

# Imperative Languages I

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# Imperative Languages

## Essential Features:

- Sequential execution,
- Implicit data structure (the “store”)
  - Existence independent of any program,
  - Not mentioned in language syntax,
  - Phrases may access it and update it.

## Relationship between store and programs:

### 1. Critical for evaluation of phrases.

Phrase meaning depends on store.

### 2. Communication between phrases.

Phrases deposit values in store for use by other phrases; sequencing mechanism establishes communication order.

### 3. Inherently “large” argument.

Only one copy existing during execution.

## A Language with Assignment

- Declaration-free Pascal subset.
- Program = sequence of *commands*
- $C: \text{Command} \rightarrow \text{Store}_{\perp} \rightarrow \text{Store}_{\perp}$ 
  - A command produces a new store from its store argument.
  - Command might not terminate (“loop”)
    - $C[[C]]_s = \perp$ .
  - Followup commands will not evaluate
    - $C[[C]]: \text{Store}_{\perp} \rightarrow \text{Store}_{\perp}$  is strict.
  - Command sequencing is store composition
    - $C[[C_1; C_2]](s) = C[[C_2]](C[[C_1]]s)$
    - $C[[C_1; C_2]] = C[[C_1]] \circ C[[C_2]]$

(See Schmidt, Figures 5.1 and 5.2)

## Valuation Functions

- **P**:  $\text{Program} \rightarrow \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat}_{\perp}$

Program maps input number to an answer number; non-termination is possible (codomain includes  $\perp$ ).

- **C**:  $\text{Command} \rightarrow \text{Store}_{\perp} \rightarrow \text{Store}_{\perp}$

Command maps store into a new store; predecessor command may not have terminated (domain includes  $\perp$ ) and command may not terminate (codomain includes  $\perp$ ).

- **E**:  $\text{Expression} \rightarrow \text{Store} \rightarrow \text{Nat}$

Expression maps store into natural number.

- **B**:  $\text{Bool-exp} \rightarrow \text{Store} \rightarrow \text{Tr}$

Boolean expression maps store into truth value.

- **N**:  $\text{Numeral} \rightarrow \text{Nat}$

Numeral yields a natural value.

## Program Denotation

- How to understand a program?
- A possibility is to compute its denotation with a particular input argument.

$P: \text{Program} \rightarrow \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat}_\perp$

- Various results for various inputs.

Natural number or  $\perp$  (non-termination)

```
Z:=1;  
if A=0 then diverge;  
Z:=3.
```

$\Downarrow$  **P** (*two*)

*Denotation*

## Simplification

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{P}[[Z:=1; \text{if } A=0 \text{ then diverge; } Z:=3.]](two) \\
&= \text{let } s_1 = (\text{update } [[A]] \text{ two newstore}) \\
&\quad s' = \mathbf{C}[[Z:=1; \text{if } A=0 \text{ then diverge; } Z:=3]]_{s_1} \\
&\quad \text{in access } [[Z]] s' \\
&= \text{let } s_1 = ( [ [[A]] \mapsto two ] \text{ newstore} ) \\
&\quad s' = \underline{\mathbf{C}[[Z:=1; \text{if } A=0 \text{ then diverge; } Z:=3]]}_{s_1} \\
&\quad \text{in access } [[Z]] s'
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{C}[[Z:=1; \text{if } A=0 \text{ then diverge; } Z:=3]]_{s_1} \\
&= (\lambda s. \mathbf{C}[[\text{if } A=0 \text{ then diverge; } Z:=3]] \\
&\quad (\mathbf{C}[[Z:=1]]s))_{s_1} \\
&= \mathbf{C}[[\text{if } A=0 \text{ then diverge; } Z:=3]](\underline{\mathbf{C}[[Z:=1]]}_{s_1})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{C}[[Z:=1]]_{s_1} \\
&= (\lambda s. \text{update } [[Z]] (\mathbf{E}[[1]]s) s)_{s_1} \\
&= \text{update } [[Z]] (\mathbf{E}[[1]]_{s_1}) s_1 \\
&= \text{update } [[Z]] (\mathbf{N}[[1]]) s_1 \\
&= \text{update } [[Z]] \text{ one } s_1 \\
&= [ [[Z]] \mapsto one ]_{s_1} \\
&= s_2
\end{aligned}$$

