

# COMP50003 Models of Computation

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# 1 Operational Semantics

**Definition 1.1 (Normal form)** An expression  $E$  is in normal form and irreducible if there is no such  $E'$  such that  $E \rightarrow E'$ . Either **answer configurations** or **stuck configurations**.

**Definition 1.2 (Strictness)** An operation is called strict in one of its arguments if it always needs to evaluate that argument.  $+$  is strict in both arguments but  $\mathcal{E}$  is a left-strict operator (non-strict in right).

## 1.1 Big-Step/Natural Semantics

- **(Determinacy)**  $\forall E \in \text{SimpleExp}. \forall n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}. [E \Downarrow n_1 \wedge E \Downarrow n_2 \Rightarrow n_1 = n_2]$ .
- **(Totality)**  $\forall E \in \text{SimpleExp}. \exists n \in \mathbb{N}. [E \Downarrow n]$ . (store breaks totality due to stuck configurations)

## 1.2 Small-Step/Structural Semantics

- **(Determinism)** For all  $E, E_1, E_2$ , if  $E \rightarrow E_1$  and  $E \rightarrow E_2$ , then  $E_1 = E_2$
- **(Confluence)** For all  $E, E_1, E_2$ , if  $E \rightarrow^* E_1$  and  $E \rightarrow^* E_2$ , then there exists  $E'$  such that  $E_1 \rightarrow^* E'$  and  $E_2 \rightarrow^* E'$
- **(Weak Normalisation)** For any expression  $E_1$  there exists a finite sequence of expressions such that for all  $i \in [1..k], E_i \rightarrow E_{i+1}$
- **(Strong Normalisation)** There are no infinite sequences of expressions such that for all  $i, E_i \rightarrow E_{i+1}$
- **(Unique Normal Form)** For all  $E, n_1, n_2$ , if  $E \rightarrow^* n_1$  and  $E \rightarrow^* n_2$  then  $n_1 = n_2$

## 1.3 Many Steps of Evaluation

**Definition 1.3 (Reflexive Transitive Closure)**  $E \rightarrow^* E'$  iff  $E = E'$  or there is a finite sequence  $E \rightarrow E_1 \dots \rightarrow E_k \rightarrow E'$

**Theorem 1.4** For all  $E$  and  $n$ ,  $E \Downarrow n$  iff  $E \rightarrow^* n$

## 1.4 Simple Expressions

$$E \in \text{SimpleExp} ::= \mathbf{n} \mid E + E \mid E \times E$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{(B-NUM)} \frac{}{n \Downarrow n} \quad \text{(B-ADD)} \frac{E_1 \Downarrow n_1 \quad E_2 \Downarrow n_2}{E_1 + E_2 \Downarrow n_3} \quad n_3 = n_1 + n_2 \\ \text{(S-LEFT)} \frac{E_1 \rightarrow E'_1}{E_1 + E_2 \rightarrow E'_1 + E_2} \quad \text{(S-RIGHT)} \frac{E \rightarrow E'}{n + E \rightarrow n + E'} \quad \text{(S-ADD)} \frac{}{n_1 + n_2 \rightarrow n_3} \quad n_3 = n_2 + n_1 \end{array}$$

## 1.5 While

$$B \in \text{Bool} ::= \mathbf{true} \mid \mathbf{false} \mid E = E \mid E < E \mid \dots \mid B \& B \mid \neg B \mid \dots$$

