

COSE212: Programming Languages

Lecture 6 — Design and Implementation of PLs (2) Procedures

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Review: The Let Language

Syntax:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} P & \rightarrow & E \\ E & \rightarrow & n \\ | & & x \\ | & & E + E \\ | & & E - E \\ | & & \text{iszero } E \\ | & & \text{if } E \text{ then } E \text{ else } E \\ | & & \text{let } x = E \text{ in } E \\ | & & \text{read} \end{array}$$

Review: The Let Language

Semantic domain:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Val} &= \mathbb{Z} + \mathbf{Bool} \\ \mathbf{Env} &= \mathbf{Var} \rightarrow \mathbf{Val} \end{aligned}$$

Semantics rules:

$$\frac{}{\rho \vdash n \Rightarrow n} \quad \frac{}{\rho \vdash x \Rightarrow \rho(x)}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash E_1 \Rightarrow n_1 \quad \rho \vdash E_2 \Rightarrow n_2}{\rho \vdash E_1 + E_2 \Rightarrow n_1 + n_2}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash E_1 \Rightarrow n_1 \quad \rho \vdash E_2 \Rightarrow n_2}{\rho \vdash E_1 - E_2 \Rightarrow n_1 - n_2}$$

$$\frac{}{\rho \vdash \text{read} \Rightarrow n}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash E \Rightarrow 0}{\rho \vdash \text{iszzero } E \Rightarrow \text{true}}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash E \Rightarrow n}{\rho \vdash \text{iszzero } E \Rightarrow \text{false}} \quad n \neq 0$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash E_1 \Rightarrow \text{true} \quad \rho \vdash E_2 \Rightarrow v}{\rho \vdash \text{if } E_1 \text{ then } E_2 \text{ else } E_3 \Rightarrow v}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash E_1 \Rightarrow \text{false} \quad \rho \vdash E_3 \Rightarrow v}{\rho \vdash \text{if } E_1 \text{ then } E_2 \text{ else } E_3 \Rightarrow v}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash E_1 \Rightarrow v_1 \quad [x \mapsto v_1]\rho \vdash E_2 \Rightarrow v}{\rho \vdash \text{let } x = E_1 \text{ in } E_2 \Rightarrow v}$$

Proc = Let + Procedures

$$\begin{array}{c} P \rightarrow E \\ E \rightarrow n \\ | \quad x \\ | \quad E + E \\ | \quad E - E \\ | \quad \text{iszzero } E \\ | \quad \text{if } E \text{ then } E \text{ else } E \\ | \quad \text{let } x = E \text{ in } E \\ | \quad \text{read} \\ | \quad \text{proc } x \ E \\ | \quad E \ E \end{array}$$

Example

- `let f = proc (x) (x-11)
in (f (f 77))`
- `((proc (f) (f (f 77))) (proc (x) (x-11)))`

Free/Bound Variables of Procedures

- An occurrence of the variable x is *bound* when it occurs without definitions in the body of a procedure whose formal parameter is x .
- Otherwise, the variable is *free*.
- Examples:
 - ▶ proc (y) (x+y)
 - ▶ proc (x) (let y = 1 in x + y + z)
 - ▶ proc (x) (proc (y) (x+y))
 - ▶ let x = 1 in proc (y) (x+y)
 - ▶ let x = 1 in proc (y) (x+y+z)

Static vs. Dynamic Scoping

What is the result of the program?

```
let x = 1
in let f = proc (y) (x+y)
   in let x = 2
      in let g = proc (y) (x+y)
         in (f 1) + (g 1)
```

Two ways to determine free variables of procedures:

- In *static scoping (lexical scoping)*, the procedure body is evaluated in the environment where the procedure is defined (i.e. procedure-creation environment).
- In *dynamic scoping*, the procedure body is evaluated in the environment where the procedure is called (i.e. calling environment)

Exercises

What is the result of the program?