## Simplification

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{C}[[\text{if } A=0 \text{ then diverge; } Z:=3]](\mathbf{C}[[Z:=1]]_{s_1}) \\
&= \mathbf{C}[[\text{if } A=0 \text{ then diverge; } Z:=3]]_{s_2} \\
&= (\lambda s. \mathbf{C}[[Z:=3]])(\mathbf{C}[[\text{if } A=0 \text{ then diverge}]]_s)_{s_2} \\
&= (\lambda s. \mathbf{C}[[Z:=3]])((\lambda s. \mathbf{B}[[A=0]]_s \rightarrow \\
&\quad \mathbf{C}[[\text{diverge}]]_s [] s) s)_{s_2} \\
&= \mathbf{C}[[Z:=3]]((\lambda s. \mathbf{B}[[A=0]]_s \rightarrow \\
&\quad \mathbf{C}[[\text{diverge}]]_s [] s)_{s_2}) \\
&= \mathbf{C}[[Z:=3]](\mathbf{B}[[A=0]]_{s_2} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}[[\text{diverge}]]_{s_2} [] s_2)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{B}[[A=0]]_{s_2} \\
&= (\lambda s. \mathbf{E}[[A]]_s \text{ equals } \mathbf{E}[[0]]_s)_{s_2} \\
&= \mathbf{E}[[A]]_{s_2} \text{ equals } \mathbf{E}[[0]]_{s_2} \\
&= (\text{access } [[A]] s_2) \text{ equals zero}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{access } [[A]] s_2 \\
&= s_2 [[A]] \\
&= ( [ [[Z]] \mapsto \text{one} ] [ [[A]] \mapsto \text{two} ] \text{newstore} ) [[A]] \\
&= ( [ [[A]] \mapsto \text{two} ] \text{newstore} ) [[A]] \\
&= \text{two}
\end{aligned}$$

## Simplification

$(\text{access } [[A]] \ s_2)$  equals zero

= *two equals zero*

= *false*

$\mathbf{C}[[Z:=3]](\mathbf{B}[[A=0]]_{s_2} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}[[\text{diverge}]]_{s_2} [] \ s_2)$

=  $\mathbf{C}[[Z:=3]](\text{false} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}[[\text{diverge}]]_{s_2} [] \ s_2)$

=  $\mathbf{C}[[Z:=3]]_{s_2}$

=  $(\lambda s. \text{update } [[Z]] (\mathbf{E}[[3]] \ s) \ s)_{s_2}$

=  $\text{update } [[Z]] (\mathbf{E}[[3]]_{s_2}) \ s_2$

=  $\text{update } [[Z]] (\mathbf{N}[[3]]) \ s_2$

=  $\text{update } [[Z]] \ \text{three} \ s_2$

=  $[ [[Z]] \mapsto \text{three} ]_{s_2}$



## Simplification

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{let } s_1 = ( [ [A] \mapsto \text{two} ] \text{newstore} ) \\
 &\quad s_2 = [ [Z] \mapsto \text{one} ]_{s_1} \\
 &\quad s' = \underline{\mathbf{C}[[Z:=1; \text{if } A=0 \text{ then diverge; } Z:=3]]}_{s_1} \\
 &\quad \text{in } \underline{\text{access } [[Z]]}_{s'} \\
 = &\text{let } s_1 = ( [ [A] \mapsto \text{two} ] \text{newstore} ) \\
 &\quad s_2 = [ [Z] \mapsto \text{one} ]_{s_1} \\
 &\quad s' = [ [Z] \mapsto \text{three} ]_{s_2} \\
 &\quad \text{in } \underline{\text{access } [[Z]]}_{s'}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{access } [[Z]]_{s'} \\
 = &\text{access } [[Z]] [ [Z] \mapsto \text{three} ]_{s_2} \\
 = &[ [Z] \mapsto \text{three} ]_{s_2} [[Z]] \\
 = &\text{three}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Program Denotation

Program plus input  $\rightarrow$  result.

```
Z:=1;
if A=0 then diverge;
Z:=3.
```