$$E \in \text{Exp} ::= x \mid \mathbf{n} \mid E + E \mid \dots$$

$$C \in \text{Com} ::= x := E \mid \text{if } B \text{ then } C \text{ else } C \mid C; C \mid \mathbf{skip} \mid \text{while } B \text{ do } C$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{(W-EXP.LEFT)} \frac{\langle E_1, s \rangle \rightarrow_e \langle E'_1, s' \rangle}{\langle E_1 + E_2, s \rangle \rightarrow_e \langle E'_1 + E_2, s' \rangle} \quad \text{(W-EXP.RIGHT)} \frac{\langle E, s \rangle \rightarrow_e \langle E', s' \rangle}{\langle n + E, s \rangle \rightarrow_e \langle n + E', s' \rangle} \\ \text{(W-EXP.VAR)} \frac{}{\langle x, s \rangle \rightarrow_e \langle n, s \rangle} \quad s(x) = n \quad \text{(W-EXP.ADD)} \frac{}{\langle n_1 + n_2, s \rangle \rightarrow_e \langle n_3, s \rangle} \quad n_3 = n_1 + n_2 \\ \text{(W-ASS.EXP)} \frac{\langle E, s \rangle \rightarrow_e \langle E', s' \rangle}{\langle x := E, s \rangle \rightarrow_c \langle x := E', s' \rangle} \quad \text{(W-ASS.NUM)} \frac{}{\langle x := n, s \rangle \rightarrow_c \langle \mathbf{skip}, s[x \mapsto n] \rangle} \\ \text{(W-SEQ.LEFT)} \frac{\langle C_1, s \rangle \rightarrow_c \langle C'_1, s' \rangle}{\langle C_1; C_2, s \rangle \rightarrow_c \langle C'_1; C_2, s' \rangle} \quad \text{(W-SEQ.SKIP)} \frac{}{\langle \mathbf{skip}; C_2, s \rangle \rightarrow_c \langle C_2, s \rangle} \\ \text{(W-COND.TRUE)} \frac{}{\langle \text{if true then } C_1 \text{ else } C_2, s \rangle \rightarrow_c \langle C_1, s \rangle} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{(W-COND.FALSE)} \frac{}{\langle \text{if false then } C_1 \text{ else } C_2, s \rangle \rightarrow_c \langle C_2, s \rangle} \\
\text{(W-COND.FALSE)} \frac{\langle B, s \rangle \rightarrow_b \langle B', s' \rangle}{\langle \text{if } B \text{ then } C_1 \text{ else } C_2, s \rangle \rightarrow_c \langle \text{if } B' \text{ then } C_1 \text{ else } C_2, s' \rangle} \\
\text{(W-WHILE)} \frac{}{\langle \text{while } B \text{ do } C, s \rangle \rightarrow_c \langle \text{if } B \text{ then } (C; \text{while } B \text{ do } C) \text{ else skip}, s \rangle}
\end{array}$$

## 2 Induction

$$B \in \text{Bool} ::= \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid B \& B \mid \neg B$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{(BS1)} \frac{}{\text{false} \& B_2 \rightarrow \text{false}} \quad \text{(BS2)} \frac{}{\text{true} \& B_2 \rightarrow B_2} \quad \text{(BS3)} \frac{B_1 \rightarrow B'_1}{B_1 \& B_2 \rightarrow B'_1 \& B_2} \\
\text{(BS4)} \frac{B \rightarrow B'}{\neg B \rightarrow \neg B'} \quad \text{(BS5)} \frac{}{\neg \text{true} \rightarrow \text{false}} \quad \text{(BS6)} \frac{}{\neg \text{false} \rightarrow \text{true}} \\
\text{(BL1)} \frac{B_1 \Downarrow \text{false}}{B_1 \& B_2 \Downarrow \text{false}} \quad \text{(BL2)} \frac{B_1 \Downarrow \text{true} \quad B_2 \Downarrow b}{B_1 \& B_2 \Downarrow b} \\
\text{(BL3)} \frac{B \Downarrow \text{true}}{\neg B \Downarrow \text{false}} \quad \text{(BL4)} \frac{B \Downarrow \text{false}}{\neg B \Downarrow \text{true}} \quad \text{(BL5)} \frac{}{b \Downarrow b}
\end{array}$$

### 2.1 Terms

$$\begin{aligned}
&P(\text{true}) \wedge P(\text{false}) \wedge \forall B_1, B_2 \in \text{Bool}. [P(B_1) \wedge P(B_2) \Rightarrow P(B_1 \& B_2)] \wedge \forall B \in \text{Bool}. [P(B) \Rightarrow P(\neg B)] \\
&\quad \Longrightarrow \forall B \in \text{Bool}. [P(B)]
\end{aligned}$$

Split inductive cases into further cases based on step applied

### 2.2 Derivations

$$\begin{aligned}
&\forall B_1, B_2 \in \text{Bool}. [Q(B_1, \text{false}) \Rightarrow Q(B_1 \& B_2, \text{false})] \\
&\wedge \forall B_1, B_2 \in \text{Bool}. \forall b \in \mathbb{B}. [Q(B_1, \text{true}) \wedge Q(B_2, b) \Rightarrow Q(B_1 \& B_2, b)] \\
&\wedge \forall B \in \text{Bool}. [Q(B, \text{true}) \Rightarrow Q(\neg B, \text{false})] \wedge \forall B \in \text{Bool}. [Q(B, \text{false}) \Rightarrow Q(\neg B, \text{true})] \wedge \forall b \in \mathbb{B}. [Q(b, b)] \\
&\quad \Longrightarrow \forall B \in \text{Bool}. \forall b \in \mathbb{B}. [B \Downarrow b \Rightarrow Q(B, b)]
\end{aligned}$$

