Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences — CS 152: Programming Languages

Algebraic structures, Concurrency, Type and effect system Section and Practice Problems

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1 Haskell

- (a) Install the Haskell Platform, via https://www.haskell.org/platform/.
- (b) Get familiar with Haskell. Take a look at http://www.seas.harvard.edu/courses/cs152/ 2015sp/resources.html for some links to tutorials.

In particular, get comfortable doing functional programming in Haskell. Write the factorial function. Write the append function for lists.

- (c) Get comfortable using monads, and the bind syntax. Try doing the exercises at https://wiki. haskell.org/All_About_Monads#Exercises (which will require you to read the previous sections to undestand do notation, and their previous examples).
- (d) Also, look at the file http://www.seas.harvard.edu/courses/cs152/2015sp/sections/ haskell-examples.hs, which includes some example Haskell code (that will likely be covered in Section).

2 Algebraic structures

- (a) Show that the option type, with *map* defined as in the lecture notes (Lecture 16, Section 2.2) satisfy the functor laws.
- (b) Consider the list type, τ **list**. Define functions *return* and *bind* for the list monad that satisfy the monad laws. Prove that they satisfy the monad laws.

3 Concurrency

(a) Consider the following program.

$$(3+7)||((\lambda x.x+1)2)|$$

Show an execution sequence for this program (i.e., give a sequence of expressions such that $e_0 \rightarrow e_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow e_n$ where $e_0 = (3+7) \parallel ((\lambda x. x + 1) 2 + 5)$ and e_n is a value.

Now give a different execution sequence for this program.

How many different execution sequences of this program are there?

(b) Consider the following program.

let foo = ref 2 in (let y = (foo :=!foo+!foo || foo :=!1) in !foo)

What are the possible final values of the program?

4 Type and effect system

Recall the type and effect system to ensure determinacy, covered in Lecture 17.

(a) Consider the program (from class) of a bank balance, where the bank balance is in the region *A*.

let $bal = ref_{\alpha} A0$ in (let y = (bal :=!bal + 25||bal :=!bal + 50) in !bal)

Try to produce a typing derivation for this program (using the type-and-effect typing rules from lecture). Where do the typing rules fail? Why?

(b) Write a program that allocates two locations (in different regions) and reads and writes from both of them. Moreover, make sure that your program is well-typed according to the type-and-effect system. Is your program deterministic?