

Predicate functions

- We like to give names to predicates and parameterize them, in other words, we like to write predicates into functions from a set of variables to a Boolean value. These functions are called predicate functions.
  - One reason for using predicate functions is that it can simplify our program, so it is easier to read.
    - For example, in our program we need to check “whether integer  $x$  is the square of integer  $r$ ” constantly. Then we can write a predicate “ $x \geq 0 \wedge r * r = x$ ”. If we define  $isSq(x, r) \equiv x \geq 0 \wedge r * r = x$ , then we can simply call  $isSq(x, r)$  whenever we need to check.
  - Another reason is that predicate functions help us to handle expressions with expanded domains of variables.
    - For example, if we define  $L(x, y) \equiv$  “ $x$  loves  $y$ ”, where the domain of  $x$  and  $y$  are all people, then we can express “Everyone loves someone” as  $\forall x. \exists y. L(x, y)$ .
- 1. Define predicate functions as required.
  - a. Define function  $isZero(b, n)$  so that it returns *True* if and only if the first  $n$  numbers in array  $b$  are all 0. You may assume that  $n$  is no larger than the size of the array  $b$ .
    - One attempt is to write the function as  $isZero(b, n) \equiv b[0] = 0 \wedge b[1] = 0 \wedge b[2] = 0 \wedge \dots \wedge b[n - 1] = 0$ . This is not correct, since “...” is not understandable. Instead, we should write:
 
$$isZero(b, n) \equiv \forall 0 \leq i < n. b[i] = 0$$
  - b. Define function  $isSorted(b, m, n)$  so that it returns *Ture* if and only if subarray  $b$  between index  $m$  to  $n$  (including  $m$  and  $n$ ) is sorted. You may assume that  $m$  and  $n$  are both valid index in array  $b$  and  $n > m$ . For example,  $isSorted((1, 3, 5, 4), 0, 2) = True$ .
 
$$isSorted(b, m, n) \equiv \forall i. m \leq i \leq n - 1 \rightarrow b[i] \leq b[i + 1]$$

Types, Arrays, Expressions in Our Programming Language

- From here on, we will spend several lectures to clarify some definitions, notations, and grammar in our simple programming language.

## (Data types)

- **Primitive data types** are: int (integers) and bool (Boolean).
- **Composite types:** (multi-dimensional) Arrays of primitive types of values, with integer indices.
  - Our purpose is to learn about program verification, so we keep the programming language as simple as possible.

## (Expressions)

- **Expressions** in our programming language are “pieces of code” who have primitive type values. For example, you can consider a predicate as an expression with Boolean value. Expressions in our programming language can be built from:
  - **Constants:** Integers (0, 1, -1 ...) and Boolean constants ( $T$  and  $F$ ).
  - **Variables of primitive types**
  - **Functions** that return **primitive type values**

- **Operations:**
  - On integers:  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $*$ ,  $/$ ,  $\%$ ,  $=$ ,  $\neq$ ,  $<$ ,  $\leq$ ,  $>$ ,  $\geq$ ,  $\text{sqrt}()$ ...
    - ❖ Note that,  $/$  and  $\text{sqrt}()$  round toward 0 to an integer. For example,  $13/3 = 4$ ,  $13/(-3) = -4$ , and  $\text{sqrt}(17) = 4$ .
    - ❖ Division and mod by 0 and sqrt of negative values generate runtime errors.
  - On Booleans:  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\leftrightarrow$ ,  $=$ ,  $\neq$  ...
  - On arrays:  $\text{size}()$  and array element selection. For example,  $b = (0,3,4)$ , then  $\text{size}(b) = 3$ .
- **Arrays:**
  - As usual,  $b[e]$  is array element selection. Note that,  $e$  is an expression evaluates to an integer.
  - $\text{size}(b)$  gives the length of  $b$ .
  - In a multi-dimension array,  $b[e_0][e_1] \dots [e_{n-1}]$  is selecting the element with index  $e_0$  in the first dimension,  $e_1$  in the second dimension ...  $e_{n-1}$  in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  dimension. Note that,  $n$  is not a variable but an integer constant here. ("..." is not understandable). For example,  $b = ((6,3), (2,5,8))$ , then  $b[1][2] = 8$ .
  - Note that, we can never have an array appear by itself in an expression, it is always wrapped in some function, or we are selecting some element in the array.
- **Conditional:       $\text{if } B \text{ then } e_1 \text{ else } e_2 \text{ fi}$** 
  - Semantically, if  $B$  evaluates to true, then evaluate  $e_1$ ; if  $B$  evaluates to false, then evaluate  $e_2$ .
  - Note that,  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are expression and we require them to have the same type.
- Note that:
  - We don't explicitly declare variables; we assume that we can infer the types. The default type is integer. For example: to have expression  $p \vee x > 0$ , we don't need something like "create variable  $x$  of type *int*".
  - An expression must evaluate to a primitive type of value, so it cannot evaluate to an array. For example: (assuming  $a$  and  $b$  are two arrays)  $\text{if } B \text{ then } a \text{ else } b \text{ fi}[0]$  is illegal. But  $\text{if } B \text{ then } a[0] \text{ else } b[0] \text{ fi}$  is legal.
  - Functions who return primitive type of values are allowed in an expression, but an expression cannot yield a function. For example:  $\text{if } B \text{ then } f(x) \text{ else } g(x) \text{ fi}$  is legal; but  $\text{if } B \text{ then } f \text{ else } g \text{ fi}(x)$  is not.
- 2. Are the following expressions legal?
 

