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

Control Flow Analysis 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 24, 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*.