### 2.3 Many Steps

$$\begin{aligned}
&R^*(a, a') \triangleq a = a' \vee \exists a'' \in A. [R(a, a'') \wedge R^*(a'', a')] \\
&\forall a \in A. Q(a, a) \wedge \forall a, a', a'' \in A. [R(a, a'') \wedge Q(a'', a') \Rightarrow Q(a, a')] \Longrightarrow \forall a, a' \in A. [R^*(a, a') \Rightarrow Q(a, a')] \\
&R^+(a, a') \triangleq R(a, a') \vee \exists a'' \in A. [R(a, a'') \wedge R^+(a'', a')] \\
&\forall a \in A. [R(a, a') \Rightarrow Q(a, a')] \wedge \forall a, a', a'' \in A. [R(a, a'') \wedge Q(a'', a') \Rightarrow Q(a, a')] \Longrightarrow \forall a, a' \in A. [R^+(a, a') \Rightarrow Q(a, a')] \\
&\forall E \in S. [\forall E_2 \in S. [(E + E_2) \rightarrow^* (E + E_2)]] \wedge \\
&\forall E_1, E'_1, E''_1 \in S. [E_1 \rightarrow E''_1 \wedge \forall E_2 \in S. [E''_1 + E_2 \rightarrow^* E'_1 + E_2]] \Rightarrow \forall E_2 \in S. [E_1 + E_2 \rightarrow^* E'_1 + E_2] \\
&\quad \Longrightarrow \forall E_1, E'_1, E_2 \in S. [E_1 \rightarrow^* E'_1 \Rightarrow (E_1 + E_2) \rightarrow^* (E'_1 + E_2)]
\end{aligned}$$

### 3 Machines

#### 3.1 Register Machine

Instructions  $L_0 : R_0^+ \rightarrow L_1 \quad L_1 : R_0^- \rightarrow L_0, L_2(R_0 > 0?L_0 : L_2) \quad L_2 : \text{HALT}$

Configuration  $c = (l, r_0, \dots, r_n)$  where  $l$  is the label and  $r_i$  is the contents of  $R_i$ , initially with  $l = 0$

**Definition 3.1 (Computable Functions)** Partial function  $f \in \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is (register machine) computable if there is a register machine  $M$  with at least  $n + 1$  registers  $R_0, R_1, \dots, R_n$  (and maybe more) such that for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$  and all  $y \in \mathbb{N}$ , the computation of  $M$  starting with  $R_0 = 0, R_1 = x_1, \dots, R_n = x_n$  and all other registers set to 0, halts with  $R_0 = y$  if and only if  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = y$ .

**Definition 3.2 (Numerical Coding of Pairs)**  $\begin{cases} \langle\langle x, y \rangle\rangle \triangleq 2^x(2y + 1) = 0b\mathbf{y}10\dots0(\mathbf{x} \text{ number of 0s}) \\ \langle x, y \rangle \triangleq 2^x(2y + 1) - 1 \end{cases}$

**Definition 3.3 (Numerical Coding of Lists)**  $\begin{cases} \lceil \square \rceil \triangleq 0 \\ \lceil x :: l \rceil \triangleq \langle\langle x, \lceil l \rceil \rangle\rangle \triangleq 2^x(2 \cdot \lceil l \rceil + 1) \end{cases}$   
 $\lceil [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \rceil = 10\dots x_n \cdot 010\dots x_{n-1} \cdot 01\dots 10\dots x_1 \cdot 0$

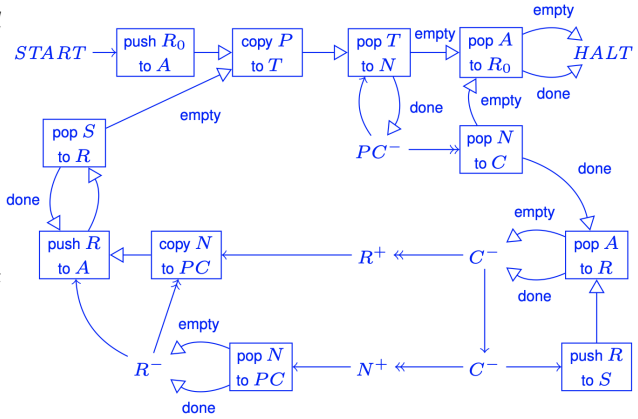
**Definition 3.4 (Numerical Coding of Programs)**  $\begin{cases} \lceil R_i^+ \rightarrow L_j \rceil \triangleq \langle\langle 2i, j \rangle\rangle \\ \lceil R_i^- \rightarrow L_j, L_k \rceil \triangleq \langle\langle 2i + 1, \langle j, k \rangle \rangle\rangle \\ \lceil \text{HALT} \rceil \triangleq 0 \end{cases}$

**Definition 3.5 (Universal Register Machine)**

Starts with  $R_0 = 0, R_1 = e$  (code of program) and  $R_2 = a$  (list of arguments) with all other registers zeroed.

