CS450

Structure of Higher Level Languages

Lecture 12: Finite-streams, evaluating expressions

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Finite streams

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The type `set`

A `set` is a finite stream of strings.

```
(define-type set
  ; A function that takes 0 args and builds either:
  (->
    ; an empty set OR an element and the rest of the stream set-add
    (U set-empty set-add)
  )
)
; set-empty denotes the end of the stream, so it has no fields
(struct set-empty ())
; set-add is akin to stream-add: holds a string and the rest of the stream
(struct set-add ([first : String] [rest : set]))
```

An example of a finite stream

Here is an example of a set $\{"a", "b", "c"\}$

```
(thunk
  (set-add "a"
    (thunk
      (set-add "b"
        (thunk
          (set-add "c" (thunk (set-empty))))))))
```

which is similar to building a list, but with `thunk`s interleaved

```
(cons "a"
  (cons "b"
    (cons "c" empty)))
```

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```
(define (print-set s)
  (match (s)              ; Call s to build the next element:
    [(set-empty) (void)] ; If we there are no more elements, void does nothing
    [(set-add h l)       ; Otherwise,
      (displayln h)      ; print the element
      (print-set l)      ; and loop
    ]
  )
)
```

Copying a finite stream

```
(: copy (-> set set))
```

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```
(define (copy l)
  (thunk
    (match (l)
      [(set-empty) (set-empty)]
      [(set-add h l)
        (set-add h (copy l))
      ]
    )
  )
)
```

Lists

```
(define (copy l)

  (match l
    [(list) (list)]
    [(list h l ...)
      (cons h (copy l))
    ]
  )

)
```

> Similarly, to infinite streams, when building a stream from another, we must `thunk` BEFORE we `match`.

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Evaluating expressions

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> Our goal is to implement an evaluation function that takes an expression and yields a value.

```
expression = value | variable | function-call
value = number
function-call = ( expression+ )
```

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<- Evaluate '- as function -
<- Evaluate '+ as function +
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```

Evaluation of arithmetic expressions

1. When evaluating a number, just return that number
2. When evaluating an arithmetic symbol, return the respective arithmetic function
3. When evaluating a function call evaluate each expression and apply the first expression to remaining ones

> Essentially evaluating an expression **translates** our AST nodes as a Racket expression.

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Implementing eval-exp...

Specifying `eval-exp`

- We are use the AST we defined in Lesson 5, not datums.
- Assume function calls are binary.

```
(check-equal? (r:eval-exp (r:number 5)) 5)
(check-equal? (r:eval-exp (r:number 10)) 10)
(check-equal? (r:eval-exp (r:variable? '+)) +)
(check-equal?
  (r:eval-exp
    (r:apply
      (r:variable '+)
      (list (r:number 10) (r:number 5))))
  15)
```

Implementing `eval-exp`

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```
(: r:eval-exp (-> r:expression Number))
(define (r:eval-exp exp)
  (match exp
    ; If it's a number, return that number
    [(r:number v) v]
    ; If it's a function with 2 arguments
    [(r:apply (r:variable f) (list arg1 arg2))
      (define func (r:eval-builtin f))
      (func (r:eval-exp arg1) (r:eval-exp arg2))
    ]
  )
)
```

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Implementing `r:eval-builtin`

Spec

```
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```

Solution

```
(define (r:eval-builtin sym)
  (cond [(equal? sym '+) +]
        [(equal? sym '*) *]))
```

Handling functions with an arbitrary number of parameters

(required for Homework 4)

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(define (sum l) (apply + l))
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Solution

```
(define (sum l)
  (cond
    [(empty? l) 0]
    [else (+ (first l) (sum (rest l)))]))
```

Implementing functions with multi-args

> How could we implement a function with multiple parameters, similar to `+`? **Use the `.` notation.**

The dot `.` notation declares that the next variable represents a list of zero or more parameters.

Examples

```
(define (map-ex f . args)
  (map f args))

(check-equal? (list 2 3 4) (map-ex (curry + 1) 1 2 3))


(define (sum . l) (foldl + 0 l))
(check-equal? 6 (sum 1 2 3))
```