

# « Operational semantics »

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Noam Chomsky



Donald E. Knuth

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## Parsing and Translation

## Principle of Parsing and Translation

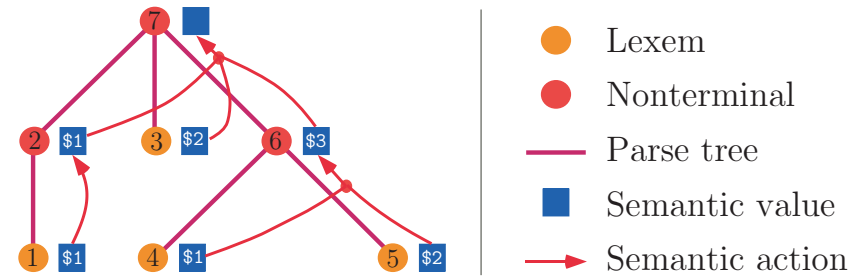
## Principle of the lexer

- The *lexems*<sup>1</sup> (or *tokens*) are described by a **regular expression**;
- The regular expression is translated (by `ocamllex`) into a **finite automaton** and next into a **lexer**, that is a program transforming **sequences of characters** into a **lexems**
- In the lexer, the **semantic actions** are in charge of the translation of each lexem into a **semantic value**<sup>2</sup> (also called *attribute*)
- By composition the lexer maps the program file into a sequence of lexems with associated semantic values

<sup>1</sup> i.e.: elementary meaningful pieces of text such as a reserved word like `begin`, a user-defined identifier, a symbol like `<=`, etc.

<sup>2</sup> For example the semantic value associated to a text `12345` is the numerical value of the number in base 10.

## Principle of the translation



In conclusion, the parser executes the semantic actions to compute semantic values in the order of exploration of the virtual parse tree from bottom-up and left to right

## Principle of the parser

- The program structure is described by a **grammar**<sup>3</sup> specifying a **syntax tree** of the program (considered as a sequence of lexems)
- The grammar is translated (by `ocamlyacc`) into a **stack automaton** and next into a **parser**, that is a program exploring the program syntax tree from bottom-up and left to right
- In the parser, the **semantic actions** are in charge of the translation of each grammar rule into a **semantic value** (reusing the translation of the immediate derivatives of the rule)

<sup>3</sup> technically for YACC and `ocamlyacc` the context-free grammar must be in the class LALR(1), otherwise ambiguities have to be solved by hand.

## The calculator example

Parse and execute a sequence of commands. A command assigns a value to a variable or computes the value of an arithmetic expression.

```
% ./calculator
X:=1; Y:=2; Z:=3; (X+Y)*Z+4
X = 1;
Y = 2;
Z = 3;
13
X:=1; Y:=2; *X
X = 1;
Y = 2;
Syntax error ...
1
%
```

## The calculator grammar

```
prog ::= list           Program
list ::= cmd ; list    List of commands
      | cmd
cmd ::= assign         Command
     | expr
assign ::= IDENT := expr Assignment
expr ::= expr + expr   Expression
      | expr - expr
      | expr * expr
      | expr / expr
      | - expr
      | ( expr )
      | IDENT          Identifier lexem ([a-z][A-Z])([a-z][A-Z][0-9])*
      | NUM            Number lexem [0-9]+
```

## The lexer generator

- The user provides a **specification of the lexems** (and of the corresponding semantic values) by an **alternative regular expression** (and semantic actions written in Ocaml for each alternative);
- The **recognized lexem** is the longest generated by an alternative of the regular expression;
- When a lexem is recognized, a value (of type **token**) is returned, as specified by the semantic action associated with that alternative;
- The type **token** is defined later (with the grammar);
- The **ocamllex** version of LEX will automatically construct a lexer in Ocaml from that specification.

## The Lexer

## The calculator lexer

```
1 (* File calculatorLEX.mll *)
2 {
3   open CalculatorYACC;; (* Type token defined in CalculatorYACC.mli *)
4   exception Eof;;
5 }
6 rule token = parse
7   [ ' ' '\t' ] { token lexbuf } (* skip blanks and tabs *)
8   | [ '\n' ]   { EOL } (* end of line *)
9   | ([ 'a'-'z' ] | [ 'A'-'Z' ])([ 'a'-'z' ] | [ 'A'-'Z' ] | [ '0'-'9' ])* as idt
10      { IDENT idt }
11   | [ '0'-'9' ]+ as num
12      { NUM (int_of_string num) }
13   | ';'       { SEMICOLON }
14   | ':' '='   { ASSIGN }
```

```

15 | '+'      { PLUS }
16 | '-'      { MINUS }
17 | '*'      { TIMES }
18 | '/'      { DIV }
19 | '('      { LPAREN }
20 | ')'      { RPAREN }
21 | eof      { raise Eof } (* end of file *)

```

## Regular expressions

'c'	character c;
-	any character;
eof	end of file;
" string "	character string;
[ C ]	set of characters;
[ ^ C ]	character set complement;
$\rho^*$	repetition zero or several times;
$\rho^+$	repetition one or more times;
$\rho?$	empty or $\rho$ ;
$\rho_1 \mid \rho_2$	union of languages;
$\rho_1 \rho_2$	concatenation;
( $\rho$ )	parentheses.

## Syntax of the lexical definitions

```

{ OCAML text 4 (* header *) }
rule lexem =
  parse regular expression1 { semantic action1 }
  | ...
  | regular expression2 as lxm { semantic action2 }
and lexem =
  parse ...
and ...
;;

```

<sup>4</sup> Including the declaration of the type of the semantic values returned by the lexems as generated by the compilation of the parser.

## Character sets

' c '	character;
' c <sub>1</sub> ' - ' c <sub>2</sub> '	character interval <sup>5</sup> ;
$C_1 \wedge C_2$	union of character sets.

<sup>5</sup> in ASCII order.

## Lexer semantic actions

- After a regular expression, the clause `as ident` assigns the character string recognized by the corresponding alternative of the regular expression to `ident`. This value can then be used in the corresponding semantic action<sup>6</sup>;
- In the Lexing module, `lexbuf` is a lexer buffer (of type `lexbuf`) created either from a file channel or from a character string:

```
val from_channel : in_channel -> lexbuf
val from_string  : string    -> lexbuf
```

<sup>6</sup> As `lxm` in `semantic.action2`.



## The Parser



## Types of the lexem semantic values<sup>7</sup>

```
22 type token =
23   | EOL
24   | SEMICOLON
25   | ASSIGN
26   | PLUS
27   | MINUS
28   | TIMES
29   | DIV
30   | LPAREN
31   | RPAREN
32   | IDENT of ( string )
33   | NUM of ( int )
34
35 val prog :
36   (Lexing.lexbuf -> token) -> Lexing.lexbuf -> unit
```

<sup>7</sup> The file `calculatorYACC.ml1` is automatically generated (together with the parser `calculatorYACC.ml1`) by `ocamlyacc` from `calculatorYACC.mly`. It is then used by the lexer generator `ocamllex` to determine the type of the semantic values returned by lexems.



## The parser generator

- The user provides a list of `lexems` and a grammar `grammar`<sup>8</sup> with `semantic actions` (written in `Ocaml`)
- The `ocamlyacc` version of YACC [3] in `Ocaml` will generate a `bottom-up, left-to-right syntax analyzer` and the type (`token`) for the `lexem semantic values`;

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[3] Stephen C. Johnson. "YACC: Yet another compiler-compiler". Unix Programmer's Manual, Vol. 2b, 1979.

<sup>8</sup> technically for YACC and `ocamlyacc` the context-free grammar must be in the class `LALR(1)`, otherwise ambiguities have to be solved by hand.



## Parsing

- The **parsing** of a sequence of lexems:
  - corresponds to the **traversal** of the syntactic tree, if any<sup>9</sup>, from **left-to-right** and **bottom-up**;
  - calls the lexer to successively get the **lexems in sequence**;
  - returns for each nonterminal the **semantic value** computed by the corresponding semantic action.

<sup>9</sup> If the sentence cannot be parsed by the grammar, the parser stops at the first error.



## The calculator parser

```
37 /* File calculatorYACC.mly */
38
39 %{ (* header *)
40
41 type symbTable = (string * int) list ;;
42
43 let sb = ref([] : symbTable) ;;
44
45 let getvalue x =
46   if (List.mem_assoc x !sb) then
47     (List.assoc x !sb)
48   else
49     0;;
50
```



## Grammar semantic actions

- The semantic value of the lefthand side nonterminal  $X$  of a grammar rule

$$X ::= X_1 \dots X_n \quad \{\text{semantic\_action}(\$1, \dots, \$n)\}$$

is defined as the value of `semantic_action($1, ..., $n)`.

It depends upon the semantic values  $\$1, \dots, \$n$  of the lexems and nonterminals  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  appearing on the righthand side of the rule (and, maybe, on the values of global variables such as symbol tables<sup>10</sup>).

<sup>10</sup> The symbol table essentially records the user-defined identifiers.



```
51 let rec except x l = match l with
52   [] -> []
53 | h::t -> if (h = x) then t
54           else h::(except x t)
55
56 let setvalue x v =
57   (print_string (x ^ " = "); print_int (v);
58    print_string "\n"; flush stdout;
59    if (List.mem_assoc x !sb) then
60      sb := (x, v) :: (except (x, (List.assoc x !sb)) !sb)
61    else
62      sb := (x, v) :: !sb
63   );;
64
65 %} /* declarations */
66
67 %token EOL SEMICOLON ASSIGN PLUS /* lexer tokens */
68 %token MINUS TIMES DIV LPAREN RPAREN
```



```

69 %token < string > IDENT
70 %token < int > NUM
71 %start prog                /* the entry point */
72 %type <unit> prog
73 %type <int> list
74 %type <int> cmd
75 %type <int> assign
76 %type <int> expr
77 %left PLUS MINUS          /* lowest precedence */
78 %left TIMES DIV           /* medium precedence */
79 %nonassoc UMINUS         /* highest precedence */
80
81 %% /* rules */
82
83 prog :
84     list EOL { print_int $1 ; print_newline(); flush stdout; () }
85
86 list :

```



```

105 | NUM                { $1 }
106
107 %% (* trailer *)

```



```

87     cmd SEMICOLON list { $3 }
88 | cmd                { $1 }
89
90 cmd :
91     assign { $1 }
92 | expr { $1 }
93
94 assign :
95     IDENT ASSIGN expr { (setvalue $1 $3) ; $3 }
96
97 expr :
98     expr PLUS expr    { $1 + $3 }
99 | expr MINUS expr    { $1 - $3 }
100 | expr TIMES expr   { $1 * $3 }
101 | expr DIV expr     { $1 / $3 }
102 | MINUS expr %prec UMINUS { - $2 }
103 | LPAREN expr RPAREN { $2 }
104 | IDENT             { (getvalue $1) }

```



## Metasyntax of the syntactic definitions

```

%{
(* prelude, Ocaml code *)
%}
/* declarations */
%%
/* grammar rules */
%%
(* postlude, Ocaml code *)

```

The grammar must be in the LALR(1) class. Otherwise, ambiguities can be explicitly solved by priorities specified by precedence declarations.



