CS 4110

Programming Languages & Logics

Lecture 8
Denotational Semantics Proofs

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Let F be a Scott-continuous function. The least fixed point of F is $\bigcup_i F^i(\emptyset)$.

Denotational Semantics for IMP Commands

$$\mathcal{C}[\![\textbf{skip}]\!] = \{(\sigma, \sigma)\}$$

$$\mathcal{C}[\![x := a]\!] = \{(\sigma, \sigma[x \mapsto n]) \mid (\sigma, n) \in \mathcal{A}[\![a]\!]\}$$

$$\mathcal{C}[\![c_1; c_2]\!] =$$
$$\{(\sigma, \sigma') \mid \exists \sigma''.\ ((\sigma, \sigma'') \in \mathcal{C}[\![c_1]\!] \land (\sigma'', \sigma') \in \mathcal{C}[\![c_2]\!])\}$$

$$\mathcal{C}[\![\textbf{if } b \textbf{ then } c_1 \textbf{ else } c_2]\!] =$$
$$\{(\sigma, \sigma') \mid (\sigma, \textbf{true}) \in \mathcal{B}[\![b]\!] \land (\sigma, \sigma') \in \mathcal{C}[\![c_1]\!]\} \ \cup$$
$$\{(\sigma, \sigma') \mid (\sigma, \textbf{false}) \in \mathcal{B}[\![b]\!] \land (\sigma, \sigma') \in \mathcal{C}[\![c_2]\!]\}$$

$$\mathcal{C}[\![\textbf{while } b \textbf{ do } c]\!] = \mathit{fix}(f)$$
where $F(f) = \{(\sigma, \sigma) \mid (\sigma, \textbf{false}) \in \mathcal{B}[\![b]\!]\} \ \cup$
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$$(\sigma'', \sigma') \in f\}$$

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