

Formal Methods and Functional Programming

Part II

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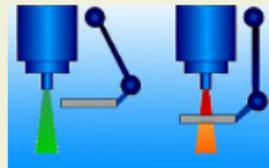
Software Errors Cost Large Amounts of Money

- Software errors cost US economy \$59.5 billion annually (estimate by Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology, 2002)
- Software bugs in baggage handling system of the airport of Denver lead to damage of around \$1 million per day (for almost a year)
- Explosion of Ariane 5 destroyed satellites worth \$500 million
- Pentium bug cost Intel \$500 million
- Xbox bug cost Microsoft \$1 billion



Software Errors May Cost Lives

- Software error in Therac-25 medical linear accelerator lead to overdose, which killed six people
- Rounding error caused Patriot Missile system to ignore an incoming Scud missile; 28 soldiers died
- Many other safety critical systems
 - Controllers in airplanes, cars, trains, etc.
 - Air traffic control systems
 - Nuclear reactor control systems



Traditional Software Engineering

- Describes expected behavior using **natural language** or **semi-formal notations**
 - Ambiguities
 - Contradictions
 - Incompletenesses



- Relies on **testing** to ensure quality
 - *Testing can show the presence of errors, but not their absence.*
[E. Dijkstra]
 - Exhaustive testing possible only for trivial programs
 - Some errors are hard to find (data races, deadlocks)
 - Achieving good test coverage is difficult (rare cases)

Alternative: Formal Methods

Formal methods are mathematical approaches to software and system development which support the rigorous specification, design, and verification of computer systems. [FME]

- Programs, programming languages, designs, etc. are **mathematical objects** and can be treated by **mathematical methods**
- Examples from Part I of the course:
 - Proving program properties

$$\forall x, y, z. (x + +y) + +z = x + +(y + +z)$$

- Formalizing language semantics

$$(\lambda x. M) N \hookrightarrow M[x \leftarrow N]$$

- Proving language properties

$$\text{If } e \hookrightarrow e' \text{ and } \vdash e :: \tau \text{ then } \vdash e' :: \tau$$

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- Observations

- Specification permits duplicate elements in array:
Test $\text{sort}(\{2, 2, 1\})$ reveals **error in implementation**
- Specification excludes `null` from the valid arguments to sort :
Test $\text{sort}(\text{null})$ is **invalid test case**
- Correctness proof covers **all valid inputs**, not just selected test cases

Example 2: Zune Bug



- Zune 30 did not work on Dec. 31, 2008
- Official fix: drain battery and recharge after midday on Jan. 01, 2009

```
//-----  
// Split total days since  
// Jan. 01, ORIGINYEAR  
// into year, month and day  
//-----  
BOOL ConvertDays(UINT32 days, ...) {  
    int year = ORIGINYEAR; /* =1980 */  
  
    while (days > 365) {  
        if (IsLeapYear(year)) {  
            if (days > 366) {  
                days -= 366; year += 1;  
            }  
        } else {  
            days -= 365; year += 1;  
        }  
    }  
    ... }  
}
```

Example 2: Zune Bug—Formal Treatment

- Prove **termination** formally
- Repetition: Sufficient condition for termination of recursive functions:
Arguments are **smaller along a well-founded order**
- Similar technique for loops
- Zune example:
 - Termination measure:
variable days
 - Well-founded order: $<$
with lower bound 365
(loop condition)
 - Error: measure not
decreased if
`IsLeapYear(year)`
and `days==366`