- In static scoping:

- In dynamic scoping:

① let a = 3

```
in let p = proc (z) a
    in let f = proc (x) (p 0)
        in let a = 5
            in (f 2)
```

② let a = 3

```
in let p = proc (z) a
    in let f = proc (a) (p 0)
        in let a = 5
            in (f 2)
```

Why Static Scoping?

Most modern languages use static scoping. Why?

- Reasoning about programs is much simpler in static scoping.
- In static scoping, renaming bound variables by their lexical definitions does not change the semantics, which is unsafe in dynamic scoping.

```
let x = 1
in let f = proc (y) (x+y)
   in let x = 2
      in let g = proc (y) (x+y)
         in (f 1) + (g 1)
```

- In static scoping, names are resolved at compile-time.
- In dynamic scoping, names are resolved only at runtime.

Semantics of Procedures: Static Scoping

- Domain:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Val} &= \mathbb{Z} + \text{Bool} + \text{Procedure} \\ \text{Procedure} &= \text{Var} \times E \times \text{Env} \\ \text{Env} &= \text{Var} \rightarrow \text{Val} \end{aligned}$$

The procedure value is called *closures*. The procedure is closed in its creation environment.

- Semantics rules:

$$\frac{\rho \vdash \text{proc } x \ E \Rightarrow (x, E, \rho)}{\rho \vdash E_1 \Rightarrow (x, E, \rho') \quad \rho \vdash E_2 \Rightarrow v \quad [x \mapsto v]\rho' \vdash E \Rightarrow v'} \quad \rho \vdash E_1 \ E_2 \Rightarrow v'$$

Examples

$$\overline{[] \vdash (\text{proc } (x) \ (x)) \ 1 \Rightarrow 1}$$

Examples

```
let x = 1
[] ⊢ in let f = proc (y) (x+y) ⇒ 4
      in let x = 2
          in (f 3)
```

Semantics of Procedures: Dynamic Scoping

- Domain:

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{Val} &= \mathbb{Z} + \textit{Bool} + \textit{Procedure} \\ \textit{Procedure} &= \textit{Var} \times E \\ \textit{Env} &= \textit{Var} \rightarrow \textit{Val} \end{aligned}$$

- Semantics rules:

$$\frac{}{\rho \vdash \text{proc } x \ E \Rightarrow (x, E)}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash E_1 \Rightarrow (x, E) \quad \rho \vdash E_2 \Rightarrow v \quad [x \mapsto v]\rho \vdash E \Rightarrow v'}{\rho \vdash E_1 \ E_2 \Rightarrow v'}$$

Examples

```
let x = 1
[] ⊢ in let f = proc (y) (x+y)      ⇒ 5
      in let x = 2
          in (f 3)
```

cf) Multiple Argument Procedures

- We can get the effect of multiple argument procedures by using procedures that return other procedures.
- ex) a function that takes two arguments and return their sum:

```
let f = proc (x) proc (y) (x+y)  
in ((f 3) 4)
```

Adding Recursive Procedures

The current language does not support recursive procedures, e.g.,

```
let f = proc (x) (f x)
in (f 1)
```

for which evaluation gets stuck:

$$\frac{\frac{[x \mapsto 1] \vdash f \Rightarrow ? \quad [x \mapsto 1] \vdash x \Rightarrow 1}{[x \mapsto 1] \vdash f x \Rightarrow ?} \quad [f \mapsto (x, f x, [])] \vdash f \Rightarrow (x, f x, [])}{[f \mapsto (x, f x, [])] \vdash (f 1) \Rightarrow ?}$$

Two solutions:

- go back to dynamic scoping :-(
- modify the language syntax and semantics for procedure :-)

Recursion is Not Special in Dynamic Scoping

With dynamic scoping, recursive procedures require no special mechanism.

