

<i>stat</i>	→	<b>if</b> <i>bool_expr</i> <b>then</b> <i>stat</i> <b>else</b> <i>stat</i>   <i>stat</i> ; <i>stat</i>   <i>variable</i> := <i>expr</i>
<i>variable</i>	→	<b>x</b>   <b>y</b>   <b>z</b>   <b>w</b>   <b>u</b>   <b>v</b>
<i>expr</i>	→	<i>expr</i> + <i>expr</i>   <i>expr</i> - <i>expr</i>   <i>expr</i> * <i>expr</i>   <i>variable</i>   <b>0</b>   <b>1</b>
<i>relation</i>	→	<b>&lt;</b>   <b>=</b>   <b>&gt;</b>
<i>bool_expr</i>	→	<i>expr</i> <i>relation</i> <i>expr</i>

Figure 1: Abstract grammar for Semantics Worksheet

## Homework Assignment #4

For the sake of concreteness in this assignment assume that we have the abstract grammar shown in Figure 1. Suppose also that the set of locations is given by  $\mathcal{L} = \{x, y, z, w, u, v\}$ , that the set of values that expressions can take is  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $S_0$  be the memory state  $\mathcal{L} \times \{0\} = \{(x, 0), (y, 0), (z, 0), (w, 0), (u, 0), (v, 0)\}$ .

1. Suppose that  $S_1$  is the state  $\{(x, 2), (w, 3), (z, 1), (y, 4), (u, 0), (v, 0)\}$ , and that  $p$  is the program

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$x := y+1+1$  ;  $y := 1+1+1+1$  .

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What is  $\mathcal{C}[p](S_0)$ ? What is  $\mathcal{C}[p](S_1)$ ?

$$\mathcal{C}[p](S_0) = \{(x, 2), (w, 0), (z, 0), (y, 3), (u, 0), (v, 0)\}, \quad (1)$$

$$\mathcal{C}[p](S_1) = \{(x, 6), (w, 3), (z, 1), (y, 3), (u, 0), (v, 0)\}. \quad (2)$$

2. Discuss the claim that for any statement  $p$  in our language, we can write

$$\mathcal{C}[p](s) = s[\mathbf{x} \mapsto \phi_x(s)][\mathbf{y} \mapsto \phi_y(s)][\mathbf{z} \mapsto \phi_z(s)] \\ [\mathbf{w} \mapsto \phi_w(s)][\mathbf{u} \mapsto \phi_u(s)][\mathbf{v} \mapsto \phi_v(s)]$$

for suitable functions  $\phi_x, \phi_y, \phi_z, \phi_w, \phi_u,$  and  $\phi_v$ .

All programs halt and never produce errors and always produce the same result for a given state of memory, so  $\mathcal{C}[p](s) = \theta(s)$  for some function  $\theta$ . For a given state  $s$ ,  $\theta(s)$  has a value for each variable, so we can define functions

$$\begin{array}{lll} \phi_x(s) = \theta(s)(\mathbf{x}) & \phi_y(s) = \theta(s)(\mathbf{y}) & \phi_z(s) = \theta(s)(\mathbf{z}) \\ \phi_w(s) = \theta(s)(\mathbf{w}) & \phi_u(s) = \theta(s)(\mathbf{u}) & \phi_v(s) = \theta(s)(\mathbf{v}) \end{array}$$

