**Final Study Guide**

**Expression:** Means of expressing computation, Combination of values and operators that has a value

**Operator Overloading**: Can users overload operators? Does the language overload operators? How does this affect the language?

**Side Effects:** An observable change of global state made by a function call. Ex. Output param, global var, class var, IO

**Referential Transparency:** If an expression has no side effects it can be thought of as a reference to its value. Functions are called **pure** if they have this property. Four major causes of impurity: Error, Non-determinism, Context, Destruction

**Short-Circuit Evaluation:** If the value of an expression can be and is determined without revaluating the whole expression it is called short circuit evaluation. Common with Boolean algebra 0\*X – 0, 1+X=1. Also possible with memorized pure functions

**Lazy vs Eager Evaluation:** Eager – expressions become values at earliest opportunity. Lazy – expressions become values at the latest possible moment. Very common in functional languages. Allows expression of infinite objects – but not their evaluation

**Arithmetic Expressions:** Unary, Binary – (Infix, Prefix, Postfix), Ternary

**Boolean Expressions:** Comparisons – Two way and Three way comparison, Boolean algebra

**Assignment:** Procedural Languages – Write to memory, always a side effect. Functional and Logic – Create a new name binding to a constant value.

**Type Conversions:** Narrowing, widening, casting. Which operations are allowed? Which are implicit and which explicit? Are mixed mode expressions allowed?

**Control – Selection**: Statements that allow conditional execution

**Two Way:** If – then – else. What is the type of the control expression? What is the form of the clause? Single statement? Block?

**Nesting ambiguity:** if e1 if e2 c1 else c2. Where does the else belong? Only occurs if clause form permits

**Multiple Selection:** Switch – Case – Patterns. What is the form of the selection expression? How are the cases specified? What if nothing matches?

**Multiple Selection implementation:** Nested ifs, Tree – (Command Pattern), Jump Tables

**Iteration:** Used for repetition, How is it controlled, Where does the control structure appear, Can be replaced by recursion

**Counter Controlled Loops:** Has a loop variable, Loop variable has a begin, end, and step. For, For each

**Logically Controlled Loops:** Has a condition, Is the test before or after the loop, While(e), do..while(e)

**Loop Control Statements:** User located loop exits – break, last. Skip statement- continue. Used to eliminate some uses of goto

**Unconditional Branch:** Most flexible and powerful of statements. Other control structures can be implemented in terms of goto. Some languages don’t have it.

**Goto Considered Harmful:** Dijkstra’s 1968 seminal paper

**Guarded Commands:** Introduced by Dijkstra ni 1975. A block of statements with Boolean guards. One expression whos guard is true is executed.

**Subprograms – Subprogram:** Basic subprograms have: Single entry point, suspend the caller, Multiple entry points gives coroutines, Avoiding suspension gives concurrency

**Definition:** The definition includes: Interface, Actions

**Call and Return:** Call – the request to enter a subprogram. Return – The resumption of the calling program (possibly with a value). A subprogram is active between call and return

**Procedures and Functions:**  Procedures do not return, are intended as extension points for statements in the language and mostly a feature of older languages. Functions return, modeled on math functions, and generally should not have side effects.

**Coroutines:**  Include yield and resume. Yield returns a value but maintains current state. Resume restarts co-routine after last yield. Call and return still exist and define the lifetime.

**Side effects:** Ways in which a CS function is not like a math function. Context: global variables, static local variables. Error, Non-determinisms, Destruction – I/O, out parameter.

**Referencing Environments:** Set of bindings visible to a subprogram – local variables, nested subprograms.

**Closures:** A subprogram and its referencing environment are called a closure

**Return Values:** What are the types of return. What are the number of return types

**Formal and Actual:** The parameter definitions in the header are called formal. The parameter values in a call site are called actual.

**Positional and Keyword:** If the matching between formal and actual parameters is based only on order then the language uses positional parameters. If each actual parameter can be associated with a formal parameter name in any order the language used keyword parameters. Ex foo(bar=42)

**Parameter Passing:** Pass by value – Only the value is passed (a copy), Pass by Result – A local variable is created and the value (result) is copied into caller at end of function., Pass by value result – Copy passed to function and Value copied back into caller and also called pass by copy, Pass by reference – Create and copy an alias, Pass by Name – As if parameter was textually substitute. Referencing environment must also be included for name lookups.

**Type Checking Parameters:** Do formal parameters have a type? Do formal and actual parameters have to match?

**Multidimensional arrays as parameters:** A language needs to be able to build the array mapping. This complicates passing arrays. Sens a pointer and do pointer arithmetic. Less flexible functions (Specific array size and layout). More complex built in arrays.