COMP0174 Practical Program Analysis The While Language

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The While Language

- Simple language for studying analyses
- A While program is a statement (or a sequence of statements)
- ullet Elementary blocks (assignments, tests and skip statements) are labelled

Syntactic Categories

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a \in AExp – arithmetic expressions
b \in BExp – boolean expressions
S \in Stmt-statements
x, y \in Var – variables
n \in Num – numerals
l \in Lab – labels
op_a \in Op_a – arithmetic operators
op_h \in Op_h – boolean operators
op_r \in Op_r – relational operators
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Syntax

$$a ::= x \mid n \mid a_1 o p_a a_2$$

$$b ::= true \mid false \mid not b \mid b_1 op_b b_2 \mid a_1 op_r a_2$$

 $S ::= [x := a]^{l} | [skip]^{l} | S_1; S_2$ $| if [b]^{l} then S_1 else S_2 | while [b]^{l} do S$

a = Arithmetic expression

b = Boolean expression

S = Statement (program)

 $[\dots]^l o \text{elementary block}$

 l ightarrow label allows to identify the primitive constructs of a program

Example Program (Factorial)

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[y \coloneqq x]^{1};
[z \coloneqq 1]^{2};
while [y > 1]^{3} do
([z \coloneqq z * y]^{4};
[y \coloneqq y - 1]^{5});
[y \coloneqq 0]^{6}
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Formal Semantics

Program state is a mapping from variables to values (numbers):

$$\sigma \in State = Var \rightarrow Z$$

Configuration of the semantics is either a pair statement and state or it is just a state:

$$\langle S, \sigma \rangle$$
 or σ

Transitions of the semantics are of the form:

$$\langle S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma'$$
 and $\langle S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S', \sigma' \rangle$

Formal Semantics

Semantics is:

- defined as a sequence of transitions between these configurations
- a description of how a piece of program syntax behaves when it is executed
- a description of how the syntax updates the state of the machine

Semantic brackets is semantic function that explain the meaning of the syntax

$$[six] = 6$$

Semantic Functions

 $N: Num \rightarrow Z$

Semantic function for Numerals

$$A: Aexp \rightarrow (State \rightarrow Z)$$

State: $Var \rightarrow Z$

 $A: Aexp \rightarrow (State \rightarrow Z)$ Semantic function for Arithmetic expressions

 $B: Bexp \rightarrow (State \rightarrow T)$ Semantic function for Boolean expressions

Semantics of Expressions

$$N:Num \rightarrow Z$$

$$N[[6]] = 6$$

$$A: Aexp \rightarrow (State \rightarrow Z)$$
 \downarrow
 $State: Var \rightarrow Z$

$$B: Bexp \rightarrow (State \rightarrow T)$$

$$\begin{split} B \llbracket not \ b \rrbracket \sigma &= \neg B \llbracket b \rrbracket \sigma \\ B \llbracket b_1 \ opb \ b_2 \rrbracket \sigma &= B \llbracket b_1 \rrbracket \sigma \ opb \ B \llbracket b_2 \rrbracket \sigma \\ B \llbracket a_1 \ opr \ a_2 \rrbracket \sigma &= A \llbracket a_1 \rrbracket \sigma \ opr \ A \llbracket a_2 \rrbracket \sigma \end{split}$$

Semantics of Expressions

Semantics of Numeral = number represented by the Numeral

$$\longleftarrow N[6] = 6$$

$$A[\![x]\!]\sigma = \sigma(x)$$

$$A[\![a_1 \ opa \ a_2]\!]\sigma = A[\![a_1]\!]\sigma \ opa \ A[\![a_2]\!]\sigma$$

$$B[[not \ b]]\sigma = \neg B[[b]]\sigma$$

$$B[[b_1 \ opb \ b_2]]\sigma = B[[b_1]]\sigma \ opb \ B[[b_2]]\sigma$$

$$B[[a_1 \ opr \ a_2]]\sigma = A[[a_1]]\sigma \ opr \ A[[a_2]]\sigma$$

Semantics of Expressions

$$N[6] = 6$$

Semantics of variable x in state σ = value currently stored in the region of memory named by x(state σ)

