

Continuation

1. Concept

a. `val _ = foo(x, _)`

When the result of `foo(x)` is computed, send the return value to the `_` next to it

b. `fun fact(x) =`

`if x > 0 then x * fact(x-1) else 1`

c. `fun kfact (x,k) (*continuation passing style*) =`

`k(fact(x))`

d. `fun kfact(x,k) =`

`if x > 0 then kfact(x-1, fn res => k(x*res))`

`(*tail recursive (can be turned into loop and implement it without using loop *)`

`(* need space to create closure fn res => k(x * res) → stored on heap *)`

`(* heap is much larger than stack *)`

`else k(1)`

e. Steps

i. `kfact(2, fn res => res) => 2`

ii. `kfact(1, fn res => (2 * res) => 2`

iii. `kfact(0, fn res => (1 * res)) => 1`

f. `fun fibo(x) =`

`if x <= 1 then x else fibo(x-2) + fibo(x-1)`

g. `fun kfibo(x, k) =`

`if x <= 1 then k(x)`

`else kfibo(x-2, fn res1 => kfibo(x-1, fn res2 => k(res1+res2))`

h. `fun kfact2(x,k) =`

`if x > 0 then kfact(x-1, fn res => k(x * res))`

`else k(k(1))`

`kfact2(3, fn res => res) = 1 * 2 * 3 * [1 * 2 * 3 * [1]] = 6 * 6 = 36`

`(* must be tail recursive when using continuation *)`

i. `fn f91(x) =`

`if x > 100 then x - 10`

`else f91(f91(x+11))`

j. `fun kf91(x,k) =`

`if x > 100 then k(x-10)`

`else kf91(x+11, fn res => kf91(res, k))`

- k. `fun f(x) = f(x+1)`
`f(0) ⇒ will reach/cause overflow in SML, but it is tail recursive`
- l. `fun f(x) =`
`if x > 100 then f(0)`
`else f(x+1)`
 Execute forever, tail recursive
- m. `fun iseven(x) =`
`if x > 0 then isodd(x-1)`
`else true`
 and
`fun isodd(x) =`
`if x > 0 then iseven(x-1)`
`else false`
 (* mutually tail recursive call *)
- n. `fun kiseven(x,k) =`
`if x > 0 then kisodd(x-1)`
`else k(true)`
 and
`fun kisodd(x,k) =`
`if x > 0 then kiseven(x-1)`
`else k(false)`

2. Time Complexity

- a. `if length(xs) = 0 then → O(n)` to find length of list
- b. In python, `xs.append(y) → O(1)` and `xs.insert(0,x) → O(n)` (use less insert)
- c. In SML, putting something on the very front is $O(1)$, at the end is $O(n)$
- d. if f is $O(n)$ then f is $O(n^2) → true$
 because $O(n)$ is bounded by $O(n^2)$ (it is upper bound)

3. Recurrence (relation/equation)

- a. `fun fact(x) =`
`if x > 0 then x * fact(x-1) else 1`
- b. $T(n) = T(n-1) + O(1)$
 $...$
 $T(0) = O(1)$
 $→ T(n) = n * O(1) = O(n)$
 $T(n)$ is $O(n)$
- c. `fun fibo(x) =`
`if x < 2 then x else fibo(x-2) + fibo(x-1)`
- d. $T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) + O(1)$
 $≤ 2 * T(n-1) + O(1)$
 $T(n)$ is $O(2^n)$

- e. Time complexity for continuation style and direct style is the same
- f. Mergesort $\rightarrow O(n \log n) \rightarrow$ still practical
- g. Quicksort $\rightarrow O(n^2)$