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Example 3: Deadlock

- Threads are synchronized via locks
- Interleaved execution of
a.transfer(b,n)
and
b.transfer(a,m)
might **deadlock**
- Multi-threaded programs are **extremely hard to test**

```
class Account {  
    int balance;  
  
    void transfer(Account to, int amount) {  
        acquire this;  
        acquire to;  
        this.balance -= amount;  
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        release this;  
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Example 3: Deadlock—Formal Treatment (1)

- Prevent deadlocks by **acquiring locks in ascending order**
- Prove absence of deadlocks by:
 - Defining an order on locks
 - Proving for each acquire o that o is **above all other locks** held by the current thread

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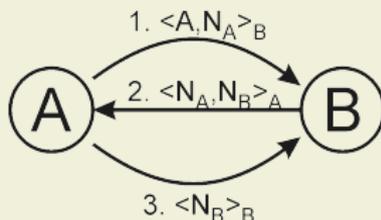
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 - Similar to testing
 - Very effective in practice

Example 4: Needham-Schroeder Protocol

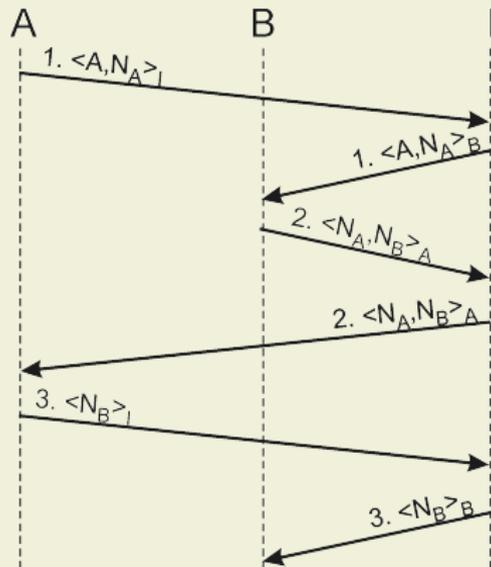
- Establish a common secret over an insecure channel
 - Alice sends random number N_A to Bob, encrypted with Bob's public key:
 $\langle A, N_A \rangle_B$
 - Bob sends random number N_B to Alice, encrypted with Alice's public key:
 $\langle N_A, N_B \rangle_A$
 - Alice responds with $\langle N_B \rangle_B$



- Intruders may:
 - Intercept, store, and replay messages
 - Initiate or participate in runs of the protocol
 - Decrypt messages only if encrypted with intruder's public key
- Error: intruder can pretend to be another party

Example 4: Needham-Schroeder Protocol— Formal Treatment

- State space exploration: **enumerate protocol runs**
 - Develop formal model of **intruder as non-deterministic program**
 - Simplifications: two agents, one intruder with limited memory
 - Check whether there is a protocol run such that agent believes to talk to other agent, but in fact **talks to intruder**
- Error was found this way 17 years after protocol was published



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- Requirements
 - **Safety properties**: Something bad will never happen
 - Functional behavior of `sort`
 - Absence of certain faults (e.g., buffer overflow)
 - **Liveness properties**: Something good will happen eventually
 - Termination of `ConvertDays`
 - Deadlock freedom of `transfer`
 - **Non-functional requirements**
 - Resource consumption, e.g., memory usage
 - Runtime, e.g., realtime guarantees

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- **Proof method**
 - **Deductive**: proof system
Example: prove termination in a program logic
 - **Algorithmic**: state space exploration (model checking)
Example: enumerate and check protocol runs

Formal Methods: Ingredients

- Specification language

- Modeling or programming language with precise semantics
- Desired properties expressed as logical formulas or abstract system
- Precise meaning of “system satisfies property”

- Proof method

- Method to establish or refute that a system satisfies a property

- Tool support

- For specification and verification
- Proofs are often simple, but tedious (in contrast to mathematics)
- Tools needed to check details
- Main examples: theorem provers and model checkers

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- Didactic value: Studying formal methods:
 - Leads to **deep understanding of semantics** of programs, design specifications, etc.
 - Increases awareness of **subtle issues** of programs, languages, etc.
 - **Makes you a better engineer!**

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 - Static analysis of 500,000 lines of C code
 - Proved absence of runtime errors (e.g., buffer overflows)

Limitations

- Incorrect specifications
 - Formal methods per se **do not guarantee correctness**
 - Verifying the wrong specification is useless
 - It is difficult to get specifications right
- Technical limitations
 - Almost all interesting properties are **undecidable**
 - Many tools quickly reach limits (scope, computing resources)
- Most formal methods require **specialist users**
 - Strong background in mathematics
 - Training in formal modelling
- Application of formal methods is **expensive**
 - But testing is expensive, too

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 - Increase test coverage
 - Replace (infinitely) many tests

Course Outline—Part II

- Focus: formal methods for (stateful) software
 - Imperative programs and languages
 - Software designs

1. Formal semantics of programming languages

- Operational semantics
- Hoare logic

2. State space exploration

- Temporal logic
- Model checking

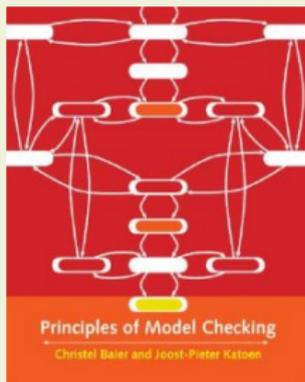
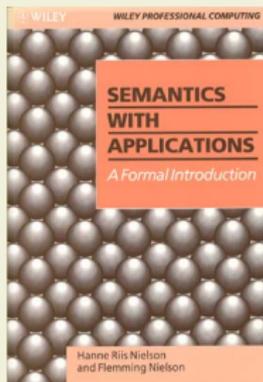
Organization

- Most aspects do not change (web page, homework)
- Different exercise sessions, different tutors
 - Wednesday 14-16, HG D7.2, Son Thai
 - Friday 08-10, IFW B42, Mohammad Torabi Dashti
 - Friday 08-10, IFW C42, Felix Klaedtke
 - Friday 08-10, IFW A 32.1, Son Thai

Please see course web page in which exercise group you are

- All exercise sessions will be in English
- Homework will be collected in the first break of the lecture
- **No exercise session this week!**
There is a new exercise sheet though.

Recommended Books



- Hanne Riis Nielson and Flemming Nielson:
Semantics with Applications: A Formal Introduction
 - Available from
http://www.daimi.au.dk/~bra8130/Wiley_book/wiley.pdf
- Christel Baier and Joost-Pieter Katoen:
Principles of Model Checking

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```
uncaught exception divide by zero
```