## Token declarations

### Declarations :

```
%token terminal...terminal          lexems11;  
%token < type > terminal...terminal  type of the  
lexem semantic values12;
```

<sup>11</sup> used as constructors in the token type.

<sup>12</sup> used as parameterized constructors in the token type with qualified type type as argument.



## Priority/precedence declarations

```
%left terminal...terminal          lexems with same  
                                     precedence, left-associative;  
%right terminal...terminal         lexems with same  
                                     precedence, right-associative;  
%nonassoc terminal...terminal      lexems with same  
                                     precedence, non associative;
```

These precedence declarations are given in order, from lowest to highest priorities.



## Axiom and non-terminal declarations

```
%start non-terminal...non-terminal  axioms of the  
grammar13;  
%type < type > non-terminal...non-terminal  type  
of the semantic values of the non-terminals14;
```

<sup>13</sup> for which a syntax analysis function « non-terminal lexem lexbuf » is generated (where « lexem » is created by LEX and « lexbuf » is a lexical buffer).

<sup>14</sup> strictly required for the grammar axioms only.



## Grammar rules

### Rules:

```
non-terminal :  
    symbol ... symbol { semantic action }  
    | ...  
    | symbol ... symbol %prec terminal { semantic action }  
    | symbol ... symbol { semantic action }  
    ;
```

*Symbol:* lexem or grammar non-terminal (their syntax is that of Ocaml identifiers);





*Precedence*<sup>15</sup> : « %prec terminal » indicates that the priority and 'associativity of the rule will be defined by the precedence and associativity declarations for the « terminal » (which can be fictitious, as UMINUS);

*Semantic actions*: Ocaml expressions where \$i denote the semantic value of the i<sup>th</sup> lexical or syntactic symbol, counted from left to right, starting from 1;

<sup>15</sup> can be used to solve conflicts for ambiguous grammars. The option -v of ocaml yacc can be used to report on all conflicts. For specialists, a reduce/reduce conflict is solved according to the order of the grammar rules. A shift/reduction conflict is solved in favor of the shift. These default rules can be changed thanks to the precedence declarations.



## The calculator

```
108 (* File calculator.ml *)
109 open Parsing;;
110 try
111   let lexbuf = Lexing.from_channel stdin in
112   while true do
113     try
114       CalculatorYACC.prog CalculatorLEX.token lexbuf
115     with Parse_error ->
116       (print_string "Syntax error ..." ; print_newline ()) ;
117     clear_parser ()
118   done
119 with CalculatorLEX.Eof ->
120   ()
121 ;;
```



## Generation and compilation of the parser and lexer

Given the grammar parser.mly and lexer lexer.mll specifications:

1) The Ocaml lexer `lexer.ml` is generated by:

```
ocamllex lexer.mll;
```

2) The Ocaml parser `parser.ml` and a file `parser.mli` containing the `token` type are generated by:

```
ocamlyacc syntax.mly;
```

3) The Ocaml files `parser.mli` (defining the token type), `lexer.ml` (using the token type) and `syntax.ml` are compiled;

4) The parsing functions for the grammar axioms can then be used in the main program.



## Compilation of the calculator (makefile)

```
122 # make delete
123 # script calculator.typescript
124 # make
125 # ^D
126
127 .PHONY : all
128 all :
129   ls
130   @echo '# Lexer specification:'
131   cat calculatorLEX.mll
132   @echo '# Lexer creation:'
133   ocamllex calculatorLEX.mll
134   ls
135   @echo '# Parser specification:'
```



```

136 cat calculatorYACC.mly
137 @echo '# Parser creation:'
138 ocaml yacc calculatorYACC.mly
139 ls
140 @echo '# Types of lexem returned values:'
141 cat calculatorYACC.mli
142 @echo '# Compilation of the lexer and parser:'
143 ocamlc -c calculatorYACC.mli
144 ocamlc -c calculatorLEX.ml
145 ocamlc -c calculatorYACC.ml
146 @echo '# Specification of the calculator'
147 cat calculator.ml
148 ocamlc -c calculator.ml
149 @echo '# Linking and code generation for the lexer, '
150 @echo '# parser and calculator:'
151 ocamlc -o calculator calculatorLEX.cmo calculatorYACC.cmo \
152 calculator.cmo
153 ls

```



## Examples of execution of the calculator

```

166 Script started on Sat Feb 26 14:52:00 2005
167 % make
168
169 ls
170 README          calculator.typescript  calculatorYACC.mly
171 calculator.ml    calculatorLEX.mli      makefile
172 # Lexer specification:
173 cat calculatorLEX.mli
174 (* File calculatorLEX.mli *)
175 {
176 open CalculatorYACC;; (* Type token defined in CalculatorYACC.mli *)
177 exception Eof;;
178 }
179 rule token = parse

```



```

154 @echo '# Using the calculator:'
155 echo "X:=1; Y:=2; Z:= 3; (X+Y)*Z+4" | ./calculator
156 echo "X:=1; Y:=2; *X; X" | ./calculator
157
158 .PHONY : clean
159 clean :
160 @-/bin/rm -f *.cmo *.cmi calculatorLEX.ml calculatorYACC.mli \
161 calculatorYACC.ml || true
162
163 .PHONY : delete
164 delete : clean
165 @-/bin/rm -f calculator typescript

```



```

334
335 echo "X:=1; Y:=2; *X; X" | ./calculator
336 X = 1;
337 Y = 2;
338 Syntax error ...
339
340 % ^Dexit
341
342 Script done on Sat Feb 26 14:52:12 2005

```



# Operational Semantics

# Concrete Syntax of the Simple Imperative Language (SIL)



John McCarthy



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# Concrete Syntax of Numbers and Variables

The Simple Imperative Language (SIL) has the following concrete syntax:

- Spaces, tabulations and end of lines are ignored
- Comments are between percent (%) characters with no % inside
- $\text{NAT} ::= (0|1|\dots|9)^+$  natural numbers<sup>16</sup>
- $\text{LETTER} ::= a|\dots|z|A|\dots|Z$  letters
- $\text{VAR} ::= \text{LETTER}(\text{LETTER}|\text{NAT})^*$  variables<sup>17</sup>

<sup>16</sup>  $x^+$  means  $\underbrace{x\dots x}_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$

<sup>17</sup>  $x^*$  means  $\underbrace{x\dots x}_n$ ,  $n \geq 0$  i.e. empty string when  $n = 0$

## Concrete Syntax of Arithmetic Expressions

<b>Aexp ::=</b>	Arithmetic expression
?	random value
NAT	natural number
VAR	variable
Aexp + Aexp	addition
Aexp - Aexp	subtraction
Aexp * Aexp	multiplication
Aexp / Aexp	division
Aexp mod Aexp	modulo
+ Aexp	identity
- Aexp	opposite
(Aexp)	parentheses

## Priority of operators

Operator	Priority	Associativity
	1 (lowest)	left
&	2	left
¬	3	right (unary)
<, <=, =, >, >=	4	none
+, -	5	left (binary)
*, /, mod	6	left
+, -	7 (highest)	right (unary)

## Concrete Syntax of Boolean Expressions

<b>Bexp ::=</b>	Boolean expression
true	truth
false	falsity
Aexp < Aexp	strictly less than
Aexp <= Aexp	less than or equal
Aexp = Aexp	equal
Aexp >= Aexp	greater than or equal
Aexp > Aexp	strictly greater than
Bexp   Bexp	disjunction
Bexp & Bexp	conjunction
¬ Bexp	negation
(Bexp)	parentheses

## Concrete Syntax of Commands

<b>Com ::=</b>	Commands
skip	void
VAR := Aexp	assignment
if Bexp then LCo else LCo fi	test
while Bexp do LCo od	iteration
<b>LCo ::=</b>	List of commands
Com	
Com ; LCo	

## Concrete Syntax of Programs

$\text{Prog} ::=$  Programs  
LCo;;



## Abstract Syntax of Numbers and Variables

### Numbers

$d \in \text{Digit} ::= 0 \mid 1 \mid \dots \mid 9$  digits,  
 $n \in \text{Nat} ::= \text{Digit} \mid \text{Nat Digit}$  numbers in decimal notation.

### Variables

$x \in \mathbb{V}$  variables/identifiers.



## Abstract Syntax of the Simple Imperative Language (SIL)

## Abstract Syntax of Arithmetic Expressions

### Arithmetic expressions

$A \in \text{Aexp} ::=$  n numbers,  
| X variables,  
| ? random machine integer,  
| + A | - A unary operators,  
|  $A_1 + A_2$  |  $A_1 - A_2$  binary operators,  
|  $A_1 * A_2$  |  $A_1 / A_2$   
|  $A_1 \bmod A_2$  .



## Abstract Syntax of Boolean Expressions

### *Arithmetic expressions*

$A_1, A_2 \in \text{Aexp}$  .

### *Boolean expressions*

$B, B_1, B_2 \in \text{Bexp} ::=$	true	truth,
	false	falsity,
	$A_1 = A_2 \mid A_1 < A_2$	arithmetic comparison,
	$B_1 \& B_2$	conjunction,
	$B_1 \mid B_2$	disjunction.

## Abstract Syntax of Programs

### *Program*

$P \in \text{Prog} ::= S ; ;$  program.

## Abstract Syntax of Commands

### *Commands*

$C \in \text{Com} ::=$	skip	identity,
	$X := A$	assignment,
	if $B$ then $S_1$ else $S_2$ fi	conditional,
	while $B$ do $S$ od	iteration.

### *List of commands*

$S, S_1, S_2 \in \text{Seq} ::=$	$C$	command,
	$C ; S$	sequence.

Implementation of the syntax of the  
Simple Imperative Language (SIL)  
in OCaml

## Program Variables

Variables are implicitly declared. The free variables

$$\text{Var} \in (\text{Prog} \cup \text{Com} \cup \text{Seq} \cup \text{Aexp} \cup \text{Bexp}) \mapsto \wp(\mathbb{V})$$

are defined by structural induction<sup>18</sup> for *programs* ( $S \in \text{Seq}$ )

$$\text{Var}[S ; ;] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Var}[S]$$

<sup>18</sup> Note that the relation "is an immediate component of" (e.g.  $S$  is an immediate component of  $P = S ; ;$ ) is well-founded so that the recursive definition is well-defined and unique.



