least upper bound would exist for any two types.

**Corollary (Type Lattice).** Assuming the addition of a provisional top type, value types form a lattice with respect to their subtype relation.

Finally, value types can be partitioned into multiple disjoint hierarchies that are not related by subtyping, except through bot.

**Theorem (Disjoint Subtype Hierarchies).** The greatest lower bound of two value types is bot or ref bot if and only if they do not have a least upper bound.

In other words, types that do not have common supertypes, do not have common subtypes either (other than bot or ref bot), and vice versa.

**Note:** Types from disjoint hierarchies can safely be represented in mutually incompatible ways in an implementation, because their values can never flow to the same place.

# 7.4.3 Compositionality

Valid instruction sequences can be freely *composed*, as long as their types match up.

**Theorem (Composition).** If two instruction sequences  $instr_1^*$  and  $instr_2^*$  are valid with types  $[t_1^*] \rightarrow_{x_1^*} [t^*]$  and  $[t^*] \rightarrow_{x_2^*} [t_2^*]$ , respectively (i.e.,  $C \vdash instr_1^* : [t_1^*] \rightarrow_{x_1^*} [t^*]$  and  $C \vdash instr_1^* : [t^*] \rightarrow_{x_2^*} [t_2^*]$ ), then the concatenated instruction sequence  $(instr_1^* \ instr_2^*)$  is valid with type  $[t_1^*] \rightarrow_{x_1^* \ x_2^*} [t_2^*]$  (i.e.,  $C \vdash instr_1^* \ instr_2^* : [t_1^*] \rightarrow_{x_1^* \ x_2^*} [t_2^*]$ ).

**Note:** More generally, instead of a shared type  $[t^*]$ , it suffices if the output type of  $instr_1^*$  is a subtype of the input type of  $instr_1^*$ , since the subtype can always be weakened to its supertype by subsumption.

Inversely, valid instruction sequences can also freely be *decomposed*, that is, splitting them anywhere produces two instruction sequences that are both valid.

**Theorem (Decomposition).** If an instruction sequence  $instr^*$  that is valid with type  $[t_1^*] \to_{x^*} [t_2^*]$  (i.e.,  $C \vdash instr^* : [t_1^*] \to_{x^*} [t_2^*]$ ) is split into two instruction sequences  $instr_1^*$  and  $instr_2^*$  at any point (i.e.,  $instr^* = instr_1^* \ instr_2^*$ ), then these are separately valid with some types  $[t_1^*] \to_{x_1^*} [t^*]$  and  $[t^*] \to_{x_2^*} [t_2^*]$ , respectively (i.e.,  $C \vdash instr_1^* : [t_1^*] \to_{x_1^*} [t^*]$  and  $C \vdash instr_1^* : [t^*] \to_{x_2^*} [t_2^*]$ ), where  $x^* = x_1^* \ x_2^*$ .

**Note:** This property holds because validation is required even for unreachable code. Without that,  $instr_2^*$  might not be valid in isolation.

# 7.5 Validation Algorithm

The specification of WebAssembly validation is purely *declarative*. It describes the constraints that must be met by a module or instruction sequence to be valid.

This section sketches the skeleton of a sound and complete *algorithm* for effectively validating code, i.e., sequences of instructions. (Other aspects of validation are straightforward to implement.)

In fact, the algorithm is expressed over the flat sequence of opcodes as occurring in the binary format, and performs only a single pass over it. Consequently, it can be integrated directly into a decoder.

The algorithm is expressed in typed pseudo code whose semantics is intended to be self-explanatory.

### 7.5.1 Data Structures

#### **Types**

Value types are representable as a set of enumerations.

```
type num_type = I32 | I64 | F32 | F64
type vec_type = V128
type heap_type = Def(idx : nat) | Func | Extern | Bot
type ref_type = Ref(heap : heap_type, null : bool)
type val_type = num_type | vec_type | ref_type | Bot

func is_num(t : val_type) : bool =
   return t = I32 || t = I64 || t = F32 || t = F64 || t = Bot

func is_vec(t : val_type) : bool =
   return t = V128 || t = Bot

func is_ref(t : val_type) : bool =
   return not (is_num t || is_vec t) || t = Bot
```

