COMS22201: Language Engineering

CWK2: Coursework 2 (25%)

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This coursework will draw together the work you have done on semantics with the work you have done on compilation. The aim is for you to develop a denotational and axiomatic semantics for the While programming language extended with read and write statements as in the previous assessed coursework CWK1; and for you to modify your earlier compiler to return an abstract syntax tree in the form of a Haskell term. Before starting this final coursework, you should refamiliarise yourself with the While language definition from CWK1:

https://www.cs.bris.ac.uk/Teaching/Resources/COMS22201/language.html

The coursework is split into three questions, each of which which will require you to submit one or more files into the CWK2 unit component in SAFE. This coursework counts towards 25% of your unit mark and the deadline for submission is midnight on Sunday $1^{\rm st}$ May, 2016.

For convenience, two stub files are provided: one that contains the Haskell type definitions and function signatures that you will need to implement for Question 1; and another (based on test7.w from CWK1) that contains the While source code used for the two examples in Question 1, and which you will need to annotate with axiomatic correctness proofs for Question 3:

https://www.cs.bris.ac.uk/Teaching/Resources/COMS22201/cwk2.hs

https://www.cs.bris.ac.uk/Teaching/Resources/COMS22201/cwk2.w

In addition to modifying these two files, you will also need to submit a shell script cwk2.sh along with any supporting files needed for Question 2.

Question 1: Denotational Semantics [35 marks]

In this first question you will build on the Haskell functions you wrote for the previous un-assessed assignments CWK2p1 and CWK2p2 in order to develop a denotational semantics for the extended While language. The key idea will be to introduce new type constructors to represent the different read and write statements; and to introduce a new type IOState which extends the notion of a program state with two additional lists representing the inputs and outputs of a program. As shown in the file cwk2.hs this is easily done as follows.

First, the following constructors are added to the Stm datatype in order to represent program statements involving read or write operations:

Read - for reading in the value of a variable;

WriteA - for writing out the value of an arithmetic expression;

WriteB - for writing out the value of a Boolean expression;

WriteS - for writing out a given string;

WriteLn - for writing out a string consisting of a newline character.

Second, the following type synonyms are added in order to represent the values that are read into or written out by the program:

Input - to denote the values read by a program;

Output - to denote the strings written by a program;

IOState - to denote the combined inputs, outputs and state of a program.

Part A) [7 marks]

Begin by downloading cwk2.hs and adding definitions for the following functions that you should previously have implemented as part of your solutions to CWK2p1 and CWk2p2 (or re-visit those courseworks for a description of the intended behaviour of these functions):

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• fv_aexp :: Aexp -> [Var]
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• fv_bexp :: Bexp -> [Var]

• a_val :: Aexp -> State -> Z

• b_val :: Bexp -> State -> T

• cond :: (a->T, a->a, a->a) -> (a->a)

• fix :: (a -> a) -> a

• update :: State -> Z -> Var -> State

Part B) [3 marks]

Now write a function fv_stm::Stm -> [Var] that uses fv_aexp and fv_bexp to return the set of free variables in a program statement (which, in this context, is just another way of asking you to return a list that contains exactly one occurrence of each variable which appears in a given program).

Part C) [3 marks]

Define a constant fac::Stm representing the following program:

```
write('Factorial calculator'); writeln;
write('Enter number: ');
read(x);
write('Factorial of '); write(x); write(' is ');
y := 1;
while !(x=1) do (
    y := y * x;
    x := x - 1
);
write(y);
writeln;
writeln
```

Part D) [3 marks]