- Haskell uses **lazy evaluation**:
Arguments are evaluated when they are needed
- SML uses **eager evaluation**:
Arguments are evaluated when function is applied

Java: Dynamic Method Binding

```
class C1 {  
    int x;  
    public void inc1( )  
        { this.inc2( ); }  
    private void inc2( )  
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```

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class CS1 extends C1 {  
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Why Formal Semantics?

- Programming language design
 - Formal verification of language properties
 - Reveal ambiguities
 - Support for standardization
- Implementation of programming languages
 - Compilers
 - Interpreters
 - Portability
- Reasoning about programs
 - Formal verification of program properties
 - Extended static checking

Language Properties

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    oa[0]=new Integer(5);  
}
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```
String[] sa=new String[10];  
m(sa);  
String s = sa[0];
```

Compiler Optimization

- Common subexpression elimination

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- Verification could run by induction
- Induction hypothesis:
 $n \geq 0 \Rightarrow \text{fac}(n) = n!$
- Induction base is trivial
- Induction step requires to prove $n \times (n - 1)! = n!$ which is not the case in computer arithmetic

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- Transformation of states

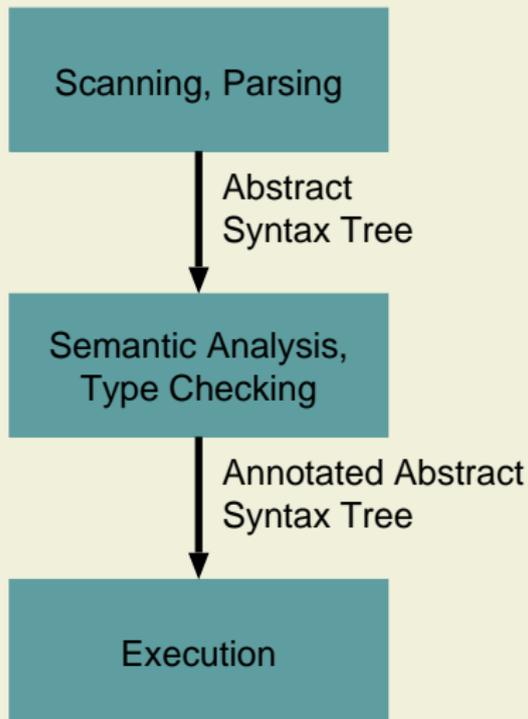
Static Semantics

- Type rules
- Name resolution

Syntax

- Syntax rules, defined by grammar

Compilation and Execution



Three Kinds of Semantics

- Operational semantics
 - Describes execution on an **abstract machine**
 - Describes **how** the effect is achieved
- Denotational semantics
 - Programs are regarded as **functions** in a mathematical domain
 - Describes **only the effect**, not how it is obtained
- Axiomatic semantics
 - **Specific properties** of the effect of executing a program are expressed
 - Some aspects of the computation may be **ignored**

Operational Semantics

```
y := 1;  
while not(x=1) do ( y := x*y; x := x-1 )
```