Running the program

```
let f = proc (x) (f x)
in (f 1)
```

via dynamic scoping semantics

$$\frac{\rho \vdash E_1 \Rightarrow (x, E) \quad \rho \vdash E_2 \Rightarrow v \quad [x \mapsto v]\rho \vdash E \Rightarrow v'}{\rho \vdash E_1 E_2 \Rightarrow v'}$$

proceeds well:

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \hline [f \mapsto (x, f\ x), x \mapsto 1] \vdash f\ x \Rightarrow \\ \hline [f \mapsto (x, f\ x), x \mapsto 1] \vdash f\ x \Rightarrow \\ \hline [f \mapsto (x, f\ x)] \vdash f\ 1 \Rightarrow \\ \hline [] \vdash \text{let } f = \text{proc } (x) (f\ x) \text{ in } (f\ 1) \Rightarrow \end{array}$$

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Example

```
letrec double(x) =  
  if iszero(x) then 0 else ((double (x-1)) + 2)  
in (double 1)
```

Semantics of Recursive Procedures

- Domain:

$$Val = \mathbb{Z} + Bool + Procedure + RecProcedure$$

$$Procedure = Var \times E \times Env$$

$$RecProcedure = Var \times Var \times E \times Env$$

$$Env = Var \rightarrow Val$$

- Semantics rules:

$$\frac{[f \mapsto (f, x, E_1, \rho)]\rho \vdash E_2 \Rightarrow v}{\rho \vdash \text{letrec } f(x) = E_1 \text{ in } E_2 \Rightarrow v}$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \rho \vdash E_1 \Rightarrow (f, x, E, \rho') \quad \rho \vdash E_2 \Rightarrow v \\ [x \mapsto v, f \mapsto (f, x, E, \rho')] \rho' \vdash E \Rightarrow v' \end{array}}{\rho \vdash E_1 E_2 \Rightarrow v'}$$

Example

$$\frac{\frac{[f \mapsto (f, x, f\ x, [])] \vdash f \Rightarrow (f, x, f\ x, [])}{\frac{[f \mapsto (f, x, f\ x, [])] \vdash f \ 1 \Rightarrow}{[] \vdash \text{letrec } f(x) = f\ x \text{ in } f\ 1 \Rightarrow}} \vdash f\ x \Rightarrow \dots}{[x \mapsto 1, f \mapsto (f, x, f\ x, [])] \vdash f\ x \Rightarrow}$$

Mutually Recursive Procedures

$P \rightarrow E$

$E \rightarrow n$

| x

| $E + E$

| $E - E$

| $\text{iszero } E$

| $\text{if } E \text{ then } E \text{ else } E$

| $\text{let } x = E \text{ in } E$

| read

| $\text{letrec } f(x) = E \text{ in } E$

| $\text{letrec } f(x_1) = E_1 \text{ and } g(x_2) = E_2 \text{ in } E$

| $\text{proc } x \text{ } E$

| $E \text{ } E$

Example

```
letrec
  even(x) = if iszero(x) then 1 else odd(x-1)
  odd(x)  = if iszero(x) then 0 else even(x-1)
in (odd 13)
```

Semantics of Recursive Procedures

To support mutually recursive procedures, we need to extend the domain and semantics:

- Domain:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \textit{Val} & = & \cdots + \textcolor{blue}{MRecProcedure} \\ \textcolor{blue}{MRecProcedure} & = & ? \end{array}$$

- Semantics rules:

$$\frac{}{\rho \vdash \text{letrec } f(x) = E_1 \text{ and } g(y) = E_2 \text{ in } E_3 \Rightarrow ?}$$

$$\frac{}{\rho \vdash E_1 \ E_2 \Rightarrow ?}$$

Summary: The Proc Language

A programming language with expressions and procedures:

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Summary

Semantics

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$$\frac{\rho \vdash E \Rightarrow 0}{\rho \vdash \text{iszzero } E \Rightarrow \text{true}} \quad \frac{\rho \vdash E \Rightarrow n}{\rho \vdash \text{iszzero } E \Rightarrow \text{false}} \quad n \neq 0 \quad \frac{}{\rho \vdash \text{read} \Rightarrow n}$$

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