*arithmetic expressions* ( $n \in \text{Nat}$ ,  $X \in \mathbb{V}$ ,  $u \in \{+, -\}$ ,  $A_1, A_2 \in \text{Aexp}$ ,  $b \in \{+, -, *, /, \text{mod}\}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[n] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset & \text{Var}[u A_1] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Var}[A_1] \\ \text{Var}[X] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{X\} & \text{Var}[A_1 b A_2] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Var}[A_1] \cup \text{Var}[A_2] \\ \text{Var}[?] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

and *boolean expressions* ( $A_1, A_2 \in \text{Aexp}$ ,  $r \in \{=, <\}$ ,  $B_1, B_2 \in \text{Bexp}$ ,  $l \in \{\&, |\}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[\text{true}] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset, & \text{Var}[A_1 r A_2] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Var}[A_1] \cup \text{Var}[A_2] \\ \text{Var}[\text{false}] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset, & \text{Var}[B_1 l B_2] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Var}[B_1] \cup \text{Var}[B_2] \end{aligned}$$



*list of commands* ( $C \in \text{Com}$ ,  $S \in \text{Seq}$ )

$$\text{Var}[C ; S] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Var}[C] \cup \text{Var}[S]$$

*commands* ( $X \in \mathbb{V}$ ,  $A \in \text{Aexp}$ ,  $B \in \text{Bexp}$ ,  $S, S_t, S_f \in \text{Seq}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[\text{skip}] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset \\ \text{Var}[X := A] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{X\} \cup \text{Var}[A] \\ \text{Var}[\text{if } B \text{ then } S_t \text{ else } S_f \text{ fi}] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Var}[B] \cup \text{Var}[S_t] \cup \text{Var}[S_f] \\ \text{Var}[\text{while } B \text{ do } S \text{ od}] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Var}[B] \cup \text{Var}[S] \end{aligned}$$



## Symbol table

The symbol table records the list of program variables (each being assigned a unique number).

```
1 (* symbol_Table.mli *)
2 (* initialization of the symbol table to empty *)
3 val init_symb_table : unit -> unit
4 (* variables are represented by their rank *)
5 type variable = int
6 (* if absent, add variable with given string to symbol table *)
7 (* and return its rank *)
8 val add_symb_table : string -> variable
9 (* number of variables in the symbol table *)
10 val number_of_variables : unit -> int
11 (* string of given variable in the symbol table *)
12 val string_of_variable : variable -> string
```



```

13 (* print given program variable *)
14 val print_variable : variable -> unit
15 (* (for_all_variables f) iterates application of f to all *)
16 (* variables in the symbol table *)
17 val for_all_variables : (variable -> 'a) -> unit
18 (* (print_map_variables f) prints {...; vi : f vi;...} for *)
19 (* all variables vi in the symbol table *)
20 val print_map_variables : (variable -> unit) -> unit
21 (* map_variables p = (p v0) (p v1) ... (p vn-2) (p vn-1) *)
22 (* where v0, ..., vn-1 are the n >= 0 program variables *)
23 val map_variables : (variable -> unit) -> unit
24 (* map2_variables p q = *)
25 (* (p v0) (q v1) (p v1) ... (p vn-2) (q vn-1) (p vn-1) *)
26 (* where v0, ..., vn-1 are the n >= 0 program variables *)
27 val map2_variables : (variable -> unit) ->
28 (variable -> unit) -> unit

```

See symbol\_Table.ml for the OCaml implementation.



```

40 (* variables.ml *)
41 open Symbol_Table
42 type variable = Symbol_Table.variable
43 let number_of_variables = number_of_variables
44 let for_all_variables = for_all_variables
45 let print_variable = print_variable
46 let print_map_variables = print_map_variables
47 let map_variables = map_variables
48 let map2_variables = map2_variables
49 let string_of_variable = string_of_variable

```



## Variables

Provides an abstract view of the symbol table where the only visible operations are those on variables:

```

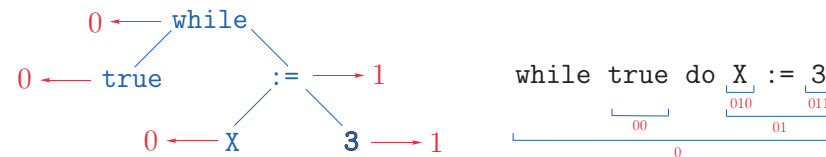
29 (* variables.mli *)
30 open Symbol_Table
31 type variable = Symbol_Table.variable
32 val number_of_variables : unit -> int
33 val for_all_variables : (variable -> 'a) -> unit
34 val print_variable : variable -> unit
35 val print_map_variables : (variable -> unit) -> unit
36 val map_variables : (variable -> unit) -> unit
37 val map2_variables : (variable -> unit) ->
38 (variable -> unit) -> unit
39 val string_of_variable : variable -> string

```



## Program Components

- Program components can be uniquely identified by the Dewey notation for trees:



written:

$[while [true]_{00} do [[X]_{010} := [3]_{011}]_{01} od]_0$





$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cmp}[S ; ;] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{[S ; ;]_0\} \cup \text{Cmp}^0[S], \\ \text{Cmp}^\pi[C_1 ; \dots ; C_n] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{[C_1 ; \dots ; C_n]_\pi\} \\ &\quad \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^n \text{Cmp}^{\pi, i-1}[C_i], \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Cmp}^\pi[\text{if } B \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \text{ fi}] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{[\text{if } B \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \text{ fi}]_\pi\} \cup \text{Cmp}^{\pi, 0}[S_1] \cup \text{Cmp}^{\pi, 1}[S_2],$$

$$\text{Cmp}^\pi[\text{while } B \text{ do } S_1 \text{ od}] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{[\text{while } B \text{ do } S_1 \text{ od}]_\pi\} \cup \text{Cmp}^{\pi, 0}[S_1],$$

$$\text{Cmp}^\pi[X := A] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{[X := A]_\pi\},$$

$$\text{Cmp}^\pi[\text{skip}] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{[\text{skip}]_\pi\}.$$



## Program labelling

- In the abstract syntax, it is assumed that all program components (in  $\text{Cmp}[P]$ ) of a program  $P$  are uniquely labelled by labels  $\ell \in \text{Lab}$  designating program points ( $P \in \text{Prog}$ ):

$$\text{at}_P \in \text{Cmp}[P] \mapsto \text{Lab},$$

$\text{at}_P[C]$  is the label before component  $C$

$$\text{after}_P \in \text{Cmp}[P] \mapsto \text{Lab},$$

$\text{after}_P[C]$  is the label after component  $C$

$$\text{in}_P \in \text{Cmp}[P] \mapsto \wp(\text{Lab})$$

$\text{in}_P[C]$  is the set of labels of the subcomponents of component  $C$



For example:

$\text{Cmp}[\text{skip} ; \text{skip} ; ;] = \{[\text{skip} ; \text{skip} ; ;]_0, [\text{skip}]_{00}, [\text{skip}]_{01}\}$   
so that the two occurrences of the same command `skip` within the program `skip ; skip ; ;` can be formally distinguished.

Program components labelling is defined as follows (for short we leave positions implicit, writing  $C$  for  $[C]_\pi$  and assuming that the rules for designating subcomponents of a component are clear from page 65)

$$\forall C \in \text{Cmp}[P] : \text{at}_P[C] \neq \text{after}_P[C]. \quad (1)$$

If  $C = \text{skip} \in \text{Cmp}[P]$  or  $C = X := A \in \text{Cmp}[P]$  then

$$\text{in}_P[C] = \{\text{at}_P[C], \text{after}_P[C]\}. \quad (2)$$



If  $S = C_1; \dots; C_n \in \text{Cmp}[P]$  where  $n \geq 1$  is a sequence of commands, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{at}_P[S] &= \text{at}_P[C_1] \\
 \text{after}_P[S] &= \text{after}_P[C_n] \\
 \text{in}_P[S] &= \bigcup_{i=1}^n \text{in}_P[C_i] \\
 \forall i \in [1, n]: \text{after}_P[C_i] &= \text{at}_P[C_{i+1}] = \\
 &\quad \text{in}_P[C_i] \cap \text{in}_P[C_{i+1}], \\
 \forall i, j \in [1, n]: (j \neq i-1 \wedge j \neq i+1) &\implies \\
 &\quad (\text{in}_P[C_i] \cap \text{in}_P[C_j] = \emptyset)
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

If  $C = \text{while } B \text{ do } S \text{ od} \in \text{Cmp}[P]$  is an iteration command, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{in}_P[C] &= \{\text{at}_P[C], \text{after}_P[C]\} \cup \text{in}_P[S] \\
 \{\text{at}_P[C], \text{after}_P[C]\} \cap \text{in}_P[S] &= \emptyset
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

If  $C = \text{if } B \text{ then } S_t \text{ else } S_f \text{ fi} \in \text{Cmp}[P]$  is a conditional command, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{in}_P[C] &= \{\text{at}_P[C], \text{after}_P[C]\} \cup \text{in}_P[S_t] \cup \text{in}_P[S_f] \\
 \{\text{at}_P[C], \text{after}_P[C]\} \cap (\text{in}_P[S_t] \cup \text{in}_P[S_f]) &= \emptyset \\
 \text{in}_P[S_t] \cap \text{in}_P[S_f] &= \emptyset
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

If  $P = S ; ; \in \text{Cmp}[P]$  is a program, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{at}_P[P] &= \text{at}_P[S], \\
 \text{after}_P[P] &= \text{after}_P[S], \\
 \text{in}_P[P] &= \text{in}_P[S]
 \end{aligned}$$

## Abstract Syntax

The abstract syntax is a program representation as a tree structure:

```

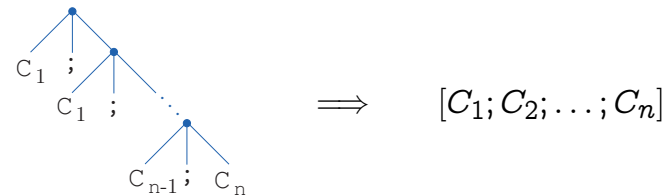
50 (* abstract_Syntax.ml *)
51 type variable = int
52 and aexp =
53   | NAT of string
54   | VAR of variable
55   | RANDOM
56   | UMINUS of aexp
57   | UPLUS of aexp
58   | PLUS of aexp * aexp
59   | MINUS of aexp * aexp
60   | TIMES of aexp * aexp
61   | DIV of aexp * aexp
62   | MOD of aexp * aexp

```



## Translation of concrete into abstract syntax

- Identity for arithmetic expressions
- Trees representing sequences of commands are linearized into a list of commands:



```

63 and bexp =
64   | TRUE
65   | FALSE
66   | EQ of aexp * aexp
67   | LT of aexp * aexp
68   | AND of bexp * bexp
69   | OR of bexp * bexp
70 and label = int
71 and com =
72   | SKIP of label * label
73   | ASSIGN of label * variable * aexp * label
74   | SEQ of label * (com list) * label
75   | IF of label * bexp * bexp * com * com * label
76   | WHILE of label * bexp * bexp * com * label

```

The first label of COM of label \* ... \* label in command COM is the at label and the second is the after label.



