CO240 - Models of Computation

Tutorial Sheets

Tutorial 1 - Expressions

1. d Consider the **big-step** operational semantics for the language SimpleExp given in the lectures. Find a number n such that

$$(4+1) + (2+2) \downarrow n$$

Give the full derivation tree.

$$(\text{B-NUM}) \frac{4 \Downarrow 4}{(\text{B-ADD})} \frac{(\text{B-NUM}) \frac{1 \Downarrow 1}{1 \Downarrow 1}}{(\text{B-ADD})} \frac{(\text{B-NUM}) \frac{2 \Downarrow 2}{2 \Downarrow 2}}{(2+2) \Downarrow 2} \frac{(\text{B-NUM}) \frac{2 \Downarrow 2}{2 \Downarrow 2}}{(2+2) \Downarrow 2}$$

2. The big-step operation semantics for SimpleExp was only given for addition. Extend it to include multiplication. Give a proof that $((3+2)\times(1+4)) \downarrow 25$

To do this, we need to add an additional rule as follows;

(B-MUL)
$$\frac{E_1 \Downarrow n_1 \qquad E_2 \Downarrow n_2}{E_1 \times E_2 \Downarrow n_3} n_3 = n_1 \times n_2$$

Hence we can do the following;

$$(\text{B-NUM}) \frac{3 \downarrow 3}{(\text{B-ADD})} \frac{(\text{B-NUM}) \frac{1}{2 \downarrow 2}}{(\text{B-ADD})} \frac{(\text{B-NUM}) \frac{1}{4 \downarrow 4}}{(1+4) \downarrow 5} \frac{(\text{B-NUM}) \frac{1}{4 \downarrow 4}}{((3+2) \times (1+4)) \downarrow 25}$$

3. Extend the **big-step** semantics further to include *subtraction*. Remember that the numbers in the syntax of the language are $0, 1, 2, \ldots$ (no negative numbers).

How is an expression such as (3-7) handled in your semantics? Have you made any arbitrary decisions about this? If so, what other options were available?