a. $x/y$	Yes
b. $a[0: 2]$	No
c. $\text{if } x < 0 \text{ then } x * x \text{ else } \text{sqrt}(x) \text{ fi} + y$	Yes
d. $\text{if } i < 0 \text{ then } b[0] \text{ else } i \geq \text{size}(b) \text{ then } b[\text{size}(b) - 1] \text{ else } b[i] \text{ fi}$	

Yes, in our programming language, "**if – else if – else**" is "**if  $B_1$  then  $e_1$  else  $B_2$  then  $e_2$  else  $e_3$** ".

(Notations)

- Most commonly,  $c$  and  $d$  are constants;  $e$  and  $s$  are general expressions;  $B$  and  $C$  are Boolean expressions;  $a$  and  $b$  are array names; and  $u, v$ , etc. are variables. Greek letters like  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  stand for semantic values.

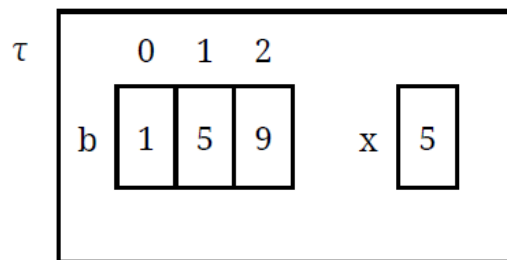
(Evaluate an expression)

- With a proper state, an expression can be evaluated to a value.

- For example:  $\sigma = \{x = 5, y = 2\}$ , then  $\sigma(x * y) = 10$ . Here,  $x * y$  is an expression that we want to evaluate, and  $\sigma$  is a state that's proper for  $x * y$ .
  - As an aside, here we have a question, when we evaluate an expression, how does something “syntactic” become something “semantic”? In other words, how is a programming language compiled into something meaningful to us? In this small section, to make this clear, I will use highlight to show values that are semantic.
3. Let  $z \equiv 2 + 3$ , evaluate  $\sigma(z)$ .
- Since  $z \equiv 2 + 3$ , so we evaluate  $\sigma(2 + 3)$ , using the knowledge about “state as function” we discussed in lecture 3, we will evaluate  $\sigma(2) + \sigma(3)$ .
  - 2 and 3 are constants, we don't need any bindings in  $\sigma$  to find their values, thus  $\sigma(2) + \sigma(3) = 2 + 3 = 5$
- In general, the value of  $\sigma(e)$  depends on what kind of expression  $e$  is, so we use recursion on the structure of  $e$  (the base cases are variables and constants, and we recursively evaluate sub-expressions).
    - $\sigma(x)$  = the value that  $\sigma$  binds variable  $x$  to. For example, if  $\sigma = \{x = 5\}$ , then  $\sigma(x) = 5$
    - $\sigma(c)$  = the value of the constant  $c$ . For example,  $\sigma(5) = 5$ . ( $\sigma$  is irrelevant here.)
    - $\sigma(e_1 + e_2) =$  the value of  $\sigma(e_1)$  plus the value of  $\sigma(e_2)$  [and similar for  $-$ ,  $*$ ,  $/$  etc.].
    - $\sigma(e_1 < e_2) = T$  iff the value of  $\sigma(e_1)$  is less than the value of  $\sigma(e_2)$  [similar for  $\leq$ ,  $=$ , etc.].
    - $\sigma(e_1 \wedge e_2) = T$  iff the value of  $\sigma(e_1)$  and the value of  $\sigma(e_2)$  are both  $T$  [similar for  $\vee$ ,  $\rightarrow$  etc.].
    - $\sigma(\text{if } B \text{ then } e_1 \text{ else } e_2 \text{ fi}) = \sigma(e_1)$  if the value of  $\sigma(B) = T$ ; it =  $\sigma(e_2)$  if the value of  $\sigma(B) = F$ .
4. Let  $\sigma = \{x = 1\}$ , let  $\tau = \sigma \cup \{y = 1\}$ , and let  $e \equiv (x = \text{if } y > 0 \text{ then } 17 \text{ else } y \text{ fi})$ , evaluate  $\tau(e)$ .
- $$\begin{aligned}
 \tau(x = \text{if } y > 0 \text{ then } 17 \text{ else } y \text{ fi}) &= (\tau(x) = \tau(\text{if } y > 0 \text{ then } 17 \text{ else } y \text{ fi})) \\
 &= (1 = \tau(\text{if } 1 > 0 \text{ then } 17 \text{ else } y \text{ fi})) \\
 &= (1 = \tau(\text{if } T \text{ then } 17 \text{ else } y \text{ fi})) \\
 &= (1 = \tau(17)) \\
 &= (1 = 17) \\
 &= (1 = 17) = F
 \end{aligned}$$