- decodes  $e$  as a RM program  $P$
- decodes  $a$  as a list of register values  $a_1, \dots, a_n$
- computes  $P$  starting with  $R_0 = 0, R_1 = a_1, \dots, R_n = a_n$  and all other registers in  $P$  set to 0

$R_1$  = Program code,  $R_2$  = List of RM Arguments,  
 $R_3$  = PC,  $R_4$  = Next inst,  $R_5$  = Current inst code,  
 $R_6$  = Value of current Register,  $R_7 \& R_8$  = Scratch



**Theorem 3.6 (Halting Problem)** RM  $H$  decides the halting problem if started with  $R_0 = 0, R_1 = e$  (code of program) and  $R_2 = a$  (list of arguments) with all other registers zeroed, always halts with  $R_0 = 0$  or 1, with  $R_0 = 1$  iff the RM with index  $e$  eventually halts when started with  $a$ .

Construct  $H'$  by copying  $R_1$  to  $R_2$  before running  $H$ . Construct  $C$  by modifying  $H'$  so that  $C$  halts if  $R_0 = 0$  and loops forever if  $R_0 > 0$ . Let  $c$  be the code of  $C$ .

$C$  started with  $R_1 = c$  halts iff  $H'$  started with  $R_1 = c$  halts with  $R_0 = 0$  iff  $H$  started with  $R_1 = c, R_2 = \lceil [c] \rceil$  halts with  $R_0 = 0$  iff  $C$  started with  $R_1 = c$  does not halt.

**Definition 3.7 (Decidable)**  $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  is RM decidable iff there is a RM started with  $R_0 = 0, R_1 = x$  and all other registers zeroed halts with  $R_0 = 0$  or 1 and  $R_0 = 1$  iff  $x \in S$

**Definition 3.8 (Semidecidable)** There is a TM that always halts if the input value belongs to the set or run forever otherwise

#### 3.2 Turing Machine

$M = (Q, \Sigma, s, \delta)$  where  $Q$  is a finite set of machine states,  $\Sigma$  is a set of tape symbols containing the distinguished blank symbol  $\sqcup$ , a initial state  $s \in Q$ , and a partial transition function  $\delta \in (Q \times \Sigma) \rightarrow (Q \times \Sigma \times \{L, R\})$

Configuration  $(q, w, u)$  comprising current state  $q \in Q$ , finite possibly empty string  $w \in \Sigma^*$  of symbols left of tape head, and finite possibly empty string  $u \in \Sigma^*$  of symbols under and right of tape head.

Initial configuration of  $(s, \epsilon, u)$  with  $\epsilon$  denoting the empty string.

$$\frac{\text{first}(u)=(a,u') \quad \delta(q,a)=(q',a',L) \quad \text{last}(w)=(b,w')}{(q,w,u) \rightarrow_M (q',w',ba'u')} \quad \frac{\text{first}(u)=(a,u') \quad \delta(q,a)=(q',a',R)}{(q,w,u) \rightarrow_M (q',wa',u')}$$

**Definition 3.9 (Tape Encoding of Lists)** A tape over  $\Sigma = \{\sqcup, 0, 1\}$  where precisely two cells contain 0 and the only cells containing 1 occur between these two

...  $\sqcup \sqcup 0 1 \dots n_1 \dots 1 \sqcup 1 \dots n_2 \dots 1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup 1 \dots n_k \dots 1 0 \sqcup \sqcup$

**Definition 3.10 (Computable)**  $f \in \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is Turing computable iff there exists a TM  $M$  starting on leftmost 0 on tape coding  $[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $M$  halts iff  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \downarrow$  and the final tape codes a list whose first element is  $y$  where  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = y$ .

**Theorem 3.11 (Church-Turing Thesis)** Every algorithm can be realised as a Turing machine

### 3.3 Lambda Calculus

Redex  $(\lambda x.M)N$

**Definition 3.12 (Free Variables)**  $FV(x) = \{x\}$   $FV(\lambda x.M) = FV(M) \setminus \{x\}$   
 $FV(MN) = FV(M) \cup FV(N)$

**Definition 3.13 ( $\alpha$ -equivalence)**  $M =_\alpha N$  iff one can be obtained from another by renaming bound variables (must have same set of free variables)