$\Downarrow$  **P** (*two*)

```
let  $s_1 = ( [ [[A]] \mapsto \textit{two} ] \textit{newstore} )$ 
     $s_2 = [ [[Z]] \mapsto \textit{one} ] s_1$ 
     $s_3 = ((\textit{access} [[A]] s_2) \textit{equals zero}) \rightarrow \perp [] s_2$ 
     $s' = [ [[Z]] \mapsto \textit{three} ] s_3$ 
in  $\textit{access} [[Z]] s'$ 
```

$\parallel$

*three*

*Intermediate form (only partial simplification)  
delivers more insight!*

## Simplification II

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{P}[[Z:=1; \text{if } A=0 \text{ then diverge; } Z:=3.]](\text{zero}) \\
&= \text{let } s_3 = [ [[A]] \mapsto \text{zero} ] \text{newstore} \\
&\quad s' = \mathbf{C}[[Z:=1; \text{if } A=0 \text{ then diverge; } Z:=3]]_{s_3} \\
&\quad \text{in access } [[Z]] s' \\
&= \text{let } s_3 = [ [[A]] \mapsto \text{zero} ] \text{newstore} \\
&\quad s_4 = [ [[Z]] \mapsto \text{one} ]_{s_3} \\
&\quad s' = \mathbf{C}[[\text{if } A=0 \text{ then diverge; } Z:=3]]_{s_4} \\
&\quad \text{in access } [[Z]] s' \\
&= \text{let } s_3 = [ [[A]] \mapsto \text{zero} ] \text{newstore} \\
&\quad s_4 = [ [[Z]] \mapsto \text{one} ]_{s_3} \\
&\quad s_5 = \mathbf{C}[[\text{if } A=0 \text{ then diverge}]]_{s_4} \\
&\quad s' = \mathbf{C}[[Z:=3]]_{s_5} \\
&\quad \text{in access } [[Z]] s'
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{C}[[\text{if } A=0 \text{ then diverge}]]_{s_4} \\
&= \mathbf{B}[[A=0]]_{s_4} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}[[\text{diverge}]]_{s_4} [] s_4 \\
&= \text{true} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}[[\text{diverge}]]_{s_4} [] s_4 \\
&= \mathbf{C}[[\text{diverge}]]_{s_4} \\
&= (\lambda s. \perp)_{s_4} \\
&= \perp
\end{aligned}$$

## Simplification II

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{let } s_3 = [ \text{[[A]]} \mapsto \text{zero} ] \text{newstore} \\
 & \quad s_4 = [ \text{[[Z]]} \mapsto \text{one} ] s_3 \\
 & \quad s_5 = \mathbf{C}[\text{[if A=0 then diverge]}] s_4 \\
 & \quad s' = \mathbf{C}[\text{[Z:=3]}] s_5 \\
 & \quad \text{in access } [\text{[Z]}] s' \\
 = & \text{let } s_3 = [ \text{[[A]]} \mapsto \text{zero} ] \text{newstore} \\
 & \quad s_4 = [ \text{[[Z]]} \mapsto \text{one} ] s_3 \\
 & \quad s_5 = \perp \\
 & \quad s' = \mathbf{C}[\text{[Z:=3]}] s_5 \\
 & \quad \text{in access } [\text{[Z]}] s' \\
 = & \text{let } s' = \mathbf{C}[\text{[Z:=3]}] \perp \\
 & \quad \text{in access } [\text{[Z]}] s' \\
 = & \text{let } s' = (\lambda s. \text{update } [\text{[Z]}] (\mathbf{E}[\text{[3]}] s)) \perp \\
 & \quad \text{inaccess } [\text{[Z]}] s' \\
 = & \text{let } s' = \perp \\
 & \quad \text{inaccess } [\text{[Z]}] s' \\
 = & \text{access } [\text{[Z]}] \perp \\
 = & \perp
 \end{aligned}$$

## Program Equivalence

$$\mathbf{C}[[X:=0; Y:=X+1]] \stackrel{?}{=} \mathbf{C}[[Y:=1; X:=0]]$$

- $\mathbf{C}: Store_{\perp} \rightarrow Store_{\perp}$
- Show  $\mathbf{C}[[C_1]]_s = \mathbf{C}[[C_2]]_s$  for every  $s$ .
- $\mathbf{C}[[C_1]]_{\perp} = \perp = \mathbf{C}[[C_2]]_{\perp}$ .