Equivalence and subtyping checks can be defined on these types.

```
func eq_def(n1, n2) =
  ... // check that both type definitions are equivalent (TODO)
func matches_null(null1 : bool, null2 : bool) : bool =
 return null1 = null2 || null2
func matches_heap(t1 : heap_type, t2 : heap_type) : bool =
 switch (t1, t2)
   case (Def(n1), Def(n2))
     return eq_def(n1, n2)
   case (Def(_), Func)
     return true
   case (Bot, _)
     return true
   case (_, _)
     return t1 = t2
func matches_ref(t1 : ref_type, t2 : ref_type) : bool =
 return matches_heap(t1.heap, t2.heap) && matches_null(t1.null, t2.null)
func matches(t1 : val_type, t2 : val_type) : bool =
 switch (t1, t2)
   case (Ref(_), Ref(_))
     return matches_ref(t1, t2)
   case (Bot, _)
     return true
   case (_, _)
     return t1 = t2
```

#### **Context**

Validation requires a context for checking uses of indices. For the purpose of presenting the algorithm, it is maintained in a set of global variables:

```
var locals : array(val_type)
var locals_init : array(bool)
var globals : array(global_type)
var funcs : array(func_type)
var tables : array(table_type)
var mems : array(mem_type)
```

This assumes suitable representations for the various types besides val\_type, which are omitted here.

For locals, there is an additional array recording the initialization status of each local.

#### **Stacks**

The algorithm uses three separate stacks: the *value stack*, the *control stack*, and the *initialization stack*. The value stack tracks the types of operand values on the stack. The control stack tracks surrounding structured control instructions and their associated blocks. The initialization stack records all locals that have been initialized since the beginning of the function.

```
type val_stack = stack(val_type)
type init_stack = stack(u32)

type ctrl_stack = stack(ctrl_frame)
type ctrl_frame = {
  opcode : opcode
    start_types : list(val_type)
    end_types : list(val_type)
    val_height : nat
    init_height : nat
    unreachable : bool
}
```

For each entered block, the control stack records a *control frame* with the originating opcode, the types on the top of the operand stack at the start and end of the block (used to check its result as well as branches), the height of the operand stack at the start of the block (used to check that operands do not underflow the current block), the height of the initialization stack at the start of the block (used to reset initialization status at the end of the block), and a flag recording whether the remainder of the block is unreachable (used to handle stack-polymorphic typing after branches).

For the purpose of presenting the algorithm, these stacks are simply maintained as global variables:

```
var vals : val_stack
var inits : init_stack
var ctrls : ctrl_stack
```

However, these variables are not manipulated directly by the main checking function, but through a set of auxiliary functions:

```
func push_val(type : val_type) =
 vals.push(type)
func pop_val() : val_type =
 if (vals.size() = ctrls[0].height && ctrls[0].unreachable) return Bot
  error_if(vals.size() = ctrls[0].height)
 return vals.pop()
func pop_val(expect : val_type) : val_type =
 let actual = pop_val()
 error_if(not matches(actual, expect))
 return actual
func pop_num() : num_type | Bot =
 let actual = pop_val()
 error_if(not is_num(actual))
 return actual
func pop_ref() : ref_type =
 let actual = pop_val()
 error_if(not is_ref(actual))
 if (actual = Bot) return Ref(Bot, false)
```

```
return actual

func push_vals(types : list(val_type)) = foreach (t in types) push_val(t)
func pop_vals(types : list(val_type)) : list(val_type) =
  var popped := []
  foreach (t in reverse(types)) popped.prepend(pop_val(t))
  return popped
```

Pushing an operand value simply pushes the respective type to the value stack.

Popping an operand value checks that the value stack does not underflow the current block and then removes one type. But first, a special case is handled where the block contains no known values, but has been marked as unreachable. That can occur after an unconditional branch, when the stack is typed polymorphically. In that case, the Bot type is returned, because that is a *principal* choice trivially satisfying all use constraints.

A second function for popping an operand value takes an expected type, which the actual operand type is checked against. The types may differ by subtyping, including the case where the actual type is Bot, and thereby matches unconditionally. The function returns the actual type popped from the stack.

Finally, there are accumulative functions for pushing or popping multiple operand types.

**Note:** The notation stack[i] is meant to index the stack from the top, so that, e.g., ctrls[0] accesses the element pushed last.

The initialization stack and the initialization status of locals is manipulated through the following functions:

```
func get_local(idx : u32) =
    error_if(not locals_init[idx])

func set_local(idx : u32) =
    if (not locals_init[idx])
        inits.push(idx)
        locals_init[idx] := true

func reset_locals(height : nat) =
    while (inits.size() > height)
        locals_init[inits.pop()] := false
```

Getting a local verifies that it is known to be initialized. When a local is set that was not set already, then its initialization status is updated and the change is recorded in the initialization stack. Thus, the initialization status of all locals can be reset to a previous state by denoting a specific height in the initialization stack.

The size of the initialization stack is bounded by the number of (non-defaultable) locals in a function, so can be preallocated by an algorithm.

