Lecture Notes on Denotational Semantics

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Binary Arithmetic

Borrowing and combining elements from Chapter 4 of Schmidt [1986], we consider the language of binary arithmetic specified in Figure 1. The Syntax defines the form of the programs and the Semantics specifies the behavior of running the program. In this case, the behavior is simply to output a number (in decimal). Our grammar for binary numerals departs slightly from Schmidt [1986], with ϵ representing the empty string of digits.

The main purpose of a semantics is communicate in a precise way with other people, primarily language implementers and programmers. Thus, it is incredibly important for the semantics to be written in a way that will make it most easily understood, while still being completely precise. Here we have chosen to give the semantics of binary arithmetic in terms of decimal numbers because people are generally much more familiar with decimal numbers.

When writing down a semantics, one is often tempted to consider the efficiency of a semantics, as if it were an implementation. Indeed, it would be straightforward to transcribe the definitions of E and N in Figure 1 into your favorite programming language and thereby obtain an interpreter. All other things being equal, it is fine to prefer a semantics that is suggestive of an implementation, but one should prioritize ease of understanding first. As a result, some semantics that we study may be more declarative in nature. This is not to say that one should not consider the efficiency of implementations when designing a language. Indeed, the semantics should be co-designed with implementations to avoid accidental designs that preclude the desired level of efficiency. Thus, a recurring theme of these notes will be to consider implementations of languages alongside their semantics.

Figure 2 presents an interpreter for binary arithmetic. This interpreter, in a way reminiscent of real computers, operates on the binary numbers directly. The auxiliary functions *add* and *mult* implement the algorithms you learned in grade school, but for binary instead of decimals.

Exercise 1 Prove that $N(add3(d_1, d_2, d_3)) = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$.

Exercise 2 Prove that $N(add(n_1, n_2, c)) = N(n_1) + N(n_2) + c$.

Exercise 3 Prove that $N(mult(n_1, n_2)) = N(n_1)N(n_2)$.

Exercise 4 Prove that the interpreter is correct. That is

$$N(I(e)) = E(e)$$

Syntax

digit	$d ::=$	$0 \mid 1$
binary numeral	$n ::=$	$\epsilon \mid nd$
expression	$e ::=$	$n \mid e + e \mid e \times e$

Semantics

$$N(\epsilon) = 0$$
$$N(nd) = 2N(n) + d$$

$$E(n) = N(n)$$
$$E(e_1 + e_2) = E(e_1) + E(e_2)$$
$$E(e_1 \times e_2) = E(e_1)E(e_2)$$

Figure 1: Language of binary arithmetic

Interpreter

Figure 2: Binary arithmetic interpreter.

$$I(n) = n$$
$$I(e_1 + e_2) = add(I(e_1), I(e_2), 0)$$
$$I(e_1 \times e_2) = mult(I(e_1), I(e_2))$$

Auxiliary Functions

$$add3(d_1, d_2, d_3) = \begin{cases} 00 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ 01 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 10 & \text{if } n = 2 \\ 11 & \text{if } n = 3 \end{cases} \quad \text{where } n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$$

$$add(\epsilon, \epsilon, c) = \begin{cases} \epsilon & \text{if } c = 0 \\ \epsilon 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$add(n_1 d_1, n_2 d_2, c) = add(n_1, n_2, c') \, d_3 \qquad \text{if } add3(d_1, d_2, c) = c' d_3$$
$$add(n_1 d_1, \epsilon, c) = add(n_1 d_1, \epsilon 0, c)$$
$$add(\epsilon, n_2 d_2, c) = add(\epsilon 0, n_2 d_2, c)$$

$$mult(n_1, \epsilon) = \epsilon$$
$$mult(n_1, n_2 0) = mult(n_1, n_2) 0$$
$$mult(n_1, n_2 1) = add(n_1, mult(n_1, n_2) 0, 0)$$

An Imperative Language

Figure 3 defines a language with mutable variables, a variant of the IMP [Plotkin, 1983, Winskel, 1993, Amadio and Pierre-Louis, 1998] and WHILE [Hoare, 1969] languages that often appear in textbooks on programming languages. As a bonus, we include the `while` loop, even though Schmidt [1986] does not cover loops until Chapter 6. The reason for his delayed treatment of `while` loops is that their semantics is typically expressed in terms of fixed points of continuous functions, which takes some time to explain. However, it turns out that the semantics of `while` loops can be defined more simply.