Define a constant pow::Stm representing the following program:

```
write('Exponential calculator'); writeln;
write('Enter base: ');
read(base);
if 1 <= base then (
 write('Enter exponent: ');
 read(exponent);
 num := 1;
 count := exponent;
 while 1 <= count do (
   num := num * base;
    count := count - 1
 );
 write(base); write(' raised to the power of '); write(exponent); write(' is ');
 write(num)
) else (
 write('Invalid base '); write(base)
);
writeln
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Part E) [15 marks]

Write a function s_ds::Stm -> IOState -> IOState such that s_ds p (i,o,s) returns the result of semantically evaluating program p in state s with input list i and output list o (in other words, your function should return the inputs, outputs and state when the program terminates). Note that read and write statements should exhibit the following behaviour:

A write statement should convert its argument into a string (if it is not already a string) and append it onto the end of the output list. A read statement should take the first value from the input list and assign it to the given variable. In order for the output to more closely resemble what an interactive command line would look like, a read statement should also print the value it has just read onto the output after enclosing it within angle brackets < >. A writeln statement should just output a string consisting of a newline character.

Part F) [4 marks]

Write a function eval::Stm -> IOState -> (Input, Output, [Var], [Num]) such that eval p (i,o,s) computes the result of evaluating program p in state s with input list i and output list o; and then returns the final input list and output list together with a list of the variables appearing in the program and their respective values in the final state. In this way you should verify that eval fac ([5], [], undefined) returns a tuple of the following four lists:

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( [],
   ["Factorial calculator","\n","Enter number: ","<5>",
   "Factorial of ","5"," is ","120","\n","\n"],
   ["x" , "y"],
   [ 1  , 120] )
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Q2: Abstract Syntax

[30 marks]

In this second question you will build on the compiler you previously wrote for CWK1 in order to develop a parser that converts a While program into a Haskell term of type Stm for which you just developed a denotational semantics. You should submit any files that you develop along with Bash script named cwk2.sh that can be used to run your parser on an input file (specified as the first and only argument) and print the corresponding Haskell term onto stdout.

For example, if your compiler is written in ANTLR, you might consider adding another option -hs (along with the existing ones -lex, -syn and -irt) and calling antlr3 camle -hs \$1 from within cwk2.sh. You can test your compiler by using it to create a Haskell term test0 representing the program test0.w from CWK1 and verifying that eval test0 ([1,2],[],const 0) terminates with an output stream that ends with a "5" followed by a "yes".

Q3: Axiomatic Semantics

[35 marks]

In this third question you'll use an extension of the axiomatic semantics to prove the partial correctness of the factorial and power programs from earlier. The key is to regard the lists of input values and output expressions as special variables, denoted IN and OUT, that can be used in pre- and post-conditions.

By viewing a statement of the form read v as equivalent to a composition v:=head(IN); IN:=tail(IN), and by viewing a statement write e as equivalent to an assignment OUT:=append(OUT,[e]), and by viewing writeln as equivalent to write '\n', we can easily derive the following axioms for read, write and writeln statements respectively:

$$\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{read} & \\ \hline \{P_{[IN \mapsto tail(IN)]} \, [\, \mathtt{V} \mapsto head(IN) \,] \, \} \, \operatorname{read} \, \mathtt{v} \, \{P\} \\ \\ \operatorname{write} & \overline{\{P_{[OUT \mapsto append(OUT, [\, ^{2} \setminus n^{\, ^{2}})]} \} \, \operatorname{write} \, \mathtt{e} \, \{P\} } \\ \\ \operatorname{writeln} & \overline{\{P_{[OUT \mapsto append(OUT, [\, ^{2} \setminus n^{\, ^{2}})]} \} \, \operatorname{writeln} \, \{P\} } \\ \end{array}$$

Note that, in addition to allowing the special list variables IN and OUT to appear in pre- and post-conditions, we also allow standard list notation and operators like head, tail, append to be used on them. Note also that while IN is a list of integers, OUT is a list of expressions that (differently from the denotational semantics) may be arithmetics or Booleans as well as strings. Recall also that strings in While are written using single quotes.

In this way, if fac denotes the factorial program from Question 1 Part C, then the following assertion states that, if the head of IN is initially n then, upon termination of the program, the third element from end of OUT will be the factorial of n.

$$\{head(IN)=n)\}\; {\tt fac}\; \{OUT=append(_,[n!,_,_])\}$$

Begin by downloading the stub file cwk2.w and provide a tableau-based partial correctness proof of the the above assertion by completing the annotation of the factorial code in the top half of the file.

Now provide a tableau-based partial correctness proof of the exponent code in the bottom half of the file with respect to pre and post-conditions which assert that, if the first two elements of IN are both initially greater than or equal to 1 then, upon termination, the penultimate element of OUT will be the former value raised to the power of the latter.