$$A[x]\sigma = \sigma(x)$$

$$A[a_1 \text{ opa } a_2]\sigma = A[a_1]\sigma \text{ opa } A[a_2]\sigma$$

$$B[[not \ b]]\sigma = \neg B[[b]]\sigma$$

$$B[[b_1 \ opb \ b_2]]\sigma = B[[b_1]]\sigma \ opb \ B[[b_2]]\sigma$$

$$B[[a_1 \ opr \ a_2]]\sigma = A[[a_1]]\sigma \ opr \ A[[a_2]]\sigma$$

Semantics of Expressions: Example

$$N[6] = 6$$

$$A[x + 1]\sigma = A[x]\sigma + A[1]\sigma$$

= $\sigma(x) + N[1]$
= $3 + 1$
= 4

$$A[x]\sigma = \sigma(x)$$

$$A[a_1 \ opa \ a_2]\sigma = A[a_1]\sigma \ opa \ A[a_2]\sigma$$

$$B[[not \ b]]\sigma = \neg B[[b]]\sigma$$

$$B[[b_1 \ opb \ b_2]]\sigma = B[[b_1]]\sigma \ opb \ B[[b_2]]\sigma$$

$$B[[a_1 \ opr \ a_2]]\sigma = A[[a_1]]\sigma \ opr \ A[[a_2]]\sigma$$

- Small-step semantics that specifies the behaviour of a program one step at a time.
- Intermediate configurations (if the execution from the statement S in the initial state σ is not complete):

$$\langle S, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S', \sigma' \rangle \to \sigma''$$

• Describes the small progress from the initial configuration (initial state) to another intermediate configuration or, possibly, to the final state.

$$\langle S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S', \sigma' \rangle$$
 or $\langle S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma'$

• Inference rules justify each step (transition) until reaching a final configuration.

$$[ass] \qquad \langle [x \coloneqq a]^l, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma[x \mapsto A[\![a]\!] \sigma]$$

$$[skip] \qquad \langle [skip]^l, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma$$

$$[seq_1] \qquad \frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S'_1, \sigma' \rangle}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S'_1; S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$$

$$[seq_2] \qquad \frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma'}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$$

$$[if_1] \qquad \langle \text{if } [b]^l \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \qquad \text{if } B[\![b]\!] \sigma = \text{true}$$

$$[if_2] \qquad \langle \text{if } [b]^l \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S_2, \sigma \rangle \qquad \text{if } B[\![b]\!] \sigma = \text{false}$$

$$[wh_1] \qquad \langle \text{while } [b]^l \text{ do } S, \sigma \rangle \to \langle (S; \text{ while } [b]^l \text{ do } S), \sigma \rangle \qquad \text{if } B[\![b]\!] \sigma = \text{false}$$

$$[wh_2] \qquad \langle \text{while } [b]^l \text{ do } S, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma \qquad \text{if } B[\![b]\!] \sigma = \text{false}$$

[ass]
$$\langle [x \coloneqq a]^l, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma[x \mapsto A[a]\sigma]$$

[
$$skip$$
] $\langle [skip]^l, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma$

$$[seq_1] \qquad \frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S'_1, \sigma' \rangle}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S'_1; S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$$

[
$$seq_2$$
] $\frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma'}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$

$$[if_1]$$
 $\langle if[b]^l then S_1 else S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_1, \sigma \rangle$

[
$$if_2$$
] $\langle if[b]^l then S_1 else S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_2, \sigma \rangle$

[
$$wh_1$$
] $\langle \text{while } [b]^l \text{ do } S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle (S; \text{ while } [b]^l \text{ do } S), \sigma \rangle$

[
$$wh_2$$
] \quad \text{while } $[b]^l ext{ do } S, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma$

A variable identifier x is assigned an arithmetic expression a in the syntax $[x \coloneqq a]^l$ in the current state σ .

It makes a single step (transition) to a final state with the value of x updated to be the semantics (value) of a in the initial state σ .

if
$$B[b] \sigma = true$$

if
$$B[b] \sigma = false$$

if
$$B[b] \sigma = true$$

if
$$B[\![b]\!] \sigma = false$$

[ass]
$$\langle [x \coloneqq a]^l, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma[x \longmapsto A[a]\sigma]$$

[
$$skip$$
] $\langle [skip]^l, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma$

[
$$seq_1$$
] $\frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S'_1, \sigma' \rangle}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S'_1; S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$

$$[seq_2] \qquad \frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma'}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$$

$$[if_1]$$
 $\langle if[b]^l then S_1 else S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_1, \sigma \rangle$ $if B[b] \sigma = true$

$$[if_2]$$
 $\langle if[b]^l \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_2, \sigma \rangle$ $if B[b] \sigma = false$

$$[wh_1]$$
 $\langle \text{while } [b]^l \text{ do } S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle (S; \text{while } [b]^l \text{ do } S), \sigma \rangle$ $if B[b] \sigma = true$

$$[wh_2]$$
 $\langle \text{while } [b]^l \text{ do } S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma$ if $B[b] \sigma = \text{false}$

The program skip is executed in the current state σ . It makes a single step to a final state σ .