To give meaning to mutable variables, we use a *Store* which is function from variables (identifiers) to numbers.

$$Store = Id \rightarrow Nat$$

The syntax of expressions is extended to include variables, so the meaning of expressions must be parameterized on the store. The meaning of a variable x is the associated number in the store s.

$$E(x)(s) = s(x)$$

A program takes a number as input and it may produce a number or it might diverge. Traditional denotational semantics model this behavior with a partial function $Nat \rightharpoonup Nat$. Here we shall use the alternate, but equivalent, approach of using a relation $Nat \times Nat$.

We define the `while` loop using an auxiliary relation named *loop*, which we define inductively in Figure 3. Its two parameters are for the meaning of the condition b and the body c of the loop. If the meaning of the condition m_b is `false`, then the loop is already finished so the starting and finishing stores are the same. If the condition m_b is `true`, then the loop executes the body, relating the starting store s_1 to an intermediate store s_2, and then the loop continues, relating s_2 to the finishing store s_3.

We define an implementation of the imperative language, in terms of an abstract machine, in Figure 4. The machine executes one command at a time, similar to how a debugger such as `gdb` can be used to view the execution of a C program one statement at a time. Each command causes the machine to transition from one state to the next, where a state is represented by a control component and the store. The control component is the sequence of commands that need to be executed, which is convenient to represent as a command of the following form.

$$\text{control} \quad k \quad ::= \quad \text{skip} \mid c\,;\,k$$

The partial function *eval*, also defined in Figure 4 in the main entry point for the abstract machine.

Syntax

variables	$x \in \mathbb{X}$
expressions	$e ::= \dots \mid x$
conditions	$b ::= \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid e = e \mid$
	$\quad \neg b \mid b \vee b \mid b \wedge b$
commands	$c ::= \text{skip} \mid x := e \mid c\,;\,c \mid$
	$\quad \text{if } b \text{ then } c \text{ else } c \mid$
	$\quad \text{while } b \text{ do } c$

Semantics

$$P\,c = \{(n, s'\,Z) \mid ([A \mapsto n]newstore, s') \in C\,c\}$$

$$C\,\text{skip} = id$$

$$C(x := e) = \{(s, [x \mapsto E\,e\,s]s) \mid s \in Store\}$$

$$C(c_1\,;\,c_2) = C\,c_2 \circ C\,c_1$$

$$C\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{if } b \text{ then } c_1 \\ \text{else } c_2 \end{array} \right) = \begin{cases} C\,c_1 & \text{if } B\,b\,s = \text{true} \\ C\,c_2 & \text{if } B\,b\,s = \text{false} \end{cases}$$

$$C(\text{while } b \text{ do } c) = loop(B\,b, C\,c)$$

$$\frac{m_b\,s = \text{false}}{(s, s) \in loop(m_b, m_c)}$$

$$\frac{m_b\,s_1 = \text{true} \quad (s_1, s_2) \in m_c \quad (s_2, s_3) \in loop(m_b, m_c)}{(s_1, s_3) \in loop(m_b, m_c)}$$

Figure 3: An Imperative Language

$$\boxed{k, s \longrightarrow k', s'}$$

$$\texttt{skip}\,;k,\,s \longrightarrow k,\,s$$

$$(x := e)\,;k,\,s \longrightarrow k,\,[x \mapsto E(e)(s)]s$$

$$(c_1\,;c_2)\,;k,\,s \longrightarrow c_1\,;(c_2\,;k),\,s$$

$$(\texttt{if}\,b\,\texttt{then}\,c_1\,\texttt{else}\,c_2)\,;k,\,s \longrightarrow c_1\,;k,\,s \qquad \text{if } B\,b\,s = \texttt{true}$$

