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

Control Flow Analysis and Logic Programming Section and Practice Problems

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1 Control Flow Analysis

Consider the following lambda calculus program.

$$(\lambda f. (f 76) + (f 77)) (\lambda a. a)$$

- (a) Add labels to the program. That is, make it an expression in the labeled lambda calculus of Lecture 22, where every label is unique.
- (b) Let *e* be your labeled lambda calculus program. Write out C[[*e*]]_{*e*}, i.e., the set of constraints for the program *e*. (Hint, you should have 20 constraints in total. In particular, for each of the 3 applications, you should have 4 constraints, 2 for each of the lambda terms in the program.)
- (c) Find C* and r*, the smallest functions that satisfy the constraints you generated in the question above.
- (d) Check that your functions C^{*} and r^{*} make sense. That is, if an expression labeled *l* can evaluate to an expression labeled *l'*, do you have $l' \in C^*(l)$?
- (e) Consider adding the expression $(\text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2)^l$ to the language. Define $C[[(\text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2)^l]_e$. Try rewriting the program above using one or more let expressions, and make sure that the constraints you generate for the modified program produce the same solution C^{*} and r^{*}.

2 Logic Programming

(a) Consider the following Prolog program (where [] is a constant representing the empty list, [t] is shorthand for cons(t, []) and $[t_1, t_2|t_3]$ is shorthand for cons $(t_1, cons(t_2, t_3))$.

$$\begin{split} &\text{foo}([],[]).\\ &\text{foo}([X],[X]).\\ &\text{foo}([X,Y|S],[Y,X|T])\coloneqq\text{foo}(S,T) \end{split}$$

For each of the following queries, compute the substitutions that Prolog will generate, if any. (Note that there is a difference between an empty substitution, and no substitution.) If the query evaluation will not terminate, explain why.

- foo([a, b], X).
- foo([a, b, c], X).
- foo([a, b], [a, b])
- foo(X, [a])
- foo(X, Y).

(b) Consider the following Datalog program.

$$\begin{split} & \mathsf{bar}(\mathsf{a},\mathsf{b},\mathsf{c}).\\ & \mathsf{bar}(X,Y,Z) \coloneqq \mathsf{bar}(Y,X,Z).\\ & \mathsf{bar}(X,Y,Z) \coloneqq \mathsf{bar}(Z,Y,X),\mathsf{quux}(X,Z).\\ & \mathsf{quux}(\mathsf{b},\mathsf{c}).\\ & \mathsf{quux}(\mathsf{c},\mathsf{d}).\\ & \mathsf{quux}(X,Y) \coloneqq \mathsf{quux}(Y,X).\\ & \mathsf{quux}(X,Z) \coloneqq \mathsf{quux}(X,Y),\mathsf{quux}(Y,Z). \end{split}$$

Find all solutions to the query bar(X, Y, Z).