

# Formal Semantics III: Designing Rules (Part C)

CAS CS 320: Principles of Programming Languages

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## REVIEWS FROM PRECEDING LECTURE

(April 2)

Applying The Evaluation Rules

To Our "Toy" Language –

called "StackLang" in these slides  
where we use "p/S" to denote a  
configuration instead of "(S,p)"

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StackLang is a simple stack manipulating language. When designing its operational semantics, we must account for the stack state.

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We include the stack as a part of StackLang's reduction relation.

$$P/S \rightarrow Q/R$$

This relation states that program P with stack S reduces to program Q with stack R.

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Incredibly similar to pattern matching in OCaml!

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Cannot reduce further.

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Compose together single step reductions via the transitive rule for multi-step.

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{}{\text{reflexive}} \\ \frac{(4) \quad \text{Quit ; [] / (3 :: [])} \rightarrow^* \text{Quit ; [] / (3 :: [])}}{\text{transitive}} \\ \frac{(3) \quad \text{Add ; Quit ; [] / (1 :: 2 :: [])} \rightarrow^* \text{Quit ; [] / (3 :: [])}}{\text{transitive}} \\ \frac{(2) \quad \text{Swap ; Add ; Quit ; [] / (2 :: 1 :: [])} \rightarrow^* \text{Quit ; [] / (3 :: [])}}{\text{transitive}} \\ \frac{(1) \quad \text{Push 2 ; Swap ; Add ; Quit ; [] / (1 :: [])} \rightarrow^* \text{Quit ; [] / (3 :: [])}}{\text{transitive}} \\ \text{Push 1 ; Push 2 ; Swap ; Add ; Quit ; [] / []} \rightarrow^* \text{Quit ; [] / (3 :: [])} \end{array}$$

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