$$(\texttt{if}\,b\,\texttt{then}\,c_1\,\texttt{else}\,c_2)\,;k,\,s \longrightarrow c_2\,;k,\,s \qquad \text{if } B\,b\,s = \texttt{false}$$

$$(\texttt{while}\,b\,\texttt{do}\,c)\,;k,\,s \longrightarrow c\,;((\texttt{while}\,b\,\texttt{do}\,c)\,;k),\,s \qquad \text{if } B\,b\,s = \texttt{true}$$

$$(\texttt{while}\,b\,\texttt{do}\,c)\,;k,\,s \longrightarrow k,\,s \qquad \text{if } B\,b\,s = \texttt{false}$$

$$eval(c) = \{(n,n') \mid (c\,;\texttt{skip}), [A \mapsto n]newstore \longrightarrow^* \texttt{skip}, s' \text{ and } n' = s'(Z)\}$$

Figure 4: An Abstract Machine for an Imperative Language

Notation: given a relation R, we write $R(a)$ for the image of $\{a\}$ under R. For example, if $R = \{(0,4), (1,2), (1,3), (2,5)\}$, then $R(1) = \{2,3\}$ and $R(0) = \{4\}$.

Exercise 5 Prove that if $k, s \longrightarrow k', s'$, then $C(k)(s) = C(k')(s')$.

Exercise 6 Prove that $P(c) = eval(c)$.

Recursive Definitions via Least Fixed Points

Reading: Schmidt [1986] Chapter 6
Exercises: 6.2 a, 6.6, 8

We shall revisit the semantics of the imperative language, this time taking the traditional but more complex approach of defining `while` with a recursive equation and using least fixed points to solve it. Recall that the meaning of a command is a partial function from stores to stores, or more precisely,

$$C(c) : Store \rightharpoonup Store$$

The meaning of a loop $(\texttt{while}\,b\,\texttt{do}\,c)$ is a solution to the equation

$$w = \lambda s.\,\textit{if } B\,b\,s\,\textit{then } w(c\,s)\,\textit{else } s \qquad (1)$$

In general, one can write down recursive equations that do not have solutions, so how do we know whether this one does? When is there a unique solution? The theory of least fixed points provides answers to these questions.

A *fixed point of a function* is an element that gets mapped to itself, e.g. $x = F(x)$. In this case, the element that we're interested in is w, which is itself a function, so our F will be higher-order function. We

reformulate Equation 1 as a fixed point equation by abstracting away the recursion into a parameter r.

$$w = F(w) \qquad \text{where } F\,r\,s = \text{if } B\,b\,s\text{ then } r(c\,s)\text{ else } s \qquad (2)$$

There are quite a few theorems in the literature that guarantee the existence of fixed points, but with different assumptions about the function and its domain. For our purposes, the Kleene Fixed Point Theorem will do the job[1]. The idea of this theorem is to construct an infinite sequence that provides increasingly better approximations of the least fixed point. The union of this sequence will turn out to be the least fixed point.

The Kleene Fixed Point Theorem is quite general; it is stated in terms of a function F over an arbitrary ordered set, where the ordering corresponds to "better approximation" (more information), that is, we write $x \sqsubseteq y$ if x is a better approximation than y. The ordering may be just a partial order, as there can be incomparable elements.

Definition 1. *A **partially ordered set** (poset) is a pair $(L, \sqsubseteq)$ that consists of a set L and a partial order $\sqsubseteq$ on L.*

For example, consider the poset $(A \rightharpoonup B, \subseteq)$ of partial functions. A partial function f is a better approximation than another partial function g if it is defined on more inputs, that is, if the graph of f is a subset of the graph of g. Two partial functions are incomparable if neither is a subset of the other.

