

Proof by induction on $ht(+)$

Base Case: i) $ht(+) = 0$

i.e. $t = N(i)$ for some i .

$$\text{stackmc}(\text{compile}(N(i))) = \text{stackmc}[\text{CONST } i] \\ = i //$$

stackmc returns the value at the head of the stack. Here we can see that the head of
 $\text{eval}(N(i)) = i //$ the stack is i and the previous
contents of the stack have not been altered

ii) $ht(+) = 1$

i.e. $t = \text{op}(N(i_1), N(i_2))$

where $\text{op} = \text{Plus, Minus, Mult, Div, Rem}$ [Binary operators].

$$\text{stackmc}(\text{compile}(\text{op}(N(i_1), N(i_2)))) = \text{stackmc}([\text{CONST } i_1; \text{CONST } i_2; \text{OP}])$$

where OP is the corresponding opcode of op i.e. PLUS, etc..

We know that $\text{stackmc}[\text{CONST } i_1] = i_1$, which is the value at the head of the stack whose length has been increased by 1. By the time stackmc consumes $\text{CONST } i_1$, i_1 will be pushed into the stack and by the time it consumes $\text{CONST } i_2$, i_2 will be pushed into the stack on top of i_1 . The length of the stack has increased by 2 so far.

$$\text{stackmc}([\text{CONST } i_1; \text{CONST } i_2; \text{OP}]) = \text{stackmc}([\text{OP}]) \\ = i_1 \text{ op } i_2 = \text{eval}(\text{op}(N(i_1), N(i_2)))$$

where op is the corresponding operator for OP .

i_1 and i_2 are popped from the top of the stack and we see that the previous

contents of the stack aren't tampered with and the result is pushed onto the stack.

(Similarly it can be proved for unary operators).

Induction hypothesis:- Let us assume that for all t' : exptree such

that $ht(t') \leq k$:

$$stackmc(\text{compile}(t')) = \text{eval}(t').$$

and when $stackmc$ terminates $\text{length}(\text{stack})$ increases by 1 and previous contents of stack are not altered

IS = i) Let us take the case of binary operators.

Let $ht(t) = k+1$ where

$t = op(t_1, t_2)$ where t_1, t_2 are exptrees and
 $op = \text{Plus} | \text{Minus} | \text{Mult} | \text{Div} | \text{Rem}$

$$\max(ht(t_1), ht(t_2)) = k.$$

$$stackmc(\text{compile}(op(t_1, t_2))) = stackmc(\text{compile}(t_1) @ \text{compile}(t_2) @ [op]).$$

We know that when $stackmc$ finishes evaluating $\text{compile}(t_1)$, length of the stack increases by 1 and the result is pushed onto the stack. Similarly for $\text{compile}(t_2)$.

We also know that the result of $stackmc(\text{compile } t_1)$ is $(\text{eval } t_1)$ and $stackmc(\text{compile } t_2)$ is $(\text{eval } t_2)$ (from the induction hypothesis).

We also know that $\text{compile } t_1$ will be processed first and then $\text{compile } t_2$ and then $[op]$ because $stackmc$ is a tail recursive function.

$$ht\ t_1, ht\ t_2 \leq k.$$

Hence,

$$\text{stackmc}(\text{compile}(t_1) @ \text{compile}(t_2) @ [\text{op}]) = \text{stackmc}([\text{op}]) \\ = \text{eval } t_1 @ \text{eval } t_2.$$

Where $@ = +, -, *, /$, mod corresponding to the opcode.

$$\text{eval}(\text{op}(t_1, t_2)) = \frac{\text{eval } t_1 @ \text{eval } t_2}{@} \text{ by definition.}$$

ii) Similarly for unary operators,

$$\cancel{\text{stackmc}(\text{op}(t_1))} \\ \text{stackmc}(\text{compile}(\text{op}(t_1))) = \text{stackmc}(\text{compile}(t_1) @ [\text{op}]) \\ = \text{stackmc}([\text{op}]) \\ = @(\text{eval } t_1)$$

Once stackmc consumes compile t_1 , the result is pushed onto the stack and since $ht(t_1) \leq k$, ~~comp~~ $\text{stackmc}(\text{compile } t_1) = \text{eval } t_1$.

Here $@ = \text{abs}, \text{neg.}$ → The corresponding operator for the unary OPCODES.

$$\text{eval}(\text{op}(t_1)) = @(\text{eval } t_1) \text{ by definition.}$$

Hence proved.