

EECS 356: Programming Language Concepts, Written Exercise 1
due Friday, February 5, 2016 in class

Problem 1: Consider the following ambiguous BNF grammar:

```
<C>  →  <C> ? <C> : <C> | <V> = <C>
<C>  →  <C> && <C> | <C> || <C> | !<C> | <V> | true | false | (<C>)
<V>  →  x | y | z
```

Rewrite the grammar so that it is no longer ambiguous and has the following properties:

The operators have the following precedence, from highest to lowest: (), !, &&, ||, ?:, =.

The !, ?:, and = operators are right associative, and the && and || operators are left associative.

Problem 2: Consider the following grammar (yes, it is ambiguous but that is unimportant). The subscripts are used to distinguish otherwise identical non-terminals for the purpose of the questions below.

```
<start1>    →  <stmt3> ; <start3>
<start2>    →  <stmt4>
<stmt1>     →  <declare2>
<stmt2>     →  <assign2>
<declare1>  →  <type3> <var>
<type1>     →  int
<type2>     →  double
<assign1>   →  <var> = <expression3>
<expression1> →  <expression4> <op> <expression5>
<expression2> →  <value4>
<op>        →  + | - | * | ÷
<value1>    →  <var>
<value2>    →  <integer>
<value3>    →  <float>
<var>       →  a legal name in the language
<integer>   →  a base 10 representation of an integer
<float>     →  a base 10 representation of a floating point number
```

Suppose our static semantic description has five attributes:

```
type           = { integer, double }
typetable(<var>) = { integer, double, error }
inittable(<var>) = { true, false, error }
typebinding    = (<var>, { integer, double })
initialized     = (<var>, { true, false })
```

typetable maps each possible variable name to its declared type, and **inittable** maps each possible variable name to a boolean indicating whether the variable has been assigned a value. Initially, both **typetable** and **inittable** will map all possible variable names to **error** to indicate that the variables have not been declared in the program.

typebinding maps a *single* variable name to its declared type, and **initialized** maps a *single* variable name to whether it has been assigned a value.

For each subscripted non-terminal, provide a rule to calculate its *type*, *table*, *inittable*, *typebinding*, and *initialized* attributes, if that non-terminal requires that attribute. Each attribute should either be *inherited* or *synthesized*, but not both. For example, here are two such rules:

```
<value2>.type := integer
<declare1>.initialized := (<var>, false)
```

(Here I am using := to create a mapping so you can use = to mean only mathematical equality.)

Problem 3: Suppose we want to enforce the following rules in the grammar from Problem 2:

- (a) The type of the expression must match the type of the variable in all assignment statements.
- (b) A variable must be declared before it can be used.
- (c) A variable must be assigned a value as its first use in the program.

Where in the parse tree should these rules be checked (i.e. at which non-terminals), and write the precise tests that should be done at those non-terminals using the attributes available.

Problem 4: Use axiomatic semantics to prove that the postcondition is true following the execution of the program assuming the precondition is true:

Precondition: $n \geq 0$ and A contains n elements indexed from 0

```
bound = n;
while (bound > 0) {
    t = 0;
    for (i = 0; i < bound-1; i++) {
        if (A[i] > A[i+1]) {
            swap = A[i];
            A[i] = A[i+1];
            A[i+1] = swap;
            t = i+1;
        }
    }
    bound = t;
}
```

Postcondition: $A[0] \leq A[1] \leq \dots \leq A[n-1]$

Problem 5: Let M_{state} be a denotational semantic mapping that takes a syntax rule and a state and produces a state. Define the M_{state} mapping for the following three syntax rules *assuming we allow side effects*, that is, assuming expressions and conditions can change the values of variables.

```
<assign>  →  <var> = <expression>
<if>      →  if <condition> then <statement1> else <statement2>
<while>   →  while <condition> <loop body>
```

Assume we have the following mappings defined:

M_{value} takes a syntax rule and a state and produces a numeric value (or an error condition).

$M_{boolean}$ takes a syntax rule and a state and produces a **true** / **false** value (or an error condition).

M_{name} takes a syntax rule and produces a name (or an error condition).

Add takes a name, a value, and a state and produces a state that adds the pair (**name**, **value**) to the state.

Remove takes a name and a state and produces a state that removes any pair that contains the name as the first element.

You may assume the *Add* and *Remove* mappings do not produce errors.