- Boolean expressions are rewritten in equivalent form (up to erroneous behaviors)<sup>19</sup>:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 T(\text{true}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{true}, & T(\neg \text{true}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{false}, \\
 T(\text{false}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{false}, & T(\neg \text{false}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{true}, \\
 T(A_1 < A_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A_1 < A_2, & T(\neg(A_1 < A_2)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} T(A_1 >= A_2), \\
 T(A_1 <= A_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (A_1 < A_2) \mid (A_1 = A_2), & T(\neg(A_1 <= A_2)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} T(A_1 > A_2), \\
 T(A_1 = A_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A_1 = A_2, & T(\neg(A_1 = A_2)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} T(A_1 <> A_2), \\
 T(A_1 <> A_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (A_1 < A_2) \mid (A_2 < A_1), & T(\neg(A_1 <> A_2)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A_1 = A_2, \\
 T(A_1 > A_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A_2 < A_1, & T(\neg(A_1 > A_2)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} T(A_1 <= A_2), \\
 T(A_1 >= A_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (A_1 = A_2) \mid (A_2 < A_1), & T(\neg(A_1 >= A_2)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A_1 < A_2, \\
 T(B_1 \mid B_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} T(B_1) \mid T(B_2) & T(\neg(B_1 \mid B_2)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} T(\neg(B_1)) \& T(\neg(B_2)), \\
 T(B_1 \& B_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} T(B_1) \& T(B_2), & T(\neg(B_1 \& B_2)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} T(\neg(B_1)) \mid T(\neg(B_2)), \\
 & T(\neg(\neg(B))) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} T(B).
 \end{array}$$

<sup>19</sup> This is only to greatly simplify the design of the abstract interpreter.



## Translation from concrete to abstract syntax

```
77 (* concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.mli *)
78 open Abstract_Syntax
79 (* abstract syntax *)
80 type variable = Abstract_Syntax.variable
81 and aexp = Abstract_Syntax.aexp
82 and bexp = Abstract_Syntax.bexp
83 and label = Abstract_Syntax.label
84 and com = Abstract_Syntax.com
85 (* concrete syntax *)
86 type c_bexp =
87   | C_TRUE
88   | C_FALSE
89   | C_LT of aexp * aexp
90   | C_LEQ of aexp * aexp
```

```
109 (* labels *)
110 val at          : com  -> label      (* command entry label *)
111 val after       : com  -> label      (* command exit label *)
112 val incom       : label -> com -> bool (* label in command *)
113 val number_of_labels : unit -> int
114 val entry       : unit  -> label      (* program entry label *)
115 val exit        : unit  -> label      (* program exit label *)
116 val print_label  : label -> unit
117 val string_of_label : label -> string
118
119 (* program labelling *)
120 val label_normalize_com : c_com -> com
```

```
91 | C_EQ of aexp * aexp
92 | C_NEQ of aexp * aexp
93 | C_GT of aexp * aexp
94 | C_GEQ of aexp * aexp
95 | C_OR of c_bexp * c_bexp
96 | C_AND of c_bexp * c_bexp
97 | C_NEG of c_bexp
98 type c_com =
99   | C_SKIP
100  | C_ASSIGN of variable * aexp
101  | C_SEQ of c_com list
102  | C_IF of c_bexp * c_com * c_com
103  | C_WHILE of c_bexp * c_com
104
105 (* normalization of boolean expressions *)
106 val tbexp      : c_bexp -> bexp
107   val tnotbexp : c_bexp -> bexp
108
```

```
121 (* concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.ml *)
122 open Abstract_Syntax
123 (* abstract syntax *)
124 type variable = Abstract_Syntax.variable
125 and aexp = Abstract_Syntax.aexp
126 and bexp = Abstract_Syntax.bexp
127 and label = Abstract_Syntax.label
128 and com = Abstract_Syntax.com
129 (* concrete syntax *)
130 type c_bexp =
131   | C_TRUE
132   | C_FALSE
133   | C_LT of aexp * aexp
134   | C_LEQ of aexp * aexp
135   | C_EQ of aexp * aexp
136   | C_NEQ of aexp * aexp
137   | C_GT of aexp * aexp
```

```

138 | C_GEQ of aexp * aexp
139 | C_OR of c_bexp * c_bexp
140 | C_AND of c_bexp * c_bexp
141 | C_NEG of c_bexp
142 type c_com =
143 | C_SKIP
144 | C_ASSIGN of variable * aexp
145 | C_SEQ of c_com list
146 | C_IF of c_bexp * c_com * c_com
147 | C_WHILE of c_bexp * c_com
148
149 (* normalization of boolean expressions *)
150 let rec tbexp b = match b with
151 | C_TRUE      -> TRUE
152 | C_FALSE     -> FALSE
153 | (C_LT (v1, v2)) -> (LT (v1,v2))
154 | (C_LEQ (v1, v2)) -> (OR ((LT (v1,v2)),(EQ (v1,v2))))
155 | (C_EQ (v1, v2)) -> (EQ (v1,v2))

```



```

174
175 (* variables of arithmetic expressions *)
176 let leq x y = x <= y
177 let rec reduce l = match l with
178   (* eliminate duplicates in sorted list of variables *)
179 | [] -> []
180 | [v] -> [v]
181 | h1 :: h2 :: t -> let q = (reduce (h2 :: t)) in
182   if (h1 = h2) then q else h1 :: q
183 let rec varaexp a = match a with
184 | (NAT i)      -> []
185 | (VAR v)     -> [v]
186 | RANDOM      -> []
187 | (UMINUS a1) -> (varaexp a1)
188 | (UPLUS a1)  -> (varaexp a1)
189 | (PLUS (a1, a2)) -> reduce (Sort.merge leq (varaexp a1) (varaexp a2))
190 | (MINUS (a1, a2)) -> reduce (Sort.merge leq (varaexp a1) (varaexp a2))
191 | (TIMES (a1, a2)) -> reduce (Sort.merge leq (varaexp a1) (varaexp a2))

```



```

156 | (C_NEQ (v1, v2)) -> (OR ((LT (v1,v2)),(LT (v2,v1))))
157 | (C_GT (v1, v2)) -> (LT (v2,v1))
158 | (C_GEQ (v1, v2)) -> (OR ((LT (v2,v1)),(EQ (v1,v2))))
159 | (C_OR (b1,b2)) -> (OR ((tbexp b1),(tbexp b2)))
160 | (C_AND (b1,b2)) -> (AND ((tbexp b1),(tbexp b2)))
161 | (C_NEG b') -> tnotbexp b'
162 and tnotbexp b = match b with
163 | C_TRUE      -> FALSE
164 | C_FALSE     -> TRUE
165 | (C_LT (v1, v2)) -> tbexp (C_GEQ (v1, v2))
166 | (C_LEQ (v1, v2)) -> tbexp (C_GT (v1, v2))
167 | (C_EQ (v1, v2)) -> tbexp (C_NEQ (v1, v2))
168 | (C_NEQ (v1, v2)) -> tbexp (C_EQ (v1, v2))
169 | (C_GT (v1, v2)) -> tbexp (C_LEQ (v1, v2))
170 | (C_GEQ (v1, v2)) -> tbexp (C_LT (v1, v2))
171 | (C_OR (b1,b2)) -> (AND ((tnotbexp b1),(tnotbexp b2)))
172 | (C_AND (b1,b2)) -> (OR ((tnotbexp b1),(tnotbexp b2)))
173 | (C_NEG b') -> tbexp b'

```



```

192 | (DIV (a1, a2)) -> reduce (Sort.merge leq (varaexp a1) (varaexp a2))
193 | (MOD (a1, a2)) -> reduce (Sort.merge leq (varaexp a1) (varaexp a2))
194 (* variables of boolean expressions *)
195 let rec varbexp b = match b with
196 | C_TRUE      -> []
197 | C_FALSE     -> []
198 | (C_LT (a1, a2)) -> reduce (Sort.merge leq (varaexp a1) (varaexp a2))
199 | (C_LEQ (a1, a2)) -> reduce (Sort.merge leq (varaexp a1) (varaexp a2))
200 | (C_EQ (a1, a2)) -> reduce (Sort.merge leq (varaexp a1) (varaexp a2))
201 | (C_NEQ (a1, a2)) -> reduce (Sort.merge leq (varaexp a1) (varaexp a2))
202 | (C_GT (a1, a2)) -> reduce (Sort.merge leq (varaexp a1) (varaexp a2))
203 | (C_GEQ (a1, a2)) -> reduce (Sort.merge leq (varaexp a1) (varaexp a2))
204 | (C_OR (b1,b2)) -> reduce (Sort.merge leq (varbexp b1) (varbexp b2))
205 | (C_AND (b1,b2)) -> reduce (Sort.merge leq (varbexp b1) (varbexp b2))
206 | (C_NEG b') -> (varbexp b')
207
208 (* program labelling *)
209 let at c = match c with

```



```

210 | SKIP (l,m)          -> l
211 | ASSIGN (l,x,a,m)   -> l
212 | SEQ (l,s,m)        -> l
213 | IF (l,b,nb,st,sf,m) -> l
214 | WHILE (l,b,nb,s,m) -> l
215 let after c = match c with
216 | SKIP (l,m)          -> m
217 | ASSIGN (l,x,a,m)   -> m
218 | SEQ (l,s,m)        -> m
219 | IF (l,b,nb,st,sf,m) -> m
220 | WHILE (l,b,nb,s,m) -> m
221 let rec incom l c = match c with
222 | SKIP (l1,l2)        -> (l=l1) or (l=l2)
223 | ASSIGN (l1,x,a,l2)  -> (l=l1) or (l=l2)
224 | SEQ (l1,s,l2)       -> (l=l1) or (l=l2) or (inseq l s)
225 | IF (l1,b,nb,st,sf,l2) -> (l=l1) or (l=l2) or (incom l st)
226 | WHILE (l1,b,nb,s,l2) -> (l=l1) or (l=l2) or (incom l sf)
227 | WHILE (l1,b,nb,s,l2) -> (l=l1) or (l=l2) or (incom l s)

```



```

246         m, (SEQ (l, s', m))
247 | (C_WHILE (b,c)) -> let m, c' = label_normalize_com_from (l+1) c in
248         m+1, (WHILE (l, (tbexp b), (tnotbexp b), c', (m+1)))
249 let last_label = ref 0
250 let label_normalize_com c =
251   let m, c' = label_normalize_com_from 0 c in
252     last_label := m;
253     c'
254 let number_of_labels () = (!last_label + 1)
255 let entry () = 0
256 let exit () = !last_label
257 let print_label l = (print_int l)
258 let string_of_label l = (string_of_int l)

