

# Lecture #19: Operational Semantics, Continued

# Operations on Lists: Concatenation

- List concatenation again requires allocation:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 G, E, S_0 \vdash e_1 : v_1, S_1, - \\
 G, E, S_1 \vdash e_2 : v_2, S_2, - \\
 v_1 = [l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n] \\
 v_2 = [l'_1, l'_2, \dots, l'_m] \\
 n, m \geq 0 \\
 l''_1, \dots, l''_{m+n} = \text{newloc}(S_2, m + n) \\
 v_3 = [l''_1, l''_2, \dots, l''_{m+n}] \\
 \frac{S_3 = S_2[S_2(l_1)/l''_1] \dots [S_2(l_n)/l''_n][S_2(l'_1)/l''_{n+1}] \dots [S_2(l'_m)/l''_{n+m}]}{G, E, S_0 \vdash e_1 + e_2 : v_3, S_3, -} \quad [\text{LIST-CONCAT}]
 \end{array}$$

- Subtlety here: in  $e_1 + e_2$ , suppose evaluating  $e_2$  has a side-effect on  $e_1$ . What value goes into the resulting list?

# Classes and Functions as Values

- Although the language does not allow programmers to treat classes as first-class values, the semantics is free to do so.
- Thus, we represent a class  $T$  with attributes  $a_1, \dots, a_m$

$$\text{class}(T) = (a_1 = e_1, \dots, a_m = e_m)$$

- Here, the  $e_i$  are either literal expressions or function definitions.
- Similarly, the semantics associates a function value with each function, even though programmers cannot manipulate functions as values:

$$v = (x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1 = e_1, \dots, y_k = e_k, b_{\text{body}}, E_f)$$

- Here, the  $x_i$  are parameter names and the  $y_i$  are the local variables (with initializers  $e_i$ .)

# Function Invocation

Now things get complicated:

$S_0(E(f)) = (x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1 = e'_1, \dots, y_k = e'_k, b_{body}, E_f)$	Evaluate Function
$n, k \geq 0$	
$G, E, S_0 \vdash e_1 : v_1, S_1, \_$	Evaluate Actuals
$\vdots$	
$G, E, S_{n-1} \vdash e_n : v_n, S_n, \_$	
$l_{x_1}, \dots, l_{x_n}, l_{y_1}, \dots, l_{y_k} = newloc(S_n, n + k)$	Allocate New Locations for Parameters and Locals
$E' = E_f[l_{x_1}/x_1] \dots [l_{x_n}/x_n][l_{y_1}/y_1] \dots [l_{y_k}/y_k]$	
$G, E', S_n \vdash e'_1 : v'_1, S_n, \_$	Evaluate Initializers
$\vdots$	
$G, E', S_n \vdash e'_k : v'_k, S_n, \_$	
$S_{n+1} = S_n[v_1/l_{x_1}] \dots [v_n/l_{x_n}][v'_1/l_{y_1}] \dots [v'_k/l_{y_k}]$	Assign Params. and Locals
$G, E', S_{n+1} \vdash b_{body} : \_, S_{n+2}, R$	Evaluate Body
$R' = \begin{cases} None, & \text{if } R \text{ is } \_ \\ R, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	And Capture Return Value
$G, E, S_0 \vdash f(e_1, \dots, e_n) : R', S_{n+2}, \_$	[INVOKE]

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? Nothing. The effect is the same.

## Function Invocation: Discussion (II)

- Consider the lines:

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 S_0(E(f)) = (x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1 = e'_1, \dots, y_k = e'_k, b_{body}, E_f) & \text{Evaluate Function} \\
 \vdots & \\
 E' = E_f[l_{x1}/x_1] \dots [l_{xn}/x_n][l_{y1}/y_1] \dots [l_{yk}/y_k] & \text{Parameters and Locals} \\
 \vdots & \\
 G, E', S_{n+1} \vdash b_{body} : \text{---}, S_{n+2}, R & \text{Evaluate Body :} \\
 \hline
 G, E, S_0 \vdash f(e_1, \dots, e_n) : R', S_{n+2}, \text{---} & \text{[INVOKE]}
 \end{array}$$

- The environment for evaluating the body,  $E'$ , is *not* an extension of  $E$ , but rather of  $E_f$ , the environment that is part of the function's value.
- This is in keeping with the rule you first saw in CS61A: a function value's parent frame is the one in which the function definition is evaluated, not the one in which the call is evaluated.



# Method Dispatching

Method dispatching, as in `x.f(3)`, is unsurprisingly close to function invocation.

$G, E, S \vdash e_0 : v_0, S_0, \_$	Evaluate Object
$v_0 = X(a_1 = l_1, \dots, f = l_f, \dots, a_m = l_m)$	Find f in Class Value
$S_0(l_f) = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1 = e'_1, \dots, y_k = e'_k, b_{body}, E_f)$	
<i>... Evaluate Parameters as for Function Calls...</i>	
$l_{x_0}, l_{x_1}, \dots, l_{x_n}, l_{y_1}, \dots, l_{y_k} = newloc(S_n, n + k + 1)$	
$E' = E_f[l_{x_0}/x_0] \dots [l_{x_n}/x_n][l_{y_1}/y_1] \dots [l_{y_k}/y_k]$	
<i>... Evaluate Initializers for Locals as for Function Calls...</i>	
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$G, E, S \vdash e_0.f(e_1, \dots, e_n) : R', S_{n+2}, \_$	[DISPATCH]