[ass]
$$\langle [x \coloneqq a]^l, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma[x \mapsto A[a]\sigma]$$

[
$$skip$$
] $\langle [skip]^l, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma$

$$[seq_1] \qquad \frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S'_1, \sigma' \rangle}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S'_1; S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$$

$$[seq_2] \qquad \frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma'}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$$

$$[if_1]$$
 $\langle if[b]^l then S_1 else S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_1, \sigma \rangle$

$$[if_2]$$
 $\langle if[b]^l \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_2, \sigma \rangle$ $if B[b] \sigma = false$

$$[wh_1]$$
 $\langle \text{while } [b]^l \text{ do } S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle (S; \text{while } [b]^l \text{ do } S), \sigma \rangle$ $if B[b] \sigma = true$

$$[wh_2]$$
 $\langle while [b]^l do S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma$ if $B[b] \sigma = false$

Two rules for "statements composition", one for each possible configuration we could get into (intermediate configuration or final state) after executing the statement S_1 in the initial state σ .

if $B[\![b]\!] \sigma = true$

The transition \bigcirc is true if, when S_1 is executed in the initial state σ , without composing it with S_2 , it does not take to a final state, but, in one

small step, it is updated to S'1 and gets to an intermediate state σ' .

[ass]
$$\langle [x \coloneqq a]^l, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma[x \mapsto A[a]\sigma]$$

[
$$skip$$
] $\langle [skip]^l, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma$

$$[seq_1] \qquad \frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S'_1, \sigma' \rangle}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \bigoplus \langle S'_1; S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$$

$$[seq_2] \qquad \frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma'}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$$

$$[if_1]$$
 $\langle if[b]^l \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_1, \sigma \rangle$ $if B[b] \sigma = true$

$$[if_2]$$
 $\langle if[b]^l \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_2, \sigma \rangle$ $if B[b] \sigma = false$

$$[wh_1]$$
 $\langle \text{while } [b]^l \text{ do } S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle (S; \text{while } [b]^l \text{ do } S), \sigma \rangle$ if $B[[b]] \sigma = true$

$$[wh_2]$$
 $\langle \text{while } [b]^l \text{ do } S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma$ if $B[\![b]\!] \sigma = \text{false}$

[ass]
$$\langle [x \coloneqq a]^l, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma[x \mapsto A[a]\sigma]$$

[
$$skip$$
] $\langle [skip]^l, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma$

$$[seq_1] \qquad \frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S'_1, \sigma' \rangle}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S'_1; S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$$

$$[seq_2] \qquad \frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma'}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \bigoplus \langle S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$$

The transition \bigcirc is true if, when S_1 is executed in state σ , it gets to a final state σ' in one small step.

Then when the composition S_1 ; S_2 is executed in σ , there is nothing of S_1 left to execute. Only S_2 needs to be executed in state σ' .

$$[if_1]$$
 $\langle if[b]^l \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_1, \sigma \rangle$ $if B[b] \sigma = true$

$$[if_2]$$
 $\langle if[b]^l \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_2, \sigma \rangle$ $if B[b] \sigma = false$

$$[wh_1]$$
 $\langle \text{while } [b]^l \text{ do } S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle (S; \text{while } [b]^l \text{ do } S), \sigma \rangle$ if $B[[b]] \sigma = true$

[
$$wh_2$$
] $\langle while [b]^l do S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma$ if $B[[b]] \sigma = false$

[ass]
$$\langle [x \coloneqq a]^l, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma[x \longmapsto A[a]\sigma]$$

[skip] $\langle [skip]^l, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma$

[
$$seq_1$$
] $\frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S'_1, \sigma' \rangle}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S'_1; S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$

[
$$seq_2$$
] $\frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma'}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$

$$[\mathbf{if_1}]$$
 $\langle \text{if } [b]^l \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_1, \sigma \rangle$

[
$$if_2$$
] $\langle if[b]^l then S_1 else S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_2, \sigma \rangle$

[
$$wh_1$$
] $\langle \text{while } [b]^l \text{ do } S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle (S; \text{ while } [b]^l \text{ do } S), \sigma \rangle$

[
$$wh_2$$
] $\langle while [b]^l do S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma$

Two rules for "conditionals", one for each possible configuration we could get into depending on which of the two branches is executed.

if
$$B[b] \sigma = true$$

if
$$B[b] \sigma = false$$

if
$$B[b] \sigma = true$$

if
$$B[b] \sigma = false$$

[ass]
$$\langle [x \coloneqq a]^l, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma[x \mapsto A[a]\sigma]$$

