

# Lecture 16 – First-Class Continuations

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For example, Scala supports **first-class functions**.

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val f: Int => Int = inc
// 2. We can pass a function as an argument to a function.
List(1, 2, 3).map(inc)           // List(2, 3, 4)
// 3. We can return a function from a function.
def addN(n: Int): Int => Int = m => n + m
val add3: Int => Int = addN(3)
add3(5)                         // 3 + 5 = 8
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It means that

- Step ② defines the continuation of steps ② – ⑦ as a value in  $k$ .
- Step ⑥ replaces the continuation of step ⑤ with  $k$ .

Some functional languages support **first-class continuations**.

- Racket

```
(* 2 (let/cc k (+ 3 (k 5))))           ; 2 * 5 = 10
```

- Ruby

```
2 * (callcc { |k| 3 + k.call(5)})      # 2 * 5 = 10
```

- Haskell

```
do
  x <- callCC $ \k -> do
    y <- k 5
    return $ 3 + y
  return $ 2 * x                        -- 2 * 5 = 10
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Here is another example of KFAE:

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and the **abstract syntax** of FAE as follows:

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enum Expr:  
  ...  
  // first-class continuations  
  case Vcc(name: String, body: Expr)
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}                      // 4 (= 1 + 3)
```

In the previous lecture, we have defined the **first-order representation** of **continuations** with **value stack**:

```
enum Cont:
  case EmptyK
  case EvalK(env: Env, expr: Expr, k: Cont)
  case AddK(k: Cont)
  case MulK(k: Cont)
  case AppK(k: Cont)

type Stack = List[Value]
```

Continuations	$\mathbb{K} \ni \kappa ::= \square$	(EmptyK)
	$(\sigma \vdash e) :: \kappa$	(EvalK)
	$(+) :: \kappa$	(AddK)
	$(*) :: \kappa$	(MulK)
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And the eval function **iteratively reduces** the state until it reaches the empty continuation  $\square$  and returns the single value in the value stack:

```
def eval(str: String): String =
  import Cont.*
  def aux(k: Cont, s: Stack): Value = reduce(k, s) match
    case (EmptyK, List(v)) => v
    case (k, s) => aux(k, s)
  aux(EvalK(Map.empty, Expr(str), EmptyK), List.empty).str
```

$$\langle (\emptyset \vdash e) :: \square \parallel \blacksquare \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \square \parallel v :: \blacksquare \rangle$$

Now, let's extend the interpreter and reduction semantics for FAE to KFAE by adding the **first-class continuations**.

First, we need to extend the values of FAE with **continuation values** consisting of pairs of continuations and value stacks:

```
// values
enum Value:
  case NumV(number: BigInt)
  case CloV(param: String, body: Expr, env: Env)
  case ContV(cont: Cont, stack: Stack)
```

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Values } \forall \ni v ::= n & (\text{NumV}) \\ & | \langle \lambda x.e, \sigma \rangle \quad (\text{CloV}) \\ & | \langle \kappa \parallel s \rangle \quad (\text{ContV}) \end{array}$$

Then, let's fill out the missing cases in the reduce function and reduction rules for  $\rightarrow$  in the reduction semantics of KFAE.

```
def reduce(k: Cont, s: Stack): (Cont, Stack) = (k, s) match
  case (EvalK(env, expr, k), s) => expr match
    ...
    case Vcc(x, b) => (EvalK(env + (x -> ContV(k, s)), b, k), s)
```

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$$\text{Vcc} \quad \langle (\sigma \vdash \text{vcc } x; e) :: \kappa \parallel s \rangle \rightarrow \langle (\sigma[x \mapsto \langle \kappa \parallel s \rangle] \vdash e) :: \kappa \parallel s \rangle$$

It defines a new immutable binding  $x$  in the environment  $\sigma$  that maps to a **continuation value**  $\langle \kappa \parallel s \rangle$ , and then evaluates the body expression  $e$  in the extended environment  $\sigma[x \mapsto \langle \kappa \parallel s \rangle]$ .

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    ...
    case App(f, e) => (EvalK(env, f, EvalK(env, e, AppK(k))), s)
  ...
  case (AppK(k), a :: f :: s) => f match
    case CloV(p, b, fenv) => (EvalK(fenv + (p -> a), b, k), s)
    case ContV(k1, s1)    => (k1, a :: s1)
    case v                => error(s"not a function: ${v.str}")
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$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{App}_1 & \langle (\sigma \vdash e_1(e_2)) :: \kappa \parallel s \rangle \rightarrow \langle (\sigma \vdash e_1) :: (\sigma \vdash e_2) :: (@) :: \kappa \parallel s \rangle \\ \text{App}_{2,\lambda} & \langle (@) :: \kappa \parallel v_2 :: \langle \lambda x.e, \sigma \rangle :: s \rangle \rightarrow \langle (\sigma[x \mapsto v_2] \vdash e) :: \kappa \parallel s \rangle \\ \text{App}_{2,\kappa} & \langle (@) :: \kappa \parallel v_2 :: \langle \kappa' \parallel s' \rangle :: s \rangle \rightarrow \langle \kappa' \parallel v_2 :: s' \rangle \end{array}$$

The new  $\text{App}_{2,\kappa}$  rule handles when the function expression evaluates to a continuation value  $\langle \kappa' \parallel s' \rangle$ . It changes the control flow to the continuation  $\kappa'$  with the given argument value  $v_2$  and the value stack  $s'$ .

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## 4. Control Statements

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For example, C++ supports **break**, **continue**, and **return** statements:

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int sumEvenUntilZero(int xs[], int len) {  
    if (len <= 0) return 0;           // directly return 0 if len <= 0  
    int sum = 0;  
    for (int i = 0; i < len; i++) {  
        if (xs[i] == 0) break;        // stop the loop if xs[i] == 0  
        if (xs[i] % 2 == 1) continue; // skip the rest if xs[i] is odd  
        sum += xs[i];  
    }  
    return sum;                       // finally return the sum  
}  
  
int xs[] = {4, 1, 3, 2, 0, 6, 5, 8};  
sumEvenUntilZero(xs, 8);             // 4 + 2 = 6
```

Let's represent them using **first-class continuations**!

- **return** statement:

```
x => body
```



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means

```
x => { vcc return;  
      body // return(e) directly returns e to the caller  
}
```

- **return** statement:

```
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```

means

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      body // return(e) directly returns e to the caller  
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```

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```
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```

means

```
{ vcc break;  
  while (cond) { vcc continue;  
    body // continue(e)/break(e) jumps to the next/end of the loop  
  }  
}
```

We can represent other control statements similarly, but think for yourself!

- exception in Python

```
try:
    x = y / z
except ZeroDivisionError:
    x = 0
```

- generator in JavaScript

```
const foo = function* () { yield 'a'; yield 'b'; yield 'c'; };
let str = '';
for (const c of foo()) { str = str + c; }
str // 'abc'
```

- coroutines in Kotlin
- async/await in C#
- ...

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## 2. KFAE – FAE with First-Class Continuations

Concrete/Abstract Syntax

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Recall: Interpreter and Reduction Semantics for FAE

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First-Class Continuations

Function Application

Example 1

Example 2

## 4. Control Statements

<https://github.com/ku-plrg-classroom/docs/tree/main/cose212/kfae>

- Please see above document on GitHub:
  - Implement reduce function.
- It is just an exercise, and you **don't need to submit** anything.
- However, some exam questions might be related to this exercise.

- Compiling with Continuations

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