**Definition 3.14 (Substitution)**

$$x[M/y] = \begin{cases} M & x = y \\ x & x \neq y \end{cases} \quad (\lambda x.N)[M/y] = \begin{cases} \lambda x.N & x = y \\ \lambda z.N[z/x][M/y] & x \neq y \end{cases} \quad (M_1 M_2)[M/y] = (M_1[M/y])(M_2[M/y])$$

**Definition 3.15 ( $\beta$ -reduction)**

$$\frac{}{(\lambda x.M)N \rightarrow_\beta M[N/x]} \quad \frac{M =_\alpha M' \quad M' \rightarrow_\beta N' \quad N' =_\alpha N}{M \rightarrow_\beta N}$$

$$\frac{M \rightarrow_\beta M'}{\lambda x.M \rightarrow_\beta \lambda x.M'} \quad \frac{M \rightarrow_\beta M' \quad N \rightarrow_\beta N'}{MN \rightarrow_\beta M'N} \quad \frac{N \rightarrow_\beta N'}{MN \rightarrow_\beta MN'}$$

**Definition 3.16 (Multi-Step  $\beta$ -reduction)**

$$\text{Reflexivity} \frac{M =_\alpha M'}{M \rightarrow_\beta^* M'} \quad \text{Transitivity} \frac{M \rightarrow_\beta M'' \quad M'' \rightarrow_\beta^* M'}{M \rightarrow_\beta^* M'}$$

**Theorem 3.17 (Church-Rosser Confluence)**

$$\forall M, M_1, M_2. [M \rightarrow_\beta^* M_1 \wedge M \rightarrow_\beta^* M_2 \Rightarrow \exists M'. M_1 \rightarrow_\beta^* M' \wedge M_2 \rightarrow_\beta^* M']$$

**Theorem 3.18 (Uniqueness of Normal Form)**

$$\forall M, N_1, N_2. [M \rightarrow_\beta^* N_1 \wedge M \rightarrow_\beta^* N_2 \wedge \text{is\_in\_nf}(N_1) \wedge \text{is\_in\_nf}(N_2) \Rightarrow N_1 =_\alpha N_2]$$

**Definition 3.19 ( $\beta$ -equivalence)**

$$M_1 =_\beta M_2 \iff \exists M'. M_1 \rightarrow_\beta^* M' \wedge M_2 \rightarrow_\beta^* M'$$

**Definition 3.20 (Reduction Strategies)**

- **Normal Order** leftmost outermost, always reduces to normal form if it exists
- **Call by Name** leftmost outermost  $\mathcal{E}$  does not reduce inside  $\lambda$ -abstraction, pass unevaluated parameters into body which are evaluated on each use
- **Call by Value** leftmost innermost  $\mathcal{E}$  does not reduce inside  $\lambda$ -abstraction, evaluated function parameters before passing them into body, terminates less often than Call by Name

**Definition 3.21 (Definability)**  $f : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is  $\lambda$ -definable iff there exists a closed  $\lambda$ -term  $M$  where  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = y$  iff  $M \underline{x_1} \dots \underline{x_n} =_\beta \underline{y}$  and  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \uparrow$  iff  $M \underline{x_1} \dots \underline{x_n}$  has no normal form

**Definition 3.22 (Encoding)**

$$\underline{n} \triangleq \lambda f. \lambda x. f(\dots n \dots (f(x)) \dots) \quad \text{plus} \triangleq \lambda m. \lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. m f(n f x) \quad \text{mult} \triangleq \lambda m. \lambda n. \lambda f. m(n f)$$

$$\underline{m}^n \triangleq \lambda m. \lambda n. n m \quad \text{if } (m=0) \text{ then } x_1 \text{ else } x_2 \triangleq \lambda m. \lambda x_1. \lambda x_2. m(\lambda z. x_2) x_1$$

$$\text{pair} \triangleq \lambda v_1, v_2. (\lambda p. p v_1 v_2) \quad \text{fst} \triangleq \lambda q. q(\lambda w_1 w_2. w_1) \quad \text{snd} \triangleq \lambda q. q(\lambda w_1 w_2. w_2)$$

**Definition 3.23 (Combinators)**  $I \triangleq \lambda x. x$   $K \triangleq \lambda x y. x$   $S \triangleq \lambda x y z. x z (y z)$   
 $T \triangleq \lambda x y. y x$   $C \triangleq \lambda x y z. x z y$   $V \triangleq \lambda x y z. z x y$   
 $B \triangleq \lambda x y z. x(y z)$   $B' \triangleq \lambda x y z. y(x z)$   $W \triangleq \lambda x y. x y y$

$Y \triangleq \lambda f. (\lambda x. f(x x))(\lambda x. f(x x))$ , after one step  $Y f \rightarrow_\beta f(Y f)$