- “First we assign 1 to y , then we test whether x is 1 or not. If it is then we stop and otherwise we update y to be the product of x and the previous value of y and then we decrement x by 1. Now we test whether the new value of x is 1 or not. . .”
- Two kinds of operational semantics
 - Natural Semantics
 - Structural Operational Semantics

Denotational Semantics

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- “The program computes a partial function from states to states: the final state will be equal to the initial state except that the value of x will be 1 and the value of y will be equal to the factorial of the value of x in the initial state”
- Two kinds of denotational semantics
 - Direct Style Semantics
 - Continuation Style Semantics

Axiomatic Semantics

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- “If $x = n$ holds before the program is executed then $y = n!$ will hold when the execution terminates (if it terminates)”
- Two kinds of axiomatic semantics
 - Partial correctness
 - Total correctness

Abstraction

Concrete language implementation

Operational semantics

Denotational semantics

Axiomatic semantics

Abstract description

Selection Criteria

Constructs of the language

- Imperative
- Functional
- Concurrent
- Object-oriented
- Non-deterministic
- Etc.

Application of the semantics

- Understanding the language
- Program verification
- Prototyping
- Compiler construction
- Program analysis
- Etc.

Focus of this Course

- We discuss the major approaches to semantics for a small imperative language IMP
 - Similarities and differences
 - Important theoretical results
- Operational Semantics
 - Natural and structural operational semantics of IMP
 - Equivalence
- Axiomatic Semantics
 - Axiomatic semantics of IMP
 - Soundness and completeness

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1.5 Properties of the Semantics

The Language IMP

- Expressions
 - Boolean and arithmetic expressions
 - No side-effects in expressions
- Variables
 - All variables range over integers
 - All variables are initialized
 - No global variables
- IMP does not include
 - Heap allocation and pointers
 - Variable declarations
 - Procedures
 - Concurrency

Syntax of IMP: Characters and Tokens

Characters

Letter = 'A' | ... | 'Z' | 'a' | ... | 'z'

Digit = '0' | '1' | '2' | '3' | '4' | '5' | '6' | '7' | '8' | '9'

Tokens

Ident = Letter { Letter | Digit }

Integer = Digit { Digit }

Var = Ident

Syntax of IMP: Expressions

Arithmetic expressions

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Aexp} &= '(' \text{ Aexp Op Aexp } ') ' | \text{ Var } | \text{ Integer} \\ \text{Op} &= '+' | '-' | '*' | '/' | \text{ 'mod'} \end{aligned}$$

Boolean expressions

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bexp} &= '(' \text{ Bexp 'or' Bexp } ') ' | '(' \text{ Bexp 'and' Bexp } ') ' \\ &| \text{ 'not' Bexp } | \text{ Aexp RelOp Aexp} \\ \text{RelOp} &= '=' | \text{ '#'} | \text{ '<'} | \text{ '<='} | \text{ '>'} | \text{ '>='} \end{aligned}$$

We omit parentheses if permitted by the usual operator precedence

Syntax of IMP: Statemens

```
Stm  = 'skip'  
      | Var ':=' Aexp  
      | Stm ';' Stm  
      | 'if' Bexp 'then' Stm 'else' Stm 'end'  
      | 'while' Bexp 'do' Stm 'end'
```

Notation

Meta-variables (written in *italic* font)

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| x, y, z | for variables (Var) |
| e, e', e_1, e_2 | for arithmetic expressions (Aexp) |
| b, b_1, b_2 | for boolean expressions (Bexp) |
| s, s', s_1, s_2 | for statements (Stm) |

Keywords are written in typewriter font

Syntax of IMP: Example

```
res := 1;
while n > 1 do
  res := res * n;
  n := n - 1
end
```

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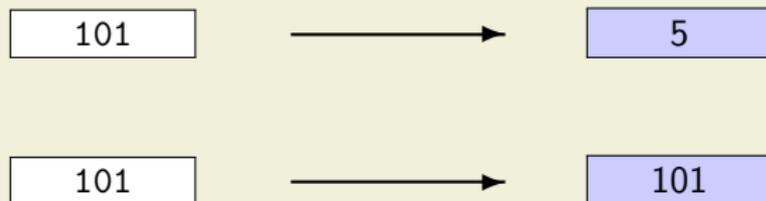
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Semantic Categories

Syntactic category: Integer

Semantic category: $\text{Val} = \mathbb{Z}$



- Semantic functions map elements of syntactic categories to elements of semantic categories
- To define the semantics of IMP, we need semantic functions for
 - Arithmetic expressions (syntactic category A_{exp})
 - Boolean expressions (syntactic category B_{exp})
 - Statements (syntactic category Stm)

States



- The meaning of an expression depends on the values bound to the variables that occur in it
- A state associates a value to each variable

State : Var \rightarrow Val

- We represent a state σ as a finite function

$\sigma = \{x_1 \mapsto v_1, x_2 \mapsto v_2, \dots, x_n \mapsto v_n\}$

where x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are different elements of Var and v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n are elements of Val.

