CS383 Quiz 3

Solution

1. About runtime stack, which one is incorrect?

- a. The stack grows and shrinks as a process runs.
- b. The stack is used to hold activation records. (29%)
- c. For a function that has more statements, its stack frame should be larger. (58%)
- d. A function's stack frame exists as long as the function is active.

a.
$$\frac{(M,e) \rightarrow (M',e')}{(M,ref e) \rightarrow (M',ref e')} (E-Ref)$$

b.
$$\frac{1 \notin \text{dom}(M)}{(M, \text{ref } v) \rightarrow ((M, l \mapsto v), l)} \text{ (E-RefV)}$$

C.
$$\frac{(M,e) \rightarrow (M',e')}{(M,!e) \rightarrow (M',!e')} \text{ (E-DeRef)}$$

d.
$$\frac{\text{(E-DeRefLoc)}}{\text{(M,!l)}\rightarrow\text{(M,l)}}$$

3. About the disadvantages of the mark-and-sweep GC algorithm, which is incorrect?

- a. Normal execution must be suspended.
- b. May touch all virtual memory pages. (25%)
- c. Fail to detect inaccessible circular structure. (75%)
- d. Heap may fragment.

a.
$$\frac{(M, e_1) \to (M', e_1')}{(M, e_1 := e_2) \to (M', e_1' := e_2)}$$
 (E-Assign1)

b.
$$\frac{(M, e_2) \to (M', e_2')}{(M, v_1 := e_2) \to (M', v_1 := e_2')}$$
 (E-Assign2) (21%)

C.
$$\frac{1}{(M,1)=v} \rightarrow (M[1 \mapsto v], v)$$
 (E-Assign) (50%)

d. All of them are correct. (25%)

5. Which is not a major area of the memory?

- a. static area
- b. heap
- c. free list (100%)
- d. runtime stack

a.
$$\frac{\Sigma; \Gamma \mid -e_1: t \quad \Sigma; \Gamma \mid -e_2: t}{\Sigma; \Gamma \mid -e_1: = e_2: \text{unit}} \quad \text{(T-Assign)} \quad \left(58\%\right)$$

b.
$$\frac{\Sigma; \Gamma | - e : t \text{ ref}}{\Sigma; \Gamma | - !e : t} \text{ (T-Deref)}$$

c.
$$\frac{\Sigma; \Gamma|-e:t}{\Sigma: \Gamma|-ref e:t ref}$$
 (T-Ref) (17%)

d.
$$\frac{\Sigma(1) = t}{\Sigma: \Gamma \mid -1: t \text{ ref}} \text{ (T-Loc)}$$
 (25%)

7. What is not in the activation records?

on the stack

- a. Reference counters (21%) on the heap
- b. Temporary variables
- c. Parameters and local variables (21%)
- d. Saved registers (58%)

a.
$$\frac{(M, e_1) \to (M', e_1')}{(M, e_1; e_2) \to (M', e_1'; e_2)}$$
 (E-Seq1)

b.
$$\frac{(\text{E-Seq2})}{(M,();e) \rightarrow (M,e)}$$

c.
$$\frac{\Sigma; \Gamma|-e_1: \text{unit} \quad \Sigma; \Gamma|-e_2:t}{\Sigma; \Gamma|-e_1; e_2:t} \quad \text{(T-Var) (25\%)}$$

d. All of them are correct. (63%)

a.
$$\frac{1}{\text{try v with e} \rightarrow \text{v}}$$
 (E-TryV) (25%)

b.
$$\frac{}{\text{try error with e} \rightarrow \text{error}}$$
 (E-TryError) (42%)

c.
$$\frac{e_1 \rightarrow e_1'}{\text{try } e_1 \text{ with } e_2 \rightarrow \text{try } e_1' \text{ with } e_2} \text{ (E-Try)}$$

d.
$$\frac{\Gamma|-e_1:t \ \Gamma|-e_2:t}{\Gamma|-\text{try } e_1 \text{ with } e_2:t} \ (T-\text{Try})$$

10. Which statement about run-time call stack is incorrect?

- a. When a called function returns control to the caller, its activation record is removed from the stack.
- b. The activation records are removed in the same order in which they are pushed onto the stack.
- c. Many activation records can be active on the runtime stack at any time.
- d. Each activation record contains a static link to the global variables.