(Arrays and their values)

5. How to write the following state  $\tau$  in our language?



- $\tau = \{b[0] = 1, b[1] = 5, b[2] = 9, x = 5\}$   
We take the **value of an array** to be a **function** from index values to stored values.
- $\tau = \{b = \beta, x = 5\}$  where  $\beta(0) = 1, \beta(1) = 5, \beta(2) = 9$   
If we give the function a name  $\beta$  (which is semantic), then we can write  $\tau$  like this.
- $\tau = \{b = \beta, x = 5\}$  where  $\beta = \{(0, 1), (1, 5), (2, 9)\}$   
The function  $\beta$  can also be expressed as tuples (index, stored value).

- $\tau = \{b = \beta, x = 5\}$  where  $\beta = (1, 5, 9)$   
The function  $\beta$  can also be simplified to a sequence of values.

- $\tau = \{b = (3, 5, 9), x = 5\}$

6. Let  $\sigma = \{x = 1, b = \beta\}$  where  $\beta = (2, 0, 4)$ , evaluate  $\sigma(b[x + 1] - 2)$ .
- $$\begin{aligned}\sigma(b[x + 1] - 2) &= \sigma(b[x + 1]) - \sigma(2) \\ &= \sigma(b)(\sigma(x + 1)) - 2 \\ &= \sigma(b)(\sigma(x) + \sigma(1)) - 2 \\ &= \sigma(b)(1 + 1) - 2 \\ &= \beta(2) - 2 \\ &= 4 - 2 = 2\end{aligned}$$

### Updating a State

- For any state  $\sigma$ , variable  $x$ , and value  $\alpha$ , the “**update**” of  $\sigma$  at  $x$  with  $\alpha$ , written  $\sigma[x \mapsto \alpha]$ , is the state that is a copy of  $\sigma$  except that it binds variable  $x$  to value  $\alpha$ .
    - Note that, we are not really updating  $\sigma$  itself (although that is the traditional way to call this operation), that’s why we quote the word “update”:  $\sigma[x \mapsto \alpha]$  is a new state and  $\sigma$  is not changed.
  - We can give  $\sigma[x \mapsto \alpha]$  a new name but we don’t have to. We read  $\sigma[x \mapsto \alpha](v)$  left-to-right — we’re taking the function  $\sigma[x \mapsto \alpha]$  and applying it to variable  $v$ .
7. Let  $\sigma = \{x = 1, y = 2\}$ , answer the following questions about state  $\tau$ .
- Let  $\tau = \sigma[x \mapsto 3]$ , then  $\tau = \{x = 3, y = 2\}$ .
  - Let  $\tau = \sigma[z \mapsto 3]$ , then  $\tau = \{x = 1, y = 2, z = 3\}$ .  
 $\sigma(z)$  doesn’t need to be defined ( $z$  is bind with a  $v$ )
  - Let  $\tau = \sigma[x \mapsto 1]$ , then  $\tau = \{x = 1, y = 2\} = \sigma$ .  
 $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  are consist of the same bindings, they are not syntactically equivalent though (they are not the same state).