```



```

228 and inseq l s = match s with
229 | [] -> false
230 | h::t -> (incom l h) or (inseq l t)
231 exception Error_label_normalize_com of string
232 let rec label_normalize_seq_from l s = match s with
233 | [] -> raise (Error_label_normalize_com "empty sequence of commands")
234 | [c] -> let m, c' = label_normalize_com_from l c in
235         m, [c']
236 | h :: t -> let m, h' = label_normalize_com_from l h in
237             let n, t' = label_normalize_seq_from m t in
238             n, (h' :: t')
239 and label_normalize_com_from l c = match c with
240 | C_SKIP          -> l+1, (SKIP (l, (l+1)))
241 | (C_ASSIGN (v,a)) -> l+1, (ASSIGN (l, v, a, (l+1)))
242 | (C_IF (b,t,f))  -> let m, t' = label_normalize_com_from (l+1) t in
243             let n, f' = label_normalize_com_from (m+1) f in
244             n+1, (IF (l, (tbexp b), (tnotbexp b), t', f', (n+1)))
245 | (C_SEQ s)       -> let m, s' = label_normalize_seq_from l s in

```



## Labels

Provide an abstract view of the abstract syntax where the operations on labels are visible (but not their internal implementation):

```

259 (* labels.mli *)
260 open Abstract_Syntax
261 (* labels *)
262 val at          : com -> label      (* command entry label *)
263 val after       : com -> label      (* command exit label *)
264 val incom       : label -> com -> bool (* label in command *)
265 val number_of_labels : unit -> int
266 val entry       : unit -> label      (* program entry label *)
267 val exit        : unit -> label      (* program exit label *)
268 val print_label  : label -> unit
269 val string_of_label : label -> string

```

See labels.ml for the immediate implementation.



## Lexer

```
270 { (* from file lexer.mll (lexical analysis) *)
271 open Parser          (* The type token is defined in parser.mli *)
272 exception Eof
273 }
274 rule token = parse
275   [' ' '\t' '\n' '\r'] { token lexbuf }
276 | ( '%' [~%']* '%' ) { token lexbuf }
277 | ['0'-'9']+         { (T_NAT (Lexing.lexeme lexbuf)) }
278 | '('                { T_LPAR }
279 | ')'                { T_RPAR }
280 | '?'                { T_RANDOM }
281 | '+'                { T_PLUS }
282 | '-'                { T_MINUS }
283 | '*'                { T_TIMES }
```

```
302 | "else"           { T_ELSE }
303 | "fi"             { T_FI }
304 | "while"          { T_WHILE }
305 | "do"             { T_DO }
306 | "od"             { T_OD }
307 | ([ 'a'-'z' ] | [ 'A'-'Z' ] ) ([ 'a'-'z' ] | [ 'A'-'Z' ] | [ '0'-'9' ] ) *
308 |                  { (T_VAR (Lexing.lexeme lexbuf)) }
309 | ";;"             { T_EOP }
310 | eof               { raise Eof }
```

```
284 | '/'             { T_DIV }
285 | "mod"            { T_MOD }
286 | "true"           { T_TRUE }
287 | "false"          { T_FALSE }
288 | '<'              { T_LT }
289 | "<="             { T_LEQ }
290 | '='              { T_EQ }
291 | "<>"             { T_NEQ }
292 | '>'              { T_GT }
293 | ">="             { T_GEQ }
294 | '¬'              { T_NEG }
295 | '|'              { T_OR }
296 | '&'              { T_AND }
297 | "skip"           { T_SKIP }
298 | ":@"             { T_ASSIGN }
299 | ';'              { T_SEQ }
300 | "if"             { T_IF }
301 | "then"           { T_THEN }
```

## Parser

```
311 /* file parser.mly, parsing & concrete to abstract syntax translation */
312
313 %{ (* header *)
314 (* make a sequence of commands from two commands or *)
315 (* subsequences with flattening of the subsequences *)
316 let makeseq l r = match l, r with
317 | Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_SEQ h,
318   Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_SEQ t
319   -> Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_SEQ (h @ t)
320 | h, Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_SEQ t
321   -> Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_SEQ (h :: t)
322 | Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_SEQ h, t
323   -> Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_SEQ (h @ [t])
324 | h, t
```

```

325     -> Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_SEQ [h; t]
326
327 %} /* declarations */
328
329 %token <string> T_NAT
330 %token T_LPAR T_RPAR
331 %token T_RANDOM T_PLUS T_MINUS T_TIMES T_DIV T_MOD
332 %token T_TRUE T_FALSE T_LT T_LEQ T_EQ T_NEQ T_GT T_GEQ T_OR T_AND T_NEG
333 %token T_SKIP T_ASSIGN T_SEQ T_IF T_THEN T_ELSE T_FI T_WHILE T_DO T_OD
334 %token T_AINITIAL T_FINAL T_ALWAYS T_SOMETIME
335 %token <string> T_VAR
336 %token T_EOP
337
338 %start n_Prog /* grammar axiom non terminal */
339 %type <Abstract_Syntax.com> n_Prog /* program */
340 %type <Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.c_com> n_Lco /* list of commands */
341 %type <Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.c_com> n_Com /* command */
342 %type <Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.c_bexp> n_Bexp /* boolean expr. */

```



```

361 | n_Aexp T_TIMES n_Aexp { (Abstract_Syntax.TIMES ($1, $3)) }
362 | n_Aexp T_DIV n_Aexp { (Abstract_Syntax.DIV ($1, $3)) }
363 | n_Aexp T_MOD n_Aexp { (Abstract_Syntax.MOD ($1, $3)) }
364 | T_PLUS n_Aexp %prec T_UPLUS { (Abstract_Syntax.UPLUS $2) }
365 | T_MINUS n_Aexp %prec T_UMINUS { (Abstract_Syntax.UMINUS $2) }
366 | T_LPAR n_Aexp T_RPAR { $2 }
367 ;
368
369 n_Bexp:
370 T_TRUE { Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_TRUE }
371 | T_FALSE { Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_FALSE }
372 | n_Aexp T_LT n_Aexp { (Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_LT ($1, $3)) }
373 | n_Aexp T_LEQ n_Aexp { (Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_LEQ ($1, $3)) }
374 | n_Aexp T_EQ n_Aexp { (Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_EQ ($1, $3)) }
375 | n_Aexp T_NEQ n_Aexp { (Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_NEQ ($1, $3)) }
376 | n_Aexp T_GT n_Aexp { (Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_GT ($1, $3)) }
377 | n_Aexp T_GEQ n_Aexp { (Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_GEQ ($1, $3)) }
378 | n_Bexp T_OR n_Bexp { (Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_OR ($1, $3)) }

```



```

343 %type <Abstract_Syntax.aexp> n_Aexp /* arithmetic expression */
344
345 %left T_OR /* lowest precedence */
346 %left T_AND
347 %right T_NEG
348 %nonassoc T_LT T_LEQ T_EQ T_NEQ T_GT T_GEQ
349 %left T_PLUS T_MINUS
350 %left T_TIMES T_DIV T_MOD
351 %right T_UPLUS T_UMINUS /* highest precedence */
352
353 %% /* grammar rules */
354
355 n_Aexp:
356 T_RANDOM { Abstract_Syntax.RANDOM }
357 | T_NAT { (Abstract_Syntax.NAT $1) }
358 | T_VAR { (Abstract_Syntax.VAR (Symbol_Table.add_symb_table $1)) }
359 | n_Aexp T_PLUS n_Aexp { (Abstract_Syntax.PLUS ($1, $3)) }
360 | n_Aexp T_MINUS n_Aexp { (Abstract_Syntax.MINUS ($1, $3)) }

```



```

379 | n_Bexp T_AND n_Bexp { (Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_AND ($1, $3)) }
380 | T_NEG n_Bexp { (Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_NEG $2) }
381 | T_LPAR n_Bexp T_RPAR { $2 }
382 ;
383
384 n_Com:
385 T_SKIP { Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_SKIP }
386 | T_VAR T_ASSIGN n_Aexp
387 { (Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_ASSIGN
388 ((Symbol_Table.add_symb_table $1), $3)) }
389 | T_IF n_Bexp T_THEN n_Lco T_ELSE n_Lco T_FI
390 { (Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_IF ($2, $4, $6)) }
391 | T_WHILE n_Bexp T_DO n_Lco T_OD
392 { (Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.C_WHILE ($2, $4)) }
393 ;
394
395 n_Lco:
396 n_Com { $1 }

```





```

397 | n_Com T_SEQ n_Lco { (makeseq $1 $3) }
398 ;
399
400 n_Prog:
401     N_init n_Lco T_EOP
402     { (Concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.label_normalize_com $2) }
403 ;
404
405 N_init:
406     { Symbol_Table.init_symb_table () }
407
408 %%
409 (* trailer *)

```



```

415 (* program_To_Abstract_Syntax.ml *)
416 open Lexing
417 open Abstract_Syntax
418 exception Syntax_Error
419 let abstract_syntax_of_program f =
420     let input_channel = if f = "" then stdin else open_in f in
421     try
422         let lexbuf = Lexing.from_channel input_channel in
423             (Parser.n_Prog Lexer.token lexbuf)
424     with
425     | Failure s -> print_string s; print_newline ();
426                   flush stdout;
427                   raise Syntax_Error
428     | Lexer.Eof -> print_string "lexical error\n";
429                   flush stdout;
430                   raise Syntax_Error
431     | Parsing.Parse_error ->

```



## Converting the program file into abstract syntax

The lexer and parser are called on the program input file to get the abstract syntax of the program:

```

410 (* program_To_Abstract_Syntax.mli *)
411 open Abstract_Syntax
412 (* parsing and concrete to abstract syntax translation *)
413 exception Syntax_Error
414 val abstract_syntax_of_program : string -> com

```



```

432         print_string "syntax error\n";
433         flush stdout;
434         raise Syntax_Error

```



## Program pretty-printing

```
435 (* pretty_Print.mli *)
436 open Abstract_Syntax
437 val pretty_print : com -> unit
```

See `pretty_Print.ml` for the implementation.



