CS 421 — Big Step Semantics Activity

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Reading the Judgments

- $< i, \sigma > \Downarrow_e e$ "Expression i in environment σ evaluates to e."
- $< i, \sigma > \Downarrow_b e$ "Boolean Expression i in environment σ evaluates to e."
- $< i, \sigma > \Downarrow \sigma'$ "Executing statement i in environment σ results in environment σ' ."

The Rules

Reductions

Reduce the following programs according to the semantic rules given.

Problem 1)

$$\langle x + y + z, \{x:=10, y:=20, z:=12\} \rangle$$

Problem 2)

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Problem 3)

 $\langle \text{if x} \rangle \text{y then m} := \text{x-y else m} := \text{y-x fi, } \{\text{x} := 10, \text{y} := 30\} \rangle$

Problem 4)

<while x > 1 do x:=x/2 od, $\{x:=2\}$ >

Make your own rules!

Problem 5)

Write a rule to explain the when $\, {\,{\tt B}\,} \, {\,{\tt S}\,}$ statement. It executes S only if B is true.

Problem 6)

Write a rule for do S while B od. It is like while, but executes S at least one time.