

# STATIC SEMANTICS

Goal: make judgments/check things about a program before running it.

What should the program do if uninitialized vars are read?

Three common strategies:

① Crash-and-burn:

What languages do this?

② Junk data:

What languages do this?

Try all this after AO

③ Default value:

What languages do this?

Ex. If  $\Phi; \Phi \vdash s \rightsquigarrow \Phi$ , what can we say about  $s$ ?

(Informally, then formally)

\* All:

\* C&B:

\* JD, DF:

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## SEQUENTIAL COMPOSITION IN TINYIMP

Claim:  $(\sigma_1, (s_1; s_2); s_3) \Downarrow \sigma_2 \iff (\sigma_1, s_1; (s_2; s_3)) \Downarrow \sigma_2$

Proof: The  $\Leftarrow$  case will be sim. to  $\Rightarrow$ , so we just prove that

$\Rightarrow$  Assume  $(\sigma_1, (s_1; s_2); s_3) \Downarrow \sigma_2$ . Then there must be states  $\sigma, \sigma'$  such that the proof of this assumption starts off like

$$\frac{\vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots}{\frac{(\sigma_1, s_1) \Downarrow \sigma' \quad (\sigma', s_2) \Downarrow \sigma}{(\sigma_1, s_1; s_2) \Downarrow \sigma} \quad \frac{(\sigma, s_3) \Downarrow \sigma_2}{(\sigma_1, (s_1; s_2); s_3) \Downarrow \sigma_2}}$$

We can now prove the RHS evaluator similarly:

$$\frac{}{(\sigma_1, s_1) \Downarrow \sigma'} \quad \frac{(\sigma', s_2) \Downarrow \sigma \quad (\sigma, s_3) \Downarrow \sigma_2}{\frac{(\sigma', s_2; s_3) \Downarrow \sigma_2}{(\sigma_1, s_1; (s_2; s_3)) \Downarrow \sigma_2}}$$

## DO ... UNTIL LOOPS IN TINYIMP

do  $s$  until  $e$  = repeat  $s$  until  $e$  evaluates  
to true, doing it at least once

Ex. 1: Big-step semantics for this construct: try this after A0

Ex. 2: do  $s$  until  $e \equiv s$ ; while  $\neg e$  do  $s$  od

# AXIOMATIC SEMANTICS, HOARE LOGIC

Goal: meaning through correctness. Commonly via. Hoare logic.

Takes the form of triples:  $\{\varphi\} \text{ s } \{\psi\}$

↑  
precondition:  
what is true  
before

postcondition:  
what we want to  
be true after  
Statement  
(line of code,  
program, ...)

Specifies a proof calculus for proving desirable properties about your program (e.g. That it returns the right value).

Ex. Prove the rule for do...until is sound using our translation:

$$\frac{\{\varphi\} \text{ s } \{\varphi\}}{\{\varphi\} \text{ do s until e } \{\varphi \wedge e\}}$$

Proof. Assume  $\{\varphi\} \text{ s } \{\varphi\}$ . We will prove 2 lemmas first:

#1: 
$$\frac{\{\varphi\} \text{ s } \{\varphi\}}{\{\varphi\} \text{ while } \neg e \text{ do s od } \{\varphi \wedge \neg(e)\}} L_1$$

#2: 
$$\frac{\{\varphi\} \text{ s } \{\varphi\}}{\{\varphi\} \text{ while } \neg e \text{ do s od } \{\varphi \wedge e\}} L_2$$

Assuming them for now, our main goal can be proven:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} (\text{Assumed}) \\ \{\varphi\} \text{ s } \{\varphi\} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} (\text{Assumed}) \\ \{\varphi\} \text{ s } \{\varphi\} \end{array}}{\begin{array}{c} \{\varphi\} \text{ while } \neg e \text{ do s od } \{\varphi \wedge e\} \\ \{\varphi\} \text{ s ; while } \neg e \text{ do s od } \{\varphi \wedge e\} \end{array}} \frac{}{\text{SEQ}} L_2$$

So let us now prove those lemmas:

Proof of L<sub>1</sub>:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\varphi \wedge \neg e \Rightarrow \varphi}{\{\varphi\} \leq \{\varphi\}} \swarrow \text{(Assumed)} \quad \varphi \Rightarrow \varphi \swarrow \text{(logic)}}{\{\varphi \wedge \neg e\} \leq \{\varphi\}} \text{ conseq.}}{\{\varphi\} \text{ while } \neg e \text{ do s od } \{\varphi \wedge \neg(\neg e)\}} \text{ LOOP}$$

Proof of L<sub>2</sub>:

$$\frac{\frac{\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi \swarrow \frac{\{\varphi\} \leq \{\varphi\} \swarrow \text{(Assumed)}}{\{\varphi\} \text{ while } \neg e \text{ do s od } \{\varphi \wedge \neg(\neg e)\}} \text{ L}_1 \quad \frac{\varphi \wedge \neg(\neg e) \swarrow \text{(logic)}}{\Rightarrow \varphi \wedge e}}{\{\varphi\} \text{ while } \neg e \text{ do s od } \{\varphi \wedge e\}} \text{ conseq.}}$$