## Compilation makefile

```
445 # makefile
446
447 SOURCES = \
448 symbol_Table.mli \
449 symbol_Table.ml \
450 variables.mli \
451 variables.ml \
452 abstract_Syntax.ml \
453 concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.mli \
454 concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.ml \
455 labels.mli \
456 labels.ml \
457 parser.mli \
458 parser.ml \
```



## Reading and pretty-printing the program

```
438 (* main.ml *)
439 open Program_To_Abstract_Syntax
440 open Pretty_Print
441 let _ =
442   let arg = Sys.argv.(1) in
443   let p = (abstract_syntax_of_program arg) in
444   pretty_print p
```



```
459 lexer.ml \
460 program_To_Abstract_Syntax.mli \
461 program_To_Abstract_Syntax.ml \
462 pretty_Print.mli \
463 pretty_Print.ml \
464 main.ml
465
466 .PHONY : help
467 help :
468   @echo ""
469   @echo "make help      : this help"
470   @echo "make compile     : compile"
471   @echo "./a.out filename : execute"
472   @echo "make examples    : run examples"
473   @echo "make clean       : remove auxiliary files"
474   @echo ""
475
476 .PHONY : compile
```



```

477 compile:
478   ocaml yacc parser.mly
479   ocamllex lexer.mll
480   ocamlc $(SOURCES)
481
482 .PHONY : examples
483 examples :
484   ./a.out ../Examples/example01.sil
485
486 .PHONY : clean
487 clean :
488   /bin/rm -f *.cmi *.cmo *~ a.out lexer.ml parser.ml
489
490 .PHONY : delete
491 delete : clean
492   /bin/rm -f parser.mli

```



```

507   x := 1;
508 1:
509   while (x < 100) do
510     2:
511       x := (x + 1)
512     3:
513     od {((100 < x) | (x = 100))}
514 4:
515
516 % make clean
517 /bin/rm -f *.cmi *.cmo *~ a.out lexer.ml parser.mli parser.ml
518 % ^Dexit
519 Script done on Sat Feb 26 12:27:52 2005
520

```



## Example

```

493 Script started on Sat Feb 26 12:27:11 2005
494 % make compile
495 ocaml yacc parser.mly
496 ocamllex lexer.mll
497 62 states, 3001 transitions, table size 12376 bytes
498 ocamlc symbol_Table.mli symbol_Table.ml variables.mli variables.ml
499 abstract_Syntax.ml concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.ml
500 concrete_To_Abstract_Syntax.ml labels.mli labels.ml parser.mli
501 parser.ml lexer.ml program_To_Abstract_Syntax.mli
502 program_To_Abstract_Syntax.ml pretty_Print.mli pretty_Print.ml
503 main.ml
504 % ./a.out ../Examples/example1.sil
505
506 0:

```



## Operational Semantics of the Simple Imperative Language (SIL)



## Values

Basic values are bounded machine integers:

$\text{max\_int} > 0$ ,                   greatest machine integer;  
 $\text{min\_int} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -\text{max\_int} - 1$ ,   smallest machine integer;  
 $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,                         mathematical integers;  
 $i \in \mathbb{I} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\text{min\_int}, \text{max\_int}]$ ,   bounded machine integers.



## Concrete environments

An environment  $\rho$  records the value  $\rho(X)$  of program variables  $X \in \mathbb{V}$ .

$\rho \in \mathbb{R} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{V} \mapsto \mathbb{I}_\Omega$ ,   environments.

Assignment/substitution notation ( $f \in D \mapsto E$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} f[d := e](x) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f(x), & \text{if } x \neq d; \\ f[d := e](d) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} e; \\ f[d_1 := e_1; d_2 := e_2; \dots; d_n := e_n] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (f[d_1 := e_1])[d_2 := e_2; \dots; d_n := e_n]. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$



## Errors

The semantics keeps track of uninitialized variables (e.g. by means of a reserved value) and of arithmetic errors (overflow, division by zero, ..., e.g. by means of exceptions):

$\Omega_i$ ,                            initialization error;  
 $\Omega_a$ ,                            arithmetic error;  
 $e \in \mathbb{E} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\Omega_i, \Omega_a\}$ ,   errors;  
 $v \in \mathbb{I}_\Omega \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{I} \cup \mathbb{E}$ ,        machine values.           (7)



## Machine arithmetic: numbers

$\underline{n} \in \mathbb{I}_\Omega$  : machine natural number  
 $n \in \mathbb{N}$  : corresponding mathematical natural number

Decimal notation ( $d \in \text{Digit}$ ,  $n \in \text{Nat}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{d} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} d; \\ \underline{nd} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Omega_a, & \text{if } 10\underline{n} + d > \text{max\_int}; \\ \underline{nd} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 10\underline{n} + d, & \text{if } 10\underline{n} + d \leq \text{max\_int}. \end{aligned}$$



## Machine arithmetic: unary operators

For unary arithmetic operators  $u \in \{+, -\}$ :

$\underline{u} \in \mathbb{I}_\Omega \mapsto \mathbb{I}_\Omega$  : machine arithmetic operation

$u \in \mathbb{Z} \mapsto \mathbb{Z}$  : corresponding mathematical operation

**Error** when the mathematical result is not machine-representable ( $e \in \mathbb{E}$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{I}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{u} \Omega_e &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Omega_e; \\ \underline{u} i &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} u i, & \text{if } u i \in \mathbb{I}; \\ \underline{u} i &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Omega_a, & \text{if } u i \notin \mathbb{I}. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$



We have ( $\mathbb{N}_+$  is the set of positive naturals,  $e \in \mathbb{E}$ ,  $v \in \mathbb{I}_\Omega$ ,  $i, i_1, i_2 \in \mathbb{I}$ )

$$\Omega_e \underline{b} v \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Omega_e;$$

$$i \underline{b} \Omega_e \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Omega_e;$$

$$i_1 \underline{b} i_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} i_1 \ b \ i_2, \quad \text{if } b \in \{+, -, *\} \wedge i_1 \ b \ i_2 \in \mathbb{I}; \quad (10)$$

$$i_1 \underline{b} i_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} i_1 \ b \ i_2, \quad \text{if } b \in \{/, \text{mod}\} \wedge i_1 \in \mathbb{I} \cap \mathbb{N} \wedge i_2 \in \mathbb{I} \cap \mathbb{N}_+ \wedge i_1 \ b \ i_2 \in \mathbb{I}; \quad (11)$$

$$i_1 \underline{b} i_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Omega_a, \quad \text{if } i_1 \ b \ i_2 \notin \mathbb{I} \vee (b \in \{/, \text{mod}\} \wedge (i_1 \notin \mathbb{I} \cap \mathbb{N} \vee i_2 \notin \mathbb{I} \cap \mathbb{N}_+)). \quad (12)$$



## Machine arithmetic: binary operators

– For binary arithmetic operators  $b \in \{+, -, *, /, \text{mod}\}$ :

$\underline{b} \in \mathbb{I}_\Omega \times \mathbb{I}_\Omega \mapsto \mathbb{I}_\Omega$  : machine arithmetic operation

$b \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \mapsto \mathbb{Z}$  : corresponding math. operation

– division and modulo are defined only for non-negative first argument and positive second argument

## Operational semantics of arithmetic expressions

The **big-step operational semantics** [7]<sup>20</sup> of arithmetic expressions involves judgements:

$$\rho \vdash A \Rightarrow v$$

meaning that in environment  $\rho$ , the arithmetic expression  $A$  may evaluate to  $v \in \mathbb{I}_\Omega$ .

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<sup>20</sup> renamed natural semantics by [8].



$$\rho \vdash n \Rightarrow \underline{n} \quad \text{decimal numbers;} \quad (13)$$

$$\rho \vdash X \Rightarrow \rho(\underline{X}) \quad \text{variables;} \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{i \in \mathbb{I}}{\rho \vdash ? \Rightarrow i} \quad \text{random;} \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash A \Rightarrow v}{\rho \vdash u A \Rightarrow \underline{u} v} \quad \text{unary arithmetic operations;}^{21} \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash A_1 \Rightarrow v_1 \quad \rho \vdash A_2 \Rightarrow v_2}{\rho \vdash A_1 \text{ b } A_2 \Rightarrow v_1 \text{ b } v_2} \quad \text{binary arithmetic operations.} \quad (17)$$

<sup>21</sup> Observe that if  $m$  and  $M$  are the strings of digits respectively representing the absolute value of  $\text{min\_int}$  and  $\text{max\_int}$  then  $\underline{m} > \text{max\_int}$  so that  $\rho \vdash m \Rightarrow \Omega_a$  whence  $\rho \vdash -m \Rightarrow \Omega_a$ . However  $\rho \vdash (-M) - 1 \Rightarrow \text{min\_int}$ .

## Arithmetic comparison

For the binary arithmetic comparison operators:

$$c \in \{<, <=, =, <>, >=, >\}$$

$\underline{c} \in \mathbb{I}_\Omega \times \mathbb{I}_\Omega \mapsto \mathbb{B}_\Omega$  : machine arithmetic comparison

$c \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \mapsto \mathbb{B}$  : mathematical comparison operation

Evaluation of operands, whence error propagation is left to right ( $e \in \mathbb{E}$ ,  $v \in \mathbb{I}_\Omega$ ,  $i, i_1, i_2 \in \mathbb{I}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_e \underline{c} v &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Omega_e, \\ i \underline{c} \Omega_e &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Omega_e, \\ i_1 \underline{c} i_2 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} i_1 \text{ c } i_2. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

## Machine booleans

$\mathbb{B}$  : logical boolean values

$\mathbb{B}_\Omega$  : machine truth values<sup>22</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{B} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\text{tt}, \text{ff}\} \\ \mathbb{B}_\Omega &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{B} \cup \mathbb{E} \end{aligned}$$

<sup>22</sup> including errors  $\mathbb{E} = \{\Omega_1, \Omega_a\}$ .

## Unary boolean operations

Boolean unary operators  $u \in \{\neg\}$ :

$\underline{u} \in \mathbb{B}_\Omega \mapsto \mathbb{B}_\Omega$  : machine boolean operation

$u \in \mathbb{B} \mapsto \mathbb{B}$  : mathematical operation

Errors are propagated, so that we have ( $e \in \mathbb{E}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{B}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{u} \Omega_e &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Omega_e, \\ \underline{u} b &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} u b. \end{aligned}$$

## Binary boolean operations

Binary boolean operators  $b \in \{\&, |\}$ :

$\underline{b} \in \mathbb{B}_\Omega \times \mathbb{B}_\Omega \mapsto \mathbb{B}_\Omega$  : machine boolean operation  
 $b \in \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B} \mapsto \mathbb{B}$  : mathematical boolean operation

Evaluation of operands, whence error propagation is left to right ( $e \in \mathbb{E}$ ,  $w \in \mathbb{B}_\Omega$ ,  $b, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{B}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_e \underline{b} w &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Omega_e, \\ b \underline{b} \Omega_e &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Omega_e, \\ b_1 \underline{b} b_2 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} b_1 \mathbin{b} b_2. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

## Semantics of normalized boolean expressions

The semantics of a boolean expression  $B$  may not be the same as the semantics of its transformed form  $T(B)$ , but only in case of error<sup>23</sup>:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall b \in \mathbb{B} : \rho \vdash B \Rightarrow b &\iff \rho \vdash T(B) \Rightarrow b, \\ (\exists e \in \mathbb{E} : \rho \vdash B \Rightarrow e) &\iff (\exists e' \in \mathbb{E} : \rho \vdash T(B) \Rightarrow e'). \end{aligned}$$

<sup>23</sup> e.g. the rewriting rule  $T(A_1 > A_2) = A_2 < A_1$  does not respect left to right evaluation whence the error propagation order.