Assume proper store  $s$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{C}[[X:=0; Y:=X+1]]_s \\ &= \mathbf{C}[[Y:=X+1]](\mathbf{C}[[X:=0]]_s) \\ &= \mathbf{C}[[Y:=X+1]]([ [X] \mapsto zero ]_s) \\ &= \text{update } [[Y]] (\mathbf{E}[[X+1]]([ [X] \mapsto zero ]_s)) \\ & \quad [ [X] \mapsto zero ]_s \\ &= \text{update } [[Y]] \text{ one } [ [X] \mapsto zero ]_s \\ &= [ [Y] \mapsto one ] [ [X] \mapsto zero ]_s \\ &= s_1 \end{aligned}$$

## Program Equivalence

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbf{C}[[Y:=1; X:=0]]s \\
 &= \mathbf{C}[[X:=0]](\mathbf{C}[[Y:=1]]s) \\
 &= \mathbf{C}[[X:=0]]([\![Y]\!] \mapsto \mathit{one}]s) \\
 &= [\![X]\!] \mapsto \mathit{zero}] [\![Y]\!] \mapsto \mathit{one}]s = s_2
 \end{aligned}$$

- $s_1 \stackrel{?}{=} s_2$ .
- $s_1, s_2: Id \rightarrow Nat$
- Show  $s_1(id) = s_2(id)$  for every  $id$ .
  1.  $id = \underline{[[X]]}$ :  $s_1[[X]] = ([\![Y]\!] \mapsto \mathit{one}] [\![X]\!] \mapsto \mathit{zero}]s)[[X]]$   
 $= ([\![X]\!] \mapsto \mathit{zero}]s)[[X]] = \mathit{zero} = ([\![X]\!] \mapsto \mathit{zero}] [\![Y]\!] \mapsto \mathit{one}]s)[[X]] = s_2[[X]]$ .
  2.  $id = \underline{[[Y]]}$ :  $s_1[[Y]] = ([\![Y]\!] \mapsto \mathit{one}] [\![X]\!] \mapsto \mathit{zero}]s)[[Y]]$   
 $= \mathit{one} = ([\![Y]\!] \mapsto \mathit{one}]s)[[Y]] = ([\![X]\!] \mapsto \mathit{zero}] [\![Y]\!] \mapsto \mathit{one}]s)[[Y]] = s_2[[Y]]$ .
  3.  $id = \underline{[[I]]}$ :  $s_1[[I]] = ([\![Y]\!] \mapsto \mathit{one}] [\![X]\!] \mapsto \mathit{zero}]s)[[I]]$   
 $= ([\![X]\!] \mapsto \mathit{zero}]s)[[I]] = s[[I]] = ([\![Y]\!] \mapsto \mathit{one}]s)[[I]]$   
 $= ([\![X]\!] \mapsto \mathit{zero}] [\![Y]\!] \mapsto \mathit{one}]s)[[I]] = s_2[[I]]$ .

## Programs Are Functions

- Simplifications were operational-like.
- Answer computed from program and input.

```
Z:=1;
if A=0 then diverge;
Z:=3.
```

↓ **P**

```
 $\lambda n.$ let  $s_1 = ( [ [[A]] \mapsto n ] \text{newstore} )$ 
       $s_2 = [ [[Z]] \mapsto \text{one} ]s_1$ 
       $s_3 = ((\text{access } [[A]] s_2) \text{ equals zero}) \rightarrow \perp [] s_2$ 
       $s' = [ [[Z]] \mapsto \text{three} ]s_3$ 
in access  $[[Z]] s'$ 
```

*Study denotation without sample input!*

# Programs are Functions

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$$\parallel$$

$$\lambda n. (n \text{ equals zero} ) \rightarrow \perp [] \text{three}$$



## Program Denotation

```
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Z:=3.
```

⇓ **P**

$$\lambda n.(n \text{ equals zero}) \rightarrow \perp \quad [] \text{ three}$$

- Denotation extracts *essence* of a program.
- Store disappears
  - Temporary data structure; not contained in the input/output relation of a program.
- Transformation resembles compilation.
- Simplification resembles optimization.