The sequence of approximations will start with the worst approximation, a bottom element, written $\bot$, that contains no information. (For example, $\varnothing$ is the $\bot$ for the poset of partial functions.) The sequence proceeds to by applying F over and over again, that is,

$$\bot \quad F(\bot) \quad F(F(\bot)) \quad F(F(F(\bot))) \quad \cdots \quad F^i(\bot) \quad \cdots$$

But how do we know that this sequence will produce increasingly better approximations? How do we know that

$$F^i(\bot) \sqsubseteq F^{i+1}(\bot)$$

We can ensure this by requiring the output of F to improve when the input improves, that is, require F to be monotonic.

Definition 2. *Given two partial orders $(A, \sqsubseteq)$ and $(B, \sqsubseteq)$, $F : A \rightarrow B$ is **monotonic** iff for any $x, y \in A$, $x \sqsubseteq y$ implies $F(x) \sqsubseteq F(x)$.*

We have $\bot \sqsubseteq F(\bot)$ because $\bot$ is less or equal to everything. Then we apply monotonicity to obtain $F(\bot) \sqsubseteq F(F(\bot))$. Continuing in this way we obtain the sequence of increasingly better approximations in Figure 5. If at some point the approximation stops improving,

[1] Kleene [1952] did not state or prove this theorem but it can be seen as a corollary of his recursion theorem [Amadio and Pierre-Louis, 1998]. This fixed point theorem is a "folk" theorem with murky origins [Lassez et al., 1982].

$$\varnothing \subseteq \{2 \mapsto 4\}$$
$$\{2 \mapsto 4\} \subseteq \{2 \mapsto 4, 3 \mapsto 9\}$$
$$\{3 \mapsto 9\} \subseteq \{2 \mapsto 4, 3 \mapsto 9\}$$
$$\{2 \mapsto 4\} \nsubseteq \{3 \mapsto 9\}$$

$$\bot \sqsubseteq F(\bot) \sqsubseteq F^2(\bot) \sqsubseteq F^3(\bot) \sqsubseteq \cdots$$

Figure 5: Ascending Kleene chain of F.

but instead F produces an element that is merely equal to the last one, then we have found a fixed point. However, because we are interested in elements that are partial functions, which are infinite, the sequences of approximations will also be infinite. So we'll need some other way to go from the sequences of approximations to the actual fixed point.

The solution is to take the union of all the approximations. The analogue of union for an arbitrary partial order is least upper bound.

$$\bigsqcup \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{2 \mapsto 4, 3 \mapsto 9\}, \\ \{3 \mapsto 9, 4 \mapsto 16\} \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2 \mapsto 4, \\ 3 \mapsto 9, \\ 4 \mapsto 16 \end{array} \right\}$$

Definition 3. *Given a subset S, an* **upper bound** *of S is an element y such that for all $x \in S$ we have $x \sqsubseteq y$. The* **least upper bound (lub)** *of S, written $\bigsqcup S$, is the least of all the upper bounds of S, that is, given any upper bound z of S, we have $\bigsqcup S \sqsubseteq z$.*

A lub for a set S can only exist of all the elements in S are consistent with one another. Consistency can be characterized purely in terms of the ordering relation: a subset S is **consistent** if every element in S is the approximation of a common element, i.e. there is a $y \in L$ such that for all $x \in S$, $x \sqsubseteq y$. In other words, S is consistent if it is bounded above. In the poset of partial functions $(A \rightharpoonup B, \subseteq)$, every consistent subset has a lub.

$\{3 \mapsto 8\}$ and $\{3 \mapsto 9\}$ are inconsistent.

However, a slightly different property, directedness, is used in Kleene's Fixed Point Theorem. (I do not yet know why.) A directed set is similar to a consistent set, but we only require an upper bound for each pair in S and the bound must itself be in S.

Definition 4. *Given a poset $(L, \sqsubseteq)$, a subset S of L is* **directed** *if every pair of elements in S has an upper bound in S.*

The sequence of approximations $\bot \sqsubseteq F(\bot) \sqsubseteq F^2(\bot) \sqsubseteq \cdots$ is directed, any totally ordered subset is, because the upper bound of two elements is just the larger element.

