

Finite trees: Two examples

- An interpreter for a simple expression language
- An interpreter for a simple while-language

Finite trees (II)

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The interpreter for a simple imperative programming language is a higher-order function:

I : Program \rightarrow State \rightarrow State

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An evaluation function

```
eval: ExprTree -> Map<string,int> -> int
```

is defined as follows:

```
let rec eval t env =
  match t with
  | Const n      -> n
  | Ident s      -> Map.find s env
  | Minus t      -> - (eval t env)
  | Sum(t1,t2)   -> eval t1 env + eval t2 env
  | Diff(t1,t2)  -> eval t1 env - eval t2 env
  | Prod(t1,t2)  -> eval t1 env * eval t2 env
  | Let(s,t1,t2) -> let v1    = eval t1 env
                     let env1 = Map.add s v1 env
                     eval t2 env1;;
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let env = Map.add "a" -7 Map.empty;;  
eval et env;;  
val it : int = 35
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- Statements (assignments, sequential composition, loops, ...)

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You do not need parenthesis, precedence rules, etc.
in the **abstract syntax**

you work directly on trees.

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Semantics of Arithmetic Expressions

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  match a with  
  | N n           -> n  
  | V x           -> Map.find x s  
  | Add(a1, a2)   -> A a1 s + A a2 s  
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- Abstract syntax

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- Semantics $B : BExp \rightarrow State \rightarrow bool$

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Example of concrete syntax:

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y:=1 ; while not(x=0) do (y:= y*x ; x:=x-1)
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- Update is a synonym for `Map.add`:

```
let update x v s = Map.add x v s;;
```


- The meaning of statements is a function

$$I : Stm \rightarrow State \rightarrow State$$

that is defined by induction on the structure of statements:

```
let rec I stm s =  
  match stm with  
  | Ass(x,a)           -> update x ( ... ) s  
  | Seq stms           -> ...  
  | ITE(b,stm1,stm2) -> ...  
  | While(b, stm)      -> ... ;;
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(* Interpret the program *)  
let s1 = I fac s0;;  
val s1 : Map<string,int> = map [("x", 1); ("y", 24)]
```

Interpreter will be available on Learn.

- You may add the statements **skip**, **if-then** and **repeat-until**.
- Suppose that an expression of the form **inc(*x*)** is added. It adds one to the value of *x* in the current state, and the value of the expression is this new value of *x*.

How would you refine the interpreter to cope with this construct?

- Analyse the problem and state the types for the refined interpretation functions