Lecture 10 – Mutable Data Structures

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```
// immutable map
val imap = Map("x" -> 1, "y" -> 2)
imap + ("x" -> 3) // Map(x -> 3, y -> 2)
                   // Map(x -> 1, y -> 2)
imap
// mutable map
import scala.collection.*
val mmap = mutable.Map("x" \rightarrow 1, "y" \rightarrow 2)
mmap.update("x", 3)
                      // mutable.Map(x \rightarrow 3, y \rightarrow 2)
mmap
// mutable box
case class Box(var value: Int)
val box = Box(5)
                     // 5
box.value
box.value = 8
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                      // 8
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Concrete Syntax



```
// expressions
<expr> ::= ...
| "Box" "(" <expr> ")"
| <expr> "." "get"
| <expr> "." "set" "(" <expr> ")"
| <expr> ";" <expr>
```

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Abstract Syntax



Let's define the **abstract syntax** of BFAE in BNF:

```
enum Expr:
...
// box creation
case NewBox(expr: Expr)
// box content getter
case GetBox(box: Expr)
// box content setter
case SetBox(box: Expr, expr: Expr)
// sequence
case Seq(left: Expr, right: Expr)
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f(5);
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Interpreter and Natural Semantics



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and 2) define the **natural semantics** with environments and **memories** by keeping the updated memory in the result:

```
type Addr = Int
type Mem = Map[Addr, Value]
enum Value:
...
case BoxV(addr: Addr)
```

Addition



```
def interp(expr: Expr, env: Env): Value = expr match
    ...
    case Add(1, r) =>
      val (1v, lmem) = interp(1, env, mem)
      val (rv, rmem) = interp(r, env, lmem)
      (numAdd(1v, rv), rmem)
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/* BFAE */
val a = Box(5);
{ a.set(8); 2 } + a.get; // 2 + 8 = 10 -- NOT 2 + 5 = 7
```

Box Creation



```
def interp(expr: Expr, env: Env): Value = expr match
   ...
   case NewBox(c) =>
    val (cv, cmem) = interp(c, env, mem)
   val addr = malloc(cmem)
    (BoxV(addr), cmem + (addr -> cv))
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One way to implement malloc is to find the maximum address in the memory and increment it by one, 0 if the memory is empty:

```
def malloc(mem: Mem): Addr = mem.keySet.maxOption.fold(0)(_ + 1)
```

Box Content Getter



```
def interp(expr: Expr, env: Env): Value = expr match
   ...
   case GetBox(b) =>
    val (bv, bmem) = interp(b, env, mem)
   bv match
    case BoxV(addr) =>
        (bmem(addr), bmem)
    case _ =>
        error(s"not a box: ${bv.str}")
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   case SetBox(b, c) =>
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def interp(expr: Expr, env: Env): Value = expr match
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   case Seq(1, r) =>
     val (_, lmem) = interp(1, env, mem)
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Homework #2



- Please see this document¹ on GitHub.
- The due date is Oct. 27 (Fri.).
- Please only submit Implementation.scala file to Blackboard.

¹https://github.com/ku-plrg-classroom/docs/tree/main/cose212/cobalt.

Next Lecture



Mutable Variables

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