[skip] $\langle [skip]^l, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma$

[
$$seq_1$$
] $\frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S'_1, \sigma' \rangle}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S'_1; S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$

[
$$seq_2$$
] $\frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma'}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$

$$[\mathbf{if_1}]$$
 $\langle \text{if } [b]^l \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_1, \sigma \rangle$

$$[\mathbf{i}\mathbf{f}_2]$$
 $\langle \text{if } [b]^l \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S_2, \sigma \rangle$

$$[wh_1]$$
 $\langle \text{while } [b]^l \text{ do } S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle (S; \text{ while } [b]^l \text{ do } S), \sigma \rangle$

$$[wh_2]$$
 $\langle \text{while } [b]^l \text{ do } S, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma$

The condition b is evaluated. If true (false), the next configuration equals to execute the true (false) branch, i.e. statement S_1 (S_2) in initial state σ .

if
$$B[b] \sigma = true$$

if
$$B[\![b]\!] \sigma = false$$

if
$$B[b] \sigma = true$$

if
$$B[b] \sigma = false$$

[ass]
$$\langle [x \coloneqq a]^l, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma[x \longmapsto A[a]\sigma]$$

[
$$skip$$
] $\langle [skip]^l, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma$

[
$$seq_1$$
] $\frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S'_1, \sigma' \rangle}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S'_1; S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$

[
$$seq_2$$
] $\frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma'}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \to \langle S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$

$$[if_1]$$
 $\langle if[b]^l then S_1 else S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_1, \sigma \rangle$

[
$$if_2$$
] $\langle if[b]^l then S_1 else S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_2, \sigma \rangle$

[
$$\mathbf{w}\mathbf{h}_1$$
] $\langle \text{while } [b]^l \text{ do } S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle (S; \text{ while } [b]^l \text{ do } S), \sigma \rangle$

[
$$\mathbf{w}\mathbf{h}_2$$
] \quad \text{while } $[b]^l ext{ do } S, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma$

The body of the loop b is evaluated and two choices follows: executing the statement S at least once (and then try next iteration in the sequence) or not executing loop body at all and getting to a final state σ .

if
$$B[b] \sigma = true$$

if
$$B[b] \sigma = false$$

if
$$B[b] \sigma = true$$

if
$$B[b] \sigma = false$$

Derivation

A derivation sequence of configurations is:

- either a *finite* sequence of configurations $\langle S_1, \sigma_1 \rangle, ..., \langle S_n, \sigma_n \rangle$ satisfying $\langle S_i, \sigma_i \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_{i+1}, \sigma_{i+1} \rangle$ for all $i \in [1, n)$, and a $\langle S_n, \sigma_n \rangle \rightarrow \sigma_{i+1}$ corresponding to a terminating computation (Terminating program)
- or an *infinite* sequence of configurations $\langle S_1, \sigma_1 \rangle, ..., \langle S_n, \sigma_n \rangle, ...$ satisfying $\langle S_i, \sigma_i \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_{i+1}, \sigma_{i+1} \rangle$ for all i > 0 (Non-Terminating program)

formally defining the semantics (meaning) of a program.

Derivation: Example

$$S \triangleq (z \coloneqq x; x \coloneqq y); y \coloneqq z$$

$$\sigma(x) = x_0$$

$$\sigma(y) = y_0$$

$$\sigma(z) = 0$$

The program S (sequence of composed statements in state σ) swaps the initial states of variables x and y.

Derivation sequence (to demonstrate the correctness of S in a finite no of steps):

$$\langle (z \coloneqq x; x \coloneqq y); y \coloneqq z, \sigma \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \langle x \coloneqq y; y \coloneqq z, \sigma[z \mapsto x_0] \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \langle y \coloneqq z; \sigma[z \mapsto x_0, x \mapsto y_0] \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \sigma[z \mapsto x_0, x \mapsto y_0, y \mapsto x_0]$$

Transition justified by the following inference rules:

$$\begin{cases} [ass] & \langle z \coloneqq x, \sigma \rangle \to \sigma[z \mapsto x_0] \\ [seq_1] & \overline{\langle z \coloneqq x, x \coloneqq y, \sigma \rangle \to \langle x \coloneqq y, \sigma[z \mapsto x_0]} \\ [seq_2] & \overline{\langle (z \coloneqq x, x \coloneqq y); y \coloneqq z, \sigma \rangle} \\ & \to \langle x \coloneqq y; y \coloneqq z, \sigma[z \mapsto x_0] \rangle \end{cases}$$