The control stack is likewise manipulated through auxiliary functions:

```
func push_ctrl(opcode : opcode, in : list(val_type), out : list(val_type)) =
   let frame = ctrl_frame(opcode, in, out, vals.size(), inits.size(), false)
   ctrls.push(frame)
   push_vals(in)

func pop_ctrl() : ctrl_frame =
   error_if(ctrls.is_empty())
   let frame = ctrls[0]
   pop_vals(frame.end_types)
   error_if(vals.size() =/= frame.val_height)
   reset_locals(frame.init_height)
```

```
ctrls.pop()
return frame

func label_types(frame : ctrl_frame) : list(val_types) =
  return (if (frame.opcode = loop) frame.start_types else frame.end_types)

func unreachable() =
  vals.resize(ctrls[0].height)
  ctrls[0].unreachable := true
```

Pushing a control frame takes the types of the label and result values. It allocates a new frame record recording them along with the current height of the operand stack and marks the block as reachable.

Popping a frame first checks that the control stack is not empty. It then verifies that the operand stack contains the right types of values expected at the end of the exited block and pops them off the operand stack. Afterwards, it checks that the stack has shrunk back to its initial height. Finally, it undoes all changes to the initialization status of locals that happend inside the block.

The type of the label associated with a control frame is either that of the stack at the start or the end of the frame, determined by the opcode that it originates from.

Finally, the current frame can be marked as unreachable. In that case, all existing operand types are purged from the value stack, in order to allow for the stack-polymorphism logic in pop\_val to take effect. Because every function has an implicit outermost label that corresponds to an implicit block frame, it is an invariant of the validation algorithm that there always is at least one frame on the control stack when validating an instruction, and hence, ctrls[0] is always defined.

**Note:** Even with the unreachable flag set, consecutive operands are still pushed to and popped from the operand stack. That is necessary to detect invalid examples like (unreachable (i32.const) i64.add). However, a polymorphic stack cannot underflow, but instead generates Bot types as needed.

### 7.5.2 Validation of Opcode Sequences

The following function shows the validation of a number of representative instructions that manipulate the stack. Other instructions are checked in a similar manner.

```
func validate(opcode) =
 switch (opcode)
    case (i32.add)
      pop_val(I32)
      pop_val(I32)
      push_val(I32)
   case (drop)
      pop_val()
   case (select)
      pop_val(I32)
      let t1 = pop_val()
      let t2 = pop_val()
      error_if(not (is_num(t1) && is_num(t2) || is_vec(t1) && is_vec(t2)))
      error_if(t1 =/= t2 && t1 =/= Bot && t2 =/= Bot)
      push_val(if (t1 = Bot) t2 else t1)
    case (select t)
```

```
pop_val(I32)
 pop_val(t)
  pop_val(t)
 push_val(t)
case (ref.is_null)
 pop_ref()
 push_val(I32)
case (ref.as_non_null)
  let rt = pop_ref()
  push_val(Ref(rt.heap, false))
case (local.get x)
  get_local(x)
 push_val(locals[x])
case (local.set x)
  pop_val(locals[x])
  set_local(x)
case (unreachable)
  unreachable()
case (block t1*->t2*)
  pop_vals([t1*])
  push_ctrl(block, [t1*], [t2*])
case (loop t1*->t2*)
  pop_vals([t1*])
 push_ctrl(loop, [t1*], [t2*])
case (if t1*->t2*)
  pop_val(I32)
  pop_vals([t1*])
 push_ctrl(if, [t1*], [t2*])
case (end)
  let frame = pop_ctrl()
 push_vals(frame.end_types)
case (else)
  let frame = pop_ctrl()
  error_if(frame.opcode =/= if)
  push_ctrl(else, frame.start_types, frame.end_types)
case (br n)
  error_if(ctrls.size() < n)</pre>
  pop_vals(label_types(ctrls[n]))
  unreachable()
case (br_if n)
  error_if(ctrls.size() < n)</pre>
 pop_val(I32)
 pop_vals(label_types(ctrls[n]))
 push_vals(label_types(ctrls[n]))
```

```
case (br_table n* m)
  pop_val(I32)
  error_if(ctrls.size() < m)</pre>
  let arity = label_types(ctrls[m]).size()
  foreach (n in n*)
    error_if(ctrls.size() < n)</pre>
    error_if(label_types(ctrls[n]).size() =/= arity)
    push_vals(pop_vals(label_types(ctrls[n])))
  pop_vals(label_types(ctrls[m]))
  unreachable()
case (br_on_null n)
  error_if(ctrls.size() < n)</pre>
  let rt = pop_ref()
  pop_vals(label_types(ctrls[n]))
  push_vals(label_types(ctrls[n]))
  push_val(Ref(rt.heap, false))
case (call_ref)
  let rt = pop_ref()
  if (rt.heap =/= Bot)
    error_if(not is_def(rt.heap))
    let ft = funcs[rt.heap.idx]
    pop_vals(ft.params)
    push_vals(ft.results)
```