## Operational semantics of boolean expressions

A judgement  $\rho \vdash B \Rightarrow b$  means that in environment  $\rho$ , the boolean expression  $b$  may evaluate to  $b \in \mathbb{B}_\Omega$ :

$$\rho \vdash \text{true} \Rightarrow \text{tt} \quad \text{a truth;} \quad (20)$$

$$\rho \vdash \text{false} \Rightarrow \text{ff} \quad \text{a falsity;} \quad (21)$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash A_1 \Rightarrow v_1 \quad \rho \vdash A_2 \Rightarrow v_2}{\rho \vdash A_1 \text{ c } A_2 \Rightarrow v_1 \text{ c } v_2} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{arithmetic} \\ \text{comparisons} \end{array} \quad (22)$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash B \Rightarrow w}{\rho \vdash \text{u } B \Rightarrow \underline{u} w} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{unary boolean} \\ \text{operations} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash B_1 \Rightarrow w_1 \quad \rho \vdash B_2 \Rightarrow w_2}{\rho \vdash B_1 \mathbin{b} B_2 \Rightarrow w_1 \underline{b} w_2} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{binary boolean} \\ \text{operations} \end{array}$$

## Environments

During execution of program  $P \in \text{Prog}$ , an environment  $\rho \in \text{Env}[[P]] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  maps program variables  $X \in \text{Var}[[P]]$  to their value  $\rho(X)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Env} \in \text{Prog} &\mapsto \wp(\mathbb{R}), \\ \text{Env}[[P]] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Var}[[P]] \mapsto \mathbb{I}_\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

## Programs states

States  $\langle \ell, \rho \rangle \in \Sigma[[P]]$  record a program point  $\ell \in \text{in}_P[[P]]$  and an environment  $\rho \in \text{Env}[[P]]$  assigning values to variables:

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma \in \text{Prog} &\mapsto \wp(\mathbb{V} \times \mathbb{R}), \\ \Sigma[[P]] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{in}_P[[P]] \times \text{Env}[[P]]. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

## Small-step operational semantics of commands and programs

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{Identity } C = \text{skip} \quad (\text{at}_P[C] = \ell \text{ and } \text{after}_P[C] = \ell') \\ \langle \ell, \rho \rangle \models \llbracket \text{skip} \rrbracket \Longrightarrow \langle \ell', \rho \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{Assignment}^{25} \quad C = X := A \quad (\text{at}_P[C] = \ell \text{ and } \text{after}_P[C] = \ell') \\ \frac{\rho \vdash A \Rightarrow i}{\langle \ell, \rho \rangle \models \llbracket X := A \rrbracket \Longrightarrow \langle \ell', \rho[X := i] \rangle}, \quad i \in \mathbb{I} \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

<sup>25</sup> According to axiom schema (25), program execution is blocked in error state at the assignment  $X := A$  if the arithmetic expression  $A$  evaluates to an error, i.e.  $\rho \vdash A \Rightarrow \Omega, e \in \mathbb{E}$ . This option corresponds to an implementation where uninitialization is implemented using a special value which is checked at runtime whenever a variable is used in arithmetic (or boolean) expressions.

## Small-step operational semantics of commands

The small-step operational semantics [7] of commands, sequences and programs  $C \in \text{Com} \cup \text{Seq} \cup \text{Prog}$  within a program  $P \in \text{Prog}$  involves transition judgements<sup>24</sup>

$$\langle \ell, \rho \rangle \models \llbracket C \rrbracket \Longrightarrow \langle \ell', \rho' \rangle.$$

<sup>24</sup> Such judgements mean that if execution is at control point  $\ell \in \text{in}_P[C]$  in environment  $\rho \in \text{Env}[[P]]$  then the next computation step within command  $C$  leads to program control point  $\ell' \in \text{in}_P[C]$  in the new environment  $\rho' \in \text{Env}[[P]]$ .

$$\textit{Conditional}^{26} \quad C = \text{if } B \text{ then } S_t \text{ else } S_f \text{ fi} \quad (\text{at}_P[C] = \ell \text{ and } \text{after}_P[C] = \ell')$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash B \Rightarrow \text{tt}}{\langle \ell, \rho \rangle \models \llbracket \text{if } B \text{ then } S_t \text{ else } S_f \text{ fi} \rrbracket \Longrightarrow \langle \text{at}_P[[S_t]], \rho \rangle} \quad (26)$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash T(\neg B) \Rightarrow \text{tt}}{\langle \ell, \rho \rangle \models \llbracket \text{if } B \text{ then } S_t \text{ else } S_f \text{ fi} \rrbracket \Longrightarrow \langle \text{at}_P[[S_f]], \rho \rangle} \quad (27)$$

$$\frac{\langle \ell_1, \rho_1 \rangle \models \llbracket S_t \rrbracket \Longrightarrow \langle \ell_2, \rho_2 \rangle}{\langle \ell_1, \rho_1 \rangle \models \llbracket \text{if } B \text{ then } S_t \text{ else } S_f \text{ fi} \rrbracket \Longrightarrow \langle \ell_2, \rho_2 \rangle} \quad (28)$$

$$\frac{\langle \ell_1, \rho_1 \rangle \models \llbracket S_f \rrbracket \Longrightarrow \langle \ell_2, \rho_2 \rangle}{\langle \ell_1, \rho_1 \rangle \models \llbracket \text{if } B \text{ then } S_t \text{ else } S_f \text{ fi} \rrbracket \Longrightarrow \langle \ell_2, \rho_2 \rangle} \quad (29)$$

$$\langle \text{after}_P[[S_t]], \rho \rangle \models \llbracket \text{if } B \text{ then } S_t \text{ else } S_f \text{ fi} \rrbracket \Longrightarrow \langle \ell', \rho \rangle \quad (30)$$

$$\langle \text{after}_P[[S_f]], \rho \rangle \models \llbracket \text{if } B \text{ then } S_t \text{ else } S_f \text{ fi} \rrbracket \Longrightarrow \langle \ell', \rho \rangle \quad (31)$$



*Iteration*<sup>26</sup>  $C = \text{while } B \text{ do } S \text{ od}$  ( $\text{at}_P[C] = \ell$ ,  
 $\text{after}_P[C] = \ell'$  and  $\ell_1, \ell_2 \in \text{in}_P[S]$ )

$$\frac{\rho \vdash T(\neg B) \Rightarrow \text{tt}}{\langle \ell, \rho \rangle \models \llbracket \text{while } B \text{ do } S \text{ od} \rrbracket \Rightarrow \langle \ell', \rho \rangle} \quad (32)$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash B \Rightarrow \text{tt}}{\langle \ell, \rho \rangle \models \llbracket \text{while } B \text{ do } S \text{ od} \rrbracket \Rightarrow \langle \text{at}_P[S], \rho \rangle} \quad (33)$$

$$\frac{\langle \ell_1, \rho_1 \rangle \models \llbracket S \rrbracket \Rightarrow \langle \ell_2, \rho_2 \rangle}{\langle \ell_1, \rho_1 \rangle \models \llbracket \text{while } B \text{ do } S \text{ od} \rrbracket \Rightarrow \langle \ell_2, \rho_2 \rangle} \quad (34)$$

$$\langle \text{after}_P[S], \rho \rangle \models \llbracket \text{while } B \text{ do } S \text{ od} \rrbracket \Rightarrow \langle \ell, \rho \rangle \quad (35)$$

<sup>26</sup> In conditional and iteration commands, execution is blocked when a boolean expression is erroneous i.e. evaluates to  $\rho \vdash B \Rightarrow \Omega$ ,  $e \in \mathbb{E}$ . Another possible semantics would be a nondeterministic choice of the chosen branch. This option corresponds to an implementation where the initial variable can be any value.

## Transition system of a program

The transition system of a program  $P = S ; ;$  is

$$\langle \Sigma[P], \tau[P] \rangle$$

where  $\Sigma[P]$  is the set (23) of program states and  $\tau[C]$ ,  $C \in \text{Cmp}[P]$  is the transition relation for component  $C$  of program  $P$ , defined by

$$\tau[C] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \langle \langle \ell, \rho \rangle, \langle \ell', \rho' \rangle \rangle \mid \langle \ell, \rho \rangle \models \llbracket C \rrbracket \Rightarrow \langle \ell', \rho' \rangle \} \quad (38)$$

*Sequence*<sup>27</sup>  $C_1 ; \dots ; C_n$ ,  $n > 0$  ( $i \in [1, n]: \ell_i, \ell_{i+1} \in \text{in}_P[C_i]$ )

$$\frac{\langle \ell_i, \rho_i \rangle \models \llbracket C_i \rrbracket \Rightarrow \langle \ell_{i+1}, \rho_{i+1} \rangle}{\langle \ell_i, \rho_i \rangle \models \llbracket C_1 ; \dots ; C_n \rrbracket \Rightarrow \langle \ell_{i+1}, \rho_{i+1} \rangle} \quad (36)$$

*Program*  $P = S ; ;$

$$\frac{\langle \ell, \rho \rangle \models \llbracket S \rrbracket \Rightarrow \langle \ell', \rho' \rangle}{\langle \ell, \rho \rangle \models \llbracket S ; ; \rrbracket \Rightarrow \langle \ell', \rho' \rangle} \quad (37)$$

<sup>26</sup> Note that in the definition (36) of the small-step operational semantics of sequences, the proper sequencing directly follows from the labelling scheme (3) since  $\text{after}_P[C_i] = \text{at}_P[C_{i+1}]$ .

## Initial States

Execution starts at the program entry point with all variables uninitialized:

$$\text{Entry}[P] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \langle \text{at}_P[P], \lambda X \in \text{Var}[P]. \Omega_i \rangle \}. \quad (39)$$

## Final States

Execution ends without error when control reaches the program exit point

$$\text{Exit}[[P]] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\text{after}_P[[P]]\} \times \text{Env}[[P]] .$$

When the evaluation of an arithmetic or boolean expression fails with a runtime error, the program execution is blocked so that no further transition is possible.