It's now just a matter of boring computation to show that these are the right functions. For instance we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}[p](s)(\mathbf{w}) &= s[\mathbf{x} \mapsto \phi_x(s)][\mathbf{y} \mapsto \phi_y(s)][\mathbf{z} \mapsto \phi_z(s)] \\ &\quad [\mathbf{w} \mapsto \phi_w(s)][\mathbf{u} \mapsto \phi_u(s)][\mathbf{v} \mapsto \phi_v(s)](\mathbf{w}) \\ &= s[\mathbf{x} \mapsto \phi_x(s)][\mathbf{y} \mapsto \phi_y(s)][\mathbf{z} \mapsto \phi_z(s)] \\ &\quad [\mathbf{w} \mapsto \phi_w(s)][\mathbf{u} \mapsto \phi_u(s)](\mathbf{w}) && \text{because } \mathbf{w} \neq \mathbf{v} \\ &= s[\mathbf{x} \mapsto \phi_x(s)][\mathbf{y} \mapsto \phi_y(s)][\mathbf{z} \mapsto \phi_z(s)] \\ &\quad [\mathbf{w} \mapsto \phi_w(s)](\mathbf{w}) && \text{because } \mathbf{w} \neq \mathbf{u} \\ &= \phi_w(s) && \text{because } \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} \\ &= \theta(s)(\mathbf{w}) && \text{by definition} \end{aligned}$$

3. Suppose that we extend the abstract syntax of statements so that we can write empty statements, for instance,  $;;$ ;  $\mathbf{x}:=1+1$ ;  $;$ . What should the meaning of the empty statement be? The meaning of a statement should be a function from states to states that does nothing, that is the identity function:

$$\mathcal{C}[;](S) = S. \tag{3}$$

4. Completely write out the formal denotational semantics for the programming language shown in Figure 1 using functions  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$ , and  $\mathcal{E}$ , where the domains and co-domains are specified as follows:

function	domain	co-domain
$\mathcal{C}$	<i>stat</i>	$\mathcal{S} \mapsto \mathcal{S}$
$\mathcal{E}$	<i>expr</i>	$\mathcal{S} \mapsto \mathbb{Z}$
$\mathcal{B}$	<i>bool_expr</i>	$\mathcal{S} \mapsto \{\mathsf{T}, \mathsf{F}\}$

In the following equations  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are meta-syntactic variables that range over statements (*stat*);  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are meta-syntactic variables that range over expressions (*expr*); and  $v_1$  is a meta-syntactic variable that ranges over  $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$  (*variable*). We let  $S$  stand for a memory state, that is a function in  $\mathbb{Z}^{\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}}$ .

$$\mathcal{C}[\text{if } e_1 \text{ then } s_1 \text{ else } s_2](S) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{C}[s_1](S) & \text{if } \mathcal{B}[e_1](S) = \mathsf{T} \\ \mathcal{C}[s_2](S) & \text{if } \mathcal{B}[e_1](S) = \mathsf{F} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

$$\mathcal{C}[s_1; s_2] = \mathcal{C}[s_2] \circ \mathcal{C}[s_1] \quad (5)$$

$$\mathcal{C}[v_1 := e_1](S) = S[v_1 \mapsto \mathcal{E}[e_1](S)] \quad (6)$$

$$\mathcal{E}[e_1 + e_2](S) = \mathcal{E}[e_1](S) + \mathcal{E}[e_2](S) \quad (7)$$

$$\mathcal{E}[e_1 * e_2](S) = \mathcal{E}[e_1](S) \times \mathcal{E}[e_2](S) \quad (8)$$

$$\mathcal{E}[e_1 - e_2](S) = \mathcal{E}[e_1](S) - \mathcal{E}[e_2](S) \quad (9)$$

$$\mathcal{E}[v](S) = S(v) \quad (10)$$

$$\mathcal{E}[1](S) = 1 \quad (11)$$

$$\mathcal{E}[0](S) = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$\mathcal{B}[e_1 < e_2](S) = \begin{cases} \mathsf{T} & \text{if } \mathcal{E}[e_1](S) < \mathcal{E}[e_2](S), \\ \mathsf{F} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

$$\mathcal{B}[e_1 = e_2](S) = \begin{cases} \mathsf{T} & \text{if } \mathcal{E}[e_1](S) = \mathcal{E}[e_2](S), \\ \mathsf{F} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

$$\mathcal{B}[e_1 > e_2](S) = \begin{cases} \mathsf{T} & \text{if } \mathcal{E}[e_1](S) > \mathcal{E}[e_2](S), \\ \mathsf{F} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (15)$$