**Note:** It is an invariant under the current WebAssembly instruction set that an operand of Unknown type is never duplicated on the stack. This would change if the language were extended with stack instructions like dup. Under such an extension, the above algorithm would need to be refined by replacing the Unknown type with proper *type variables* to ensure that all uses are consistent.

# 7.6 Custom Sections

This appendix defines dedicated custom sections for WebAssembly's binary format. Such sections do not contribute to, or otherwise affect, the WebAssembly semantics, and like any custom section they may be ignored by an implementation. However, they provide useful meta data that implementations can make use of to improve user experience or take compilation hints.

Currently, only one dedicated custom section is defined, the name section.

### 7.6.1 Name Section

The *name section* is a custom section whose name string is itself 'name'. The name section should appear only once in a module, and only after the data section.

The purpose of this section is to attach printable names to definitions in a module, which e.g. can be used by a debugger or when parts of the module are to be rendered in text form.

**Note:** All names are represented in Unicode<sup>56</sup> encoded in UTF-8. Names need not be unique.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> https://www.unicode.org/versions/latest/

### **Subsections**

The data of a name section consists of a sequence of subsections. Each subsection consists of a

- a one-byte subsection id,
- the *u32 size* of the contents, in bytes,
- the actual *contents*, whose structure is dependent on the subsection id.

The following subsection ids are used:

ld	Subsection	
0	module name	
1	function names	
2	local names	

Each subsection may occur at most once, and in order of increasing id.

#### Name Maps

A *name map* assigns names to indices in a given index space. It consists of a vector of index/name pairs in order of increasing index value. Each index must be unique, but the assigned names need not be.

```
\begin{array}{ll} \mathtt{namemap} & ::= & \mathtt{vec}(\mathtt{nameassoc}) \\ \mathtt{nameassoc} & ::= & \mathtt{idx} \ \mathtt{name} \end{array}
```

An *indirect name map* assigns names to a two-dimensional index space, where secondary indices are *grouped* by primary indices. It consists of a vector of primary index/name map pairs in order of increasing index value, where each name map in turn maps secondary indices to names. Each primary index must be unique, and likewise each secondary index per individual name map.

```
indirectnamemap ::= vec(indirectnameassoc)
indirectnameassoc ::= idx namemap
```

### **Module Names**

The module name subsection has the id 0. It simply consists of a single name that is assigned to the module itself.

```
modulenamesubsec ::= namesubsection_0(name)
```

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#### **Function Names**

The function name subsection has the id 1. It consists of a name map assigning function names to function indices.

```
functionamesubsec ::= namesubsection<sub>1</sub>(namemap)
```

#### **Local Names**

The *local name subsection* has the id 2. It consists of an indirect name map assigning local names to local indices grouped by function indices.

```
local_namesubsec ::= namesubsection_2(indirect_namemap)
```

# 7.7 Change History

Since the original release 1.0 of the WebAssembly specification, a number of proposals for extensions have been integrated. The following sections provide an overview of what has changed.

### 7.7.1 Release 2.0

### Sign extension instructions

Added new numeric instructions for performing sign extension within integer representations<sup>57</sup>.

• New numeric instructions: inn.extend N\_s

### Non-trapping float-to-int conversions

Added new conversion instructions that avoid trapping when converting a floating-point number to an integer<sup>58</sup>.

• New numeric instructions: inn.trunc\_sat\_fmm\_sx

### **Multiple values**

Generalized the result type of blocks and functions to allow for multiple values; in addition, introduced the ability to have block parameters<sup>59</sup>.

- Function types allow more than one result
- Block types can be arbitrary function types

<sup>57</sup> https://github.com/WebAssembly/spec/tree/main/proposals/sign-extension-ops/

<sup>58</sup> https://github.com/WebAssembly/spec/tree/main/proposals/nontrapping-float-to-int-conversion/

<sup>59</sup> https://github.com/WebAssembly/spec/tree/main/proposals/multi-value/

### Reference types

Added funcref and externref as new value types and respective instructions<sup>60</sup>.