# Function Definitions

- Function definitions provide values for local definitions (nested functions) and global functions.
- In the [\[INVOKE\]](#) and [\[DISPATCH\]](#) rules, these values then get assigned to the local names (denoted  $y_i$  in those rules).

$$\begin{array}{c}
 g_1, \dots, g_L : \text{variables declared with 'global' in } f \\
 y_1 = e_1, \dots, y_k = e_k : \text{local variables and functions in } f \\
 E_f = E[G(g_1)/g_1] \dots [G(g_L)/g_L] \\
 v = (x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1 = e_1, \dots, y_k = e_k, b_{body}, E_f) \\
 \hline
 G, E, S \vdash \text{def } f(x_1:T_1, \dots, x_n:T_n) \llbracket -> T_0 \rrbracket^? : b : v, S, \_ \quad \text{[FUNC-METHOD-DEF]}
 \end{array}$$

- This is where we capture the parent local environment,  $E$ , in which  $f$  is defined.

# Native Functions

- Certain functions are predefined (`print`, `len`, `input`), and do not have normal bodies.
- For these, we denote the function bodies as, e.g., native `len` and define special rules for these particular bodies.
- Assume that the native bodies expect a parameter named `val` (if they have one).
- Then we can define, e.g.,

$$\frac{S(E(\text{val})) = v \quad v = \text{int}(i) \text{ or } v = \text{bool}(b) \text{ or } v = \text{str}(n, s)}{G, E, S \vdash \text{native print} : \_, S, \text{None}} \quad [\text{PRINT}]$$

$$\frac{S(E(\text{val})) = v \quad v = [l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n] \quad n \geq 0}{G, E, S \vdash \text{native len} : \_, S, \text{int}(n)} \quad [\text{LEN-LIST}]$$

and others.

# Accessing Attributes of Classes

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$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} G, E, S_0 \vdash e_2 : v_r, S_1, \_ \\ G, E, S_1 \vdash e_1 : v_l, S_2, \_ \\ v_l = X(a_1 = l_1, \dots, id = l_{id}, \dots, a_m = l_m) \\ S_3 = S_2[v_r/l_{id}] \end{array}}{G, E, S_0 \vdash e_1.id = e_2 : \_, S_3, \_} \quad [\text{ATTR-ASSIGN-STMT}]$$

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**Q:** In [\[ATTR-ASSIGN-STMT\]](#), what exactly happens when  $e_1$  or  $e_2$  have side effects? **A:**  $e_2$  is evaluated first, and therefore can affect the evaluation of  $e_1$ , but not vice-versa.

# Creating Objects

$$\text{class}(T) = (a_1 = e_1, \dots, a_m = e_m) \\ m \geq 1$$

*T Must Be A Class*

$$l_{a_1}, \dots, l_{a_m} = \text{newloc}(S, m) \\ v_0 = T(a_1 = l_{a_1}, \dots, a_m = l_{a_m})$$

*Allocate Attributes  
New Object Value*

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$$G, G, S \vdash e_1 : v_1, S, \_$$

$\vdots$

$$G, G, S \vdash e_m : v_m, S, \_$$

*Evaluate Initializers in G*

$$S_1 = S[v_1/l_{a_1}] \dots [v_m/l_{a_m}]$$

*Initialize Attributes*

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$$l_{init} = l_{a_i} \text{ such that } a_i = \_init\_$$

*Get `\_init\_` method*

$$S_1(l_{init}) = (x_0, y_1 = e'_1, \dots, y_k = e'_k, b_{body}, E_f) \\ k \geq 0$$

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$$l_{x_0}, l_{y_1}, \dots, l_{y_k} = \text{newloc}(S_1, k + 1)$$

$$E' = E_f[l_{x_0}/x_0][l_{y_1}/y_1] \dots [l_{y_k}/y_k]$$

$$G, E, S_1 \vdash e'_1 : v'_1, S_1, \_$$

$\vdots$

$$G, E, S_1 \vdash e'_k : v'_k, S_1, \_$$

*Call It On  $v_0$*

$$S_2 = S_1[v_0/l_{x_0}][v'_1/l_{y_1}] \dots [v'_k/l_{y_k}]$$

$$G, E', S_2 \vdash b_{body} : \_, S_3, \_$$

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$$G, E, S \vdash T() : v_0, S_3, \_$$

# Starting Things Off: Programs

We start with an initial store and environment, containing just the pre-defined function.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 g_1 = e_1, \dots, g_k = e_k \text{ are the global variable and} \\
 \text{function definitions in the program} \\
 P \text{ is the sequence of statements in the program} \\
 l_{g1}, \dots, l_{gk} = \text{newloc}(S_{init}, k) \\
 G = G_{init}[l_{g1}/g_1] \dots [l_{gk}/g_k] \\
 G, G, S_{init} \vdash e_1 : v_1, S_{init}, \_ \\
 \vdots \\
 G, G, \emptyset \vdash e_k : v_k, S_{init}, \_ \\
 S = S_{init}[v_k/l_{g1}] \dots [v_k/l_{gk}] \\
 G, G, S \vdash P : \_, S', \_ \\
 \hline
 \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset \vdash P : \_, S', \_
 \end{array}
 \quad [\text{PROGRAM}]$$

# Initial Store and Environment

Here, we use the native body notation from previously.

$$G_{init} = \emptyset[l_{len}/len][l_{print}/print][l_{input}/input]$$

$$S_{init}(l_{print}) = (\text{val}, \text{native print}, \emptyset)$$

$$S_{init}(l_{len}) = (\text{val}, \text{native len}, \emptyset)$$

$$S_{init}(l_{input}) = (\text{native print}, \emptyset)$$