Semantics of Arithmetic Expressions

The semantic function

$$\mathcal{A} : \text{Aexp} \rightarrow \text{State} \rightarrow \text{Val}$$

maps an arithmetic expression e and a state σ to a value $\mathcal{A}[[e]]\sigma$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}[[x]]\sigma &= \sigma(x) \\ \mathcal{A}[[i]]\sigma &= i && \text{for } i \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \mathcal{A}[[e_1 \text{ op } e_2]]\sigma &= \mathcal{A}[[e_1]]\sigma \overline{\text{op}} \mathcal{A}[[e_2]]\sigma && \text{for } \text{op} \in \text{Op}\end{aligned}$$

$\overline{\text{op}}$ is the operation $\text{Val} \times \text{Val} \rightarrow \text{Val}$ corresponding to op

Semantics of Boolean Expressions

The semantic function

$$\mathcal{B} : \text{Bexp} \rightarrow \text{State} \rightarrow \text{Bool}$$

maps a boolean expression b and a state σ to a truth value $\mathcal{B}[[b]]\sigma$

$$\mathcal{B}[[e_1 \text{ op } e_2]]\sigma = \begin{cases} tt & \text{if } \mathcal{A}[[e_1]]\sigma \overline{\text{op}} \mathcal{A}[[e_2]]\sigma \\ ff & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\text{op} \in \text{RelOp}$ and $\overline{\text{op}}$ is the relation $\text{Val} \times \text{Val}$ corresponding to op

Boolean Expressions (cont'd)

$$\mathcal{B}[[b_1 \text{ or } b_2]]\sigma = \begin{cases} tt & \text{if } \mathcal{B}[[b_1]]\sigma = tt \text{ or } \mathcal{B}[[b_2]]\sigma = tt \\ ff & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{B}[[b_1 \text{ and } b_2]]\sigma = \begin{cases} tt & \text{if } \mathcal{B}[[b_1]]\sigma = tt \text{ and } \mathcal{B}[[b_2]]\sigma = tt \\ ff & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{B}[[\text{not } b]]\sigma = \begin{cases} tt & \text{if } \mathcal{B}[[b]]\sigma = ff \\ ff & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Well-Founded Relations

- Definition

A binary relation $<$ on a set A is *well-founded* iff there are no infinite descending chains

$$\dots < a_j < \dots < a_1 < a_0$$

- Examples

- $<$ is a well-founded relation on \mathbb{N}

- $<$ is not well-founded on \mathbb{Z}

- \leq is not well-founded on \mathbb{N}

- Well-founded relations are also called Noetherian orders

Well-Founded Induction

- Principle of well-founded induction

Let $<$ be a well-founded relation on a set A . Let P be a property. Then the following equivalence holds.

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall a \in A : ((\forall b \in A : b < a \Rightarrow P(b)) \Rightarrow P(a))) \\ & \Leftrightarrow \forall a \in A : P(a) \end{aligned}$$

- Mathematical induction is a special case of well-founded induction
 - Set: \mathbb{N}
 - Relation: $n < m$ iff $m = n + 1$
- Structural induction is a special case of well-founded induction
 - Set: the set of terms of an algebraic data type
 - Relation: $n < m$ iff n is a sub-term of m

Structural Induction: Example

- Syntax defined as algebraic data type

$$\text{Aexp} = \text{Aexp Op Aexp} \mid \text{Var} \mid \text{Integer}$$

- Constructors are left implicit
- Structural induction for arithmetic expressions

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall i \in \text{Integer} : P(i)) \wedge \\ & (\forall x \in \text{Var} : P(x)) \wedge \\ & (\forall e_1, e_2 \in \text{Aexp} : P(e_1) \wedge P(e_2) \Rightarrow P(e_1 \text{ op } e_2)) \\ & \Leftrightarrow \\ & \forall e \in \text{Aexp} : P(e) \end{aligned}$$

