COSE212: Programming Languages

Lecture 6 — Design and Implementation of PLs
(2) Procedures

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Review: The Let Language

Syntax:

$$egin{array}{ll} P &
ightarrow & E \ E &
ightarrow & n \ &ert & E+E \ &ert & E-E \ &ert & ext{iszero} & E \ &ert & ext{if} & E ext{then} & E ext{else} & E \ &ert & ext{let} & x = E ext{ in } E \ &ert & ext{read} \end{array}$$

Review: The Let Language

Semantic domain:

$$egin{array}{lll} Val &=& \mathbb{Z} + Bool \ Env &=& Var
ightarrow Val \end{array}$$

Semantics rules:

Proc = Let + Procedures

Example

```
• let f = proc (x) (x-11)
in (f (f 77))
```

• ((proc (f) (f (f 77))) (proc (x) (x-11)))

Free/Bound Variables of Procedures

- An occurrence of the variable x is *bound* when it occurs without definitions in the body of a procedure whose formal parameter is x.
- Otherwise, the variable is free.
- Examples:

```
proc (y) (x+y)
proc (x) (let y = 1 in x + y + z)
proc (x) (proc (y) (x+y))
let x = 1 in proc (y) (x+y)
let x = 1 in proc (y) (x+y+z)
```

Static vs. Dynamic Scoping

What is the result of the program?

```
let x = 1
in let f = proc (y) (x+y)
  in let x = 2
    in let g = proc (y) (x+y)
    in (f 1) + (g 1)
```

Two ways to determine free variables of procedures:

- In static scoping (lexical scoping), the procedure body is evaluated in the environment where the procedure is defined (i.e. procedure-creation environment).
- In dynamic scoping, the procedure body is evaluated in the environment where the procedure is called (i.e. calling environment)

Exercises

What is the result of the program?

- In static scoping:
- In dynamic scoping:
- 1 let a = 3
 in let p = proc (z) a
 in let f = proc (x) (p 0)
 in let a = 5
 in (f 2)
- 2 let a = 3
 in let p = proc (z) a
 in let f = proc (a) (p 0)
 in let a = 5
 in (f 2)

Why Static Scoping?

Most modern languages use static scoping. Why?

- Reasoning about programs is much simpler in static scoping.
- In static scoping, renaming bound variables by their lexical definitions does not change the semantics, which is unsafe in dynamic scoping.

```
let x = 1
in let f = proc (y) (x+y)
in let x = 2
    in let g = proc (y) (x+y)
    in (f 1) + (g 1)
```

- In static scoping, names are resolved at compile-time.
- In dynamic scoping, names are resolved only at runtime.

Semantics of Procedures: Static Scoping

Domain:

$$egin{array}{lcl} Val &=& \mathbb{Z} + Bool + Procedure \ Procedure &=& Var imes Env \ Env &=& Var
ightarrow Val \end{array}$$

The procedure value is called *closures*. The procedure is closed in its creation environment.

Semantics rules:

$$\overline{
ho dash ext{proc } x \; E \Rightarrow (x, E,
ho)}$$
 $\underline{
ho dash E_1 \Rightarrow (x, E,
ho') \quad
ho dash E_2 \Rightarrow v \quad [x \mapsto v]
ho' dash E \Rightarrow v'}$ $\overline{
ho dash E_1 \; E_2 \Rightarrow v'}$

Examples

$$[] \vdash (proc (x) (x)) 1 \Rightarrow 1$$

Examples

$$[] \vdash \begin{array}{c} \text{let } x = 1 \\ \text{in let } f = \text{proc } (y) \ (x+y) \\ \text{in let } x = 2 \\ \text{in } (f \ 3) \end{array} \Rightarrow 4$$

Semantics of Procedures: Dynamic Scoping

Domain:

$$egin{array}{lcl} Val &=& \mathbb{Z} + Bool + Procedure \ Procedure &=& Var imes E \ Env &=& Var
ightarrow Val \end{array}$$

Semantics rules:

$$\frac{\rho \vdash \operatorname{proc} x \; E \Rightarrow (x, E)}{\rho \vdash E_1 \vdash (x, E) \qquad \rho \vdash E_2 \Rightarrow v \qquad [x \mapsto v] \rho \vdash E \Rightarrow v'}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash E_1 \; E_2 \Rightarrow v'}{\rho \vdash E_1 \; E_2 \Rightarrow v'}$$

Examples

$$[] \vdash \begin{array}{c} \text{let } x = 1 \\ \text{in let } f = \text{proc } (y) \ (x+y) \\ \text{in let } x = 2 \\ \text{in } (f \ 3) \end{array} \Rightarrow 5$$

cf) Multiple Argument Procedures

- We can get the effect of multiple argument procedures by using procedures that return other procedures.
- ex) a function that takes two arguments and return their sum:

```
let f = proc(x) proc(y)(x+y)
in ((f 3) 4)
```

Adding Recursive Procedures

The current language does not support recursive procedures, e.g.,

let
$$f = proc(x) (f x)$$

in $(f 1)$

for which evaluation gets stuck:

$$[f \mapsto (x, \underline{f\ x, [])}] \vdash f \Rightarrow (x, f\ x, []) \qquad \cfrac{[x \mapsto 1] \vdash f \Rightarrow ? \qquad [x \mapsto 1] \vdash x \Rightarrow 1}{[x \mapsto 1] \vdash f\ x \Rightarrow ?} \qquad \qquad \underbrace{[f \mapsto (x, f\ x, [])] \vdash (f\ 1) \Rightarrow ?}$$

Two solutions:

- go back to dynamic scoping :-(
- modify the language syntax and semantics for procedure :-)