- New value types: reference types funcref and externref
- New reference instructions: ref.null, ref.func, ref.is\_null
- Extended parametric instruction: select with optional type immediate
- New declarative form of element segment

#### **Table instructions**

Added instructions to directly access and modify tables Page 227, 60.

- Table types allow any reference type as element type
- New table instructions: table.get, table.set, table.size, table.grow

# **Multiple tables**

Added the ability to use multiple tables per module<sup>60</sup>.

- Modules may define, import, and export multiple tables
- Table instructions take a table index immediate: table.get, table.set, table.size, table.grow, call indirect
- Element segments take a table index

# **Bulk memory and table instructions**

Added instructions that modify ranges of memory or table entries<sup>6061</sup>

- New memory instructions: memory.fill, memory.init, memory.copy, data.drop
- New table instructions: table.fill, table.init, table.copy, elem.drop
- New passive form of data segment
- New passive form of element segment
- New data count section in binary format
- · Active data and element segments boundaries are no longer checked at compile time but may trap instead

## **Vector instructions**

Added vector type and instructions that manipulate multiple numeric values in parallel (also known as *SIMD*, single instruction multiple data)<sup>62</sup>

- New value type: v128
- New memory instructions: v128.load, v128.load $NxM_sx$ , v128.load $N_zero$ , v128.load $N_zero$ , v128.load $N_zero$ , v128.store, v128.store $N_zero$
- New constant vector instruction: v128.const
- New unary vector instructions: v128.not, iNxM.abs, iNxM.neg, i8x16.popcnt, fNxM.abs, fNxM.neg, fNxM.sqrt, fNxM.ceil, fNxM.floor, fNxM.trunc, fNxM.nearest

<sup>60</sup> https://github.com/WebAssembly/spec/tree/main/proposals/reference-types/

<sup>61</sup> https://github.com/WebAssembly/spec/tree/main/proposals/bulk-memory-operations/

<sup>62</sup> https://github.com/WebAssembly/spec/tree/main/proposals/simd/

- New binary vector instructions: v128.and, v128.andnot, v128.or, v128.xor, iNxM.add, iNxM.sub, iNxM.mul, iNxM.add\_sat\_sx, iNxM.sub\_sat\_sx, iNxM.min\_sx, iNxM.max\_sx, iNxM.shl, iNxM.shr\_sx, fNxM.add, iNxM.extmul\_half\_iN'xM'\_sx, i16x8.q15mulr\_sat\_s, i32x4.dot\_i16x8\_s, i16x8.extadd\_pairwise\_i8x16\_sx, i32x4.extadd\_pairwise\_i16x8\_sx, i8x16.avgr\_u, i16x8.avgr\_u, fNxM.sub, fNxM.mul, fNxM.div, fNxM.min, fNxM.max, fNxM.pmin, fNxM.pmax
- New ternary vector instruction: v128.bitselect
- New test vector instructions: v128.any true, iNxM.all true
- New relational vector instructions: iNxM.eq, iNxM.ne, iNxM.lt\_sx, iNxM.gt\_sx, iNxM.le\_sx, iNxM.ge\_sx, fNxM.eq, fNxM.ne, fNxM.lt, fNxM.gt, fNxM.le, fNxM.ge
- New conversion vector instructions:i32x4.trunc\_sat\_f32x4\_sx, i32x4.trunc\_sat\_f64x2\_sx\_zero, f32x4.convert\_i32x4\_sx, f32x4.demote\_f64x2\_zero, f64x2.promote\_low\_f32x4
- New lane access vector instructions: iNxM.extract\_lane\_sx?, iNxM.replace\_lane, fNxM.extract\_lane, fNxM.replace\_lane
- New lane splitting/combining vector instructions: iNxM.extend\_half\_iN'xM'\_sx, i8x16.narrow\_i16x8\_sx, i16x8.narrow\_i32x4\_sx
- New byte reordering vector instructions: i8x16.shuffle, i8x16.swizzle
- New injection/projection vector instructions: i/X/M.splat, i/X/M.splat, i/X/M.bitmask

#### 7.7.2 Release 2.?

### **Typeful References**

Added more precise types for references<sup>63</sup>.

- New generalised form of reference types: (ref null? heaptype)
- New class of heap types: func, extern, typeidx
- Basic subtyping on reference and value types
- New reference instructions: ref.as\_non\_null, br\_on\_null, br\_on\_non\_null
- New control instruction: call\_ref
- Refined typing of reference instruction ref.func with more precise result type
- Refined typing of local instructions and instruction sequences to track the initialization status of locals with non-defaultable type
- Extended table definitions with optional initializer expression

<sup>63</sup> https://github.com/WebAssembly/spec/tree/main/proposals/function-references/

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