Generalizing from the poset of partial functions, one might think that there is always a least upper bound of consistent or directed sets. However, this is not always the case because their may not be enough elements within the poset. For example, consider the poset $(Nat, \leq)$. The sequence

$$0 \leq 1 \leq 2 \leq 3 \leq \cdots$$

does not have a lub in $(Nat, \leq)$ because there is no one natural number that is greater than all the rest. Of course, if we move to the poset $(Nat \cup \{\infty\}, \leq)$, where $n \leq \infty$ for any $n \in Nat$, then ∞ is the lub of the above sequence. So in the abstract setting of partial orders, one must separately add the requirement that there exists a lub for any directed subset.

Definition 5. *A* **directed-complete partial order (dcpo)** *has a least upper bound for every directed subset.*

In the literature there are two schools of thought regarding how to define complete partial orders. There is the one presented above, based on the notion of directed set, which gives us dcpos [Gunter et al., 1990, Mitchell, 1996, Amadio and Pierre-Louis, 1998, Berger et al., 2007]. The other school of thought is based on the notion of a chain, i.e. a totally ordered subset, and requires lubs to exists for all chains [Plotkin, 1983, Schmidt, 1986, Winskel, 1993].

This poset is a dcpo but the consistent set $\{c, d, e\}$ has no lub [Plotkin, 1978].

The last ingredient required in the proof of the fixed point theorem is that the output of F should only depend on a finite amount of information from the input, that is, it should be continuous. For example, if the input to F is itself a function g, F should only need to apply g to a finite number of different values. This requirement is at the core of what it means for a function to be computable [Gunter et al., 1990]. So applying F to the lub of a directed set X (an infinite thing) should be the same as taking the lub of the set obtained by mapping F over the elements of X (finite things).

Definition 6. *A monotonic function $F : A \to B$ on dcpos is* **continuous** *iff for all directed subsets X of A*

$$F(\bigsqcup X) = \bigsqcup \{F(x) \mid x \in X\}$$
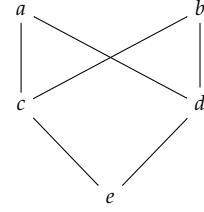
We now state Kleene's Fixed Point Theorem.

Theorem 1 (Kleene Fixed Point Theorem). *Suppose $(L, \sqsubseteq)$ is a dcpo with a least element $\bot$, and let $F : L \to L$ be a continuous function. Then F has a least fixed point, written* fix F, *which is the least upper bound of the ascending Kleene chain of F:*

$$\text{fix } F = \bigsqcup \{F^n(\bot) \mid n \in Nat\}$$

Proof. We first prove that fix F is a fixed point of F.

$$
\begin{aligned}
F(\text{fix } F) &= F(\bigsqcup \{F^n(\bot) \mid n \in Nat\}) \\
&= \bigsqcup \{F(F^n(\bot)) \mid n \in Nat\} && \text{by continuity} \\
&= \bigsqcup \{F^{n+1}(\bot)) \mid n \in Nat\} \\
&= \bigsqcup \{F^n(\bot)) \mid n \in Nat\} && \text{because } F^0(\bot) = \bot \sqsubseteq F^1(\bot) \\
&= \text{fix } F
\end{aligned}
$$

Next we prove that fix F is the least of the fixed points of F. Suppose e is an arbitrary fixed point of F. By the monotonicity of F we have $F^i(\bot) \sqsubseteq F^i(e)$ for all i. And because e is a fixed point, we also have $F^i(e) = e$, so e is an upper bound of the ascending Kleene chain, and therefore fix $F \sqsubseteq e$. $\qquad\square$

Returning to the semantics of the `while` loop, to apply Theorem 1, we need to show that

1. $(Store \rightharpoonup Store, \subseteq)$ is a dcpo and

2. the F of Equation 2 is continuous.

Regarding the first point, we have the following proposition.

Proposition 2 (Partial functions are dcpos)**.** *Given any two sets A and B, the partial order $(A \rightharpoonup B, \subseteq)$, is a dcpo.*

Regarding the second point, UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Answers to Exercises

Answer of Exercise 1

d_1, d_2, d_3	$add3(d_1, d_2, d_3)$	$d_1 + d_2 + d_3$
$0,0,0$	00	0
$0,0,1$	01	1
$0,1,0$	01	1
$0,1,1$	10	2
$1,0,0$	01	1
$1,0,1$	10	2
$1,1,0$	10	2
$1,1,1$	11	3

Answer of Exercise 2

The proof is by induction on *add*.