Recursion is Not Special in Dynamic Scoping

With dynamic scoping, recursive procedures require no special mechanism. Running the program

let
$$f = proc(x) (f x)$$

in $(f 1)$

via dynamic scoping semantics

$$\frac{\rho \vdash E_1 \Rightarrow (x, E) \qquad \rho \vdash E_2 \Rightarrow v \qquad [x \mapsto v]\rho \vdash E \Rightarrow v'}{\rho \vdash E_1 \ E_2 \Rightarrow v'}$$

proceeds well:

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \hline [f \mapsto (x,f\ x),x \mapsto 1] \vdash \mathbf{f} \ \mathbf{x} \Rightarrow \\ \hline [f \mapsto (x,f\ x),x \mapsto 1] \vdash \mathbf{f} \ \mathbf{x} \Rightarrow \\ \hline [f \mapsto (x,f\ x)] \vdash \mathbf{f} \ \mathbf{1} \Rightarrow \\ \hline [] \vdash \mathsf{let} \ \mathbf{f} \ = \mathsf{proc} \ (\mathsf{x}) \ (\mathsf{f} \ \mathsf{x}) \ \mathsf{in} \ (\mathsf{f} \ \mathbf{1}) \Rightarrow \end{array}$$

Adding Recursive Procedures

```
E + E
E-E
 iszerooldsymbol{E}
 if E then E else E
 let x = E in E
 read
 letrec f(x) = E in E
 \operatorname{proc} x E
 E E
```

Example

```
letrec double(x) =
  if iszero(x) then 0 else ((double (x-1)) + 2)
in (double 1)
```

Semantics of Recursive Procedures

Domain:

$$egin{array}{lll} Val &=& \mathbb{Z} + Bool + Procedure + RecProcedure \ Procedure &=& Var imes Env &=& Var imes Env \ Env &=& Var o Val \end{array}$$

Semantics rules:

$$egin{aligned} & rac{[f \mapsto (f,x,E_1,
ho)]
ho dash E_2 \Rightarrow v}{
ho dash ext{letrec } f(x) = E_1 ext{ in } E_2 \Rightarrow v} \ &
ho dash E_1 \Rightarrow (f,x,E,
ho') \quad
ho dash E_2 \Rightarrow v} \ &
ho dash E_1 \Rightarrow (f,x,E,
ho')]
ho' dash E \Rightarrow v'} \ &
ho dash E_1 E_2 \Rightarrow v' \end{aligned}$$

Example

Mutually Recursive Procedures

```
iszero oldsymbol{E}
  if E then E else E
 \mathtt{let}\ x = E\ \mathtt{in}\ E
 read
 letrec f(x) = E in E
 letrec f(x_1) = E_1 and g(x_2) = E_2 in E
 \operatorname{\mathtt{proc}} x \: E
  E E
```

Example

```
letrec even(x) = if iszero(x) then 1 else odd(x-1) odd(x) = if iszero(x) then 0 else <math>even(x-1) in (odd 13)
```

Semantics of Recursive Procedures

To support mutually recursive procedures, we need to extend the domain and sematnics:

Domain:

$$Val = \cdots + MRecProcedure$$
 $MRecProcedure = ?$

Semantics rules:

$$rac{?}{
ho dash ext{letrec } f(x) = E_1 ext{ and } g(y) = E_2 ext{ in } E_3 \Rightarrow ?} \ rac{?}{
ho dash E_1 ext{ } E_2 \Rightarrow ?}$$

Summary: The Proc Language

A programming language with expressions and procedures:

Syntax

Summary

Semantics

$$\frac{\rho \vdash E_1 \Rightarrow n_1 \quad \rho \vdash E_2 \Rightarrow n_2}{\rho \vdash E_1 \Rightarrow n_1 \quad \rho \vdash E_2 \Rightarrow n_1 + n_2}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash E \Rightarrow 0}{\rho \vdash \text{iszero } E \Rightarrow \text{true}} \quad \frac{\rho \vdash E_2 \Rightarrow v}{\rho \vdash \text{iszero } E \Rightarrow \text{false}} \quad n \neq 0 \quad \frac{\rho \vdash E_1 \Rightarrow \text{true}}{\rho \vdash \text{read} \Rightarrow n}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash E_1 \Rightarrow \text{true}}{\rho \vdash \text{if } E_1 \text{ then } E_2 \text{ else } E_3 \Rightarrow v} \quad \frac{\rho \vdash E_1 \Rightarrow \text{false}}{\rho \vdash \text{if } E_1 \text{ then } E_2 \text{ else } E_3 \Rightarrow v}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash E_1 \Rightarrow v_1 \quad [x \mapsto v_1]\rho \vdash E_2 \Rightarrow v}{\rho \vdash \text{let } x = E_1 \text{ in } E_2 \Rightarrow v} \quad \frac{[f \mapsto (f, x, E_1, \rho)]\rho \vdash E_2 \Rightarrow v}{\rho \vdash \text{letrec } f(x) = E_1 \text{ in } E_2 \Rightarrow v}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash E_1 \Rightarrow (x, E, \rho') \quad \rho \vdash E_2 \Rightarrow v \quad [x \mapsto v]\rho' \vdash E \Rightarrow v'}{\rho \vdash E_1 E_2 \Rightarrow v'}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash E_1 \Rightarrow (f, x, E, \rho') \quad \rho \vdash E_2 \Rightarrow v \quad [x \mapsto v, f \mapsto (f, x, E, \rho')]\rho' \vdash E \Rightarrow v'}{\rho \vdash E_1 E_2 \Rightarrow v'}$$