## Big-step operational semantics of a program

- The big-step operational semantics of a program  $P$  is

$$\langle \Sigma[[P]], t^*[[P]] \rangle$$

where  $t^*[[P]] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (t[[P]])^*$  is the reflexive transitive closure of the transition relation  $t[[P]]$

- Infinite executions are not considered with this semantics



## Program transition relation structuration

A basic result on the program transition relation is that it is not possible to jump into or out of program components ( $C \in \text{Cmp}[[P]]$ )

$$\langle \langle \ell, \rho \rangle, \langle \ell', \rho' \rangle \rangle \in \tau[[C]] \implies \{\ell, \ell'\} \subseteq \text{in}_P[[C]] . \quad (40)$$

The proof, by structural induction on  $C$ , is trivial whence omitted.



## Reachability semantics of a program

- One can also consider the restriction to entry states (to get the [forward/reachability semantics](#))<sup>28</sup>:

$$\text{Entry}[[P]] \upharpoonright t^*[[P]]$$

to exit states (to get the [backward reachability semantics](#))<sup>29</sup>:

$$t^*[[P]] \upharpoonright \text{Exit}[[P]]$$

or both (this is the [natural semantics](#)):

$$\text{Entry}[[P]] \upharpoonright t^*[[P]] \upharpoonright \text{Exit}[[P]]$$

<sup>28</sup>  $X \upharpoonright r \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(x, y) \mid x \in X \wedge r(x, y)\}$

<sup>29</sup>  $r \upharpoonright Y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(x, y) \mid r(x, y) \wedge y \in Y\}$



## Standard Interpreter of the Simple Imperative Language (SIL) in OCaml

```
533 val machine_binary_mod : machine_int -> machine_int -> machine_int
534
535 (* machine booleans *)
536 type machine_bool = ERROR_BOOL of error_type | BOOLEAN of bool
537 val machine_eq : machine_int -> machine_int -> machine_bool
538 val machine_lt : machine_int -> machine_int -> machine_bool
539 val machine_and : machine_bool -> machine_bool -> machine_bool
540 val machine_or : machine_bool -> machine_bool -> machine_bool
541
542 (* printing *)
543 val print_machine_int : machine_int -> unit
```

See `values.ml` for the OCaml implementation.

## Values

The `Values` module provides the description of machine operations on values.

```
521 (* values.mli *)
522 type error_type = INITIALIZATION | ARITHMETIC
523 (* machine integers *)
524 type machine_int = ERROR_NAT of error_type | NAT of int
525 val machine_int_of_string : string -> machine_int
526 val machine_unary_random : unit -> machine_int
527 val machine_unary_plus : machine_int -> machine_int
528 val machine_unary_minus : machine_int -> machine_int
529 val machine_binary_plus : machine_int -> machine_int -> machine_int
530 val machine_binary_minus : machine_int -> machine_int -> machine_int
531 val machine_binary_times : machine_int -> machine_int -> machine_int
532 val machine_binary_div : machine_int -> machine_int -> machine_int
```

## Environments

The `Env` module provides the description of environments assigning machine values to variables.

```
544 (* env.mli *)
545 open Abstract_Syntax
546 open Variables
547 open Values
548 type env (* environments
549 val initerr : unit -> env (* uninitialized
550 val copy : env -> env (* copy
551 val get : env -> variable -> machine_int (* r(X)
552 val set : env -> variable -> machine_int -> unit (* r[X <- v]
553 val print_env : env -> unit (* printing
```

See `env.ml` for the OCaml implementation.

## Evaluation of Arithmetic Expressions

The Aexp module provides an evaluator of arithmetic expressions.

```
554 (* aexp.mli *)
555 open Abstract_Syntax
556 open Values
557 open Env
558 (* evaluation of arithmetic operations *)
559 val eval_aexp : aexp -> env -> machine_int
```

## Evaluation of Boolean Expressions

The Bexp module provides an evaluator of normalized boolean expressions.

```
576 (* bexp.mli *)
577 open Abstract_Syntax
578 open Values
579 open Env
580 (* evaluation of boolean operations *)
581 val eval_bexp : bexp -> env -> machine_bool
```

```
560 (* aexp.ml *)
561 open Abstract_Syntax
562 open Values
563 open Env
564 (* evaluation of arithmetic operations *)
565 let rec eval_aexp e r = match e with
566 | Abstract_Syntax.NAT i -> machine_int_of_string i
567 | VAR v          -> get r v
568 | RANDOM         -> machine_unary_random ()
569 | UPLUS a        -> machine_unary_plus (eval_aexp a r)
570 | UMINUS a       -> machine_unary_minus (eval_aexp a r)
571 | PLUS (a, b)    -> machine_binary_plus (eval_aexp a r) (eval_aexp b r)
572 | MINUS (a, b)  -> machine_binary_minus (eval_aexp a r) (eval_aexp b r)
573 | TIMES (a, b)  -> machine_binary_times (eval_aexp a r) (eval_aexp b r)
574 | DIV (a, b)    -> machine_binary_div (eval_aexp a r) (eval_aexp b r)
575 | MOD (a, b)    -> machine_binary_mod (eval_aexp a r) (eval_aexp b r)
```

```
582 (* bexp.ml *)
583 open Abstract_Syntax
584 open Values
585 open Env
586 open Aexp
587 (* evaluation of boolean operations *)
588 let rec eval_bexp b r =
589   match b with
590   | TRUE          -> (BOOLEAN true)
591   | FALSE         -> (BOOLEAN false)
592   | (EQ (a1, a2)) -> machine_eq (eval_aexp a1 r) (eval_aexp a2 r)
593   | (LT (a1, a2)) -> machine_lt (eval_aexp a1 r) (eval_aexp a2 r)
594   | (AND (b1, b2)) -> machine_and (eval_bexp b1 r) (eval_bexp b2 r)
595   | (OR (b1, b2)) -> machine_or (eval_bexp b1 r) (eval_bexp b2 r)
```

## Small-step operational semantics

The Smallstep module provides the execution of one program step.

```
596 (* smallstep.mli *)
597 open Abstract_Syntax
598 open Labels
599 open Env
600 (* program states *)
601 type state = label * env
602 (* small-step operation semantics of commands *)
603 val trans : com -> state -> state
604 (* run-time errors *)
605 exception Error of string
```



```
623     if (l = l') then
624         (let v = (eval_aexp a r) in
625             (set r x v;
626                 (l'', r)))
627     else (raise (Error "ASSIGN incoherence"))
628 | (SEQ (l', s, l'')) ->
629     (transseq s (l, r))
630 | (IF (l', b, nb, t, f, l'')) ->
631     (if (l = l') then
632         (match (eval_bexp b r) with
633             | ERROR_BOOL e -> (raise (Error ("runtime error in \"if\" at "
634                 ^ (string_of_label l))))
635             | BOOLEAN true -> ((at t), r)
636             | BOOLEAN false -> match (eval_bexp nb r) with
637                 | ERROR_BOOL e ->
638                     (raise (Error ("runtime error in \"if\" at "
639                         ^ (string_of_label l))))
640                 | BOOLEAN true -> ((at f), r)
```



```
606 (* smallstep.ml *)
607 open Abstract_Syntax
608 open Labels
609 open Values
610 open Env
611 open Aexp
612 open Bexp
613 (* program states *)
614 type state = label * env
615 (* small-step operational semantics of commands *)
616
617 exception Error of string
618 let rec trans c (l, r) = match c with
619 | (SKIP (l', l'')) ->
620     if (l = l') then (l'', r)
621     else (raise (Error "SKIP incoherence"))
622 | (ASSIGN (l', x, a, l'')) ->
```



```
641     | BOOLEAN false -> (raise (Error "IF test incoherence"))
642     else if (l = (after t)) then (l'', r)
643     else if (l = (after f)) then (l'', r)
644     else if (incom l t) then
645         (trans t (l, r))
646     else if (incom l f) then
647         (trans f (l, r))
648     else (raise (Error "IF incoherence"))
649 | (WHILE (l', b, nb, c', l'')) ->
650     (if (l = l') then
651         (match (eval_bexp b r) with
652             | ERROR_BOOL e -> (raise (Error
653                 ("runtime error in \"while\" loop at " ^ (string_of_label l))))
654             | BOOLEAN true -> ((at c'), r)
655             | BOOLEAN false -> match (eval_bexp nb r) with
656                 | ERROR_BOOL e ->
657                     (raise (Error ("runtime error in \"while\" loop at "
658                         ^ (string_of_label l))))
```



```

659         | BOOLEAN true -> (l'', r)
660         | BOOLEAN false -> (raise (Error "WHILE test incoherence"))
661     else if (l = (after c')) then (l', r)
662     else if (incom l c') then
663         (trans c' (l, r))
664     else (raise (Error "WHILE incoherence"))
665 and transseq s (l, r) = match s with
666 | [] -> raise (Error "empty SEQ incoherence")
667 | [c] -> if (incom l c) then
668         (trans c (l, r))
669         else (raise (Error "SEQ incoherence"))
670 | h::t -> if (l = (after h)) then (transseq t (l, r))
671         else if (incom l h) then (trans h (l, r))
672         else (transseq t (l, r))
673

```



```

678 (* bigstep.ml *)
679 open Abstract_Syntax
680 open Labels
681 open Values
682 open Env
683 open Smallstep
684
685 (* big-step operational semantics of commands *)
686 let run p =
687     let rec exec (l, r) =
688         if l = (exit ())
689         then (print_env r; print_newline ())
690         else
691             let (l', r') = trans p (l, r) in
692                 exec (l', r')
693     in
694     (try exec ((entry ()), (initerr ()))

```



## Big-step operational semantics

The Bigstep module provides the natural program semantics.

```

674 (* bigstep.mli *)
675 open Abstract_Syntax
676 (* program execution *)
677 val run : com -> unit

```

- We record only the (initial and) final state(s), not all intermediate states.
- The implementation may not terminate for nonterminating programs (no attempt is made to detect non-termination, which is undecidable).



```

695     with Error s -> print_string ("Fatal error:" ^ s ^ ".\n"))
696

```



## The Standard Interpreter

The Main module provides the standard interpreter.

```
697 (* main.ml *)
698 open Program_To_Abstract_Syntax
699 open Pretty_Print
700 open Bigstep
701 (* read, parse and execute the program *)
702 let _ =
703   let arg = if (Array.length Sys.argv) = 1 then ""
704             else Sys.argv.(1) in
705   Random.self_init ();
706   let p = (abstract_syntax_of_program arg) in
707   (pretty_print p;
    run p)
```



## Standardization of programming languages

- For professional programming languages, the definition is often pseudo-formal, in english;
- See for example the standardization of C [9].

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### Reference

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## Example

Input:

```
x := 1;
while (x < 100) do
  x := x + 1
od;;
```

Result:

```
0:
  x := 1;
1:
  while (x < 100) do
2:
    x := (x + 1)
3:
  od {((100 < x) | (x = 100))}
4:

  x = 100;
```

See the makefile and the other examples.



# THE END

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