- Case $N(add(\epsilon, \epsilon, 0)) = N(\epsilon) = 0 = N(\epsilon) + N(\epsilon) + 0$

- Case $N(add(\epsilon, \epsilon, 1)) = N(\epsilon 1) = 1 = N(\epsilon) + N(\epsilon) + 1$

- Case $add(n_1' d_1, n_2' d_2, c) = add(n_1, n_2, c') d_3$
  where $add3(d_1, d_2, c) = c' d_3$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
N(add(n_1' d_1, n_2' d_2, c)) &= N(add(n_1', n_2', c') d_3) \\
&= N(add(n_1', n_2', c')) \times 2 + d_3 \\
&= (N(n_1') + N(n_2') + c') \times 2 + d_3 \\
&= 2N(n_1') + 2N(n_2') + c' \times 2 + d_3 \\
&= 2N(n_1') + 2N(n_2') + N(c' d_3) \\
&= 2N(n_1') + d_1 + 2N(n_2') + d_2 + c \quad \text{by Ex. 1} \\
&= N(n_1' d_1) + N(n_2' d_2) + c
\end{aligned}
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- Case $add(n_1 d_1, \epsilon, c) = add(n_1 d_1, \epsilon 0, c)$

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\begin{aligned}
N(add(n_1 d_1, \epsilon, c)) &= N add(n_1 d_1, \epsilon 0, c) \\
&= N(n_1 d_1) + N(\epsilon 0) + c \quad \text{by I.H.} \\
&= N(n_1 d_1) + N(\epsilon) + c
\end{aligned}
$$

- Case $add(\epsilon, n_2 d_2, c) = add(\epsilon 0, n_2 d_2, c)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
N(add(\epsilon, n_2 d_2, c)) &= N(add(\epsilon 0, n_2 d_2, c)) \\
&= N(\epsilon 0) + N(n_2 d_2) + c \\
&= N(\epsilon) + N(n_2 d_2) + c
\end{aligned}
$$

Answer of Exercise 3

By induction on *mult*.

- Case $mult(n_1, \epsilon) = \epsilon$:

$$N(mult(n_1, \epsilon)) = N(\epsilon) = 0 = N(n_1)N(\epsilon)$$

- Case $mult(n_1, n_2'0) = mult(n_1, n_2')0$:

$$\begin{aligned}
N(mult(n_1, n_2'0)) &= N(mult(n_1, n_2')0) \\
&= 2N(mult(n_1, n_2')) \\
&= 2N(n_1)N(n_2') \qquad \text{by I.H.} \\
&= N(n_1)N(n_2'0)
\end{aligned}$$

- Case $mult(n_1, n_2'1) = add(n_1, mult(n_1, n_2')0)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
N(mult(n_1, n_2'1)) &= N(add(n_1, mult(n_1, n_2')0, 0)) \\
&= N(n_1) + N(mult(n_1, n_2')0) + 0 \quad \text{by Ex. 2} \\
&= N(n_1) + 2N(mult(n_1, n_2')) \\
&= N(n_1) + 2N(n_1)N(n_2') \qquad \text{by I.H.} \\
&= N(n_1)(2N(n_2') + 1) \\
&= N(n_1)N(n_2'1)
\end{aligned}$$

Answer of Exercise 4

The proof is by induction on *e*.

- Case $e = n$: $N(I(n)) = N(n) = E(n)$.