Inductive Definitions

The semantics is given by **recursive definitions** of functions

- The values for the basis elements are defined directly
- The values for composite elements are defined **inductively** in terms of the immediate constituents

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}[[x]]\sigma &= \sigma(x) \\ \mathcal{A}[[i]]\sigma &= i \quad \text{for } i \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \mathcal{A}[[e_1 \text{ op } e_2]]\sigma &= \mathcal{A}[[e_1]]\sigma \ \overline{\text{op}} \ \mathcal{A}[[e_2]]\sigma \quad \text{for } \text{op} \in \text{Op}\end{aligned}$$

- Since the decomposition of the elements is unique this means that the semantics is well-defined

Using Structural Induction

- Recursive definitions enable proofs by structural induction
- Lemma: The equations for \mathcal{A} define a total function $\mathcal{A} : \text{Aexp} \rightarrow \text{State} \rightarrow \text{Val}$
- To prove the lemma, we show that for each $e \in \text{Aexp}$ and $\sigma \in \text{State}$ there is exactly one $v \in \text{Val}$ such that $\mathcal{A}[[e]]\sigma = v$

Proof

1. Induction base

- Case 1: $e \equiv i$
The equations define $\mathcal{A}[[i]]\sigma = i, i \in \text{Val}$
- Case 2: $e \equiv x$
The equations define $\mathcal{A}[[x]]\sigma = \sigma(x)$
 σ is a total function, $\sigma(x) \in \text{Val}$

2. Induction step: $e \equiv e_1 \text{ op } e_2$

- The equations define $\mathcal{A}[[e_1 \text{ op } e_2]]\sigma = \mathcal{A}[[e_1]]\sigma \overline{\text{op}} \mathcal{A}[[e_2]]\sigma$
- There is exactly one value for $\mathcal{A}[[e_1]]\sigma$ and $\mathcal{A}[[e_2]]\sigma$, respectively (induction hypothesis)

Inductive Definitions: Example

New arithmetic expression: $-e$

- Inductive definition of

$$\mathcal{A}[-e]\sigma$$

$$\mathcal{A}[-e]\sigma = 0 - \mathcal{A}[e]\sigma$$

- e is a **subterm** of $-e$
- For the induction step we **may assume the induction hypothesis** for e

- Non-inductive definition of

$$\mathcal{A}[-e]\sigma$$

$$\mathcal{A}[-e]\sigma = \mathcal{A}[0-e]\sigma$$

- $0-e$ is **not a subterm** of $-e$
- For the induction step we **may not assume the induction hypothesis** for $0-e$

Free Variables

Arithmetic expressions

$$\begin{aligned}FV(e_1 \text{ op } e_2) &= FV(e_1) \cup FV(e_2) \\FV(i) &= \emptyset, i \text{ is an integer} \\FV(x) &= \{x\}\end{aligned}$$

Boolean expressions

$$\begin{aligned}FV(b_1 \text{ op } b_2) &= FV(b_1) \cup FV(b_2), \text{ op} \in \text{RelOp} \\FV(\text{not } b) &= FV(b) \\FV(b_1 \text{ or } b_2) &= FV(b_1) \cup FV(b_2) \\FV(b_1 \text{ and } b_2) &= FV(b_1) \cup FV(b_2)\end{aligned}$$

Statements

$$\begin{aligned}FV(\text{skip}) &= \emptyset \\FV(x := e) &= \{x\} \cup FV(e) \\FV(s_1; s_2) &= FV(s_1) \cup FV(s_2) \\FV(\text{if } b \text{ then } s_1 \text{ else } s_2 \text{ end}) &= FV(b) \cup FV(s_1) \cup FV(s_2) \\FV(\text{while } b \text{ do } s \text{ end}) &= FV(b) \cup FV(s)\end{aligned}$$

Syntactic Abbreviations

```
if  $b$  then  $s$  end
```

```
if  $b$  then  $s$  else skip end
```

```
repeat  $s$  until  $b$ 
```

```
 $s$ ; while not  $b$  do  $s$  end
```

```
for  $x := e_1$  to  $e_2$  do  $s$  end
```

```
 $x \notin FV(e_2), y \notin FV(s)$ 
```

```
 $x := e_1$ ;  
var  $y := e_2$  in  
  while  $x \leq y$  do  
     $s$ ;  $x := x + 1$   
  end  
end
```

```
true
```

```
1=1
```