- Case $e = e_1 + e_2$:

$$\begin{aligned}
N(I(e_1 + e_2)) &= N(add(I(e_1), I(e_2), 0)) \\
&= N(I(e_1)) + N(I(e_2)) \qquad \text{by Ex. 2} \\
&= E(e_1) + E(e_2) \qquad \text{by the I.H.} \\
&= E(e_1 + e_2)
\end{aligned}$$

- Case $e = e_1 \times e_2$:

$$\begin{aligned}
N(I(e_1 + e_2)) &= N(mult(I(e_1), I(e_2))) \\
&= N(I(e_1)) \times N(I(e_2)) \qquad \text{by Ex. 3} \\
&= E(e_1) \times E(e_2) \qquad \text{by the I.H.} \\
&= E(e_1 \times e_2)
\end{aligned}$$

Answer of Exercise 5

The proof is by cases on $k, s \longrightarrow k', s'$.

- Case $\boxed{\texttt{skip} \,;k,\ s \longrightarrow k,\ s}$

$$C(\texttt{skip}\,;k)(s) = (C(k) \circ C(\texttt{skip}))(s) = (C(k) \circ id)(s) = C(k)(s)$$

- Case $\boxed{(x := e)\,;k,\ s \longrightarrow k,\ [x \mapsto E(e)(s)]s}$

$$\begin{aligned}
C((x := e)\,;k)(s) &= (C(k) \circ C(x := e))(s) \\
&= C(k)(C(x := e)(s)) \\
&= C(k)([x \mapsto E(e)(s)]s)
\end{aligned}$$

- Case $\boxed{(c_1\,;c_2)\,;k,\ s \longrightarrow c_1\,;(c_2\,;k),\ s}$

$$\begin{aligned}
C((c_1\,;c_2)\,;k)(s) &= (C(k) \circ (C(c_2) \circ C(c_1)))(s) \\
&= ((C(k) \circ C(c_2)) \circ C(c_1))(s) \\
&= C(c_1\,;(c_2\,;k))(s)
\end{aligned}$$

- Case $\boxed{(\texttt{if } b \texttt{ then } c_1 \texttt{ else } c_2)\,;k,\ s \longrightarrow c_1\,;k,\ s \text{ and } B\,b\,s = \texttt{true}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
C((\texttt{if } b \texttt{ then } c_1 \texttt{ else } c_2)\,;k)(s) &= (C(k) \circ C(\texttt{if } b \texttt{ then } c_1 \texttt{ else } c_2))(s) \\
&= (C(k) \circ C(c_1))(s) \\
&= C(c_1\,;k)(s)
\end{aligned}$$

- Case $\boxed{(\texttt{if } b \texttt{ then } c_1 \texttt{ else } c_2)\,;k,\ s \longrightarrow c_2\,;k,\ s \text{ and } B\,b\,s = \texttt{false}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
C((\texttt{if } b \texttt{ then } c_1 \texttt{ else } c_2)\,;k)(s) &= (C(k) \circ C(\texttt{if } b \texttt{ then } c_1 \texttt{ else } c_2))(s) \\
&= (C(k) \circ C(c_2))(s) \\
&= C(c_2\,;k)(s)
\end{aligned}$$

- Case $\boxed{(\texttt{while } b \texttt{ do } c)\,;k,\ s \longrightarrow c\,;((\texttt{while } b \texttt{ do } c)\,;k),\ s \text{ and } B\,b\,s = \texttt{true}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
C((\texttt{while } b \texttt{ do } c)\,;k)(s) &= (C(k) \circ C(\texttt{while } b \texttt{ do } c))(s) \\
&= (C(k) \circ (C(\texttt{while } b \texttt{ do } c) \circ C(c)))(s) \\
&= ((C(k) \circ C(\texttt{while } b \texttt{ do } c)) \circ C(c))(s) \\
&= C(c\,;((\texttt{while } b \texttt{ do } c)\,;k))(s)
\end{aligned}$$

- Case $\boxed{(\texttt{while } b \texttt{ do } c)\,;k,\ s \longrightarrow k,\ s \text{ and } B\,b\,s = \texttt{false}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
C((\texttt{while } b \texttt{ do } c)\,;k)(s) &= (C(k) \circ C(\texttt{while } b \texttt{ do } c))(s) \\
&= (C(k) \circ id)(s) \\
&= C(k)(s)
\end{aligned}$$

Answer of Exercise 6

TODO

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